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## SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

# Board of Review appointments stir controversy

Critics say qualified candidates not always given consideration

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

Three appointments to the Sylvan Township Board of Review met with some opposition earlier this month. Bill Sotirion, Walter Hahn and Don Schoenberg were re-appointed to two-year terms Dec. 7, but not before some newly elected officials on the Township Board, as well as a handful of local residents, questioned how candidates are selected to fill committee posts. The critics argued that, in past practice, appointments to Sylvan

Township committees were made automatically, without opening up the process to the public. The Township Board voted to re-appoint Sotirion, Hahn and Schoenberg, whose terms were expiring. But newly elected Board Trustee Dave Solo said that he wasn't familiar with the three men, and that the selection process should be more transparent regardless. "I have nothing against them, but I don't know these people," he said. "Sometimes (the selection process) is viewed as being too closed a system when someone's turn is up, even if someone is willing to continue to serve. I want to

consider opening up the process." Sylvan Township Clerk LuAnn Koch and Trustee Patrick Merkel, however, said there was no reason to change the way appointments are made. "They're seasoned and experienced," Merkel said of the Board of Review members. "I see no reason for them to step down or be re-interviewed," Koch said. "I'm not in favor of asking a public servant, who wants to continue, to step down from the board." Audience member Brian Koch, who asked Sylvan Township Supervisor Michael Williams about how many township residents had

expressed interest in the Board of Review positions, concurred. "You'll waste my money, and the people of the township's money by advertising these positions in the newspaper," he said. In response, however, Williams said he had received "many inquiries" from interested candidates, including one applicant who had "impeccable credentials." "The people who contacted me said that the way the old board was run, there was no chance to apply," he said. Township resident Scott Cooper said the Township Board had repeatedly rebuffed his applica-

tions, although he has tried for years to serve in Sylvan Township's government. "I've had my resume in to the township for eight years and I've never gotten a call," Cooper said. I think Supreme Court judges are the only ones elected for life. The goal should be to get the best person available. "The township should have an open-door policy. To summarily dismiss all new applicants does a discredit to the board, and all the people of the township who have a sincere interest in helping the township."

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## CHELSEA

# Senator blames water report delay on cuts

DEQ staffing impacted

By Chad Livengood  
Special Writer

State Sen. Liz Brater believes staff shortages at the Department of Environmental Quality and delays in the review of Chelsea's water are a result of tax cuts and structural budget deficits. The city of Chelsea recently acknowledged publicly that carcinogen levels from acrylamide polymer exceeded eight times the federal limit from June 2003 to April of this year. DEQ officials have said they did not detect the potential carcinogen because of staff shortages, but also blame Chelsea's water officials for mistakes, as well. Brater, who represents Chelsea as part of the 18th congressional district, said last week that the DEQ's inability to review Chelsea's water properly is a direct result of state budget cuts in the past four years. "I think it's a very unfortunate example of what hap-

pens when you cut taxes and the resulting cuts to services that have resulted," she said. "All these problems date from the huge tax cuts of the 1990s." In 1999, former Gov. John Engler and the Republican-controlled Legislature passed five-year cuts in the state income tax. Each year, the tax has been reduced by one-tenth of a percent, starting at 4.4 percent. "I think we have to face the fact that we're paying for this tax cut and this type of consequence," Brater said about the Chelsea water problems. The maximum allowable concentration of acrylamide polymer is 1.0 milligram, or 1 part per million, but the actual levels reached up to 1.64 milligrams per liter, city officials announced earlier this month. The DEQ had one staff person overseeing water reports of 35 municipal water systems in five counties across the state.

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## — SNOWBOUND —



Jonathan Koenen, 12, of Ohio, sleds down a hill in Chelsea over the weekend while his family was in town. The Koenens, formerly of Chelsea, were visiting family and friends while celebrating the holidays.

Photo by Alison Marable

## CHELSEA AREA

# Talks continue on tax proposal

More work needed before voters see fire millage proposal

By Steve Ricci  
Staff Writer

While the Chelsea Area Fire Authority is planning to present voters in participating municipalities with a millage proposal to fund the construction of new fire stations, such a referendum probably won't happen anytime soon. Much more discussion is needed — including talks about how to draw up terms for creation of a multi-jurisdictional building authority — before the public would decide a possible tax increase, Fire Authority Chairwoman Maryann Noah said last week. Governing bodies for the city of Chelsea, as well as Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships, would each have to adopt resolutions to form the building authority as a first step in providing capital improvements for the Fire Authority. The Fire Authority already has determined that formation of the building authority would be the most efficient way to fund capital improvements.

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**BRIEFLY...**

- Chelsea District Library program explores Michigan's icy history: The Chelsea District Library will host a University of Michigan Exhibit Museum Family Science Workshop, "Distant Elephant Cousins," 3 p.m. Jan. 15 at 500 Washington St. in Chelsea. The workshop is part of the library's Winter

Family Reading Program. Participants will make a mini-environment that a mastodon could have lived in and see the enormous size of the glaciers that flowed over Michigan. The workshop is a hands-on activity recommended for children ages 6 through 11, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, but there is no charge.

Chelsea Center for the Arts announces winter schedule: The winter semester of music instruction and visual arts classes begins the week of Jan. 3 at Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea. Music classes for infants through adults will include "Sound Babies," Dalcroze, group cello, youth choir and adult choir. Call the center at 433-2787 for more information.

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"Normally we had two people look at them, but for a period of 18 months we had just one person doing the reports," said Molly Wade, assistant district supervisor for the DEQ's Water Bureau Jackson district.

Wade said the lack of oversight wasn't entirely the DEQ's fault and Chelsea officials are partially to blame.

"Chelsea was also required to notify us," Wade said. "They failed to do that for over a year, which is why the violation went unnoticed."

Brater said municipalities like Chelsea also have had to work with fewer dollars

based on cuts in revenue sharing from the state.

The department has since received a special funding allocation to fill vacancies. The position cited for failing to detect water violations in Chelsea will be filled within two months, Wade said.

The biggest blow to the state agency that monitors municipal water quality is an early retirement plan implemented just before former Engler left office in 2002, Brater said.

She said the plan resulted in a 25 percent reduction of staff at the DEQ and many of the positions were not filled.

A DEQ spokesman refuted Brater's claim that the department had a mass exodus in recent years.

"Overall, we're not down numbers, but certainly we don't have the amount of field staff out there that we would like to," said spokesman Bob McCann.

The DEQ had about 1,680 employees five years ago and now has approximately 1,400, McCann said.

Brater, a member of the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee, favors raising taxes to improve government services.

"I don't think it's possible to do more with less," she said.

Other lawmakers are indifferent about raising taxes to help restore services, aides said.

"There's always the issue of some government depart-

ments who will say they're chronically understaffed, but this could be reaching a critical stage," said Christopher Kelley, communications director for Sen. Bruce Patterson, vice chairman of the committee.

Kelley said he would bring the Chelsea water situation to the attention of Patterson, R-Canton, and other members of the committee after the holidays.

"It's one that needs to be kept close tabs on," he said.

Senate members of the DEQ appropriation's subcommittee were not available or did not return calls for comment.

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Cooper added that new people — many of whom have useful experience — are increasingly moving into the township, and should be considered to fill positions.

"I'm only talking about opening up the process," Cooper said. "If we don't, we'll end up with 80-year-old

people with no backups."

But Tom Bareis, a member of the township's Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, said he would be "insulted" if he were asked to re-interview for his positions.

Although the Township Board ultimately decided to re-appoint the Board of Review members, Williams indicated after the meeting that the controversy surrounding the process could

signal a departure from "business as usual" in the township government.

"We are trying to solve a fundamental political dilemma: How do we honor the service and effort of existing committee members while simultaneously allowing new blood to enter the process?" Williams asked.

"It's a difficult decision for us to make as a township. But (the Dec. 7 meeting) was

the beginning of a discussion among a wide range of people with different points of view about what was best for the township. That is, which selection process results in better government," Williams said.

"It showed we need not agree on everything, but we have begun the discussion in a civil manner."

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ments for firefighting facilities.

A building authority could issue bonds and borrow money for the improvements, while owning facilities and leasing them to municipalities.

Preliminary plans call for demolishing the Fire Authority's main station in downtown Chelsea and replacing it with a new, two-story building that would have increased room for fire vehicles and would be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The plans also include building additional fire substations in Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships.

With a new fiscal year beginning March 1, the Fire Authority has lost about \$699,000 of its yearly budget as a result of Waterloo Township withdrawing from its ranks last April.

At the time, Waterloo officials said they withdrew because they wanted to avoid a situation in which their taxpayers would pay into a building fund, yet have no equity if a municipality decided to withdraw from the Fire Authority.

Consequently, the Fire Authority Board voted to amend its articles of incorporation this fall, making such potential withdrawals much more difficult — and expensive — propositions for member municipalities.

Noah said the loss of funds from Waterloo Township was offset somewhat by the fact that the Fire Authority no longer serves that area, although the Fire Authority Board also recently approved a 3 percent cost-of-living pay increase for its firefighters.

The Fire Authority will receive about \$67,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its next fiscal year, Noah added.

The new budget also will see some staff changes. Although Fire Authority Business Manager Brain Roe, who recently took time off because of health problems, is back at work, Andy Adrian, the board's Lima Township representative, is expected to resign by week's end.

Noah said Adrian played an instrumental role in forming the Fire Authority. His career as an engineer for Visteon Corp., however, made it difficult for him to serve on the board, she said.

"We're very sorry to lose

Andy," Noah said, adding that Lima Township would need to appoint a new representative to the Fire Authority Board.

Once the building authority is formed, the Fire Authority will send out bids to determine probable engineering costs and develop conceptual construction drawings.

The results of that analysis would determine a taxable value equivalent figure, which will be plugged into a millage proposal.

If voters pass the millage, the Fire Authority would order construction drawings — meaning actual blueprints — for the buildings, and would then seek bids for contractors to begin construction work.

The building authority would manage and finance the construction throughout the process.

Noah emphasized that more talks — addressing specific legal terms for the building authority — probably would be needed before each municipality votes to authorize the special group.

"Everybody wants to make sure we're getting the legalese we agreed to," Noah said. "There's something like 40 different ways to go, so the process has been complicat-

ed by all the variables. We need to dig through them all and get something we know we can live with."

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# 2004 Chelsea Year In Review

## JANUARY

1—Chelsea Police Officer Tom Gilbreath responded to a silent alarm Sunday at Farmer Jack grocery store in Chelsea and found a thief trying to steal prescription narcotics. The thief, a 38-year-old Gregory man, broke a window to the closed pharmacy, crawled over the counter and hid in an alcove out of sight at approximately 6:15 p.m. He continued crawling around the store looking for painkillers.

1—Hyrtl "Pat" Feeman, who celebrated his 101st birthday Dec. 8, died Saturday at the Chelsea Retirement Community, his home since 1996.

1—Chelsea Police Officer Jeff Staebler said goodbye to his German Shepherd police dog, Ripley, 10, who died after intestinal complications.

8—Lyndon Township soon will learn if having the state in control of so much property within its boundaries can work against it. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission recently discussed a proposal by the state to auction off 15 acres west of Guinan Road and south of Werkner Road. The sale could impose development on the township, where wilderness is desired.

8—Michael Steklac, former administrator of Gering, Neb., has been offered the village manager's job in Chelsea. He is the fourth administrator to receive the offer.

15—The five partners in the Arctic Coliseum have six months to redeem a mortgage of close to \$4 million. After last Thursday's mortgage sale, no one bought the mortgage and Bank One continues to hold the note.

15—After a raucous meeting of the Chelsea Village Council Tuesday, Sgt. Scott Sumner, who has served as acting police chief since October, got the nod for the permanent position. Sumner stepped into the interim post when Police Chief Lenard McDougall went on medical leave until his retirement Jan. 3.

15—Chelsea resident Susan Lackey will continue as president and secretary of the Washtenaw Development Council in 2004.

22—On Tuesday, the nine members of the City Charter Commission, after getting final approval from Lansing, signed and had certified a resolution to adopt the charter. Jack Merkel and Stan Burke drove to Lansing yesterday to deliver the charter to the attorney general's office.

22—Victory Lane Car Wash and Oil Change has appealed a \$101,923.70 fine by Chelsea Village, an amount the company's attorney says would have a devastating effect on the business. The company was fined for 19 violations of the village's sewer ordinance Aug. 26 at its 920 S. Main St. location in Chelsea after an employee cleaning water off the basement floor broke open a sealed outlet and pumped a water-oil mix into the sewer.

22—More than 400 people filled the Prinzing auditorium at the Washington Street Education Center Sunday evening to hear guest speaker Melba Pattillo Beals, author of "Warriors Don't Cry," speak of love and forgiveness.

22—Approximately 100 people, led by One World One Family Task Force founding member Janice Orthing, marched from Park Street to the Washington Street Education Center Monday evening for a program celebrating the birthday of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

22—Chelsea Police Officer Chris Kruger, who retired Dec. 30, has begun a second career with the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

22—State funds have dried up for the sixth-grade laptop program, but the Chelsea School District is applying for federal grants to continue the project.

22—The Chelsea School District has received the results of a traffic safety study from the insurance company AAA in mid-December that recommends a traffic light at the intersection of Freer Road and the driveway into Chelsea High School.

22—Jeff Warner of Munith is recovering at the University of Michigan Medical Center after losing the lower part of his right leg in a farm auger.

29—Paul Mann, a longtime business leader in Chelsea, died Monday at the age of 84. Mann was president of Chelsea State Bank until 1985.

29—Motorists groaned and children rejoiced at getting two snow days off from school Tuesday and yesterday after an ice storm hit the area Monday night.

29—Victory Lane Car Wash and Oil Change in Chelsea has six months to pay a penalty of \$15,000 assessed by the village. The company has already reimbursed the village \$9,149 in legal costs.

29—Scott Sumner, who was named Chelsea's new police chief Jan. 13, finds himself back as interim police chief after the 3-1 vote was ruled invalid.

## FEBRUARY

5—Chelsea District Library Board President Kathy Sprawka died Saturday at the age of 54. She had battled Still's disease, a rare autoimmune disorder, for years.

5—Chelsea K-9 officer Jeff Staebler, with the help of local firefighters and authorities, was able to save the life of his police dog, Tango, when Tango lapsed into the early stages of bloat, a condition that can be fatal.

5—The Michigan Democratic Caucus will take place Saturday. The local caucus site is Chelsea High School.

5—Heather Kemp of Ann Arbor is the new marketing director of Silver Maples of Chelsea retirement community.

5—Friday's report card from the state gave North Creek and Pierce Lake elementary schools scores of "A." South Meadows Elementary School, Beach Middle School and Chelsea High School each received a score of "B."

5—The board of directors at the Chelsea Senior Center has named Christina Livengood as the new director and development coordinator.

5—The rape trial of Chelsea Police Officer Andrew Bulson of Chelsea was adjourned Monday until April.

5—Chelsea Board of Education trustees met in a special meeting Feb. 2, mulling whether to put a \$29 million bond request on the June 14 ballot.

12—Helen Prohaska, who taught in Chelsea schools for 22 years, died Feb. 3. Prohaska and her husband, Dave, owned Chelsea Print & Graphics at 102 S. Main St., a business Helen ran herself after her husband died in 2000.

12—Sharon Whitmore, principal of North Creek Elementary School for eight years, has announced her retirement at the end of the school year.

19—Chelsea resident Beverly Cutler faces a pretrial hearing March 8 in Livingston County Circuit Court on charges she embezzled at least \$1 million from Hartland Lumber & Hardware, where she worked as a bookkeeper for 18 years.

19—The Chelsea Area Fire Authority recently received a grant of \$62,500 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase hazardous materials decontamination equipment.

19—Four teachers in Chelsea — Janet Rossi, Barbara Brown, Bill Beard and Roger Cox — will retire at the end of the school year.

19—The Chelsea Village Council has agreed to share the \$5,320 cost of a traffic study on Freer Road with the Chelsea School District.

26—Chelsea Village Council voted unanimously in a special meeting Feb. 18 to hire Michael Steklac as village manager. He starts March 1 with an annual salary of \$88,000.

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

26—Chelsea Board of Education trustees voted unanimously Monday to ask voters to approve a bond issue for up to \$29 million. The millage

will be on the ballot June 14 as part of the regular school election.

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

## MARCH

4—Voters will go the polls Monday when Chelsea holds a special election to approve a city charter and elect a mayor and six city council members to take the helm Tuesday if the charter vote passes. The special election is in conjunction with a regular village election for a village president and three council trustees. Fifteen candidates are running for office.

4—Up to 20 teachers in Chelsea schools could receive pink slips before spring break. The move is being considered as a result of state funding cutbacks as the district tightens its purse strings.

4—Brian and Cheryl Shipley and their four children have escaped from Haiti, where they have made their home since 1991. The Shipleys, who are safe in the Dominican Republic, visited the Chelsea-Dexter area last summer. Cheryl used to live in Lima Township.

4—Chelsea senior citizens may find themselves leaving the Faith In Action building for a new location at the Washington Street Education Center. The Chelsea School District, that had cut a \$10,000 subsidy to the center, hopes to provide space for the seniors instead.

4—The Chelsea United Way campaign has reached its 2003 goal of \$130,000.

4—An empty home on Wild Goose Lake Drive in Lyndon Township was destroyed in a blaze Feb. 24. The damage estimate was \$120,000.

4—Chelsea Village Council approved a water rate increase last week that will see residents paying \$5.35 per 1,000 gallon, up from \$4.64.

4—The Sylvan Township Planning Commission granted final site plan approval last Thursday for the first phase of Sylvan Heights.

11—In a historic election, Chelsea voters came out in droves Monday to turn Chelsea from a general-law village into a home-rule city. About 40 percent of Chelsea's 3,100 registered voters let their voices be heard at the polls, passing the city charter 995-226. Ann Feeney is Chelsea's first mayor, garnering 704 votes to Marvin Carlson's 379 and Charles Ritter's 112. Jason Lindauer, James Bollinger, Joseph Merkel, Frank Hammer, Cheri Albertson and Jim Myles were elected to the City Council.

11—Chelsea Mobile Home Park, at 525 N. Main St., will close in a year. Tenants were given a year's notice last week; owner Leonard Quigley said.

11—Lyndon Township resident John Harris underwent a double lung transplant three weeks ago at the University of Michigan Hospital. He was moved out of intensive care Saturday.

11—Sylvan Township has paid off its new town hall in just six years. The 4,500-square-foot hall and its four acres cost the township \$669,774 in 1998. The two-acre lot next door was purchased in 2000 for \$100,000.

11—Carl and Priscilla Schwarze, and Sarah and David Proegler are heading up a community committee to lead volunteers in a campaign to pass the school district's \$28.1 million bond issue.

11—Countryside Catering and Restaurant owner Uwe Peter Holzer turned himself in to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department March 3 after learning that two felony warrants had been issued for his arrest. In an arraignment that day, Holzer, 53, pleaded innocent to one count of arson and one count of insurance fraud.

18—The Chelsea District Library Board unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday to ask voters to approve a 20-year, \$8.2 million bond request May 4. The bond request is to restore the historic McKune House and build an attached 18,000-square-foot facility at an estimated cost of \$9.2 million. A capital campaign hopes to raise at least \$1 million in private contributions.

18—Chelsea's new city manager, Mike Steklac, is getting his feet wet as he settles in to his new job. Steklac started as village manager March 1 for the shortest tenure on record — by March 8 voters had changed Chelsea's status from village to city. Steklac went from village manager to city manager in a week.

18—Last Friday's St. Paddy's Day McFunraiser to benefit Chelsea Summer Fest attracted 200 partygoers and raised \$7,000. The funds will be used to bring back the beer tent and musical entertainment to Summer Fest, set for July 30 and 31.

18—A celebration of Chelsea's new city status is in the works, with a tentative date set for July 11. A meeting for volunteers is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Chelsea District Library.

18—The city is slowly making the changeover from village to city. Ten entryway signs need to be changed at a cost of approximately \$70 each. Village letterhead, envelopes, utility bills and business cards will be used up and changes made when new stock is ordered. Seals on city vehicles also will be changed when additional stock is ordered. City Manager Mike Steklac said no funds were set aside in the March 1 budget. Council soon will adopt a budget to take effect July 1.

18—The Chelsea Fire Authority is negotiating with the family of the late Leon Koch to purchase his three-acre estate at 14288 E. Old US-12 for a new main fire station.

18—Lyndon Township Board trustees voted themselves pay raises March 9 as part of the township's annual budget. Revenues and expenditures are balanced at \$303,500.

25—The Chelsea District Library is kicking off a capital

campaign 11 a.m. Saturday, hoping to raise over \$1 million in private donations to help renovate and expand the historic McKune Memorial Library at 221 S. Main St.

25—Chelsea resident Bev Cutler pleaded guilty March 15 in Livingston County Circuit Court to embezzling funds from Hartland Lumber Co., where she had worked as a bookkeeper since 1985. Cutler, 46, will be sentenced May 11 and is currently free on bond.

25—Chelsea Water Superintendent Dan Rosentreter, who has worked for the village for 29 years, resigned March 16. City Manager Mike Steklac said Monday that there has been an investigation related to misconduct involving the city's computer.

25—The Chelsea Board of Education approved the lay-offs of 20 teachers Monday. Assistant Superintendent Iva Corbett said that recall notices are printed and ready to be distributed June 15 should voters approve the \$28.1 million bond extension in the June 14 school election.

25—Kim Soule, who served on the Chelsea Planning Commission since May 2000, resigned March 16, citing philosophical differences.

25—The Board of Education gave Superintendent Dave Killips good grades Monday and extended his contract through June 30, 2007.

25—Eight students and two chaperones from Shimizu, Japan, arrive in Chelsea today for a weeklong visit.

## APRIL

1—Waterloo Township officially pulled out of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority March 25. The withdrawal

took place after the Fire Authority took action to negotiate for the purchase of land on Old US-12 in Chelsea for a main station. However, fire command officers have agreed to provide 30 days of further coverage to the township, and will provide mutual-aid runs in the future.

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Wednesday at the Washington Street Education Center.

1—In the wake of its newly minted status as a home-rule city, Chelsea now has a temporary city seal, but city officials are asking for residents' help in designing a permanent one.

8—An offer the Chelsea Area Fire Authority made March 26 on a three-acre parcel that formerly belonged to the late Leon Koch has fallen through. The Fire Authority had hoped to build a new main station on the site, located at 14288 E. Old US-12 in Chelsea.

8—An Ypsilanti man died Saturday evening following a head-on crash on M-52 south of Waterloo Road in Lyndon Township. The crash also injured, 56-year-old Diane Wacht of Gregory.

8—Developers are still waiting to hear if the Lima Township Board will approve a proposal to amend a court agreement and offer 466 traditional stick-built houses, rather than 499 manufactured homes, on 130 acres of land at the corner of Parker and Jackson roads.

8—The Sylvan Township Board named 20-year trustee Earl Heller to fill the supervisor position after Charles Burgess was forced to resign last month when Chelsea residents voted March 7 to become a city. Burgess, 77, is a Chelsea city resident but also lived in the township when the village straddled Lima and Sylvan townships.

15—Christy Gutenkunst, head of adult services at the Chelsea District Library, was killed April 8 in a four-vehicle crash in a construction zone on eastbound Interstate 94 near Clear Lake Road, as she headed from her home in Jackson to her job at the library.

15—After six years at the Washington Street Education Center, the Chelsea Children's Co-operative Preschool may move to new digs because of a rent increase.

15—Several community members have signed a letter to the Chelsea Center for the Arts suggesting that the Pathway to Renewal sculpture in Timber Town Park be turned over to the city of Chelsea and managed by a group called Pathway Friends. The CCA recently sent a letter to artist Lorin Kummer, who designed the Pathway, asking her to stop activities that imply or state ownership, including Internet-based activities. Kummer's services as an independent contractor at the CCA were terminated.

15—Incumbent Susan Moore and newcomers Jill de Meijer and Steve Olsen are chasing the two four-year terms that are up for grabs in the June 14 Chelsea Board of Education election.

22—Voters in the Chelsea District Library service area will vote on whether to approve a bond issue May 4 to renovate and expand the historic McKune Memorial Library. The Chelsea District Library Board is asking voters to approve an \$8.2 million bond issue. The request is for 0.75 mills over 20 years.

22—The Chelsea Senior Center will move July 1 from the Faith In Action building on the grounds of Chelsea Community Hospital — its home since June 1989 — to rooms 112 and 113 in the Chelsea Community Education building at the Washington Street Education Center.

22—At a board meeting Tuesday night, Waterloo Township officials voted to contract for fire and emergency coverage from Leoni, Henrietta, Stockbridge and Grass Lake townships. The new coverage will take effect midnight Saturday when coverage previously provided by the Chelsea Area Fire Authority will end.

22—Marcus Kaemmerling was hired Monday by the Chelsea Board of Education to succeed Sharon Whitmore as principal of North Creek Elementary School. Whitmore announced her retirement earlier this year and will step down in June.

22—Chelsea City Council voted last week to raise solid waste rates charged to Sylvan, Lima, Lyndon and Dexter townships during spring and

fall cleanups from \$13.50 per cubic yard to \$15 per cubic yard of trash.

29—Long-time local resident and attorney Bill Rademacher died April 21 at the age of 79 in Munster, Ind., where his son and family live.

29—Chelsea leaders are searching for a new person to head the city's water department in the wake of former Chelsea Water Superintendent Dan Rosentreter's resignation. Rosentreter, a 29-year Chelsea employee who was employed as water superintendent for more than 11 years, is currently under investigation by the Michigan State Police for alleged misconduct in his use of a city computer.

**MAY**  
6—In a nail-biting election, the request for an \$8.2 million bond to build a new library on the site of the historic McKune Memorial Library — which will be renovated and incorporated into the new library building — passed by 72 votes, 1,327-1,255. Voters in Dexter Township approved the bond 227-152. City of Chelsea voters passed the bond 570-380. Lima Township voters turned down the bond request 230-103. Sylvan Township voters defeated the bond 286-259 and Lyndon voters nixed the bond 207-167.

6—Since mid-April, Chelsea residents have been receiving hard water through municipal pipelines, the result of a water treatment plant glitch. The city's water treatment plant reverse osmosis water softening system was taken off line April 19 after repeated attempts to clean filtering membranes, costing thousands of dollars, failed.

6—Chelsea High School seniors and juniors gave their regards to Broadway and enjoyed a bite of the Big Apple Saturday after volunteers and students transformed the school into New York City for the prom.

13—A field of six semifinalists vying to be Chelsea's next police chief has been trimmed to three contenders. The three finalists include Sgt. Scott Sumner, Chelsea's acting police chief; Richard Adriaens, an operations bureau deputy chief with the Royal Oak Police Department; and John Stressman, a lieutenant with the Jackson Police Department.

13—Chelsea School District administrators were pleased with the MEAP winter 2004 results for fourth- and fifth-graders but not pleased with the MEAP results for seventh- and eighth-graders at Beach Middle School.

13—The Chelsea Community Fair is struggling to find volunteers to keep events going. The Fair Board needs a Ladies' Day superintendent and a Fair Queen superintendent, as well as volunteers to help build bleachers at the

fairgrounds two nights a week.

13—The Chelsea School District is reviewing all expenditure line items and revenue sources for the final amendment to its 2003-04 budget. With the savings, the district hopes to offset some of the reductions that will have to take place next year in light of reduced state funding.

13—Construction on Clear Lake Road is causing headaches for local residents and businesses as traffic avoids Interstate 94. Semi-trailers have been using Old US-12 as a way to avoid traffic on the highway. The trucks are just too long or too heavy to be on the road.

13—New valves have been installed at the Chelsea Water Treatment Plant in an effort to protect plant workers. The move will cost taxpayers about \$12,000.

20—After more than three hours of interviews, public comment and deliberation, the Chelsea City Council voted 4-2 Saturday to appoint Sgt. Scott Sumner as Chelsea's police chief. Sumner and two other candidates for the job were interviewed by the City Council Saturday.

20—The Chelsea Board of Education race, which pits candidates Susan Moore, Steve Olsen and Jill de Meijer against each other for two four-year terms, may be overshadowed by the second issue on the ballot — a request for a \$28.1 million bond extension. District administrators say they are turning to voters because the steady erosion in state funding over the past three years shows little sign of abating.

20—Chelsea residents are still receiving hard water pumped through municipal pipelines, but softer water could be on tap as early as July 1. The water softening system inside Chelsea's \$10 million water treatment plant, which opened in 2002, has been bypassed since April 19.

20—The Chelsea City Council last week appointed Ann Dilcher to the City Planning Commission. She will serve the remainder of former Planning Commissioner Kim Soule's three-year term, which will expire in June 2005.

20—The Chelsea Area Transportation System was granted a \$5,000 debt reduction last week by Chelsea City Council. The debt, totaling about \$10,000, arose from Chelsea paying CATS payroll wages out of its general fund and billing CATS for its portion of wages and taxes.

27—Local residents are still cleaning up in the wake of last week's thunderstorms, especially Friday's monster storm that brought green skies, a funnel cloud, hail, high winds and torrential rain. Lt. Jim Boritzki of the

Chelsea Area Fire Authority said the department answered 22 calls Friday for downed wires and trees.

27—Chelsea native Bobby Joseph, who joined the U.S. Army in 1949 at the age of 15, will take part in Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C., as part of the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard. His poem, "A Warrior's Farewell," will be read at ceremonies in the nation's capital.

**JUNE**  
3—Hundreds stood in the rain Memorial Day to pay tribute to those who fought and died for freedom. A parade ended at Oak Grove Cemetery, where Lt. Col. Curt Lapham, a professor of military science at Eastern Michigan University, delivered a stirring speech on the high cost of freedom and the generations of Americans who have answered the call to defend freedom.

3—Chelsea will use the services of a new law firm for the handling of its labor and employment law matters, following a Chelsea City Council approval of the change May 25. The city will contract with Craig Lange of Lange & Cholack P.C. of Troy.

3—On Sunday, 280 seniors — and one senior citizen — graduated from Chelsea High School. The 280 teens were joined by Bobby Joseph, who left school in 1949 at the age of 15 to join the U.S. Army. He finally received his diploma after 50 years.

10—Chelsea Alternative High School produced 18 graduates who celebrated with a banquet June 3.

10—Janice Kett-Blinn, a seven-year survivor of cancer, is throwing out a challenge to others to participate in this year's American Cancer Society's Relay for Life June 18 and 19 at the Chelsea High School track.

10—There will be no regular mail delivery or retail service at postal facilities tomorrow as the Postal Service honors the memory of former President Ronald Reagan by observing a national day of mourning. Reagan died Saturday at the age of 93.

17—Susan Moore and Stephen Olsen were elected to the Chelsea Board of Education in a close vote during the annual school election Monday. Only 132 votes separated Moore, who was first elected in 2000, from Jill de Meijer, a newcomer seeking her first term. Olsen secured 1,453 votes, while Moore earned 1,352 votes and de Meijer had 1,220.

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17—Voters passed a 7-mill tax to help fund improvements and renovations across the Chelsea School District. The bond will allow the district to bring back 20 teachers laid off in March. Among the \$23 million renovations the bond will pay for include parking lots, bleachers for the football stadium, new windows, new heating and cooling systems, a pool filtration system, and playground improvements. It also will allow the district to spend about \$5.1 million to improve technology and purchase new buses.

17—The Chelsea Center for the Arts and University of Michigan art student Megan

Hildebrandt spent the summer turning ordinary objects into meaningful art during its "Alley Art" summer series, which appeared through Aug. 30 in an alley by Vogel's and Foster's department store. The displays included ordinary items, such as shoes, tea sets and keyboards, which were assembled into sculptures.

24—The Relay for Life, held at the high school track in Chelsea, saw more than 1,243 people participate, raising a record amount of funds for the American Cancer Society. Cancer survivor and Chelsea resident Lisa Harvey cut the ribbon Friday to open the 24-

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hour relay. More than 100,000 people participated.

24—After serving the longest term in the history of the Chelsea Free Methodist Church, the Rev. Richard Duke said his farewells. After 12 years in Chelsea, Duke, who delivered his last sermon in Chelsea June 20, was appointed to a new congregation in Clarkston.

24—Though the money from a \$28.1 million bond will flow into the Chelsea School District in late July, district officials don't expect to start work on the schools until next spring or summer. Superintendent Dave Killips said priorities for spending will be set by the board at a later date, but the first projects to be started will be those affecting students the most.

### JULY

1—The Chelsea Board of Education unanimously adopted the 2004-2005 operating budget, making \$540,000 in cuts. Building supplies will be cut by \$166,000, and curricular expenditures, which includes items such as new textbooks, will be cut by \$50,000.

1—A disagreement over property taxes could result in the sale of the Arctic Coliseum. The four-year-old facility—which contains two ice rinks, a pizzeria, a boxing ring and a fitness area—was foreclosed with creditor Bank One. John Stansik, who co-owns the building, said the owners were unable to pay property taxes because the property has been overtaxed.

8—Local farmers are attempting to deal with the aftermath of an unusually rainy May and June that caused some to replant most of their crops and left them scrambling to recover lost revenue. The extraordinary rainfall this spring has set back the planting schedule of crops, which, in turn, has hit farmers in their pocketbooks.

8—The Chelsea Fair Queen program is struggling to attract contestants, and first-time Fair Queen Contest Superintendent Danielle Hale is feverishly attempting to figure out why. To entice more girls to enter, Hale raised the scholarship money to \$1,000, up from \$500 last year, and added a \$500 prize

for the runner-up.

15—The Chelsea Area Fire Authority will not ask voters to approve a millage in November. The Fire Authority wants to demolish and rebuild its dilapidated building at 200 W. Middle St. It also wants to build substations in Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. The board had hoped to ask taxpayers for the money in November, but several board members had to admit last week that there probably isn't enough time before the election to educate voters.

15—The Lima Township Board last week voted to continue moving forward with its preliminary plans to purchase a house and land directly east of the current town hall. Resident Janet Wallace now owns the home, located at 11440 Jackson Road. The house is a three-floor building. The new purchase would cost the township an estimated \$200,000.

15—Six candidates, including four Democrats and two Republicans, will vie for the opportunity to win the 52nd District seat left open by state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, who is hoping to fill Republican Congressman Nick Smith's seat in Washington, D.C. Only five candidates responded to surveys sent to them by The Chelsea Standard. They are Democratic candidates Fran Brennan Pontoni of Webster Township, Pam Byrnes of Lyndon Township and Philip Zazove of Scio Township. The Republican candidates are Alicia Ping, of Saline, and Joseph Yekulis, of Chelsea.

22—The Washtenaw Intermediate School District culled representatives from all 10 districts across the county to educate voters and school administrators on a special education millage. If passed by voters Sept. 14, the 1-mill levy would be the first special education tax increase since 1987.

22—A slim majority propelled longtime Chelsea Board of Education Trustee Dayle Wright into the president's position July 12. Experience proved most important for the four members who voted for Wright, who is starting her 10th year on the board.

22—To many residents of Waterloo Township, the Aug. 3 ballot will have one large question looming before

them: To vote "yes" on the agricultural zoning amendment passed by the Township Board or to veto the amendment by voting "no." If approved, the proposed zoning amendment would take away the requirement to obtain a conditional-use permit when developing property zoned as AG-1 land and allow for more open development of single-family dwellings.

29—Isabel Bliss, who was active in both the Chelsea and Quaker communities and helped start the Michigan Friends Center on Clark Lake Road in 1990, died June 24 at the age of 89 after a decade-long battle with sarcoma. Bliss was known for her peace work with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. She lived in Cairo, Egypt and Belgrade, Yugoslavia, before returning to the United States in 1946.

29—Mancino's Pizza and Grinders soon will be waving farewell to Chelsea, at least temporarily. The company has decided to close its South Main Street location. Its management has cited high property taxes and a high restaurant-to-person ratio in the area as its reasons to close up shop.

### AUGUST

5—Many local residents are mourning a tragedy this week after learning about the sudden death of Bill Shrosbree, a coach for community sports and a member of the Chelsea Recreation Council. Shrosbree died of a heart attack July 29 while on a business trip to Dayton, Ohio. The Chelsea resident was 46 years old.

5—Through a little rain and a lot of heat, volunteers at the 31st annual Summer Fest never failed to keep people happy. And it's the volunteers

— more than 100 this year — who made the event possible. Elvis paid a surprise visit Friday night at the Classic Car Show. The first annual Summer Fest Pet Parade took to the sidewalks on Saturday morning.

5—Lima Township residents on Aug. 10 will have a chance to consider several proposed changes to the area's zoning plan. The changes include proposed smaller lot sizes, splitting agricultural land into two divisions and adding "good neighbor" rules for people with farm animals. The biggest change would be changing the minimum lot size in Lima Township from 10 acres to five acres. Farmers also would be allowed to sell off three-acre parcels, given certain restrictions.

12—The Jackson County Sheriff's Department is investigating the murder of Waterloo Township Debra Bouchard, 40, who was stabbed to death Aug. 4 by her boyfriend, Robert Schulze, 41, who then killed himself. Both Bouchard and Schulze had ties to Chelsea. Bouchard, a former Chelsea resident, was active in Chelsea hockey and baseball and worked for the Chelsea Family Health Center. Schulze was a 1981 graduate of Chelsea High School.

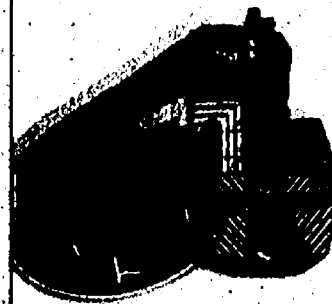
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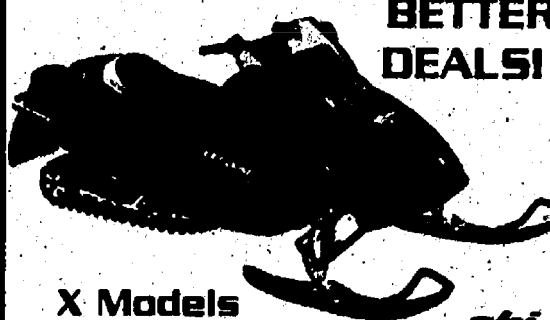
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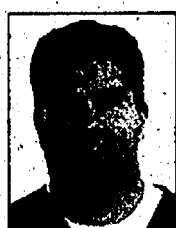
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12—Army Spc. and former Chelsea resident Donald McCune, 20, died Aug. 5 while at a hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, a casualty of the war in Iraq. McCune had been serving the country as part of the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment, 81st Brigade Combat Team. He had left for Iraq in May.

12—The Michigan Department of Education released its second round of school report cards, part of the No Child Left Behind, last week. Beach Middle School did not meet its target goal of improvement or Adequate Yearly Progress mark set by the state. Though Beach scored a "B" when the grades were passed down for certain schools last week, scores from students with disabilities did not achieve enough improvement.

19—It's once again time for the Chelsea Community Fair. On Monday, Steve Bergman, who has served as the superintendent of the fair parade for the last six years, was preparing himself for the hectic week.

19—Approximately 40 Lima Township residents gathered for a public hearing to voice concerns on the Planning Commission's proposed changes to the zoning ordinance that would shrink the standard property size for farmland. It was a divided room, with half of the residents speaking in favor of the zoning ordinance changes and half against. In the end, the Planning Commission chose to recommend the changes to the Township Board.

19—Hundreds of strangers gathered along Main Street and Middle Street in downtown Chelsea to mourn and honor the death of local soldier Donnie McCune. Many who waited downtown — some who sat patiently for hours — came to show their support for the war and for the troops. Others came to

show their support as fellow parents. As the funeral procession drove to the cemetery, those standing on their streets waved their flags and solemnly placed their hands over their hearts. Some cried.

26—Firefighters were able to save a dog but little else before flames engulfed a house in Lima Township Monday afternoon. A stray bolt of lightning hit the house, located in a rural neighborhood, on Charles Court, while a short thunderstorm moved through the area.

26—After years of battling a rare form of ovarian cancer, and after a long line of treatment denials, Shawna Krakowiak, who just recently passed away, was worried about her family and how they would handle her death. So she requested they throw a party. After her funeral, 250 helium balloons were released in the sky, many carrying messages directed at Krakowiak from her friends and family.

26—There's something about a good pair of shoes that gets a girl's attention. So if one pair of shoes can cause the heart to drop, an entire path of shoes has to be followed. The path of shoes seen outside the Chelsea Center for the Arts Friday night led to a "Found Arts" display created by several high school students. The exhibit was part of the CCA class on transforming ordinary objects into unordinary artwork.

### SEPTEMBER

2—Teachers in the Chelsea School District will receive a 2.25 percent salary increase for the upcoming school year. The Board of Education approved a new three-year contract at a meeting last month, shortly after teachers approved the contract.

2—Dexter Township officials are hoping a proposed "dangerous building" ordinance will do what the township's current blight ordinance has been unable to do: force delinquent property owners to clean up their act. One of the buildings officials

are hoping to address is the burned down Countryside Catering and Restaurant at the corner of North Territorial and Dexter Townhall roads. The building sustained \$200,000 in damage last November, blaze and suspected arson.

2—A rehabilitation project on the Chelsea Clock Tower building continues to make progress. A recent Chelsea Village Council decision gives a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant to Chelsea Development Holdings LLC, a corporation owned by McKinley Associates Inc. of Ann Arbor, for improvements to the structure.

9—If Hollywood is a dog-eat-dog world, former Chelsea resident Tara Platt is determined to swallow as much as she can chew. Platt, an actor, recently added the title "producer" to her resume. She recently co-founded Monkey Kingdom Productions. The company's office doors officially opened Sept. 1.

9—School superintendents across Washtenaw County are crossing their fingers and holding their collective breath until the final vote is cast in the Sept. 14 special education millage. Voters will head to the polls Tuesday to decide if they will fund a 1-mill tax increase for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

9—Chelsea High School graduate and Central Michigan University junior Brian Livengood, 20, was electrocuted Aug. 14 as he was working at a home on Pleasant Lake Road near Manchester, while trimming tree branches in a vertical lift. Livengood, who is in a coma, was initially treated at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He was taken to Chelsea Community Hospital last week.

16—Chelsea resident Jack Merkel was named this year's Citizen of the Year. Merkel served for 12 years as chairman of the City Study Committee, which helped make the decision for Chelsea to upgrade its vil-

lage status. The lifelong resident was also formerly part of the Chelsea Village Council, the Chelsea State Bank board of directors and the Silver Maples board, as well as the library, Planning Commission and the United Way.

16—Chelsea's long-suffering water customer's recently received a double dose of bad news. First, a precipitous drop in the city's water tower early Friday morning caused sediments from ground and water tower storage tanks to become suspended in the system, causing discoloration of municipal water. The second problem is the plant's water softener was completely bypassed during the cleaning, resulting once again in hard water.

16—Chelsea High School freshman Mandy Kitchens, this year's Chelsea Community Fair queen, never thought she would win the crown. But judges determined the teenager, who is recovering from major back surgery, was worthy of the prize. The judging was based on community, school and church involvement, as well as talent, a private interview with the judges and a public question-and-answer segment.

23—There are a number of serious structural problems at the 100-year-old brick building that holds the Chelsea Police Department. Those problems include a claustrophobic holding cell with no toilet or closed-circuit video surveillance system and an infrastructure weak on modern security measures. It all adds up to a facility that projects an unprofessional image to the public and hurts police morale, says Chelsea Police Chief Scott Sumner and some city officials.

23—When Chelsea gets its own city hall, it could very well be located where the former BookCrafters building stands now, at 140 Buchanan St. That site appears to be the frontrunner for the new headquarters, although Chelsea City

Manager Mike Steklac said Tuesday that some other possible sites are still being considered.

23—The water treatment plant's reverse-osmosis water softening system has experienced repeated, premature clogging, resulting in harder water delivered to municipal customers. Additionally, the reverse-osmosis system has produced a byproduct, sent to the wastewater treatment plant, that has a high phosphorous content.

30—Sheridan Books has announced plans to close its Scio Township manufacturing facility at 100 N. Staebler Road. The company will move all its manufacturing processes to its Chelsea location in the city's industrial park. The approximately 150 employees working at the company's Scio Township location will transfer to Chelsea by spring 2006, when an extension to its Chelsea facilities is expected to be completed.

30—Bank One sold the Arctic Coliseum Ice Arena at a Sept. 13 auction to an unidentified buyer, but it's still unknown what the buyer intends to do with the 78,000 square-foot facility.

30—Chelsea's water treatment plant, which has seen its share of problems in the last year, is still in need of a new water superintendent to oversee operations. Dan Rosentreter, who was employed as Chelsea's water superintendent, resigned March 16 and is under investigation by the Michigan State Police for alleged misconduct in his use of a city computer. In Rosentreter's absence, Brad Roberts, Chelsea's wastewater treatment plant superintendent, has pulled double duty, filling in at Rosentreter's former position.

### OCTOBER

7—For the first time in Michigan Press Association history, The Chelsea Standard, part of Heritage Newspapers, was named Newspaper of the Year in the Class D weekly circulation class. The Chelsea Standard

and The Dexter Leader won 14 awards in the MPA's annual Better Newspaper Contest, competing in Class D, with a circulation under 4,001.

7—Currently, four new housing developments are either under construction or in planning stages in Chelsea and Sylvan Township. Chelsea Springs will be a 144-unit condominium complex to be fed by Coliseum Drive. Near the corner of Brown and Pielemeyer drives, Lewis Companies is constructing Sylvan Crossing, a 350-unit manufactured-home community. Additionally, Pulte Homes has slated construction of Heritage Pointe, a 352-home project on the north side of Dexter-Chelsea Road near Freer Road. Westchester Farms, a proposed 309-home development on 178 acres off Sibley Road, is in planning stages.

14—Neighbors are beginning to voice complaints about a 352-home construction project by Pulte Homes along Dexter-Chelsea Road near Freer Road, citing kicked up dust, noise, increased traffic and potential sewage overcapacity.

14—Jolted into action by the traffic death of 45-year-old Chelsea High School parent Erica Knopper last September, the city recently received federal grant money to fund the majority of the costs associated with the installation of a new traffic light. The \$238,000 project will also include a left-turn lane and an automated pedestrian crossing where Freer Road and a main driveway into Chelsea High School intersect.

21—A proposal made by the Washtenaw County Road Commission months ago to extend Dexter Townhall Road to Dancer Road has become a central issue in Dexter Township. Residents believe the extension would increase traffic in the township's center, while safety is a major concern for officials, many who say too many sharp curves and poor site distance makes the road a

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Many of us look forward to Christmas and New Year's Eve parties, but we're not the only ones. Local and state police agencies also are getting ready for the season.

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• Do not push drinks on guests. Drinking is hardly mandatory for having a good time.

• If you hire a bartender, make sure they are trained to prevent over-serving guests and serving people under 21.

• Speaking of bartenders, if you don't hire one, play the part yourself. Making drinks for your guests helps you keep track of the size and number of drinks they consume.

• Serve food. Eating while drinking helps slow the absorption of alcohol into the body.

• Don't rely on coffee or other caffeinated beverages to help sober up. Only time can do that.

• Keep in mind that beer and wine are just as intoxicating as hard liquor. A 12-ounce can of beer, a five-ounce glass of wine and an ounce and a half of liquor contain the same amount of alcohol.

• Mixers won't help dilute alcohol. Carbonated beverages like club soda cause alcohol to be absorbed into the body faster. Fruit juices and other sweet mixers mask the taste of alcohol and may cause people to drink more.

• Stop serving drinks 90 minutes before the end of the party. Finishing the night with a sweet dessert and/or coffee also is a good idea.

• If your guest has had too much to drink, offer them a ride a cab or offer to let them spend the night. On Dec. 31, some area cab companies offer free or reduced rates to make sure residents get home safely. To find if such a service is available in your city or township, call your police department.



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poor choice to serve as a major north-south commuting route.

21—Washtenaw County residents will vote on two statewide proposals, a countywide proposal and a Washtenaw Community College millage restoration Nov. 2. Statewide Proposal 04-1 would require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law and certain new state lottery games. Proposal 04-2 would amend the state constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman, banning gay marriage. Countywide Proposal A would generate funds for acquiring, developing and maintaining parklands and operating recreation facilities in Washtenaw County. Proposal B would generate funds for Washtenaw Community College.

21—As the final weeks of campaigning wind down, 52nd District state representative candidates Pam Byrnes (D-Lyndon Township) and Joseph Yekulis (R-Chelsea) clashed on social and economic issues at a debate last week in Chelsea. The debate, which was the only head-to-head interaction between the candidates, was comprised of questions from the Chelsea business community and members of the audience of about 50.

28—With amended articles of incorporation, creation of a new building authority and passage of a new millage proposal, the Chelsea Area Fire Authority is now well on its way to building new fire stations throughout its coverage areas.

28—Firefighters remain amazed that last week's fiery crash on Interstate 94 near Kalmbach Road resulted in injuries, but no deaths. At the scene, the reaction of many onlookers was not to question whether there had been any deaths, but to ask how many had died. The chain-reaction crash happened at 3:24 p.m. Oct. 21. Seventeen firefighters from Chelsea, four from Grass Lake and four from Dexter responded to the scene.

### NOVEMBER

4—The Sylvan Township board race that began as a bitterly partisan brawl of opposing candidate slates ended Tuesday night with a shocking and razor-thin coup by two Democratic candidates, one who won the board's top position of supervisor. Democratic challenger Michael Williams topped the incumbent Sylvan Township Supervisor Earl Heller by a mere 34 votes. Democratic trustee challenger David Solo beat incumbent Sylvan Township Trustee Reuben Lesser by only 12 votes. Those two victories mark the first time in at least 24 years that any Democrat has won a seat on the Sylvan Township Board.

4—City Manager Mike Steklac soon will meet with members of the Chelsea City Council in a closed session to discuss his job performance. It appears he will generally get good marks, based on relatively smooth-running City Council meetings and comments made by Mayor Ann Feeney Monday.

4—Republicans held their ground Tuesday in the race for the Dexter Township Board. Voters on Nov. 2 elected Republican incumbent Trustee Michael Howard and board newcomers Carl Lesser, Marcia Ottoman and Mark Wojno. The Republicans defeated the independent slate of candidates, which included Anne Williams, Guerin Wilkerson, Barry Lonik and Jeff Prenevost. Those elected will take over their duties Nov. 20. They will join incumbent officers Pat Kelly, Harley Rider and Julie Knight, who all ran uncontested.

11—Voting data from the past 25 years reveals that Western Washtenaw County voters are turning away from Republican presidents and, since the beginning of the Clinton administration, have voted for Democratic candidates in increasingly higher numbers. The most recent presidential election continued that increase.

11—Hanover Glen and

Lindemann Farms both gained preliminary site plan approval at last month's Dexter Township Planning Commission meeting, despite public outcry against both proposals. Hanover Glen is a 73.85-acre site located off Island Lake Road with 36 units and about 40 acres of open space. Lindemann Farms is a 54-unit, 141.6-acre site that would sit south of Island Lake Road, where Dexter Townhall Road currently ends.

11—Construction is under way on a \$1.7 million, two-story, 4,704-square-foot expansion to the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center at 14800 E. Old US-12. The addition will expand the center's orthopedic specialist and outpatient physical and occupational therapy departments, which have seen a 50 percent increase in patient volumes since opening.

18—A new proposal that would replace the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test in high schools across the state could extinguish students' apathy for the exam. The state Senate voted last week 35-1 to swap the MEAP test with the Michigan Merit Examination, which could include either the SAT or ACT test. The proposal next heads to the House, where it will either come to a vote by mid-December or die as the Legislature adjourns for the year.

18—The Chelsea Area Fire Authority and Building Authority soon will be sending requests for bid proposals to contracting firms for construction of a new main fire station in downtown Chelsea, as well as three new substations in Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. The bids will help determine terms of a fire millage proposal, which likely will go before voters in the participating municipalities next year.

18—Local government officials are criticizing proposed state legislation that would allow longer and heavier trucks to traverse more state roadways. Sponsored by state Rep. Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, House Bill 4358, which was approved by the House of Representatives, would increase allowable truck lengths from 59 to 65 feet. It also would

permit trucks to travel on any state highway, road or local street, and would impose a \$250 cap on fines for overweight trucks weighing up to 4,000 pounds, supplanting a per-pound fee system.

25—Last week marked the end of a bittersweet era for Libby Brushhaber. With a certificate and a cake, the Dexter Township Board trustee bid goodbye to local government Nov. 16. She was Dexter Township's lone outgoing board member. She had chosen not to run for reelection prior to the beginning of the election season.

25—After a streak of vandalism has plagued students at Chelsea High School, parents are wondering what the district is doing to prevent future destruction. On Nov. 18, the Chelsea Police took four complaints of larceny from students at the high school.

### DECEMBER

2—Complaints from area township officials, including Dexter, Lyndon and Lima, have led the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to start an interview process for filling the two holes on the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The holes were left by Democrat Pam Byrnes, who will serve the 52nd District in the state House, and Norm Kennedy, whose term just expired.

2—Chelsea City Manager Mike Steklac received good grades from Chelsea City Council members. In an eight-month review of his performance, members gave him a composite rating of four out of five possible points.

2—A traffic study that shows no road changes should be required for the incoming Heritage Pointe subdivision along Dexter-Chelsea Road near Freer Road has left some city officials skeptical. Assuming an average of three residents per home, Heritage Pointe, with 187 homes, could bring in 1,056 new residents to the area. The Chelsea Planning Commission postponed its approval of the project until the traffic study could be reviewed further.

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

The commission is taking a piecemeal approach to the document, with attention focused on the city's motorized and non-motorized transportation plans.

9—The Chelsea Rotary Club is hoping to build a new pedestrian bridge at Veterans Park by next summer. An older bridge was removed in 2003, and since then, pedestrians and cyclists have been forced to travel along high-traffic areas on Sibley Road and M-52 to reach the park. The new bridge is expected to cost between \$20,000 and \$28,000.

9—The Dexter Township Board discovered last week that the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in its favor in a case filed by developer Nabil Salamey, who was attempting to build a gas station at the southwest corner of Dexter-Pinckney and North Territorial roads. Neighbors raised environmental concerns about the proposed gas station, prompting area officials to refuse the preliminary site plan.

16—The Sylvan Township Board made changes to the longtime proposed high-speed road, commonly referred to as Chelsea West Drive. The north-south road, controversially referred to as a bypass, was first proposed in the 1960s. Over the years, it has been realigned and redesigned by various township boards and the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The resolution adopted by the new board voted in favor of constructing the road between Sibley and Cavanaugh Lake roads. It would have a 35-mph speed limit and an 88-foot right-of-way. Direct driveway access to the road would be prohibited.

16—The reverse-osmosis water softening system at Sylvan Township's new, \$15.2 million water treatment plant on Old US-12 is up, running and ready for action. But residents still aren't getting soft water. Township officials

blame a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality rule meant to stave off design flaws in the water softening process. Officials would like the MDEQ to waive the design requirement, they said.

16—Chelsea officials notified the city's tap customers last week that the acrylamide levels in its municipal drinking water exceeded Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards eight separate times between June 2003 and April 2004. Acrylamide has been linked to cancer, but Chelsea officials said the levels found in the drinking water were not high enough to pose an imminent threat to water customers. However, residents have expressed anger that they were not told of the problems when they occurred.

23—Last week's robbery at Flagstar Bank in Chelsea proved to be the last stand for the "Sysco Kid," a 38-year-old Farmington man suspected of pulling nine bank heists in the last four months. The man led police on a high-speed chase through Canton Township last week, eventually crashing his car and causing himself serious injuries. The man is currently in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy

Hospital. The "Sysco Kid" nickname comes from a baseball cap the man wore while pulling most of the hold-ups.

23—Several state and federal experts backed up recent assertions made by Chelsea city officials, stating that the level of acrylamide found in the city's drinking water eight times between June 2003 and July 2004 did not pose a health threat to residents. Joyce Donohue, a scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency, said that while levels exceeded Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards, they did not violate EPA standards. Donohue also said it may not have been necessary to send out public notices about the eight violations.

23—Karl Christen, an original co-owner of the Arctic Coliseum, recently purchased the building from Bank One for an undisclosed sum. The building went up for sale after its last group of owners, including John Stansik and one silent partner, became delinquent in paying the more than \$800,000 in property taxes assessed between September 2001 and the end of 2003. Christen said the building's personnel and tenants would not change under his ownership.



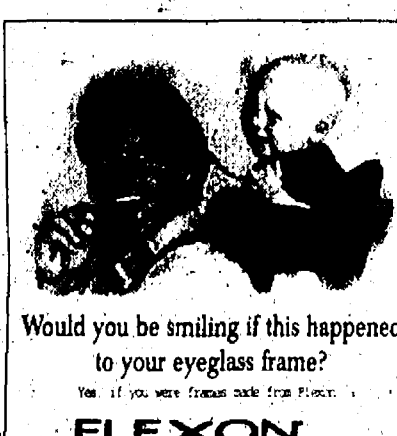
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## COMMENTARY

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2004

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### City has not been open about contamination

Recently, the city released information regarding levels of acrylamide in the local water supply. Considering the information and lack thereof contained in the mailed public statement pertaining to the event, I attended the next City Council meeting to seek answers to several questions.

Given the city's best case scenario, one would think they could have been able to answer the following simple questions:

•Don't you think you need to know any adverse effects of a given chemical prior to adding it to the water supply rather than after you had been made aware you had exceeded EPA guidelines?

•Why does it take three months for the city to gain an understanding of the side effects from such a chemical when the information can be obtained off the Web in fewer than 10 minutes?

•Since the scale used at the water treatment facility is stated as a possible cause for the limit of acrylamide exceeding EPA guidelines, how often does the city calibrate the scale? What is the maintenance schedule for checking and verifying the scale's accuracy?

•Why does the water treatment plant continue to not operate as voters were led to believe it would?

•Is there a contract with specifications that clearly state the obligations of the manufacturer that require the equipment installed to operate as stated?

•Since the state is noted as the cause for the delay in the release of information, why didn't the original release of information contain this bit of knowledge, as well as an apology for the delay and any concerns caused to those who consumed the water?

I did not receive any answers from the council to my questions.

The mayor informed me, after cutting off the city manager's attempt to reply, that I had asked too many questions and the city would reply in writing.

Such a response doesn't build confidence in a governmental body, which, given its own time line, had three months to prepare for any questions or concerns from members of the community.

Yet the best information that could be shared was zero, in this case the total absence of any meaningful disclosure of information.

Overall, the manner in which the city has conducted itself in this affair centers on open communication and disclosure.

It seems clear the tone is anyone but the city is responsible for the exceeded limits of acrylamide, that no one should wonder why such simple questions need to be answered in writing, that few

should be concerned that while water bills continue to rise the plant still fails to operate as promised and that one should not question whether the city truly knows how to operate its new water treatment technology.

Hiding behind the mask of scientific explanations of what are and are not safe levels for carcinogens in the drinking water misses an important point.

It's the responsibility of any governmental body to be forthright and open with its citizens. When only written replies are made available, especially those not received to the above questions, the amount of openness is zero.

Michael McIntosh  
Chelsea

#### Let the truth be known about bypass

The time has come for me to break my silence over many of the recent attacks on the Chelsea West Drive project.

Just as new wave historians in California write their revisionist history texts with barely a mention of our country's founding fathers and the contributions they made, our local media and neophyte politicians fail to provide context as they discuss this project, and continue to stroke themselves for their ability to shut things down by "slicing through Gordian knots."

What seems to be lost in these continued attacks on the concept of a new north-south route for this community is the fact that 22 elected and appointed leaders in this community, representing five units of government along with the business and transportation community, spent eight years, from 1995 through 2002, attempting to determine the course of a new route for this community.

The intention was to take some of the heavy traffic off of Main Street through Chelsea. Of particular concern was finding an alternate route for much of the semi-truck traffic and oversized vehicles that travel through town, as M-52 is a state trunk line.

Why did we take this on? Because of constant complaints in the community that it was time for our elected leadership to step-up and do something about the serious traffic back-ups that were occurring in town, seemingly impacting the quality of life in the downtown business district.

What resulted were two traffic studies. The first was by Beckett and Raeder of Ann Arbor. That study became known as the "Alternatives" study. The second was by JJR of Ann Arbor and became known as the "Preliminary Engineering-Environmental Assessment" study.

The alternatives study

pointed the way toward the choice of a western route as one of seven alternatives that were considered because of costs and logistics. Choosing a route that would involve having to take out a large number of homes and businesses was just not possible, and logistically Freer Road was building up as a residential area and the main campus for our public school system.

Everything north of Dexter-Chelsea Road west of Fletcher Road is a swamp-land, and the County Road Commission balked at the idea of paving Fletcher and Lima Center roads, insisting that they would never have the money to pay for such a project.

That left us with the idea of using state and federal funding to create a road that would be an alternative to M-52. We knew that the local community was never going to be interested in coughing up \$15 million or more for a regional roadway using local tax dollars, and the route to federal transportation dollars was through the completion of an environmental assessment study.

That's why the EA study was completed, costing us \$300,000 obtained through grants and the private sector.

Now that you understand the parameters we were working under, one of the major criteria we had to work with was that the new route needed to connect to M-52 at both the north and south terminating points of the roadway. Our committee worked many long and difficult hours to come away with the final design, and all of our meetings were open to the public.

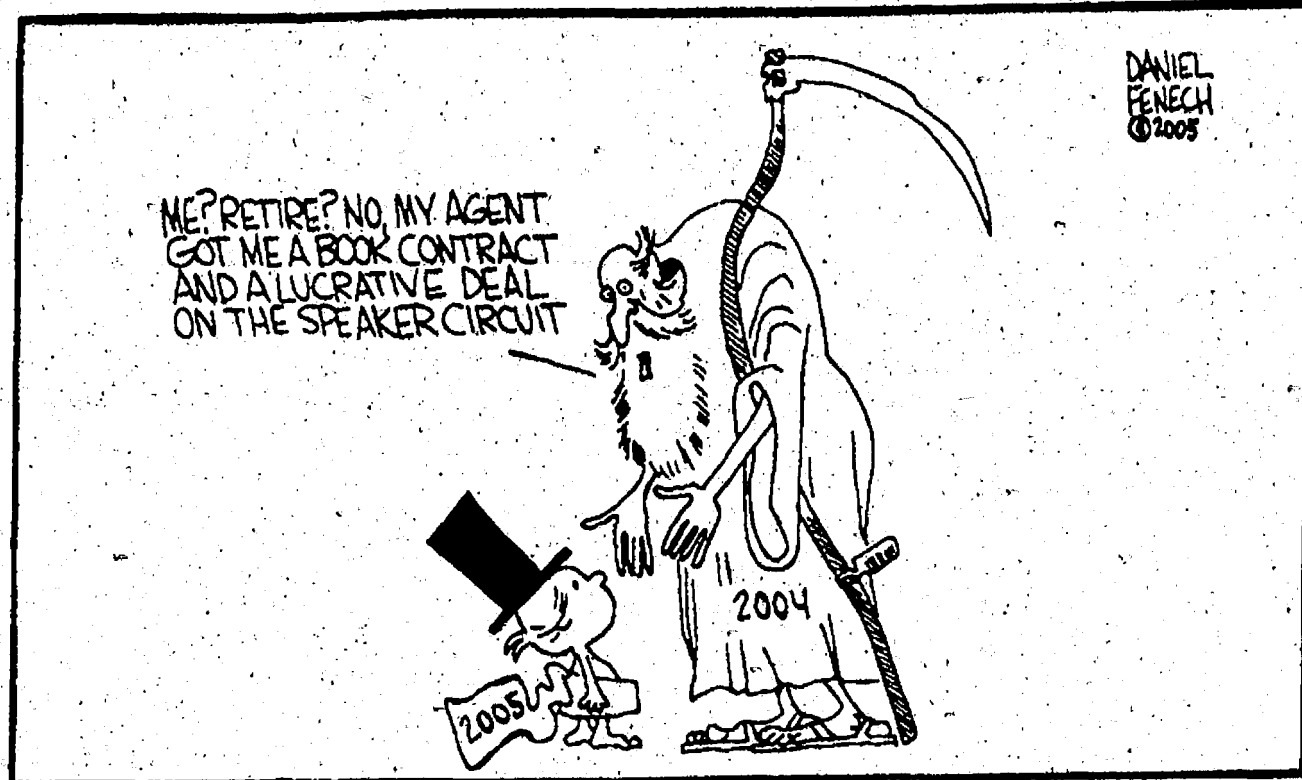
In the end, was everyone happy? Of course not, but many compromises had to be made to come up with the completed project.

Now let's get back to the Dec. 18 article that was front page news in The Chelsea Standard. When addressing the assertion of a "wide high-speed road through the area," let's look at the facts.

Because we were requesting federal funding for this roadway, there were design requirements that had to be met. It's true that the design speed had to be 65 mph to provide for a posted speed of 55 mph, and that there was a requirement for a 120-foot right-of-way.

What you don't hear is that the road was classified as a two-lane rural arterial, with each lane being 12 feet wide with 10-foot shoulders. There also would be center turn lanes built at the intersections, and the road would have limited access, with no private drives along the route except to access new developments that might occur. This is no different than what currently exists north and south of Chelsea.

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OTHER VOICES

## State Republican Party out of control

And you thought the governor looked silly when she could not install the person she preferred to run her party.

Instead, she had to settle for a two-headed monster.

Move over, Jennifer Granholm, and make way for the new winner on the silly scale. That honor goes to the state Republican Party, as it struggles to find a new party chairperson.

Where to start? Out of the gate first came former Rep. Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, who sort of thought he was interested in the post. Problem was not everyone in the GOP hierarchy was interested in him.

So he hemmed and hawed and talked about how he needed to "decompress" after being shot at in Africa while on duty with the Army. He eventually tossed his G.I. Joe helmet into the ring with a resounding thud in other parts of the fractured GOP.

Next came Saul Anuzus, who was being propped up by the anti-Rocky wing of the party that once belonged to former Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus.

The anti-Saul crowd quietly sent word that this guy was tainted goods, a charge he denied.

Then on her white horse, Congresswoman Candice Miller rode into Dodge with David Trott at her side. Miller said he was just right for the post and she had plenty of company, including Attorney General Mike Cox and the two national committee seat holders, Holly Hughes and Chuck Yob.

With Trott in, the "Rock" figured he needed some more decompressing. Since many of the folks who had backed him had trotted over to Trott, Rocky saw the handwriting on the wall and got out of the race.



TIM SKUBICK

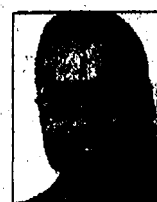
contender resurfaced. Rocky figured he might reconsider and get back in.

The GOP is a party in free fall, completely out of control. But that's what this whole mess is all about: Nobody is in control. Why? Because everyone is in control.

There is no GOP leader. It's a multi-headed hydra running the show because nobody wants the other guy to have more power than they have themselves.

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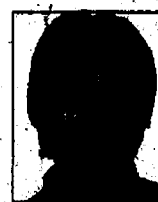
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### STREET TALK

By Rita Fischer

#### What is your New Year's resolution?



"I do not make them because I usually break them."

June Lambdin  
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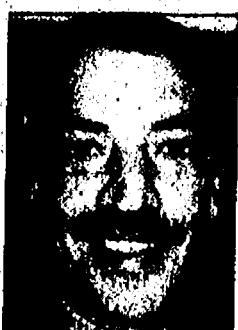
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## LETTERS

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on M-52 between Stockbridge and Manchester.

So there you have it, a completed environmental assessment study that was finished at the end of 2002 resulting in "a finding of no significant impact," suitable for federal funding. And eight years of hard work brought about by the elected and appointed leadership of our community.

But therein lays the rub. Upon completion, it was time for the distortions and political rhetoric to begin, and Chelsea West Drive became the "Super Highway" of the anti-growth movement in this community. This was going to become "a north-south version of I-94."

Well, friends, I'm tired of the rhetoric and of certain segments of the community distorting the truth for personal political gain.

Gloating about "ousted" township representatives Reuben Lesser and Earl Heller provides no dignity to this story. Reuben and Earl have given their lives to making Chelsea a better place to live, and the people who gave so much of themselves to complete this project, deserve to be represented fairly and objectively by the local press.

It took courage, vision, and determination to complete a study like this that previous leadership would never touch. The only "Gordian knot" that exists, will be to determine how the new kings of Phrygia from the east, attempt to turn Chelsea into "Ann Arbor West."

When the existing 17,500 vehicles a day turn into 35,000 vehicles a day in the year 2020 in downtown Chelsea, (pages 2-8 fact study), I'll let you know.

We'll all be watching.  
Joseph Yekulis Jr.  
Chelsea

### Lima needs more reasonable zoning

My wife and I have been residents of Lima Township since August 1969, when I returned home from serving my nation in the armed forces. I had done my time in the military, and my time in

Vietnam.

The Great American Dream was ahead of me. My own home and owning my own land were a start. Children bring joy to the home and a different use for the land. The zoning laws required a minimum of two acres of land, which I had. It had been cut out of the family farm in 1967, as were two other two-acre parcels, with the idea of keeping a family together.

Not long after my new home was built and my children were born, I began to realize that if I wanted my children to remain close to their mother and I, plans would have to be made so that our children would have a place to build their home.

The plan was to buy a part of the farm so later I could divide it for my children. Then came the issues of adequate road frontage, as per zoning. Then there was consideration of a private drive to serve two or more homes, which is not possible because of zoning. Then the idea of a private road, and the anticipated costs began to rise.

We consulted with the greater family about dividing the entire farm so that all the great-grandchildren of my grandparents — 11 in number — could have two acres of land and share in the cost of a private road that would conform to zoning and county specifications.

Then came a new zoning law requiring 10-acre residential building parcels. Then came the wetland preservation act that we have all come to know and love.

As you can see, to pass on the Great American Dream to our children has put a great deal of burden on this family, as it has all families in Lima Township that would like to keep their children and future grandchildren within walking distance and still remain living at "home" in a rural environment.

The facts are quite simple. The population is growing everywhere, including Lima Township. Another fact is that we live in a very affluent community and, in the last 30 years or so, many farms have gone out of agricultural production. They have been split into 10-acre single family building sites.

As we take a Sunday drive through Lima, and other townships, it's easy to see many of these 10-acre parcels are slowly returning back to a natural state of vegetative growth with an area of one to three acres devoted to "lawn." This is, to many people, very desirable as it brings in wildlife.

In some communities where one allows his or her property to go back to the "natural state," a "noxious weed fine," is given, primarily the result of snakes and vegetation that others find undesirable.

I believe if someone owns 10 acres and does not want to see his or her neighbor, that person should seek a good landscape architect for better design of a sight barrier.

As for the added traffic on the roads, the only way to reduce that is through population growth controls. In

America, we are free to populate as we choose. Then we put zoning ordinances into place to control density.

I have a family to enrich my life, not just for 18 years, but forever. I want to keep them close to me. If we can not increase our own density, that means we increase someone else's density by sending our children away. Is that fair?

I have discussed this "parcel size" issue with many people over the past 30 years or more. There is no easy answer.

Remaining close to home provides many family advantages over separation of families. Don't we have enough of separation now?

One other important factor to remember, especially during this season of love and giving: There are others who feel differently than I do. I wish to make it easier for families to remain together through

more reasonable zoning and better road maintenance.

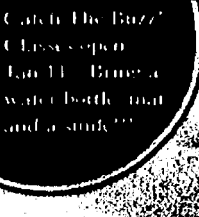
I'm sure others feel they have very good reasons to support a 10-acre minimum. I've heard many that culminate in their idea of "quality of life." It's hard to argue with that. For me, that means having my parents, children and grandchildren close.

There was a time in history when you could buy no less than one square mile, which

is 640 acres. Then, because of the need of the people, the size was reduced to 160 acres. Then, reduced again to 80 acres. And it continued to be reduced to meet the needs of the people at large, not the people of privilege.

Like everyone else, I have more to say. But print space in the newspaper, just like land, must be shared.

Gerald Myers  
Lima Township



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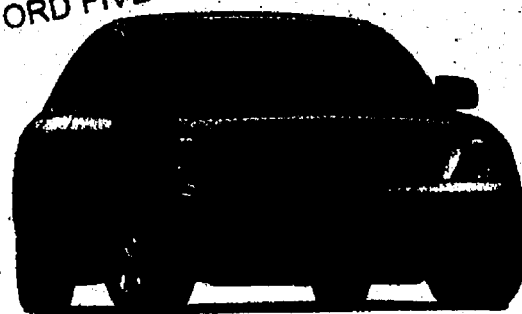
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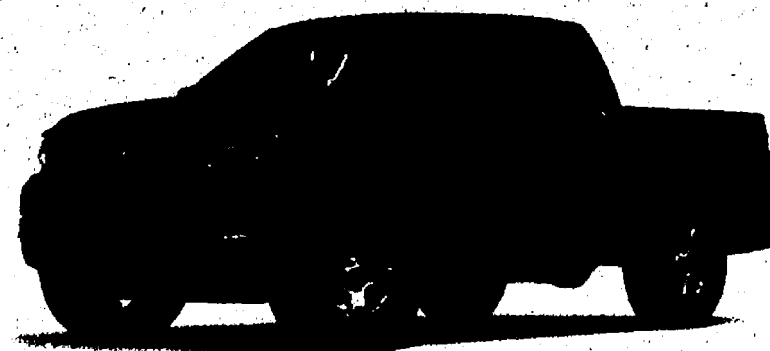


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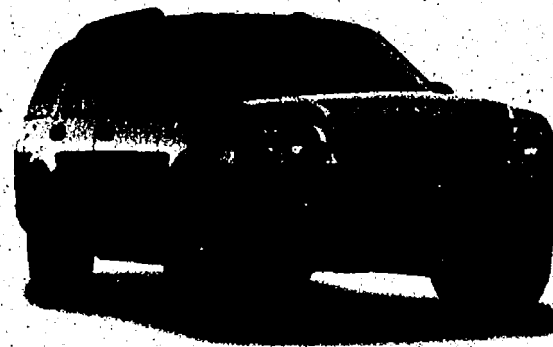


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## MANCHESTER

## Former Scio Twp. resident shares love of baseball

Former minor league baseball player writes book about sport

By Austen Smith  
Heritage Newspapers

When Bob Hoeft was a ballplayer in high school, he earned the nickname "Little Giant."

As Hoeft, 75, recalls some of the more fascinating and humorous stories from his past, that nickname resoundingly rings true as the now-retired ballplayer, Lutheran pastor and real estate agent has led a giant-sized life.

To talk with and about Bobby Hoeft, a former Scio Township resident, is to talk about baseball.

The Manchester resident has as much to say about the great tradition of the Detroit Tigers — spinning yarns about Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, Al Kaline and Ernie Harwell — as he has to say about today's Tigers and baseball itself.

When Hoeft started writing his book, "When Baseball was Fun," it wasn't a book at all.

"It started out as a couple of pages. I wanted to write memoirs for my kids," Hoeft said. "I kept typing and writing and before I knew it I had 250 pages."

Hoeft pulled together his vast collection of baseball stories and collected photos, dating back to the 1940s and '50s, from the detailed scrapbooks his mother had kept. The book, which was self-published in 2002, is an incredible journey from Hoeft's childhood and life-long relationship with the game of baseball.

Hoeft's book, much like his life, starts with a love of baseball growing up in Moltke, a small town in the Upper Peninsula. Hoeft says he started getting interested in the sport when he was 10 years old.

"My father was a damn good ballplayer. They still tell stories about him in Moltke," he said.

"It was 1940, the year the Tigers won the pennant. That was the first year I started paying attention to baseball. After that, I thought they would win the thing every year."

It was in that year that Hoeft unsuspectingly started his career in baseball, which would eventually lead him to a bright career of minor league play for the Detroit

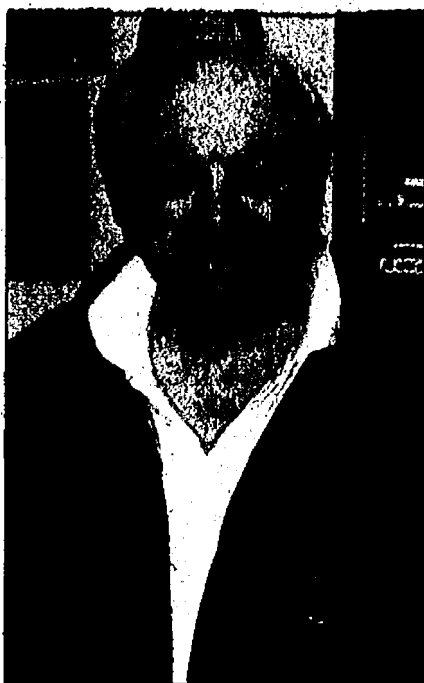


Photo by Austen Smith

Retired ballplayer, Lutheran pastor and real estate agent Bob Hoeft stands in his den filled with baseball memoirs from his long career as a minor league player for the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox.

Tigers, Chicago White Sox and the U.S. Navy.

In his book, he recalls the first big game of his budding baseball career. At 11 years old, Hoeft was a starting second-baseman on the Moltke Township team. For an entire summer, his father coached the team, which went on to win a Presque Isle County championship.

The game ended in dramatic fashion as some 2,000 people in attendance showed their support by honking their car horns at once when Hoeft and his team brought home the win.

A few years later, the Hoeft family received a scare when Bobby was diagnosed with what doctors thought was polio. A young Hoeft was crushed when doctors told him he would never be able to play baseball again.

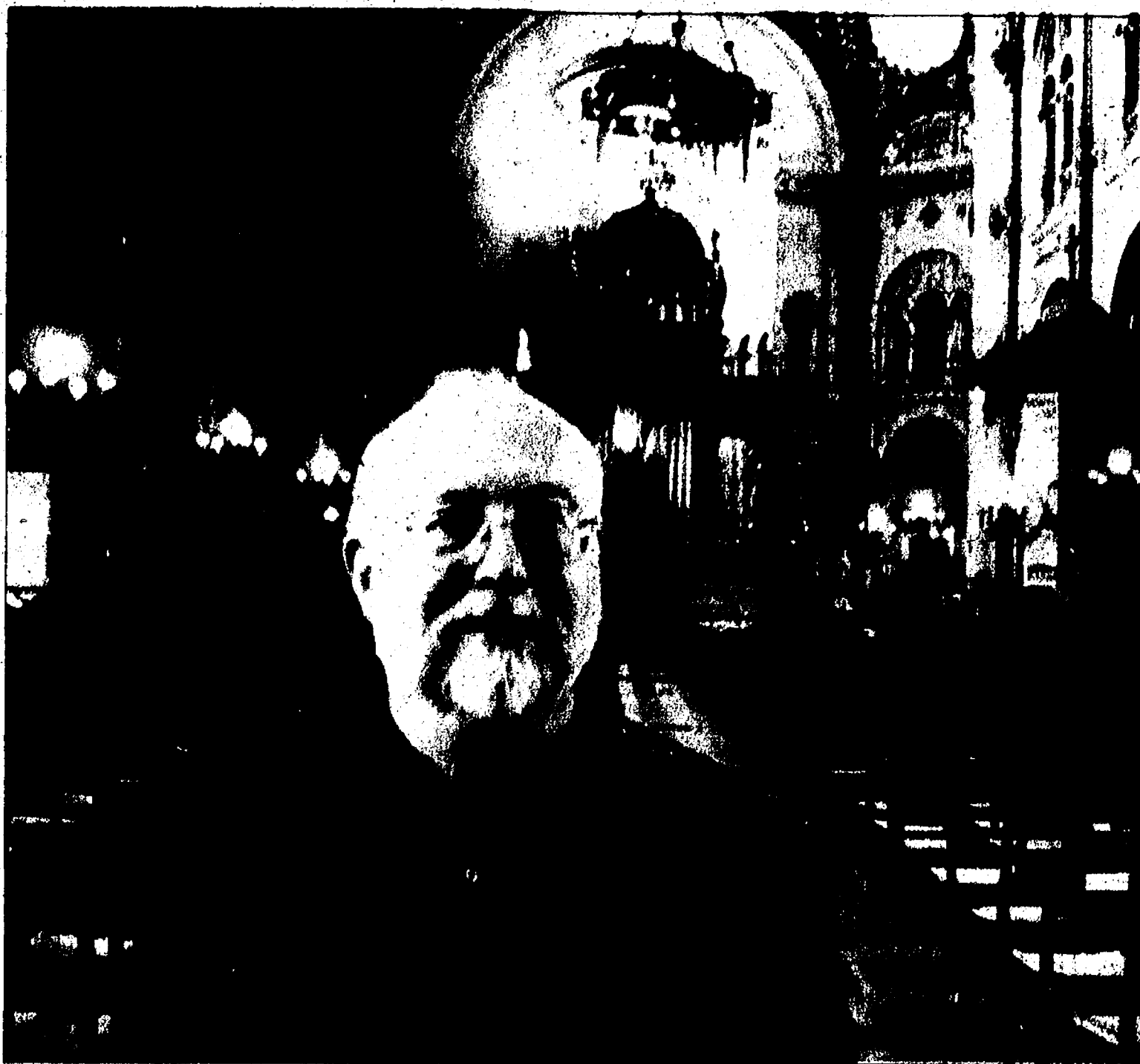
But after seeing a chiropractor in Detroit, Hoeft said he got straightened out and jumped right back into the sport he loved.

As captain of his high school baseball team, Hoeft was able to lead Southeastern High School in Detroit to a city championship, defeating McKinsey High in 1947. Hoeft says that spring he played a lot of baseball.

"We were called the young Bengals because the Detroit Tigers supported the team," he said. "All of the players on that team, they were really all future ballplayers."

Winning the city championship for his high school was not the biggest thrill for Hoeft in 1947.

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The St. Augustine Church in Paris was among the places flutist Don Fishel visited while touring New York and Paris, where he was part of a small group performing a new piece of poetry and music called "The Breath of the Spirit."

## LYNDON TOWNSHIP

## Musical mention Don Fishel shares love of music

By Sheila Purglove  
Special Writer

Don Fishel was introduced to the flute at the age of nine and, after that musical epiphany, played everything he could lay his young hands on.

"As long as I can remember, I've been deeply affected by music," the Lyndon Township musician says. "Music is a language which speaks not only to the mind, but directly to the heart."

That language has taken Fishel a long way from his early flute lessons in Hart, located on Michigan's west side.

The principal flutist of the Ann Arbor Civic Band, Fishel has played in musical theater productions with the Chelsea Area Players, Tecumseh Youth Theatre, Saline Area Players, The Comic Opera Guild and The Crosswell Opera House.

In 2000, he was the flute soloist performing Peter Schickele's "Concerto for Flute and Orchestra" at the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

Fishel, a faculty member of the Chelsea Center for the Arts, where he gives private instruction on the flute, is also a songwriter whose works have been translated into several languages. He recently wrapped up a musical tour to New York and Paris, where he was part of a small group performing a new piece of poetry and music called "The Breath of the Spirit."

His career is quite a step up for a small-town boy for whom music didn't

exactly run in the family genes. His parents — a cook and a factory worker — enjoyed music, but that's about as far as it went.

"My parents are not musical, although they both like music, and my dad sang in the church choir for a while," Fishel says.

In fact, Fishel didn't have the most auspicious start to his musical career, after his grade-school band director started him out with a few lessons then put him in beginning band. His early attempts took a long time to undo.

"I didn't have much guidance and I picked up a lot of bad habits, which took years to correct," he says.

Those early years notwithstanding, Fishel went on to enter the University of Michigan School of Music, where he studied with Nelson Hauenstein and Michael Stoune. The two were amazed to discover Fishel had never had private lessons, but had learned by listening to records and imitating.

He studied with Hauenstein for three years and in his final year studied with Stoune, who now teaches in Texas.

"He really opened up my sound — made it much more free and relaxed," Fishel says.

While earning his degree in instrumental music education at U of M, Fishel joined a Christian group called The Word of God, which became the center of his life for many years. Later, he joined the Music Ministry.

"There were no special parts written for the flute, but vocal parts are easy to play on the flute," he says. "I had

always played by ear rather freely, and now I learned how to improvise, as well."

During his college years, Fishel began writing music. "Alleluia No. 1," by far his most famous and most well-traveled song, and "The Light of Christ," are featured in several church hymnals.

"I've written many other songs, mostly taking words from Scripture, such as the Psalms," he says. "What I try to do in my music is to express my love and desire for God. I try to use the language of music to reach people's hearts and stir in them a desire for God, as well."

After graduation, a career as a schoolteacher held little appeal. Instead, Fishel, helped begin The Word of God Music, which later became Servant Music, a Christian music publisher.

"I published songbooks and helped produce records," he says. "We became the big music publisher for the Charismatic Renewal."

Fishel stayed at Servant Music from 1973 to 1981, when he left to study computer science at Eastern Michigan University. He worked as a computer programmer from 1983 to late 2004.

"I found that I could not continue a high level of music while building a career in computers," he says. "And I found that playing at a lesser level was hard to take, so I stopped playing for about 12 years."

"I thought doing without music would be easier than playing at a more ama-

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Paul Terpstra will retire in January after 38 years at the head of the class. He has spent sometimes up to 10 hours a day, five or more days a week, teaching and coaching.



## CHELSEA SCHOOLS

## A teaching legend retires Paul Terpstra ends 38-year career

By Rita Fischer  
Special Writer

For nearly four decades, Paul Terpstra has viewed the world from his podium while teaching English and psychology to Chelsea's youth.

Terpstra, who will retire in January, has enjoyed his 38 years at the head of the class. So, it's no surprise that for most of his adulthood, he has spent sometimes up to 10 hours a day, five or more days a week, teaching and coaching.

Teaching a roomful of teens is a challenge every day. During his career, Terpstra found that some kids provided more of a challenge than others. But when they matured, there was a lot of satisfaction seeing how far they had come, he said.

"I think it's the everyday challenge seeing kids start out as freshman. I would get them back as juniors or seniors, teaching them

English or psychology. I got to see how they have grown up and see how far they have come," he said.

The Kalamazoo native and 1967 graduate of Hope College began his career in Chelsea in the late-1960s after spending his first year in Rockford schools.

He also has a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University.

During his years in education, Terpstra said he learned kids want to be challenged and know what the rules are. He said if the teacher is fair and consistent with behavior and academic expectations, then kids will respond to the challenge.

Terpstra prepares students for college and says he teaches them to be disciplined and focused on skills that they will be able to use on the job.

"When you are teaching and make eye contact, you can see the excitement when they

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHELSEA

### Sunday, Jan. 2

**Annual Winter Gathering** will be held 10 a.m. at Park Lyndon South's East Lot, located on North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township. Participants should meet at the park's cabin for an hour of hiking followed by a potluck. Those attending should bring a dish to pass. Hot drinks will be provided. For more information, call 971-6337.

### Wednesday, Jan. 5

**The Chelsea District Library** will host Wild Swan Theatre's "Tales of Tricks and Trouble" 7 p.m. as part of its Winter Family Reading Program. The event is free and no registration is required. For more information, call 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.

**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.

**Euchre 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 712-3825.

**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

### 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 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 426-8549.

**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.

#### Monday

**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 6:30 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 Odd-fellows** 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.

#### Wednesday

**Dexter American Legion Auxiliary** meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

**Dexter Touchdown Club** meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the media center at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

**Friends of Dexter District Library** meets 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

**La Leche of Western Washtenaw** meets from 10 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of the month. Call 426-5648.

**TOPS Weight Loss Group** meets weekly from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor-Dexter Road. Call 426-4031 for more information.

#### ANN ARBOR

##### Tuesday, Jan. 4

**"Teens Using Drugs Part 1: What to Know"** free seminar will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month through June at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, in Superior Township. Call 973-7892.

## RETIRES

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are learning something new," he said. "They can earn good grades, and they have grown up. They can accomplish more than they realize."

Terpstra was Sarah Pruess' coach and teacher before she graduated from Chelsea High School in 1998. Pruess continued playing softball in college. She earned a master's degree and is now working as an athletic administrator at Chicago State University.

"He was the best coach I ever played for," she said. "I was so glad to have had both a ninth-grade and 11th-grade English class that he taught because, both in college and now at work, people ask me to check their work for proper grammar."

"His teaching has served me well."

Bill Coelius, who has worked with Terpstra for nearly four decades, will miss his colleague.

"Considering our teaching styles are different, it's a miracle that we taught across-the hall from each other for almost four decades and remained

friends," Coelius said.

Science teacher Eric Swager, who also coaches track and cross country, has taught alongside Terpstra for the past 12 years. Swager said Terpstra will be sorely missed — not just in the classroom, but in the way he influences the school community. Swager said he hopes to have the same type of positive influence and ideological commitment during his career.

Swager cited Terpstra's commitment to excellence as something all teachers should strive to achieve.

"Society today is too concerned with excusing bad behavior, defining deviancy down and passing the buck," he said. "Although it would be easier to capitulate, Paul has held the line against grade inflation and mediocrity in the face of much criticism."

Throughout his career, Terpstra has held many positions. He was a National Honor Society adviser for 20 years and a class adviser for the last 14 years. He also was named Teacher of the Year in 1997 by the Chelsea Rotary Club based on nominations from students and parents. In addition, he has been recognized every year

at the Cum Laude Banquet for the last 31 years.

Barb Pruess has taught with Terpstra since 1969, when she came to Chelsea High School. That first year, a few weeks into the school year, the teachers went on strike for two weeks.

"The good thing about that experience was that we all got to know each other, not just teachers in our own school but teachers at the elementary and middle schools, as well," she said.

"I will miss Paul. I have been fortunate to teach and coach with many excellent people."

Teacher Sandy Kutschinski said Terpstra always has been able to get the most out of his teams.

"He sets expectations and follows through on them," she said. "He is fair, consistent and pays close attention to the details that make a difference. His teams often do better than they expected to do."

"His teaching reflects these characteristics, as well. Students learn in his class. Not only does Paul teach his subject matter well, but he also models and teaches important life skills: to be courteous, to be independent learners and to be

responsible are just a few of these skills."

"Students often come back and thank him for what he has taught them."

As for his future, Terpstra doesn't have any plans beyond spending time with family and possibly becoming a substitute lay preacher. Memories of Terpstra from local graduates are being collected. For more information, e-mail bpruess@gmail.com or call 475-1448.

Rita Fischer is a freelance writer. She can be reached at ritafischer@yahoo.com.

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## PINCKNEY

## Speer ends military training

Army Pvt. Kyle Speer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Speer is the son of Don and Beth Speer of Pinckney. He is a 2004 graduate of Pinckney High School.

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## ENGAGEMENTS

### Munson, Paschke set wedding date

Angela Munson of Green Bay, Wis., and Marshall Paschke of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., are engaged and planning an Oct. 8, 2005, wedding at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

The future bride is the daughter of Vickie Geer-Kiessel and the late Michael McDowell of Traverse City, and Thomas Munson of Rogers City. The future groom is the son of Mitchell and Marie Paschke of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

The future bride earned a bachelor's degree in business management at Northern Michigan University in 2002. She is a loan officer at Horizon Community Credit Union. The future groom received a bachelor's degree in health and fitness management from Northern Michigan in 2003. He is a fitness consultant at Fitnessology Inc.



## STATE

### Quarantined area expanded for borer

The Michigan Department of Agriculture has amended the state's emerald ash borer quarantine, based upon extensive survey efforts and recommendations of the national science advisory panel.

"Effective today, the state added seven new counties as well as including each 'outlier' site to the EAB quarantine as part of the overall EAB response strategy," Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Dan Wyant said in a press release. "Amending the quarantine demonstrates the aggressive approach Michigan is taking to prevent further spread and minimize the economic/environmental damage this pest can cause."

The emerald ash borer is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees and was previously unknown on the North American continent until its discovery in Michigan in the summer of 2002.

The borer already has impacted approximately 10 million ash trees in southeast Michigan and continues to damage or destroy others in isolated areas in the Great Lakes state. The state has an active, multi-agency emerald ash borer task force working collectively to detect, contain and respond

to the insect to minimize its damage.

The amendment adds Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale and Saginaw counties to the quarantined area. Additionally, it prohibits the movement of ash materials and firewood in "outlier" sites or isolated pockets of infestation apart from the known generally infested area.

The "outlier" infestations are believed to be the result of artificial spread of the insect. Eradication efforts are under way at those sites to eliminate the beetle.

For a detailed description of the locations and boundaries, visit the MDA web site at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

"This is a vital step to help halt the artificial spread of EAB and will aid in the battle against the beetle," Wyant said. "A key component to our overall success is the support and cooperation of every Michigan resident and tourist by not moving firewood."

Under the quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, untreated lumber, deciduous firewood and any other materials from these areas unless chipped to one inch or smaller. Additionally, the movement of all ash nursery stock is prohibited within, into, and from the entire Lower Peninsula.



### Leader of the Year

Jennie Breuninger of Dexter, a dairy leader for Rogers Corners Herdsmen 4-H Club, was named 4-H Leader of the Year. She is pictured with former Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis.

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Philip Steenstra

DEXTER

### Steenstra completes training

Dexter High School graduate Philip Steenstra has successfully completed cadet basic training in the U.S. military academy.

According to a press release written by the West Point military academy, Steenstra first entered the academy June 28, immediately after graduating from Dexter High School.

As a cadet, he learned basic military leadership skills through a program that began on his first day at West Point. The training is combined with military science instruction, the press release stated.

Steenstra is on his way to graduating from West Point in 2008, when he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

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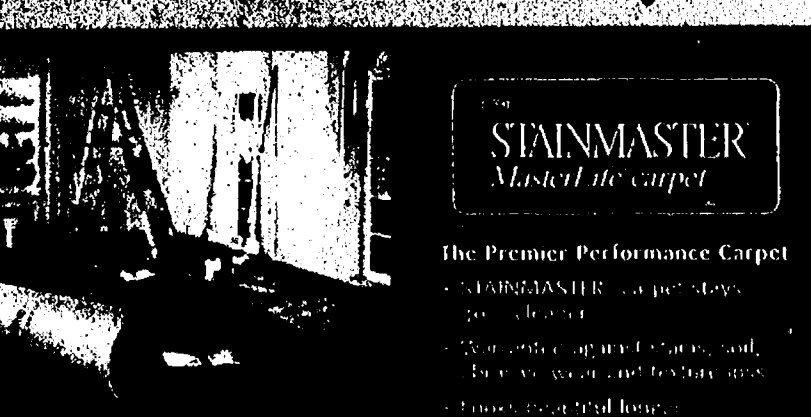
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## BASEBALL

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At that time, the Hearst Newspapers Corp. sponsored a national youth baseball club called the All American Team.

Hoeft says 1947 was some kind of year for him. After all, he made the cut for the American team and secured a spot as a starting center-fielder.

The All-Americans that year were coached by hall-of-fame ballplayer Ray Schalk. After seeing Hoeft knock in some big hits and a daring play in which Hoeft stole all of the bases after hitting a single, including home plate, Schalk hung the "Little Giant" nickname on Hoeft.

And gaining notoriety with the hall-of-fame player would prove to be more beneficial than Hoeft originally thought.

"I had quite an experience with Babe Ruth," Hoeft said, with an understated smile on his face.

"They were going to do this public relations thing with Ruth, where he was going to be coming into our dugout, having his scorecard signed by an All-American player. I didn't know at the time, but my coach (Schalk) had picked me to sign his book."

"So here's Babe Ruth. He comes into the dugout around the third inning in his camel-hair coat and he had on that fancy hat. All of the ballplayers in the game were interested in what's going to happen, so they all stood up and watched. That was a pretty big thrill for me. Of course, the whole team got his autograph afterward."

After high school, Hoeft sought to fulfill his lifelong dream of playing for the Tigers. He says baseball was different back then because kids grew up wanting to play for their home team.

"I wanted to play for the Tigers," he said. "I had a lot of different offers, but I still signed for less (to play) with the Tigers."

Hoeft remembers going to the stadium with his father so he could co-sign the contract. That following year, 1948, the young Hoeft was shipped to Jamestown, N.Y., where he would play for the Tigers' best minor-league team, the Jamestown Falcons.

In his book, Hoeft says that his dreams had finally come true as he began his baseball career with his beloved hometown Tigers.

As Hoeft lived out, his

dreams playing in the minor leagues, there were fewer celebrated events happening throughout the world.

It wasn't long after Hoeft had started with the Tigers — and been transferred around to several other minor league teams — that events were set into motion leading to the outbreak of the Korean War.

In 1951, Hoeft volunteered for the U.S. Navy for a four-year stint.

In his book, Hoeft wrote he had found out his name was on a draft card when a friend of his worked at a Detroit draft board. He decided to volunteer for Navy service before he was drafted into the Army. Hoeft writes that it was a very tough decision, as he had his best season of baseball the year prior in 1950.

As Hoeft stood in the freezing cold on the morning of Jan. 6, 1951, alongside other young men being sworn into service, Hoeft was unaware how much the Navy would influence his baseball career.

Hoeft says he was stationed on a ship that coincidentally had a whole group of other professional baseball players.

"They had some kind of cards that would spit out the all of the professional athletes who were enlisted in the armed services. That's how they got my card and they put me on a ship with all these other ballplayers," Hoeft said.

Not long after Hoeft started at boot camp, he was called to report to Lt. Cmdr. Thomas McCann, who asked Hoeft if he would like to play baseball for the Navy for the next two years.

Hoeft writes in his book, "I don't remember exactly what I said, but my response was like, 'Yes, yes, yes, yes! Can I kiss you, Mr. McCann?'"

The Norfolk Navy Flyers baseball team was one of the best Hoeft had played for.

"We were just killing people," Hoeft said. "The captain was challenging every ship in the fleet to baseball games. So, we got to stay and play baseball."

In the fall of 1954, the Norfolk Flyers played in the armed forces baseball world series. He says they already had beaten the Air Force and the Marines, and the championship game came down to the Navy and the Army.

The game was played at Colorado Springs, Colo., where the longtime Navy All-Stars ended up losing 5-3. But the ceremony was not over. Hoeft humorously remem-

bers U.S. Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens presenting the all-service trophy at the end of the game.

"They were going to announce the all-star medallions. I got a big triple in the game before to get us into the championship game, so I received a trophy. I was standing right next to home plate there, a bunch of guys were lined up, and I remember he (Stevens) drops the all-service trophy right on home plate," Hoeft said.

"I was pretty close, so I could see it drop. It had to have been probably one of the most embarrassing moments of his life. He dropped the trophy right on home plate and the thing shattered into pieces."

Playing in the armed services World Series, called the Little World Series by military, marked one of the final events in Hoeft's naval service.

After being released from the Navy in 1954, Hoeft jumped right back into minor-league play as he was signed to the Chicago White Sox farm team, the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. After putting up solid numbers for the team, Hoeft was shipped to a lower minor-league team when Chicago upper management wanted to bring in a high school phenomenon for Hoeft's position in center field.

Hoeft had a great game for his debut performance as the team went on to win, but he says his heart was no longer in baseball.

Hoeft writes in his book, "I couldn't handle playing this low in the minors at my age, after the numbers that I had rung up, both offensively and defensively."

As thoughts of hanging it up and heading home became too much for Hoeft to ignore any longer, he writes in the book that he was guilty of "jumping the club" and made the long trip back to Detroit, from Madisonville, Ky., to see his family.

Hoeft writes that he received letters from the White Sox organization and from the Baseball Players Association urging him to come back. Hoeft could not be swayed, however, and his days as a pro ballplayer ended.

While in the Navy, Hoeft

says he had a life-altering experience that made him look at religion.

After he had quit minor-league play, Hoeft found that his life shifted away from baseball and focused more on family after he married his wife, Pat, in 1958. It was not long after he married

that Hoeft entered Concordia Seminary, located in Springfield, Ill., at the time, on his way to becoming a Lutheran pastor.

He says it took six years for him to graduate from Concordia.

"I was in the ministry for 14 years, so it was a total of 20 years with school," Hoeft said. "Preaching was a passion for me. I loved it. You have all these people and not one of them can talk back to you."

During his days as a pastor, Hoeft says he served at a number of different churches in Michigan and across the country. Hoeft has presided over parishes in Farmington Hills, St. Clair Shores, Indiana, Southern California and his first church in Nashua, N.H.

His last parish was at St. Paul's in Farmington Hills, where Hoeft was hired as director of religion and oversaw a congregation of nearly 2,000 members. He says the responsibility was too great and led him away from his family.

"My wife and I have six children and I hate to say it, but I was ignoring them," Hoeft said. "We had close to 2,000 members and a whole school. I had an assistant pastor and an assistant principal, as well other staff. (But) it was a big thing on my shoulders."

Hoeft was at St. Paul's for two years before he decided to turn more attention to his family.

After making the decision to leave St. Paul's, he moved his family to their longtime home in Scio Township. Hoeft says they lived in a

home on Malena Drive for the longest period of time throughout their marriage, about 13 years.

It was just before they moved to the Scio Township home that Hoeft entered into the third major phase of his life as a local real estate agent. The former ballplayer and Lutheran pastor was a real estate agent for 21 years.

Hoeft says all of his different directions in life have more in common than people think.

"There are more similarities with these jobs than it seems," he said. "In all three of these occupations, you are dealing with the public. In the ministry, you are dealing with people and that's one of the things I liked about all of them — dealing with people."

"Baseball opened a lot of

doors when I was in the ministry and in real estate. In the ministry and in real estate, you're selling two of the most important products in people's life: religion and faith. What could be more important than that, and secondly you're selling (their) homes."

As varied a life as Hoeft has lived in his 75 years, writing books seems to be a fitting tribute. Hoeft has filled his time writing a quarterly newsletter that acts as an addendum to his book. He has kept up the newsletter for the past two years. It's filled with amusing anecdotes from his long history with baseball and colorful commentary on current baseball issues.

Reporter Austen Smith can be reached at 428-8173 or [asmith@heritage.com](mailto:asmith@heritage.com).

"I wanted to play for the Tigers. I had a lot of different offers, but I still signed for less (to play) with the Tigers."

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## FISHEL

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teur level. That was a mistake. I need music in my life."

And that music is a pretty eclectic mix.

"I find that my musical tastes grow continually wider and now include some modern classical music, which I used to find incomprehensible," he says.

He also enjoys light jazz, such as the Billy Taylor Trio, and folk music, especially from England and Ireland, and listening to Beethoven, Brahms, Dvorak, Aaron Copland, and the British Romantics.

Wanting a place in the country but close to a larger city, Fishel built a home in Lyndon Township nine years ago. Shortly after settling there, he saw a call for auditions for a Chelsea Area Players' production of "Carousel."

"I didn't want to be on stage, but the desire to play the flute again had been growing," he says. "The conductor put me on second flute, and I had a great time. That was my first musical ever. The contacts I made there led to other musical gigs and then still others."

"Now I am pursuing a number of musical projects, exploring whether I can build a career out of performing, teaching and writing."

Fishel was delighted to take part in the premiere performances of "Breath of Spirit" in New York and Paris, and thinks they will become a part of the standard repertoire for flute and organ.

"The Breath of Spirit" is a set of nine poems about biblical characters by award-winning poet and playwright Ken Gaertner and music by Gregory Hamilton, music director at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. Fishel performed with Marilyn Mason, head of the organ faculty at the U of M School of Music.

The premiere was held Oct. 19 at the Church of the Holy Trinity in New York City.

"The two actors reading the poetry there, Frank Hankey and Margo Hammond, were marvelous,"

Fishel says. "Each time I heard them narrate the poetry, I found new depths or meanings I had not seen before, and it informed my own performance."

The group performed three times in Paris, with a final concert Oct. 30 before a packed audience at Notre Dame Cathedral, where actors Michael Lonsdale and Francoise Thuries narrated.

Fishel, who admits to a certain amount of stage fright in the past while performing flute solos, found he was glad of the large audience this time.

"There was something I wanted to tell them through the music," he says. "I hope and believe that I was able to do it."

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## Earning Recognition

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## LANSING

# Farm showcase to debut

The Michigan Farm Showcase, set to debut Jan. 12 at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing, will feature dozens of educational and informational sessions, as well as a trade show.

The trade show will highlight fertilizer and pesticide equipment and also agricultural supply companies from across the state and Midwest.

The sessions will target marketing, forage production, pest management and crop production information. More than 30 break-out sessions will be held during the day.

Carl Casale, COO of Monsanto, will be the luncheon speaker. He will outline Monsanto's commitment to agriculture and new technology they have on the drawing

boards.

"The showcase will be an excellent opportunity for farmers to start getting ready for spring," Jim Byrum, president of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, one of the sponsors of the event, said in a press release. "The irony is that this show, even though this is the first time we have organized it will be the largest indoor, general farm show in Michigan."

The cost to attend the showcase is \$25 with a half-off certificate available from agribusinesses across the state and the Michigan Farmer magazine. The cost includes lunch, admission to the trade show and the educational sessions.

For more information, call 1-517-336-0223.

## LIMA TOWNSHIP

# Former resident earns honor

The next time she goes back to her alma mater at Indiana University, Lima Township native Amy Unterbrink-Poljan may have to do a double take.

After all, most people would do a double take if they saw their picture hanging on their university's Hall of Fame wall, which is just where her portrait will be from now on.

A former pitcher for the IU softball team, Unterbrink-Poljan is one of three recipients to be recognized on the IU Hall of Fame this year.

A spot on the Hall of Fame is the biggest honor IU gives an athlete.

Her father, Lima Township Supervisor Ken Unterbrink, said he knew his daughter had potential when she played on the varsity level at Chelsea High School.

Unterbrink-Poljan won softball letters from the college in 1983, '84, '85 and '86. She owns several IU career records, with 96 wins, 332 innings pitched, 26 shutouts and 1,089 strikeouts. She also pitched nine career no-hitters, including three of which

during Big Ten play.

She was honored as the college's Female Athlete of the Year in 1986, when she had a .21 earned run average in Big Ten play, which is still a conference record.

Unterbrink-Poljan is the first softball player to ever be added to the wall.

"I am the first one from my sport," she told her school

newspaper, the Indiana Daily Student News. "So I represent not only myself, but the whole program, which has a great tradition."

"I know this is about me and my name is up here," she added. "But in a team sport, unlike individual sports, you make it to where you are because of the people who are around you."

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## JACKSON

# Daniels to perform Feb. 12

Jeff Daniels will entertain audiences Feb. 12 at the Michigan Theatre in downtown Jackson with a collection of his life's stories put to music.

A prolific songwriter as well as playwright, Daniels, who lives in Chelsea, performs with his acoustic guitar and songs that are alternately humorous and touching. Daniels' original "Onstage & Unplugged" has been a huge success, selling out for the fourth year when

performed during the holidays on the Purple Rose Theatre's stage in Chelsea.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Purple Rose Theatre Co. and the Michigan Theatre. Both are not-for-profit theatres licensed in Michigan.

Reservations may be made by calling the Michigan

Theatre at 1-517-783-0962 or Purple Rose 433-7673.

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# PEOPLE

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The First Steps Washtenaw-Chelsea Parents-as-Teachers program is offered through the Chelsea School District for all families with children up to 5 years old. The vision is that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential, with the staff promising to provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Components of the program include personal visits, parent-child playgroups, parenting education, special events, developmental screenings and resource coordination.

The program is available to all Chelsea School District families and is sponsored by the Chelsea School District, Chelsea United Way, Doan Co. Foundation, Dunn & Associates Inc., Edward Jones/Deb Bauer, Ann and Michael Feeney, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Washtenaw County Children's Services and Uptown Antiques.



Luke Dahlgren plays peek-a-boo on the playground.



Samantha and Leah Kloviski meet a kitten at Rodgers Corner Produce during a field trip through First Steps.

# THE FIRST STEPS



Stacey Mitchell and her sons, Ryan and Kyle, visit a pumpkin patch as part of the First Steps program in Chelsea.



Davin Kevari entertains himself in the book nook.



# LIVING

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## DAY-TRIP DESTINATION

# Tecumseh's treasures



Botanical domes simulating tropical, arid and temperate climates await visitors to Hidden Lake Gardens.

## Architecture, antiques, awe-aspiring gardens abound

By Patricia Majher  
Special Writer

After touring Tecumseh recently, it dawned on me that the best way to see this Lenawee County community was to drive from east to west down the broad boulevard that bisects it.

A historical marker on the north side of Chicago Boulevard (M-50) explains the significance of the street, which was completed two years before Michigan became a state.

The marker is located in Satterthwaite Park, a scenic site that includes trails, tennis courts, a picnicking and playground area, and an old mill that now serves as a community center. Though not open to non-residents, it's worth the time to walk around the exterior of the building; it's a rare example of Colonial Revival architecture applied to mill design.

Across the street and down a mile, you'll come to another old and important building — this one made entirely of cobblestones. Once the home of the local Catholic congregation, this 1913 structure now serves as the Tecumseh Area Historical Museum.

The museum maintains permanent displays honoring Tecumseh's involvement in the Civil War, its rich agricultural and commercial history, and even the surveying equipment of its founder, Musgrove Evans.

A temporary exhibit installed in November called "Keeping Warm in Michigan" features items from the museum's clothing collection.

As you head farther west, you'll notice a vibrant downtown filled with shopping and dining opportunities you would expect to see in a much larger community. A case in point: the British Pantry. Half of its space is devoted to British specialty

foods such as shortbread and marmalades. The other half is a highly regarded tearoom that serves tea and crumpets, scones and cream, and — if you're really hungry — salads and sandwiches.

Dessert can be found in the next block down at the Chocolate Vault, a combination ice cream parlor and candy shop located in a restored 1910 bank. Or you could sample the stock at Pentamere, one of the new wineries associated with the Pioneer Wine Trail of south-east Michigan.

If you're looking for an elegant evening meal, head south one block on Evans Street. The aptly named Evans Street Station offers what the chef calls "global cuisine" infused with local ingredients.

Continue south down Evans Street and you will come to a caboose advertising tickets for the Southern Michigan Railroad. This train, which travels along a stretch of the old Palmyra and Jacksonburgh Railroad between Tecumseh and Clinton, has ended its 2004 season. See the Web site at [www.southernmichiganrailroad.org](http://www.southernmichiganrailroad.org) for prices and times.

Back out on Chicago Boulevard, your westerly drive will take you past dozens of beautifully restored 19th-century homes. It's no accident that Tecumseh residents are so preservation-minded; every year, the community hosts a home tour called Promenade Tecumseh that encourages homeowners to spruce up their structures.

Also occurring during this two-day event are cemetery tours, Civil War reenactments, a book sale, a flea market, free trolley rides, and more. The next Promenade is scheduled May 14 and 15.

If old houses interest you, then antiques probably do, too. And antique collectors love Tecumseh. An antique fair is part of the communi-



The Elijah Anderson House on Chicago Boulevard is a variation of the Greek Revival-style found only in southern Michigan.

ty's Appleumpkin Festival. Several antiques stores can be found downtown. And the venerable old Hitching Post Antiques Mall is located at 1322 M-50, just three miles west of downtown.

If you feel a little peaked after all your shopping, don't worry. You can enjoy your last Tecumseh-area destination sitting down. Approximately eight miles down M-50, just past the hamlet of Tipton, you'll find one of the most spectacular botanical displays in the state.

Hidden Lake Gardens is a 755-acre facility that includes a drive-through arboretum highlighting flowers, trees and shrubs of the region. The drive, which moves from lowlands to highlands, can be enjoyed any time of the year. The facility also features tropical, arid

and temperate domes where something can be found blooming on even the coldest days of winter.

For the physically fit, there are five hiking trails on the grounds ranging from one-third to three miles in length. A visitor center and gift shop round out this attraction.

Hidden Lake Gardens is a Michigan State University facility, and can be viewed in detail at [www.hiddenlakegardens.com](http://www.hiddenlakegardens.com).

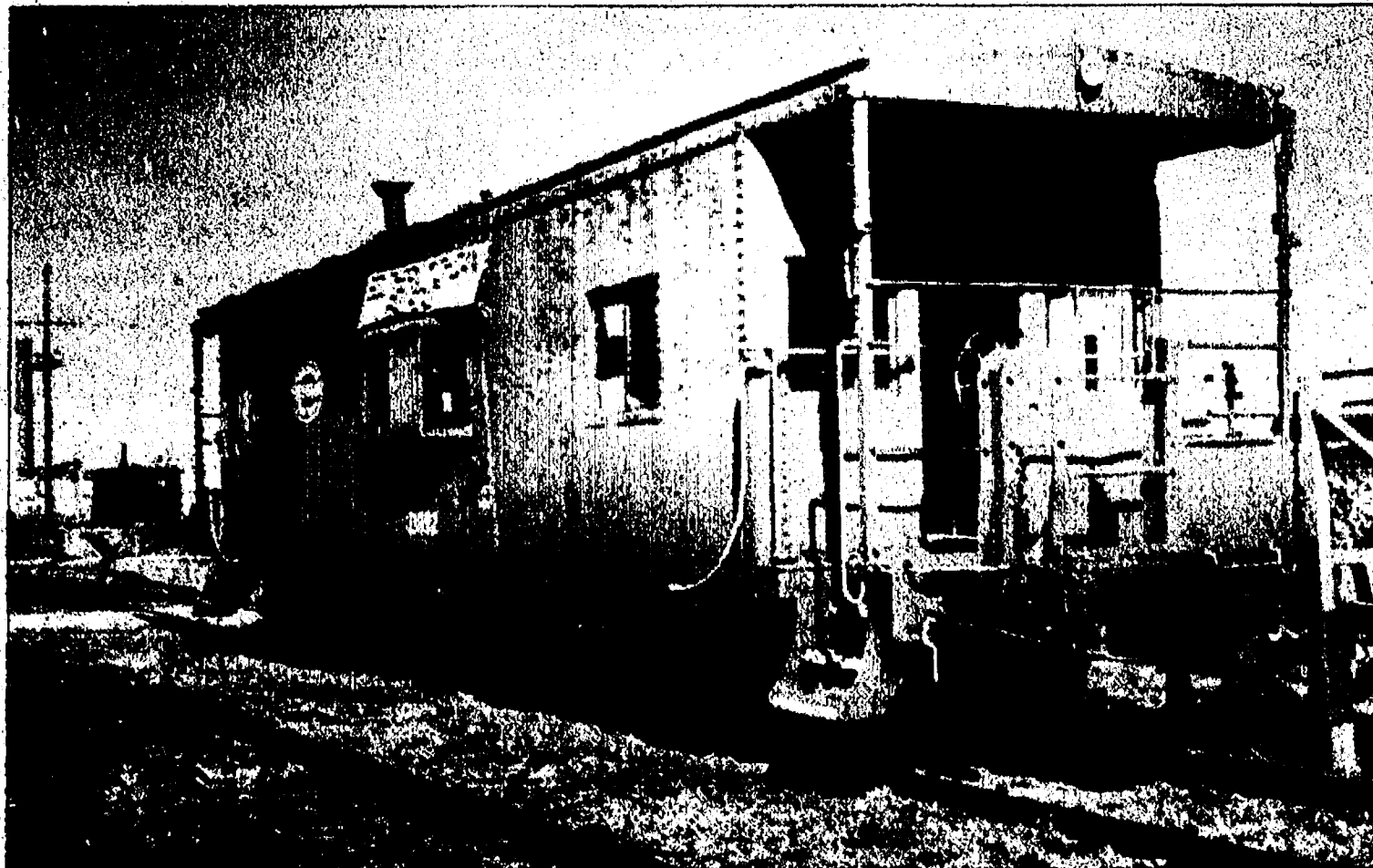
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Something is always blooming inside Hidden Lake Gardens' tropical-climate dome.

A red caboose serves as the ticket booth for the Southern Michigan Railroad, which travels between Tecumseh and Clinton.







## Happy Campers

A large group of students from Mill Creek Middle School attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, near Muskegon, participating in band, orchestra, art, dance, choir and other classes. Pictured, in front, are participants Ian Nystrom (left), Logan Powell, Emily VanDusen, Kathleen Grace and Ashley Burleson; middle, Jesse Schoof (left), Liam Donevan, Mitchell Clark, Jenny Klein, Scott Keppeler, Lora Metlug and Emily Rion; back, Jordan Keen (left), Catherine Blair, Steve Merz, Chris Parr, Sabrina Letwin and Nick Hart. Jamila Odeh, who also attended, is not pictured.

NATION

# New study helps heart patients

When patients go home from the hospital after a heart attack or sudden chest pain episode, they often face an uncertain future and a lot of worry.

Even though they've survived one heart-related crisis, another potentially fatal one could be just around the corner. Or they could be fortunate and live for many years.

Now, according to a press release from the University of Michigan Health System, new research may give these heart patients and their doctors a better sense of who is really at risk, and who can be reassured that they'll probably be fine.

In the June 9 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, an international group of researchers provides a simple way for doctors to calculate the chances that a particular patient will die within six months of going home from the hospital after a heart attack or unstable angina episode.

The calculating tool, which can fit on a pocket card or be programmed into an ordinary handheld data device, is based on data from 22,645 patients treated at 94 hospitals in 14 countries. Its developers hope that doctors everywhere will adopt it as a way of guiding treatment decisions and counseling recommendations for patients.

The paper's first author, University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center Clinical Director Dr. Kim Eagle, said that the risk-predicting tool could help doctors decide early on how aggressively to treat a particular patient to reduce his or her risk of dying soon after being discharged from the hospital.

And, he said, it could ease the minds of many patients, while helping others face the reality of their situation.

The tool creates a score for each patient based on nine variables. The higher their score, the higher their chance of dying within six months of leaving the hospital.

Older age, a history of previous heart attack or heart failure, or a lack of

angioplasty or stenting during hospitalization boost patients' scores the most. But so do results from exams and blood tests conducted when they first arrive at the hospital.

Patients with faster pulse rates, lower systolic blood pressures, certain electrocardiogram readings, and high levels of blood creatinine and cardiac enzymes score higher.

"Every patient is an individual, and we can never predict everything that will happen to him or her, but this tool has been proven very accurate because it combines a person's own characteristics and compares it with data from thousands of others who have had the same experience," Eagle said. "It's also more current and more broadly applicable than other tools developed in the past."

The new tool is based on data from the Global Registry of Acute Coronary Events, which pools information on people who have had heart attacks and unstable angina episodes, and allows researchers to analyze their in-hospital symptoms and care, medical history, demographics and survival rates.

Taken together, the various forms of heart attack and sudden severe chest pain are known as acute coronary syndromes, or ACS.

The GRACE prediction model, as the new tool is called, is available online for use by any clinician, at [www.outcomes-umassmed.org/grace](http://www.outcomes-umassmed.org/grace).

Eagle and his co-authors developed the GRACE model based on data from 15,007 patients who were discharged from the participating hospitals between April 1999 and March 2002, and followed for at least six months after leaving the hospital.

They used statistical methods to determine which factors were common to those in the development group who lived through or died during that period, and how often those various factors occurred in each group.

They then validated the tool, or measured its ability to predict six-month

mortality risk, by using it on 7,638 patients treated between April 2002 and December 2003. They found that the tool offered an excellent gauge of which patients were most at risk.

The nine variables stood out as consistently different between those who died soon after leaving the hospital and those who didn't. This allowed them to assign a "hazard ratio" or relative point value for each characteristic, and create the risk-prediction tool to allocate points to patients.

The researchers showed through statistical methods that the tool was highly reliable for predicting whether a patient will die, including in subgroups of patients.

The GRACE data pool also included records for 5,000 patients whose fate after leaving the hospital was not known. These patients' in-hospital characteristics were similar to those of other patients.

In general, Eagle hopes the tool can help doctors evaluate patients while they are still in the hospital and determine how much of a post-hospitalization risk they face. This, in turn, can guide treatment.

"The idea is to inform practitioners, and help steer their decision-making, not to make the decisions for them," Eagle said.

"Regional variations in medical practice are important and will always be present, but we hope that the broad GRACE population and the use of a key endpoint, mortality, will make this prediction tool applicable in most cases."

"This model, in particular, helps us move forward in applying the knowledge we gain by studying large populations to benefit the individual patient. It is just part of our effort to improve cardiac care in Michigan, the United States and the world."

U of M leads a cluster of local hospitals that report data to GRACE, including St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township and Chelsea Community Hospital.

TALKING HEALTH

# Think before you drink

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,419 people were killed and 700,000 others were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in the United States last year.

Perhaps the saddest news of all is that more alcohol-related traffic fatalities occur during the holiday period than any other time during the year. But it's important to remember that people typically don't plan to be impaired drivers. It's even more important to remember that everyone can plan ahead to make sure it doesn't happen.

If you plan to celebrate with alcohol, here are tips to help you enjoy a safer holiday season:

- Avoid situations where there is a likelihood that you will drink and drive.

- Find someone to be your designated driver before you take that first drink.



ERNIE HARWELL

- Ask for juice, a soft drink or coffee after you have an alcoholic drink or two.

- Decide on a limit, such as two drinks, and stick to it.

- If you have difficulty stopping, call a friend before you take the first drink.

You may even decide not to take it.

Simply put, if you will be drinking, have a plan. It's the best way for you and others to celebrate and be safe.

Remember, take care of your health before it's long gone.

Ernie Harwell, known as the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades, now serves as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

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STATE

# Hospitals sign cancer research pact

In a signed agreement, eight area hospitals have committed to jointly conduct cancer research on pharmaceuticals, as well as National Cancer Institute-sponsored studies, potentially making more therapies available to area cancer patients.

Representatives from St. Joseph Mercy Health System in Superior Township, St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren, Oakwood Health System in Dearborn, Genesys-Hurley Cancer Institute in Flint, Sparrow Health System in Lansing, St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, and Foote Health System in Jackson recently met in Lansing to sign the agreement.

"By signing this agreement, these eight hospitals are making a commitment to provide the latest cancer drugs available to cancer patients who participate in clinical trials," Dr. Philip Stella, medical director of the St. Joseph

Mercy Cancer Care Center and principal investigator for the research group, said in a press release.

"It brings the latest treatments and studies on cancer prevention to people right in their own communities."

With the new agreement, drugs such as Avastin, which cuts off the blood supply to tumors, and other targeting agents would now be studied at all eight hospitals, opening its potential availability to more area cancer patients.

The eight hospitals together form the Michigan Cancer Research Consortium Clinical Community Oncology Program, which is designated by the National Cancer Institute. The program links patients in their own communities with other leading cancer centers, such as the Mayo Clinic, as well as clinical cooperative groups throughout the United States and Canada.

The National Cancer Institute designation is limited

to centers that have met the highest standards of excellence in conducting cancer clinical trials. The Michigan Cancer Research Consortium is among 50 Consortium Clinical Community Oncology programs.

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DETROIT

# Glasswork exhibit runs through Feb. 27

DIA hosting one of the largest private collections

By Klint Lowry  
Heritage Newspapers

All the glitters is not gold, nor does it need to be, not when master glassmakers ply their skills.

For centuries, Venice, Italy, has been home to some of the most revered glassmakers in the world.

For the past 100 years or so, Venetian glass made on the islands of Murano has become prized by collectors for its elegance and style, as well as examples of excellence in craftsmanship in a world of mass production.

The Detroit Institute of Arts is hosting a traveling exhibition of one of the largest private collections of Muranese glass anywhere.

"Murano: Glass from the Olmick Spanu Collection" includes about 200 pieces from the collection of Nancy Olmick and Giorgio Spanu.

For this stop on the tour, the exhibition includes about 20 pieces of Murano glass for Detroit-area collectors.

Olmick and Spanu started their collection after buying

a single hourglass-shaped piece in the mid-1980s. Since then, their collection has grown to nearly 500 pieces.

"It was a fun adventure for both of us," Olmick said at an exhibition preview. "Our rule was if one of us felt really strongly against it, we would let it go."

"Fortunately, Giorgio and I have a very similar kind of aesthetic."

The collection is an eclectic display of color, styles and techniques, an impressive representation of versatility of the glassmakers' art.

Designer Massimo Vignelli, who once worked at Murano's most prominent glass workshop designed the cases in which the pieces are displayed just for this exhibit, giving the pieces the lighting and space they need to be fully admired.

Rebecca Hart, DIA assistant curator of contemporary art, said the museum's multi-gallery special exhibits space allowed for an added dimension to the exhibition.

"What this arrangement allows us to do is tell individual stories in each gallery," Hart said.

"I've seen (the exhibition) in other venues where it's all in one room."

"We decided to use the glass to tell the history of

glass and the history of 20th century design."

Glassmaking has been one of Venice's proudest traditions for more than 1,000 years. In the year 1291, a major fire prompted officials to order all glass furnaces moved out of the city onto the islands of Murano.

From then on, Murano became the name associated with fine glass art.

Since the 1860s, when a museum and school of design were established on Murano, glass workers from around the world came to study the styles and techniques of the ages.

"One of the things that's unique about the Italian glass made in Murano, which is distinct from the glass we think of as American studio glass, is that in Murano the maestri, the glassblowers, the masters are really history-bound," Hart said.

They not only have great skill at pouring the vessel, but they also have the skill at replicating that same vessel day after day after day. And that's a part of their value to the industry.

Spanu added that this was one of the reasons he and Olmick became so intrigued with Muranese glass.

"All but one piece in the collection was blown, rather

than made from a mold," Spanu said.

"This is what makes Murano glass one of a kind. Even if it's the same design, there's a little bit of difference. Even the day it is made, the humidity in the air, can affect the color."

In the 20th century, as bold new movements came about in painting and design, the glassmakers of Murano incorporated those new sensibilities into their field.

So while Murano has been the keeper of age-old tradition, it has been at the same time an important center of innovation.

The collection spans a period from 1914 to 2002. Spanu personally helped set the pieces in a way that not only shows them off but also helps tell the story of Murano glass.

The first gallery introduces visitors to Murano, its background and the relationship between the patrons, the designers and the glassmakers.

The second gallery focuses on one of the most important pairings of talent in 20th century Murano.

"Paolo Venini and Carlo Scarpa," Hart said. "We have the great owner of a glassworks and this amazing designer and their relation-

ship and how it resulted in some of the most amazing results of the 20th century."

In Murano, designers take their inspirations from other disciplines. They are the visionaries. It is then the job of the glassmaker, the technician, to turn the design into reality.

The next gallery gives a broader sense of various art movements' influence on those designs over the decades. One can practically name the decade by the shapes, patterns and colors.

Another gallery spotlights the influence of Murano on American glassmakers and vice versa.

In particular, the gallery features Thomas Sterns of Cranbrook, who was influential in introducing personal expression in Muranese glass; and Benjamin Moore, who divided his time between Italy and the United States and had a big part in the cultures' influence on one another.

Specifically for the DIA leg of the tour, the exhibition also includes about 20

Muranese pieces owned by Detroit-area collectors.

The closer visitors study the pieces throughout the exhibition, the more likely they are to begin wondering how some of the effects are achieved, especially the intricate color patterns.

Another bonus at the Detroit showing is a seven-minute animated film made by students at the College for Creative Studies that shows, in simple terms, how several of the effects are achieved.

After watching the film, visitors may want to take a second look at some of their favorites to fully appreciate the workmanship.

"Murano: Glass from the Olmick Spanu Collection" runs through Feb. 27.

Admission is free to DIA members. Otherwise, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 17 and \$8 apiece for groups of 20 or more.

Visit the DIA box office in the Woodward lobby of the DIA or log on to [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

NATION

## Maybe it's time for an update

If you're entertaining, all your guests are sure to excuse themselves at some point to the bathroom.

Below, find easy tips for putting a quick "face-lift" on your guest bath.

One of the easiest things to do is change out the accessories.

"Many homeowners shy away from bath remodeling because they fear it's too much work. What many don't realize is that with a few simple changes and additions, you can redecorate your guest bath and really change the look and feel of the room with minimal effort — and time," said Tim Bitterman, brand manager at Creative Specialties International, a leading

designer and manufacturer in the bath-accessory marketplace.

The bath-accessory category has come a long way in the past few years. Instead of bland, chrome towel bars and rings, homeowners can now choose from finishes such as oil-rubbed bronze, antique nickel and wrought iron in designs with European finials and contemporary curves.

"One of our most recent suites of products, the Kendall Collection, features an eye-catching, square design for a fun, alternative approach. After all, whoever said a towel ring has to be round?" Bitterman said.

Installing new accessories can be done in less than an

hour and includes nothing more than a trip to your local home improvement center to pick out new designs and the use of a few common tools.

Consumers can expect to pay around \$100 for a new paper holder, towel ring and towel bars.

Don't forget all the details. If you're switching to a new style and finish in accessories, don't forget the often-overlooked toilet tank lever. Go ahead and change out the standard, chrome handle for a decorative lever in a matching finish and style.

Just this year, Creative Specialties International introduced decorative tank levers to seven of their most popular collections. Now,

you really can create a fully coordinated guest bath.

To make a sophisticated design statement in your powder room, consider installing a glass shelf. Not only will it provide you with extra storage space, but it's also a great way to display seasonal decorations.

You'll be sure to enjoy the updated look your bath will receive all year round.

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NATION

## Improve your bedroom design

The new year is a great time for improving those areas of your house that are often neglected. Your bedroom, which should be a sanctuary for rest and relaxation, is a perfect place to start.

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays finally behind you, some rest is just what you need. Robert Kling, senior vice president of merchandising for Pier 1, shared some tips on improving the look and feel of what could soon become your favorite room in the house.

People used to think that a neutral palette in the bedroom was more restful.

"Not true," Kling said. "The trend now is to personalize and add colors that make you feel at home."

Focus on the bed and add a vibrant throw and some pillows. Next step? Add some vivid throw pillows.

"The bohemian look is very popular right now — pillows with fringe, beading or embroidery will instantly update the look of your bed-

room," Kling added.

Currently using your treadmill or the bathroom corner as a place to throw your dirty laundry?

"Facing a pile of laundry every day causes unnecessary stress. So hide it," Kling said. "There are a lot of options these days."

For example, a double-sided hamper allows you to separate clothes before haul-

ing them to the washing room."

Laundry will never be fun, but you can make it less miserable.

Missing something in your bedroom? Many of us go years without having an acceptable headboard or footboard for our bed.

"It's time to take that next step and invest in a good

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# HOME FRONT

## Conversation leads to mutual understanding

At 11:12 a.m. on a Monday, I received a letter to the editor that will never make it to the pages of this newspaper. What will appear instead in this space is what transpired over the next few hours and ended at 6:12 p.m.

The first e-mail from this gentleman (who I will call Bruce, because that's his name) included this sentence: "I wonder if Mr. Jacoby is truly so bigoted that he doesn't care how offensive his comment was, or if he is simply ignorant." That comment came at 11:12 a.m.

Here is a sentence from Bruce's e-mail at 6:12 p.m.: "Happy holidays, and I hope to hear from you soon."

Usually, I don't respond to letters to the editor unless, of course, they call me bigoted or ignorant (only the latter being up for debate). And to be fair to Bruce, here is a sentence from my first response to his letter: "I was making a point. And, of course, you don't mention the other part of the column. You take a little snippet and turn it around to support your accusation. It's called 'spin.'"

Here is a sentence from my last e-mail, sent from my home at 4:59 p.m.:

"I truly thank you. It's also ironic that I am impressed with how honest you are when you are only being who you are. Why should I be impressed if you are just being who you are?"

What happened between 11:12 a.m. and 6:12 p.m. was no great epiphany. No monumental awakening or revelation. It was simply two people opening up dialogue and better explaining their points and where they are coming from.

And where did we meet up? Not surprisingly in the middle, both agreeing with more each other than disagreeing. And why was it not surprising? Because we discovered early on that we are both who we are, and even though there are differences we can still coexist quite happily even if one lives right next door to the other.

The big difference between us comes down to sexual preference. You see, Bruce is gay. He admits it. He's open about. And why should he hide it? It's who he is.

I am not gay. And being a married and very committed member of the heterosexual community, I never really understood the gay man or how someone either becomes gay or chooses to be gay. Why? Because, frankly, I never really cared. I wasn't one of them, so why should I care. And they don't help me or affect me or influence me in any way. They are who they are. I am who I am. Please, pass the potatoes.

Bruce's original "letter to the editor" blasted me for asking the question if gay marriage and legalizing marijuana are now OK, will marrying your dog and legalizing cocaine be close behind. Bruce thought the comparison to marrying your dog was offensive and insensitive. It was never meant to be.

It was only part of a point I was trying to make that where and when do we draw the line. What if I want to have two wives, can they both check married on their tax returns?

Maybe I should have used the multiple wife example instead of the dog, but as I said to him, "I will guarantee that someday in our lifetime someone will end up in court saying they are in love with their golden retriever and want to file a dual tax return."

Bruce's second e-mail, his response to my "spin" e-mail, was much more on the understanding side, even though I came across a little defensive in my opening remarks. I didn't know where this was headed, but I give him a lot of credit for setting the pace and tone with his reply at 1:55 p.m., which included this line:



TERRY JACOBY

"As for where to stop, where do you draw the line? That has always been the question. That's why laws do evolve. Many things you take for granted today were once, hotly debated, and only because there is no absolute line drawn are they available today."

In my initial e-mail, I said this: "I have no problem with gay people marrying and they deserve every right that a man and a woman couple deserve. Just choose a different word than marriage; that's all I ask."

Then, I asked Bruce this: "I would prefer my son marry a female. Am I a bad person to say that?"

Bruce's reply was this: "Even as a gay man, if I had children, I would rather they grow up straight, only because society is easier on straight people."

In my second e-mail to Bruce, I admitted that I agreed with almost every point he had made. We both agreed that removing Christmas from our school calendars is "ridiculous." We also agreed that many politicians today "aren't willing to risk their careers for unpopular views anymore."

Bruce also made a great point that last month's vote on gay marriage now outlaws not only "marriage" but any semblance, as well.

I mentioned in my second e-mail that there are many churchgoers who believe that being gay is, frankly, wrong and destructive and hurtful.

I told him that I don't agree with this opinion, as popular as it may be with my political party. I also want stricter gun control laws (see, Republicans don't always ride the party line like the big stereotype would suggest).

I asked Bruce if he thought it was OK for two gay men to hold hands while walking through the mall or the grocery store. I had to admit I didn't think it was "appropriate" only because my young kids would see it and I wouldn't know how to respond to their questions.

"It doesn't bother me," I wrote, "but I want to protect my kids. And I guess I am protecting their right to be kids."

Bruce replied: "I guess that you've already learned that you don't get to answer only the easy questions. It's OK to let them know that two men or two women together is different from most people. ... Just don't teach them to hate."

I also asked Bruce about the members of the gay community who openly "stick their sexuality in our faces at the wrong times and wrong places because they want everyone to agree with them because that will probably never happen."

Bruce replied: "I never hide that I am gay if it comes up or is relevant but, quite frankly, it's nobody's business. I find the militant gays to actually be detrimental to any causes we may be fighting."

Earlier in the column, I said this: "And they don't help me or affect me or influence me in any way. They are who they are. I am who I am. Please, pass the potatoes."

Bruce has changed all that because my friends have always helped me, influenced me and affected me. And Bruce is now my friend. We are much more the same than we are different - and like our laws, we both evolve. We both learn.

And we both grow. And we certainly both respect each other's space, honesty and rights. Unfortunately, our laws allow me more rights. But we can all fight to change that. And there is a line out there somewhere, but this isn't it.

Please, pass the potatoes.  
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Charlie Gray (left), Barbara McClure and Kay Purdy enjoy a hand of cards after lunch at the Dexter Senior Center.

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piece of furniture," Kling said.

Shop for a headboard where you can find variety — look for wicker, wrought iron, and creative mixes like woven rattan and hand-carved wood.

If you're not in the market for furniture but want to add

spice to your bed, I suggest hanging a horizontal piece of art where the headboard should be, or even putting up some mosquito netting to add romance," he added.

Candles are a great way to improve the mood of your bedroom. The soft glow of candles is so relaxing and can instantly transform your room into a peaceful escape.

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## BUSINESS

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## NATION

## Healthier choices

*Fast-food industry responding to consumer demands, eating habits*By Chad Livengood  
Special Writer

Consumer demand for healthier choices in combo meals at fast-food restaurants is forcing the industry to respond to customers' needs.

The popular fast-food restaurant question, "Would you like fries with that?" is slowly being replaced with an array of healthier substitutions.

Wendy's restaurants recently rolled out a national TV and radio advertising campaign to educate the public that it no longer is limited to french fries with hamburger

or chicken sandwiches.

"People do like choice," said Andy Maiville, regional director for Stanton & Associates, a Wendy's franchiser that owns restaurants in Chelsea and in other parts of Washtenaw and Wayne counties. "They like to have options and they like to know that they can choose what they want."

Wendy's officials say they're giving consumers 40 different ways to create a combo to meet their individual tastes and preferences at no additional cost.

Consumers can substitute french fries for a small chili, baked potato, mandarin oranges, fruit cup, Caesar side salad or regular side

salad.

"All they have to do is ask," said Maiville, adding that, "it's a struggle to educate customers."

Milk in plastic bottles — whether it's 2 percent, whole or chocolate — is also available to substitute for pop, which contains high levels of sugar and caffeine.

Still, it remains to be seen whether customers will take time to customize their fast-food combos while at the drive-through window, said Wesley Luckhardt, an associate professor of food service administration at Central Michigan University.

"Whether or not the public is buying that, I think it's too early to

tell," Luckhardt said. "But as we go along ... people are beginning to basically demand more nutritional value."

Luckhardt, a registered dietitian, said 42 percent of the dollars spent on food by any American family are spent eating out.

Healthier choices are not always changing people's eating habits, he said.

"The dining-out public is still paying attention to the healthy entrée and splurging on a high-fat dessert," he said.

The challenge for the fast-food industry is to keep the cost of offering healthier food at the same level of french fries, Luckhardt said.

"Adding a cooked vegetable will also require installing a new piece of equipment," he said. "The menu changes you might want to make to the menu are also constrained by the facilities you have."

Bob Bertini, spokesman for Wendy's International, said the company is adding the healthier options to provide market-driven choice.

"Our approach has always been to focus on our customers and not the competition," Bertini said. "We think that continuous improvement is not just a slogan, but has to be a core business strategy."

Wendy's is the nation's third largest fast-food chain.

## WASHTENAW COUNTY

## HVA welcomes new staff members

Huron Valley Ambulance has welcomed two new managers to its administrative staff.

Barbara Bachman is the new chief financial officer and MaryAnne Voss is the new human resources manager.

Bachman, who has a degree from Eastern Michigan University, has been a certified public accountant for more than 20 years and a certified financial planner for 15 years. She is currently working on her master's

degree in business administration at Davenport University in Warren.

Bachman is a former employee of Deloitte Touche and BKR Dupuis & Ryden, both located in the Ann Arbor area. Her most recent position was as CFO for Michigan Virtual University, a provider of work force development in the manufacturing environment. She also has worked for several non-profit organizations.

A resident of Linden, she has been married for 33

years and has four children. Bachman's community involvement includes serving for six years on the Linden Community Schools Board of Education, and serving as treasurer of the Linden Argentine Chamber of Commerce for seven years and president for three years.

Voss, who was HVA's human resources coordinator from 1988 to 1992, recently moved back to the area from Alpena to take the position.

Voss has a bachelor's

degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University and most recently worked for Employment Services Inc. in Alpena. At ESI, she handled human resources and other programs for a group of 23 commonly owned companies in northern Michigan and out of state.

Based in Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Ambulance is a nationally accredited, non-profit community ambulance service covering Washtenaw, western Wayne and southwest Oakland counties.

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NATION

# January travel offers discounts

## Air fare, cruise packages offer great deals

By Jim Kasuba  
Heritage Newspapers

After the Christmas and New Year's holidays are over, the last thing on most people's minds is travel.

It's the dead of winter, the snowdrifts are piling as high as the credit card bills, and it's time to go back to work or school.

But for those who know how to stretch a buck, it's a great time to head for warmer climes.

With post holiday traditionally the slowest travel period of the year, January trips can be some of the most affordable.

Marge Ballheim, owner of Fantasy Travel Inc. in Wyandotte, said the first week in January often offers some of the best deals of the year; however, the entire month offers excellent airfares and cruise packages.

"When people call looking for a winter vacation, I tell them they can find some really good deals throughout the month of January," Ballheim said. "In February, you start getting into spring break, and Easter falls earlier this year, coming at the end of March."

Some people have gotten wise to this and even give vacations to their loved ones as Christmas presents, Ballheim said. They get a good deal on the price and

an early January trip is so close after the holidays that it feels like a real Christmas present.

Because winter travel can be risky due to severe storms, Ballheim recommends to her customers that they take out insurance should they need to cancel. However, she said, it's always a good policy to do so.

"You can run into weather problems in April or hurricanes in the summer," she said.

The very best deals are those that customers have to act on fast, Ballheim said. Deals will crop up that involve a purchase that day in order to get a rock-bottom price. Those wanting to save a lot of money often have to commit to a trip on a moment's notice.

Ballheim said January trips tend to be taken to locations deep in the south, as in the Caribbean and tourist destinations in Mexico. Florida can be a bit chilly in January, she said, with temperatures occasionally dipping into the 40s and even lower, depending on location. The Sunshine State is a more popular destination in February and March as temperatures begin to climb.

Janice Ciotti is a home-based agent for Cruises Inc., with corporate offices in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She specializes in booking cruise packages.

Ciotti is a master cruise counselor who said her passion for cruising made a job in the travel industry a natural choice for her.

Ciotti said Caribbean cruises tend to be the most popular in January, with some retired people with more time to spend heading to South America.

Sounding like a disciple of the cruise line industry, Ciotti touts cruises as the best value for your dollar.

"Everything is included (food, lodging, etc.)," Ciotti said. "It's a considerable savings compared to land-based vacations."

Though January can be a slightly slow period even for the cruise industry, Ciotti said the first three months of the year are the busiest times for booking vacations later in the year.

Both Ballheim and Ciotti agree that the travel industry has rebounded from the dark days following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Ballheim said business was so poor that several area

travel agencies went out of business. Her company survived the rough patches by adjusting, she said.

"That first year was really bad," Ballheim said. "People did take trips, but they were close to home. Most people feel it is time to get started again."

Ciotti said the cruise industry wasn't hurt to the same extent as the airline industry, but fewer fliers often meant fewer cruises because many people choose to fly to the ports where they board the ships.

One way the cruise industry adapted was by opening more ports in different locations, such as Seattle or Mobile, Ala., Ciotti said. The thought was that more ports made it easier for those wishing to drive to the port as opposed to flying there.

Ciotti added that cruise ships always have had tight security, even before 9/11, but it's tighter now, something that should make those who enjoy cruises feel a little more secure.

### LIMA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Lima Township will hold a public hearing on a Tax Abatement request pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 from MACDEE, Inc. 13800 Luick Drive; Chelsea MI 48118. The public hearing will be held on January 10, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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### DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. AT  
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130

#### AGENDA

- 1) Election of the Planning Commission Officers, Article IV
- 2) Review Provision of Dexter Townships Planning By-Laws, Article IX
- 3) Appoint Representative to Zoning Board of Appeals
- 4) Discuss Accessory Building and Lot Coverage Amendments

John Shea, Chairman

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### CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by DAVID KWAN of GRANT STREET COTTAGES LLC for Preliminary Site Plan approval of a proposed RESIDENTIAL PUD DEVELOPMENT for the following described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-380-012  
602 GRANT ST., CHELSEA, MI  
VACANT 3.2 ACRE SITE

The application for Preliminary Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, JANUARY 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

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

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

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Chris Rode, Chair

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### LIMA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Lima Township will hold a public hearing on the expansion of Industrial Development District #1, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974. The public hearing will be held on January 10, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. in the Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

Publish: December 30, 2004

### VILLAGE OF DEXTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 17, 2005 at the Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance application:

The applicant, Sean McCormick, 7031 Ulrich Street, is requesting a variance from Article 3, General Provisions, Section 3.05D, Home Occupation, to allow for the sale of articles that are not primarily produced within the dwelling unit as a part of a home occupation (firearms distribution pursuant to federal law).

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

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### CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2004 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

#### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Feeney, City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burtch  
Council Members Present: Hammer, Lindauer, Bollinger, Albertson, Myles and Merkel

#### Absent:

Others Present: Fred Mills, Dan Ellenwood, Jim Duncan and Gary Adams

Mayor Feeney called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Lindauer to approve minutes and bills with corrections. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to approve regular agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Moved item number five up to audience participation.

#### Public Comments

MOTION Hammer SUPPORT Albertson to support the grant application and to work with the Rotary Club in their effort with the contingency that the Council has final approval of the bridge. Six Ayes, One Abstain (Mayor Feeney). Motion Carried.

#### New Business

##### 1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to approve the Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Chelsea based on the draft plan dated August 2004. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### 2. Board of Review Compensation

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to approve the City Manager's recommendation establishing the compensation for the Board of Review members at \$100 per day; \$50 per half day for March Board of Review hearing and meeting dates. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### 3. Buchanan Street Building Heat Repairs

MOVED Bollinger SECONDED Hammer to abandon the usefulness of Buchanan Street and work on getting total demolition of the property as soon as possible.

##### Motion withdrawn, second withdrawn.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to recognize the committees report on the Buchanan Street building and that the building will be demolished; that the heat will be turned off, keeping liability and contents insurance and proceeding with arrangements for destruction of the property. It can be used as cold storage in the meantime. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### 4. Acquisition of Property

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Lindauer to authorize the City Manager to purchase the two vacant parcels behind 312 W. Middle St. and 330 W. Middle St. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

##### 5. City Manager Evaluation

MOVED Albertson SUPPORT Myles to approve the same vacation time as the department heads for City Manager Michael Steklac. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### Adjournment

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Bollinger to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: December 14, 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](http://www.city-chelsea.org)

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

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### CHELSEA

## Hospital helps needy

Chelsea Community Hospital collected approximately 500 gifts to be given to in-needy families as part of its Adopt-A-Family program.

Eight hospital volunteers delivered the gifts to local participating communities Dec. 17. The communities then distribute the gifts to the appropriate homes.

For the last 20 years, the hospital has brought employ-

ees together to support the program.

Hospital departments are given a choice if they would like to adopt a family, and what size family would work for them.

This year, 26 departments participated, helping 33 families. Families ranged from one to six members, and a short list of needs was supplied.



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### CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY & FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by PETER FLINTOFT of 119-125 S. MAIN, CHELSEA for combined Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval of a proposed BUILDING EXPANSION for the following described parcel of land:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-183-020/021/022

The application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

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

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

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

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

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

Chris Rode, Chair

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## A New Chapter

John Brown retired from Federal Screw Works-Chelsea Division June 7 after 39 years. He was hired on June 4, 1965. Pictured are supervisor Martin Kent, plant manager Mark Bohman, Brown and union chairman Steve Kincer. Brown received a watch and a plaque from Federal Screw Works, and a Bible from Union Local 437.

## SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

# Clinic earns accreditation

The Society of Chest Pain Centers has granted the designation of Accredited Chest Pain Center to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township, making it the third accredited chest pain center in Michigan and the 79th in the nation.

"We have always been committed to providing the highest standards of treatment for those who come to us with acute coronary syndrome," Dr. George Williams, medical director of the hospital's center, said in a press release, "and this designation is a testament to our dedication."

The Chest Pain Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has met or exceeded a wide set of stringent criteria and completed on-site evaluations by a review team from the Society of Chest Pain Centers.

Key areas in which a chest pain center must demonstrate expertise include integrating the emergency department with the local emergency medical system;

assessing, diagnosing and treating patients quickly; effectively treating patients with low risk for acute coronary syndrome; and having a functional design that promotes optimal patient care.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of death in the United States, with 600,000 dying annually of heart disease. More than five million Americans visit hospitals each year with chest pain, according to the press release.

The goal of the Society of Chest Pain Centers is to significantly reduce the mortality rate of these patients by teaching the public to recognize and react to the early symptoms of a possible heart attack, reduce the time that it takes to receive treatment, and increase the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment.

The Chest Pain Center's protocol driven and systematic approach to patient management allows physicians to reduce time to treat-

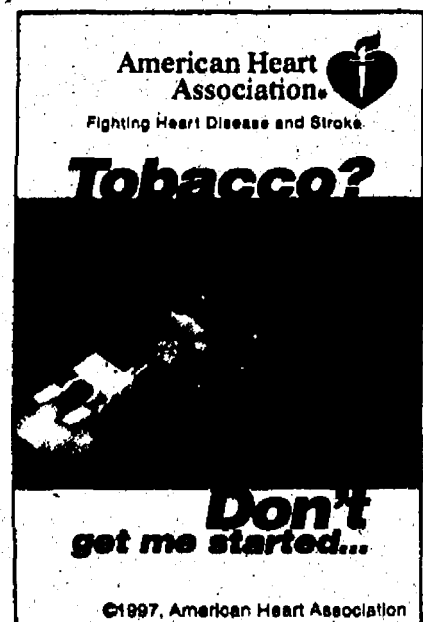
ment during the critical early stages of a heart attack, when treatments are most effective, and to better monitor patients when it is not clear whether they are having a coronary event. Such observation helps ensure that a patient is neither sent home too early nor needlessly admitted.

With the rise of Chest Pain Centers came the need to establish standards designed to improve the consistency and quality of care provided to patients. The society's accreditation process ensures centers meet or exceed quality-of-care measures in acute cardiac medicine.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is a Level II trauma center specializing in emergency medicine and cardiovascular care. The emergency department was recently expanded and renovated to accommodate the 90,000 emergency visits per year, the most in Washtenaw County.

Earlier this year, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital received the Governor's

Award for improving care in an emergency department setting and a hospital setting for acute myocardial infarction or heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia.



## WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

To be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the Webster Township Hall at 5865 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan.

Agenda: Consideration of revisions to:  
Section 2 Definitions,  
Section 5.02 Home Occupations,  
Section 5.08 Roadside Stands,  
a new Section 4.42 of the Zoning Ordinance to provide for Planned Unit Developments.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance. Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

John Kingsley, Chairman

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January 13, 2005

## VILLAGE OF DEXTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 17, 2004 at the Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following variance application:

The applicant, AR Brouwer, is requesting a variance from Article 5, Parking and Loading, Section 5.07F, Loading and Unloading, to allow for the construction of one (1) loading and unloading space when two (2) are required for all buildings over 20,000 feet Gross Floor Area. The applicant is in the process of obtaining site plan approval for a building that is 21,870 square feet.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 2. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2005. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from RS-2 to PUD in the area described as:

TAX CODE #: 08-08-12-380-012  
602 GRANT ST., CHELSEA, MI  
VACANT 3.2 ACRES

The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.**

The petition, as filed by David Kwan of Grant Street Cottages LLC, is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing. Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
Chris Rode, Chair

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## ANN ARBOR

# Mall offers promotion

To celebrate the University of Michigan's participation in the Rose Bowl this year, Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor will award a \$10 Briarwood Mall gift card to anyone with a "Rose" in name.

On New Year's Day, people with a Rose in their name can present a photo ID or birth certificate at the information desk, located in center court, to receive the gift card. Gift cards are valid at all stores in Mills centers across the United States, including Briarwood Mall, that accept the Discover Card.

## CITY OF CHELSEA ORDINANCE NO. 79-UUUUU

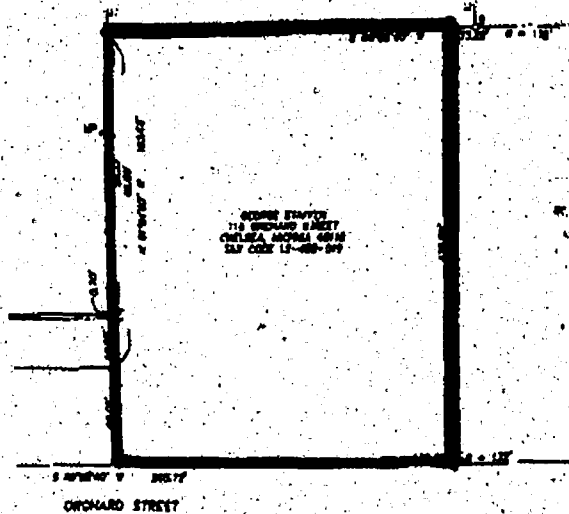
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 79, KNOWN AS CHELSEA CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AS RELATES TO THE ZONING MAP.

The City of Chelsea Ordains:

**SECTION 1.** That the official Zoning Map, attached thereto, and adopted together with Ordinance No. 79, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

The following described premises, be and the same is hereby rezoned from RS-3 TO C-5 Central Business.

DESCRIPTION:



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**SECTION 2.** All remaining provisions and any amendments thereto of Ordinance No. 79 be and the same are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

**SECTION 3.** The within amendment shall be effective twenty (20) days after passage and publication.

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I, Teresa Burtch, Clerk of the City of Chelsea, hereby certify that above Ordinance was offered after public hearing and recommendation by the Chelsea City Planning Commission at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on the 14th day of December, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. o'clock and that the following members were present:

Bollinger, Merkel, Hammer, Albertson, Lindauer, Myles and Feeney.

The following members were absent:

That upon motion made by Hammer and seconded by Merkel, said Ordinance was adopted on the following vote:

AYES Bollinger, Merkel, Albertson, Myles, Lindauer, Feeney and Hammer.

NAYES

I further certify that on the 20th day of December, 2004, I caused a true copy of said Ordinance to be published in the Chelsea Standard, a newspaper circulated in the City of Chelsea, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea and is available for public use and inspection at the offices of the Chelsea City Clerk.

Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

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# DEATHS

## WILMA A. MUSOLF

Wilma A. Musolf, 81, of Chelsea, a loving wife and mother, died peacefully Dec. 21, 2004, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was born Sept. 29, 1923, in Petersburg, Neb., the daughter of George Sr. and Lena (Zitaruk) Coval.

Mrs. Musolf came to Washtenaw County when she was 13. A member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea and Ladies of St. Mary, she was a eucharistic minister for the Chelsea retirement community.

She worked for Kline's department stores in Ann Arbor for 19 years, retiring when the store closed.

On May 21, 1949, she married Robert Dawson Musolf in Ann Arbor



and he survives. Also surviving are six children, Mark (Patti) Musolf of Chelsea, Phillip (Connie) Musolf of Chelsea, Glen Musolf of Dexter, Elinor (Andy) Thomas of Frisco, Texas, Elaine (Mike) Lauerman of Saline and Elleen (Alan) Augustine of Chelsea; three brothers, George Coval Jr., Victor (Betty) Coval and Herman (Maryann) Coval, all of Ann Arbor; and two sisters, Bernita (Rusel) Aluto of Manchest-

Hodges of Ann Arbor.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, John, William, Michael and Leo Coval; and one sister, Josephine Budlong.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea. The Rev. Brendan Walsh presided. Burial was at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hope Clinic in Chelsea. Arrangements were by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

## SEAN M. FORRESTER

Ann Arbor  
Sean M. Forrester, 18, died at home following a long illness. He was born March 31, 1986, in Ann Arbor to John and Shirley



and was a member of the Dexter United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, John and Shirley Forrester of Ann Arbor; sister, Amanda M. Forrester of Ann Arbor; maternal grandparents, George and Marian Wiertelka of Wayne; paternal grandfather, John M. Forrester of Palm Beach, Fla.; and

many aunts, uncles and cousins.

His grandmother, Miriam Forrester, preceded him in death in December 2000.

A celebration of Sean's life was held Dec. 22 at Dexter United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to establish the Sean M. Forrester Scholarship Fund. Sign Sean's guest book at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com).

## RICHARD V. JENNINGS

Dexter Township

Richard V. Jennings, 88, of Dexter Township died peacefully Dec. 25, 2004. He was born July 20, 1916, in Vanderbilt. He moved to the Ann Arbor area as a young child. A Navy veteran

served on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Essex. After the war, he worked for various companies as a machinist.

On Jan. 24, 1953, he married Phyllis Chapin. She and a sister, Dorothy Brigham, survive. Also surviving are his children, Richard (Kim), Nancy, Linda (Randy) Hillman and Robert (Pam); and grandchildren, Maegan, Katie, Tamara Hillman, Maryanne and Eddie Carter.

A brother, Ferris, and a sister, Loma Foulks, preceded him in death. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at North Lake United Methodist Church in Gregory.

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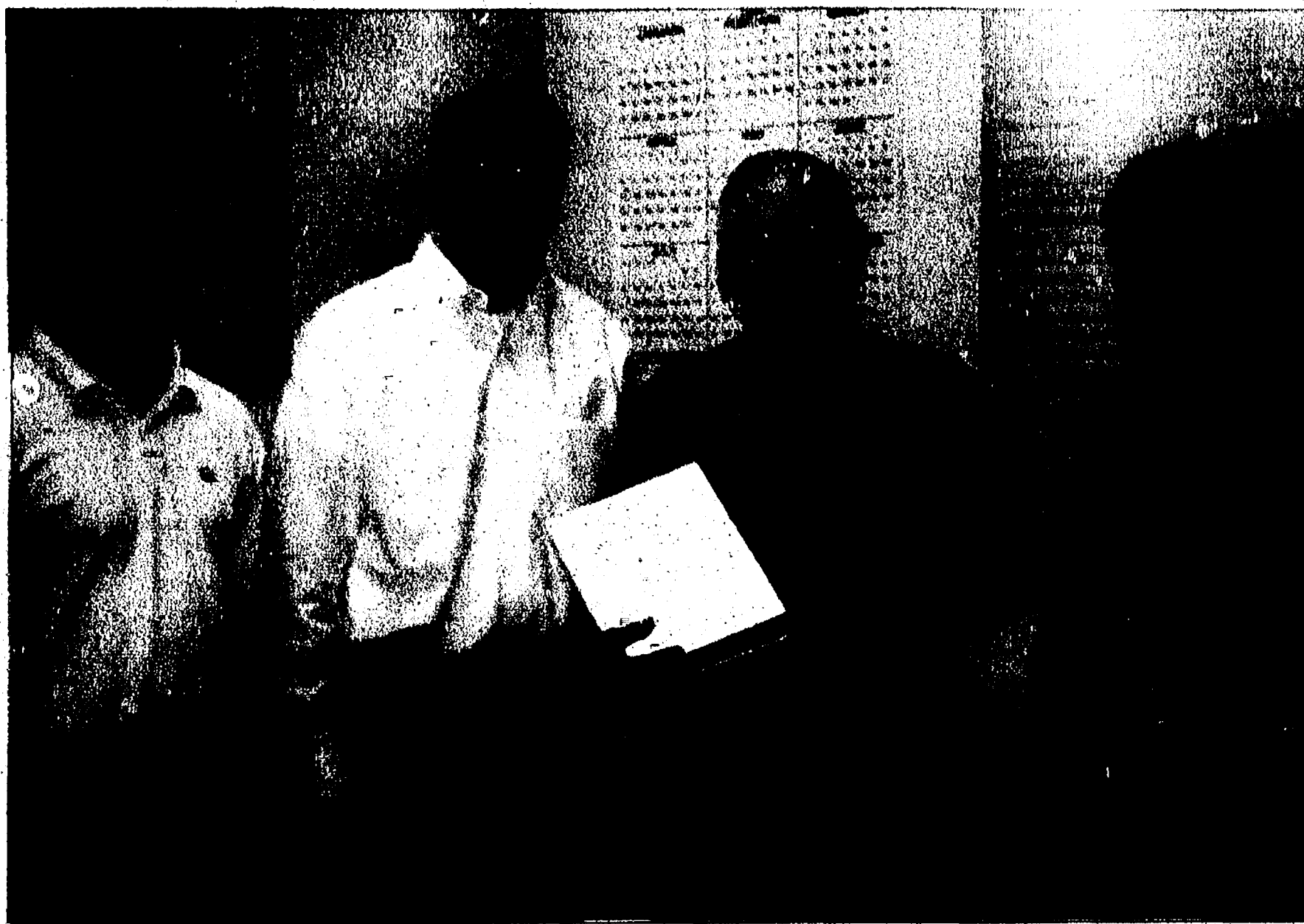
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STATE

## PVC in trash raising concern

Michigan sixth in nation for amount of PVC in its landfills

By Jennifer Mitchell  
Heritage Newspapers

Canadian trash imports may be a treasure to local landfill owners, but it and trash generated in Michigan likely contain a source of dangerous toxins, according to a recently released study.

Polyvinyl chloride, more commonly known as PVC, is in everything from blood bags to barrier sheets.

It's in the pipes below our houses; the things inside them, such as toys, computers and cell phones; and on the siding that covers the outside.

PVC is everywhere and eventually it ends up in the trash.

The Center for Environment, Health and Justice worked with the Environmental Health Strategy Center to release: "PVC, Bad News Come in Threes: The Poison Plastic, Health Hazards and the Looming Waste Crisis."

The report says Michigan comes in sixth in the nation for the amount of PVC tossed into its landfills — more than 96,000 tons every year.

The concern over PVC is threefold: It creates contamination during manufacturing, product use and disposal.

"Burn PVC waste in backyard burn barrels or incinerators and it changes to can-

cer-causing dioxin," said Tracey Easthope, environmental health director for Ann Arbor's Ecology Center.

"Bury it in landfills and it can pollute groundwater. Recycle PVC products and they contaminate the recycling process. This is a 'worst-in-class' toxic plastic."

PVC contains 57 percent chlorine. It also contains heavy metals such as lead and cadmium. When it is burned, it forms dioxins.

Dioxins are any number of hundreds of chemical compounds formed during commercial or municipal waste incineration.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says studies have shown that exposure to dioxins at high enough doses can cause several health issues, including acne-like lesions on the face and upper body, skin rashes, reproductive problems and cancer.

However, there is controversy over the effects of dioxins in humans, even at the EPA.

In 1996, the agency's own Scientific Advisory Board, rejected a draft report prepared by the EPA that said dioxins' risks were worse than feared, as some headlines claimed.

An interagency group working on dioxins has described the subject as "complex and confusing." And still other environmental reports have said dioxins are not as toxic as some believe.

But, Brad van Guilder of

the Ecology Center contends that all burning of PVC results in contamination spewing "into the air we breathe, and onto farm fields and (in) water where it builds up in the food chain."

"The Detroit incinerator is one of the largest in the country, located in the middle of a densely populated area burning about 700,000 tons of trash per year," van Guilder said.

He also said Michigan's status as an out-of-state waste importer puts more toxic plastic waste in the ground here than in other places.

The concern is that toxins in the PVC might someday leach through landfill liners and into the soil, contaminating the groundwater.

Van Guilder cites Carleton Farms Landfill in Sumpter Township, which buried more than 2.4 million tons of trash in 2003, as a major cause for concern.

The report says PVC is difficult to recycle because of the numerous additives used to make such wide-ranging products. The toxic byproducts, such as dioxins, undermine its recycling.

"PVC wastes will live beyond the lifetime of everybody on this planet — a terrible legacy to leave for future generations," report contributor Lois Gibbs said. "We can't bury it, burn it or recycle it."

Gibbs, also the director of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice, said the only solution is for PVC manufacturing to stop.

STATE

## Bill aims to give rights to alliances

Legislation to benefit watershed groups, 300 municipalities

By Jennifer Mitchell  
Heritage Newspapers

It's often easier to fix local problems "at their source using local solutions."

A bill with bipartisan support that recently passed through the Legislature may empower more municipalities to do just that.

Senate Bill 1432, sponsored by state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, was recently approved by the Legislature.

The bill aims to give several rights to watershed alliances.

A watershed is the complete area that drains to a common waterway, such as the miles of streams, wetlands and storm drains that feed into the Rouge River.

Local organizations such as the Rouge River Assembly, which comprises 40 municipalities and three counties, are now empowered with a legal definition of what an alliance is and what one can legally do.

The bill allows two or more municipalities to form a coalition and invite entities within the same watershed to join.

The group then can study problems and plan and

undertake actions to address things such as surface-water quality, and water flow.

Kurt Heise, Wayne County's Department of Environment director, has been involved with the Rouge assembly since its beginning in 1994.

Heise assisted Patterson in drafting the legislation.

"Up until now, the watershed groups were loose associations of communities that agreed to work together," Heise said.

Under the bill, he says, groups such as the Rouge can now become public corporations, meaning they can hire employees, apply for grants and lobby for changes in the state and federal law.

"Alliance members can pool their resources and do a coordinated study, rather than several independent, and probably overlapping, studies," Patterson said.

"Working together, they will be far more able to get grants than they would with multiple individual requests."

More than 300 Michigan municipalities will be able to make use of the bill.

"This will allow alliances more strength on the large issue of watershed management," said Carolyn McCaughey, executive director of the Friends of the Rouge. "That strength will be beneficial to all watersheds."

The bill is expected to soon go to Gov. Jennifer Granholm for her signature.

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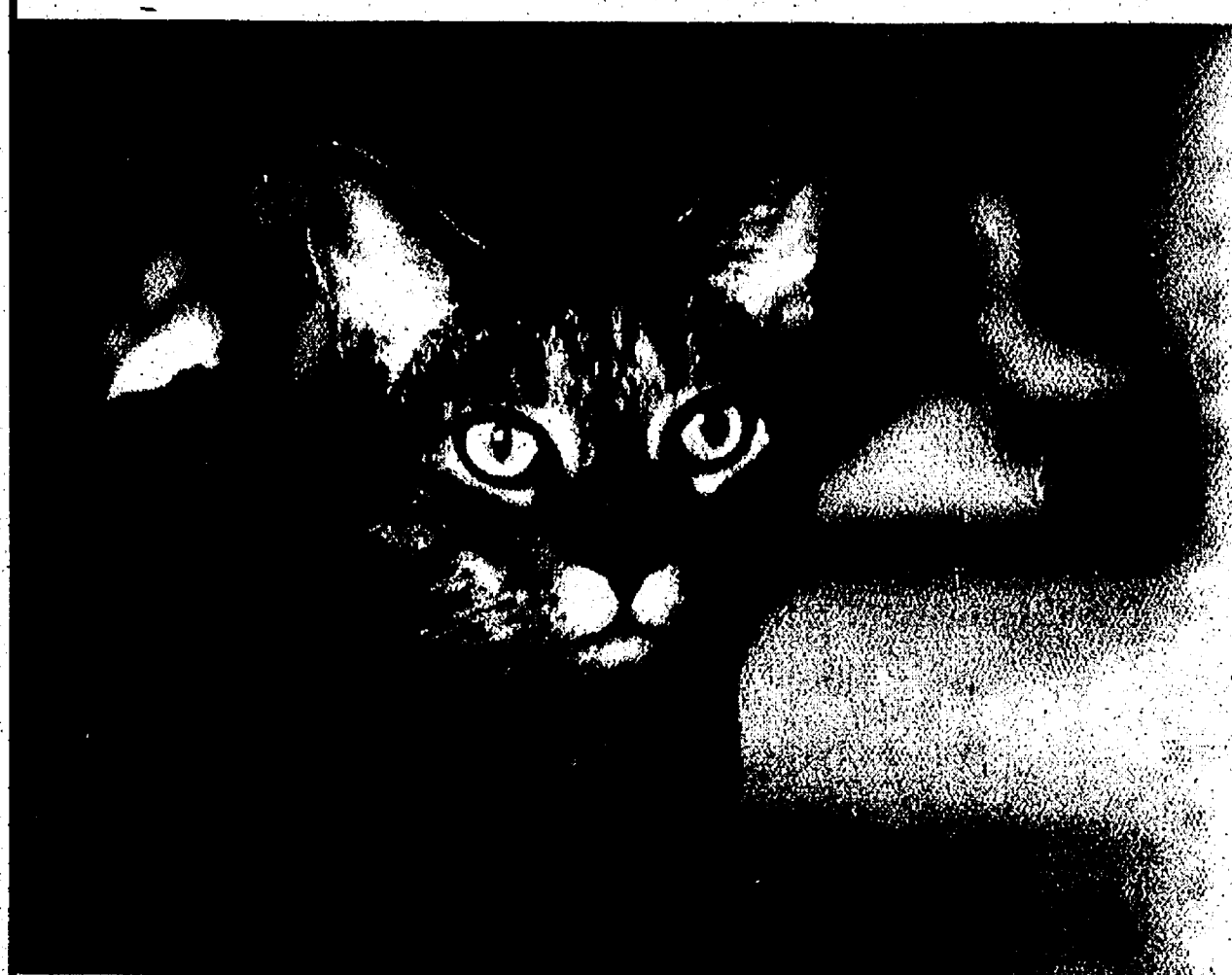
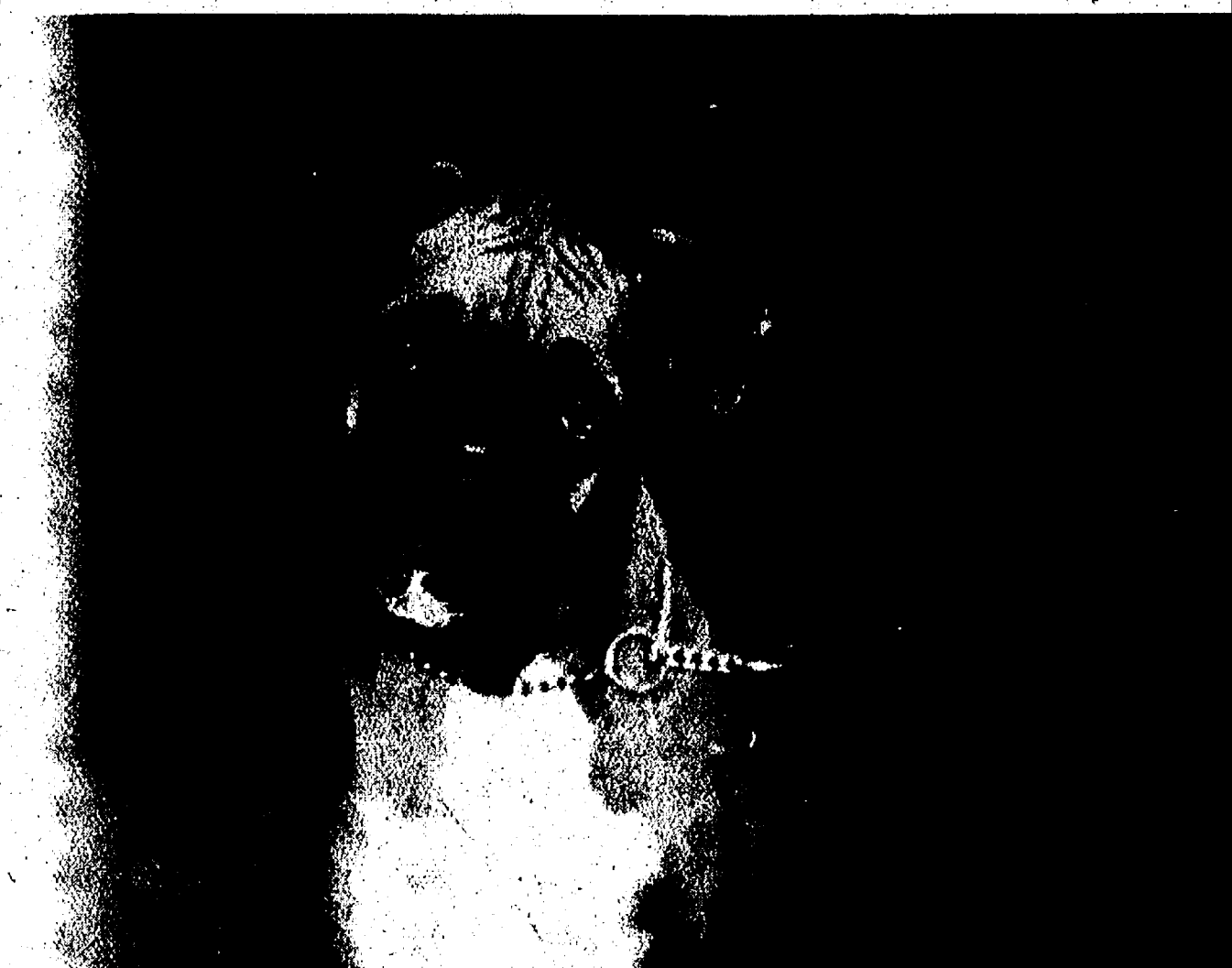
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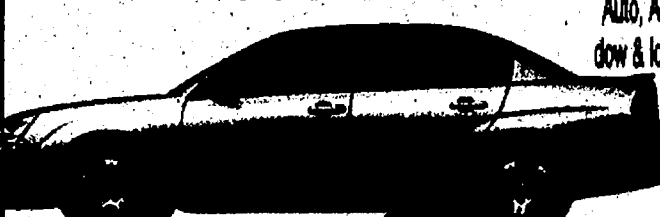
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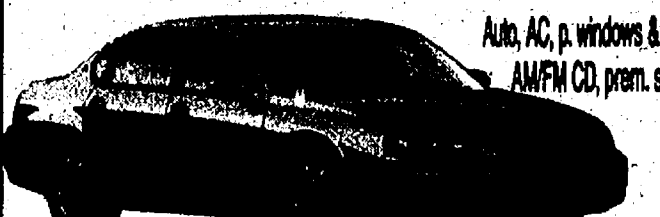
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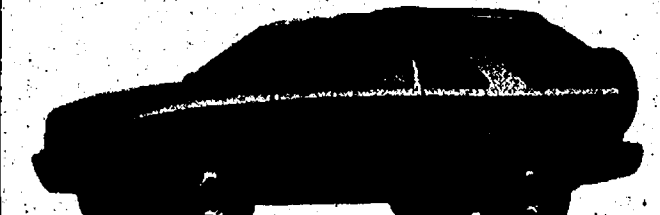
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