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Student suspended for firing BB gun

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

A 16-year-old Chelsea High School sophomore was suspended from school after he allegedly fired a BB gun pistol in the parking lot of the old high school. After a closed session March 15, Chelsea Board of Education voted 5-0 to suspend the student for the remainder of the year.

According to a police report,

the Chelsea boy and some of his friends were leaving a school dance at approximately 12:15 a.m. Feb. 27. The boy became involved in a traffic altercation in the parking lot of the Washington Street Education Center. He pointed the gun out the window and fired the weapon.

One of the students in the parking lot, a 17-year-old Chelsea boy, reported the inci-

dent to the police March 1. Police also interviewed seven witnesses who described the incident.

According to the report, the boy originally denied having fired the weapon, but later he and his mother returned to say he did have the BB gun. He said he became scared during the argument, and asked his friend for the gun. The boy hung the gun out the window and fired,

then pointed it at another car, but did not pull the trigger.

The boy told police the gun was unloaded, though it did have a carbon dioxide cartridge attached, and it made a sound when it discharged. Police described the BB gun as a replica of a Smith and Wesson semi-automatic 9 mm pistol.

According to state Rep. John Hansen, the Michigan school code mandates students be

expelled for possessing a dangerous weapon on school grounds. Hansen said a carbon dioxide pistol is more dangerous than a typical BB gun. He said he would have likely considered it a weapon, especially since it was used at night, when it could be mistaken for a real gun.

Chelsea Police Chief Lenard

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lake residents want road paved

Residents living on Algonquin Drive at Portage Lake are asking the Dexter Township Board to improve Second Street as part of the township's road projects for the coming year.

In a letter to the board dated March 5, Jim Drolett, a former Dexter Township supervisor, asks the board to consider paving Second Street from the intersection of Portage Lake Avenue west to a portion of the street already paved.

Within the last few years, he said, the intersection of Portage Lake Avenue and Second Street has experienced erosion problems because of water runoff from the paved portion of Portage Lake Avenue.

Drolett said the erosion is causing deep ruts and wash outs in the road and problems around abutting properties.

In addition, Drolett asked that the Washtenaw County Road Commission maintain Algonquin Drive again.

Drolett said the road commission abandoned the maintenance of Algonquin Drive, so residents chipped in money to have it paved. He said it has been maintained as a public entity the past 40 years and open to the public for the past decade.

Easter Bunny to visit CRC April 3

The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 3, at Chelsea Retirement Community. Local kids are invited to search for over 5,000 eggs scattered across the lawn.

The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures starting at 9:30 a.m. Children ages 3 and under will search at 10 a.m.; ages 4 to 7 search at 10:20 a.m.; and Children 8 and older search at 10:40 a.m.

The Easter Egg hunt is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Chelsea with help from Chelsea Key Club, Cub and Boy Scouts and Liberty Title Insurance.

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Chelsea's Parents as Teachers director Sara Houle (center) drinks some tea created by Matthew Turner and his mother, Suzanne, at a recent pajama party for the 48 families taking part in the program. Houle and other educators teach parents about the developmental stages of children with the goal of giving parents the tools to help their children during the first critical years of intellectual growth.

Early childhood class gets federal grant

By Eric Bowen

From a room in the old high school, well-stocked with toys and games, echoed the sounds of young children Friday, as families gathered while wearing pajamas to a recent pajama party for the 48 families taking part in the program. Houle and other educators teach parents about the developmental stages of children with the goal of giving parents the tools to help their children during the first critical years of intellectual growth.

The pajama party was held for families from the Parents as Teachers program (PAT), which serves parents and their children ages birth to 3 years old. Program director Sara Houle said last week that the program hit a milestone recently when it received a \$100,000 federal grant to fund the program for the next 20 months.

Houle said PAT has until recently been funded strictly from local sources, such as Washtenaw County, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, the Southeast Community Foundation and an annual grant from the Chelsea Education Foundation. Houle said the new grant gives a more solid footing for the program.

"We have 48 families on the roster and hope to recruit 75 more by the end of the grant," Houle said.

Chelsea's Parents as Teachers program began in 1987 on a thin budget cobbled together from various sources, Houle said. The nine-month program was largely funded from tuition paid by parents.

According to Jeff Rohrer, community education director, PAT educa-

tors have had great success finding grants to fund the program. Rohrer said the received grants usually have the intention to help child well-being and, in the case of the federal grant, lower income families.

The new money from the federal government will be used not only to expand the roster, Rohrer said, but possibly to lower the cost to each family. Currently families pay on a sliding scale based on income, with a typical cost of \$20 per month.

The Chelsea program serves families throughout the region, from Jackson County to Manchester and Dexter. Educators receive training from the national organization of Parents as Teachers.

Chelsea's Parents as Teachers

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Sharon Twp. trailer park appears dead

By Michael Rybka

Staff Writer

Developers pushing a petition to construct 693 mobile homes on the northeast corner of M-52 and Waldo Road in Sharon Township were slammed on several fronts at a public hearing March 18 during a township planning commission meeting.

Chuck Lauer and Sandy Green, representing The Landon Company, withstood three hours of drubbing from a wide variety of sources that included township planner Ralph Pasola, Washtenaw County Commissioner Joe Yekulis, Washtenaw County Planning Commissioner Nancy Moss, Washtenaw County Deputy Drain Commissioner Dennis Wojcik, Washtenaw County Sheriff Lt. Brian Miller, Manchester Township Fire Chief Gary Wiedmayer and at least 150 township and area residents.

With even more written reactions on file — correspondence that had not yet been made part of the public record — and with so much information to apply to a formal motion, the commission decided to table a vote on the matter until yesterday.

Planning Commission Chairman Roger Kappler's demand for brevity and civility in public response was respected by all but a few hecklers who were stationed outside the open town hall windows in lieu of standing room within.

The public response was preceded by Lauer's narration over a slide presentation. Kappler interrupted a couple of times to counter claims that he deemed inaccurate, such as Lauer's assertion that no part of Sharon Township was zoned for a mobile home development.

A 40-acre parcel on the west side of Parr Road, north of Gieske Road, has been designated by Sharon's master plan as a mobile home site. The proposed development property, owned by Margarethe Kozminski, is approximately 170 acres.

After Lauer's presentation, Pasola, of the engineering firm Carlisle-Wortman & Associates, presented his firm's study that con-

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Zoning blocks Dexter Township woman's plans for development of farm

By Michelle Rogers

Associate Editor

Dexter Township resident Marilyn Mink wants some day to be able to sell her farmland to the highest bidder. She calls it estate planning. But she says Dexter Township officials are preventing her from getting the fair market value.

"The average Dexter Township resident can find comfort in their 401(k)," she says. "Farmers don't have 401(k)s. The only thing a farmer has is the value of his land. Am I or my heirs not entitled to make the most of my huge investment?"

"You owe this to the farmers who built this township: We owe this to our heirs," the local resident told Dexter Township Board March 16 as it considered her request to rezone 116 acres for residential use.

Mink accused the board of controlling her capital as it voted to deny her request.

If approved, the rezoning would have paved the way for Mink or a developer to build up to 116 homes on the site under the township's rural residential zoning designation.

Agricultural zoning allows for a home on every 10 acres. "Frankly, this is a waste of nine acres of resource," Mink told the board. "No one wants to mow a nine-acre field, and farming a nine-acre parcel is inefficient."

Mink said farmers in the area claim Dexter Township is no longer a viable place to farm.

It was nearly 25 years ago when Mink and her former husband pieced together their 116-acre farm off Island Lake Road after initially purchasing 10 acres. They ran a cider mill and

fruit farm with 2,000 apple trees, 14 acres of raspberries and they harvested a host of fall crops.

But in 1992 they fell victim to a late spring frost and removed the orchard. They retooled, putting in a traditional cash crop on 58 acres. Since 1995, Mink has rented the land to Norwin Lesser to farm. Mink said Lesser has indicated that he isn't sure how many more years it will be profitable for him to lease the land.

The board's vote to deny Mink's request follows a recommendation from the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The commission says Mink's request is inconsistent with the township's general development plan and county's land-use policies plan.

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Marilyn Mink wants to have her 116-acre farm rezoned rural residential. Dexter Township Board denied her request but has asked the planning commission to take a closer look at the appropriateness of the township's agricultural zoning designation.

Music director Bill Gourley gets caught by teaching bug

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Chelsea sends volleyball players to All-SEC team

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Local man uses high technology in Internet radio venture

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Wayward Wheel Crushes Car

Charles Raeder, owner of Baseline Constructors on Brown Drive, returned from a business trip with a company truck Friday morning, to find the driver's side of his '86 Mercury Sable wrecked. Apparently, a tire from an 18-wheeler, with much of its rim still attached, disengaged from its axle. Raeder traced its path from I-94 through two pine trees then over a fence for a total run of about 200 yards.

Planners take first stab at overlay zoning

By Eric Bowen
Staff Writer

Chelsea Planning Commission took its first look at a proposed overlay zoning for the entrances to the village March 16, sending the draft back for revision after extensive discussion. The "gateway ordinance" is designed to set standards for construction in the main entrances to the village, such as the corner of M-52 and Old US-12.

The draft plan, created by consultant The Strader Group, calls for making Chelsea's gateways correspond to the architecture and historical feel of Chelsea's downtown. It sets out provisions for the materials, design and lot configurations for new construction.

If enacted, the ordinance would be placed over existing zoning districts to add extra restrictions in areas the village feels are entrances to the village. The underlying zoning would apply in cases where the overlay does not have any provisions.

Among the specifics are:

- at least 90 percent of the exterior facing a street must be made of brick, cut stone, cast stone or wood;
- awnings must be straight without side flaps;
- buildings must be designed at a pedestrian scale and the site must provide public space;
- parking and detention basins must be on the side or in the back of the building;
- and signs cannot be more

than 100 square feet or contain neon.

According to Zoning Inspector Jim Drolett, the draft ordinance itself is likely to change before it is adopted. Planning commissioners made numerous suggestions for revisions at the meeting and will likely have to get more draft plans before presenting it to the public.

Once a final draft is complete, Drolett said the commission will hold two public hearings. The first will deal with the language of the ordinance, and the second, possibly more contentious, will deal with where the gateways should be.

The proposed ordinance does not list specific areas for the gateway zoning, though commissioners have at least one corner in mind—the corner under consideration for development into a Rite Aid drug store. But some commissioners cautioned against focusing too much on one development to the detriment of other possible developments.

In other business last Tuesday, the planning commission accepted the final site plans for the expansion of Lekrem Associates' building in the industrial park. Lekrem partner Pat Merkel told the council he intends to add space for up to four new tenants with the flexibility to arrange the space to fit their needs.

The plans didn't pass smoothly, however. Commis-

sioners Craig Common and Rick Haugen voted against the proposal, saying they felt it needed too many changes.

The commission also discussed the annexation of Chelsea Lumber Co. The commission members talked about making sure the lumber company fit with intentions for the south area and proper zoning for the site.

ZONING

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However, planners encouraged township officials to consider the plight of local farmers and re-examine the general development plan. The board seemed responsive.

"I agree. I think it's unfair to some of the farmers who have their life investment in ag land," Clerk Bill Eisenbeiser said. "But I can't see rezoning one big chunk out of the middle."

Mink's land rests in the center of a large agricultural district. Board Trustee Harley Rider said if Mink's request were granted it would create spot zoning.

The Township Board has voted more favorably on requests from farmers on the fringes, with residential zoning nearby.

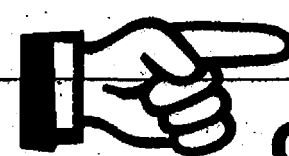
"I am really concerned about picking one spot out of the middle," Eisenbeiser said. "I'd rather see something done on the whole ag basis. I am not in favor of doing it piece by piece. I think you have to do it all at once."

Mink's attorney, Karl Franken, suggested that Dexter Township residents no longer

want agricultural zoning. He said it's impractical. However, Supervisor Robert Tetens said he has heard from others who are in favor of it.

For now, Mink will have to

accept the board's vote. However, the issue of agricultural zoning in general is slated to be addressed by the planning commission in the near future.



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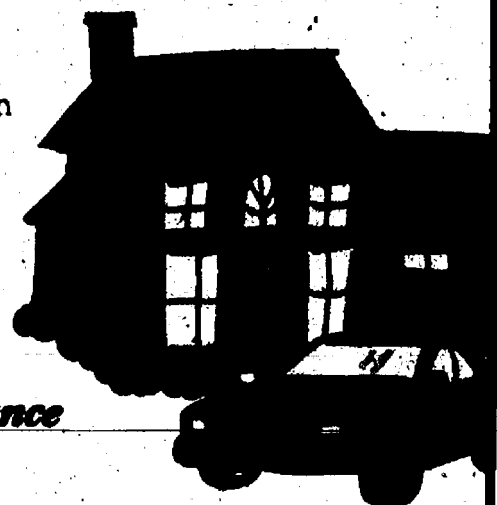
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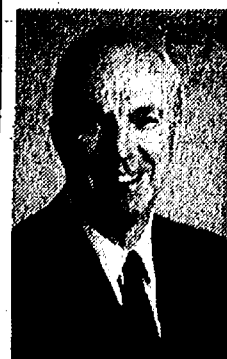
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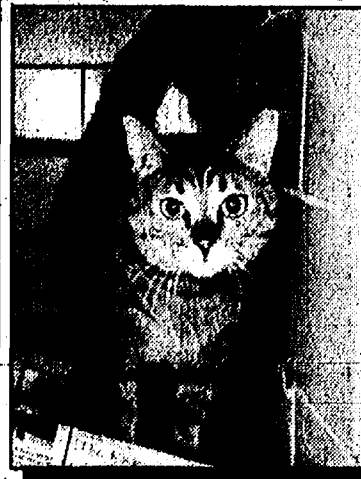
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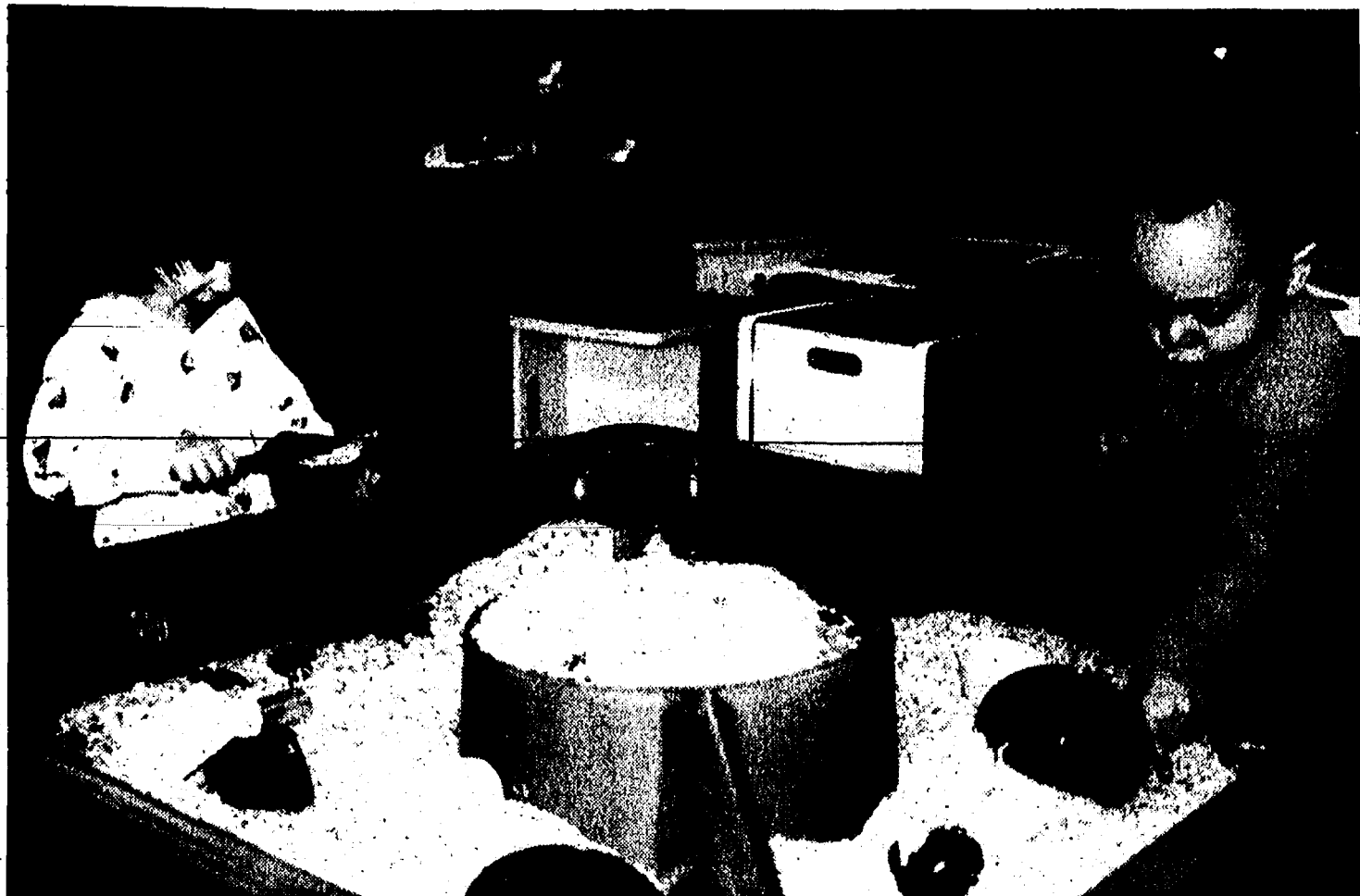
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Sienna Vargas, 1, and Joey Smith, 2, enjoy the playing in a sandbox at the Washington Street Education Center Friday. The two are part of the Parents as Teachers program.

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school is largely a pilot program in Michigan. She said she hopes in the future that the program will be mandated, and paid for, by the state.

Houle said the program educates parents about the developmental stages of their children, answering questions about social, motor, intellectual and language skills. The idea is to teach parents of children ages birth to 3 years old how best to teach their children.

"The program's philosophy is that parents are their child's first and most influential teacher," Houle said. "We try to give families support in that role."

The PAT curriculum was developed based on recent research into how the brain develops in early childhood. Houle said that from birth to age 6, children develop half of the brain size of an adult, making education at a young age critical to the brain functions in later life.

Rohrer said long-term research on the program shows

that in districts that implement the program children have higher test scores, and reading and language development. Families also participate more in their children's education, and children have fewer behavioral problems.

Each family involved in the training receives information detailing ways to improve children's development, largely through educational play. They also bring their children to numerous group sessions and receive individual home visits from PAT staff.

"This program is really for the parents, but the child benefits," Houle said. "We're teaching adults to be the best parent so their child reaches the best potential for learning."

Deborah Langbehn brings her son Noah to the Parents as Teachers activities on a regular basis. She said Noah is her first child and she looks to the program to learn from other parents as much as from the curriculum itself.

Langbehn said she has seen Noah develop quickly in the program, especially socially. She said the classes allow Noah to interact with other

children.

"There are lots of different activities," she said. "I think that when they see other kids doing other things, it helps them establish a relationship."

Lori Peterson said she came originally for herself, rather than for her daughter Sophie. She said she didn't expect to see much value to her daughter, but came to realize the program offered a lot for her child.

"The have a lot of information about what's the range of development," she said. "If you have concerns about hitting milestones, they can answer them."

"Originally I just came for myself. I didn't think there would be a lot for her, but I was wrong."

Heldi Doyle came to the program after her second child, Kyle, was born. She said it has been six years since her last baby, and she appreciated the refresher course in child development.

"This is really a dual benefit, because I connect with other people," Doyle said. "We didn't do anything like this with my older son. I wish I could have done that."

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cluded that rezoning was not justified and that the development was not compatible with surrounding land use.

Pasola said that the Chelsea School District has plans in place to absorb the equivalent number of new students the development would generate over a 9-10 year period. The mobile home park would force that absorption rate to take place in 3-4 years.

Pasola also said that increased police enforcement would cost the township \$140,000 and that timely fire response would be an iffy proposition.

Pasola's comments were supported by the local and county officials in attendance.

Wojcik drew applause when he said it was unlikely that the development could meet state standards for release of phosphorous into the groundwater.

Yekulis said he received five calls from Sharon residents

upset over the matter, making them the only concerns voiced to him from the township in five years.

Yekulis went less into detail than other representatives from Washtenaw County and, instead, broadly called for a rejection of the development, encouraging those in attendance to take an active approach in their opposition.

"This is a proposal to take advantage of Sharon Township's financial situation," Yekulis said. "It's a political game. We need to defang the Mobile Home Commission in Lansing."

Telling the crowd that the squeaky wheel gets the grease, Yekulis urged them to contact as many legislators as possible to hear their opposition.

"Don't take this lying down," Yekulis said. "Deny this zoning request."

Sylvan Township Supervisor Gerald Dresselhouse and Lima Township Supervisor Gary Adams both said the development would create havoc with a new regional planning initiative spearheaded by their

respective townships, other municipalities and Yekulis.

Adams also said that additional M-52 traffic generated by the development would negatively coincide with a plan by the state to reroute trucks from secondary roads to state highways.

Former Sharon Township Supervisor John Savage said increased traffic would ruin Scio Church Road as a less hectic, alternate route to Ann Arbor.

Citizens' comments ranged from an observation that Sharon's century-old town hall would have to be replaced with something more roomy, to an appraisal that the political base of long-time residents would be neutralized by newcomers who would match in numbers the township's current population.

Attorney Stephen Olsen, a Lima Township resident whose Perkins Road residence would border the development, offered free legal service to Sharon Township if a denial for rezoning was challenged in court by the developers.

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Humanitarian Award

Faith in Action held its annual fundraising dinner last Saturday at Chelsea Community Hospital to recognize the work of its volunteers and others in the community. Its annual Humanitarian of the Year Award was presented, above, to the students of North Creek Elementary School. Each year a canned food drive provides hundreds of cans of food to the social services organization. The program was started by fifth-grade teacher Barbara Brown. The students above were the organizers of the program the year they were in Brown's class. From left are high school senior John Carter, seventh-grader Nell Sterling, and this year's organizer Katherine Lixey, along with the Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont of Faith in Action. Right, Chelsea High School grad and University of Michigan vocal student Melissa Clairmont provided the entertainment, a medley of songs from popular musicals.



Dexter Township Board hikes pay

■ New budget brings increase in salaries, wages and meeting pay.

By Michelle Rogers

Associate Editor

Dexter Township Board approved pay increases for elected officials, employees and appointees March 16.

The pay hikes will go into effect April 1 under the new budget.

Dexter Township Supervisor Robert Tetens will see his salary increase from \$22,350 to \$23,000. Treasurer Julie Knight will get a \$1,000 increase, up from \$19,000. Clerk

Bill Eisenbeiser's salary will jump from \$16,500 to \$18,000. Trustees Libby Brushaber and Harley Rider will get an additional \$200 a year, up from \$4,100.

Township employees also saw their wages increase under the new budget. The assessor's salary was set at \$20,000 and the code administrator, \$18,000. The code officer will make \$15 an hour, deputies will make \$12 an hour and clerical help will be paid \$11.30 an hour.

The office manager's salary generated the most discussion at the board's meeting. The board had proposed making it

a part-time salaried position but opted to hold off another month until labor laws could be examined by a subcommittee.

For now, the office manager will be paid \$12 an hour and will earn \$60 for every meeting attended. If the position is changed to salary, \$18,000 a year was proposed. The salary also includes a fringe benefits package with paid vacation and holidays at a value of \$1,300.

Political appointees will see an increase in what they are paid to attend meetings.

Planning commissioners and zoning board of appeals members will be paid \$75 a meeting. They were paid \$60. The ZBA and planning commission chairmen will get \$100 a meeting, a \$30 increase.

In addition, residents representing the township on the Washtenaw Recycling Authority and Huron Watershed Council will be paid \$50 a meeting. Representatives to the Dexter Area Fire Board will receive \$60 a meeting.



Variety Show

South Meadows Elementary School held a variety show Feb. 25 showcasing the students' broad talents. Pictured are Janis Ruiz and Nicole Saarinen.

Site plan moratorium lifted for Dexter Twp. kennel owners

■ Township Board considers the request a renewal, not a new application.

By Michelle Rogers

Associate Editor

Dexter Township Board waived the planning commission's moratorium on reviewing site plans and conditional use permits March 16 for a couple running a kennel on Island Lake Road.

Dan McCollough and his wife were granted a conditional-use permit to operate the kennel and horse-boarding operation in November 1993. However, the permit was revoked four years later after they were found in violation and did not answer charges by the township.

The McColloughs have continued to operate their business in violation of local ordinances. They were cited last month for operating the kennel without a valid conditional-use permit and using the premises without a final certificate of zoning compli-

ance. According to planning commission Chairman Bill Milam, charges are pending in 14th District Court.

Last week, Dan McCollough came to the Township Board requesting the moratorium be lifted in their case so he can submit a site plan and reapply for the permit to get back into compliance.

The Township Board agreed because it considers their request a renewal, not a new request.

The moratorium, which was put in place until after the township adopts a new zoning ordinance, is expected to be extended by the board next month.

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Chelsea District Library to see new faces on executive committee

Chelsea District Library Board held its annual meeting last Tuesday, March 16, to kick off the new year.

The slate of officers was affirmed and there are some new faces on the executive committee.

Lynn Fox continues for her second full year as president. Kathy Sprawka was newly elected vice president, Nancy Paul is now secretary and Bill Personke continues as treasurer.

As the library board looks forward to the district-wide millage election, it has established a structure for accomplishing the many challenging

tasks of preparing a millage-based budget, as well as making plans for enlarging McKune House.

Rosters and charges were affirmed for policy committee, building committee, finance committee, personnel committee, publicity committee and nominating committee. The board also reaffirmed liaisons to the Downtown Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the planning commission and the school board.

In other business, the board approved a package of 10 human resources policies, some new and some updating previously approved policies. This

marks the first set of policies forwarded by the newly established policy committee, which has set the goal of putting in place a complete set of human resources policies by the end of the summer.

Working with a human resources consultant, the committee is holding open meetings in six-week cycles to deliberate on policies for board approval.

The policy committee consists of Jan Dohner, Dick Lee, Nancy Schumann, Metta Lansdale, library director and Linda Ballard, circulation head.

Township hall site belongs to Metroparks

By Michelle Rogers

Associate Editor

It looks as if Dexter Township hall on Dexter-Pinckney Road will continue to house township offices, a meeting space for the Township Board and voting precincts.

The board learned at its March 16 meeting that the township does not own the land the hall is built on. The property is owned by the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

The board had considered selling the building and property and using the money to build a new township hall. That was among several proposals, another included expansion.

Township Supervisor Robert Tetens announced last week that a deed search showed that Dexter Township does not own the property. Furthermore, Tetens found out that the site only may be used to house a township hall or combination hall and fire station, otherwise it reverts back to the Metroparks.

The board asked Tetens to have the site appraised as the board examined space and building needs options. He sought help from real estate agent Kathy Toth, who did the deed search.

With this new information in hand, Clerk Bill Eisenbeiser suggested that the township update an old set of blueprints that was drawn up several years ago to expand the hall.

"I don't really want to see the money we put into architect fees go to waste and start from scratch," Eisenbeiser told the board March 16.

Tetens said he would arrange for an architect from the firm to meet with the board to gather input. A tentative date prior to the board's April 20 meeting was discussed.

Eisenbeiser said he would like renovation and expansion work to begin before next winter.

A couple of months ago the board heard from two professors at the University of Michigan willing to submit a proposal that addresses build-

ing and space needs in the township. They were not mentioned in light of Eisenbeiser's suggestion to update the old drawings.

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Muncy, Kvarnberg marry

Paula Muncy, daughter of Paul and Jean Muncy of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and Steve Kvarnberg, son of Don and Carol Kvarnberg of Chelsea, were married Nov. 7 at the Governor's Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Rev. Jeff Mitchiner presided.

Matron of honor was Valerie Semler of Palm Beach, sister of the bride. Best man was David Kvarnberg of Chicago, brother of the groom.

Bridesmaids were Lynn Poffenberger and Lea Levines, college roommates of the bride. Groomsmen were Steve Hoffman and John Scott, college friends of the groom.

Flower girls were Eretia and Paige Schultz of Kalamazoo, nieces of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Miami and is the employment manager for OutSource International and a divisional general manager of the company.

The groom earned a graduate degree from the University of Michigan and is a senior landscape architect for Krent

Weiland Design.

A reception was held at the Governor's Club. The couple honeymooned in the Abacos Islands and reside in Lake Clarke Shores, Fla.

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Maltez, Lane exchange vows

Ana Leonor Maltez, daughter of Pedro and Justina Maltez of Managua, Nicaragua, and David Laurence Lane, son of Donna and the late Wilfred C. Lane of Chelsea, were married Jan. 30 at Primera Mision Christiana in Managua. The Rev. Mendelsohn Davila presided.

Maid of honor was Jacquelyn Mendoza of Managua, a friend of the bride. Best man was Wilfred Chandler Lane II of Chelsea, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of

Politecnica de Comercio and Instituto Zolema Baltodano.

The groom is a graduate of Chelsea High School and Eastern Michigan University and will receive a master's degree in divinity at Eden Theological Seminary in May. He is an assistant pastor at Compton Heights Christian Church in St. Louis.

A reception followed at the home of the Maltez family. The couple honeymooned on the Pacific Coast of Nicaragua and reside in St. Louis, Mo.

Dance Arts ensemble to perform April 18

Dance Arts Performing Ensemble will present Dancers' Collage April 18, at 4 p.m. at the Chelsea High School auditorium.

The ensemble is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing dance performance and educational opportunities for young dancers. The company's home is located at the Dance Arts of Chelsea dance studio. The company currently consists of dancers from the communities of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, Stockbridge, and Ypsilanti.

The program will present works from Wendi DuBois, Meredith Nelson, and student works from Amy Bergman, Sharon Knieper, and Kaitlyn Kooyers. Other local dance groups have been invited to perform in the show. They include Dance Gallery Studio from Ann Arbor, Sole Full of Rhythm from Ypsilanti, Jazz Precision Company from Brighton, as well as Rutledge Repertory Dancers and Lucille Andersen and Dancers from Ann Arbor.

DuBois, artistic director from the ensemble's "Nutcracker '98," has restaged her ballet work "An American in Paris," performed to the music of Gershwin. Nelson, assistant director from "Nutcracker '98," will debut her choreographic work, an African-influenced modern piece "Betelehemu," performed to a recording by the Ann Arbor-based group Measure: A Men's Choral Society.

Five student works will also be presented for this concert. Bergman, a senior, has choreographed a hip-hop jazz work as well as a musical theater jazz work. Knieper, also a senior, contributes a ballet work entitled "Natural Opposites: Gigue and Nocturne." And Kooyers, a sophomore, will perform two tap pieces, "Great Balls of Fire" and "Goody, Goody."

The ensemble will also hold its annual fund-raiser that day, a silent auction, in the Commons area of the high school. Items and services will be available to bid on starting from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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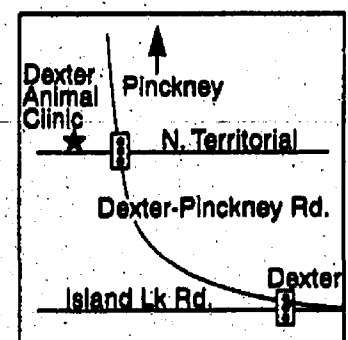
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DHS Quiz Bowl Team

The Dexter High School Quiz Bowl team participated in the all-league tournament held at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District March 15. Pictured are team members, front from left, Patrick MacAlpine and Brian Coburn; back from left, Paul Fakler, Karen Statler, Paul Vladuchick, Lucas Porinsky and coach Jim Riehlmiller. Missing from the photograph is Ken Frost. Vladuchick was selected by the league coaches as a member of the All Star team. Other Quiz Bowl team members are Emily Becker, Jennifer Doop, Stephanie Gombert, Adam Irish, Bob Macnee, Samantha Rich, Eric Statler, David Tuckey, Carrie Williams, Colin Miller and Megan Shuchman.

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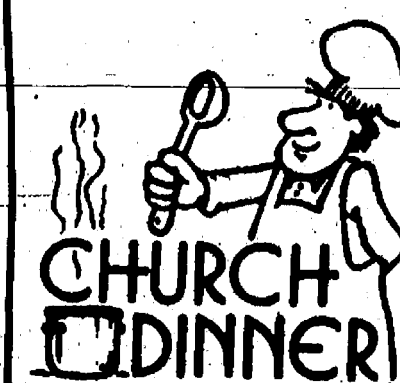
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YOUR MONEY MATTERS

Most homeowners realize the value associated with remodeling, but what they're not usually sure about is which home improvement project to tackle first. In some instances the choice may be obvious; however, following a few guidelines will help make the most of the time and money spent on upgrade efforts.

While variations in houses and neighborhoods preclude a magic formula for a single answer, a bit of research and analysis provide a few clues to point you in the right direc-

tion. A recent Remodeling Online (www.remodeling.hw.net) article provided a prediction of how common remodeling projects will perform at resale time on an average home in your part of the country.

It's Cost vs. Value Report studied the top 12 remodeling projects using high-quality, but not luxury-level, work calculated for 60 U.S. cities and checked for real-world validity. Resale projections came from real estate professionals who assessed the approximate value of the projects each would add if it sold within a year.

A minor kitchen remodel stands at the top of the list for costs recouped based on national and regional averages. Calculations for Midwest cities like Detroit and Grand Rapids also show this to be the project of choice.

The Web site example showed national construction

costs amounting to \$9,182 reap a resale value of \$8,653, a generous 94 percent investment return. In the Midwest, \$9,346 spent fixing up the bathroom brought an appreciation of \$8,093, or 87 percent. For Detroit, an outlay of \$9,938 yields \$10,800 — a whopping 109 percent. Returns in Grand Rapids beat the Midwest average, bringing in 88 percent or \$7,500 on expenses totaling \$8,517.

Real estate professionals contend the kitchen is the place buyers look first when determining how well the home has been maintained so a minor remodel which updates the room is smart advice to heed.

Another home improvement project that is also high on the list, but one that requires a higher dollar outlay, is a bathroom addition.

Industry leaders have noticed that homes with a single bathroom are going the way of the outhouse privy. They are also seeing younger buyers voicing higher minimum standards for number and size of bathrooms in a home.

According to the report, the national average expense for a bathroom addition is a steep \$24,486 which brings a sizable return of \$21,230, or 87 percent. The Midwest average cost follows close behind at \$24,367, fetching an 81 percent appreciation of \$19,628. Grand Rapids sees the lowest initial investment of \$22,561 and finishes with an 89 percent or \$20,000 return. While the price tag for the bathroom project in Detroit is hefty compared to the other averages, its cash outlay of \$22,561 boasts the best bang for the buck with a 102 percent, \$26,300 profit margin.

Home improvement projects, as our examples illustrate, are wise investments but require careful planning before, during and after execution.

Being prepared gives you not only peace of mind but also a head start when and if the "For Sale" sign goes in the

yard. Assessing factors like your particular home needs, your budget and financing options, time commitments (both the duration of the project and how long you plan to stay in your present home) is an important first step before making the trip to the hardware store.

Attending home improvement shows, watching home and garden channels and researching through the use of magazines, books and even the Web will help you discover all the options available to you as well as narrow your focus of the big picture.

Talking to experts in the field, licensed contractors for example, is another integral element in the home improvement process.

Knowing what you want, how much the project will cost, what time of year will it occur and how long it will take from tear down to clean up are just a few matters that must be carefully considered before moving forward.

Remodeling for maximum value is more than playing a simple numbers game.

It is important to find a balance in what you can afford to invest and what you are

willing to lose.

While you may aim to make your home a showplace, beware of pricing yourself out of the neighborhood. Real estate professionals warn that over-achieving homes usually perform poorly in the resale market.

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How do I claim miscellaneous itemized deductions?

You may write off miscellaneous itemized deductions only if you itemize. Generally, you may claim that portion of your miscellaneous itemized deductions that exceeds two percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). For example, if your 1998 AGI is \$80,000, you may deduct only those miscellaneous itemized deductions that exceed \$1,600 (\$80,000 x two percent). You figure your deduction on Schedule A by subtracting two percent of your AGI from the total amount of your miscellaneous itemized deductions.

Can I deduct the cost of education related to my job?

You can deduct expenses if the education is (1) required by your employer, or the law, to keep your salary, status or job; or (2) maintains or improves skills required in your present work. If your education meets these requirements, you can deduct expenses for tuition, books, supplies, laboratory fees and similar items. You are not permitted to deduct expenses that enable you to meet the minimum education requirements of your profession, nor can you deduct education expenses that qualify you for a new line of work.

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Firefighters, postal carriers, health care workers, professional athletes, and delivery workers, can generally deduct the cost of work clothes. Workers may also deduct the cost of necessary protective clothing such as safety shoes, safety glasses, work gloves, and hard hats.

I spent a significant amount of money looking for a new job, but then decided to stay put. Can I still deduct my job search expenses?

You may claim certain expenses you incur in looking for a new job in your present occupation, even if you do not find or take a new job.

You may not claim a deduction if you are looking for a job in a new occupation or if you

are seeking employment for the first time.

As an employee, it is important that I keep up to date on new technology, can I deduct the cost of the Professional Journal I subscribe too?

According to tax law, subscriptions to professional and trade journals qualify as miscellaneous itemized deductions as long as these publications relate to your work.

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Some churches have the figure of Jesus over the altar, with His hands extended in blessing. This reminds us of how He ascended into heaven, is now in control of all things, and will return someday.

But a palm branch? The only time we see palm branches in churches, or even think about palm branches, is Palm Sunday.

This is appropriate, because the events of Palm Sunday were very short-lived. The people who adoringly spread palm branches in front of Jesus' donkey on Sunday turned against Him by Friday, or at best looked on helplessly as He died.

Certainly the cross, or the ascending Jesus, is a much more significant symbol of the Christian faith. A palm branch represents only feeble human efforts to praise Him.

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Friends Center will hold seminar

Living Lightly on the Land: Exploring Personal Choices and Civic Responsibility will be the theme of a one-day forum at the Michigan Friends Center in Chelsea on April 24.

Jim Crowfoot of the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources will facilitate the forum from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The day will begin with two speakers — Russell Boulding and Julie Stoneman. Boulding, a ground water professional and longtime environmentalist, will discuss the concept of the ecological footprint as a way to better understand the implications of the lifestyles we lead and what the future may hold.

Stoneman is the land programs director for the Michigan Environmental Council. Her message will focus on current land use trends in Michigan, several initiatives underway to counter those trends, the activities of the faith-based community and how each of us can participate to promote better land use decision-making for Michigan.

Participants will attend two of seven workshops being offered. The morning workshops will be "Exploring Nature Within and Without," led by Cassie Camman and Kathy Claffin; "Preserving Precious Land Resources," led by Barry Lonik, executive director of the Potawatami Land Trust; "Food, Arming and Sustenance" led by Anne Elder and Paul Bantle of the Ann Arbor Community Farm; and "Sustainable Homes," led by Ann Arbor architect John Barrie.

The afternoon workshops will be "Preparing for Involuntary Simplicity," led by Bouldings; "Revising Design Standards for Urban Development," led by Jeff Kahan, Ann Arbor City planner; "The Road to Enough," led by Ayron Smith-Douglas; and a repeat of "Exploring Nature Within and Without."

Children are invited to accompany adults. There will be children's programming which will include the opportunity to learn to repair and maintain bicycles.

The closing session will be an opportunity for discussion and assimilation of the ideas of the day and an opportunity for quiet meditation on these ideas.

The day is offered as a service of Michigan Friends Center. Michigan Friends Center is a non-profit Quaker-oriented conference center located at Friends Lake Community north of Chelsea. Its mission is centered on building community, fostering peace, social justice, spiritual growth and healing, and protecting the environment.

Lunch will be provided to all participants. Pre-registration is required by April 10 and there is a charge.

For more information call the Michigan Friends Center at (734) 475-1892.

Dexter girl gets honor

Jennifer Doop of Dexter is one of six senior Girl Scouts elected to the girl advisors board for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. She was elected at Huron Valley Girl Scout Council's Annual Meeting at the EMU Corporate Education Center in Ypsilanti on March 6.

Doop, a Dexter High School sophomore, is active on Student Council, Future Leaders of America and on the steering committee for Dexter Enrichment Advocacy Network. As a Cadette Girl Scout, she achieved the Silver Award. She assists with a Brownie Girl Scout troop and chaired last year's Girl Scout Holiday Bazaar in Dexter. Jennifer's volunteer work includes more than 200 hours with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

She plans to serve as a People-to-People student ambassador to the British Isles this summer and will participate in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar.

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Stoll Family Fund

Dexter Lions Club recently kicked in another \$1,000 toward the Stoll Family Fund. The local club gave \$200 a few weeks ago. The money will help the Judy Stoll family, who has been hit by hard times financially. Judy's husband, Jeff, died in January. A brunch will be held Sunday, March 28, as a fund-raiser to help the family. The event is slated at Cousins Heritage Inn and includes two seatings. Tickets are a minimum donation of \$25 and are available at the Dexter Village offices and Christine's gift store on Main Street. Pictured representing the Stoll Family Fund is organizer Margaret Delaney. Also pictured are Lions Ron Meyer, John Hruska and Bill Marshall with his wife, Audrey.



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MONEY

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of your investment and contribute to the property's basis, that is, its cost for tax purposes.

Is it true that I can claim as miscellaneous itemized deductions, costs I pay for tax return preparation and assistance?

You usually can write off, in the year you pay them, tax counsel and tax return preparation fees related to your federal taxes. In addition, you may be entitled to deduct the cost of advice you receive for gift and estate planning relating to tax matters.

The cost of tax planning and preparation software and books is deductible as well, as is any fee you pay for filing your return electronically.

These costs are deductible in the year paid. For example, if in April 1999, you pay your accountant to prepare your 1998 tax return, the fee is deducted on your 1999 return, even though it was paid for in 1998.

Are legal fees I pay in connection with my divorce deductible as a miscellaneous itemized deduction?

Attorney fees incurred in connection with legal separation, divorce or support agreements are generally not deductible. However, attorney fees related to obtaining alimony payments may be deductible because they pertain to producing taxable income.

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Animal Hospital keeps up with new veterinary trends

By Michael Rybka

Staff Writer

Keeping up with innovations in the field of veterinary medicine has allowed Westarbor Animal Hospital to provide the highest level of pet care possible for over 30 years.

Dr. James C. Clarkson has headed the veterinary staff at the 6011 Jackson Rd. location since 1993. However, his connection with the location goes back to 1973, soon after he graduated from Michigan State University.

At that time, the hospital was overseen by Dr. Ben Colmery. From Colmery, Clarkin discovered an interest in veterinary dentistry.

According to Clarkson, 80 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats show signs of oral disease by age 3, making it the most common diagnosed health problem in those animals.

"Annual exams and routine dental cleaning and polishing are important ways to identify and treat oral disease before it becomes a precursor to other

health problems I end up having to treat," Clarkson said.

Clarkson works with another veterinarian, four licensed veterinary technicians, one receptionist and one office manager. All are pet owners and Clarkson believes this contributes to the high level of compassionate care his staff provides.

The hospital is accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association.

This recognition requires Westarbor to maintain certain standards set by the AAHA regarding facilities, equipment, practice methods and management techniques.

Adherence to these standards is monitored by regular on-site inspections that evaluate medical records, examination and treatment facilities and the commitment to technological innovations and their proper use.

Westarbor has earned the AAHA honor for 21 years.

Pets are playing a more important role in people's lives and that has created a trend of spe-

cialized treatment that Westarbor was quick to pick up on, Clarkson said.

Examples he noted include recent advancements in treating seasonal and food allergies and in-house testing for adrenal and thyroid disease.

Westarbor also employs the latest advancements in drugs that treat arthritis, adrenal disease, senility, phobias, heartworm and heart disease.

Less life-threatening of a problem but one overdue for a solution, Clarkson said, are products that finally treat and prevent flea infestations effectively.

"The quality of care varies greatly from one veterinary hospital to another," Clarkson said. "We feel that, regardless of the cost, we must have the best of what's available rather than compromise our standards."

Westarbor Hospital urges pet owners to schedule an appointment to review its facilities. Either a doctor or a technician will demonstrate the level of care their pets will receive.

Morton's neuroma tumors common cause of foot pain

Question: I've had surgery for foot pain caused by a Morton's neuroma. About six months later I had a return of the pain. This was caused by a reaction to the sutures used in the first surgery. Now I have pain again, and my MRI shows that I have two more neuromas. Why do these keep coming back, and is there anything I can do to prevent more trouble?

Answer: Morton's neuroma is a relatively common cause of pain in the foot. It is actually a non-cancerous tumor of the nerve that runs between the toes. This tumor can start as a consequence of a single injury, but more commonly it is the result of repeated minor injuries from improperly fitted shoes or other foot problems such as flat feet.

The foot pain of Morton's neuroma is much like the discomfort each of us has experienced when walking barefoot and accidentally stepping on a stone — especially if the stone presses on the joint just behind one of the toes. When this happens to me, it usually produces an ungraceful dance accompanied by a string of colorful expletives. I know better than to be waking around the yard barefoot! Individuals with Morton's neuroma have this experience without stepping on a stone. In the worst cases, just standing is enough to trigger this unpleasant sensation.

Morton's neuroma can be treated in several different ways. Non-surgical treatment, including foot manipulation and various physical therapy modalities, and foot orthotics, give relief in about 40 percent of those with relatively mild symptoms. More severe symptoms, as you apparently had and may now have again, require surgical treatment.

Surgery for Morton's neuroma involves removal of the fibrous nerve growth from between the toes. This is usually done by making an incision on the top of the foot, not on the bottom. The offending growth is then removed or "clipped." This "clipped" nerve is no longer connected to the toe, so the toe itself will be numb after the surgery. The important issue is that the foot pain is also gone. Virtually every patient agrees that the resulting toe numbness is an acceptable "trade" for the previous foot pain.

There have been many scientific studies over the past few years that show the high rate of patient satisfaction with surgery for Morton's neuroma. In one study, more than 90 percent of individuals who had surgery for Morton's neuroma at least four years before reported continued relief of symptoms. Other studies showed a success rate of over 95 percent.

Of particular relevance in your case, research shows that

80 percent of that small group that failed to have a satisfactory result from a first surgery did experience relief with a second procedure. Furthermore, the reaction you had to the sutures used in your first surgery is an uncommon problem that can generally be avoided in subsequent surgeries by using a different type of suture material.

Because of the high success rate for neuroma surgery, I would urge you to consider having your new neuromas removed. An additional treatment consideration may include using custom made shoe inserts called orthotics to help your feet work optimally and, thereby, minimize stress on areas of the foot where neu-



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Baton Corps competes in majorette contest

On Feb. 28, 18 members of the Chelsea Baton Corps traveled to Waterford to compete in the first Drum Majorettes of America contest of the competitive season.

The day began with team competition (dance twirl, pom poms, show team) and Chelsea took the floor to compete in all-new routines for the first time.

By the time the gym was cleared, Chelsea was in possession of three first-place and three second-place trophies.

As individual competition began, Chelsea's entourage maintained the competitive edge that brought home two first-place overall titles and a combination of 37 individual wins ranging from first to RFK place.

Total winners are: Overall Queen of Day (modeling): (9-10) Brittany Bourdon

Miss Great Lakes Beginner Title: (13-14) Erin Nelson

Miss Great Lakes Intermediate Title: (9-10) Kelly Jo Milliken

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Beginner Miss Great Lakes: (9-10) 2. Lindsey Kendt; 3. Ash-

ley Brainard
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Individual Results:
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(9-10) 2. Lindsey Kendt; 4. Tawny McSweeney

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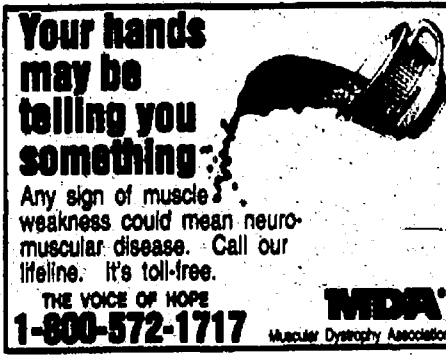
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Farm Bureau fun fact

Why do bees and wasps sting? These insects sting to defend themselves and to kill other insects for food. The honeybee will only sting when it feels threatened. Its stinger is jagged and looks like a saw blade, so when it stings, the stinger gets stuck under the victim's skin. The bee's body rips away from the stinger when it tries to free itself and the honeybee dies shortly after. The female worker bee is the only honeybee that can sting. Wasps and yellow jackets will also sting for self-defense, but the main use of their stinger is to kill other insects for food. The venom from their stinger will kill the insects they eat. Wasps and yellow jackets vary in size and are less hairy than honey bees. Wasps and yellow jackets can sting a person many times, because the stinger is smooth and slender like a sewing needle.



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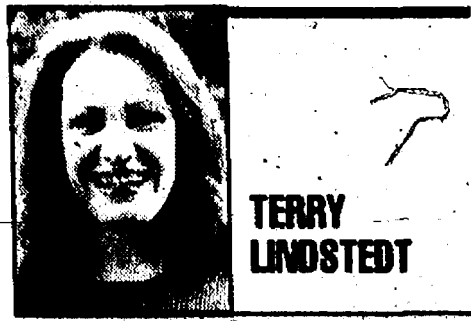
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INTERNET JOURNAL

I love how accidental links can lead to Web sites that become new favorites. One of the best things about surfing the Net is that I never know what's beyond the next link. Sometimes it can be rather ho-hum, others can be — well, let's just say "eye popping." But this time, it was a real hit.

"Alexander Palace Time Machine" was the name of the link at <http://www.alexanderpalace.org/palace/>, and the description below it, "Drop-dead beauty for the homeloving Cancer," gives away the fact that I had been checking out my horoscope. (Yeah, yeah, I dawned in the Age of Aquarius.)

But I digress! By clicking on the link to Alexander Palace Time Machine, I was instructed to enter the lost world of the last tsar of Russia.

If this were 20-some years ago, I'd have skipped this site altogether. At that time, I had no interest in history and could see no use for it. However, over the years I've read a good many novels that have incorporated bits of history into the story line in such a way as to stimulate my imagination and intrigue. Besides, if this were 20-plus years ago, I wouldn't be writing a journal about the Internet!

When browsing from an index page that offers a lot of interesting links, as in Alexander Palace, I like to right-click my mouse button to bring up a menu that allows me to open one of the links in a new browser window. I do this to keep from wandering along connected links and then forgetting where I started.

In some cases, I do this to keep that index page anchored so I can easily get back to it and choose another linked page.

Why should I be so interested in long-deceased monarchs of a country with which we Americans have had a cold war for most of my life? I think it has nothing to do with Russia or with monarchs, per se. It has more to do with my own curiosity toward the concept of an entire country upholding a selected family in such splendor, merely to represent

itself to the rest of the world. I would imagine that to be a very precarious position. But I suppose, to some, the luxury may be well worth the dangers.

Navigating ahead, I virtually stepped inside one of these links to the past and found myself lost in the beauty of a long-lost era. Most of the pictures were in black and white. But, personally, I found that it lent authenticity to the site. I was able to see past the lack of color and appreciate the richness of the palace décor.

The text descriptions were long enough to give background information, but brief enough so as not to lose site-visitor interest. There was just enough information to give me a feel for the tsar's family on a somewhat more personal level than what may be found in some history books.

Through this virtual tour, I was able to visit rooms in the palace, see some of the jewels of the Romanovs, view costumes and portraits, admire some of the famous Imperial Easter Eggs, and look through the Romanov photo album. There were descriptions of the kitchens, menus from special occasions, and recipes for some of the items on the many-coursed meals.

So much information and so many links kept me at the site for well over an hour.

This site was very well planned, easy to navigate, filled with very good quality photographs, informative and visually appealing. The only thing that dated the site was a mention of a 1996-97 traveling exhibit of the Romanov jewels. It was an educational tour through a site that I would recommend to schools and history buffs with enthusiasm.

The great thing about the Internet is that we're not limited to only one example of a particular type of site. If I could stumble upon this online museum of a tsar's palace, I'm quite certain I could also find sites dedicated to such places as Windsor Castle, the ruins of Rome, the Taj Mahal, or even the White House.

Enjoy the Net! And thank you to Dale for the tips on other sites for music listening pleasure. I checked out both www.audiohighway.com and www.spinner.com and found things I enjoyed in each one!

If you have suggestions, clues, Web sites or questions regarding the Internet, please contact: Terry Lindstedt c/o The Chelsea Standard, 20750 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118, or email me at rlindstedt@sprynet.com.



Photo by Mary Kumbler

Mobile Metropark

The Mobile Metropark Learning Center paid a visit to Wylie Middle School last week as part of its outreach program. Naturalist Mike George talked to students about astronomy and wildlife, among other things. He is pictured with fifth-grader Toby Puuri.



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turnips.

Q. What's the best sort of site before growing raspberries?

A. Ideally, you want a deep, well drained, fertile soil and full-sunlight. Other keys to success are a hardy variety and certified disease-free plants.

Q. I had some big black ants come out of firewood I had brought inside not too long ago. I burned these pieces and killed the ants. Now I've found a couple of weird-looking beetles with long feelers in the windows of the room where the fireplace is. Did they come out of the wood too?

A. If they are ½ to 1½ inches long and brightly marked with long legs and antennae (feelers) at least half as long as the body, they're long-horned wood-boring beetles, and chances are good that they did come out of your firewood.

A host of other beetles, spiders, wasps, flies and other

insects can come inside with firewood. Except for termites, carpenter ants and powder post beetles, they pose no danger to furnishings or structural wood.

Use a flyswatter or vacuum to control them, and store only as much wood indoors as you will use in a few days, especially in late winter and early spring, when the normal time for emergence is near. Any wood showing obvious signs of insect activity — holes, tunnels or other borings — should be left outdoors or burned immediately.

Q. Should I clip the stems of faded flowers off my spring-flowering bulbs?

A. It's a good idea. Removing the stems removes any developing seeds, so that food produced by the plant foliage goes into building up the bulb for next year's flowers rather than into seed production.

Q. I know termites aren't the problem in Michigan that they are farther south, but I also know they do occur here. If I see a swarm of small, dark-colored, winged insects in the spring, how do I know for sure they're not termites?

A. To distinguish swarming termites from swarming ants, look closely at these insects. A

termite has a broad waist, two pairs of same-sized wings and straight antennae. A winged ant has a narrow (pinched-in waist and elbowed (bent at an angle) antennae, and its forewings are much larger than its hindwings.

Can Easter lilies be saved and reflowered?

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Q. I read somewhere that dandelions aren't native plants — that they were brought here on purpose and escaped to become lawn weeds. Is this true?

A. Yes. Early European settlers brought them here along with other culinary and medicinal herbs. In some parts of the world, dandelions are widely cultivated for greens, as ornamentals and as the ingredient for dandelion wine. Dandelion roots have served as coffee bean substitutes at times, and their milky sap has been investigated as a source of latex.

American Business Women's Association to award scholarships

The Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association is awarding three \$500 scholarships to men or women pursuing higher education. Applications are available

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Recreation Dept. office moving

Chelsea Recreation Department is moving its office.

The department for many years has been located on the second floor of the old village office complex on E. Middle Street.

The new office will be in the Washington Street Education Center (old high school) in the former Chelsea Community Education Office.

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Steven C. Koch, 43, of Grass Lake was arrested on North Territorial Road near Webbs Landing, March 21. He was initially stopped on a traffic violation. Police checked the Law Enforcement Information Network and discovered he was wanted on a bench warrant from the Friend of the Court in Jackson County.

Eric C. Scheel-Ayers, 22, of Ann Arbor was arrested in the parking lot at Pizza Hut, 5630

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POLICE

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said he hit her left arm and then her right, causing her to fall. She was bruised during the altercation but did not require medical attention.

The suspect told police that his girlfriend was the aggressor. He said they argued and she began beating on his chest, then scratched his chest and shoulders. The suspect was not arrested. Safe House was advised of the incident.

Breaking and Entering

Breaking and entering was reported at Classy Cuts Hair Care, 5650 Jackson Road, March 15. The 29-year-old owner was called by police during an investigation of a break-in at a nearby business. The door frame around the lock at Classy Cuts was torn away. However, the owner said nothing appeared to be missing. Damage is estimated at \$300.

Breaking and entering was reported at Hicks' Cleaners, 5851 Jackson Road, March 16. The owner told police that someone broke in between 7 p.m. March 15 and 6:45 a.m. March 16. A glass door was smashed and sustained \$150 in damage during the break-in. However, nothing appeared to be missing.

Breaking and entering was reported at Huron Pet Supply, 5060 Jackson Road, March 16. An employee told police that someone broke in between 8 p.m. March 15 and 8:30 a.m. March 16. The front door sustained \$250 in damage. However, nothing appeared to be missing.

Larceny was reported in the 600 block of Hawthorne Road, March 17. A 33-year-old woman told police that someone entered her vehicle and stole her purse and a compact disc player. The purse contained \$600, credit cards and a check book. The compact disc player is valued at \$100. The theft occurred between

7:40 p.m. March 16 and 11:45 a.m. March 17. The victim said her purse was under the passenger seat. She thought the vehicle was locked but the investigating officer noted that there was no indication of forced entry.

Sylvan Township

Warrant Arrest

Tiffany N. Wright, 21, of Jackson was transferred into the custody of a sheriff's deputy on I-94 near Notten Road, March 17. She was arrested by Jackson Police on a bench warrant for failing to appear in court on charges of failing to show a valid driver's license.

Lyndon Township

Attempted Vehicle Theft

Michigan State Police are looking for information about two attempted vehicle thefts on March 17. Troopers from the Ypsilanti Post were dispatched to Rosentreter Excavating on M-52 where someone had attempted to hot-wire a truck, causing extensive damage to the steering column. A similar incident was reported across the street at a residence, where someone attempted to steal a 1995 Chevy Blazer.

Anyone with information may call the state police at (734)482-1211 or sheriff's department at (734)971-8400. Cash awards are available from the police and insurance companies for information on auto thieves.

Recovered Stolen Vehicle

A 1990 Dodge Ram pickup was recovered from Clark Lake Road near M-52, March 17. The truck was reported stolen out of Jackson County. It's owned by a 43-year-old Grass Lake man. Deputies found the vehicle abandoned in the roadway.

Stolen Vehicle

A 1991 Mazda was reported stolen from the 20300 block of Island Lake Road, March 17. The owner is a 62-year-old township man. The theft occurred between 8 p.m. March 13 and 6:20 a.m. March 17. The vehicle was later located at the intersection of Riethmiller and Waterloo-Munith Road,

where it had been burned.

Home Invasion

Home invasion was reported on Lowery Road, March 11. A 44-year-old man told police that someone broke in to his home between 8:10 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. March 11. A stereo with dual cassette player and compact disc player valued at \$250 and \$70 in rolled change were stolen. A door was pried open to gain entry.

Webster Township

Home Invasion

Home invasion was reported in the 7100 block of Jennings Road, March 11. A 44-year-old man told police that someone broke into his home between 9:30 p.m. March 10 and 7:35 a.m. March 11. The thief cut the lock on a gate at the end of the driveway and then pried open the rear door to the residence. However, nothing appeared to be missing.

Lima Township

Stolen Vehicle

A 1988 GMC pickup truck was reported stolen from Astro Cap Manufacturing Inc., 2055 N. Lima Center Road, March 17. A 34-year-old man told police that the vehicle was taken between 4:30 p.m. March 16 and noon March 17. He discovered it was missing after receiving a call from Chelsea Police that the truck was located behind Clear Lake Store in Grass Lake. The vehicle had been damaged and could not be driven.

(Compiled by Associate Editor Michelle Rogers based on reports filed with the Michigan State Police, Chelsea Police and the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.)

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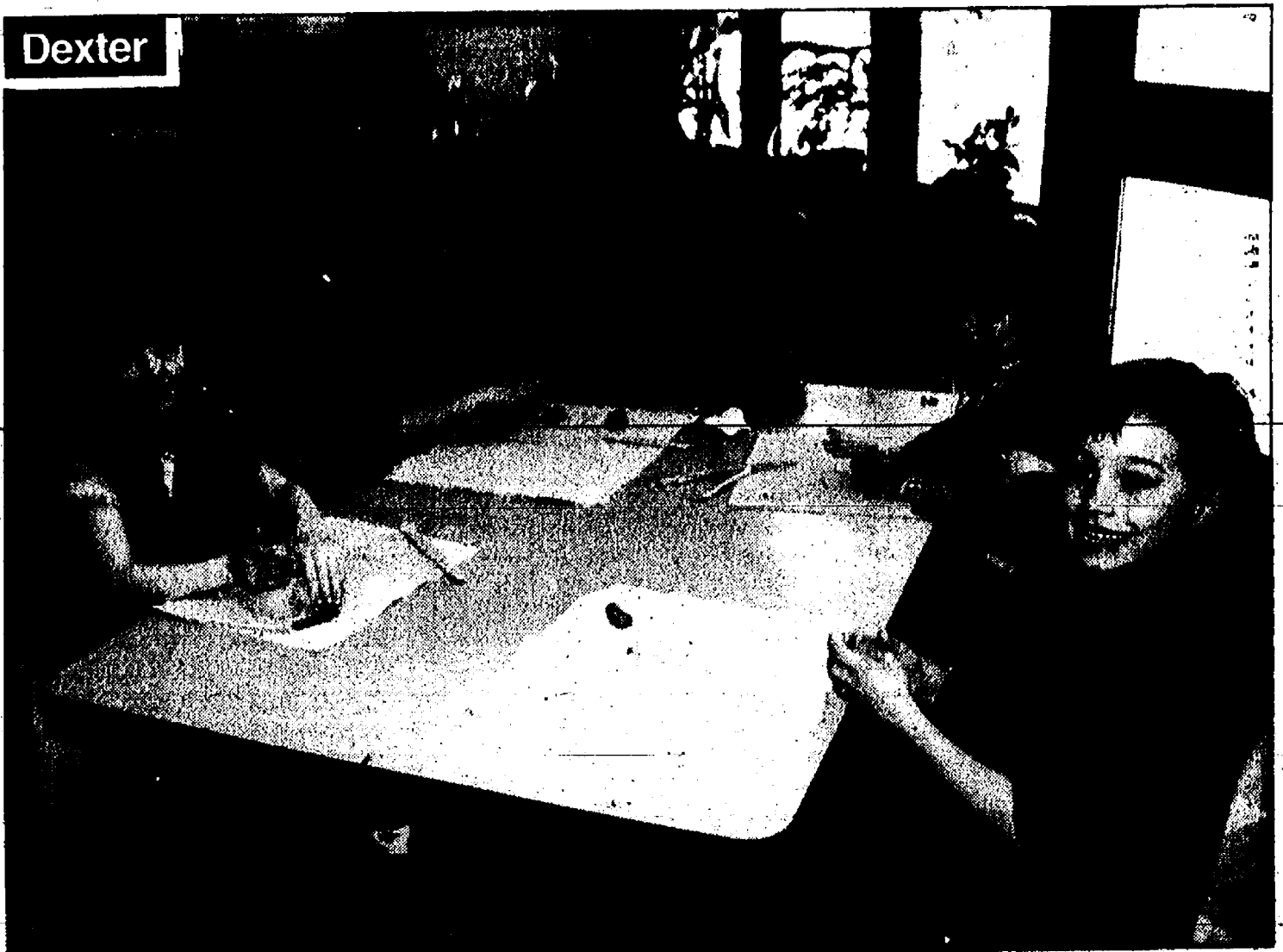


Photo by Mary Kumbler

Youth Art Month

In celebration of Youth Art Month students at Cornerstone Elementary School worked on clay projects with art teacher Louise Lutton. The kids have been creating art that incorporates themes from other cultures. This particular project incorporated the Swedish culture. Pictured with Lutton are first-graders Bryan Smith, Olivia Miller, Chase Steveris and Caitlyn Rize.

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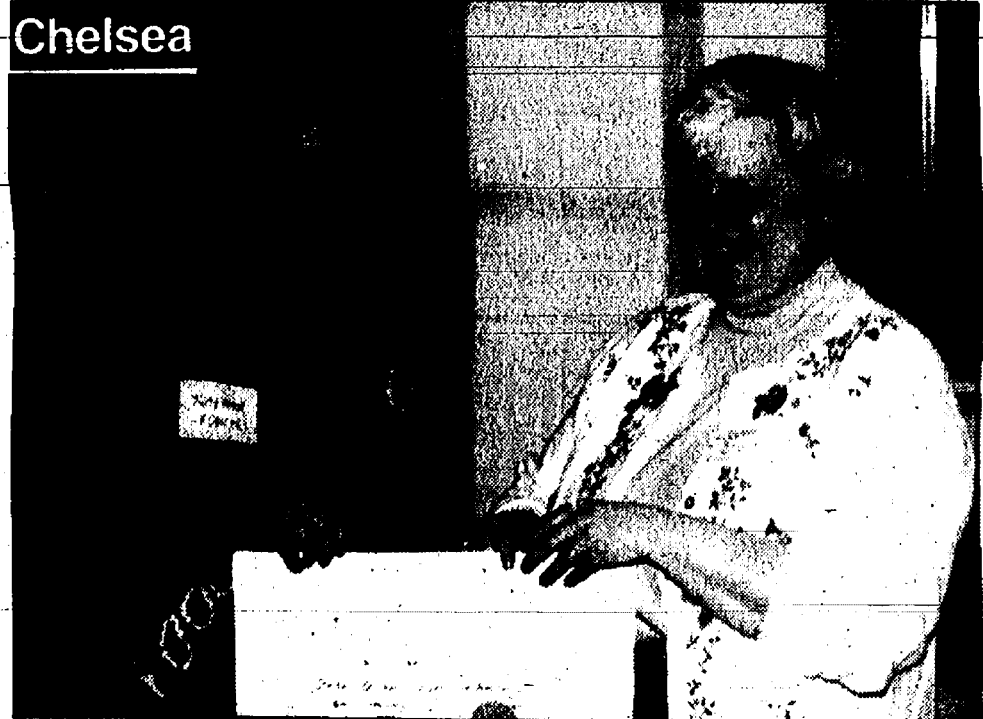
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Teacher of the Year

Janie Brooks, teacher at Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool, was recently given the Teacher of the Year award by the Huron Valley Council of Cooperative Nurseries. She earned the award for her creative preschool program, her commitment to the preschool and its families, and her willingness to go beyond normal teaching duties. This year, Brooks worked without pay before school started to help with the school's move to the Washington Street Education Center. She also spearheaded this year's children's concert as a founding member of the Chelsea Early Childhood Coalition. Brooks, right, has taught at the co-op for the last 12 years. With her is Judy Weir, vice president of the council.

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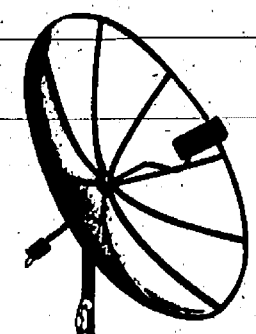
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Thursday, March 25, 1999

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Few pennies saved
Too high a price

Money. It is at once a necessary and corrupting influence, contributing to both the beneficent and the abominable. We are often judged by how we obtain it, and what we decide to do with it. Perhaps, because the choices we make regarding money, like other choices in life, are a testimony to the content of our character.

When considering the proposed Rite-Aid development, it is an interesting study in human behavior to observe what a few are willing to do in order to maximize their financial standing.

The stockholders and handlers of Rite-Aid have shown that they are willing to bully their way into American communities, and callously threaten the continued existence of neighborhood merchants who have been contributing members of localities for generations.

Dennis Gannon and AAR-MAX have demonstrated that they don't have any problem playing fast and loose with the facts, or posing veiled threats to sue their client's potential customer base if they don't get their way. (Admittedly, a novel approach to fostering goodwill among consumers.)

And perhaps most curious, the Pierce family heirs, whose good name has become ubiq-

uitous in Chelsea, appear willing to endure the outrage of the very community to which they are so closely linked. All for a buck.

As the petitions floating about town, and the numerous articles appearing in this paper demonstrate, there is no shortage of men and women who are willing to take action in order to prevent this corporate violation of our home-town. Like many, I hope these concerned citizens recognize the community's appreciation and support for their efforts. We are behind you.

However, in the event that they are not successful in stopping this intrusion, as Eric Bowen suggests (Closer Look, March 18), we will be faced with a very personal decision: How and where will we spend the money we earn?

On the surface, whether or not one patronizes this particular chain store may seem like a relatively benign matter. And yet, I submit that the essence of who we are is best reflected not during moments of grandiose significance, rather, it is revealed in the mundane. After all, if you want to learn what someone is really like, notice how they treat the custodian, not the CEO.

And so, if this proposed development does become a reality, I for one will never enter the establishment. While I

recognize that as an individual my lost business may not impact Rite-Aid's bottom line, saving a few pennies is just too high a price to pay for my sense of personal conviction and respect.

Perhaps we may all be forced to decide what preserving the character and dignity of our village, if not ourselves, is worth.

Christopher Meloche

Mobile home proposal
galvanized citizens

On March 18, at a hearing in Sharon Township, an overflow crowd heard a proposal by the Landon Company of Southfield to rezone the Kozminsky farm on M-52 and Waldo Road for 698 mobile homes, with on-site water and sewer treatment, discharging into Mill Creek.

Residents of Sharon are grateful to the citizens and officials of Chelsea and the adjacent townships who joined us in opposing this rezoning, which would more than double the population of Sharon Township and would compel the Chelsea School District to begin again, within a year, the process of planning and funding another building expansion project. Also, an estimated additional 5,000-8,000 cars on M-52 each day would impact the growing traffic congestion in the Chelsea area.

We are all determined to uphold the Land Use Policy Plan adopted in May 1998, which calls for low density, controlled growth to conserve the land and water resources of the township. The glacier left a varied and unique topography in our township, with soils and ground water in a fragile balance that supports farming, some homes, and lots of native species. This land has special needs. We believe that we chose to live here because of the rural surroundings. Actually, this land chose us because it needs special people who are passionate about protecting it.

The Landon proposal has galvanized citizens, who will:

- Support mobile home park development in section 36, designated in the plan because it is near public utilities and community services.
- Oppose the Landon Company's proposal in the township, in the county, in the courts, in their permit seeking, and in their execution of the project.
- Challenge the autonomy of Michigan Manufactured Housing Commission in Lansing, which has the power to approve developer's proposals, sweeping aside township zoning, regulations, ordinances, and decisions regarding mobile home developments. Supported by generous lobbying

money, nominated by the Senate, and appointed by the governor, their track record has made a mockery of the local democratic process. Their existence is an embarrassment to the state of Michigan.

- Contribute to vital township and regional planning for orderly development while conserving resources for future generations.

Our citizens' group is called "Stewards of Sharon." SOS. We are using our voices, letters, and votes toward these goals, and would love to hear from other concerned citizens. The issues of land use, conservation, and sprawl are larger than just our township.

Albert and Charlotte Anderson

Cat needs a good home

On a cold and snowy day in February, I witnessed a cat, hit by a car. I immediately stopped and picked the cat up and called Dr. Lane. Dr. Lane told me to bring the cat right in.

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Street
Talk

By Amanda Tarantowski

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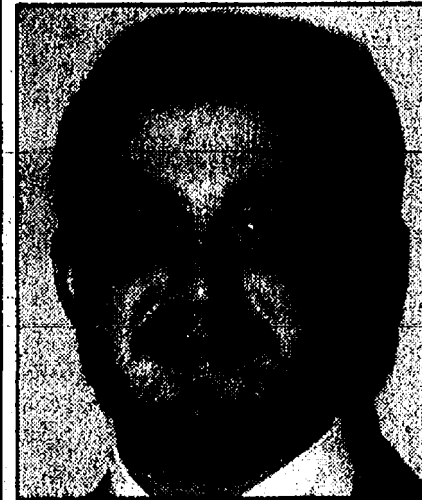
"It's a tradition for my family to celebrate Christ's resurrection together by attending church services."

Valerie Posegay
Sylvan Township

"We go to church and have a big family dinner to celebrate Jesus' death for us."

John Kozma
Sylvan Township

"I go the church where my Dad's the pastor."

Caleb Hansen
Lima Township

"We always have three seders, one with our family, one with the temple, and one with all of the Jewish people in Chelsea. We especially like to have brisket, falafel and matzo."

Isaac Robinovitz
Lyndon Township

"Easter isn't a really big deal. We go to church and hide eggs."

Katherine Knox
Sylvan Township

GUEST EDITORIAL

Changes may be in store for township road patrol

Imagine this scenario: You're driving home at 8 p.m. and it's very dark. You've been gone all day visiting relatives and your baby in the back seat is hungry and cranky. It's getting to be his bed time and you're pretty tired yourself. You pull into your driveway and just before you turn off the car, you notice the entry floor of your home is wide open.

The house is dark. Thoughts race through your mind. "Did I forget to close the door behind me when I left this morning?" "Did someone break into my house?" "Is someone still inside?" "Why does my husband have to be out of town now?"

You're justifiably scared. Your first instinct is to go to the neighbor's for help. Once there, you call 911 and ask if a deputy can be sent out to walk through the house for you. You're told to wait at the neighbor's, someone will be out as soon as possible. You hate imposing on your neighbor, but what are you supposed to do? After two more calls to 911, a deputy finally

arrives, 1 1/2 hours after your first call.

This is not a script for some TV police show. This actually happened last fall in my neighborhood. And the reality is that during the night shift, only one Washtenaw County Sheriff patrol car is out on the road, patrolling the western half of Washtenaw County. That one car, with its one deputy, is serving all the rural townships of Bridgewater, Freedom, Lima, Lodi, Lyndon, Manchester, Sharon, Sylvan and Webster.

And the dispatcher who receives the 911 calls has to prioritize the emergencies, and then decide where to send that one deputy. So, if there's a lot going on in different areas of the county, like a car accident in one corner of the county and a break-in in the other corner, let's hope that there's a state police officer in the vicinity who can respond to at least one of these calls.

Actually, having only one patrol car on the road during the night time hours is nothing new. That's been the norm for the past 10-15 years. And it's been somewhat workable, except that now more and more people are moving out to the rural areas. Traffic, speeding and accidents on the two-lanes has increased and so has the crime.

On Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m., the Washtenaw County Board of Commission-

ers will meet at the County Board Room in the County Administration Building for a work session, in which they will review the sheriff's budget. Many of the commissioners who live in the eastern half of Washtenaw County are giving thought to eliminating the funding to provide road patrol services west of US-23.

While doing some research, I posed hypothetical and realistic questions to many individuals, including County Commissioner Joseph Yukulis. Here's a brief summary:

Q. There's so many new homes being built in my township, which means increased revenue for local and county governments. Why isn't there enough money to pay for continued or improved police service?

A. A great deal of the money gets funneled into Human and Social Services and other Departments.

(*budget figures from the 1999 adopted Governmental Funds Expenditure Summary show the following appropriations: mental health — \$41.6 million; employment training and community service — \$8.9 million; all Social Services, which includes child care, probation, detention, welfare and the Gope O'Brian Center; housing; Family Independence Agency, etc. — \$16.6 million; county parks and recreation — \$8.9 million; Sheriff — \$21.6 million.)

Q. This sounds like townships may be forced to either contract for police service from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department or from their own police department. If my township contracts with the sheriff, will my millage rate be reduced? Will the portion of my taxes that currently goes to fund the sheriff's department be eliminated?

A. No.
Q. If my taxes don't go for police services, where will they go?

A. Those extra dollars will be absorbed into the budgets of other county services and programs.

Q. How much would it cost to contract police service from the sheriff's department?

A. To contract one deputy for 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year is \$72,000. You would need to contract about five deputies for 24 hours seven days a week coverage, 52 weeks a year. There's also the added costs of leasing a patrol car, mileage and providing a station for the deputies.

Q. What might it cost if my township were to form its own police department?

A. To start an agency with competent experienced individuals, you might have to consider a salary and fringe benefits of up to \$100,000 for a police chief, up to \$75,000 for a deputy chief, up to \$60,000 for a sergeant, up to \$50,000 for two full-time deputies. Then

there's the costs of uniforms, radios which are about \$2,000 each, guns, insurance, patrol cars, gas and maintenance, training, a communication tower, etc.

Q. What will happen to the deputies who are assigned to road patrol duty if the Board of Commissioners decide to eliminate the police service to rural areas?

A. Those with higher seniority will probably get reassigned to other departments, but those with lower seniority will probably be laid off.

As I see it, we are faced with five options:

• We continue as is with a minimum amount of police service.

• We contract for a deputy assigned to our township, if the budget allows, to enhance current police service.

• We contract for around-the-clock police service, if the budget allows.

• We request that police service be increased at the current costs to the taxpayers.

• We are forced to get by with no police coverage at all (not an option!).

The board will not be voting to take any action at this meeting. While there will be an opportunity for people to speak during the meeting, no one is required or expected to.

Jennifer Simonds
Neighborhood Watch
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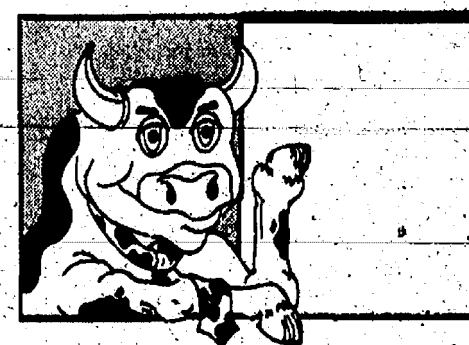
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Tell the Village People to get rid of March

OK, I've had it now. Every year, I know it's gonna happen and every year it happens. And I'll tell you, inevitability really irks me, because it's so hard to change it. I'm talking about March. Being stupid, of course. One day it's halter tops and convertibles and the next, it's shovelling the driveway.

Well, I'm not gonna let it do this anymore. I'm adjusting the UNK-o-Meter weather station to skip March altogether. The equipment keeps breaking anyway because it gets so confused. I realize that usually equipment doesn't tend to get confused, but if you know how the UNK-o-Meter works you'll get the idea.

You see, I've trained my dog Arf to collect the critical data that allows me to determine the current state of the weather and to predict what's gonna happen for the



UNCLE APOLLO

next week or so.

This, of course, is different from the long-term weather trend prediction that goes into the almanac. That's much more scientific, of course.

Anyway, Arf goes out into the yard and if he refuses to piddle but just stands at the door whining to come back in, it's either horribly hot or terribly cold. Usually I can tell which it is by waiting for a couple of days to see if the grass has grown. If he comes

in and shakes and the carpet gets wet, I know it's raining, snowing, or one of those other wet things that the sky does.

Rain's easy, because Arf has unusual tastes, and if it's raining he usually comes in munching on an earthworm. It's pretty easy to tell snow if Arf's in a playful mood, because he'll fly in the door and pelt me with a snowball.

I can never tell that stuff in between, anyway. I mean, is sleet slick? What's the difference between spit and drizzle? And I don't even know Mary, so there's no way I can recognize hail.

The sun and all that is not too hard. If the lights are on, it's overcast, or night. But if it's night, I'm sleeping so I can get that one through a process of elimination. And if Arf is doing a lot of leaning while he's out-cavorting-around, it's

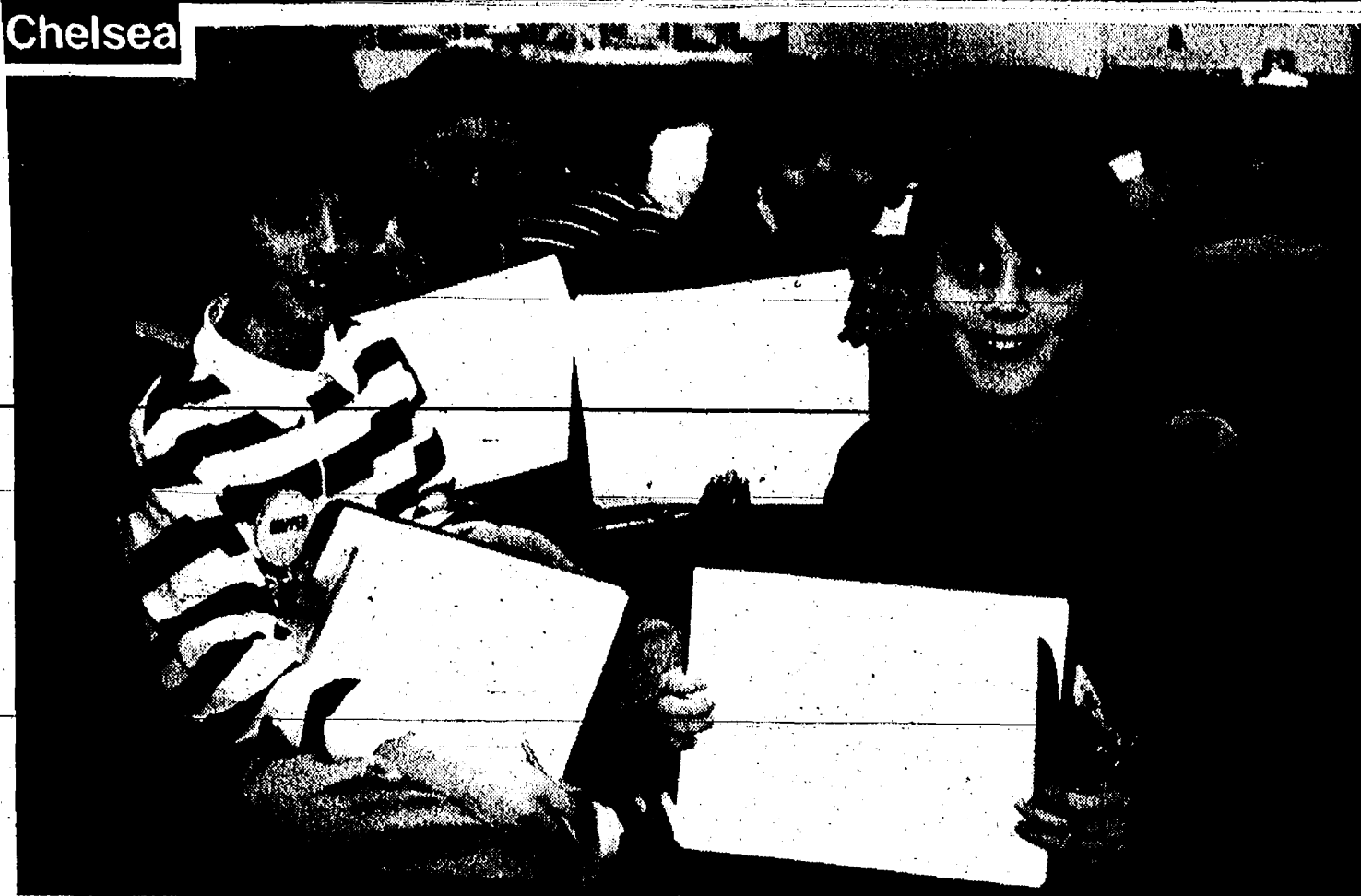
a safe bet that it's pretty windy.

The predicting part is a little harder. I've got to check the ice box to see if Auntie's planning a picnic to decide if it's gonna rain. Or if we have scheduled a day in the sailboat, it's a pretty good bet that it will be calm and sunny.

So you can see what I'm saying about March. We all get exhausted trying to predict what's coming next. And I think it's high time the Village People do something about it. I mean, it never snows in Disneyland, right? So why don't they pass an ordinance that March has to happen in June when you know it's gonna be warm? That way the worst it could do is rain and although that wouldn't be perfect, at least we could put the snowshovels away.

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Chelsea



Cartoon Master

Minnesota Cartoonist Duane Barnhart showed kids at North Creek Elementary School the fundamentals of creating memorable characters Friday. Barnhart was in town promoting his how-to book on cartooning. Pictured are Max Parkanzky, Abran Booth, Kyle Carpenter and Nicholas Harris showing off their creations.

Military retirees may get benefits

A change of fortune may be in store for some former military members who were denied unemployment benefits following their separation from the service.

Acting on newly-issued instructions from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Michigan's Unemployment Agency (UA) is advising former members of the military to revisit their local UA office if they were denied unemployment benefits because their military separation was due to "inaptitude" and their service was continuous for 365 days or more.

"Any former military member who was rejected from receiving unemployment benefits on or after Nov. 9, 1997, because of a 'service separation due to inaptitude' should request a redetermination from their local UA office," Acting UA Director Jack Wheatley said.

"They may now be entitled to some federal unemployment compensation for ex-

military members (UCX) because the Labor Department no longer considers an 'inaptitude' separation as a reason for disqualifying a claim," he explained.

The Unemployment Agency acts as the agent for the federal government in Michigan to pay jobless benefits to former military service members.

Whitely estimates that fewer than 100 individuals in the state are affected by USDA's new directive, but his agency will try to locate them to preserve their rights to these federal benefits.

"If we can find these men and women, we will ask for further information about their ability to work, availability for work and their efforts to find work since Nov. 15, 1998," Whitley said. "If they are entitled to benefits, they could start with that week, although benefits are not payable for prime weeks."

Nationally, the USDA estimates that separations due to "inaptitude" could allow be-

tween 2,500 and 3,000 additional claimants to qualify for USX annually.

The USDOL defines "inaptitude" as being "unsuitable for military service for reasons largely related to personal characteristics not reflected by acts of serious misbehavior." The department has determined that any of 20 reasons constitute "inaptitude" for UCX qualifying purposes. The reasons range from being a conscientious objector, to unsatisfactory or substandard performance, to failing a drug or alcohol abuse rehabilitation program.

To avoid missing claimants who may qualify for these federal jobless benefits, the US-DOL has required the UA and its sister agencies across the country to publicize the possible payment of these benefits.

The Unemployment Agency is part of Michigan's Department of Consumer and Industry Services, the state's primary licensing and regulatory department.

COLLEGE HONORS

Chelsea residents Kristen M. Ashendel, Nate Cooper and Holly Lynn Totten were awarded honors scholarships as freshmen at Kalamazoo College.

Ashendel is the daughter of Mark and Connie Winters. Cooper is the son of David and Nanette Cooper. Totten is the daughter of Richard and Pamela Totten.

Nominees were selected

from new students admitted to the college. Selection criteria included academic accomplishments as well as extracurricular achievements.

Chris B. Henderson of Dexter received a bachelor's degree with honors in zoology, Dec. 12, from Michigan State University.

Henderson completed his

final semester with a 3.7 grade point average placing him on the dean's list.

Henderson is the son of Ronald and Irene Kitchen.

Kevin C. Cammet and Dana A. Schmunk of Chelsea, and Stephanie L. King of Pinckney received bachelor's degrees from Grand Valley State University at the conclusion of the fall semester.

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- 1.) Come sign a petition, an Anti-sprawl initiative, unifying the voice of Webster Township.
- 2.) To explore the possibilities of what Pottawatomie Land Grant has to offer us. (It is a non-profit organization that buys up rural land to preserve it.)
- 3.) To divide up tasks. "APRON" is looking for expertise in legal and organizational skills in many different areas.

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on the spot

Van Riper uses new technology in voice venture

By Michael Rybka

Jersey Township resident Jeff Van Riper, who has been a successful broadcasting personality and technician at several Michigan radio and television stations, has abandoned that career to launch an innovative service for commercial advertisers.

Van Riper's new enterprise, called Johnny On The Spot, uses the new computer audio technology MP3 to dub voice-overs and music to television commercials without ever having to leave his home studio on Jerusalem Road.

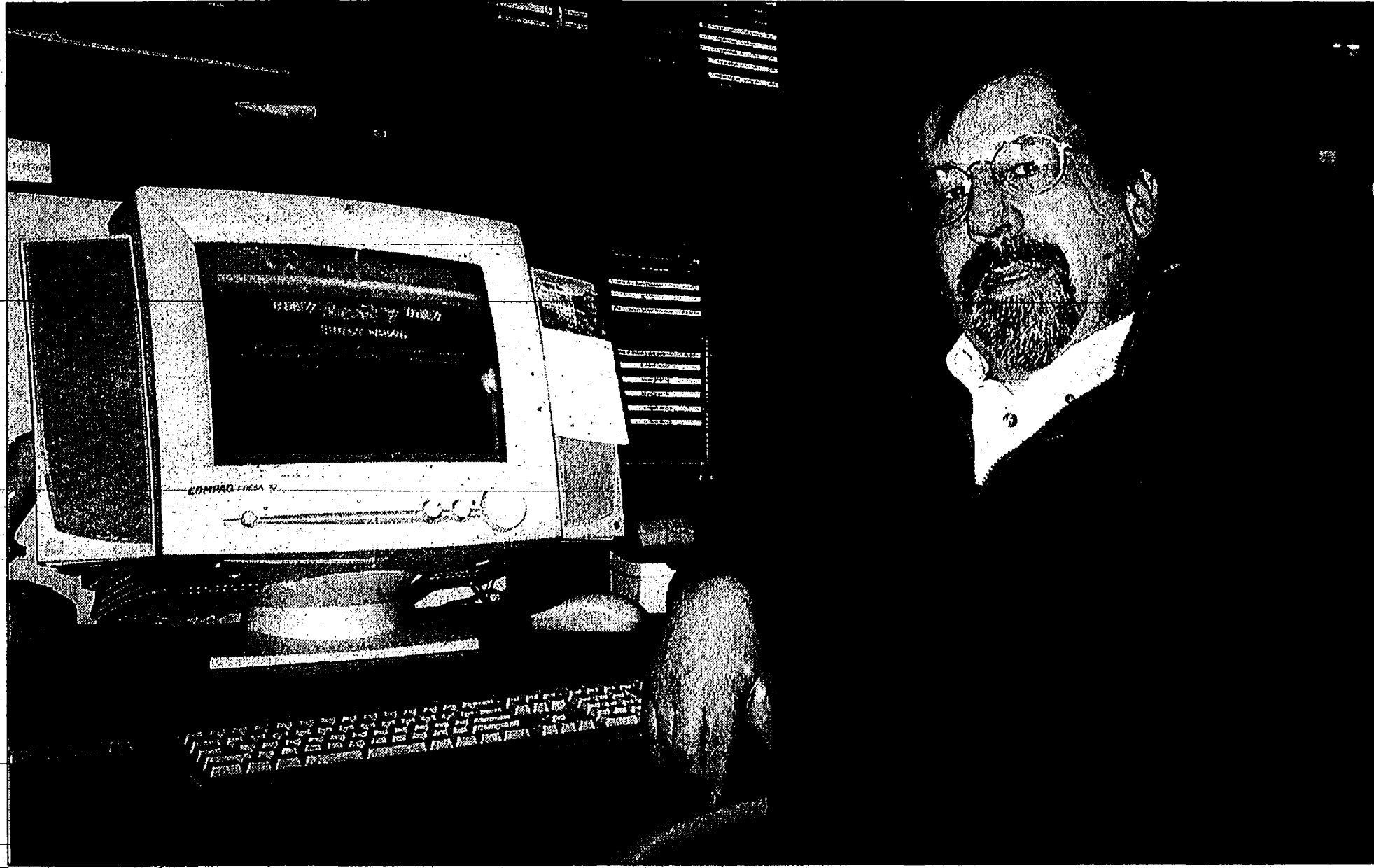
MP3 shrinks an audio signal to where it can be transmitted over the Internet so that, as with Van Riper's product, it can be downloaded in about three minutes.

Van Riper devotes 12 hours a day, six days a week to his enterprise. A typical business day begins at 7:30 a.m. when he reviews scripts that have been e-mailed or faxed to him by an advertising agency.

Van Riper will rehearse the script to make sure an advertiser is not trying to fit 40 seconds in a 30-second spot.

While lending his own voice to many productions, just as often he chooses from a pool of 11 other "talents" whom he discovered via the Internet yellow pages. Van Riper will contact the appropriate "voice" by telephone.

Once a verbal agreement is



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reached, the voice actors, who require similar equipment to Van Riper's, recite the script onto a digital source, shrink the audio waves via the MP3 process, and e-mail it back to Van Riper.

Once returned, Van Riper may be required to over-dub music from a massive audio library of

which he had to purchase the rights.

When Van Riper determines the recording is complete, he sends it back to its parent source using the same MP3 technology. Sometimes the whole circuitous process can take only 20 minutes.

Van Riper said that finding

effective voices is not as easy as many may think. Voice talent requires expert inflection and enunciation and an ability to discern between a hard or soft sell approach. His talent pool consists of professionals with 15 to 30 years of experience.

Van Riper has purposely avoided pitching his service to

radio, the medium in which he is most familiar.

"They have their own talent," Van Riper said. "Cable companies and television stations do not. They generally seek out voice talent from radio stations and work around the radio talent's schedules. Because the pool is so small it can sometimes

take days or even weeks before scheduling can permit a production to be made."

Van Riper said that with men, the old-style deep radio voice is still a valuable asset.

Effective women's voices, Van Riper said, are simply hard to find. Of the 11 talents currently at his disposal, only three are female. One is still untested. The other two can expand their natural gifts. One can adopt an Irish accent while the other can mimic a child.

Van Riper is hoping to enlarge his roster with more women as well as children and ethnic voices.

Even a professional voice can be "tweaked" to sound even better once Van Riper adds equalization to enhance the frequency range, normalization to stabilize volume levels and compression to tighten imperceptible gaps in the audio.

Van Riper recorded his own voice to demonstrate this process.

Reading a newly acquired script into a microphone, his spiel was processed through a chain of black boxes which encoded his speech into a digitized voice-print on his computer screen.

A playback sounded professional enough. However, when Van Riper added equalization and normalization it sounded even more resonant and commanding.

Although those two tools were readily available in the analog era, compression could have been achieved back then only by a hair-splitting, pains-taking

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Bill Gourley gets caught by teaching bug

By Michelle Rogers

Associate Editor

There was a time in Bill Gourley's life when he wasn't sure what he wanted to do for a living.

But after visiting a classroom and watching music inspire a group of students, Gourley saw his future.

"I got caught by the bug, seeing something in the kids' eyes," says Gourley, who teaches music at Chelsea High School and Beach Middle School.

Gourley was no stranger to music while growing up. He was raised the son of Chicago's "Music Man." His father, the late Jim Gourley, had a Saturday morning radio show and later worked as a consultant to music stores, building their businesses by selling introductory packages to music making.

While growing up, Gourley played accordion, organ, guitar, piano, drums and the trumpet. As a youngster and into his teens, he recalls listening to the classics, not the tunes popular with his generation. He even played in a polka band.

"Whenever I heard music it was never in front of me. It was around me," Gourley says. "It was like I was in the music. It was a unique experience."

Although he enjoyed making music, Gourley never thought he would teach it for a living. During high school, he says, students in his class didn't seem interested in playing. Later he realized that his music teacher didn't provide enough inspiration.

"I found out it wasn't the kids," Gourley says. "It was who was at the podium."

After returning from Vietnam and working as an assistant shoe sales manager for a year and a half, Gourley enrolled in col-

lege. It was a professor at Michigan State University and a class he visited that eventually changed his mind.

"Both of them showed me the excitement that music holds for people," Gourley says. "It was just serendipity — divine intervention."

His father played a role in his decision, too. Years later, Gourley sees much of his father in his own approach with students.

"He always said 'Take care of the kids first.' He loved kids," Gourley recalls. "He loved showing them how to be a class act. All the people he hired he told them how to dress, present themselves, sell themselves."

"I emphasize doing things with style and class," Gourley says. "I try to show them the refined way to do things."

Gourley started his career with Dundee schools in 1976 after earning a bachelor's degree in music education from MSU a year earlier. Five years later, he added a master's degree.

In Dundee, Gourley led the district's music education program, teaching more than 400 students a day. He saw the high school band grow from 30 to 130 by the time he left for Chelsea five years later.

Former Chelsea band director Steve Bergman recruited Gourley for the position. Gourley had turned down offers in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Walled Lake while in Dundee. But after visiting Chelsea, he decided to take the leap. This past fall, he marked 18 years with the district.

"I really like what Chelsea has to offer: the kids, the community, the (school) administration, the facilities," Gourley says. "It's a good place to do what I am



Although Bill Gourley enjoyed making music, he never thought he would teach it for a living. During high school, he says, students in his class didn't seem interested in playing. Later he realized that his music teacher didn't provide enough inspiration. Nowadays Gourley is a music teacher in Chelsea, providing oodles of inspiration for local students.

doing. It's one of the best in the state."

Gourley describes his teaching style as focused, intense, high-energy and full of high expectations. He expects students to learn music others are playing at the college and professional levels.

Gourley says he picks the music for artistic value, as well as the challenge for students to

play it. He expects all his student to maximize their poten-

high school band and organizes concerts and tours for the music

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tial, regardless of their ability level.

Gourley teaches a beginners class to sixth-grade brass and percussion players, leads the

program. He also has been active in the teachers' union, serving as president the past three years.

In addition, he is the founder and director of the Southeastern Michigan Honors Band — taking area student musicians on tour across Europe — and he leads the Wind Ensemble Chamber Orchestra Mixed Chorus, a group of Chelsea High School's top musical performers who he takes to New York City on a concert tour every year.

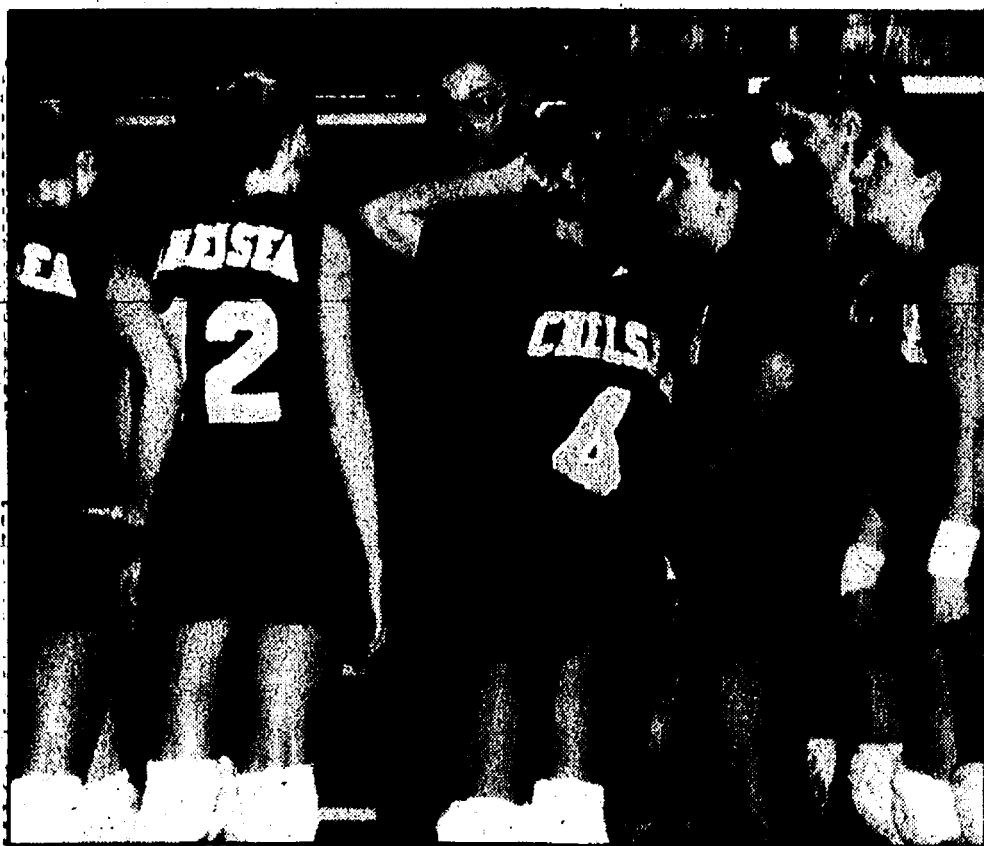
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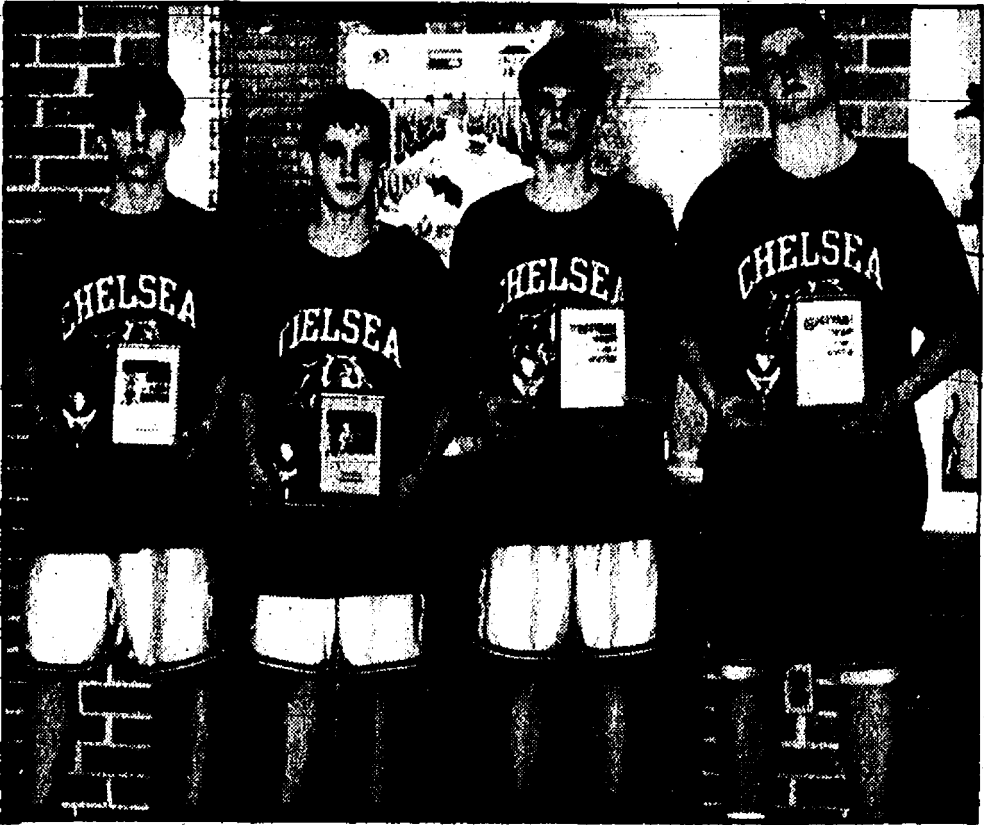
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Bulldogs named to all conference volleyball team



Coach Dan Montgomery talks to his team during a match earlier this year.



3-on-3 Champions

These four Chelsea freshman basketball players were the undefeated champions in the age 14-15 division of Streetball Sports 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament held at Huron High School March 6. From left are Jeff Walters, Kent Reames, Nick Gadbury and Joe Tripodi.

By Frank Dimich

Special Writer

The Chelsea, Dexter and Saline volleyball teams dominated the Southeastern Conference this season, so it should come as no surprise that they made up most of the All-SEC first team.

"I think these three teams dominated the first team because there was such a big drop in performance after these teams," Chelsea coach Dan Montgomery said.

The Bulldogs (26-11, 10-2 SEC) finished second to Saline in the SEC after losing to the Hornets in the last league match of the season.

Chelsea had two first-teamers in senior setter Miranda Harris and junior middle hitter Lindsay Powers. Powers was also named to the first-team all-region.

Also, senior outside hitter Amy McCalla was named to the second team in the SEC. Senior outside hitter Kristin Ellis and senior right-side specialist Celeste Bycraft were given honorable mention.

Powers was the Bulldogs' offensive leader with 3.68 kills per game and 58 service aces.

"That's a pretty phenomenal average of kills for a season," Montgomery said.

In the SEC, Powers had 86 kills and 15 aces, but Montgomery said she was at her best in tournament play, where the Bulldogs faced some state-ranked competition.

"She really rises to the level of competition, and that's kind of unusual," he said.

She just missed becoming the first player in Chelsea history to have more than 300 kills in a season. She had 294.

"I think I couldn't have done it without my team," Powers said. "It doesn't just happen with the hitters."

Powers has played on the

varsity for the last two seasons. "I definitely feel that it has helped me to be on the varsity," she said. "I feel like I'm getting better every year, so I can't wait until next year to start ... I love the game so much that I want to achieve and keep getting better."

Harris led the team and was near the top of the SEC with 161 assists, or 6.72 per game. She also had 15 kills and nine service aces.

"I would say she was the best setter in the league, no doubt about it," Montgomery said.

Harris has been a setter since she started playing in eighth grade. "In eighth grade, they told me I would have the potential to be a setter in high school," she said.

She said she has developed her setting though hard work and training at various camps. Also, she picked up some finer points from her junior varsity coach, Laura Cleveland, who was also a setter when she played.

It also helps that she's been setting for many of the same players for the past four years. "Playing at school or in other leagues brought us closer together," she said. "You knew who you could set to."

Harris plans to attend Grand Valley State University and play club volleyball.

McCalla's strength was her serving. She had 15 aces in the SEC, including five in the Bulldogs' win at Dexter and three in their win at Saline. She also had 46 kills in the league.

McCalla, who is considering trying out for the varsity volleyball team at Grand Valley, said getting on the All-SEC team was a goal. "I really wanted some kind of acknowledgment because I'm considering playing in college," she said.

This season was easily her best serving the ball. "I used to have a lot more trouble with

my serving," McCalla said. "This season, I just took more time and started concentrating."

Ellis had 67 kills in the league, seven aces, and served with 88 percent accuracy.

Bycraft had nine service aces in the SEC. "Her main strength was defense, and she was our secondary setter," Montgomery said.

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Chelsea Aquatics Club has an exciting meet

Chelsea Aquatics Club's fourth and final dual meet of the winter season was the most exciting of the year. Chelsea beat the Ypsilanti Otters 391-365. The meet was close throughout, and the win came down to the final relays.

Many swimmers rose to the occasion and swam best times, but the swimmers of the meet were Trevor Hughes, Dustin Catalano, Ryan Fark, and both the girls and boys 13-14 freestyle relays.

Hughes won the 100-yard individual medley for the 8-and-under boys, while Catalano swam his best individual medley time for the 9-10 boys. Fark swam the individual medley with a personal best time for the 11-12 boys, and the 13-14 relays swam their way to first places, cementing the win with their combined 16 points.

Medley Relay

9 - 10 boys (200 yds.): 1. Nick Armstrong, Mitch Cook, Ben Kellogg, Allen Kalis, 3:08.02.

9 - 10 girls (200 yds.): 2. Kellyn Pagliarini, April Adams, Kat Fitzgerald, Christine Kelley, 2:35.49; 3. Hannah Meyers, Nicole Lodewyk, Maggie Manville, Cassie Vachon, 3:18.54; 4. Tracy Steinbach, Anne Thiel, Julie Kueker, Leah Smith, 3:38.36;

11 - 12 boys (200 yds.): 1. Cody Shiller, Ryan Kelley, Alex Wilson, Andy Kellogg, 2:41.21.

11 - 12 girls (200 yds.): 1. Daniele Hughes, Kara Stiles, Kelly Butcher, Kim Vachon, 2:18.95; 3. Meghan Minnick, Danielle McClelland, Chrissy Widmayer, Jennifer Adams, 2:41.44.

13 - 14 boys (200 yds.): 1. Tim Wacker, Matt Holmes, Zach Christman, Aaron Connell, 2:07.28.

13 - 14 (200 yds.): 1. Rebecca Armstrong, Sarah Manville, Laura Adams, Kasey Whitley, 2:14.70.

Freestyle
8 - under boys (25 yds.): 2. Nick Dyerly, 18.62; 3. Ian Hughes, 18.75; 4. Trevor Hughes, 19.04; 8. Ryan Wrathall, 28.90.
8 - under girls (25 yds.): 4.

Lauren Modafferi, 19.91; 5. Emily Sparrow, 20.83; 7. Erin Alber, 21.33; 8. Kelly Whitley, 21.33.

9 - 10 boys (50 yds.): 1. Robbie Moffett, 31.35; 4. Jake

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Policht, 40.14; 6. Jordan Skidmore, 42.39; 8. Robbie Pagliarini, 43.90; 10. Tom Bloomfield, 44.55; 11. Zack Coleman, 44.93; 13. Dustin Catalano, 45.48; 15. Blake Burnette, 46.55.

9 - 10 girls (50 yds.): 3. Jessica Lodewyk, 33.19; 4. Kellyn Pagliarini, 33.63; 7. Cassie Vachon, 37.25; 8. Hannah Meyers, 41.03; 10. Tracy Steinbach, 42.98; 12. Leah Smith, 45.82; 13. Brittany Hansen, 47.45; 14. Liz Hood, 47.81; 15. Anne Thiel, 48.11; 18. Krista Wallace, 59.74.

11 - 12 boys (50 yds.): 2. Alex Wilson, 30.26; 4. Andy Kellogg, 31.19; 5. Ryan Kelley, 32.28; 6. Cody Schiller, 35.98; 7. Nate Christman, 36.93; 8. Sean Steinbach, 39.60; 9. Ryan Fark, 39.80.

11 - 12 girls (50 yds.): 1. Meghan Minnick, 28.94; 2. Liz Rohrkemper, 29.18; 5. Jennifer Adams, 31.97; 7. Liz Skidmore, 35.24; 8. Katie Widmayer, 36.89; 9. Chrissy Widmayer, 38.20; 10. Haley Policht, 38.31.

13 - 14 boys (50 yds.): 1. Zach Christman, 27.77; 2. Tim Wacker, 28.59; 3. Mike Policht, 29.65; 4. Aaron Connell, 29.83.

13 - 14 girls (50 yds.): 2. Sarah Manville, 29.28; 3. Kasey Whitley, 32.20.

Individual Medley

8 - under boys (100 yds.): 1. Trevor Hughes, 1:44.69; 5. Ian Hughes, 1:58.55; 7. Nick Dyerly, 2:04.62; 8. Ryan Wrathall, 3:12.48.

8 - under girls (100 yds.): 3. Lauren Modafferi, 1:56.99; 6. Kelly Whitley, 2:09.08; 7. Erin Alber, 2:14.54; 8. Emily Sparrow, 2:22.92.

9 - 10 boys (100 yds.): 1. Robbie Moffett, 1:24.90; 3. Nick Armstrong, 1:35.03; 6. Jordan Skidmore, 1:45.82; 7. Robbie Pagliarini, 1:46.66; 8. Allen Kallis, 1:47.21; 9. Dustin Catalano, 1:50.14; 10. Ben Kellogg, 1:51.46; 11. Mitch Cook, 1:54.42; 13. Jake Policht, 2:01.44; 14. Tom Bloomfield, 2:04.78.

9 - 10 girls (100 yds.): 2. April Adams, 1:22.08; 3. Kat Fitzgerald, 1:26.85; 7. Nicole Lodewyk, 1:38.19; 8. Christine Kelley, 1:38.76; 9. Julie Kueker, 1:44.79; 10. Hannah Meyers, 1:50.06; 11. Maggie Manville, 1:52.85; 13. Liz Hood, 2:08.02; 14. Leah Smith, 2:11.53; 16. Krista Wallace, 2:18.48; 17. Brittany Hansen, 2:20.20.

11 - 12 boys (100 yds.): 3. Andy Kellogg, 1:21.75; 4. Alex Wilson, 1:22.16; 6. Ryan Kelley, 1:31.09; 7. Nate Christman, 1:36.40; 8. Cody Schiller, 1:38.95; 9. Ryan Fark, 1:47.43; NS. Sean Steinbach.

11 - 12 girls (100 yds.): 1. Kara Stiles, 1:15.10; 2. Daniele Hughes, 1:16.45; 4. Kim Vachon, 1:18.00; 5. Kelly Butcher, 1:20.52; 9. Danielle McClelland, 1:28.86; 11. Katie Widmayer, 1:39.11; 11. Haley Policht, 1:49.38.

13 - 14 boys (200 yds.): 1. Zach Christman, 2:32.74; 2. Matt Holmes, 2:47.89; 4. Mike Policht, 2:58.76.

13 - 14 girls (200 yds.): 2. Rebecca Armstrong, 2:38.50; 3. Laura Adams, 2:40.74.

Freestyle Relay

8 - under boys (100 yds.): 1. Ian Hughes, Ryan Wrathall, Nick Dyerly, Trevor Hughes, 1:25.89.

8 - under girls (100 yds.): Exhibition. Erin Alber Kelley Whitley, Lauren Modafferi, Erin Alber, 1:28.71.

9 - 10 boys (200 yds.): 1. Nick Armstrong, Allen Kallis, Ben Kellogg, Robbie Moffett, 2:32.40; 3. Zack Coleman, Jake Policht, Jordan Skidmore, Blake Burnette, 3:00.72; 5. Mitch Cook, Dustin Catalano, Tom Bloomfield, Robbie Pagliarini, 3:16.80.

9 - 10 girls (200 yds.): 1. Kat Fitzgerald, Nicole Lodewyk, Christine Kelley, April Adams, 2:24.57; 2. Tracy Steinbach, Cassie Vachon, Anne Thiel, Julie Kueker, 2:59.23; 3. Brittany Hansen, Liz Hood, Maggie Manville, Krista Wallace, 3:12.44.

11 - 12 boys (200 yds.): 2. Sean Steinbach, Ryan Fark, Nate Christman, Cody Schiller, 2:39.04.

11 - 12 girls (200 yds.): 1. Kara Stiles, Meghan Minnick, Liz Rohrkemper, Kim Vachon, 1:57.29; 2. Jennifer Adams, Danielle McClelland, Daniele Hughes, Kelly Butcher, 2:08.41; 4. Haley Policht, Chrissy Widmayer, Katie Widmayer, Liz Skidmore, 2:37.04.

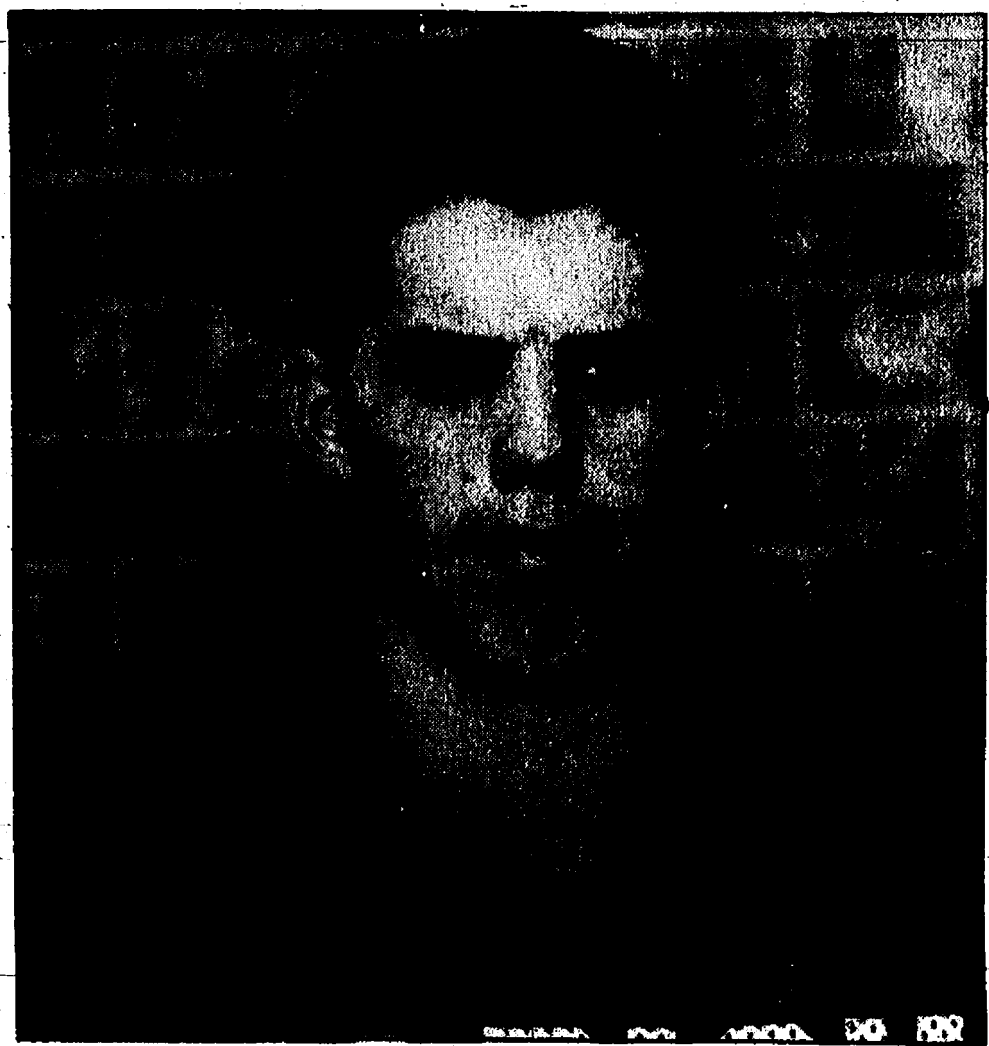
13 - 14 boys (200 yds.): 1. Tim Wacker, Mike Policht, Matt Kellogg, Aaron Connell, 1:56.88.

13 - 14 girls (200 yds.): 1. Sarah Manville, Kasey Whitley, Laura Adams, Rebecca Armstrong, 1:57.37.



Second-Place Cagers

Chelsea Lightning took second place in the Napoleon Fourth Grade Division II Basketball Tournament recently. In front, from left, are Kyle Raymond, Taylor Hopkins, Jeffrey Adams, Daniel Rhodes and Daniel Augustine. In back are coach Robin Raymond, Matt Schwarze, D.J. Fischhaber, Jimmie Krischbaum and Chris Hopkins. Not pictured is coach Carl Schwarze.



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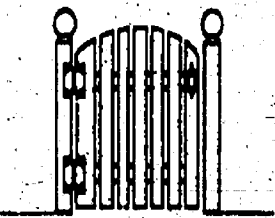


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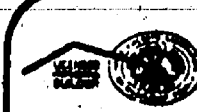
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3. For each sample, remove a trowel-full of soil which extends seven inches below the surface. Do not include roots, thatch, plant materials, rocks or gravel in the sample. Mix the ten soil samples together in the pail.

4. Place 1 cup of the well-mixed soil in a clean plastic bag or container. Dry or damp soil is okay, but soggy soil should be allowed to air dry.

5. If you wish to test more than one area of your yard, use a clean pail and trowel to repeat steps #1 - #4 for each area. Label each bag carefully.

6. Bring your soil sample to a participating retailer starting **March 27** through **April 11**, along with \$10 per sample. For a list of participating retailers in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw or Wayne counties call 248-858-0880 or check out the website at <http://www.msue.msu.edu/oakland> (SE Oakland County residents can also call SOCRA at 248-288-5150).

7. Your soil will be tested for pH, essential nutrients for the plants you intend to grow, and organic matter. Note: this is not a test for contamination of soils.

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Local woman writes to President Clinton

A family vacation, taken by Haifa "Hala" and the Rev. Anthony Dickerson's family to Washington D.C., resulted in a \$50 parking ticket, a written protest to President Clinton, and a reply from the President over 10 months later.

The Dickersons, who have resided in Chelsea for two years, visited Washington during the schools' spring break of last year. Hala said her goal was to give her four children the opportunity to experience the joy she felt when, as a child, she visited the Capitol and climbed to the top of the Washington Monument.

Hala said her family had to scrimp and save to take the trip and, once there, stayed in the most economically-priced hotels they could find.

When they took a resident's

suggestion that "there are places to park along the street if you're willing to walk," the Hendersons found their tight budget stretched to the breaking point when they returned from a jaunt to find a parking ticket on their car.

Hala lost a day of vacation with her family by trying, unsuccessfully, to protest the fine in a court of adjudication.

Upon returning home, she wrote to Clinton, U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham and others on July 27 to plead her case that leeway be given to out-of-town visitors who aren't familiar with Washington's parking

rules. As time passed and Clinton was increasingly besieged by scandal, Hala decided she would write again to Clinton, denouncing him for his conduct.

Instead, in a letter dated Oct. 13, she settled on a kinder approach, promising the President that her family would pray for him while, a few paragraphs later, reminding him of her parking ticket woes.

She finally received a reply from Clinton on Jan. 22.

In the letter, the President addressed neither the parking

issue nor the spiritual aid that Hala promised.

Instead, the President thanked her for writing and asked her to remain involved as his administration provided for children, empowered citizens and faced the challenges of the 21st century.

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The Conservation Reserve Program is having a positive impact on grassland bird populations, confirm University of Missouri researchers. They found one-and-a-half to two times more birds on CRP land than on row-cropped land. A Missouri natural resources specialist says the studies show that American goldfinches, grasshopper sparrows, field sparrows and eastern meadowlarks produced enough young on CRP land to gradually increase their numbers.

AUTO TALK

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POT SHOTS

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happen in Southeastern Michigan almost
every day. For banks, at least, these
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burdens. Usually the bank has to go to
great trouble and expense to find a
secondary buyer, and they usually end up
taking a loss in the end. One area dealership,
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everyday people, not just those with
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average person to find," explains Brian
House, General Manager at Victory Ford-
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then mark them up and sell them to
retailers—who in turn mark them up
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already been marked up twice!"

It looks as though all that is about to
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This is certainly great news for
used car buyers anywhere near
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everyone is overjoyed with what
Victory is doing. "We've been getting
calls from other dealers asking us
not to do this," House says. "But we
think our customers deserve this
opportunity on the rare occasion that
we can offer it. We're going to
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During the three day event, every
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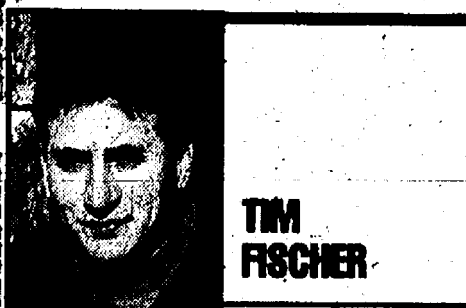
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Food Auction

Dexter High School's National Honor Society held its 13th annual food auction on March 17. The event was held for seniors and staff with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy and Cystic Fibrosis associations. Food items ranged from cookies and cakes to sand-

wiches and pop. The items were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Pictured are NHS members Matt Conger, Liz Monteith, Brandon Balcolm, Casey Carr, Christi Whitehead, Rachel Ridenour, Karen Statler, Dave Cobler and Lucas Porinsky during the auction.

Fischer takes in cultural exchange



TIM FISCHER

LETTERS FROM AFRICA

An important aspect of Peace Corps training, and indeed, Peace Corps service in general, is the cultural exchange. It is however, paradoxical.

By many respects it is the easiest part of the job. The cultural exchange is taking place just by our presence in Côte d'Ivoire. We are constantly being questioned about life in the United States and are constantly searching to identify ideological and cultural traits that are distinctly American.

We find that we are learning a lot about our country's people as we are pressed to describe them. However, the cultural exchange may also be the most difficult aspect as there is no break. We miss cultural cues and forget taboos, embarrassing ourselves and everyone with us.

Currently, I am among 21 volunteers training in Bacon, a small village 150 kilometers north of Abidjan. We all live and eat with host families.

The food aside, adjusting to life with an Ivorian family has been amusing, angering, frustrating, and difficult. An Ivorian family in this region consists of not only a large nucleus family, but the extended family as well.

It is not uncommon for a compound (house with four long wings and an open courtyard in the middle) to contain 15-20 people. Privacy is as foreign as we are.

Upon arrival, I was a bit taken aback when my family hustled to bring into the courtyard a big, awkward chair in which they insisted I sit.

The family gathered about me, the elder men sitting and the women and children standing in the background. I proceeded to show off all the French I knew by counting to 10 and saying my name and nationality. That is the only part of the conversation I understood.

The cultural exchange had begun and I was scared.

The next day I walked down the street to meet my colleagues and share experiences. I was overwhelmed as little kids ran up to me to yell a greeting and touch my white skin.

We compared our first night of life with our host families in an open-aided road-side marquee as 20 people stared on.

One of my colleagues was still a bit unsure as she shared

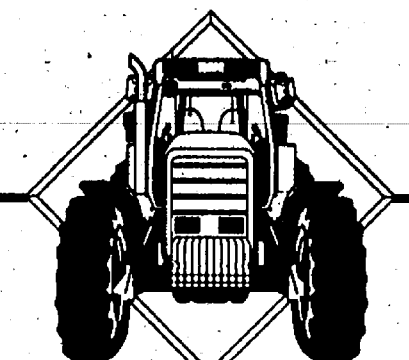
her night with a nervous smile. When it was time for bed her female family members escorted her to her room and removed her clothes until she was completely naked. Everyone shared stories of the first cultural exchange and the doubts of living here began to solidify.

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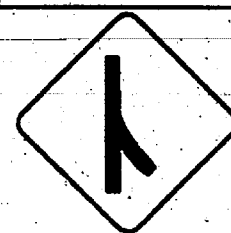
Lanford Wilson received a \$1,000 prize for "The Book of Days," a gripping, suspenseful and ultimately tragic drama about a murder and a lone woman's battle for justice in a small Missouri town. The Purple Rose Theatre Company staged the world premiere in 1998. The theater was founded by film and stage actor Jeff Daniels, who appeared in Woody Allen's film "The Purple Rose of Cairo." Daniels, a longtime Wilson associate who commissioned the work,

played Jed in Wilson's "Fifth of July."

Wilson received the award March 20 in Louisville.

ATCA member Lawrence DeVine of the Detroit Free Press called the play "extraordinary." He further wrote in his April, 1998 review: "Deep down, perhaps, 'Book of Days' is about frightened people: townspeople afraid to stand up and be counted, some with secrets, some cowed by old-time religion, some just numb. Wilson's Missouri village comes to look universal."

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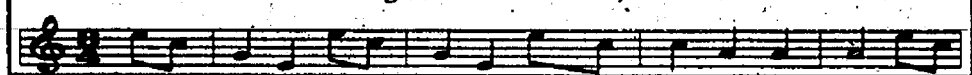
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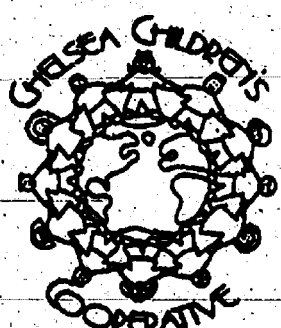
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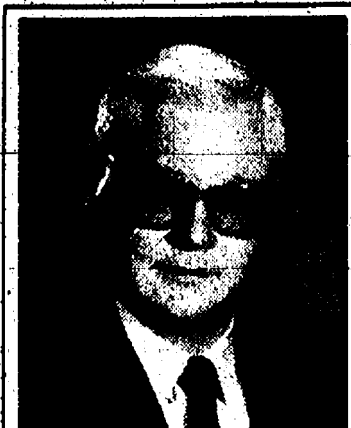


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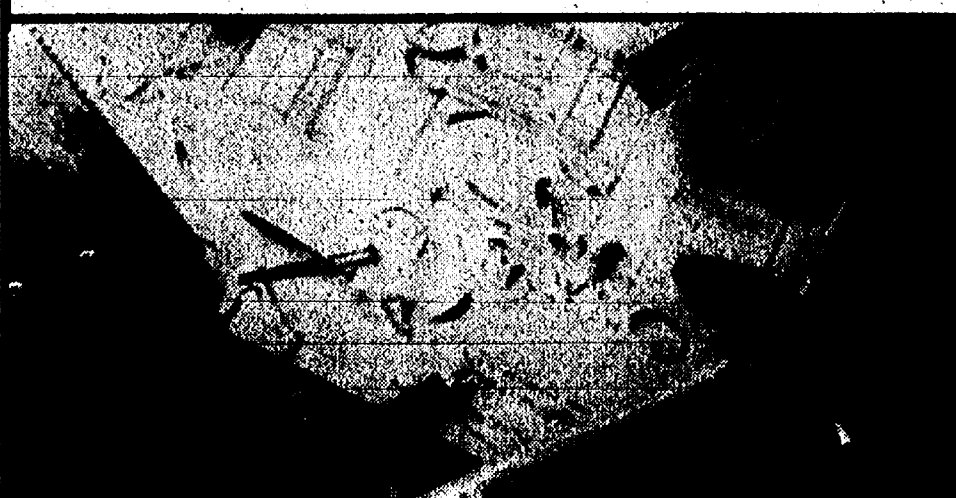
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Chelsea girl's team wins medal in precision skating



Katie Bach came home with a medal for figure skating.

Ice skater Katie Bach recently returned with a silver medal from Tampa, Fla., where she participated in the 1999 United States National Precision Team Skating Championships.

Bach is one of 26 skaters on the Hockettes team, which represented the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club (AAFSC) in the junior division.

The team qualified to compete in the national competition after winning the Midwestern Championship held in Huntsville, Ala., on Feb. 11-12.

Skating to lively Italian theme music, the Hockettes finished first in the technical program. They took second place in the free-skating event, performing to dramatic excerpts from the Russian ballet "Spartacus," to claim the silver medal overall.

Precision skating, to be renamed "synchronized skating" in the year 2000, is growing in popularity and expected to become an Olympic sport.

As a result of their outstanding performance at Nationals, the Hockettes have been designated by the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) to represent the United States at international competitions next year. The team is coached by area resident and director of AAFSC Precision Programs, Anne Marie Copp, Carrie Brown of Farmington Hills, and Allison Reilly of Ann Arbor. Bach is a sophomore at Chelsea High School and has been involved in precision skating for seven years.

GOURLEY

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It's at the high school where Gourley says he has found his niche.

"For my artistic growth the high school is a good place to be," Gourley says. "I enjoy the kids immensely at that age. I enjoy watching them mature. It has been real rewarding because kids are so sculptural through those years."

Gourley says he has three basic rules in his classroom. Students are expected to come to class on time, bring their materials and be prepared.

"And that's what you need to do in life," he says. "Employers would kill for those traits."

It's his hope that students see him as someone with a demanding vision.

"They don't have to like me," he says. "That's not important. It's a benefit if they do. I just want them to realize my focus, and my dedication to art is to make them understand themselves and the world better."

A highlight of Gourley's career came when a learning disabled student realized firsthand that practice makes perfect. That student performed at the top of the class and was rewarded with an opportunity to play a solo during one of the school's Christmas concerts.

"When he got done with it, it was so cool," Gourley recalls.

"The kid that got his moment really sticks out for me."

As for this veteran educator's future, Gourley says he likely will retire in seven years, but he'll still be involved as a music director somewhere. Currently he serves as conductor of Dexter Community Band.

When Gourley is not in the classroom or conducting, he can be found enjoying life. He says he loves "anything artistic,"

from the performing arts to musical classics. He also enjoys boating, water skiing and weight training.

Gourley resides in Saline and is married to Shirley, his high school sweetheart. They have a son, Jason, a freshman at MSU. Like his father, Jason is musically inclined. He plays the French horn, piano and drums and is a member of the university's marching band.

VAN RIPER

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splicing process.

Van Riper demonstrated how, with compression, a production can be shortened without changing the speed or frequency of the voice.

While the ear would interpret Van Riper's demo as a smooth, uninterrupted monologue, the computer printout shows gaps between words that compression can eliminate. Care has to be taken as too much compression can cause an eerie effect.

Van Riper's guess is that compression eliminates aspirants and sibilants, although he's not sure.

"I don't really understand the technical aspect of a lot of this stuff," Van Riper said. "I just know what works."

Van Riper has plans to broaden his scope in the future by returning to radio — but not the same radio he left.

Van Riper is expecting a revolution in that industry in the next five years where networks will be superseded by home disc jockeys broadcasting over the Internet, operating out of studios the size of his own.

When that happens, Van Riper wants to host a country love song format, a format he

could not sell to programmers when he was in the business.

Van Riper's Web site is www.mich.com/~johnspot.

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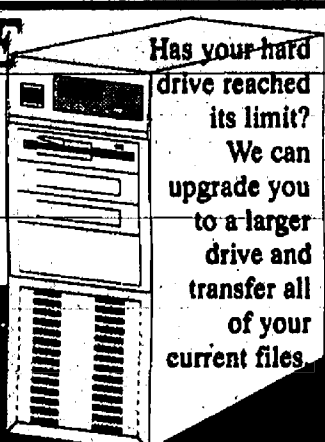
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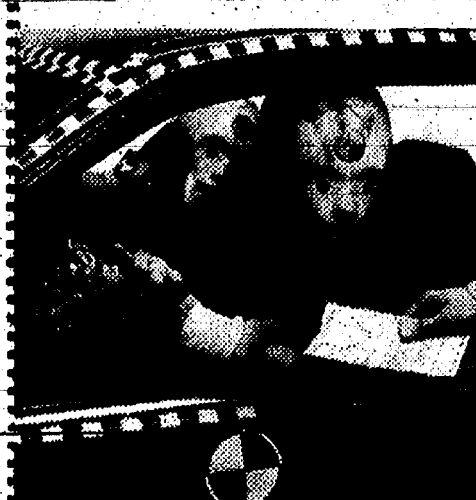
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



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19 Indivisible
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36 Count
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45 Adore
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50 Plover
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55 "Believe - Not!"
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Saline Community Hospital needs volunteers to greet patients and guide visitors, deliver flowers, assist with wheelchairs, deliver mail, help with menus, etc. Contact Barb Fore at (734) 429-1581.

Arbor Hospice needs volunteers to assist in the following areas: development department with special events, letter writing, fundraising and publicity efforts; "Movie Night" 7 p.m. Sundays at the Residence; organize and chair a "tea service" committee; managing the Residence fish aquarium. Contact: Esperanza Barcelona at (734) 662-5999, extension 143.

Washtenaw County Red Cross needs drivers from March 10 to April 5 to deliver materials for Health and Safety courses. Deliveries are for both morning and afternoon hours. Contact: Joan Miller at (734) 971-5300.

Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary needs volunteers to work in the Emergency Room to assist in greeting and guiding hospital patients to their destinations. Also needed are drivers for the Hospital Shuttle as well as volunteers for various other departments in the hospital. Call (734) 475-3913.

Saline Area Senior Center needs substitute drivers for Meals On Wheels delivery. Consists of one hour commitment weekdays. Call (734) 429-9274.

Arbor Hospice needs volunteers with a background in writing/journalism or photography to assist in its community education efforts. Contact Bev Spicknall, (734) 662-5999 extension 122.

Washtenaw County Red Cross has volunteer opportunities in the following areas: clerical assistance, data entry and reception duties. If interested, contact Joan Miller at (734) 971-5300.

Washtenaw County Red Cross is seeking volunteers for the following Emergency Services Committee Chair positions: Coordinator of Disaster Volunteers, Disaster Welfare Inquiry Chair, Shelter Committee Chair and Government Liaison Committee Chair. Knowledge of disaster planning and preparedness helpful, but not required. Chairs must participate in all disaster action training courses. For more information, please contact Joan at (734) 971-5300.

Home Meal Service is in desperate need of two volunteer drivers to deliver meals to seniors and the homebound. Volunteers are needed for about one hour on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Ideal for retirees or homemakers. Contact Mary Eskine at (734) 475-9494 or at home at (734) 475-2821.

American Red Cross needs volunteers for their Public Relations Team. Coordinator opportunities include: special events, speaker's bureau, cable television producer and program evaluator. Other areas are data entry and writers and photo-journalists. Contact Joan Miller at (734) 971-5300.

American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to assist with its Heatbank Program. Program runs January through April with a training session held in mid December. Volunteer caseworkers will assist those in need of help paying utility bills during winter. Contact Joan Miller at (734) 971-5300 extension 221.

Arbor Hospice Gift Shop and Bird Care is seeking people to work in the Gift Shop on Mondays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also volunteers are needed for the gift shop on an on-call basis especially during the holidays. Assistance is also needed for filling outdoor bird feeders and/or maintaining the Residence Aviary on Friday mornings, 8 to 10 a.m. Training is provided. Contact Esperanza Barcelona at (734) 662-5999, extension 143.

Bobby Marionette Exhibits needs volunteer weekend greeters and docents. Saline Culture and Commerce Center, 141 E. Michigan Avenue, Saline, Michigan, (734) 944-9416 or (734) 429-4494.

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico and the former Soviet Union countries with local program support. If interested, please contact Jennifer Dings at (765) 676-4306 or 1-800-785-9040.

Arbor Hospice is seeking people to help arrange and/or distribute flowers to patients at the Arbor Hospice Residence, 2366 Oak Valley Drive. Assistance is needed on Mondays 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. to Noon and Fridays 9:30 a.m. to Noon. Contact Esperanza Barcelona at (734) 662-5999 extension 143.

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PigHoppers, a non-profit sanctuary for abused, abandoned and neglected pigs and rabbits, needs volunteers to help with animal care, barn cleaning, electrical work, light construction, photography and fundraising. PigHoppers is located in Clinton, about 25 minutes southwest of Ann Arbor. Call (517) 456-6044 for more information.

The Evangelical Home-Saline has opportunities for Sunbeam Volunteers in the Activities department to help with a wide range of group and individual activities with its older adult population. Those interested in sharing musical talents or artistic abilities or assisting activities staff with hands-on projects and/or helping to escort residents to and from these programs, please call the Activities department at (734) 429-9401, extension 3136.

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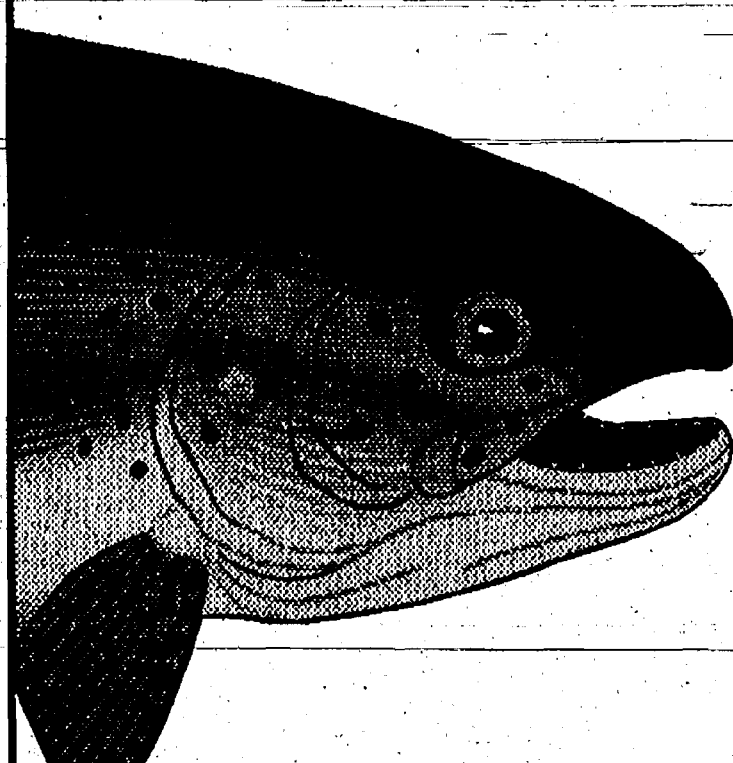
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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Special Board Meeting — Saturday, March 13, 1999, 9:00 am

Present: Robert Tetens, William Eisenbeiser, Julie Knight, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber
 Place: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
 Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens.
 Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to approve the agenda. Carried.
 Discussion of amendments of 1998-99 Budget.
 Discussion of 1999-2000 budget.
 Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
 Meeting adjourned 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Eisenbeiser, Clerk
 Dexter Township Clerk

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the
 Township Hall - 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Mich. 48130

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO VOTE ON THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT
 FOR THE WALSH FARM CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT. PARCEL LOCATED SOUTH
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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Thursday, April 6, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at
 Lyndon Township Hall - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea

AGENDA:

1. An application for a Special Land Use Permit for Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel #05-36-100-008) to expand their present youth building to a size of 24'x80'.
 2. Planning Commission may consider other matters as deemed necessary. Written comments may be sent to: Lyndon Township Clerk, Janis Knieper, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.
- The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.
- Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.
- A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at
 Lyndon Township Hall - 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea

AGENDA:

1. To take public comments on a proposed Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance amendment. Article proposing to be amended is article XVII-Mobile Home Parks.
 2. Planning Commission may consider other matters as deemed necessary. To obtain information or to send written comments on the proposed amendment call the Lyndon Township Hall 734-475-2401 or write to Lyndon Township Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Written comments will be reviewed at the public hearing.
- The Lyndon Township Board will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing.
- Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Board by writing or calling: Janis Knieper, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.
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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
 VILLAGE OF CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea Village Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from I-1 to C-5.

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The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W. Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.** The petition, as filed by **H.K. LEONARD/GREG RAYE** of Chelsea, is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

NOTICE OF REQUEST

FOR AMENDED FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by **FRANK ZMUDA JR. OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE for AMERITECH** for an Amended site plan approval of a proposed 347 sq. ft. addition on the following described parcel of land:

Tax code # 06-12-430-001
 127 West Middle Street

The application for Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on **Tuesday, APRIL 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W. Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

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

A public hearing on the Amended Final 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.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

NOTICE OF REQUEST

FOR FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by **ROYSTER ENTERPRISES, of JACKSON, MI** for FINAL SITE PLAN approval of a proposed KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN on the following described parcel of land:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT #3,
 CHELSEA COMMERCIAL PARK
 1520 Commerce Park Drive
 Tax Code #06-13-385-003

The application for Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on **Tuesday, APRIL 20, 1999 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Sylvan Township Hall, 112 W. Middle Street, Chelsea, Michigan.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea 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 VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

Doug Danison, Chairman

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

BUDGET HEARING — Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Robert Tetens, William Eisenbeiser, Julie Knight, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber
 Place: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
 Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens.
 Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to approve the agenda of the budget hearing. Carried.
 Discussion of the 1999-2000 general fund budget.
 Budget hearing adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Eisenbeiser, Clerk
 Dexter Township Clerk

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting — Wednesday, March 10, 1999, 7:30 pm

Present: Robert Tetens, William Eisenbeiser, Julie Knight, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber
 Bill Millam, John Gillespie, David Millar, Ralph Rumsey, Sheridan Springer.
 Place: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
 Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens.
 Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Rider to approve the agenda. Carried.
 Discussion of the draft of the Zoning Ordinance.
 Moved by Knight, supported by Brushaber to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
 Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Eisenbeiser, Clerk
 Dexter Township Clerk

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES
 FEBRUARY 22, 1999, MARCH 8, 1999 & FEBRUARY 9, 1999

LYNDON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES, February 22, 1999 - Board held a budget workshop.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES, March 8, 1999 - Lyndon Township Board held annual meeting with Washtenaw County Road Commission.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES, February 9, 1999 - Meeting called to order and opened with pledge of allegiance to the flag. Moved and carried to amend agenda by adding Stockbridge Fire Dept. Contract and Amend the Budget.

Moved and carried to approve minutes for 2/9/99 and 2/22/99.

Moved and carried to table until April's meeting and receive an opinion from the Township Attorney if Special Land Use permit is needed for wholesale greenhouses and which board makes the decision.

Moved and carried to appoint J. Knieper as alternate to the Chelsea Traffic Study Committee.

Moved and carried to table Sexual Harassment Policy until April's meeting. Moved and carried to forward to Planning Commission the zoning amendment to provide for surveys in resort-residential districts and surveys in other districts in certain circumstances.

Moved and carried authorizing supervisor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the 1999 Washtenaw County Gypsy Moth Suppression Program with an addendum added.

Moved and carried to charge a \$15.00 Administrative Fee to each block to handle overhead cost associated with Gypsy Moth spraying program.

Moved and carried to table Utility Franchise Ordinance until April's meeting. It will be referred to the Township Attorney to coordinate with the Township's Transmission Line Ordinance and the Wireless Telecommunication Ordinance.

Moved and carried to approve the schedule of fees as presented and to become effective April 1, 1999.

Offered and carried by roll call vote to accept proposed township board's yearly salaries for 1999-2000 as presented.

Moved and carried to extend the Stockbridge Township Fire Protection Agreement for 1 year as presented.

Moved and carried to amend the 1998-1999 budget as presented.

Moved and carried to pay General Account bills totaling \$23,197.89 and Trust and Agency bills totaling \$142.50.

Reports were given.

Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:55 p.m.

Janis Knieper, Lyndon Township Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 129 TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of the Village of Chelsea's Telecommunications Ordinance, which was adopted by the Village Council on March 9, 1999:

Purpose: The purpose of the Ordinance is to regulate the access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers.

Reservation of Rights: The issuance of a permit to a telecommunications provider does not waive the municipality's right to require a franchise in the future or the right to claim a taking if a telecommunications provider claims it has the right to use public rights-of-way without compensation. In addition, a telecommunications provider may request to enter into a consent agreement with the Village for the use of public rights-of-way in place of a permit.

Definitions: Key terms, including "Telecommunications Provider," "Telecommunications Services," and "Telecommunications System" are defined.

Permits: The procedures for submitting and reviewing an application for a telecommunications permit are described. When an application is filed, it is reviewed for administrative completeness. After an application is complete, the Village may request additional information from the applicant. Within 75 days after an application is determined to be administratively complete, a public hearing is held on the application by the Village Council (or a committee or hearing officer designated by the Village Council). After the public hearing, the Village Council then approves, approves with conditions, or denies the application within 90 days after the application was determined to be administratively complete. The Village Council may not unreasonably deny a permit. The Village Council may grant a modification or waiver or Ordinance requirements under certain limited circumstances.

Annual Permit Fees: A telecommunications provider is required to pay annual fees fixed by ordinance or resolution of the Village Council. The fees must not exceed the fixed and variable costs to the Village of maintaining the public rights-of-way. A telecommunications provider may opt to pay an annual fee of one (1%) percent of its annual gross revenues from operation of the telecommunications system within the Village, in lieu of the annual fee established by the Village Council.

Duration of Permit Renewal: A telecommunications permit is granted for a five (5) year term. An application for renewal of a permit follows the same process as the original application.

Permit Terms and Requirements: A telecommunications permit is non-exclusive. A telecommunications provider is authorized to use the public rights-of-way only as authorized in the permit. A telecommunications provider may expand its system by obtaining approval of an amended telecommunications permit which may be granted administratively. These provisions also address overlapping, "as built" maps, priorities of use of the rights-of-way, and future use of the rights-of-way by the Village.

Use of Public Rights-of-Way by Permittees: The Ordinance regulates the use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers. Applicable regulations include the following: no undue burden or interference with present or future use of the rights-of-way, restoration of rights-of-way, limitations on pavement cuts, marking of telecommunications facilities, relocation of facilities due to rights-of-way work, marking the telecommunications system, MISS DIG, etc.

Liability and Insurance: A telecommunications provider is required to provide and maintain certain insurance coverages, to name the Village as an additional insured, and to indemnify the Village for liability arising from the acts or omissions of the provider.

Assignment, Revocation and Renewal: A telecommunications provider may not assign a telecommunications permit or transfer control of its business without prior written consent of the Village which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Village may revoke the permit for failure to comply with the provisions of the telecommunications permit or the Ordinance and for other specified reasons. Upon revocation of a permit, or upon expiration of a permit which is not renewed, the telecommunications provider must remove its facilities from the public rights-of-way.

Miscellaneous: The Village reserves its police powers to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and reserves the right of reasonable control of the public rights-of-way pursuant to the Michigan Constitution.

Civil Infraction Enforcement: A violation of the Ordinance is a civil infraction, subject to a civil fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000, plus costs and sanctions. Repeat offenses are subject to a civil fine of \$1,000 - \$10,000 (first repeat offense) and \$2,000 - \$20,000 (second and subsequent repeat offenses).

A complete and true copy of the Telecommunications Ordinance is on file and available for public inspection or copying at the office of the Village Clerk located at: 305 South Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan 48118-1076.

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA

Frances E. Zatorski, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by **HARRY THURKOW of 206 Wilkinson St.** for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.12 of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASSESSORY STRUCTURE WITHOUT A PRIMARY STRUCTURE.

The property is described as follows:

Tax code # 06-13-275-036

8.73 acres located on Machnik Drive.

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on **Wednesday, APRIL 21, 1999 at 5:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible, in the **Chelsea Village Offices, Conference Room (lower level), 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan** to consider objections to said request.

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

CHELSEA VILLAGE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Donald T. Osborne, Chairman

Support your local businesses

NOTICE

All grave blankets
and wreaths must
be removed by
April 1, 1999.

Oak Grove Cemetery Association
Thank you, Management

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999, 7:30 P.M.

Present: Robert Tetens, William Eisenbeiser, Julie Knight, Harley Rider, Libby Brushaber

Place: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor, Robert Tetens.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Rider to approve the agenda as changed:

Ziegler re-zoning dropped.

McCollough request for a moratorium waiver added.

Discussion of Township office hours added. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Knight to approve the minutes of the February 16, 1999 meeting as corrected \$33,882.73 bills paid; summer tax bill charge. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Knight to approve the minutes of the special March 10, 1999 meeting. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to approve the minutes of the Special March 13, 1999 meeting. Carried.

Treasurer's report - The February report submitted.

Tax collection statements were submitted.

97.7% collection rate.

M.T.A. has an e-mail address - Adews letter

The County M.T.A. met and asked all officials to attend the Commissioners meeting March 25, 1999.

Clerk's Report - The new Fund Balance general ledger program is installed and accounts are being formed.

Ordinance Administrator - Rider - 6 permits, 4 waivers, 7 blight violations, 2 zoning violations, 4 zoning violations pending.

Planning Commission - Brushaber - Met twice to discuss the new ordinance and Ziegler re-zoning.

Sheriff's Report - Sgt. Ed Toth - was introduced as the new Dexter officer.

Dexter Fire Board - Fred Schmidt resigned and Loren Yates was appointed chief.

The Department rating has been upgraded to 1.

Assessor - The Assessor's report was received.

Multi-Lake Sewer Authority - Brushaber - Meeting March 4 - State of Michigan paid for Silver Lake Park.

People will no longer be able to dispose of water softener recharges.

WWRA - Terhune - Meeting March 24th. We need an appliance drop off day.

Hopefully Saturday, May 15.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to authorize the payment of the bills as submitted in the amount of \$70,209.53. Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Knight to approve the 1998-99 amended budget

Revenues \$574,501.
 Expenditures \$574,501. Carried

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Brushaber to approve the 1999-2000 budget

Revenues \$560,290
 Expenditures \$560,290 Carried

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to set the salaries at:

Supervisor: \$23,000
 Clerk \$18,000

Treasurer \$20,000
 Trustee \$4100 Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to set meeting pay as follows:

Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission Chairman \$100

Members: \$75

HRWC, WWRA \$50

Fire Department \$60 for Trustees

Board of Review \$100/meeting Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Brushaber to purchase an alarm system from Millennium Security Services at a cost of \$1268. And a monthly fee of \$28.95 for 5 years. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to deny the re-zoning request of Marilyn H. Hink to re-zone parcels 04-28-300-004/009, 04-20-400-008 and 04-33-200-002/008 116.71 acres from Ag to RR.

Brushaber-yes; Rider-yes; Tetens-yes; Knight-yes; Eisenbeiser-yes. Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Brushaber to allow Mr. and Mrs. McCollough to apply for a new site plan and conditional use permit prior to the expiration of the moratorium since this is a renewal of a use and not a new use.

Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Brushaber to set salaries:

Assessor \$20,000/year

Code Administrator \$18,000/year Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Knight to set pay rates as follows:

Code officer \$15/hr

Deputies and accountant \$12/hr

Clerical \$11.30/hr

Occasional clerical \$10.30/hour Carried.

Moved by Knight, supported by Brushaber to set office manager salary at \$18,000. Denied.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Eisenbeiser to pay the office managers \$12/hr. and \$60/meeting with 2 week's vacation and all official Township holidays at a rate of 5 hour/day. Carried.

Moved by Brushaber, supported by Rider to form a committee to study the labor law standards act and personnel policies. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to adopt the proposed 12 day holiday schedule. Carried.

Moved by Eisenbeiser, supported by Brushaber to adopt the fee schedule as amended March 16, 1999, effective March 16, 1999. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to refund the Zoning Board of Appeals application fee of \$300 to Douglas Thomas. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Knight to approve a resolution authorizing a change in ownership of the TWFrench-Two Co. Carried.

Moved by Rider, supported by Brushaber to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Eisenbeiser, Clerk
 Dexter Township Clerk

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

CHELSEA
Assembly of God
 First Assembly of God
 14900 Old US-12, Chelsea
 (734) 475-2615
 Rev. James Massey, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
 Worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Noon fellowship dinner, followed by prayer & bible study.

Chelsea Christian Fellowship
 337 Wilkinson St.
 (734) 475-8305
 John Dambacher, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
 Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Evening
 Service 6 p.m.

Baptist
Faith Baptist
 Faith-In-Action Bldg.
 Main St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-7841
 Jack Story, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

New Life Baptist
 Meeting in Pierce Lake
 Elementary School
 (734) 844-8017
 David W. Pearson, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship, 10:15 a.m.

North Sharon Baptist Church
 17999 Washburne Rd., Grass Lake
 (734) 428-7222
 Bobby D. Toler, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
 Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service,
 7 p.m.
 Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Catholic
St. Mary Catholic Church
 14200 Old US-12, Chelsea
 (734) 475-7561
 Rev. Dr. William J. Turner, Pastor
 Sunday Masses:
 Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday, 8 and 10 a.m.
 Weekday Mass: 9 a.m.
 Confessions: Saturday, 12-1 p.m.

Church of Christ
 Church of Christ
 13661 E. Old US 12, Chelsea
 (734) 475-8458
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.;
 Evening Worship, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.

Church of the Nazarene
 Church of the Nazarene
 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-2526
 Jeff Crowder, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
 Worship, 11 a.m.
 Wednesday: Small groups, 7 p.m. in homes.

Episcopal
St Barnabas
 20500 Old US-12, Chelsea
 (734) 475-6818
 Rev. Dr. Jerrold Beaumont
 Sunday: Christian Education, 10
 a.m.; Services, 10 a.m.
 Wednesday: Services, 7:30 p.m.

Free Methodist
 Chelsea Free Methodist
 7665 Werkner Rd.
 (734) 475-1391
 Mearl Bradley, Senior Pastor
 Larry Lyons, Associate Pastor
 Mikel Henderson, Pastor of
 Youth Ministries

Sunday: Traditional worship, 9:30
 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.;
 Contemporary worship, 11 a.m.;
 Evening Service, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Mid-week services.

Lutheran
Faith Evangelical (WELS)
 9575 North Territorial, Dexter
 (734) 428-4302 or 428-8442
 Rev. Mark Porinsky, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
 Worship, 10 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran
 1515 S. Main St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-1404
 Rev. Dale Grimm, Pastor
 Sunday: Heritage Service, 8:15
 a.m.; Education Hour, 9:30 a.m.;
 Celebration/Communion Service,
 10:30 a.m.; Junior Confirmation,
 6:30 p.m.

St. Jacob Evangelical
 12501 Riethmiller, Grass Lake
 517-522-4187
 Rev. Paul Huebner, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School and Bible
 Class, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.

Zion Lutheran
 3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea
 (734) 475-8064
 David Hendricks, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School for all
 ages, 9 a.m.; Worship, Coffee Hour,
 Junior Choir, Catechism, 10:15;
 Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Methodist
First United Methodist
 128 Park St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-8119
 Rev. Richard Dake
 Rev. Peggy R. Garrigues-Cortelyou
 Sunday: Traditional Worship, 8:30
 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday School
 (all ages), 9:45 a.m.

Manchester United Methodist
 Church
 501 Ann Arbor Road, Manchester
 (734) 428-8495
 Rev. Dave Mulder

North Lake United
 14111 North Territorial Rd.
 (734) 475-7569
 Rev. Wayne Hawley, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Fellowship,
 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:15 p.m.;
 Choir, 8 p.m.

Salem Grove United Methodist
 3320 Notten Rd., Grass Lake
 (734) 475-2370
 Rev. Carolyn & Rev. Daniel Harris

Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Sharon United Methodist
 Corner M-52 & Pleasant Lake Rd.
 (734) 428-8430
 Rev. Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:30 a.m. (July and
 August only)

Waterloo Village
United Methodist Church
 Washington St., Waterloo
 Kathy Kirsch, Minister
 Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.;
 Worship service, 11 a.m. Country
 Breakfast second Sunday each
 month. All you can eat. Free-will
 donation to Building Fund.

Chelsea Retirement Chapel
 805 W. Middle St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-8633
 Rev. J. Gordon Schleicher
 Sunday: Worship service, 9:30 a.m.

Mormon
Church of Jesus Christ
 of Latter-Day Saints
 Gary Spooner, President
 1330 Freer Rd., Chelsea
 (734) 475-1778
 Sunday: Sacrament, 9:30 a.m.;
 Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.; Priest-
 hood and Relief Society, 11:45 a.m.

Non-Denominational
Baha'i Faith
 705 S. Main St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-2718
 Monday: Devotional meeting, 7
 p.m.

Chelsea Hospital Ministry
 775 S. Main St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-1311

Covenant
 Anthony Dickerson, Pastor
 50 N. Freer Rd.
 (734) 475-2508
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
 Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Communion first Sunday of every
 month.

Immanuel Bible
 145 E. Summit St., Chelsea
 (734) 475-8936
 Ronald W. Clark, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:45; Evening small
 groups, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Prayer Service, 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Bible Church
 12884 Trist Rd., Grass Lake
 (517) 522-8182
 Joseph O'Neill, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
 Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Eve-
 ning Worship, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: Prayer Fellowship, 7
 p.m.

New Life Christian Center
 Call for Location

(734) 475-1147
 Erik Hansen, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.
 St. Vladimir Orthodox
 9900 Jackson Road
 (734) 761-7311
 Rev. Father Paul Karas
 Sunday and Holy Days: Divine lit-
 urgy, English and Slavonic, 10 a.m.

Presbyterian
Unadilla Presbyterian
 20175 Williamsville Rd., Unadilla
 Joh Qiu, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
 Worship, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
 On the Square in Stockbridge
 M-52 and M-106
 1-888-784-8128
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship, 11 a.m.
 Communion and pot-luck first
 Sunday of the month.
 Wednesday: Worship, 6:45 p.m.

Quaker
Michigan Friends Center
 7748 Clark Lake Road, Chelsea
 Isabel Bliss
 (734) 475-9976
 Sunday: Unprogrammed meeting
 at 10 a.m., first Sunday of each
 month; all other Sundays, 5:00
 p.m.

United Church of Christ
Bethel Evangelical
 10425 Bethel Church Rd.
 (734) 428-8000
 The Rev. Richard Hardy

First Congregational-Chelsea
 121 E. Middle St.
 (734) 475-1844
 Rev. David Cleaver-Bartholomew
 Sunday: Informal worship, 8 a.m.;
 Church school, 9 a.m.; Traditional
 worship, 10 a.m.

St. John's (Roger's Corners)
 12376 Waters Rd., Chelsea
 (517) 456-7661
 Rev. Nancy M. Doty, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School and Wor-
 ship, 9:30 a.m.

St. John's
 270 Bohne Rd., Grass Lake
 Kris Abbey, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship and Sunday
 School, 10:30 a.m.
 Communion first Sunday each
 month.

St. Paul
 14600 Old US-12
 (734) 475-2545
 Rev. Dr. Lynn Spitz-Nagel, Pastor
 Sunday: Church school, 9:15 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
 Communion Service, every second
 Sunday, 8:15 a.m.
 Wednesday: Choir Rehearsals, 6:00
 p.m.

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Catholic

St. Joseph Catholic
 Fourth and Dover Streets, Dexter
 (734) 428-8483
 Rev. Brendan Walsh, Pastor
 Saturday: Weekend Liturgy, 5 p.m.
 Sunday: Liturgy, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and
 12 noon. Nursery open 10 a.m.-
 noon.

Episcopal

St. James
 3279 Broad Street, Dexter
 (734) 428-8247
 Rev. David J. Horning
 Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m. and
 10 a.m.; Nursery and Sunday
 School, 10 a.m.

Lutheran

Faith Lutheran (WELS)
 9575 N. Territorial Rd.
 (734) 428-4302
 Mark Porinsky, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9 a.m.;
 Worship 10 a.m.

Peace Lutheran

6105 Jackson Rd., Birchwood
 Plaza
 313-930-2324
 Rev. Larry Courson
 Sunday: Worship 8:30 a.m.; Educa-
 tion Hour 9:45 a.m.; Communion
 Services, 11 a.m.; Renewing the
 Family Spirit, 6 p.m.

Methodist

Dexter United Methodist
 7643 Huron River, Dexter
 (734) 428-8480
 William Donahue, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m.;
 Church School, 9:45 a.m.

Presbyterian

Covenant Presbyterian
 5171 Jackson Rd., Dexter
 (734) 761-1999
 Rev. Mark Vanderput
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Refreshments 10:20 a.m.; Worship,

Non-Denominational
Christian House of Prayer
 9949 Mc Gregor Rd.
 Between Dexter & Pinckney
 (734) 426-0933
 Paul McKelvey, Elder
 Ron Manner, Elder
 Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday
 School, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 7
 p.m.
 Thursday: Bible Study/Youth
 Group, 7:30 p.m.

Dexter Gospel
 2253 Baker Rd., Dexter
 (734) 426-4915
 John O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

New Hope Christian Fellowship
 2207 Jackson, Ann Arbor
 (734) 761-7303
 Tim Wise, Pastor
 Sunday: Worship 10:30 a.m.

United Church of Christ
St. Andrew's
 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter
 (734) 426-8610
 Rev. Gary J. Kwiatek
 Sunday: Worship, 8:15 a.m.; Cof-
 feetime, 9:30 a.m.; Worship and
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.

The Webster Church
 5484 Webster Church Rd., Dexter
 (734) 426-5115
 Rev. Kenyon Edwards
 Sunday: Holy Communion, 8:30
 a.m.; Church School, 9:15 a.m.;
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.

If your church is in the Chel-
 sea/Dexter area and is not listed
 here, please call us
 at (734) 475-1371.
 Church Secretaries: We need
 information about your next
 week's activities by Friday.
 Thank you.

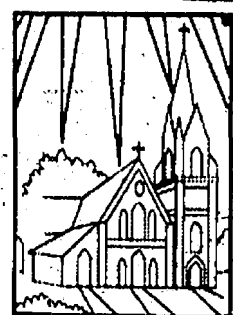
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REAL ANSWERS

The shift from newspaper
 reporter to church pastor
 would appear to be a big one.

Reporters, after all, are
 supposed to be skeptical and
 hard-nosed, just interested in
 the facts and perhaps a little
 disillusioned after seeing so
 much bad news in the world.

But for Peter Larson, the
 pastor of Tabernacle Presby-
 terian Church, the shift from
 reporter to pastor has been
 quite natural.

He finds his 15 years as a
 newspaper reporter coming in
 very handy these days as the
 leader of a large, inner-city
 church with a long tradition of
 service in its near-Northside
 neighborhood. He also is a key
 figure in the upcoming Billy
 Graham Crusade in June.

But when he was a roving
 reporter for the *Dallas Times-
 Herald* in the 1980s, he would
 not have prophesied his own
 future in the pastorate.

He was editorial page edi-
 tor of his high school newspa-
 per in New Jersey and also
 started a counterculture, un-
 derground newspaper in the
 late 1960s.

"From an early age, writing
 was what I did best," Larson
 said. "It was my passion."

With a degree from the

well-respected journalism
 program at Northwestern Uni-
 versity, he worked for weekly
 newspapers, then the Orlando
 Sentinel in Florida.

With the *Dallas Times-
 Herald*, he was assigned to
 cover East Texas, Louisiana,
 Arkansas and Oklahoma.

In Texas, he also started at-
 tending church again, renew-
 ing a childhood commitment
 to Christ.

"The Lord grabbed hold of
 my life and never let go
 again," he said. He grew up in
 a Christian home, the son of a
 popular book writer, Bruce
 Larson. But he was going his
 own way in life, until his time
 in Texas.

Even after his recommit-
 ment, though, he was not sud-
 denly called to pastoral minis-
 try. He continued as a top-
 notch reporter, receiving an
 offer for a position in the
 Washington bureau of the
Denver Post.

Instead, he headed to Prin-
 ceton Theological Seminary
 for pastoral training, some-
 times wondering if he would
 have any identity after his re-
 porting days concluded.

"It felt like I was jumping
 off a cliff," he recalls.

But the landing was pretty
 soft, and the journalistic train-
 ing prepared him well for the
 pastoral calling.

"The gospel is a news
 story," he says. "In fact, it is
 the ultimate news story. There
 was a carpenter from Galilee
 who died on the cross and rose
 from the dead."

"All my life I was looking
 for the great story — will it
 be the space shuttle? Or the

drug smuggling in the Baha-
 mas? I interviewed Mick Jag-
 ger. I interviewed George
 Bush. I interviewed John
 Glenn," he continues.

"But this story is the great-
 est news story of all times, and
 I never get tired of telling it.
 So I'm still in the news busi-
 ness."

His reporting background
 comes in handy in other ways,
 especially because of the na-
 ture of the Tab ministry. As a
 reporter he covered business,
 education, crime, agriculture
 and countless other topics.
 "Our church has a medical
 clinic that we started. We have
 a school (Oaks Academy) that
 we helped to launch. We have
 a Christian legal clinic with 40
 volunteer attorneys. We have a
 tutoring program and a soup
 kitchen," he says. The
 church's neighborhood ath-
 letic program has been going
 for years.

"In journalism you never
 know what's next," he adds.
 "Ministry is a lot like that."

His journalism skills are
 evident in the church's news-
 letter, too, though he does not
 put his name on his stories,
 just on those of other writers.

But in some sense Larson
 never left journalism when he
 became a pastor. He just got
 assigned to the most important
 story of the day.

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DEATHS

LARRY DEE MORCOM
 Jackson
 Formerly of Dexter

Age 48, died Saturday, March
 20, 1999, in his home. He was born
 on Sept. 23, 1950, in Detroit, the
 son of Clarence W. and Vivian I.
 (Cox) Morcom. Larry graduated
 from Dexter High School and the
 University of Michigan.

Survivors include his parents
 of Dexter; two brothers, Tom of
 Washington and Ronald of Geor-
 gia; three nieces and one nephew.
 Arrangements by Cole Funeral
 Chapel.

JACK L. HOSKING

Dexter
 Age 62, died Thursday, March
 11, 1999, at his home. He was born
 in Detroit, the son of Edwin and
 Dorothy Hosking. After graduating
 from Mumford High School in
 1954, he entered the U.S. Army to
 serve his country for four years.
 After many years in manufactur-
 ing, including many years at Dex-
 ter Automatic Products and R&B
 Manufacturing, he then pursued
 his love for woodworking, opening
 his own business out of his home.
 He is well known in our area for
 his intarsia, works of art in
 wood. He had been a resident of
 Dexter for 28 years. He has been
 involved in both the American
 Legion and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by Mary, his wife
 of 23 years; his son, John, in
 Berikon, Switzerland; his daugh-
 ter Lisa (Sam) Phillips in Denver;
 his grandson, Maxwell Clark
 Phillips; his sister Geraldine
 Hosking of Marquette; and several
 nieces, nephews, grand nieces
 and grand nephews.

Funeral services were held
 Saturday, March 13, 1999, at 2 p.m.
 at Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral
 Chapel, Dexter with the Rev. John
 O'Dell officiating. For those who

wish, contributions may be made
 to American Cancer Society or
 Arbor Hospice in memory of Mr.
 Hosking.

VIRGINIA BOYCE SUSNJER

Jensen Beach, Fla.
 Formerly of North Lake
 Age 78, died Sunday, Feb. 28,
 1999, at her home in Jensen
 Beach. She was born March 16,
 1922, in Lyndon Township, the
 daughter of Howard M. and Alma
 (Riemenschneider) Boyce. She
 was a homemaker and an avid
 golfer as long as her health per-
 mitted.

On Aug. 2, 1946, she married
 Nicholas Susnjer in Detroit, and
 he preceded her in death on July
 1, 1991. They resided in several
 states, including Michigan. During
 the time they resided at North

Lake they were members of In-
 verness Country Club.

Survivors include a daughter,
 Kathy Susnjer, of Key Biscayne,
 Fla.; a son, Dan Susnjer, of Palm
 City, Fla.; three grandchildren,
 Katie Rose, Nicholas, and Michael
 and their mother, Nancy of Jensen
 Beach, Fla.; a sister, Arlene Howe
 of Chelsea; three brothers, Dale
 Boyce of Cadillac, Robert Boyce of
 Dundee, and Kenneth Boyce of
 Los Angeles. She was preceded in
 death by two brothers, Paul of
 Cleveland, Ohio, and Harold of
 Arlington, Texas.

Cremation has taken place. A
 memorial service will be held in
 September at North Lake. Ex-
 pressions of sympathy may be
 made to the North Lake United
 Methodist Church.

BIRTHS

A son, Matthew Alan, Feb.
 28, to Duane and Linda Reeves
 of Manchester. Maternal grand-
 parents are Marge
 Cinader of Manchester and the
 late Donald Cinader of South-
 field. Paternal grandparents
 are Howard and Fay Reeves of
 Northville. Great-grandparents
 are Nelly and the late Jan Reef
 of Northville and Orval and
 the late Oneeda Bolton of Pig-
 gott, Ark. Matthew is the
 brother of Jason, Daniel and
 Alicia.

A daughter, Allyson Mi-
 chelle, March 17, to Felicia

and Rick Tousignant of Bloom-
 ington, Ind., formerly of Man-
 chester. Maternal grandpar-
 ents are Jim Newland of
 Alaska and Timi Zane of Cali-
 fornia. Paternal grandparents
 are Rick and Marti Tousignant
 of Manchester.

A son, Peter Vincent, Dec.
 4, to Dianne Bruck and Jona-
 than Navarro of Santa Ana,
 Calif. Maternal grandparents
 are Richard and Shirley Bruck
 of Jackson, formerly of Chelsea.
 Paternal grandparents are
 John and Felly Tucker of
 Fullerton, Calif. and the late
 Vincent Navarro.


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 for having fought the fight
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 in storms of rage
 flailing against my fear, my pain, my dark despair
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 and yet got up to fight another day.
 I have rebelled against this enemy
 I have not surrendered the personhood of me
 And, if it must be, that in this war,
 I fall among the legions of the slain,
 I will not die in vain.
 When others march across this battlefield
 they'll cross the bridge
 that I have helped to make,
 And in that moment I must step
 into the setting sun
 He who paved the way for me
 will smile and say:
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Certain people just naturally enrich the lives of all those that they encounter. When
 they are gone, this becomes evident by all the love and support, kindnesses and shared
 tears of all they have touched.

The family of Kellie J. Allen would like to thank each of you, not only for the won-
 derful support at the time of his death, but also for all the smiles, laughter and compan-
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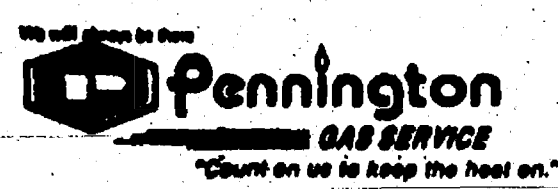
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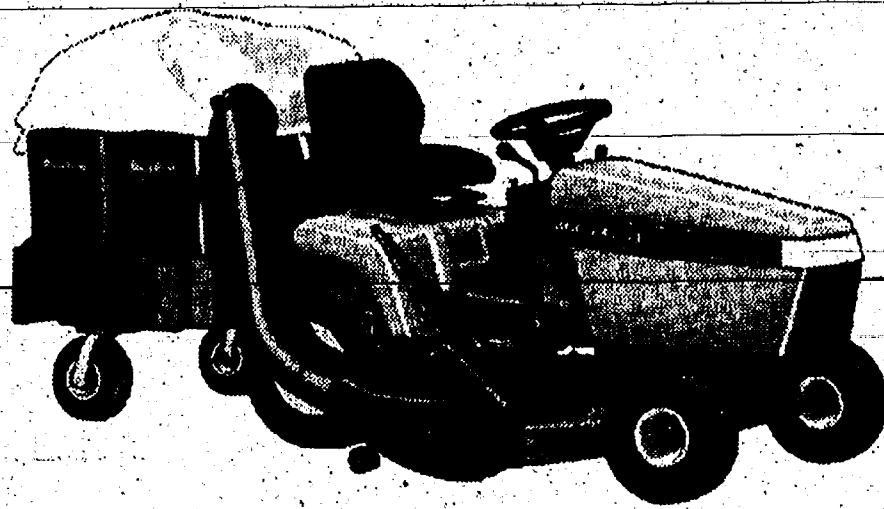
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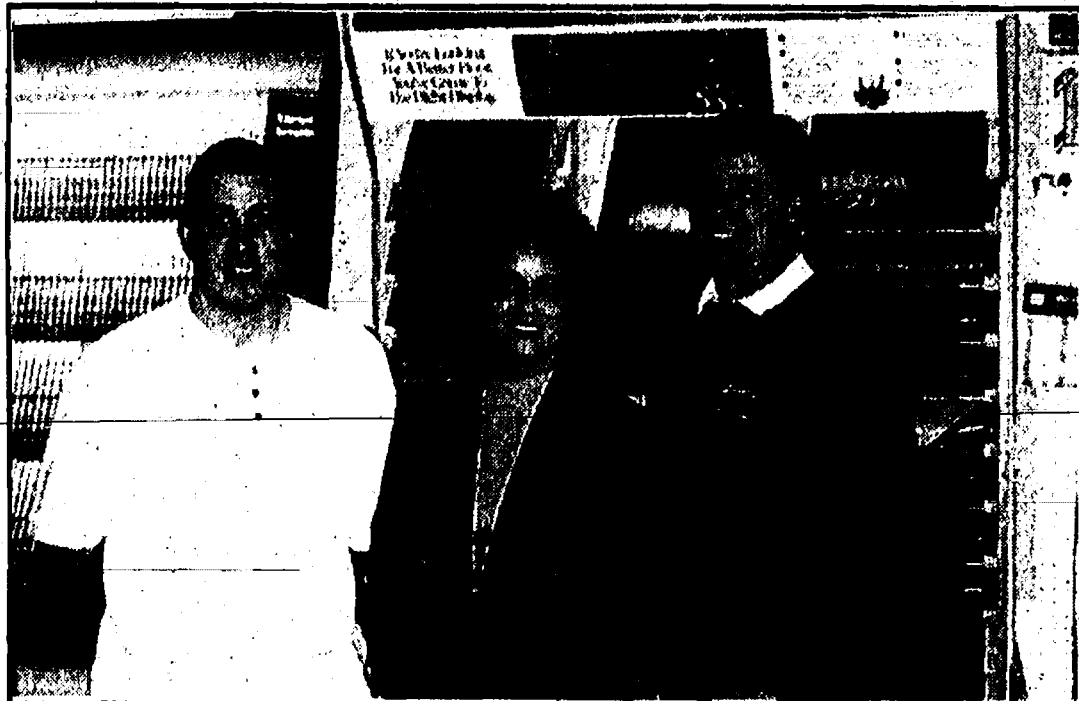




HOME IMPROVEMENT

MARCH 1999

A supplement to The Saline Reporter, Milan News-Leader, Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader.



Scott Johnson, Karen Zehner, and Decor Center Owner Mike Solomonson.

New line of products focus of remodeling

BY JILLIAN DUCHNOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

After more than 35 years in the home-decorating business, Decor Center of Adrian is doing a little remodeling of its own. Store personnel are renovating the second floor of the three-story historic building to house its introductory line of WAVERLY products, owner Mike Solomonson said.

The changes reflect the business's growth. Originally founded by Solomonson's father, Earl Solomonson, as Adrian Paint and Supply, the Decor Center expanded to include other decorating supplies when it moved to its current location at 124 S. Winter Street. Now, the company's growth once again is demanding more space and new products, Solomonson said.

"We're in the process of expanding and were looking at different options," said Solomonson, who took the management reins from his father 4 years ago.

ALTHOUGH he considered changing locations, Solomonson said he was more eager to expand within the present building.

"I've grown up in this building," he said. "A little bit of sentimentality went into the decision."

So, the decision was made to expand to the second floor, formerly a meeting room for Adrian's Odd Fellows chapter, which will house decorating supplies and the new WAVERLY products.

One of less than 150 stores nationwide certified to sell WAVERLY, the Decor Center met the company's high standards in independence, service, reputation, and financial stability, according to Solomonson.

He introduced the new wall coverings and coordinating accessories March 23, when all renovations were completed.

The second floor will retain some of the men's religious organization's ornamentation. Decor Center staff installed tall, arched windows and repainted the walls, giving the room a classical, open feel, but saved the Odd Fellow's three stained-glass windows and symbolic canvas paintings, which are mounted on the walls.

The Odd Fellows' eye, captured in the center stained-glass window, looks down upon the displays of samples.

The classical theme runs down a newly-built staircase to the first floor, which contains do-it-yourself home improvement supplies.

THE DECOR CENTER staff includes interior designers and product consultants. The staff is knowledgeable about all available products, Solomonson said.

"We know the products we sell; how to use them; and how to tell people how to use them," he said.

The Decor Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Be prepared when shopping for new home

BY GRACE PALAZOLO
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Help is but a short step away, at the MSU/Washtenaw County Extension Office, which offers low-cost soil testing, and plant and insect diagnostic services.

Urban horticulturist Wendy Cole, responsible for the plant and insect diagnostic service at the Extension office, emphasizes the importance of knowing what you are dealing with, before attempting any control measures.

"I frequently get calls from people, who after seeing what they believe to be an insect or disease problem, proceed to spray it with every chemical in their house. After this fails, they contact us only to discover the holes on their leaves weren't caused by insects, and all the insecticides in the world aren't doing a bit of good. Not only does this waste money, it may kill off beneficial insects, can contribute to insects becoming pesticide resistant, and can have harmful effects on the environment."

INSECTS—dead or alive—can be brought to the center in tight, clear containers.

"Please don't mash them, stick them with scotch tape, drown them in alcohol, or mail them in envelopes," advises Cole. "If you find the bugs on plant material, bring in the plant parts showing the damage, as well as the critter who done the dirty deed."

"We cannot identify winged ants, and while we can identify a tick as such, we cannot tell you what kind, although MSU will do for \$20. And please—no suspected human or animal health pests."

Soil testing is an important diagnostic tool to evaluate nutrient imbalances and understand plant growth problems, and helps growers and homeowners adjust fertilizer applications to provide only those nutrients that are lacking or inadequate to their crops or lawns.

For garden soils, sample 6-8 inches deep; for lawns, lift the sod and sample 3 inches deep. Take 15 to 20 subsamples and mix them thoroughly in a clean plastic pail. Air dry the mix, and submit 1-2 cups of it. Testing costs \$7 if the homeowner mails it to MSU or \$10 if MSU Extension mails it for you.

FOR TREES and shrubs, take in branches long enough to show all of this year's and last year's growth, showing the range of symptoms as they appear; don't bring in a dead branch or perfectly healthy one. If you suspect insects are involved,

contain the branches in a ventilated or paper grocery bag, to prevent the bugs from wandering off," notes Cole.

For lawns, place a one foot square piece of sod, with two inches of soil attached, in an open cardboard box—no plastic! Take the sample from the margin of the affected area, consisting of half-dead and half-live plant tissue. The problem must be actively occurring for diagnosis.

For vegetables and flowers, bring the entire plant, roots and all, if possible; if it's too large, or the only one of a perennial, bring several good size stems or branches.

For plant identification, bring in an entire plant, roots and all, if small. For trees, bring in a branch showing foliage and several side branches; bare branches and detached leaves cannot be identified.

"Plants are most easily identified if flowers or seed heads are included," notes Cole. "We don't accept mushrooms, and apple varieties can't be identified, either by leaf or fruit."

HOMEOWNERS should do some detective work before heading for MS Extension Service.

"The more complete the information you give us, the more accurate our diagnosis, so observe all parts of your specimen carefully, and have answers to questions about cultural conditions, soil type and specific measures you may have already taken to manage the problem."

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BY SHEILA PURSGLOVE
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Most parents would "scream" at their kids for demolishing the house. But, Dean and Linda Greb actively encouraged it. Of course, they were gutting the kitchen of their historic home at the time.

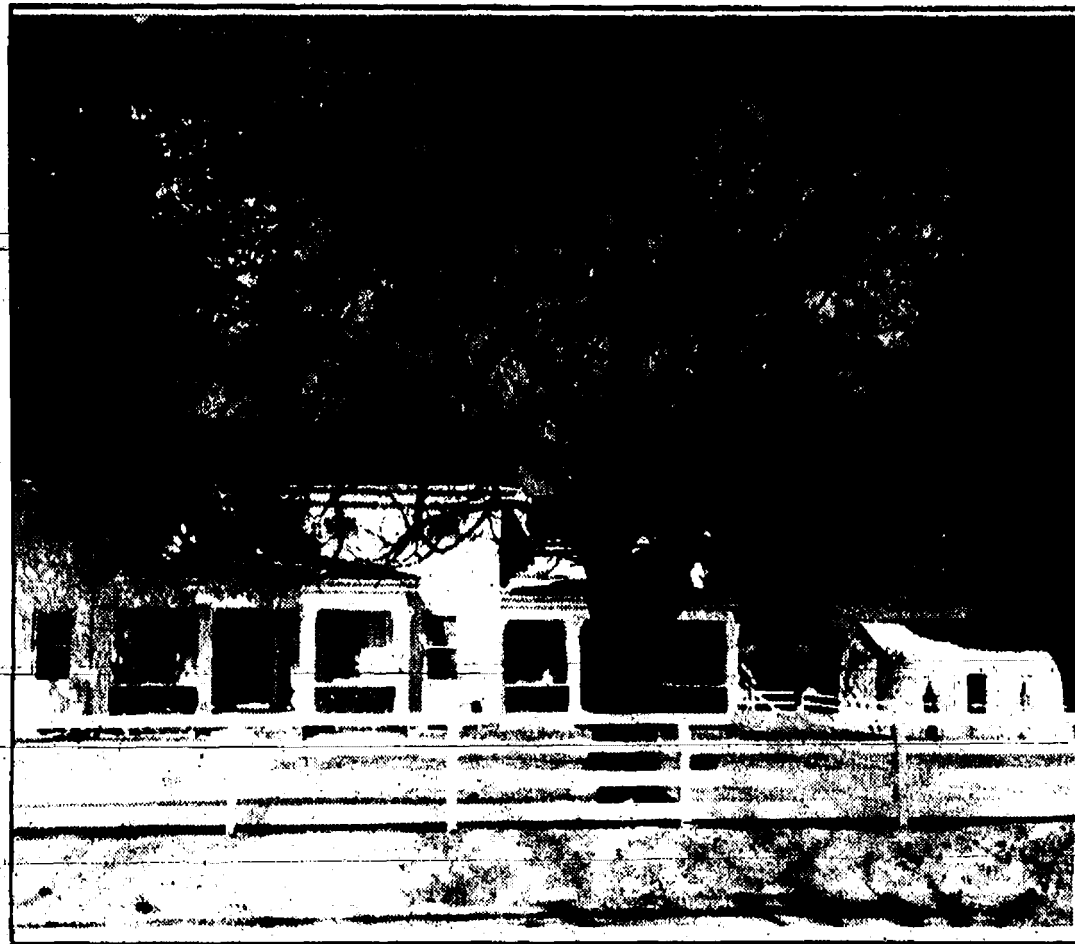
"We did as much work as possible to save money," explains Linda, who moved into the Tefft farmhouse in 1993. "Basically, this meant the demolishing part, before the professionals came in to do the renovations. We had our sons, Peter and Andrew, help us rip apart the kitchen; I have to say they really enjoyed themselves."

The Grebs are the fourth owners of the historic adobe Greek Revival house on Textile Road, which the Saline Area Historical Society featured in its Showcase of Homes in 1992 and on its Christmas Walk in 1994.

"Renovating is hard work, but it's fun to see the progress, even if you have to adjust to living around the mess, such as doing dishes in the bathroom," says Greb. "We can't really complain: the Hurd family who had the house built in 1836 had to live first in a log cabin and then in the tiny one-room adobe house which we now use for storage—and they had 10 children, although I'm not sure if the family was that big at the time."

"Our house took four years to build, as it was built of bricks made from the clay so abundant here, pressed into wooden forms and dried by the sun, so it was a long, tedious process. The bricks are unfired, and have to be protected with stucco on the outside and lime plaster on the inside."

The first major renovation project was a new roof, replacing the original cedar shingles which were buried under four other layers. Removal of the old roof exposed five original chimney areas which accommodated the wood burning stoves used in 1840. The Grebs also discovered they had some freeloading tenants in the roof—a family of raccoons, and a



The Grebs bought the Tefft farm in 1993.

swarm of honeybees which a local beekeeper was delighted to take off their hands. The wood barn, now used as a garage, housed a colony of bats.

Gutting the kitchen exposed the magnificent adobe brick walls and arch support design above the doors.

"The biggest problem, and one that we are hugely grateful to Historical Society members for undertaking, was stripping nine layers off the kitchen floor—tar paper, linoleum, plywood, and heaven knows what—to expose and then refinish the unique rift sawn oak floor, which means the oak is cut in such a way that the grain is straight, with no curves."

Son Andrew removed the dining room oak floor, which framed the carpeted center, probably a Victorian addition. This exposed the original poplar floor, which was repaired and refinished.

"It made walking in and out of the five doorways much easier, since before you had to step up onto the dining room floor," explains Linda.

Several other projects included storm windows, a rail fence, wallpaper, kitchen restoration, authentically painted outside doors and shutters, a new driveway, and concrete in the basement, which previously had sported a dirt floor. The basement walls are formed of boulders with a

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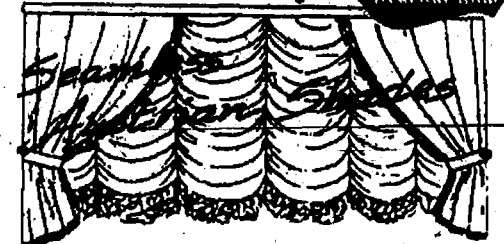
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BY JILLIAN DUCHNOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

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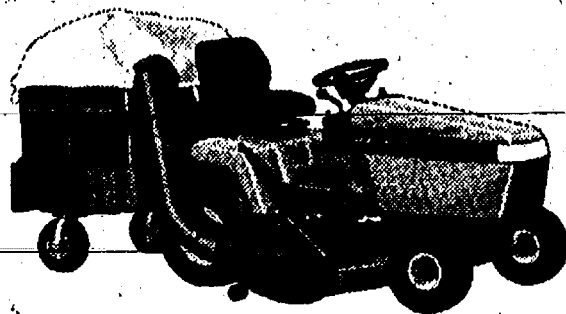
"With the depleting farmland, the bulk of our business still deals with farmers, but the radius of customers has increased," Diuble said.

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In addition, lawn equipment has become more popular.

"As the city creeps out to us, landscaping sales have gone up," explained Diuble.

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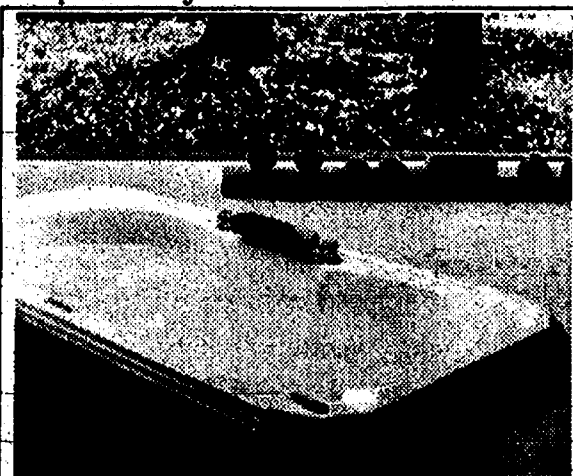
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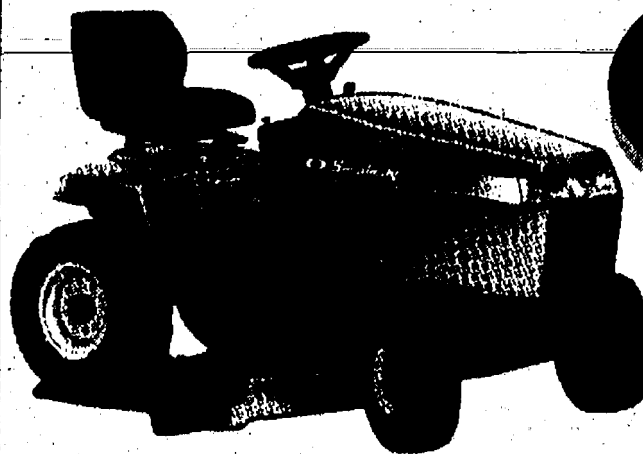
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Homes come clean with Scrub-A-Home

BY HELEN POLASKI
STAFF WRITER

Keeping your siding and brickwork clean and polished may actually add years to your home, according to Scrub-A-Home owner Bob Santure.

Santure, who studied soil chemistry at MSU, knows what solutions affect which surfaces. Using that knowledge, Santure has investigated the possibilities of adding longevity to the home by keeping things in tip-top shape. Not only has he studied up on what cleaners to use, he also makes his own solutions and has some registered trademarks.

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Scrub-A-Home Inc. became a reality for Santure in 1985 when he and his brother, John, started the business. In 1992 they expanded into a corporation and in 1997 became a registered trademark.

"We are the only Scrub-A-Home Inc. company in the nation," he explained. "Though our name says Scrub-A-Home, our logo shows other buildings as well. We also do barns, other buildings, and high-rise apartments. We like the challenge multi-story buildings offer, but also enjoy

getting to know the community through knowing our customers, and that usually is when we do the single-family homes. We enjoy meeting the people. It's really a pleasure to meet new people on every job and widen your friendship base."

In addition to buildings, Santure and his army of eight employees man four trucks and canvas the area scrubbing everything from houses and apartments to sidewalks, patios and decks.

"We do all exterior cleaning," said Santure. "We mainly do aluminum and vinyl siding, but we also do brick and wood restoration, and windows and roofs."

As Scrub-A-Home continues to expand, Santure has teamed up with an exterior paint company, which paints some 60-70 homes each year.

"IT'S A GREAT business," said Santure with a smile. "We like making our customers happy—it just means a whole lot to us."

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"Roofs are very important to keep clean," Santure reports. "We clean a lot of roofs and see the black streaking, which actually is a fungus. The fungus grows roots that get into the shingles and holds water, ultimately ruining your roof."

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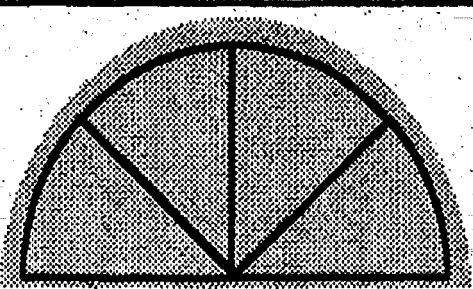
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Muralist enjoys brushing up for others

BY HELEN POLASKI
STAFF WRITER

Those who discover their innate talent and are able to cultivate it into a career of choice, are rare and lucky individuals.

CAROL LYNN, owner of Murals by Carol Lynn, is one of the lucky ones.

Quite by accident, Carol Lynn, who recently was named one of the Saline "Citizens of the Year" for her work on the Bixby Marionette Exhibit, uncovered a dormant talent—mural painting, which she says is "definitely her calling."



Carol Lynn

"I feel like this is the right path for my life because really positive things have happened to me since I started painting murals," she explained. "I've grown as a person, and have touched the lives of many people. I'm happy."

Though Carol Lynn is a petite blue-eyed blonde, her non-assuming demeanor is somewhat misleading. She carries a wide variety of paintbrushes everywhere she goes, has a heart as big as the Grand Canyon, and is at peace with herself and her surroundings. Her quiet personality is immersed in sensitivity, as well as an intensity and wisdom beyond her years. She paints, she listens, she understands, and she helps the customer create, though her paintbrush, what the customer already sees in his or her head.

She's found a way to become kindred spirits with her clients and because of that good things happen.

As Carol Lynn paints, the customer's ideas mesh with hers and a

new atmosphere emerges. Creativity flows from one to the other, a sense of direction is established, and a picture begins to take shape.

"I don't know how to describe it," Carol Lynn said with a smile. "I do know that when I go to someone's house to paint I'm a tool they use to express their feelings."

Customers, who may not be able to pick up a paintbrush and create the image they want, are able to express those needs to Carol Lynn and by working together a whole new avenue of creativity is born.

Carol Lynn grew up in Illinois where she expanded her horizons with a liberal arts degree from Monmouth College. She later double majored in art and biology and began to cast her mold as a future medical illustrationist. Following graduation she took some time to dabble in advertising, then returned home to raise her two children Lauren Anne and Tyler James.

NOT FINDING a job that suited her, Carol Lynn passed through a time of discontent. Before long, a neighbor suggested she paint a mural on her bathroom wall and finding herself in a no-pressure situation, Carol Lynn discovered she could open up and do something that made her feel alive and challenged.

"She offered to pay for the paints, and told me that I could paint anything I wanted," Carol Lynn remembers. "It took me a couple of months of messing around to get it done, but I was happy doing it."

Then, much to Carol Lynn's happiness, a surprising thing began to happen. Other neighbors who had seen the mural began asking if they, too, could commission her to paint something for their walls.

"I just started doing it two mornings a week, and in January of this year it turned into full-time work for me," she said. "It's very flexible—which is good when you have kids—and it's a way for me to share a little bit of myself with others. It brings people a lot of joy and it's really very neat to know you are able to do that for someone."

According to Carol Lynn, sitting alone in a studio and away from the constant barrage of customer ideas and outside influences would stifle the spontaneity.

"I LIKE working with people," she explained. "I love having other people's ideas to work with and actually working with my clients—I welcome their input. It just makes everything more exciting and challenging."

Painting comes naturally to Carol Lynn, and adding music thickens the

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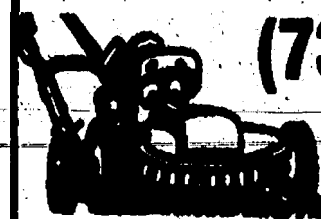


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Carol Lynn

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flavor, bringing about finer strokes and detail. Her favorite musical artists are Sarah McLachlan, Cheryl Crow and Paula Cole.

"It's today's music, it just does something for me, and really opens up my creativity levels," she said.

Carol Lynn's paintings follow a realist theme. Her floral paintings are stunning and puppies look as though they might bounce out of the painting at any moment. Additional murals she's worked on include sports paraphernalia in a child's room, and a 15' Elvis on a barn in Ypsilanti.

As a muralist, Carol Lynn has painted on exterior walls including cinder-block, and brick, as well as interior walls. Her list of business clients includes Mott Children's Hospital, Union School, The Drowsy Parrot, and the Animal Medical Center.

SAID CAROL LYNN:

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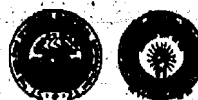
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Romanesque, Queen Anne, and Colonial Revival.

MICHAEL and **Lesa Byrnes** moved back to their native state from Washington, D.C. three years ago, and live in a turn of the century

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The Grebs added a new screened-in porch to their old home.

AN AVID collector of antiques, she enjoys visiting the antique shows at the Farm Council Grounds, and co-chairs the Historical Society's annual Antiques Show each January with Janet Swope.

"My friend, Mary Culver, who teaches historic preservation at EMU, helped me pick out authentic paint colors," Linda says. "She sends me oodles of material on Greek Revival homes in Ann Arbor. She brings her students over to study the house."

The Grebs have done their own painting and Linda enjoys wallpapering.

"We were lucky enough to find a carpenter who could mill wood to match the original and fix the moldings for us," she explains.

A future project will be the garden.

"Historic landscape expert Scott Kunst has given us advice, so I have a list of authentic plants to use," notes Linda, whose yard still has the original old roses, pines and maples. "Apparently, plantings were not used next to the foundation."

The Grebs enjoy sharing the beauty of their historic home, allowing it to be included in house tours.

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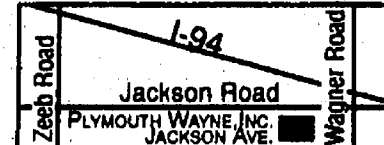
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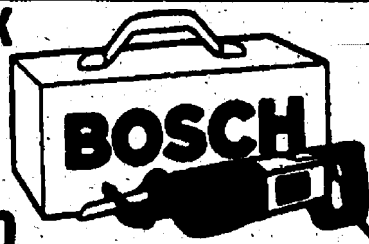
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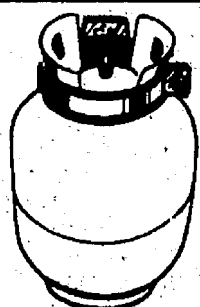
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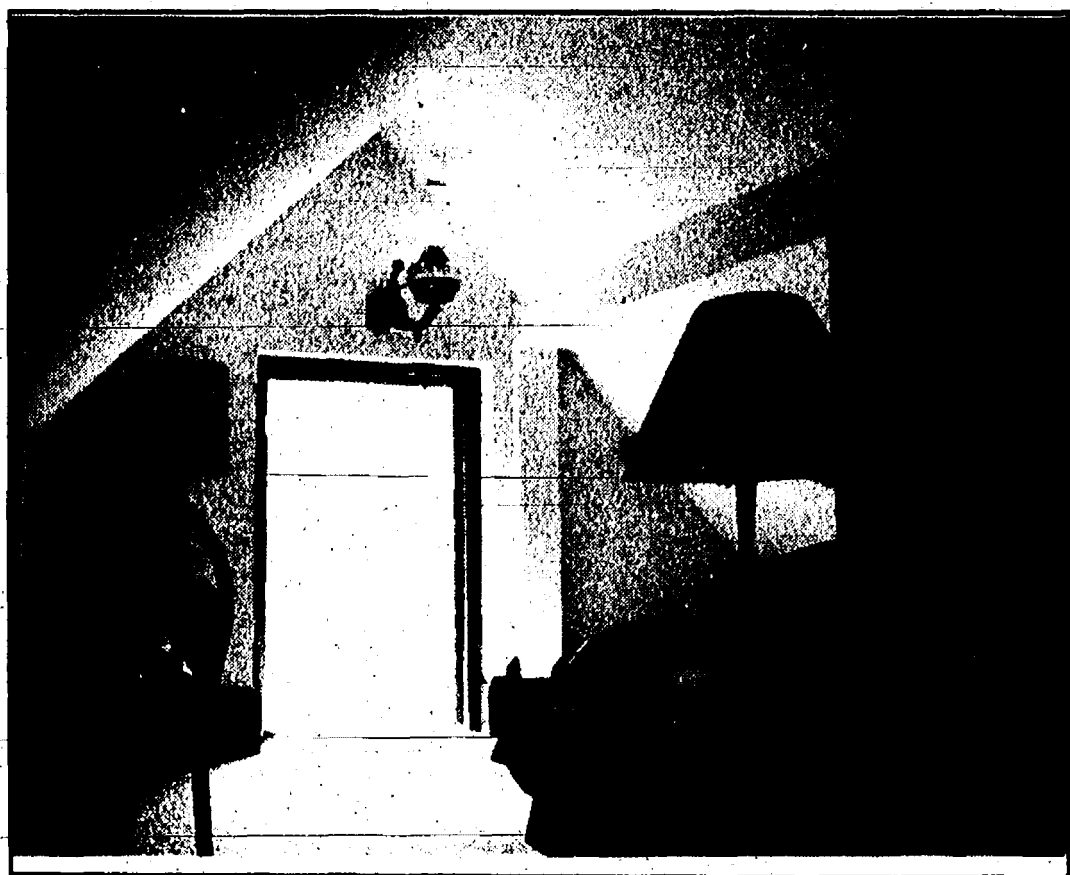
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Queen Anne home on N. Ann Arbor Street.

Lesa, a member of the Saline Historic District Commission, loves the character, charm and historical interest of old homes, "and the material—brick and wood siding, and oak interiors—that would cost a fortune if you were to build with it today. On

the downside, it can be hard to find a craftsman who can fix it."

The family also decided to forego the charms of the original antique clawfoot bathtub in favor of a modern fiberglass tub, as it was too difficult to maintain the old plumbing and bring it up to code.

"We have six twin bevelled glass bay windows which are absolutely

beautiful, but which we can't open as the screens have been lost and the storms are painted shut," she notes. "However, if we replace them, we lose the character and charm."

The home also boasts a beautiful stained glass window on the attic level. Byrnes is delighted at how the historic homes in Saline are so well maintained by their owners.

"Families take such a pride in this historic town, and have done some wonderful renovations."

ARCHITECT Leo Babcock, chairperson of the Saline Historic District Commission, specializes in

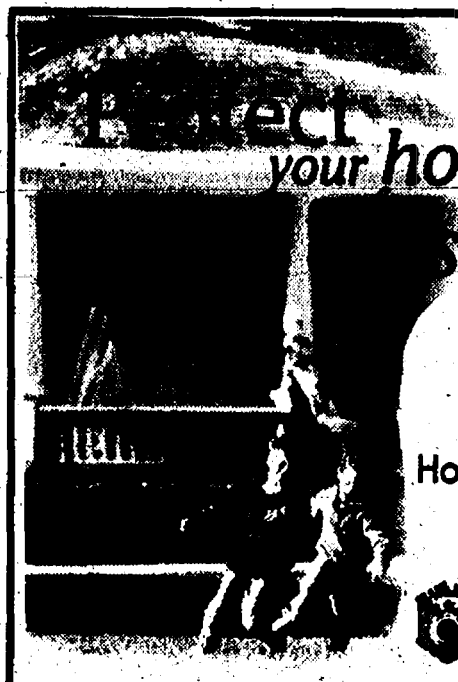
historic renovations and additions throughout this area, aiming to work within the context of the existing homes.

In his own home on N. Ann Arbor Street, he has tried to mesh the historic aspects of the house with life in the 90s.

"I don't want to live in a museum," Babcock declares. "For instance, we have the old woodwork and wainscoting in our kitchen, but we also enjoy modern appliances."

The property's carriage house was in sad shape when Babcock bought the property seven years ago,

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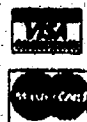
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moving back to his native Michigan from Boston.

"I redid the foundation, jacked it up, and extended the loft to a whole second level, so I can use the place as an office," he explains.

Babcock has also renovated the home's attic, where he found newspapers from the 1930s.

"You can find some comical things when you're renovating," he smiles. "We had to strip off layers and layers of wallpaper, even from the ceiling; and at one level we found wallpaper with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which seemed an odd choice."

BABCOCK agrees there can be quite a limited pool of professionals to do the rather unique and quality work required in old homes, but they can be found. He also has catalogs of companies who specialize in historic supplies such as ironwork, slate roofs, and stone balustrades.

"The Historic District Commission is here to help anyone who wants accuracy in their old home renovation,"

tions, such as using an authentic paint color. There are very minimal restrictions, even when you need to pull a permit, really no more restrictive than for any homeowner."

Babcock notes that studies have shown the value of real estate increases when old homes are well maintained.

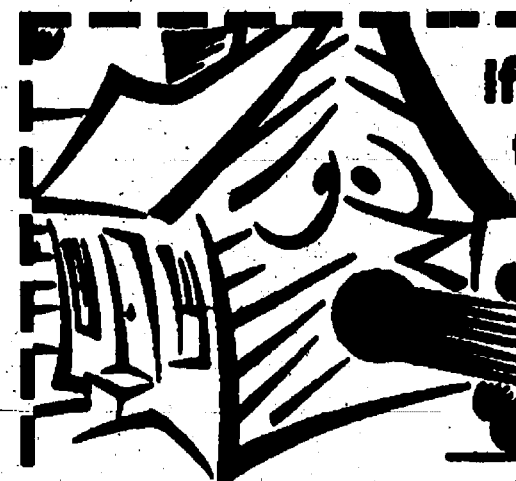
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Harvest Ridge taking new approach

BY FRANK WEIR
STAFF WRITER

In this age of mass marketing and the boom in residential building, some feel the customer has gotten a bit lost in the shuffle.

A new builder, featuring a well-known local name, would like to bring the customer back into the picture.

Evergreen Custom Homes is owned by vice-presidents Mike and Kim Birkle along with Dave Rose, president, and wife Jane, a teacher in Chelsea.

Rose has been a builder for a number of years in the area.

Mike grew up in Saline, graduating from Saline High School in 1986 and is the son of Bill and Ann Birkle. Ann is a former school board trustee.

The group has acquired a portion of the Paul Barnes property off Weber Road and have seven two-to-three acre lots available for building.

THEY HAVE named the development Harvest Ridge.

Mike and Kim Birkle have purchased one of the lots and intend to build and live at Harvest Ridge.

"It's unusual that the builder will live in their own development, but we think that says a lot about who we are and what we intend for this company," said Kim, the marketing vice president for the small company.

"We feel that many consumers have not educated themselves about the building process and can be at the mercy of their builder.

"There can be quality issues that the home owner is not even aware of. Our job is to educate our customer."

Birkle notes that home owners can come to them with conceptual plans requiring architectural services or they can choose from available plans.

"The process of building custom homes from a conceptual stage can be intimidating and we will guide people through it. But if a home owner wants to choose a set plan and



Dave Rose, Mike and Kim Birkle, pose near their new development.

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then deviate from it, we can provide that as well.

SHE ADDS that home owners sometimes find builders resistant to customizing pre-existing plans and might charge aggressively for it.

Most people building a home want to personalize it she explains. It is rare that a plan is followed without a change.

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Throwing away thousands of unnecessary dollars when you make improvements is crazy, claims consumer advocate and author Bob Easter.

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says Easter. For 23 years, this successful real-estate broker has been teaching consumers the insider industry tricks. All consumers make mistakes when improving or buying a home, and Easter is quick to point out those crucial errors in his books, "The 14 Home-Selling Secrets, The Mistakes Everyone Makes" (\$19.95) and "HOME BUYING POWER: Inside Tips, Tricks and Trends for Buying the Home of Your Dreams!" (\$17.95), from 1-800-848-5593 or <http://www.easter-express.com>.

"The No. 1 mistake is not having a game plan. Before you contact a real-estate company or builder, know the key questions to ask to protect your pocketbook," says Easter.

Two easy mistakes owners make is that they:

1) list with the agent who quotes the highest sale price. The agent knows the owner already has an emotional attachment to the property, along with an unrealistic price. The agent throws out a high listing price, and the owner signs.

2) fail to understand that listing agreements are written to tie the owner to the company without giving an accounting of exact services and marketing. Before you get locked into a listing agreement, know how to protect your rights.

Robert Bruss, Tribune Media Services syndicated columnist, says, "This very realistic book ('The 14 Home-Selling Secrets') is filled with practical sales advice to home sellers. His advice is practical, honest and often against the best interest of his profession."

"Knowing the 10 most critical items to fix before you put your home on the market can put big money

in your wallet. Fixing certain items can bring a larger return than others, and some items really don't cost any money, just some work. In my home-selling book and special report we explain in detail what to do before you sell," says Easter.

There are many hidden traps of buying or building a home. "Paying too much for a home is the No. 1 pitfall to avoid. Another major mistake is not knowing the 48 advantages and disadvantages of buying a new or resell home. Smart shoppers want to know how to avoid the hidden traps of buying the wrong home," Easter says.

Mark Victor Hansen, New York Times best-selling author of "Chicken Soup for the Soul," says, "Protect your investment by learning the best advice and wisdom from a leading consumer advocate. Easter zeroes in on money-saving tips to protect home buyers now and in the future."

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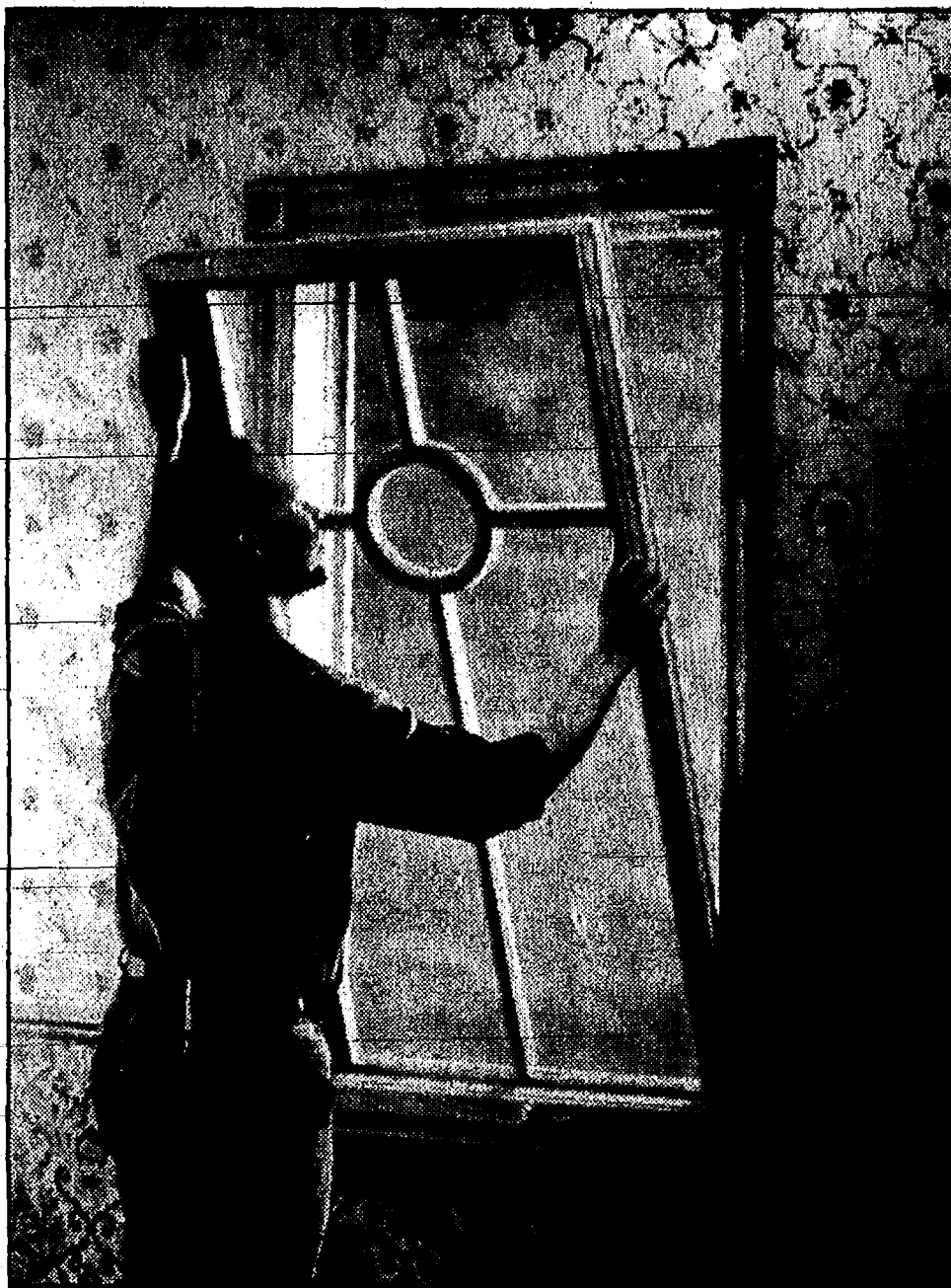
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"All products in a home wear out over time, and windows are no exception," says Patrick Patterson, remodeling-replacement market manager, Weather Shield. "Homeowners with windows more than 25 years old in a house need to consider replacing those windows in order to gain the best energy efficiencies and to protect the 'envelope' of the house."

To determine if the windows in your home are candidates for a replacement job, Weather Shield recommends checking for telltale signs that a window is losing its effectiveness. Some tips for making this determination include:

- Stand inside your house on a windy day with a lit candle near the window. If the flame flickers or goes out, your weatherstripping on the window could be damaged.

- During the winter, if a window experiences ice buildup or a frosty glaze, the ventilation in your home may not be adequate. Another option is that your window may not be providing

enough insulation value for your home, making your heating bills soar.

- Do you need to prop open your window with a book or stick? If so, the window may have lost its functionality.

- Sit near your window. If you feel cold air coming in during the winter or hot air during the summer, your windows have little insulation value. This means you're paying more to heat and cool your house during the year to compensate for the exterior air entering your home.

- Do your windows get fogged with condensation? If so, you may have a seal failure and need to replace the glass or the entire window.

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Choose home products that make the living easy

Homes are not merely a showcase for stylish furniture and personal belongings, they're a place where, hopefully, lots of living goes on. As a nation with too much to do and too little time, the elements that make up our homes, ideally, need to be easy to maintain, durable and have a long life — as well as bring beauty into our lives.

"Today's consumer strives for simplification more than their parents' generation did. They want an attractive, but lower-maintenance home environment, and expect high-quality and exceptional value in the things they purchase," says Stuart Beattie, vice president of styling and design for Mannington, a laminate, wood and resilient flooring manufacturer.

So, what stylish home-decorating items are practical choices for the long haul, making your life easier and letting you focus on what's truly important — the people and activities you love? Beattie suggests the following:

- **Consider laminate flooring** — Laminate flooring is the newest antidote to a lively household. It provides the same rich look of wood or stone flooring, but upkeep is minimal. Whether you still are raising children, have a house full of pets or have added an elderly parent or two to your home, easy-care flooring that is durable and stands up to a range of activities always will make life easier. Mannington Laminate Floors has two distinctive specialty collections, the Historic Collection and the Exotic Collection, that give homeowners a wide range of unique native and international wood species like Knotty Heart Pine, Australian Cypress and Brazilian Cherry to choose from for a beautifully stylish, high-performing floor.

- **Make your home's furniture as flexible and low-maintenance as possible** — Items like upholstered furniture slipcovers (in materials that range from cotton twill to velvet, rather than the sterile plastic covers of yesterday) not only protect furniture, but enable consumers to change the look and color of furniture from everyday use to formal occasions. Stain-protected material will make spills easier to clean and prolong the

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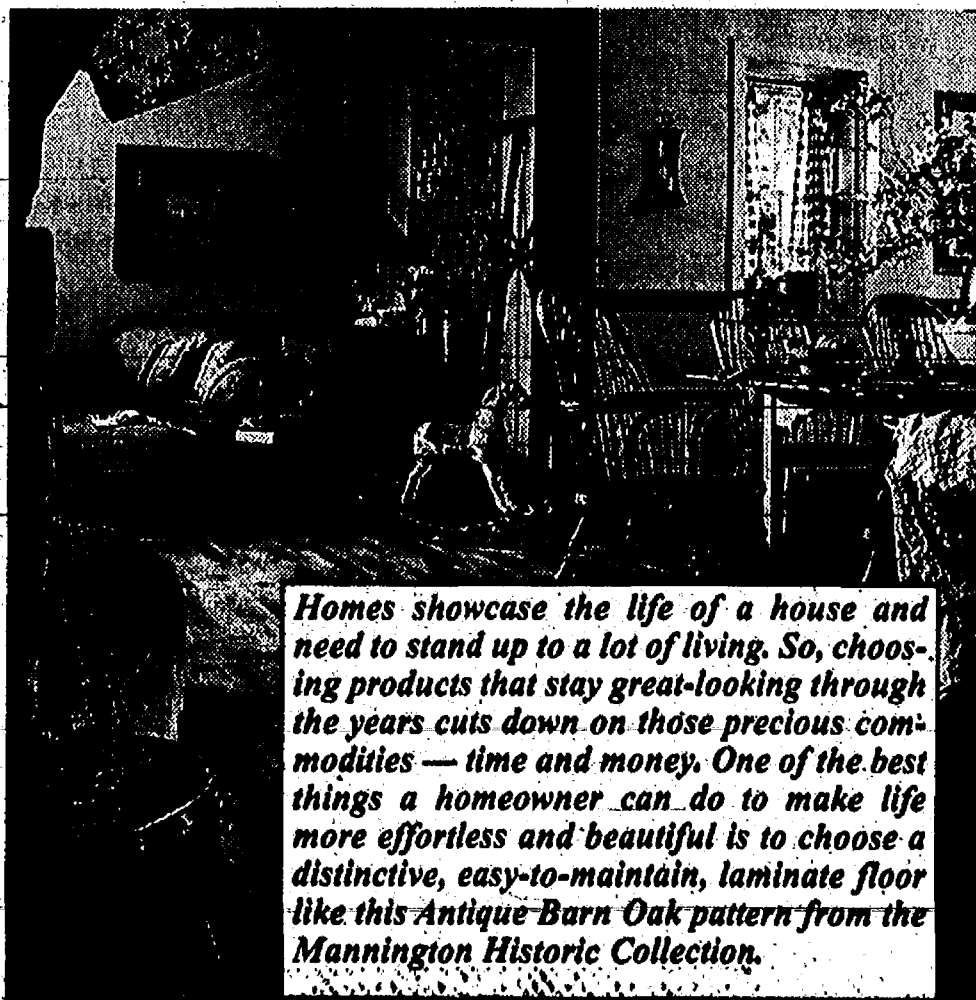
- **Select easy-to-clean paints and wallcoverings** — This simple investment can save a homeowner a lot of time and money over the years and keep a home's interior looking fresh.

- **Consider your window choices** — Today's well-designed windows come in a wide variety of styles. One option has the blinds between the sealed panes of glass and tilts inward for easy cleaning inside and out.

- **Choose appliances designed to make your life easier** — You may or may not need a stove or oven with all the "bells and whistles," but be sure to look for models that are specially designed to make cleanup a breeze. For instance, various new stove-top surfaces are created flat to make burner cleanup easier than with traditional stove coils.

- **Go for solid countertops** — Countertops in the kitchen and bath are exposed to a greater range of household substances and abuse than just about any other surface. There are a number of manufacturers producing high-quality surfaces that look like stone, marble or granite that are much easier to maintain than the real thing. Generally, countertops that are designed to be easy-cleaning also will keep their stylish great looks over the years. Grouted ceramic tile surfaces by their nature create areas for trapping dirt, and porous surfaces like limestone and wood are not as stain-resistant.

"The great thing about all of these options is that homeowners don't have to sacrifice stylish, good looks for easy maintenance and durability," says Beattie. "Today's living may not be exactly easy, but for many people, it's full of challenges and adventures that are more interesting than repairing and cleaning the house. Manufacturers know this and have developed many new products in response to this reality."



Homes showcase the life of a house and need to stand up to a lot of living. So, choosing products that stay great-looking through the years cuts down on those precious commodities — time and money. One of the best things a homeowner can do to make life more effortless and beautiful is to choose a distinctive, easy-to-maintain, laminate floor like this Antique Barn Oak pattern from the Mannington Historic Collection.

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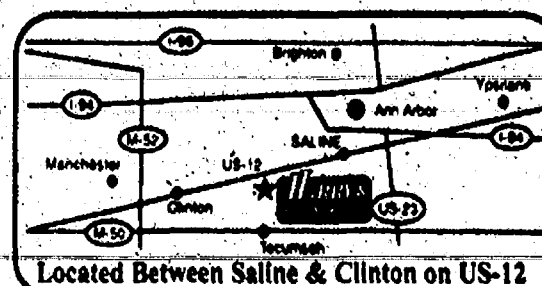
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Tim Willis handles sheet metal work at Comfort Zone.

Local business keeps Dexter in the 'Comfort Zone'

BY RENEE LAPHAM COLLINS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The staff at Comfort Zone Mechanical in Dexter works hard to live up to its name.

Owners Randy and Kathy Willis, who opened the business five years ago, carry Lennox heating and cooling products, but the skilled staff can repair any make or model of furnace, air conditioner, water heater, or humidifier.

"We have a custom sheet metal shop and help solve problems for our customers who come in with problems relating to duct work," says Kathy. "We also stock accessories like furnace filters and humidifier pads, but we don't really have a showroom."

LOCATED at 3126 Broad Street in Dexter, Comfort Zone is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, "but we have a 24-hour emergency service, which is

really important if your furnace goes out in the middle of a winter night.

"We have three technicians who are top-notch and very skilled in repairing just about any heating and cooling item," says Kathy.


In addition to repairing furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters, and humidifiers, the Comfort Zone staff also installs furnaces and air conditioning systems, "mostly for people who are doing home improvements or replacements.

"We don't do too much new construction," says Kathy. "We do some commercial work, however."

The Willis' son, Tim, is following in his father's footsteps and will soon be a sheet metal journeyman. Daughter Kelly is a nurse at the U-M Medical Center.

"I'm also a nurse, but I work

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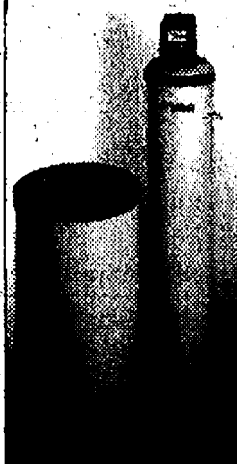
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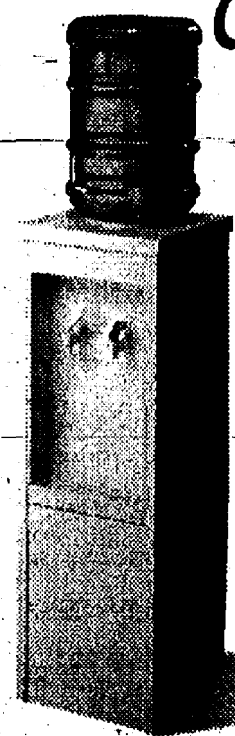


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"We sold our first PWF back in 1973," said Carol. "So they really aren't as new as you might think. However lately they've been gaining some momentum."

Comfort Zone

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here instead," smiles Kathy, adding that she and Kelly attended nursing school together. "This keeps me busy—we've had a very steady business since we opened our doors—and I get to wear a lot of hats."

ORIGINALLY from Pinckney, the Willises are building a home in Dexter and looking forward to being a little closer to their business. They started Comfort Zone Mechanical after Randy had worked as a sheet metal journeyman for other shops. He has been in the trade since 1970.

"He had a lot of encouragement from other people to go into business for himself," says Kathy. "It's worked out well. We enjoy working with the folks in the smaller towns."

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"Again, sealing bricks is very important," he said. "Once they're cleaned you spray on sealers which will repel water but at the same time allow the brick to breathe the way its designed to breathe."

ACCORDING to Santure, most manufacturers of vinyl siding recommend having the siding cleaned annually, depending on the environment you live in. But when a homeowner uses Scrub-A-Home to wash and wax the siding, he feels it should stay cleaned for up to 4-5 years—depending on the environment.

"The length between cleanings will always depend on the area you live in and the amount of pollution

Sunrooms can add living space

Every year, more homeowners are looking at the advantages of sunrooms. Not only does a sunroom add living space, but it also can help insulate your home from summer's heat and winter gales.

But not all sunrooms are alike. Just ask Eric Feldt of Affordable Window and Siding Corporation, located on Jackson Street in Ann Arbor.

"The sunrooms can be used for 10 months out of the year," said Feldt. "They provide added living space, and they allow you to bring the outdoors inside, without the bugs."

FELDT SAYS most customers prefer the three-season sunrooms because they are less expensive than the four-season sunrooms. The difference is in the windows and doors. The four-season rooms feature thermal plane windows and thicker walls.

If you have a deck on the back of your house, it's not a problem, because a sunroom can be built on the deck, provided everything is up to code, and the deck can withstand the weight. If not, Affordable Window and Siding Corporation can tear down an existing deck, and build a new one with the sunroom.

From the time a customer approves the final plans to the time the sunroom is installed takes approximately six to seven weeks, although installation only takes three days or less in most cases.

Affordable's sunrooms are home because of all the windows."

manufactured in Toronto by Lifestyle Sunrooms. The sunrooms are manufactured to the more stringent Canadian energy standards, and are custom-crafted to the exact specifications needed by the homeowner. No screws are necessary with the interlocking construction.

Available in white, hickory, and brown, sunrooms have either an aluminum roof or a shingled roof.

"Most people prefer the shingled roof instead of an aluminum roof so it looks more like an addition," Feldt explained. "This is very popular right now. Most people want to go that way, because they want it to look like a structural roof."

THE SUNROOMS can be added on to any type of home, from stick-built to manufactured and modular homes.

"Our job is to look at all of the existing conditions, and arrive at something that will work for them," he explained. "They need to realize that a kitchen area is the general size of a sunroom, which will be added to the back of the house."

Feldt said he tries to give the customer different options, helping them visualize the finished product before the order is taken. If there is not an existing deck, Feldt will use stakes and string to help the customer decide what they want.

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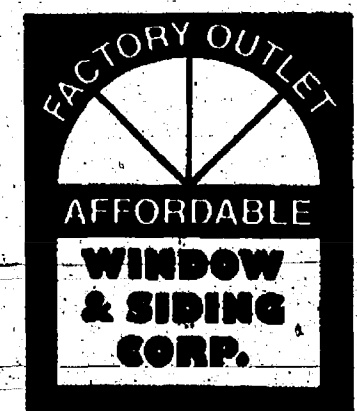
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Master Gardener vital to Extension program

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"We get all kinds of questions," says Cole, who coordinates the Master Gardener program. "Most of them have to do with a problem a plant may be experiencing outdoors; we also get questions about planting, pruning, animal and insect problems, plant suggestions, composting, and soil testing."

"We've had people call to find out when lilacs or crabapples would be in bloom so they could plan a wedding, where to get living sphagnum moss plants, the location of a garden in Canada, and how to grow cuttings taken from olive trees in Israel."

MASTER GARDENERS, volunteers trained by the Michigan State University Extension Service to provide home gardening information to local residents, staff the garden "hot-line" Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

"The Master Gardener program is a volunteer leader training program made up of people who are enthusiastic about gardening, who want to learn more about growing plants, and who are willing to share their knowledge with others," explains Cole. "The program provides gardeners with up-to-date horticultural information, and helps gardeners increase their knowledge through practical application, problem solving, and sharing with others through volunteer activities of their choice."

Classes—taught by county Extension agents, specialists from Michigan State University, and local gardening experts—meet for a minimum of 10 weeks, providing 40 hours of instruction. Students must receive a score of 70 percent on the final exam to qualify as Master Gardeners, and to become certified must also complete 40 educational volunteer hours, sharing their knowledge with others.

The program started in Michigan in 1978; more than 1,500 people go through the program each year in the state. Washtenaw County was one of the first three counties to hold the program, and over 600 people have taken the course in Washtenaw since 1978.

TOPICS COVERED include: an introduction to plant science, soils,

integrated pest management, tree fruit, woody ornamentals, indoor plant culture, vegetables, wildlife, composting, small fruit, lawns, flowers, household pests, plant diagnostics, and tying it all together—the volunteer component.

Aside from the garden hot line, other volunteer activities include talking to garden clubs and community groups, and working with school children and senior citizens. Cole, who writes a monthly garden column for a regional newspaper feels one of the greatest impacts of Master Gardeners is within their own communities.

"When a Master Gardener is able to share research-based information with friends, neighbors, and coworkers as a representative of Extension, they are really getting the information to the people who need it."

Washtenaw county offers a Junior Master Gardener program, which began as a pilot project at Ann Arbor's Dicken Elementary School in 1995; several other counties in Michigan now also offer the program.

Washtenaw County Extension Service is at 4133 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, at the corner of Hogback and Washtenaw. Call (734) 971-0079.

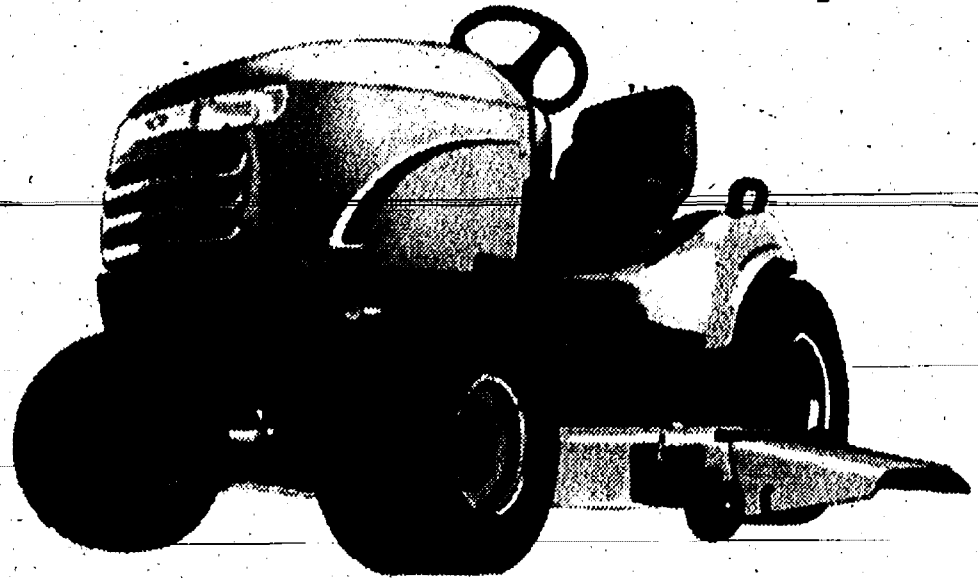
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The annual spring Flower and Garden show draws thousands to the Farm Council Grounds.

Garden show takes a look back at the century

By JILLIAN DUCHNOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Under the new direction of staff from Schmidt's Antiques and other area businesses, the Ann Arbor Spring Garden and Flower Show will blossom anew April 2-4, when lecturers and budding displays explore "A Century of American Gardens," at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

The show will open with a large Victorian entry garden, complete with fountain and gazebo, extending to the less formal turn-of-the-century landscape and continued through a 1940s Peace Time Garden and a South Florida front yard reminiscent of the 1950s to a roadside flower stand from the 1960s.

TYREE GUYTON, creator of Detroit's Heidelberg Project, will represent the 1980s to the 1990s with a "Faces in the Hoods" display, combining car hoods with plants. The tour concludes with a contemporary garden titled "Back to the Future."

Additional features include flowering plants and perennials for sale, landscaping vendors, and children's exhibits.

Also, a corresponding lecture series will supplement the displays.

Elvin McDonald, senior gardens editor at Traditional Home magazine, will present "Orchids Around the Year" Saturday, April 3 at noon and at 3 p.m., and "Gardening Trends" Sunday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. McDonald also will sign copies of his latest book, *Smith & Hawken 100 Orchids for American Gardeners*.

Garden communicator Melinda Myers will present "A Gardener's

View," exploring recent garden tours in Holland and Hawaii. Host of Wisconsin Lawn and Garden, on PBS and a horticulture instructor for Milwaukee Area Technical College, Myers will discuss bulbs and tropical plants Friday, April 2 at 10 a.m., at 1 p.m. and at 4 p.m.

IN ADDITION, Scott Kunst, founder of the nation's only mail-order business for heirloom bulbs, on Saturday will speak about "Antique Gardens: American Home Landscapes 1800-1940" at 10 a.m.; about "Heirloom Bulbs for Gardens New and Old" at 2 p.m., and about "Picket Fences and Iron Stags: Outdoor Furnishings, 1800-1940" at 6 p.m.

Sunday will incorporate a family theme. Colors the Clown and Petunia Pig will be on hand at 1 p.m., and a magic show will lead participating children on a hunt for the Easter Bunny, who will assist with an Easter egg hunt.

Also, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum will sponsor a number of exhibits and activities especially for children.

THE SHOW will be open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children aged 12 years and younger. On Sunday, children aged 12 and younger, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted free.

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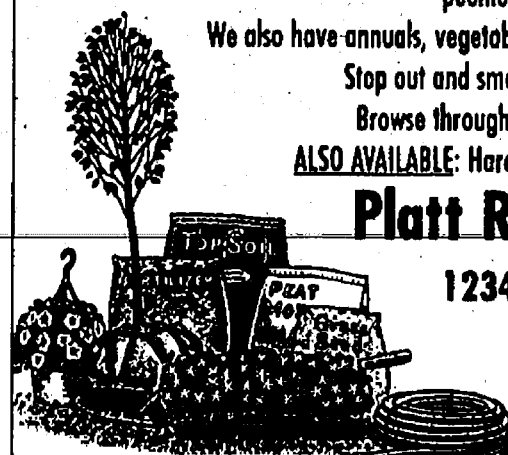
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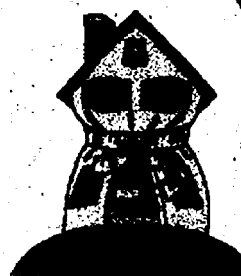
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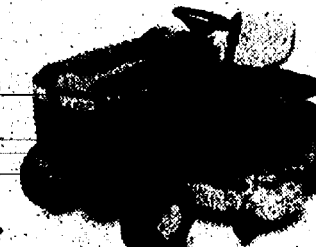
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Village hardware center rooted in community service

BY SHEILA PURSGLOVE
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

"If you build it, they will come."

Kleinschmidt True Value Hardware believes in that twice over: first, through their wholesaler, Tru Serv Corp, the store staff is active in the "Field of Dreams" project, working with the village of Manchester to upgrade playing fields for the local Little League ball teams.

Secondly, the company—which started out in 1972 as a small gutter business run out of the back of one truck and the family living room—has grown into a full service hardware home center, building a large addition three years ago to expand the lawn and garden department and sell lumber. The store also features a well-stocked paint department and housewares, and a small engine repair service.

"We're also a license agent for the DNR, offering hunting and fishing licenses, and plan to expand a sporting goods department this year," explains owner Sharon Kleinschmidt, who runs the business with partner Richard Kennedy.

KLEINSCHMIDT'S, located on Sharon Valley Road and M-52, was built and opened in 1981. A division of R.D. Kleinschmidt Inc., a construction company specializing in siding, gutters, roofing and replacement windows, the store shares its location with its parent company, and the third member of the company trio, Sharon Valley Mini Storage.

"We're committed to providing a high level of quality in all areas of our business, our goal being the satisfaction of each and every one of our customers," says Kleinschmidt. "Our customers have given us a special loyalty throughout the years, which, together with our dedicated and hardworking employees, have enabled us to operate a successful business for close to 30 years."

THE STORE, with its loyal staff, has a family feel to it.

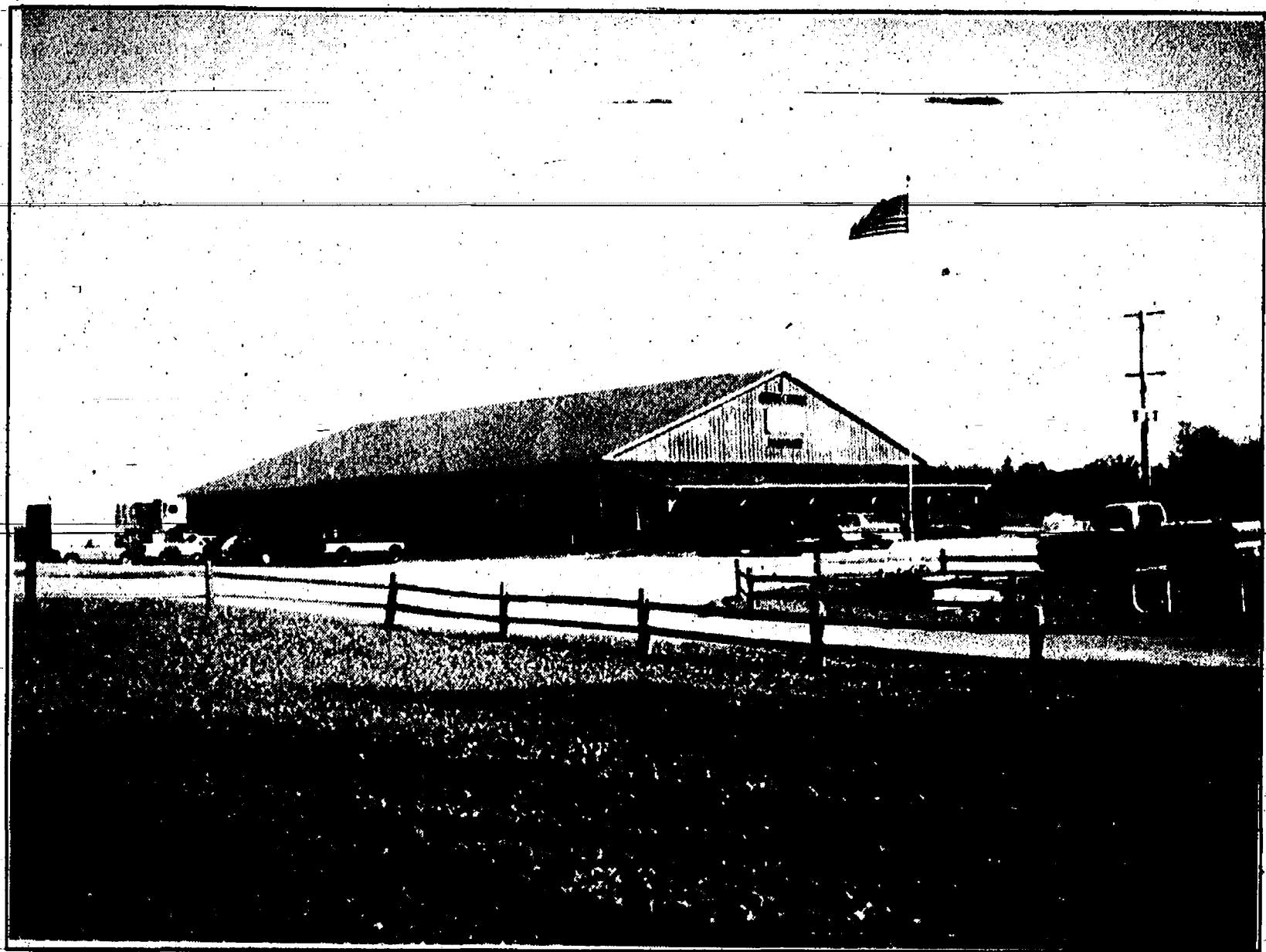
"Earl 'Whitey' Oltersdorf has been with the store since we opened the doors," smiles Kleinschmidt.

"After retiring from Ford Motor Co., Whitey became our goodwill ambassador and head sales person."

"Darwin Ries is our manager, with Bob Walter and Bruce Zubke his assistants. Brenda Ries, Darwin's wife, is head cashier, head clerk, chief office person, unofficial manager—well, you get the picture! Darwin, Brenda and Bruce have been with us since 1989, with Bob coming on board last year."

"Clerks Debbie Seffernik, Danielle Funk, Anita Horner and Audrey Luck round out our super team, which is committed to providing excellent service to our customers."

The company is a member of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Retail Hardware Association, and the Better Business Bureau.



Kleinschmidt's expanded its operation in 1981.

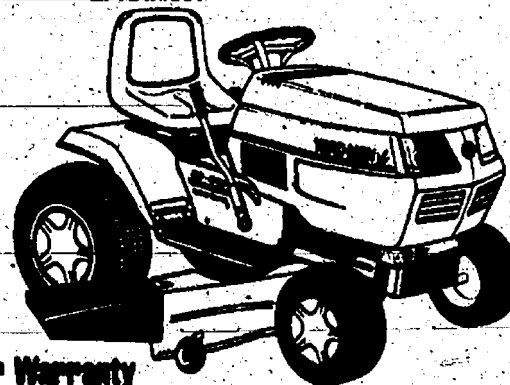
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Chelsea Lumber staff takes pride in tradition of customer service.

Customer service a tradition at lumber yard

BY KYM BOELTER MUCKLER
HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS

Founded in 1908 by Frank Storms and steeped in family history and tradition, Chelsea Lumber continues to provide a varied and unique array of services for home owners, according to proprietor John Daniels, Storms' grandson.

"My dad and my uncle got involved in the business at the same time," said Daniels.

Among the services offered by the local lumber yard is a "do-it-yourself" home building package.

"Back in 1967, when my dad first began the home construction financing program, a couple would come into the lumber yard and want to build a house," John explained. "My father would accompany them down to the Chelsea State Bank and guarantee the loan for them. They'd shake hands, sign a paper and be done."

OF COURSE the process is not as simple as back in 1967. Yet, Daniels prides himself on the ability to continue to provide people the opportunity to build their own home.

"It's a program that allows people who are not licensed builders to act as their own general contractor," he said. "Chelsea Lumber Company provides people the chance to work on their homes themselves. They use their relatives and friends to help them. They like that, the gate is open for them to put their own sweat equity into it. We offer 100 percent financing for labor and materials. It's a big, big program."

Payments on the loan do not begin on the project until the home is completed, then payments are made on the end mortgage.

"The interest is only put on the money as you use it—there are no interest or principal payments re-

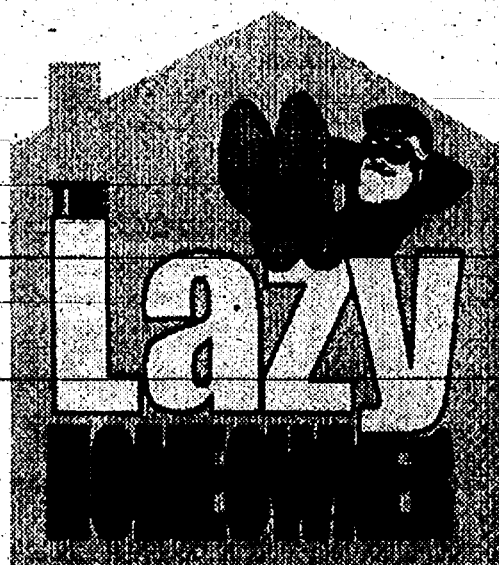
quired during construction time," said Daniels.

CHELSEA LUMBER Company can also make buying the property to build on a little bit easier.

"This is a unique program that's very popular," explained Daniels. "Property is so expensive now and people are not able to pay cash for property very often. So, a lot of people are able to pay off their property so they can build their home. The property cost can be added into the construction finance program. Seventy percent of our customers are in that boat."

So if you are in the market to build your own home, this is another avenue of opportunity worth investigating.

"My dad still preaches at us to continually provide the service to people along the way of the construction road," smiled Daniels.



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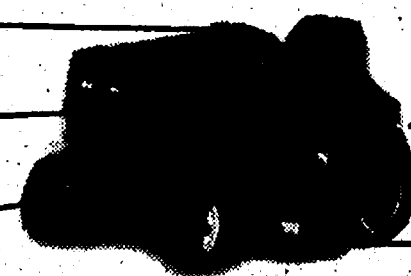
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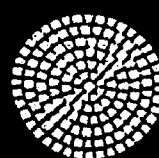


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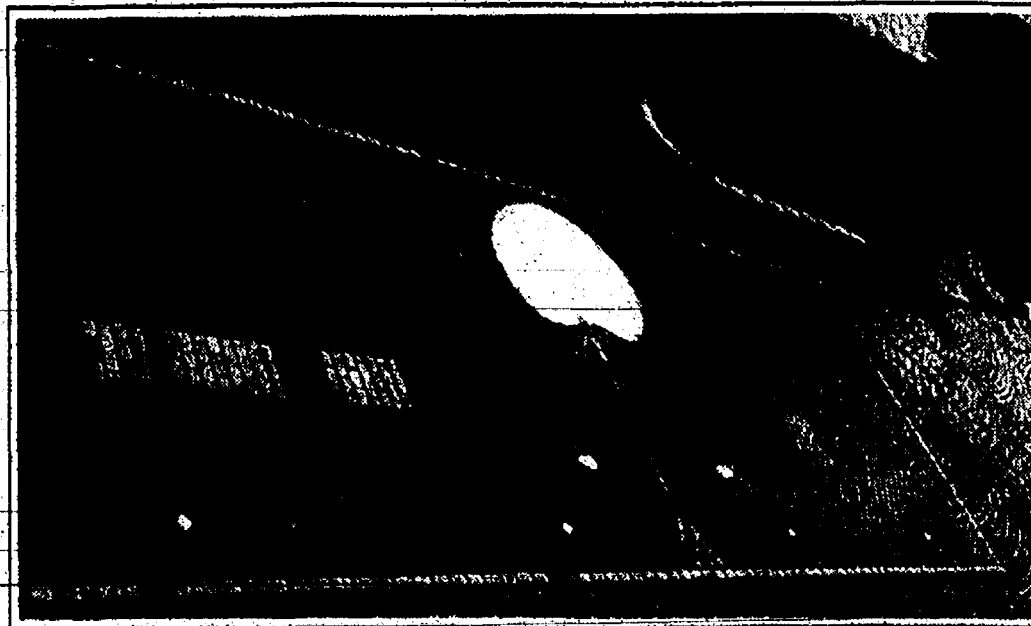
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When deciding how much house you can comfortably afford, make sure you consider your home's carrying cost as well as your savings habits, your salary, your existing debts and your life style. Carrying costs include such items as gas, electric, and water costs; homeowner's association or condo fees, and annual maintenance expenses. These monthly expenses should be considered in addition to your mortgage payment when deciding on the house to buy.

A more formal way to determine how much house you can afford is a pre-approval. Unlike pre-qualification, a pre-approval is a formal loan approval for a specific dollar amount. To get a pre-approved, you provide your lender with much of the same paperwork you would be asked for you make a loan application. This will probably include, but not be limited to, your credit history, income and source of down payment funds, all of which will be verified. A pre-approval will guarantee you can obtain a loan, but it is not a locked mortgage commitment. You cannot obtain the commitment until the lender appraises the property and does a title search-steps that are taken after your offer to buy the house is accepted. In addition, depending on how much time has passed since the pre-approval, certain information may need to be re-verified.

Choosing A Mortgage

There are several mortgage types available and your lender should be able to help you choose one that best fits your financial needs.

ADJUSTABLE RATE Mortgage (ARM): The interest rate on an ARM may vary up or down at fixed intervals. The changes are tied to an index such as the one-year or three-year Treasury Rates. The ARM offers a low beginning interest rate; however, this rate may go up after a certain period of time. If interest rates are low, an ARM maybe a good option. This is especially true if its lifetime cap, the highest interest you may be

charged, is not more than a few points higher than the current fixed rate. ARMs are of special interest to buyers who know their income will increase in the future or who don't plan to own the home for many years.

If you are considering an ARM, make sure you know the answers to the following questions:

a.. What is the adjustment period or time between interest rate changes?

b.. What index is used to determine the interest rate?

c.. Does the introductory rate differ greatly from the rate calculation?

d.. What is the margin or percentage added to the index rate each time your loan is adjusted?

e.. What is the rate cap at the time of adjustment?

f.. What is the rate cap over the life of the loan?

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gages offer you the option at the end of the 5 or 7 year term to extend the same mortgage for the remainder of the 30-year term at existing mortgage rates.

FIXED RATE MORTGAGE:

The interest rate on this loan stays the same for as long as you hold your mortgage. With this mortgage, you know how much you will pay in principal and interest on your home each month. Remember, taxes and insurance on your home may change from year to year. A buyer who plans to keep his or her home for many years and prefers a constant payment to a variable will probably be best suited to a fixed rate mortgage.

In general, most lenders offer the same types of mortgages. The things that can vary for lender to lender are rates, fees, and the quality of service. While the loan cost is important, with all of the options and choices available to you, it is important to pick a lender with whom you feel comfortable. Don't be afraid to ask questions or rely on recommendation from your friends and family. Buying a home is one of the most important purchases you will make, and your lender should understand that and work hard to make an enjoyable experience for you.

Builders Show this weekend

BY RENEE LAPHAM COLLINS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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Set for March 26-28, the show features more than 200 exhibitors with the best of their wares, including landscaping, building, remodeling, water treatment, cabinetry, flooring, security systems, hot tubs, windows, and communications systems, as well as services for the novice and the seasoned home improvement enthusiast.

The show will be held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, located off Ann Arbor-Saline Road, just north of Saline.

Show hours are Friday from 3-9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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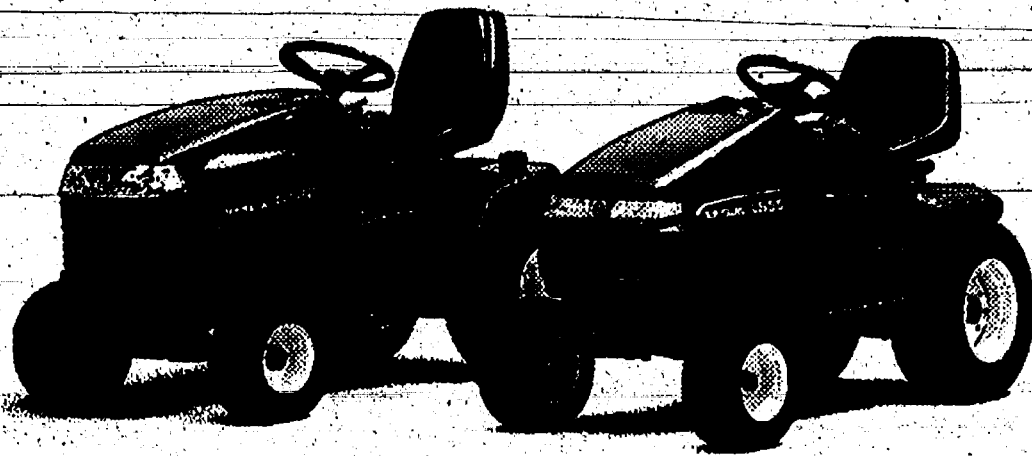
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