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A family's brush with racism in Chelsea

Facing Prejudice

— Part I —

By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles The Chelsea Standard plans to publish on racism in Chelsea, and an effort under way to create cultural understanding and acceptance in the community.

Amythyst and Romero moved from California to Chelsea seven months ago in search of a small town in which to raise their family.

The interracial couple found a close-knit, familyoriented community where they could enjoy a slower pace away from the materilifestyle California. But they say they also found racism and discrimination.

'I thought it was just going to be a normal day," Louis said, referring to an incident that almost made the couple rethink their decision to move to Chelsea.

Louis decided to telecommute that day so his wife could make it to a doctor's appointment. After a productive workday, he walked up the hill from his home to the school bus stop to pick arrived early and had to wait a few minutes. He recalled that during the 5, and Shaelynn, 7. wait he spotting an old pickup truck at the bottom of the hill. As it approached, the truck slowed slightly, and about 30 feet away the driver honked his horn.



Photo by Jennifer McArdie up their children. Louis Amythyst and Louis Romero knew their family might face some discrimination in a small community, but they decided to take the risk. They are pictured with their children, Dacio,

> Louis got a bad feeling not going to happen," he about the driver, but hoped said.

he was wrong.

nice neighborhood and it's obscene

But it did. As the truck "I want to believe it's a passed, the driver made an mouthed a racial slur. "My heart sank," Louis

said. There story is like many others in the area. Chelsea resident Joanne Ladio said there are a number of people in the community who are not accepting of diversi-

"I feel so strongly that the majority of people in town are very open and accepting, but we've got some pockets of people that are a real problem," said Ladio, who serves as communications secretary for One World One Family, an organization based in Chelsea that works to educate residents to eliminate racism and other forms of discrimination.

Kelly Flint's family has experienced the pain of racism, as well. Flint moved to the Chelsea area in 2002. Her husband is Bohemian and she is multi-ethnic, of Caucasian, African-American and Native American descent. They have one biological child and three adopted children, all biracial. Her son, Andrew, now 11 years old, was nine and starting fourth grade when students started calling him racial names.

"I don't think he understood all of it, but the kids put it in terms that pretty much guaranteed him some emotional pain — telling him he was the color of poop and calling him 'poop,' call-

ing him 'the black kid,' etc. "I think he was also called the 'N' word, but he did not See PREJUDICE - Page 11-A

CHELSEA

CAFA to seek

Voters to be asked to pay up to two mills for five years

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

Voters will be asked in eral funds." August to consider an operational millage for the charged based on the fire Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

operational costs.

A resident who owns a

serves on the Fire Authority cost." Board, said the millage would provide a fair means of funding fire protection services

"Right now, the townships, all the entities that own Chelsea Area Fire Authority. are funding it out of their general fund," he said, noting the exception of Lyndon Township, which has a special assessment, and the city of Chelsea, which has a millage to pay for fire services. "It's just depleting their gen-

Townships have been service utilized. If a township The Fire Authority-is-seek- had a number of large fires. ing up to two mills for the its cost for fire service would next five years to pay for go up compared to a year with few fires.

"There's no way for the home with a taxable value of townships to budget for \$100,000 could expect to pay that," Bollinger said. "What \$200 a year for fire service we're trying to do with this under the proposed millage. millage is to even it out for Chelsea City Council everybody, so nobody has Trustee Jamie Bollinger, who these big spikes in their

> Chelsea Fire Chief James Payeur likes the idea.

"I think it helps, overall, to strengthen the financial stability of the organization," he See MILIAGE - Page 4-A

CHELSEA

Downtown zoning change proposed

McKinley Properties working with the city on amendments

By Jennifer McArdle

A proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance could downtown Chelsea.

Chelsea City Manager has been working with McKinley Properties to draft an amendment to the city's zoning ordinance. The pro- is sufficiently unique to warposed amendment, which rant a zoning district that 14 City Council meeting, would allow uses and signage on the McKinley complex trict) zoning district," Steklac property that are traditional- said in a report to the City ly not appropriate in the core Council.

downtown district. Planning and Administrator Jim Drolett C-6 district, which would said his office worked with include all of the permitted McKinley Properties to look uses in zoning districts C-1 at the types of uses that may (neighborhood. commercial be part of the development.

"We're trying to look at a very unique project in a very unique city," he said.

Drolett said the development could include outdoor amusements such as an artists market or possibly a light entertainment venue in the future.

The three most noticeable changes in this new district open up the possibilities at are the inclusion of all perthe McKinley building in mitted uses from the general commercial district, the requirement of providing on-Michael Steklac said the city site parking for residential uses and additional allowed signage.

"The Clocktower Complex was introduced at the March allows a broader range of uses than are permitted in the C-5 (central business dis-

The ordinance amendment Zoning adds a new section zoned the

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CHELSEA

City shuts down water softener

Move expected to thwart lawsuit by Chelsea Investment Group

By Jennifer McArdie

Soft water for Chelsea residents may be affected following the city council's March 14 decision to shut down one of the city's reverse osmosis units.

Chelsea City Manager Michael Steklac said two units currently treat city water to soften water for residents. The problem lies in the disposal of a byproduct of the reverse osmosis process, which is discharged into the

vented new developers from being able to connect to the system.

Washtenaw County Circuit Court last month against the city of Chelsea and the city manager by Chelsea Investment Group, LLC, developer of the Heritage Pointe site.

Shutting down one of the units is expected to free up capacity at the Veteran's Park Lift Station, which would in effect allow the developer to

connect to the city's sewer system. "In exploring options for regaining

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city's sanitary sewer system, contribut- sewer system capacity, which would ing to a capacity problem at the allow Heritage Pointe and other devel-Veteran's Park Lift Station. The capaci- opments to proceed, the staff and City ty problem at the lift station has pre- Council have explored shutting down one of the reverse osmosis units permanently until the issues of alternatives Steklac said litigation was filed in for RO discharge are resolved," Steklac said at the Chelsea City Council meeting March 14.

> One of the byproducts of the reverse osmosis process is something called reverse osmosis concentrate, which is essentially water that is rejected during the reverse osmosis process. RO concentrate contains a concentration of chemicals including calcium and phos-

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EChelsea chapter of AARP to hold program Rose Theatre Co. has launched a fund-raising on senior issues: The new Chelsea-area chapter of the AARP will present a special program 1 p.m. April 20 at Silver Maples retirement community. The program will address senior issues such as Medicare, taxes, affordable housing and transportation. Call 475-9242. Attendees do not ing movie filming on location, including airfare

have to be AARP members. ERaffie to benefit local theater: The Purple

campaign called Reaching Out to Support & Enrich. As part of the fund-raiser, a limited number of tickets will be made available for \$100. A drawing will be held 5:30 p.m. July 17. First prize is a visit with Jeff Daniels on the set of an upcomand overnight accommodations for two. For more information, call 433-7782.

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Local man recovering after train accident

Friend witnessed incident, administered first aid at scene

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

A Chelsea man is recovering from serious injuries sustained last

after he apparently walked out in aid. front of an Amtrak train.

Chelsea resident Frank Parrish said he witnessed the incident. which took place at approximately 6:41 p.m. March 12.

Parrish said after the train struck

talized late last week at the about 30 yards to Main Street, University of Michigan Hospital where he began to administer first

> Soon after, officers from the Chelsea Police Department arrived on the scene, along with responders from the Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

Ringe was transported to the

dition.

The train was delayed more than two hours while police conducted an investigation. The Chelsea Police Department initiated the investigation and the Michigan State Police were asked to assist with the reconstruction of the scene.

Chelsea Police Chief Scott itage.com.

week when he was struck by a train. Ringe, Parrish pulled him out from University of Michigan Hospital, Sumner would not release any Greg Ringe, 45, remained hospi- under the train and dragged him where he was listed in critical con- information regarding the cause of the accident.

'Our investigation is not complete due to the fact that we still have a couple of interviews to com-

plete," he said. Staff Writer Jennifer McArdle can be reached by telephone at 475-1371 or via e-mail at jmcardle@her-

CHELSEA

City to drill, cap two new wells

City awards bid to Peerless Midwest for *\$75,497*

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

The city of Chelsea plans to spend more than \$75,000 to drill two new wells at the city's water treatment plant.

The City Council approved

from the Department Environmental

Council opted to go with a Bids were received last proposal to upgrade two approximately 60 feet in agreed to lift the water moraobtaining approval of the with a water reliability study proposed well locations and showed progress toward Michigan increasing system capacity. of said Chelsea City Manager tested to ensure they work Quality, Michael Steklac.

The City Council awarded the project to the low bidder fall from three companies to existing wells instead. Since of Peerless Midwest at a cost drill two 12-inch wells then, the MDEQ tentatively of \$75,497. Other bids were received from depth. The job includes torium if the city proceeded Northern and Geo Trans Inc. at \$85,000 and \$87,100, respectively.

The wells will be drilled. and then capped for future

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Subsolution of installation and testing of Based on those discussions use. the production wells and a with the MDEQ, city staff Staff Writer Jennifer hydrogeological evaluation brought the issue back to the McArdle can be reached at of the well field. council for approval of two 475-1371 or jmcardle@herthe expenditure at its March But in November, the City new wells. itage.com.

CHELSEA FIRE REPORT

Chelsea Authority responded to 34 from Chelsea, as well as fire- to view any changes in tem- Firefighters responded to medical calls, 15 fires and fighters from Dexter, Scio perature. four motor vehicle accidents between March 6 and 19.

a carbon monoxide detector scene for 2 1/2 hours extin- furnace was causing the entire time. There is no cost activation. Upon arrival, guishing the blaze. The occu-trouble. The furnace was dis-for the permit. firefighters checked the pants escaped without connected and the resident find any readings with their were treated at the scene for one to service it. gas monitor.

The homeowner was told headache, feel nauseous or become sleepy.

Firefighters were contacted March 8 by a driver who to the hospital. noticed smoke coming from the rear of a house in the 200 block of Washington Street. Firefighters arrived to find a recreational fire behind the residence. The they can only have a recreburn permit.

STRAIGHT FACTS

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ment of \$49.99 per month,

with a \$149 installation fee.

The installation of the main

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In the article "Wireless occur before the special-

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week's issue of The Chelsea date of that public hearing

tower equipment will not dard.com or call 475-1371.

Standard, it was reported is April 27.

Township, Stockbridge, Ann Arbor minor burns.

that the detectors need to be __` At 6:41 p.m. March 13, fire- were busy attending to out- eur@cafa6.org. replaced periodically fighters were dispatched to a because they go bad. They train-pedestrian accident. were advised to call back if They initiated patient care they started to have a to a man and readied him for transport to the hospital. Huron Valley Ambulance Carbon monoxide is a col- arrived for the victim, who orless, odorless gas emitted was taken to the University from incomplete burn of gas. of Michigan with firefighters driving and assisting with patient care while en-route

Firefighters were dispatched March 15 to the 8000 block of Hillsdale Drive for a kitchen fire. The first arriving engine found the fire occupants were advised that appeared to be out. Firefighters checked for any ational fire if they obtain a fire spread using a specialized piece of equipment called a thermal imaging

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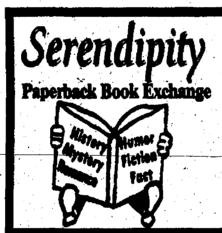
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A total of 15 firefighters camera. The camera is able of-control brush

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Chelsea Fire entire house and couldn't injury. Three firefighters was advised to contact some- Authority compiled this report. For more information, call Fire Chief James Payeur On March 19, firefighters 475-8755 or e-mail jpay-

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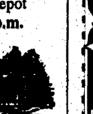
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> Chelsea Depot Association William Chandler, Secretary





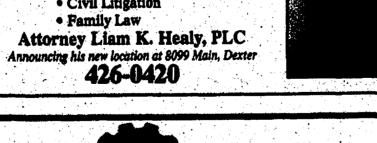
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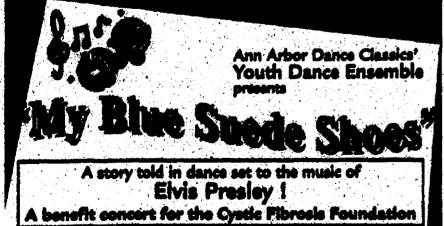
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Nancy Neff of Chelsea encourages giving by setting example

> By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

the loss of her nephew. resident Nancy Neff started charity. making donations of artwork

Library in his name.

"He was really into art," Neff said.

The family continued the donations each year. This year, after celebrating 30 engineering firm of Tetra Eight years ago, after of the usual gift of a gold 'Mrs. Neff, I took this book to its collection. Michael Swancutt, Chelsea cost of the gift - \$535 - to a donated it."

for?" she said.

Neff, who has lived in the community since 1980 and is involved in local Girl Scouts. is a big supporter of literacy.

years with the consulting really into literacy and into reading," she said. "I like Tech, Neff asked that in lieu the idea that a kid can say, watch, she could donate the out of the library and you

"I have two watches, what one of its first "Harry to the Chelsea District do I need another watch Potter" books on tape, a big

hit with local readers.

"I've had a bunch of people come up to me and say something," she said.

Karen Persello, head of "I want people to read I'm youth and teen services for the Chelsea library, says the generosity of patrons allows the library to add new titles

"Thanks to Nancy, I've been able to buy some great Neff bought the library teen books, like 'Avalon' High' by Meg Cabot, author

of the Princess Diaries nephew," books," she said.

Persello also has purchased many award-winning books for teens.

People interested in making a donation to the library the purchase of a particular that were purchased via a book, can contact the memorial donation." library.

tions, like Nancy did for her yahoo.com.

Personke, the library's community relations and development coordinator, whose own family donated a book

in memory of her father. "The library will place a or who would like to suggest special book plate on books

Sheila Pursglove is a free-We often have people lance writer. She can who make memorial dona- be reached at bingley51@

CHELSEA SCHOOLS

School chief receives review

Killips earns 'satisfactory' rating

By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

The Chelsea Board of Education is expected to Dave's performance," said

tract with Superintendent "He's very visible in the com-Dave Killips for one year fol- munity. He keeps the board lowing a satisfactory per- well informed." formance evaluation.

extend its employment con- board member Dayle Wright.

According to the evalua-"We are very pleased with tion summary, Killips has made satisfactory progress See SCHOOL — Page 7-A

MILLAGE

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said. "For the long haul, I think it's really important for the stability of the participating municipalities for being able to fund it."

Payeur said the millage is not related to the changeover to 24-hour staffing.

There was no increase in the budget to go to the 24hour staffing. What we did is we did a complete restructuring of the organization. The funds that were being utilized to fund other payroll, other officer positions, and a lot of different areas within the personnel were removed and transferred into funding a 24-hour operation," he said.

Bollinger cited increases in expenses at the Fire Authority.

'We're just like any type of business. The business costs have went up — our insurance cost, our labor cost, our fuel cost. This is a business just like any other business or household, and expenses have went up," Bollinger

'We're not trying to do anything but make the Chelsea Area Fire Authority a more streamlined and efficient operation," he said. "And we're not doing anything outside of what we always have to increase the cost of operating. We're not buying all new fire trucks and we're not putting everybody in new uniforms. We're just operating, and the budget is set by what it costs us to operate."

Bollinger said the challenge is ensuring that area residents understand the need for the operating mill-

"It certainly is going to be challenging to let the public know exactly why we need this operating money,"

another. If the city has to cover the expense, they're

Bollinger said. "They're one way or another, you're going to pay it one way or going to have to pay for fire and safety protection.

By going to the millage, it going to have to find ways to makes it more even and fair generate that money So, in for all the taxpayers."

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Library to hold computer security workshop

Computer experts to talk about spyware. spam, identity theft

> By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

Gardeners welcome worms. but not computer users.

Among the key findings of a FBI report on

Mearly nine out of 10 organizations expe-

rienced computer security incidents in a

year's time; 20 percent of them indicated they

Viruses (83.7 percent) and spyware

(79.5 percent) headed the list. More than one

in five organizations said they experienced

had experienced 20 or more attacks.

the library, 500 Washington firewalls. St., in Chelsea.

Computer experts Scott gy services at the library,

million in total losses.

COMPUTER CRIME STATISTICS

More than 64 percent of the respondents

incurred a loss. Viruses and worms cost the

most, accounting for \$12 million of the \$32

MAttacks came from 36 different countries.

The U.S. (26.1 percent) and China (23.9 per-

cent) were the source of over half of the intru-

port scans and network or data sabotage.

local residents safe and join librarians Ron Andrews secure on the Internet, the and Elizabeth Goldman in Chelsea District Library is addressing computing secuoffering a class titled, "Keep rity issues, and the ins and It Safe: Prevention is Worth a outs of computer viruses, GB of Cure." The session is spam, adware or malware, set from 7 to 9 p.m. April 3 at spyware, identity theft and

Andrews, head of technolo-

In an effort to help keep Baird and Marty Jackson will says the idea to offer the session came about because of the questions he was getting from library patrons about their home security.

> "In the last six months of 2005, malicious code threats that could reveal confidential information rose from 74 percent to 80 percent," Andrews said.

Most respondents said they installed

new security updates and software following

incidents, but advanced security techniques

such as biometrics (4 percent) and smart

cards (7 percent) were used infrequently. In

addition, 44 percent reported intrusions from

within their own organizations, suggesting the

need for strong internal controls.

People need to understand that there are things they must do to protect themselves."

Shawn Personke, the library's community relations and development coordinator, cites a Sophos Security Threat Management Report 2005 that shows the following: •One in every 44 e-mails

was viral during 2005. •A total of 15,907 new malware threats were identified. •All of the top 10 threats yahoo.com.

"Information is power are Windows-based worms. Unprotected computers have a 40 percent chance of being infected by an Internet

worm within 10 minutes. The class will probably be offered again in the fall,

Andrews said. Registration is requested, but drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call the library at 475-8732

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WATER

computer crime:

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When the water treatment plant was originally built, the plan was to discharge the RO concentrate into Letts Creek or to use deep well injection. Instead, a decision was made to have the concentrate temporarily discharged into the city's sanitary sewer system, allowing the city to keep the project on schedule with the terms of the Michigan Drinking Water Revolving Fund loan while the city evaluated the other discharge options.

But the impact of discharging the concentrate into the city's sewer system was largely underestimated. Original projections indicated that a maximum of 125,000 gallons of concentrate would be discharged into the sewer system on a daily basis. At peak output, the reverse osmosis system actually sends 414,000 gallons of reverse osmosis concentrate to the sanitary sewer system daily, and the average discharge of concentrate is 250,000 gallons per

Steklac said the city initially considered shutting down both reverse osmosis units to resolve the capacity problem in the sewer system.

"The city staff and engineers have explored the possibility to restore capacity to the sanitary sewer system by shutting down the reverse osmosis system, potentially freeing up 414,000 gallons per day of capacity in the system," Steklac said. "However, this would mean that the city would be delivering hard water to its water customers at 400 ppm or 23.39 grains per gallon. Because of the impact on the city's water customers, the city staff has not recommended that the City Council implement this option.

"The city staff continued to work to gather data that would allow the city to obtain a discharge permit to Letts Creek."

Steklac cited a number of advantages to shutting down one of the units. He said both reverse osmosis units are only needed to provide soft

early fall.

sion attempts.

"During most times of the year, water system demand is low enough to permit the city to provide softened water with the permeate from a single RO unit," Steklac said.

Another advantage of shutting down one of the units is that the operation of a single reverse osmosis unit will trations in the concentrate. Steklac said the city may be able to use this data to obtain a discharge permit or develother solutions for Merkel. addressing the concentrate

He said operational costs, including the costs of chemicals and electricity, could decrease due to the lower use of the reverse osmosis units, as well.

But the disadvantage is that residents could have hard water at times.

"The disadvantages of shutting down one of the two reverse osmosis units is that during certain peak water use periods, the city will be delivering partially softened water to its water customers," he said.

Steklac recommended that the City Council offer to shut down one unit in negotiations regarding the Chelsea Investment Group's litigation. But Council Trustee Frank Hammer took it one



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water during periods of peak step further and made a water demand, typically in motion to shut down one late spring, summer and reverse osmosis unit now, rather than waiting.

> "I think we need to take some pressure off the Vet's Park Station," Hammer said.

> The motion was supported by Council Trustee Jamie Bollinger and passed unanimously. Mayor Ann Feeney and Council Trustee Cheri Albertson were not present.

"Whether they're building allow the water department out there or not, we have an staff to continue gathering overload problem at the Vet's data-on-phosphorous-concen-Park Station," Bollinger said.

But the city also faces the issue of whether the reverse osmosis units are working correctly, said Trustee Joe

"These systems are just not working in Michigan. We're not the only one having that problem," he said.

Source: www.fbl.gov

Hammer said the city owes its residents soft water, but it also needs to determine why the units are not working correctly.

"We also owe (citizens) the intent of finding out whether or not the system is ever going to work," he said.

"We're doing everything we can to correct the prob-Bollinger added. lem." "We're doing the best we can."

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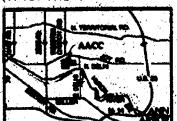
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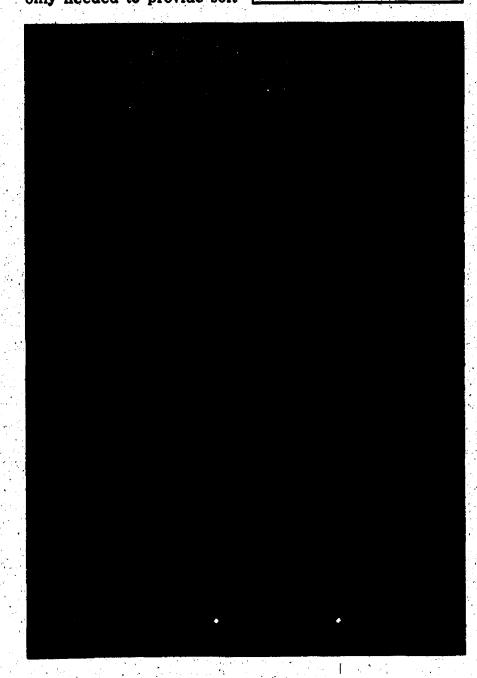
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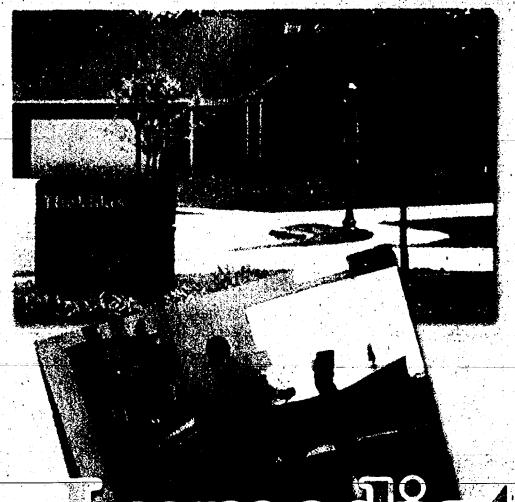
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Discovery offers hope for psoriasis sufferers

Dudley Holmes of Chelsea Milling Co. shares his story

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

University of Michigan scientists recently discovered the first major gene that makes people more susceptimakes Dudley Holmes hope-

The Chelsea resident was diagnosed with psoriasis, a disfiguring inflammatory disease, in 1970 when he was in his late 20s. He also helps support the research of psori-

Michigan is on the right track the disease has other very and I'm glad I was able to serious effects. help them," Holmes said. "That feels really great knowing the research could flare up," Holmes said. "I've lead to medications."

The gene is the first genetic determinant of psoriasis to be definitively identified in a clinical study. Researchers believe its discovery could lead to more short-sleeve shirts because it effective treatments for psori-draws attention to the psoriaside effects of current thera- wrong with him.

The gene's role in psoriasis—is very difficult," he said. was demonstrated in the U of lies in which at least one family member had the disease.

Holmes, who is vice president at Chelsea Milling Co., established the Dawn and Dudley Holmes Fund several inpatient treatment program years ago to help support the at the University of Michigan,

in the program," Holmes said. psoriasis. Throughout the were so close to identifying extensive moisturizing treatthe gene, but the research ment. Holmes said the treatproject was running out of ment is very effective, but money. That's when Holmes also unpleasant. established the Dawn and Dudley Holmes Fund and the end of the day, you take a donated money to the shower and the scales just

able and going to support the just really uncomfortable."

psoriasis research," he said. noting that he contributes medications are also avail-\$50,000 per year. "I wanted to able to patients, but many make an impact and help their program out."

Psoriasis is a chronic disease that affects about two percent of Americans. People with psoriasis develop thick, flaky white patches on their skin and scalp.

Holmes has had cases of psoriasis of varying degrees, ble to psoriasis, and that from very severe psoriasis to low-maintenance symptoms. He currently undergoes ultraviolet light treatment, which helps his skin heal.

> "Psoriasis dries out your skin. Because the cells grow so fast, that causes the flaking," Holmes said.

Aside from the dry, scaly "I think the University of appearance and itchiness."

"It's a very depressing disease and stress causes it to had to learn to step back and U of M scientists found a take a deep breath. Knowing common genetic variation in how to relieve your stress is an immune system gene that very important. What I can makes people much more deal with, I deal with, and likely to develop psoriasis. what's out of my power I don't worry about."

Many people afflicted by the disease also find it very embarrassing. Holmes said he doesn't wear shorts or asis without the risks and sis and people ask what's

"Learning to overcome that

There are a number of M Medical School study of treatments for psoriasis, most 2,723 people from 678 fami- of which include greasy moisturizers to help get rid of dry

Holmes, whose psoriasis is confined mostly to his legs, also has taken part in a 21-day which offers aggressive treat-"I became very interested ment for cases of very severe At the time, researchers program, patients undergo

"They're very effective. At fall off," he said. "It's not "I just decided that I was painful, the treatment. It's

medications have serious side effects, from strokes to high blood pressure, Holmes is hoping the research will lead to better medications.

Unlike diseases caused by a mutation in just one gene, psoriasis is what scientists call a multi-factorial disease. This means that people must inherit several disease-related genes, plus be exposed to one or more environmental

triggers to get psoriasis. "For every individual with psoriasis who carries the PSORS1 gene, there are 10 other people with the gene who don't get psoriasis," study director Dr. James Elder, a professor of dermatology and of radiation oncology in the U of M Medical School and the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System, said in a press statement.

"It's as if you are pushing a shopping cart down the aisle at the grocery store and putting genes in your cart," Elder said. "There are several different brands of each gene on the shelf and one of them is bad for you. If you pull down enough bad ones,



A number of prescription then you can get sick.

"But even if you get all the bad genes, you still need a trigger from the environment to develop the disease."

Scientists have been searching for genes associated with psoriasis for more than 30 years, but until now studies have been inconclusive, according to Rajan Nair, the study's first author and a U of M assistant research professor in dermatology.

Drugs used to treat psoriasis are also used for other autoimmune diseases, such as lupus and rheumatoid down the whole immune sys- itage.com.

the immune response, which leaves the body vulnerable to infection. Now that U of M scientists have identified the gene, Elder says they can concentrate on finding ways to block its ability to bind to cell surface antigens, which could lead to the development of safer treatments for psoria-

"What we're all shooting for is trying to find out which branches of the immune system are triggering psoriasis, so you don't have to shut 475-1371 or jmcardle@her-

arthritis. These drugs turn off tem - only the parts that are important," Elder said.

> Results of the study will be published in the May issue of the American Journal of Human Genetics. The study was funded by the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the Dudley and Dawn Holmes Fund, the National Psoriasis Foundation, and the National Center for Research Resources.

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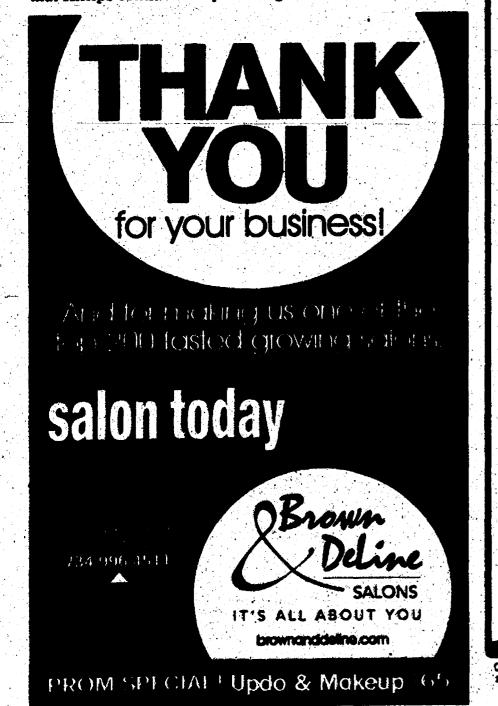
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independent look needed of water woes

Last week, the City Council responded to the Heritage Pointe developer's lawsuit by authorizing the immediate shutdown of one of the water system's two reverse osmosis units. Running one unit did not work before. There is no reason to believe that running one unit will work now to fix the lack of firm water capacity and the overtaxed sanitary sewer system

Doing the expedient act got us into this mess. There is no reason to believe that doing the next expedient act will get us out of anything except the developer's lawsuit. My question is, who does the quick fix serve? Does it serve anyone but the developer?

We taxpayers and ratepay-Chelsea water have a decision to make: By ever doing the expedient, do we want to take our chances that we can muddle through this mess without getting into a bigger, want to investigate to make sure that Chelsea does the best cost-effective fix, starting now.

If you want to consider joining a communitywide effort to pledge to support, with funds or in spirit, hiring qualified professionals to give us an independent look at how to get out of this mess, please e-mail me at rponteesq@sbcglobal.net.

Robert Ponte Chelsea

Internet deal should include fair pricing

One number stood out in the March 16 front-page story "Wireless Internet coming." That number — \$79/month for a one-year contract leaves me sincerely disappointed in the project and in The Chelsea Standard for not questioning the pricing.

At \$79 per month, 20/20 Communications' pricing is 125 percent more expensive than the service offered by trols mandating a "good" SpeedNet, Michigan's largest education, they somehow wireless Internet provider managed to transform a supwith 7,000 customers. At posedly backward wilder-\$34.95 per month SpeedNet ness nation into the envy of delivers speeds of about 1.5 the world. Mbps. That's a wireless-towireless comparison.

When we open it up to other technologies — and who really cares what the technology is behind the service? — 20/20's pricing

has been talking about offering a free service at about twice the speed of dial-up.

than the competition?

William Lockwood of 20/20 roots.

STREET TALK

yet to receive a satisfactory explanation. The absence of accept inflated pricing.

There will be a public hearing on 20/20's request to use the Sylvan Township tower at the Sylvan Planning Commission meeting 7 p.m. April 27 at the Township Hall, 18027 Old US-12. I hope that people attend that meeting insisting on fair pricing...

Warren Kress Lima Township

School and state should be separated

Each year, hundreds of news articles, opinion columns, editorials and letters critical of our public education system are printed in newspapers throughout our country. Yet, few, if any, ers who use and pay for propose getting rid of taxpayer-funded education and allow the free market to provide our educational needs.

Education and opinion cartels claim that elimination of public schools would mean more expensive one, or do we the death of education. They paint a bleak picture of a nation of unschooled illiterates who would not even be able read and write, much less acquire technological orscientific expertise.

> To discover the truth, we need to examine American history from colonial days until well into the 19th century. During that vast stretch of time, except for a few public schools in New England, the free market provided all educational needs. Home schooling and the one-room school were very common.

Private schools supported by parents, churches or charitable institutions flourished without the benefit of government subsidies and directives. Parents controlled the teaching of their children.

The absence of government funding did not hinder the students of this free-market approach to education. Without compulsory attendance laws and other con-

Colonial and post-colonial generations of Americans not only knew how to read and write, they also possessed values that are under attack today. These include responsibility, respect, selffares far worse than many reliance, honesty and perse-DSL and cable services avail- verance. Because parents able for less than \$25 per controlled the education of their children, they could I should mention that the transmit to their offspring Wireless Washtenaw project the same traditional values already have adopted laws to

that they cherished. Tragically, many Americans mistakenly believe that So why are we promoting a public schools are an inteservice that is 125 percent to gral part of our government. 500 percent more expensive Separation of school and state is not a revolutionary I've exchanged e-mails development in our history. with Sylvan Township Board It's a welcome return to our Trustee Dave Solo and philosophical and cultural-

Communications, but have Today, we pay public edu-

If you were Gov. Jennifer Granholm, what would you do

cation taxes for life, even if we have no children. In a other bids is not an excuse to free market, we would pay none. Parents would save considerable money to pay for the education of their own children. Also, parents could select schools teaching the curriculum and values of their choice.

Competition among the many new private schools needed would keep tuition costs low and supply abundant choices. Charity would provide for the poor.

Our public education system continues to require more of our tax money while producing declining academic results and increasing social problems. The only viable solution is to separate school and state and return to a tried and proven free market in education

Dominick Odorizzi Northridge, Calif.

Bush responsible for the image he has created

A letter March 2 ("Where was the reporting on Al Gore's comments") blamed comments by "far-left liberals" for endangering our country by promoting anti-American hatred around the American Cancer Society world.

How's that again?

President George W. Bush's ill-advised invasion of Iraq was against world opinion and has been mismanaged at every turn. His circumvention of the rules against torture of prisoners there has created a scandal seriously undermining our claim of moral authority.

The U.S. Justice Department also has found widespread abuse in detaining Arab-Americans in the United States after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

And Bush's critics are the cause of American's poor image around the world?

> **Gary Mayeal** Chelsea

Insurance should pay for birth control

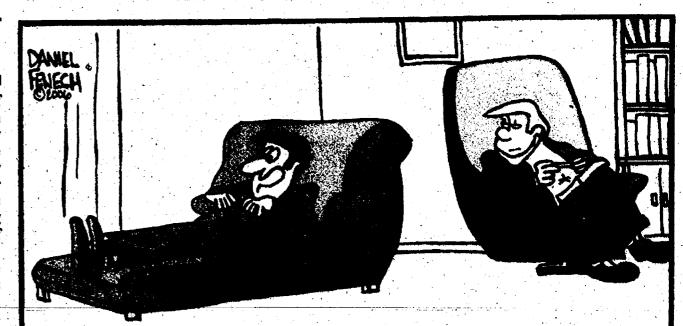
Despite many advances, discrimination based on gender is still a problem in American society. One of the clearest examples is that insurance plans pay for prescriptions like Viagra, but not birth control.

Our state legislators let insurance companies practices this gender discrimination. Michigan Senate Bills 431 and 432 would require insurance companies that pay for pleasure prescriptions to also cover birth control. Twenty-four states correct this gender discrimination.

About 98 percent of women use contraception during their reproductive lives. The Alan Guttermacher Institute found that "the typical U.S. woman who wants only two children must use birth control for roughly three decades."

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By Jennifer Sinkwitts



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Concerning education, the **American Cancer Society** teaches people how to avoid preventable cancers, when to get early detection tests. what treatment options are available and how to care for the cancer patient.

The organization promotes support groups, holds classes, seminars and forums. and provides outreach with health professionals who need to know the latest information on treatments and clinical trials.

Legislative advocacy is another area where the **American Cancer Society** makes a difference. Advocacy is a force multiplier in the war against cancer. Changes in laws can impact millions of people and be as powerful a tool against cancer as the laboratory.

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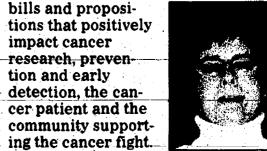
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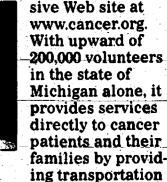
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> **Sally Moskal** bater Township



"We need to promote and increase jobs. Since we have the University of Michigan in our backyard, I would bring in more life sciences and technology companies to the state." Laura Murphy



"I would fire Kwarne." **Dexter Village**

Sylvan Township

LETTERS

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Improving women's access to birth control is an important way to prevent unintended pregnancy and reduce the number of abortions.

Call your state representative and senator and urge them to support this legislation. Senate Bills 431 and 432 are co-sponsored by two women, a pro-choice Democrat and a pro-life Republican. This rare bipartisan support demonstrates that this issue is fundamental to the gender equity.

Maggie Seeger Ann Arbor

Carter shouldn't make promises he can't keep

President Jimmy Carter is at it again, as if his embarrassing and shameful display Bolton is right. at Coretta Scott King's funertold the Council of Foreign

United Nations defeat the United States on the upcoming U.N. proposal.

The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton, wants to clean up the so-called Human Rights Commission, which is influenced and run by human rights violators such as Cuba, Libya and Sudan. He proposed that the permanent members of the Security Council should be the center of a new Human Rights Council.

Carter told the Foreign Affairs council that he had promised Egypt, Pakistan and Cuba that this would never happen. Carter is not the president anymore. He doesn't have any right to promise these countries anything. Even the New York Times, which often criticizes the current administration,

Carter still hopes the al wasn't enough. Now he United States is defeated. That alone should tell you Relations that he hopes the what kind of person he is. He world's members of the also took a shot at the presi-

dent by criticizing his faith in front of the foreign relations group. His actions were rude, disgraceful and uncalled for. If Carter thinks that by criticizing the president it will make us forget his run in office, he is mistaken. It only shows the American people did the right thing by not electing him to a second

> Maria Vaughan Dexter Township

City is not looking out for our best interest

As a relatively new resident to Chelsea — and by new I mean I wasn't born here — I feel I must comment on the most recent water system debacle that is occurring in the city.

It seems strange that there is not more of an uproar over stated in its editorial that the glaring incompetence that has surrounded the purchase, installation and maintenance of the reverse osmosis water units that were obviously bought hook line and sinker by the city's leaders.

At what point will they realize that they need to apologize for their mistakes and look for solutions, rather than blaming it on an "inherited" problem. If those solutions include admitting that this system will never work in this town and scrapping it altogether, so be it.

One of the two reverse osmosis units is shut down again. I find it condescending and disturbing that not only are our water rates going to rise again, but that City Manager Mike Steklac has suggested, "Water customers may wish to reactivate their water softeners

water softeners installed may wish to have them are we paying for it? installed."

To me, this essentially acknowledges that the system is not going to work in the foreseeable future. Why not just say that?

It also seems a bit disingenuous to hurriedly drill a couple of \$75,500 wells at taxpayers' expense to assuage the country's biggest homebuilder and its \$14 million lawsuit against the city and Steklac. Instead of kowtowing to Pulte, why not look after the citizens' best interand those who removed their ests first. Heaven forbid that

water softeners three years the rest of the housing develago or who did not have opment isn't finished on time - but that's your fault - why

If I had the money, I would follow the lead of one of our most prominent residents in town, and divest myself from the city water system and drill my own well. But as I noted, I was not born here and I don't think I could get away with it:

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Rainbow for youth suffering with cancer between the ages of 4 and 15.

In addition, the American Cancer Society provides organized opportunities for the public to join the fight the mystery of cancer cell against cancer with events replication and save the life such as the 24-hour Relay for of your loved one. Life, the Making Strides Walk just to name a few.

The next logical question in this discussion is whether or not the money donated in cancer. And that impacts all Western Washtenaw Relay for Life stays in the community. Money donated to the local American Cancer Society makes possible the many programs that are available in the community, as well as the programs available throughout the world.

as your needs. The research Washtenaw County. The 2006 developments made possible relay will be held April 29

the through American Cancer Society benefit everyone, everywhere.

Cancer knows no boundaries, so funds are put where the need is greatest; in your neighborhood or, perhaps, in the lab of a researcher at the Institute Michigan Technology who will unlock

The bottom line is the more and the Cattle Baron's Ball, money raised for the organization, the more likely it is to make additional breakthroughs in the fight against people, in every community, small or large. It also keeps the hope alive for those currently facing a cancer diagnosis and for those destined for one in the future.

Please join in the fight against cancer by participating in the 11th annual The American Cancer American Cancer Society's

and 30 at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. It will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and wrap up at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be activities for everyone in the com-

munity. All cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in the Survivor Lap set for 5 p.m. April 29 and the Survivor Meal and Program scheduled at 6 p.m. April 29.

The Luminaria ceremony is set to begin at 9 p.m. April 29 and will be a time of reflection for many. Live entertainment and many children's activities also will be offered throughout the day and evening on the first

Please lend your support to this fantastic and worthy organization. The American Cancer Society belongs to

One person can make a difference; it happens every day Society is as large or as small—Relay for Life of Western and it sustains something called hope.

Jamie Seyfried is chairwoman of the Western Washtenaw Relay for Life and a three-year participant. She also serves as tri-captain of the Pink Flamingo Relay Team in honor of grandfather Edwin F. Greenleaf, cancer victim and all others past, present and future. She can be reached at jrextreme@comcast.net.

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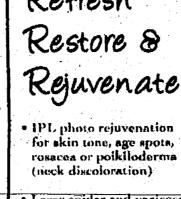
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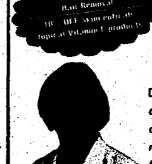
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MIR Spa Show

Ruthie Shackelford of Dexter Township shows off a decorated bag she was given at the Daddy-Daughter Dance held Feb. 4 at Beach Middle School. Daughters got to spend some special time with their dads and dance to the music of DJ Aaron Batzdorfer at the Chelsea Community Education-sponsored



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Orchestra to present fund-raiser concert

Hometown Concert slated for April 22 at Chelsea High School

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

Chelsea House Orchestra will take the stage next month to present the CHO Hometown Concert.

Featuring a unique style of Celtic and World Groove music, the group of young musicians will hold the public concert 8 p.m. April 22 at the Chelsea High School Auditorium.

People embrace the group because they're kids who are really excited about what they're doing," said CHO Director Jed Fritzemeier.

The Beach Middle School Fiddle Club will also perform during the fund-raiser event:

A dessert intermission, included with admission, will feature cake and beverage

selections from the Gourmet season's repetoire. Chocolate Café in Chelsea.

admission for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at Chelsea Pharmacy and at the door, which opens at 730 p.m.

Amy McKeighan, president of the CHO parent advisory board, said the students' hard work shows through in their performances.

"I think all of the CHO performers are talented, but I think their hard work produces great performances, not just their innate talent," McKeighan said. "All of the curriculum. kids work hard at rehearsals and it shows on stage."

Chelsea House Orchestra is Fritzemeier said. made up of 25 young musicians who perform on violin, viola, cello, bass, guitar, flute, oboe, bodhran, djembe, per month. snare drum, and harp.

Members audition for the group and then attend CHO Camp, a three day intensive training camp in the fall, where they learn the new

Tickets are \$20 general important extracurricular activity for young musicians.

> great teacher and is really great at guiding the kids to their stage performance. He about the music and how it will be presented to the audience," she said.

> Fritzemeier is the Director of Orchestras for Chelsea School District. He started CHO in 1996 with 10 students who wanted to explore music outside the traditional school

> "I'm blessed with a lot of really multi-talented kids,"

The musicians rehearse one evening weekly and have two to three performances

like to be a professional musician, not just the fun parts like the performance, but the not-so-fun stuff as well, like schlepping equip-

McKeighan said CHO is an stage pre- and post-performance," McKeighan said.

All proceeds from the CHO "Jed (Fritzemeier) is a Hometown Concert benefit the Chelsea Schools Orchestra program.

Chelsea House Orchestra is lets them make decisions a non-profit organization supported solely by CD sales, performances, and donations. All funds raised are used for equipment, work- Humanity's "Raise the Roof" shops, recording sessions, and travel expenses.

> CHO's most recent CD release, "Rolling Home," is was honored with an invitasale at Cranesbill Books in vention of the American Chelsea and for loan at the String Teachers Association

the Ann Arbor District 2005. Library.

The group recently preformed at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, Marshall Michigan's Franke Center for the Arts, Chelsea Oktoberfest, Chelsea Retirement Center Community "Concert on the Lawn," and Habitat for benefit at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

Chelsea House Orchestra available for sale at all contion to perform for a large certs. It is also available for audience at the annual con-

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ment from the truck to the Chelsea District Library and in Reno, Nev., in February

The group performs regularly at the Alma Highland Saline Games, Celtic Festival, Edinboro Highland Festival in Pennsylvania, and the Kalamazoo Irish Festival. They have also appeared at the St. Andrew's Highland Games in Livonia and numerous other local festivals. They have performed on stage with Barrage, Jerry Holland, Simon Mayer and Hillary James, Pub Domain, and Bonnie Rideout.

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ZONING

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district), C-2 (general commercial district) and C-5. along with business/factory floor/warehouse uses, outdoor uses, dwelling units with parking, and community and government centers.

The C-1 district is designed to meet the needs of the neighborhood residents with businesses such as banks, medical/dental clinics. offices, and retail-sales. The C-2 district is intended for retail sales, service, and administrative establishments. The C-5 district encompasses businesses allowed in the C-1 district. and also includes business schools, restaurants, clubs and lodges.

Attempts to contact representatives of McKinley Properties for comment on

the project were unsuccessful.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed change and recommended approval of the new district by the City Council.

The approval of the zoning itage.com.

amendment is expected to be on the agenda at the City Council's next meeting

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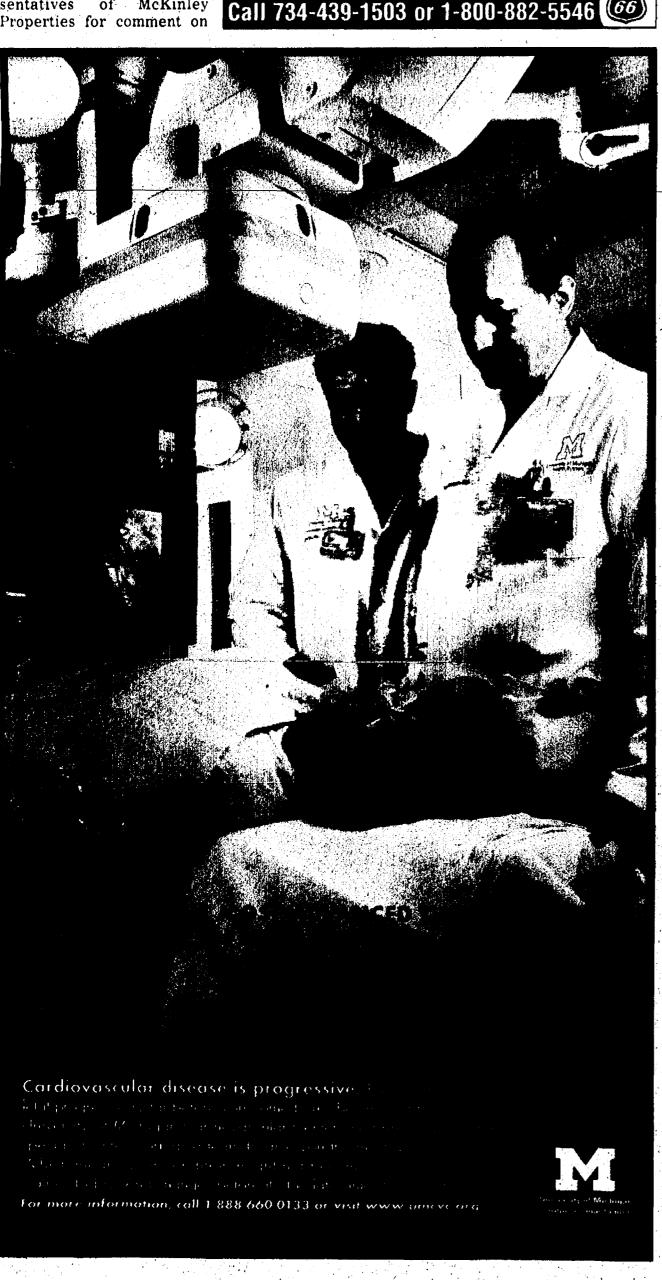
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ompany C offers youth program

Company C, the Chelsea school the week of March 27 two age groups, will include fifth grades will be in a group marking its 16th year with a They will work with current dance, poise and stage propeople.

eighth grades will learn about the art of entertainment stage production after

returning program for young members of Company C and duction. All students, regardwith two performances at nity to be a part of the pro- from 4 to 5 p.m. Mondays. Chelsea High School.

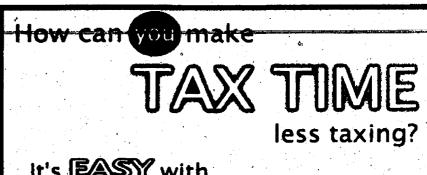
The program, divided into

its director, Steve Hinz, and less of their enrollment in gram.

Children in third through

High School Show Choir, is through the week of May 13. training in voice projection, called Streetbeat and will rehearse from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, while those in sixth through eighth grades will be Students in third through the program will culminate music, will have an opportu- in Soundwave and rehearse

Each group will have a total of four rehearsals, one dress rehearsal, including a pizza dinner, a Cabaret Tshirt, and two evening performances. This year's Cabaret theme is "Kid's Stuff!"



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PREJUDICE

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have exposure to that term in our home and in our former community in Connecticut, so he did not understand the term at all," Flint said. "I know these comments hurt him, and it took him nearly a year to let me know what was going on."

Flint was also surprised to find that other terms are commonly used as insults.

"I must say that I had not heard the word 'Jew' used as a common insult until I moved here. I do not think that the impact of these phrases is realized," she said. "I also have an acquaintance in Chelsea who told me that some kids vandalized her car and wrote 'Jew' on the front door of her home. She is not Jewish, but the term is used here as an insult, not related so much to ethnicity as to being too frugal.

___ I find_it_infuriating_that_ discrimination persists at any level. It's also very frustrating because the comments directed to my kids are often subtle but still humiliating, and kids are not prone to share things that humiliate them with their parents."

Despite several incidents that the Romero family has had to deal with, they do not regret their decision to move to Chelsea. The couple knew they might face some discrimination in a small community. but they decided to take the

"We came here with faith in God and faith in people," Amythyst said.

American, Puerto Rican, and Irish ancestry, has found that some people expect him to act a certain way as a "black"

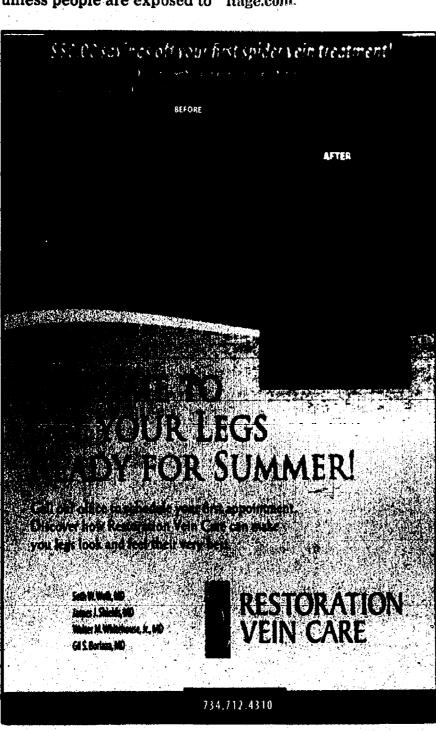
physical characteristics." Louis said. "It discredits my other heritage."

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different cultures lifestyles, discrimination will persist.

"It's something I thought by this day and age, it just "They're so focused on the wouldn't be an issue," Louis said.

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VOLLEYBALL

Spikers reach Class B state semifinals

Bulldogs finish season one win away from state title

> **By Don Richter** Sports Editor

What a run. March Madness definitely flowed through the veins of Chelsea volleyball this month.

The Bulldogs (36-20-6) turned a solid season into one for the ages, dramatically flip-flopping a year, which seemed ready to peter out quietly, into a March Madness roller coaster ride. stopping one match short of a state championship berth.

Last Friday, in the crazy confines of University Arena on the campus of Western Michigan University, Chelsea squared off against Grand Rapids South Christian (63-12) in the Class B semifinals, with the winner advancing to the state title match.

Despite a gallant attempt, the Bulldogs fell in three games to the Sailors 25-10, 25-14, 25-15, ending their season.

"South Christian was a terrific team," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland, who 2002. "They were able to blocking and dynamic hitit for their talent and efficiency throughout the match. They did not have any weaknesses at all.

"As a team, we did not pass as well as we needed to, and our offense was rather predictable, therefore, our hitting efficiencies were low."

Leading Chelsea was senone block.

mate Ann Kendzicky had four kills and three blocks for the Bulldogs.

Junior Paige Denison finished with one kill and one dig, while junior Katie McFarlan had one kill and one dig for Chelsea.

Senior setter Maggie Dusbiber ended up with 15 assists and three digs for the Bulldogs. Senior Kaly Coburn had one assist, one dig and one block, while junior Elise Dunn had one assist and junior Lauren Verardi one assist, one ace and four digs for Chelsea.

Kendra Potgeter paced South Christian with nine kills and eight blocks. Alicia Ter Haar added eight kills and three digs.

In the other Class B semifinal. Marysville (58-1) defeated Fruitport (45-15) 19-25, 25-12, 25-10, 30-28.

In the Class B state championship match, Marysville bested South Christian 25-18. 25-19, 23-25, 13-25, 15-11.

While the Bulldogs fell just short of a state championship. Cleveland said her squad peaked at the right time.

"The team played one of its best matches at the district tournament finals, and it (victory) helped propel the team also led the Bulldogs to the forward after that," she said Class B state semifinals in of Chelsea's state playoff run. "The team played an almost dominate the net with their perfect match that day against Fowlerville. It ting. I give them a lot of cred-helped our confidence going tion." into the regionals."

> During the regular season, Cleveland said the Buildogs worked to identify what areas they needed

improve upon. "We worked to improve our weakest rotation, and also to stress to each player what was needed for them to ior Sarah Iverson, with nine effectively help the team," kills, two aces, one dig and she said. "The team responded and worked to Junior Julie Kedroske improve their individual added five kills, one dig and skills and to improve as a



Chelsea volleyball advanced to the Class B state semifinals before falling to Grand Rapids South Christian 25-10, 25-14, 25-15

last Friday at University Arena on the campus of Western Michigan University. Members of the Bulldog squad, shown celebrating their regional championship, include, front row, Maggie Dusbiber (left), Katie McFarlan, Elise Bunn, Lauren Verardi and Hannah Osbeck; back row, Carolyn Olsen (left), Paige Denison, Kelly Anderson, Kaly Coburn, Sarah Iverson, Ann Kendzicky, Julie Kedroske, Kay Szcodronski and coach Laura Cleveland.

communication and execu- drive for a state title.

Cleveland said Chelsea's record during the regular season was not indicative of the skill of the Bulldogs.

"In many of the matches. we were competitive, but not necessarily able to finish." she said. "I kept stressing to the team the importance of being able to finish. We worked on that in practice as well, as we continued throughout the season."

Cleveland said beating Coldwater in regionals was a one block, while fellow class- team in terms of our level of turning point in Chelsea's

"We knew that it would be a tough match," she said. "They were ranked throughout the season in Class B. Each of the first three games was won by two points. We were able to finish a tough match against a ranked opponent, again adding to our confidence."

While the Bulldogs' March Madness run through the match short, Cleveland said she was proud of her squad's effort.

"This team is the hardest team," she said. "The ele-

working team in practice that ments of athletics that you I have coached," she said. "They worked to improve playoffs are exciting and throughout the season. The many times unexpected. players improved tremendously. I am looking for even more improvement, as we know that there is another able to celebrate and be able level of play out there for us to stay alive to practice to attain. I am hoping the

team took that away from the

experience, as well." Cleveland said reaching state playoffs ended one the state semifinals was

thrilling. "The road to the final four was a great journey for the

get to experience during the Seeing the parents and fans get to celebrate and support your school and team; being again; seeing players make plays under pressure; and the joy of winning, are all a great part of what we experienced."

What a run. Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.

BASKETBALL

Renaissance ends Chelsea's season

First quarter deficit too much for Bulldogs to overcome

> By Don Richter Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' basketball team ran into a little problem last week in the Class B state playoff regional semifinal against host Detroit Renaissance.

That little problem turned into a big headache for the Bulldogs (19-5) as the Phoenix (19-4), behind 5-foot-6 All-State point guard Tajaun Porter, who scored a game-high 30 points, defeated Chelsea 55-48 March 14.

"He's as quick of a guard as I've seen in a long time." Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said of Porter, who'll play in the Pac-10 at some turnovers, and force Oregon next year. "He's a some steals." Raymond said very good player."

advanced to the Class B state semifinals last year, is a very good team.

The Phoenix raced out to a first-quarter lead against the Bulldogs, a deficit Chelsea has rarely seen that early in a game this year. Throughout the regular season, and into the playoffs, it has been the Bulldogs game was even. It was back streaking out to early advan-

hole," Raymond said. couldn't buy a basket."

In the second quarter, the Buildogs played better, but the contest. trailed 29-13 at the break.

we were 6-of-19 shooting."

Raymond said. "But we were still doing some good things. We talked at halftime about refocusing and playing one possession at a time. We wanted to try and get out and

To begin the third quarter, Renaissance scored first, taking a seemingly safe 31-13 lead. However, the game was far from over. For the remainder of the quarter, it was all Chelsea, as the Bulldogs turned it up another notch, outscoring the Phoenix 18-5 the rest of the third stanza. With its third quarter run, Chelsea was down only five points, 36-31, heading into the fourth frame. Renaissance, a high-octane team not accustomed to being run ragged in its own gym, was uncharacteristically floundering on its home floor.

"We were able to force of Chelsea's comeback. "We And Renaissance, which came out like gangbusters in the third quarter. They (Renaissance) had turnovers in the third quarter. We improved our shooting, making 8-of-15. Our shots

started to fall." Entering the final quarter, the Bulldogs had momentum. "We felt really good," Raymond said. "We felt the

and forth." "We dug ourselves a deep quarter, Chelsea kept chip- and Renaissance, led by Hudson (6-2) added 11 points, ping away at the Phoenix Porter's four free throws, nine rebounds and three lead until it trailed by two closed out the game for the assists, while junior guard points with one minute left in victory.

'In the first two quarters, Buildogs, followed by a (6-foot-8) with 16 points,



Chelsea junior Nate Schwarze and his Buildog teammates bowed out of the Class B boys' basketball state tournament, losing to Detroit Renaissance 55-48 in a regional semifinal March

gave the Phoenix breathing floor, five rebounds and room as time wound down. Throughout the fourth Chelsea was forced to foul.

Leading the Bulldogs was A missed shot by the senior forward John Mantel the field, and two steals for Renaissance three-pointer, including 7-of-9 from the

three blocked shots. Junior swing player Micah Mike Sauers (6-1) had eight points, including 4-of-5 from ors. Cheisea.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Local golfers excel in college University of Michigan

Area produces topnotch talent on links this year

> By Don Richter Sports Editor

Chelsea's Courtney Aili, a member of Eastern Michigan University's women's golf team, is ranked No. 20 season.

The former Bulldog All-Stater is fifth in scoring on the Eagles' squad.

A freshman, Aili's best finish this year has been a tie for 19th at the

Aili's former Chelsea teammate Blythe Crane

has an average of 80.

earning her finish.

helped lead Brown University to a fourth-place finish in the Ivy League Women's the Mid-American Golf Championship last Conference leader board fall. The Bears' top scorer, heading into the spring Crane, a sophomore, placed 16th overall, with a three-day 266 (94-82-90).

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Tournament. She shot a

three-day 238 (81-76-81).

Heading into the spring

portion of the season, Aili

In the fall season's final match, Crane led Brown to the Central Connecticut Invitational championship. See GOLFERS — Page 3-C

TRACK AND FIELD

Girard second at indoor state meet

Chelsea's Ian Girard fin- Hamilton and Girard crossed ished second in the 1,600meter run with a time of 4:24 meet at the University of ing of 4:21.

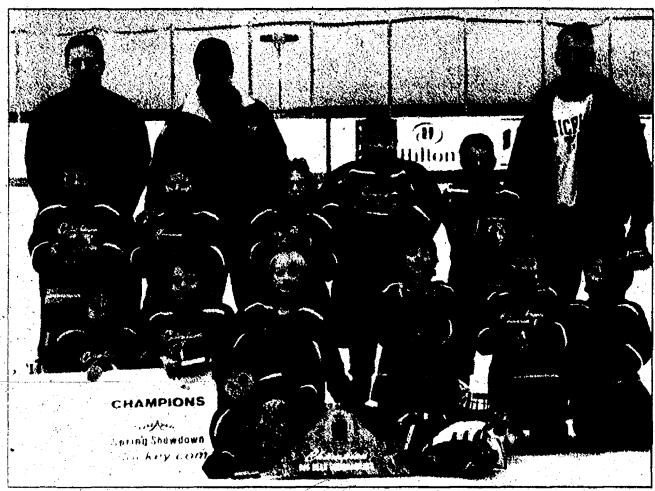
ley relay of Al Stewart, strong season from our dis-Brendan Smith, Drew tance crew."

the line fifth in 11:04. In the girls' indoor state

at last Saturday's Michigan meet, Chelsea's Rachel Interscholastic Track Series Severin finished sixth in the indoor track and field state 1,600-meter run with a clock-

"This is a nice reward for With his placing, Girard those athletes who decided earned indoor All-State hon- to train hard all winter," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. The Bulldog distance med- "I am looking forward to a

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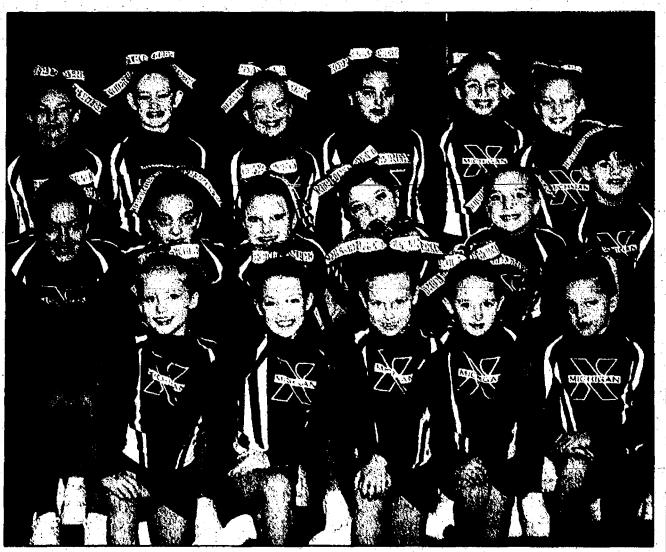
The Chelsea Buildogs Minimite hockey team captured the Grand Rapids Spring Showdown March 12. The Dawgs defeated the Grand Rapids Warriors 5-1 in the final. The championship was the team's third this season. Members of the squad include, front row, Brad Sullivan (left), Seamus McCurren, Thomas Steele, Seth Maloney, Carson Howatt, Kyle Murphy and Teddy Ulisse; middle row, Zach Vanboven (left), Adam Ibrahim, Diana Milne, Omar Ibrahim and Wes Sullivan; back row, coach Andy Vanboven (left), Mike Sullivan and Tucker Steele.



The Common Bond U-15 girls' basketball team won the Hartland Classic last weekend. Members of the squad include, Sara Hoffman (left), Annie Hollandsworth, Casey Keilman, Ellen Kortesoja, Amanda Mutchler, Katrina Dowdy, Anna Foley, Emily Rabbitt and Tyler Hardy. Coaches Steve McCalla and Tom Hollandsworth are not pictured.



The Chelsea Heat fifth-grade boys' basketball team won the Oxford Wildcat Slam Jam Tournament March 11. Members of the club include, Logan Brown (left), Zach Rabbitt. Jake Brown, Caleb Johnson, Alex Bielecki, Garrett Bielecki, Mufid Farha and Zack Jones. Coaches Randy Brown and Bruce Rabbitt are not pictured.



Members of the Starlites cheerleading squad include, front row, Abby Claucherty (left), Megan Solomon, Madison Nau, Jenna Sexton and Taylor Bisesi; middle row, Mackenzie Trester (left), Kaitlyn Hafley, Lexi Janisse, Kayla Whipple, Katie Sroufe and Reiley Merrill: back row, Kali Young (left), Sara Allen, Coty Bentley, Karli Williams, Taylor Cooley and Katlyn Brosnan.

BASKETBALL

Top-ranked Okemos beats area club

Chieftains' free throw shooting the difference in regional final

> By Don Richter Sports Editor

What a ride.

The Dexter boys' basketball team wore Cinderella's slipper, turning a relatively ho-hum regular season into a March Madness journey few in the area will soon forget.

Last Thursday, in the bed-Johnson Fieldhouse, the March Madness train came to a halt as the No. 1-ranked team in the state Okemos defeated Dexter 56-48 in a Class A regional final.

With the loss, Dreadnaughts (15-10) ended their season three wins shy onship crown.

enough to win," said Dexter 13 "And we got in foul trouble." For the night, Dexter shot fourth quarter. 37 percent from the floor. Starters senior center Rob

fouled out.

jumped out to a 17-9 first-down. quarter advantage. Sparking Okemos, which is a Lansing suburb, early was its tenacity on the offensive glass. The Chiestains start a 6-11 center and a 6-6 forward along their

"We were hurt on the boards in the first quarter," Swoverland said. "They (Okemos) had four offensive rebounds that led to baskets, which gave them an early up his fourth foul." lead."

front line.

The Dreadnaughts lam that was Lansing's Don regrouped in the second quarter, scoring 14 points, while limiting Okemos to 10 points, trailing by only four points at halftime, 27-23.

> "We were able to stabilize things in the second quarter and the third quarter," Swoverland said.

Out of the locker room, of the Class A state champi- Dexter and the top-ranked Chiestains played to a "We didn't shoot well draw, as both clubs scored Dreadnaughts. Ziegler was points each, with coach Randy Swoverland. Okemos holding a 40-36 advantage entering the

in the final frame, the Dreadnaughts dug down Zalucki (6-foot-7), senior deep, showing heart, while guard Justin Maksym (6-1) clawing and scratching and and junior point guard battling for every loose ball Johnny Benjamin (6-2) each and every rebound, cutting the Chiestain lead to two

Chieftains (23-1) points with time winding Okemos defense.

the Don Johnson Swoverland said. Fieldhouse crowd on its feet. Dexter had the ball, and a chance to tie or take the lead.

"We turned the ball over," Swoverland said of the potential game-tying, or game-leading, possession. "Then they (Okemos) made a three to increase their lead to five. Then Zalucki picked

From then on, Dreadnaught players began fouling out, and the Chieftains slowly-but-steadily built their lead, securing their victory.

Leading Dexter was Zalucki, who had 16 points and seven rebounds.

played

well,"

"Rob

Swoverland said. "But foul trouble limited his touches." Senior swing player Jeff Ziegler (6-6) added 13 points and six assists for the coming off a 28-point performance against Mattawan

in the regional semifinal. He

was a focal point for the

"They kept a fresh guy on With Okemos on its heels, Jeff the whole game," "They made it tough for him to get a good look at the basket."

Sophomore 'guard T.J. Fenske (6-0) finished with seven points, while senior forward Matt Gucker (6-2) had four points and a teamhigh eight rebounds and Maksym four points for

Dexter. **Junior forward James Nati** (6-3) and Benjamin each netted two points for the Dreadnaughts.

Senior guard Johnathon See LOCAL — Page 3-C

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FOOTBALL

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wants to understand what the fuss is all about, the University of Michigan's Women's Football Academy is an opportunity to gain ports. on-the-field knowledge from the best.

The gridiron academy, an annual fundraiser for the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, is a day of learning and playing football with Wolverine coaches and staff. It's for women only, and no prior football experience or knowledge is necessary.

U of M Head Football Coach Lloyd Carr and the Wolverine football coaches and staff volunteer their time to teach offense, defense and special team strategies, skills and techniques.

end the day with a scrimmage in Michigan Stadium, also known as the Big House.

A limited number of spots are still available to register for the highly popular event, which will be held June 17.

The event benefits the Coach Carr Cancer Fund, which supports patient care and wellness programs at the cancer center. The 1-734-998-6894. Availability is limited.

For any woman who loves football or just Carr Fund has helped establish and maintain cancer center programs for grief and loss, patient education and family sup-

> Recently, the fund has allowed the cancer center to expand its private onsite video and CD-ROM viewing area and produce the patient toolbox, a kit to help cancer survivors and their families navigate through the difficult cancer treatment journey.

> Last year, the Coach Carr Cancer Fund provided vital funding to the Helping Hands Fund, which gives financial support to patient families in need to cover the expenses associated with treatment.

Registration for the Women's Football Participants go through practice drills and Academy is \$90, with \$50 of the cost tax deductible. In addition, participants are required to raise a minimum of \$100 in donations for the Coach Carr Cancer Fund.

> In 2005, the Women's Football Academy raised nearly \$150,000.

To register for the Women's Football Academy, go to www.mcancer.org/wfa or call

SEASON

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Junior point guard Nate Schwarze (5-10) had seven points, five assists and three steals for the Bulldogs, while senior post player Cam Hawkins (6-2, 225 pounds) had four points, five rebounds, two steals and four assists.

Senior forward Robbie Moffett had two points, two rebounds and one assist for Chelsea.

Besides Porter, the Phoenix was led by center Toreaw Brown (6-5) with 12 points. Paul Williams (6-4, 210), one of the state's top sophomores, was held to three points by the Bulldogs.

For the game, Chelsea was 21-of-51 from the floor, including 2-of-17 from beyond the arc, for 41 percent. Renaissance ended up

LOCAL

with 17 points.

the Chieftains.

Dexter was 8-of-14.

On

Fieldhouse.

Strangely,

March

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Jones (6-1), who's being

"They're a very balanced

Dexter ended up with a

At the foul line, Okemos

the Dreadnaughts. The after one quarter.

the

from the charity stripe, while Dreadnaughts

Mattawan,

shot 20 more free throws than

Chieftains ended up 23-of-34

Dreadnaughts defeated No.

6-ranked Mattawan (21-3) 62-

55 in a Class A regional semi-

final at Don Johnson

The Wildcats are led by

twin towers Marc Larsen (6-

9), who'll play at Bowling

Green State University next

season, and Wilbur Ampey

(6-8), who'll suit up for

Division II power Grand

Valley State University next

which is near Kalamazoo,

didn't take advantage of its

size inside, instead opting to

fire away from the perimeter.

best players, was held to a

season-low two points.

Larsen, one of the state's

team," Swoverland said of

season-low eight turnovers.

recruited by Purdue, among

other schools, led Okemos

including 4-of-11 from threepoint land, for 44 percent.

At the foul line, the Bulldogs were 4-of-11 for 36 percent. The Phoenix was 15of-19 for 79 percent.

the . boards, Renaissance out-rebounded Chelsea 32-30, including 10-7 on the offensive glass.

The Bulldogs committed only eight turnovers, while forcing 15 Phoenix miscues. Chelsea had 10 steals,

while Renaissance had five. Both teams finished with four blocked shots each. Raymond said the Bulldogs

played well, despite their he said. season-ending loss. "It came down to a one pos-

session game," he said. "If we head high. could have gotten into overtime. I think we had them on he said. "I'm proud of the the run."

Raymond said Chelsea had its chances, but came up just a bit short at the end.

"I knew going in we would have to knock down some 18-of-41 from the field, outside shots," he said. "If

basket, and then didn't score

again," said Swoverland,

That surprised us. But they

were making their outside

led Mattawan with 16 points.

trailing 30-27 at the break.

feeling the pressure."

leading 43-40.

panicked big

Swoverland said.

close in the first half."

Putting Dexter over the top

Ziegler led Dexter with 28

points, including 7-of-10 from

in the fourth quarter were

consecutive triples

Ziegler and Fenske.

Dreadnaughts

game's final tally.

rallied.

time,"

for the game."

points.

our halftime deficit would have been 10 points (instead of 16). I think we could have made it up.

"We were 2-of-17 from the three-point line for the game. We had some good looks. The shots didn't go down. They were sagging in on Mantel. But we felt we could play the game, we did play with them."

Raymond said there were two keys to the game.

"The superb play of (Tajuan) Porter, and our lack of shooting in the first half."

Despite the loss, Raymond said his squad could hold its

"We had our chances late," guys' performance. They played their hearts out. We proved we could play with any team in the state."

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"Without Ziegler's first half who, with the win over the shooting, they would have had an insurmountable Wildcats, earned his 300th lead," Swoverland said. "Jeff career victory. "They didn't go to him as much inside. had 20 points in the first half with five threes."

five steals and three assists.

To begin the contest, it appeared the Wildcats had shots. They hit eight threes the advantage with their size Ampey finished with 12 inside. However, with the 6-6 Ziegler a threat to post up or Guard Korey Wagonmaker outside, shoot from Mattawan was forced to use The Wildcats led 18-11 Ampey, usually situated in the paint, on the

In the second stanza, the Dreadnaught sharpshooter. "That was a tough matchup for them," Swoverland outscoring Mattawan 16-12, said. "Jeff had the advantage there (on perimeter)."

'We were able to keep it Zalucki and Fenske each Swoverland said. "In the added nine points for Dexter, third quarter, they started while Gucker had seven points.

Entering the fourth quar-Benjamin finished with ter, the Wildcats continued four points, while Maksym had three points for the "Then we had another Dreads.

spurt, and they (Mattawan) Despite falling short of a championship, state Swoverland said he was proud of his team's perform-

ance in the playoffs. "This has been the most enjoyable two weeks in all my years of coaching," he In the last stanza, the said. "We won three games outscored Mattawan 22-12 for the where we clearly were the underdogs."

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GOLFERS

Spero.

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Another former Bulldog, junior Julie Inwood, shot a with them. And by the end of career-best 236 (79-77-80), finishing 41st individually, as the University of Michigan women's golf team placed fifth at the Sun Trust Lady Gator Invitational Gainesville, Fla., March 12.

Inwood's second day score of 77 was also a career best.

Dexter's Lindsay Davis tied for 33rd, shooting a 233 (78-72-83) for the Wolverines. Her second day score of 72 was a career best.

Winning the tournament was Florida with a score of 884. Purdue was second with a 969. Michigan State ended up sixth with a 907.

At Ferris State University, Dexter freshman Meghan Hunter is a member of the

Division II women's golf squad. In the fall season, FSU was 85-3 overall on the links.

No. 2-ranked

Bulldogs'

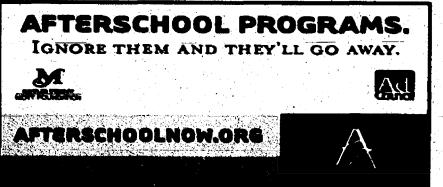
Chelsea's fourth-grade travel basketball team finished first with an undefeated 3-0 record-

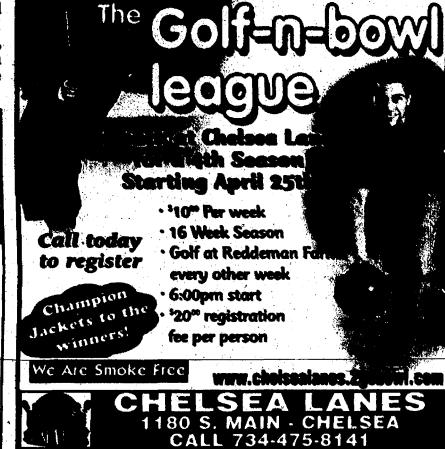
at a tournament last Saturday in Reading. Members of the squad include, front row, coach Dave Stucki (left), Luke Heumann, Bailey Weatherwax, Jake Dault and coach Sean Fisdick; back row, Aaron Stucki (left), Dalton Spero, Zach Fosdick, Scott Crews and Eric

A highlight for Hunter was a 16th place finish overall at the Northwood Invitational, shooting a 158 (76-82).

The Bulldogs open the spring season Saturday through Sunday participating in the Northern Kentucky Tournament in Perry Park,

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By John Whitehead, Media Services

BioTech Research has announced EdenPURE*, the ultimate air purifier.

The EdenPURE is the best and most advanced air purifier on the market.

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fiers which have only 1 or 2 mechanisms of eliminating pollution, the EdenPURE has 4 mechanisms which eliminate pollution.

There many different types of pollution and many of them, especially the worst. cannot be eliminated with the limited mechanisms of oldstyle air purifiers. The Eden-PURE" 4-mechanism system destroys all of the types of pollution.

The remarkable Eden-PURE" not only eliminates pollution from the air, but also eliminates pollution embedded in walls, ceilings, floors, carpets, furniture. clothing, and on countertops and other surfaces. It sanitizes everything in the house. The majority of air pollution comes from contaminated surfaces and fabrics.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE" is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

The EdenPURE relieves allergies, asthma, respiratory problems, provides better sleep, more energy, and better health.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE" is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Old style HEPA filters mainly only remove dust and some allergens. They do not remove the most harmful pollutants such as bacteria, viruses, mold and yeast.

And if you have one of those air purifiers that has no fan, beware. More will be explained on this as you read on.

The EdenPURE has a super advanced fan that runs so quiet that you would have to put your ear up next to it to know that it's even running. And the EdenPURE" is virtually maintenance free.

For more on the new Eden-PURE", here is my remarkable interview with John Whitakre. Chief of Research and Development for BioTech Research.

Q. BioTech Research has been in the air purification business for a long time and your previous air purifier model is an alltime best seller and was super effective. Why is the new EdenPURE" air purifler so much better?

A. Yes, our previous model was an all-time best seller and in our opinion was the best air purifier on the market, which was also the

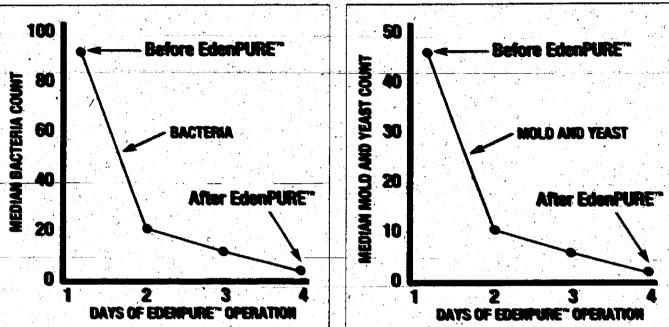
opinion of our customers. But the EdenPURE" is much more advanced. Our previous model used 2 very effective mechanisms to eliminate pollution, which were combinations of activated oxygen and ultraviolet light.

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Testimonies of a few of the many EdenPURE™ satisfied customers

The EdenPURE" is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a product that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. Michelle Goldsmith

The EdenPURE" that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh small the EdenPURE" let off. Jenny Kico

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also altergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and regureed. Before using the Eden-PURE" I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing EdonPURE". I plugged in the EdonPURE" and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or whoezing or clearing my threat. This was incredible. The EdonPURE" really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breath. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The EdunPURE" truly does what it claims to do. Diane C. Nance

The advanced technology in the EdenPURE" is that used in spacecrafts such as the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Q. Why is it that you just can't have a good filter system to eliminate air pollution?

A. There are many reasons. First of all, a lot of the most powerful pollutants such as viruses and bacteria and a number of allergens are so small, filters cannot trap them. HEPA filter type air purifiers mainly remove dust and some allergens.

Secondly, filter air purifiers require the air to be brought through the machine. Therefore, it does not get to the air in the far corners of the room. And worse it does not eliminate the main source of the pollution which is contamination on surfaces and embedded in fabrics.

O. What about those air

purifiers that have no fan? A. It has been well documented in scientific tests that an air purifier without a fan cannot possibly remove pollution to any substantial level. Those types mainly remove pollution that is very close to the unit. That's fine if you're purifying the air in a broom closet, but not for a wide area. Also those units have you wiping off a plate to clean off the trapped pollution. But unless those units have ultraviolet light, that plate contains live bacteria and viruses that can be harmful.

Q. How does the Eden-PURE" climinate pollution without requiring the air to go through the unit, and how does it climinate pul surfaces and fabrics?

A. The EdenPURE" has 4 electronic mechanisms of eliminating pollution that mimic the way it is done by nature's thunderstorm. Thunderstorms product highly activated oxygen which destroys pollution and puts negative ions in the air that also destroy pollution and also promote better health. This super activated oxygen produced by thunderstorms is the most devastating to pollution and it is also the source of that aroma that you smell after a thunderstorm that people associate with super fresh air.

Three of the 4 electronic mechanisms in the Eden-PURE" go out and seek out pollution throughout the room, on surfaces, and in fabrics like guided missiles. The pollution cannot hide. These guided missiles also kill bacteria, viruses, yeast and mold.

The EdenPURE" eliminates all pollution. Amongst the hundreds of pollutants Eden-PURE" eliminates besides bacteria, viruses, mold, yeast and allergens are: fungus, formaldehyde, fecal odors, perfumes, cologne, creosote from fireplaces, methylene chloride, phenols, PCB's, humic acid. DIMP's, glycerols, kepones, methyl ethyl keytones, acctone from fingermail filings, styrene, nitro compounds, formic acid. benzonic, butanes, ethanes, pentanes, propanes, methanes, alcohols, cyanides, detergents, phosphates and many more too

numerous to mention. Q. Does the EdenPURE" require filter replacement like the old-style HEPA air

A. No. There is a small 4

you simply clean periodically by running water over it. This pre-filter is made of highly durable mesh that will last a . the better.

Q. So then the Eden-PURE" sanitizes everything in the house?

A. Yes. It sanitizes the air, walls, floors, ceiling, furniture, carpeting, countertop surfaces, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, and even sanitizes your clothes.

Q. How well does the EdenPURE" work on eliminating odors?

A. The EdenPURE" will eliminate all odors. It eliminates odors from cigarette smoke, urine, mildew, cooking odors, and any other odors in your home. The EdenPURE" odor elimination is so powerful that it will eliminate the odor of a skunk in minutes.

After eliminating the odor from the air, the EdenPURE then goes to the source of the odor. It eliminates embedded urine in carpet, and cigarette smoke that is embedded in carpet, furniture, wallpaper, and clothing. It also destroys mold and yeast.

Q. What are the health

benefits to the Eden URE"? A. There are many. The EdenPURE" will relieve allergies, asthma and other respiratory problems. It also introduces extra oxygen into the air and puts healthy negative ions into the air. Therefore you will sleep better and have much more energy during the day. It climinates toxins so that they do not get into your body. Therefore you will look better, feel better, and become healthier. You will inch by 8 inch pre-filter that have energy and be more

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VIDEO REVIEW

Six-part series looks at spread of disease

Now it's bird flu. Before that it was SARS. There is the perpetual presence of the HIV. Ebola, and West Nile viruses.

"Old" diseases like tuberculosis and malaria seem to have made comebacks. Polio has been beaten back, but it isn't dead yet, and while Third World countries still cope with epidemics of diseases related KLINT to poverty and lack of sanitation, we LOWRY in the more developed world are only a natural disaster away from outbreaks of diseases we think of as some-

thing from the distant past. WGBH Boston has released a six-part series originally produced for the PBS series "NOVA," along with the NOVA Science Unit and Vulcan Productions, that provides an overview of the successes, failures and ongoing challenges mankind faces from global

The premise of "Rx for Survival — A Global Health Challenge" is that humanity is at a crossroads in its fight to protect itself from disease.

On the one hand, medical science can claim victories over the past two centuries. some of them on a global scale. On the other hand, our veneer of invincibility is regularly pierced by the appearance of new diseases and variations of old diseases. And while the fight is still on, complacency and greed threaten to open the door for epidemics the likes of which have not been seen since the Black Death.

The series provides specific examples from the eternal war on disease that go beyond the "headline news" mentality with which this subject is usually covered, providing enough information to get its point across without ever getting bogged down in techni-

cal jargon or nand-wringing preachiness. footage from around the world, occasional those who need it. reenactments of historical events and digital infections and their potential cures work in



Everything is tried together with a narration by Brad Pitt, whose steady delivery throughout provides sincere gravity to the material.

The series is laid to out to reflect the "crossroads" premise, showing victories and new threats, progress and impediments, that as much as this is a war that will never be over. there are battles we can win.

The first episode, "Disease Warriors," begins with a recent project in India in which 165 million children were immunized against polio, one of the most recent "big victories." The episode goes on to describe other major immunization/vaccination programs and the varying

strategies they have required. It also shows some of the discoveries that led to the development of vaccines in the 19th century, how viruses attack the body and why developing a vaccine for HIV has been so elusive.

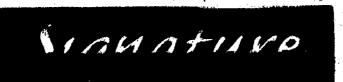
"Rise of the Superbugs" begins with a positive note, showing how research in both world wars led to the discovery of penicillin. But then it reminds us that bacteria is in some ways Earth's true "dominant species" in part because of its ability to adapt to whatever we can throw at it.

The episode shows how tuberculosis isactually more prevalent in the world now than at any time in history. It also shows how variations of diseases can send medical science back to square one, and how, after decades of success, pharmaceutical research has turned its back on developing new antibiotics in favor of more profitable prod-

Episode three, "Delivering the Goods" shows how even when treatment is available, geography, politics, cultural beliefs and



State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, celebrated the passage of her first bill in the traditional manner. She brought all of her colleagues in the House of Representatives to lunch in Chelsea. Byrnes said it's a long-held tradition. Byrnes asked Bob Roberts of Scooples restaura The series uses a combination of film money can hinder efforts to get treatments to in Chelsea to provide the spread. Lawmakers were also treated to a canvas book bag from Cranesbill Books filled with local treats, including a box of Jiffy Mix, a key chain from the It also shows how information is a com- Chelsea Teddy Bear Co., notepads from Colorbok in Dexter and a Lubriderm sample from Pfizer animation that show how viral and bacterial modity in the war on disease, and how one in Ann Arbor. Byrnes' bill, House Bill 4853, gives municipalities more control over how they See SERRES - Page 6-C spend transportation funding.



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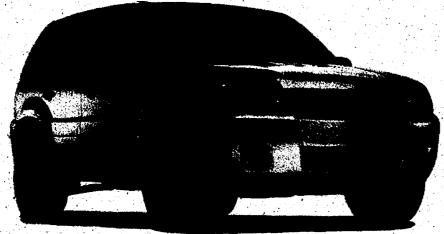
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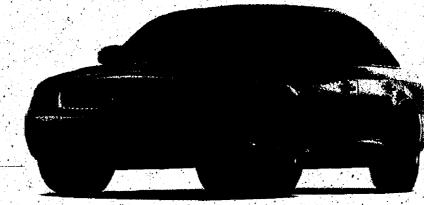


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baking goodies for celebrations.

Sometimes people organize to tackle bigger projects. The Parent-Teacher Organization conducts a wrapping paper fund-raiser in the fall. when teachers make application through mini-grants to fund special projects.

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the middle school sports program and spent hours of time researching, getting financial commitments, and creating and presenting a plan to garner

board support. The Dexter Athletic Booster Club has volunteered count-

less hours and as chaperones on trips and raised thousands of dollars to support Dexter Community Schools and its students.

The Educational Foundation of Dexter, another longstanding support group, will hold its annual auction 7 p.m. Proceeds from the sale are Country Club in Dexter. returned to the classroom. Tickets for this event may be purchased at the door. This is a great evening of fun and entertainment, with all pro-The PTO also conducts ceeds directly benefiting

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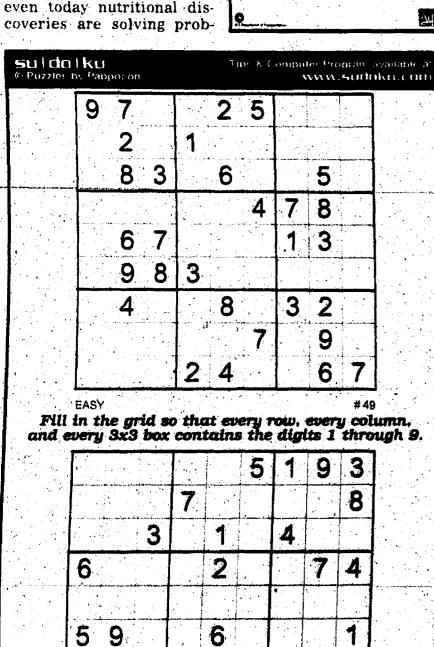
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Finally, "How Safe Are We?" looks at some of the newest diseases to come on the world scene and their rapid spread. It explains why the avian or bird flu may be kin to flu that wiped out millions in 1918 and is not to be

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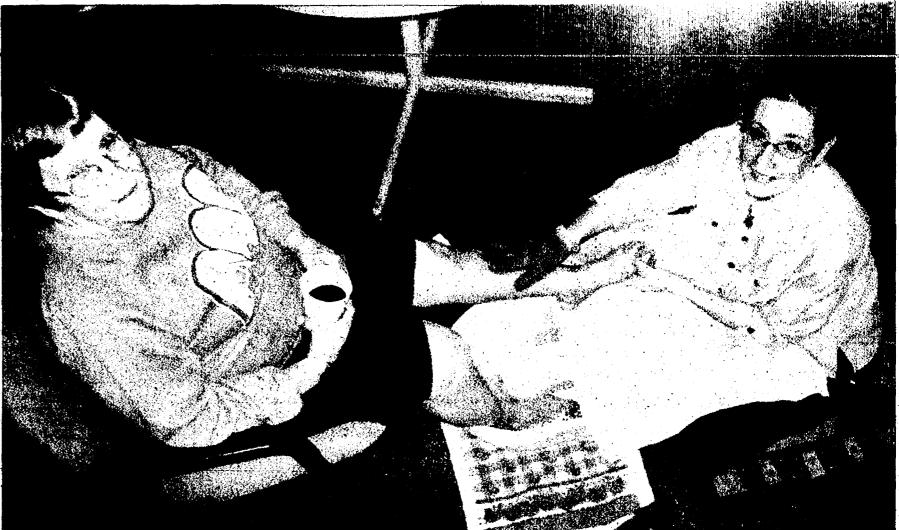


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Special Care

Saturday at the Polo Fields Lorraine Mock of Sylvan Township receives foot care from Ava Passino, a registered nurse from Pinckney who regularly visits the Chelsea and Dexter senior centers to encourage proper foot care.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

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Adam Dempsey has arrived for duty at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington. D.C., as an audio engineer assigned to the U.S. Air

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Program sparks discussion of poverty

Third annual Community Read draws public participation

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

has been drawing great participation and poor here. organizers are calling it a success.

Each event has been well attended," said Shawn Personke, community relations and development coordinator for the Chelsea District Library. "The discussions at all the events have been wonderful.

"We're so pleased with the discussion Barbara Ehrenreich's book, 'Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America.' has generated in the community."

Together program kicked off Feb. 16, and featured Ehrenreich's award-winning book. which looks at the realities of people struggling to make ends meet on minimum wage the issue.

The March panel discussion, "Facts & Fiction: Wealth & Poverty in Chelsea," drew more than 50 people.

Chelsea resident Daphne Hodder was making the experience a two-way road.

among those who attended.

hard time believing that there are poor widely diverse regarding economics and, at start at 7 p.m. among us. That is why I went to the evening times, we possibly judge others for what panel discussion — to hear about poverty in The third annual Chelsea Reads Together Chelsea and what is available to help the

"It was a very interesting, informative meeting. Particularly impressive were the presentations by Nancy Paul of Faith In Action and Lynn Booth for Alpha House sponsored in the beginning by Chelsea's First United Methodist Church. They do a wonderful service to the homeless.

"It was standing-room only, as it should have been."

Allie Suffety, chairman of Chelsea's One The two-month-long Chelsea Reads World One Family organization, said community reads have a great ripple effect on their communities.

"It brings people together in common thought and awareness," he said. "Anytime and the politics and policies surrounding this occurs, it's important to dialogue and our process allows for that. The dialogue is about the sharing of concepts we established while also learning ideas from others that we did not discover during our reading.

"This year's theme of economic discrimi-"I read the book and it was a real eye- nation is significant locally, as well as glob-

they have or do not have. Globally, we March 30 at Chelsea District Library. become more empathic toward the strife of the Katrina survivors and the other parts of the world in which both natural and manmade devastation has impact the poor.

"I appreciate the efforts of the library in foyer or at Cranesbill Books. initiating and sponsoring the annual community read."

Chelsea District Library Director Metta Lansdale said she is proud the library developed a popular line-up of program-

"I think every one of us knows at least one - and probably many more than one person - who is struggling to stay affoat in this economy," she said. "And we all understand that, in the twinkling of an eye, anyone's sitprospect is downright scary.

"Chelsea has been engaged in some very lively and valuable community discussions around these issues this winter."

The Friday evening film series continues tomorrow as Cranesbill Books hosts "Store Wars: When Wal-Mart Comes to Town." The series will round out with the library host-

opener," she said. "Chelsea, I believe, has a ally. Locally, our Chelsea community is ing "American Dream" March 31. All movies

"Desserts & Discussion" will meet 7 p.m.

Chelsea Reads Together also will participate in the weeklong Scouting for Food Drive, which ends Saturday. Non-perishable items may be dropped off in the library

The Community Read will culminate with a visit from Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Shipler, author of "Working Poor: Invisible in America." The Dexter District Library and the Manchester District Library will join Chelsea in presenting the program. which will be held 7 p.m. April 11 in the Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road.

Shipler will discuss the interlocking issues of the working poor, the economics uation can change significantly. The and politics of minimum wages and the inequalities of the American Dream. A question-and-answer session and book signing will follow.

> For more information on this year's Chelsea Reads Together event, call the Chelsea District Library at 475-8732.

> Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Sale of home to benefit charity

The Home Builders Association of Housing, charity fund-raiser involving the sale of a house in Dexter Village as part of its House of Dreams promotion.

The House of Dreams is the organization's charitable initiative in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Home – charitable causes. Builders Association of Washtenaw County.

The house will be built entirely from contributions of time, labor, materials or cash from members of the homebuilders group. It then will be sold with all the profits benefiting Avalon near the railroad viaduct.

Neighborhood Senior Washtenaw County will participate in a Services and Washtenaw Affordable recognizing the many positive contribu-Housing Corp.

The Washtenaw Home Builders portion of the proceeds to help fund scholarships and other housing-related

To date, more than 100 companies and volunteers have contributed to the

A ceremony will be held 10 a.m. Thursday at the home site, 3280

"The House of Dreams is our way of tions that the housing industry makes to our community," David Rhoads, House Association Foundation also receives a of Dreams Committee chairman, said in a press statement. "We are excited about partnering with our members and the Washtenaw County community in this exciting endeavor."

For more information on the House of Dreams or how to contribute, contact the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County at 996-0100 or go Eastridge, in the Westridge subdivision online to www.hbawc.com/se houseof-

dreams.cfm.

NATION

Technology identifies blood flow

Doppler technology has use in diagnosing arterial disease

> By Joe Slezak Heritage Newspapers

Meteorologists can brag about Doppler technology being able to show their viewers or listeners if a storm is coming, and how severe that

A medical storm, peripheral arterial disease, also is benefiting from Doppler technology.

The visual technology, along with the audio-based ankle brachial index, are helping doctors and technicians to identify if a patient has the disease, and where

the problem is based. Each year, about 150,000 Americans with peripheral arterial disease undergo amputations, and Dr. Elias of Dearborn Kassab Cardiology Associates said that 13 million Americans have been diagnosed with significant peripheral disease. But the number of people actually affected is believed to be much higher.

But, through the magic of audio and visual technology, doctors can pinpoint problems and ideally treat them without surgery.

"We're trying to save limbs." Kassab said. Carolyn Earl, a registered Associates, said the ankle pain. brachial index relies on sound, and is technician dependent. It gives an analog Doppler signal, which allows the technician to create a graph of blood flow measure-

If abnormalities are detectmore complex Doppler visual test, which is displayed on a

monitor. With the audio tests, a patient's blood pressure is measured at different parts of the body, from the arm (brachial) to the ankle, hence

the name of the test. A person's blood pressure is higher in the leg than in the arm because it's farther from the heart. If the leg pressure is lower than the arm pressure, the technician knows right away that something's wrong. And, when a problem like a blockage is detected, everything from that point out on the extremity is affect-

The Doppler visual technology allows the technician to better isolate the problem, and get an ultrasound-like view of a patient's blood flow.

If ankle brachial index test results are normal if a patient is lying down, but a problem still is suspected, the patient then exercises, which usually reveals the source of the pain, Earl said. Something as simple as toe

· vascular technologist for raises at a routine pace for erectile dysfunction and Cardiology two minutes can reveal the abnormal toenail growth.

> detect a problem without a patient having to undergo an angiogram, where dye is injected into the arteries to try to identify the problem.

Earl said that unless the disease already is severe or ed, patients then undergo the the patient is too large, the

visual test is very accurate. Kassab said that strong candidates for peripheral. vascular testing are those who have diabetes or severe cholesterol problems, smokers, those who have had a stroke or heart attack and anyone over age 70.

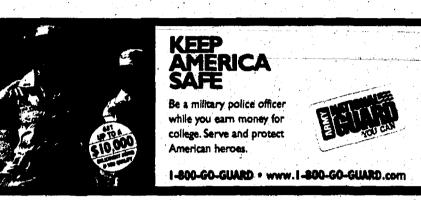
Other symptoms of potential blockages include leg discomfort during exertion, cold feet at night, loss of leg hair, ty.

'Those are all hints." The noninvasive tests can Kassab said. "We play detective. We examine them. If we don't get good blood pressure, we'll run them through testing."

His office has been involved in clinical and research trials in which stents are placed in problem arteries.

"We have a phenomenal success rate," said Kassab, head of Oakwood Healthcare System's inpatient endovascular system. "The stroke rate is 3 percent, which is unbelievable."

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Dorothy and John Strand of Dexter spent Saturday together at the Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair. The annual event, which benefits the Dexter Area Historical Society, showcases the works of pioneer artists from the area and beyond.

CHELSEA

Author to speak at store

Steve Amick will read ern Lower Peninsula. from his novel, "The Lake. Lake," 1 p.m. Saturday at singer-songwriter, Middle St., in Chelsea.

Amick's debut novel, published by Random House, has earned praise from critics and more recently has been optioned for a film. The story takes place in the have visited the northwest- Lakes

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Amick, whose other claim The River, and the Other to fame is his career as a chance to snap a photograph is available at Cranesbill Sharon; and her son-in-law, Michael Cranesbill Books, 108 East released his latest musical effort, "There's Always Pie," in late December, 2005. Both novel and CD will be available at the event, and Amick is expected to play at least one song from his album.

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and founding member of in Washtenaw County for O'Brien & O'Brien PLC in more than 30 years and Ann Arbor. She graduated served as chief probate judge from Notre Dame Law School and practiced law for 24 years before she was appointed to the bench.

O'Brien received the 2005 Mary E. Foster award presented by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Washtenaw chapter, in December for her leadership, talent and significant contributions to women.

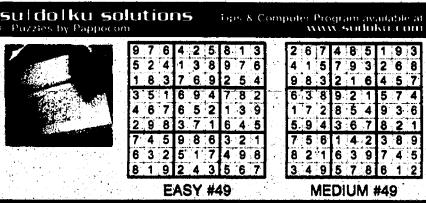
In addition, she has written and taught in the field of trial practice for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education

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Her father-in-law, the late O'Brien was a trial lawyer Francis O'Brien, was a judge in the juvenile division for two terms.

O'Brien and her husband, Tom, have been supporters of land preservation and restored the O'Brien family farm in Northfield Township.

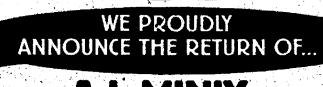
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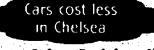
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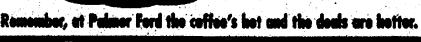
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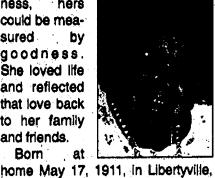
DEATHS

MAUDE ADELLA BROWN

Ann Arbor Maude Adella Brown, 94, of Ann Arbor died March 13, 2006.

Mrs. Brown was twice blessed as she was happy and knew it. While some lives are measured by greatness. hers

could be measured goodness. She loved life and reflected that love back to her family and friends. Born



III., Mrs. Brown had a love of learning that began early in life. She was always the teacher, playing school with her sister and brothers. Reading and books were so

librarian for the Chicago Public Library. She also received awards for schools during her retirement. She was a Girl Scout troop leader, Sunday school teacher, church

organist, and enjoyed playing the plano. She also served as an officer of the Eastern Star for many years. Mrs. Brown and her husband, Kenneth, traveled, visiting all 50

states during their lifetime together.

Their goal was to see every national For the last two years, she enjoyed living at Hillside Terrace and made many friends there, including many dedicated and caring staff

Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years; a daughter, Barbara Julia Brown; her brothers, Warren, Benjamin and Raymond; a niece, Lindner.

She leaves behind her loving and

devoted daughter, Karen Adele Lindner, and her sister, Belva Brown.

In addition, her family said she was proud of her loving nieces and Josephine, Judy, nephews, Roxanna, Lorraine, Olive, Margle, Benny, Richard, Fred and Wesley; and her "grandson," Daniel.

There are many good friends and family members who will miss her very much, they said.

Visitation was Friday at Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel in Dexter. A funeral was held Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to children's reading programs at www.familybookclub.org. or www.thekarlafund.org.

ELEANOR E. (GILBERT) REYNOLDS North Lake

Eleanor E. "Ellie" (Gilbert) important to her that she became a Reynolds, 92, of North Lake died peacefully in her sleep March 15, 2006. She was born Sept. 16, 1913, her volunteer work in elementary in Highland Park the daughter of Alexander and Mary (Dearing)

> Mrs. Reynolds spent much of her life in the North Lake area, which she cherished very much. She was a member of the North Lake United Methodist Church since her childhood and was a member of inverness Country Club at North Lake all of her adult life.

> On May 7, 1936, she married William D. "Don" Reynolds in Angola, Ind. He died April 6, 1985.

Mrs. Reynolds was also preceded her good friend Jane, and with the in death by an infant son, Alan Gilbert Reynolds; her sister, Mary Gilbert; her brother, Jack Gilbert; her mother, Mary (Dearing) Gilbert DeKarske; and her father, Alexander Gilbert.

> Survivors include her daughter, (Reynolds) Cynthia "Cindy" Perelman; a son-in-law, Scott Perelman; and beloved grandson, Samuel Perelman, all of Monroe.

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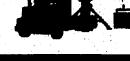
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TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON **NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 AT LYN-DON TOWNSHIP HALL, 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006 AT 4:00 PM.

1. THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED. TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

2. PAYMENT OF FISCAL YEAR-END BILLS.

3. OTHER ITEMS AS DEEMED NECESSARY. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk at Lyndon Townhall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. Phone 734-475-2401.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Lyndon Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 business days notice to the Lyndon

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lyndon Township Clerk by writing or calling the following: Linda Reilly, Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 475-

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

Linda Rellly Lyndon Township Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2006

LAST DAY TO **REGISTER TO VOTE DEXTER TOWNSHIP** LIMA TOWNSHIP **SCIO TOWNSHIP** WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Scio

NOTICE: Please be advised that the clerks of your jurisdictions will be in their respective offices to register qualified electors and amend registration records on Monday, April 3, 2006.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK FOR OFFICE HOURS DEXTER TOWNSHIP (Chelsea, Dexter and Pinckney Schools) Harley Rider, Clerk - Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 426-3767

LIMATOWNSHIP (Chelsea and Dexter Schools): Arlene Bareis, Clerk-- Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 475-2246 SCIO TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor and Dexter Schools): Kathleen Knol.

Clerk - Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 665-2123 WEBSTER TOWNSHIP (Ann Arbor, Dexter, Whitmore Lake and Pinckney Schools): Mary Dee Heller, Clerk - Webster Township Hall,

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY YOU MUST AMEND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD

The May 2, 2006 Election is being held for the purpose of electing school board members and voting on a countywide millage. If you have any questions regarding your voter's registration or the upcoming elections, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 734-222-6730 Publish: March 23, 2006

LIMA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING -- MARCH 13, 2006

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order on March 13, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. and opened with the Plage to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustee Laier, Trustee McKenzie (arrived 8:10 p.m.) and Zoning Administrator Frisinger. Also present Roland and John Heim, Garv Adams, Karen Malone and J. Chris McDevitt.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the minutes of February 13, February 28, and March 7, 2006. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

The zoning administrator issued 32 new addresses, permits for 11 homes, 2 home additions, and 1 pole barn. There were 56 final inspections and 4 illegal signs removed.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to hold a special meeting to address the proposed changes to the private road ordinance on March 20

at 7:00 p.m. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to expand the Carlisle/Wortman expenditures for completion of the Lima Township Master Plan, per their letter dated February 21, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00. If any meetings are needed to complete the plan, the rate par hour is \$55.00. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens that we obtain a sample of the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Policies and Procedures Manual to dovetail with our present policies and expand our policy manual. Carried. Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table any action on the

Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Master Deed of Thornton Farms, until such time as further information is received from the attorney. Information for the attorney is to be submitted by the Supervisor. Carried. Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt the 2006-2007 Lima Township Budget as stated on March 13, 2006, having held a public hearing on March 7, 2006 and received public input and comment. All ayes.

Carried. Motion by Laier supported by Havens to pay bills as presented. Carried. Respectfully submitted, Ariene R. Bareis, Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2006

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE CITY OF CHELSEA DEXTER TOWNSHIP LIMA TOWNSHIP LYNDON TOWNSHIP SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan and the City of Chelsea:

NOTICE: Please be advised that the clerks of your jurisdictions will be in their respective offices to register qualified electors and amend registration records on Monday, April 3, 2006.

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CLERK FOR OFFICE HOURS CHELSEA CITY (Chelses Schools): Terri Burtch, Clerk - 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 475-1771

DEXTER TOWNSHIP (Chelses, Dexter and Pinckney Schools) Harley Rider, Clerk - Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road. Dexter. MI 426-3767

LIMA TOWNSHIP (Chelses and Dexter Schools): Ariene Barels, Clerk Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, Chelsea, MI 475-2246 LYNDON TOWNSHIP (Chelses and Stockbridge Schools): Linda Reilly, Clerk - Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP (Chelses Schools): LuAnn Koch, Clark - Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old U.S. 12, Chelsea, MI 475-8890 IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES & DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL JOINT MEETING MARCH 7, 2006

The Joint Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley at the Township Hall 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter MI 48130. Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Calhoun,

rustees: Fink, Kleinschmidt and Koch and the Dexter Village Council Approve Agenda

Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt to approve the agenda. All ayes and The discussion on the following topics took place with no vote or action

taken place: 425 Agreement

2. Police Services/Public Safety-Future Cooperation

3. Gordon Hall Vision **Public Participation** Adjourn

Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. All ayes and carried. Respectfully Submitted

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk Webster Township

Publish: March 23, 2006

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following special land use application:

The Village of Dexter Parks Commission special land use application to officially designate the property known as First Street as the First Street Park, Property ID HD-08-05-235-006 (vacant parcel located at the northeastern end of Edison Street) - Per Article 12, Section 12.03, R-3 Multiple Family Residential District Special Land Uses, a special land use permit is required for a park. The applicant is requesting that the area be designated a park on behalf of the Dexter Ringers who propose to improve the area and construct horseshoe pits for the club and others to use.

Information regarding the special land use applications is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed special land use permits should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website. Publish: March 23, 2006

WASHTENAW COUNTY **BOARD OF ROAD** COMMISSIONERS **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners is currently seeking individuals interested in appointment to the North Zeeb Road Task Force.

The Board is looking to fill four (4) citizen positions on this Task Force for a six (6) month term. The Task Force is being formed to address any issues and concerns that may be related to the proposed development of the Road Commission's Yard One excess property located at 555 N. Zeeb Road in Scio Township. The Task Force will be charged with guiding the Road Commission as it prepares a revised Yard One Planned Unit Development (PUD) proposal for development of this property and submission to Scio Township for consideration. In addition, the Task Force will provide feedback to the Road Commission on conceptual proposals, extend guidance on outreach initiatives to the public, and consider suggestions on the development of a "North Town Center" in relation to the Yard One PUD.

The Board of County Road Commissioners will make these appointments during their April 4, 2006 Board meeting, held at 1:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Road Commission offices located at 555 N. Zeeb Road,

Individuals interested in applying for an appointment to this Task Force should submit a letter of interest and a resume, (including a home address and contact information), to the attention of Valerie Cooper, Public Information/Community Relations Officer, Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. Letters of interest and resumes may be submitted via U.S. mail, by FAX at: (734) 761-3239; via email to: cooperv@wcroads.org; or you may apply online at: http://www.wcroads.org <http://www.wcroads.org/> .

Those letters of interest and resumes received by March 30, 2006 will be submitted to the Board of County Road Commissioners for its consideration on April 4, 2006. These appointments will become effective April 4,

For additional information, please contact Val Cooper, at (734) 327-6675, or via email at cooperv@wcroads.org RELEASED: March 16, 2006

Publish: March 23, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 7, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL 18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held March 7, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

The following board members were present: Supervisor Williams, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustees Merkel and Solo.

Others present: Paul Kalmbach, Tim Kelley, Scott Cooper, Robert Shepherd, Corinne Sikorski, Pam Byrnes, Reuben Lesser, Mike Zientek, Brian Dickinson, Colleen Verge, Bob Lange.

Meeting was called to order and the pledge recited. Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to approve minutes as presented. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to approve bills as presented. Carried. Public Hearing was scheduled for the 2006-07 Budget. The public hearng was called to order at 7:02 pm and the 2006-07 budget was presented. Questions from the audience as it related to Fire, Legal, Landfill, Association dues. Answers were provided by the Supervisor. The public portion of the public hearing was closed at 7:20pm. Motion by Solo, seconded by Grau to adopt the 2006-07 budget. Carried.

Public Participation: Pam Byrnes, State Representative spoke on the latest legislative issues. Brian Dickinson of Kilmer Road inquired about the recent lighting at the Faith Baptist Church. Mike Zientek and Scott Cooper made a brief presentation regarding Cavanaugh Lake Park asking for a donation.

Zoning inspector Bob Lange reported 5 zoning compliance permits and new address for the month of February.

Reports: Corrine Sikorski reported the Washtenaw County Clean Up will be held in May at the WWRA site on Werkner Road from 9-4pm and they need 2 volunteers. Sikorski answered questions regarding WWRA

CAFA representatives reported the CAFA board has tentatively determined a millege rate of up to 2 mills at this time and working on a time line for the August 8th ballot.

Supervisor Williams submitted a written report. Treasurer Grau reported on the MTA meeting.

No Old Business. New Business:

Motion by Solo, seconded by Grau to amend the 2005-06 budget as presented by Supervisor Williams. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to have a Sylvan Township Spring Clean Up at Jim Kalmbach site on May 20th. Carried.

Motion by Solo, seconded by Grau to approve the Resolution regarding Deckert Road with changes as recommended by Attorney. Roll call vote all aves - Carried.

Motion by Solo, seconded by Grau to approve the Wireless Contact with change. Carried.

Motion by Solo, seconded by Koch to approve the Lawn Care Contract Motion by Grau, seconded by Solo to officially give the State Police the small conference room for their use and any part of the West end of the

basement. Carried. Motion by Solo, seconded by Grau to adjourn. Carried.

LuAnn S. Koch

Sylvan Township Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2008

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION **MEETING NOTICE**

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130 AGENDA

1) Lindemann Farms, Final Site Plan and Special Land Use Hanover Glen Site Condominium/OSC Final Site Plan 3) F & J Rentals - Ulisse Restaurant Final Site Plan

4) H.C.P.S. Optima Oil Enterprises Amended Site Plan 5) Appoint ZBA representative

6) Consider Building Height of Farm Buildings

John Shea, Chairperson Dexter Township Planning Commission

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

SUMMARY MINUTES
PROPOSED MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL
BY LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD ON APRIL 11, 2006
LYNDON TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2006 7:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Call to the Public.

Consent agenda adopted as presented

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Moved and carried to table Wireless Washtenaw until the April meeting. Moved and carried to approve the Second Amendment to the Articles of incorporation of the Sylvan Water and Sewer Authority. Moved and carried to table the Dangerous Building Ordinance Board of

Appeals appointment. Moved and carried to approve bond payments to Lyndon/Sylvan Sewer

System expansion debt, and Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority debt. Moved and carried to table the draft proposed internet Use Policy. Reports given. Other Business:

Moved and carried to pay a reward for information leading to a successful prosecution of the person or people responsible for damaging the ights and windows at the Township Hall. Call to the Public.

Moved and carried to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted. Carol A. Morrow Office Manager

Publish: March 23, 2006

VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL REZONING REQUEST DEXTER DISTRICT LIBRARY

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Planning Commission will hold public hearings on April 3, 2006 at 7:30 pm at the senior center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Mi 48130, to hear public comment on the following conditional rezoning request:

The applicant, Dexter District Library, has applied for a Conditional Rezoning, pursuant Article 23, Section 23.06, Conditional Rezoning of Land for the following parcels: 3249 Alpine Street, Property ID HD-03-31-474-005, 3269 Alpine Street, Property ID HD-03-31-474-008, and 3271 Alpine Street, Property ID HD-03-31-474-002. The applicant is requesting that the properties be conditionally rezoned from VR Village Residential to CBD Central Business District for the location of the new Dexter District Library. A Library is a permitted use within the CBD zoning district. In accordance with Act No. 207 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1921 as amended, Conditional rezoning to helps ensure the proper use of land and natural resources and allows for a more flexible approach to the rezoning rocess. An owner of land within the Village must voluntarily offer a cor ditional rezoning request. Conditional rezoning shall not allow a use or activity that would not otherwise be allowed in the proposed zoning district. Conditional rezoning shall not alter any of the various zoning requirements for the use(s) in question, i.e. parking, landscaping, lot area, lot width, building height, setbacks, lot area coverage, etc. Conditional rezoning shall not grant zoning variances of any kind. Any zoning variance must follow the provisions of Article 24 of this Ordinance.

Information regarding the proposed conditional rezoning request is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding the proposed conditional rezoning should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2006. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website. Publish: March 23, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 WASHINGTON STREET EDUCATION CENTER

Call to Order

Present: City Manager Steklac, Clerk Burtch Council Members Present: Lindauer, Martinez-Kratz, Merkel, Hammer

Absent: Mayor Feeney, Council member Bollinger Others Present: Jim Drolett, Bob Shepherd, Christine Linfield, Robert

Jones, Lisa Allmendinger, Allen Cole, Ed Greenleaf, John Eiliot, Jerry Wilczyncki, Mary Picklesimer, Brad Roberts, Andy Johnston, Bob Pierce, Jennifer McArdie, Barbara Ratliff, Doug Ratliff, Steve Wright, Pat Robards, Kristin Van Reesema, Brian Gunderson, John Frank, Hannah Murray,

Brian Cashman Mayor-Pro Tem Lindauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance The Chelsea area Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Awards, Presentations and Proclamations

1. Scouting for Food Proclamation Area Girl Scout, Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venture Scout troops will be taking part in the Annual Scouting for Food Drive in March. The scouts plan to place door hangers within the city on Saturday, March 18, 2006 requesting donations of canned food items. On Saturday, March 25, 2006, the scouts will return to pickup food left out by participating residents. The food will be distributed to those in need through Faith in Action.

This is the 21st year for the Scouting for Food project in Chelsea. Approval Of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to approve minutes and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve the regular agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

1. Public Hearing to Consider Utility Rate Amendments

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to schedule consideration of resclutions to amend the rate schedules for the water, wastewater, and electric utility rates at the City Council meeting of March 28, 2006. All Aves. Motion Carried.

Council Business

1. Approval of Appointees to the Downtown Development Authority

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve the Board of Directors of the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority recommended to Mayor Feeney the re-appointment of Mark Heydlauff and Bob Pierce: the appointment of Palmer Morell-Samuels, Peter Flintoft, and Gary Galvin to regular, and Tim Merkel to a non-voting alternate seat. All Ayes. Motion

2. Laboratory Services for Landfill

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve the proposal with Tetra Tech MPS a one year agreement for laboratory services for the quarterly landfill well monitoring based on a unit price of \$484 per well for a one year contract price of \$19,360. Four Ayes (Merkel, Lindauer, Hammer, Martinez-Kratz), One Nay (Albertson). Motion Carried.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion

Carried. **ADJOURNMENT** MOVED Hammer SECONDED Merkel to adjourn at 10:21 p.m. All Aves. Motion Carried.

> Jason Lindauer, Mayor Pro Tem Teresa Burtch, City Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2006

Approved: March 14, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

This Second Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority, as filed in the office of the Michigan Secretary of State October 31, 2002, and with the Washtenaw County Clerk October 16, 2002, is adopted by the Incorporating municipal corporations under the authority of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan of 1955, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Act".

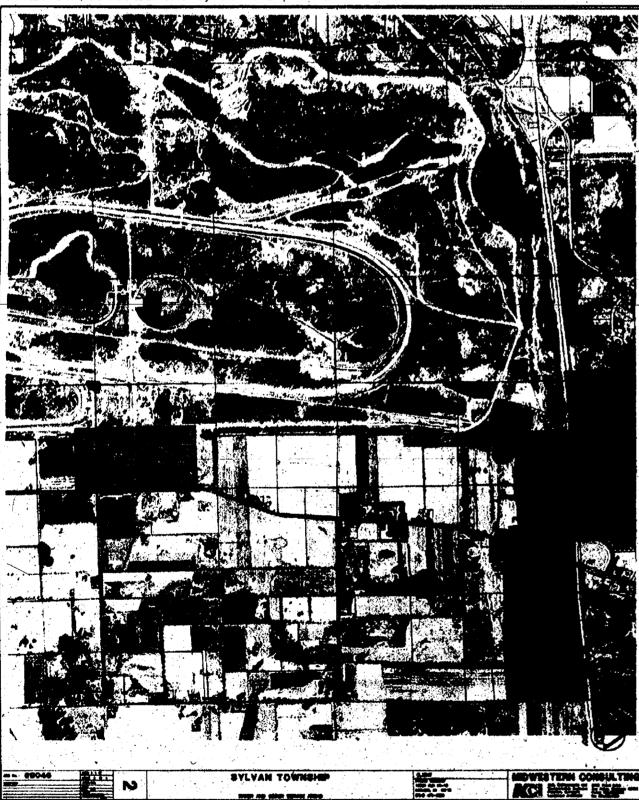
AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Article XII, Contracts for Sewage Disposal or Water Supply, the Sewage Disposal District and Water Supply District for each constituent municipality, as referred to in the Articles of Incorporation as originally adopted, are the following attached exhibits:

1. Exhibit 1, Service District for Sylvan Township. . MAP #1

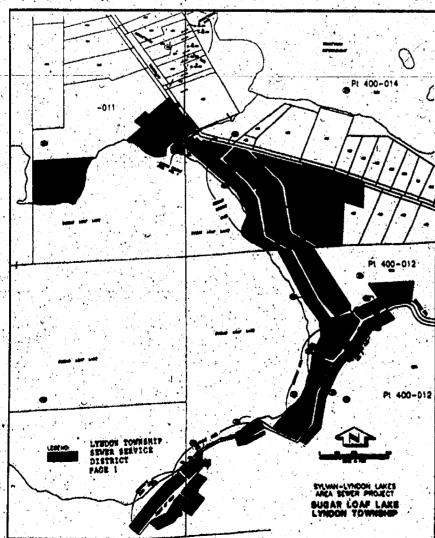


1. Exhibit 1, Service District for Sylvan Township.



2. Exhibit 2, Service District for Lyndon Township. MAP #1

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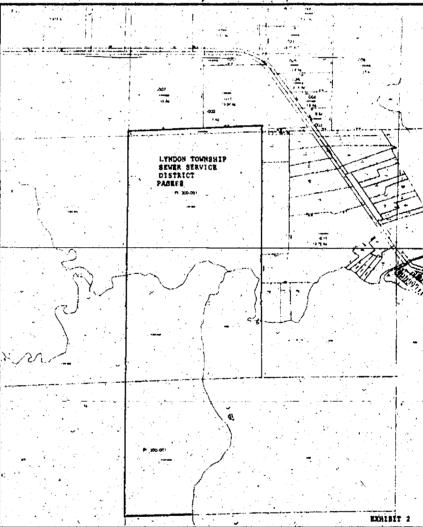


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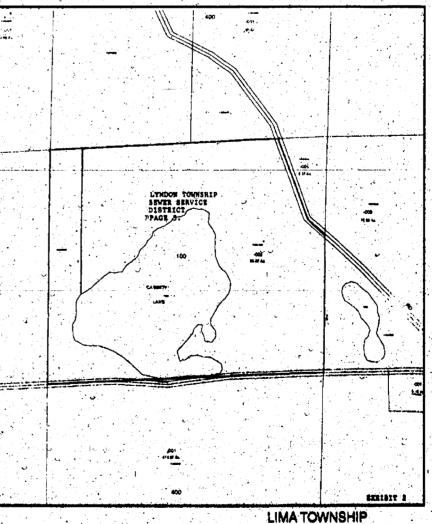


vice District for Lyndon Township. MAP #2

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP



MAP #3 2. Exhibit 2, Service District for Lyndon Township.



PUBLICATION

MAN SEET SATE.

This amendment shall be published once in the Chelsea Standard, a newspaper having general circulation within the territorial limits of the Authority, and one printed copy of the amendment, certified as a true copy thereof, where the date and place of publication, shall be filed with both the Secretary of State and the Clerk of the County of Washtenaw within 30 days after the execution thereof has been completed. The Township Clerk of Sylvan Township is hereby designated as the person to cause this amendment to be published, certified and filed as aforesaid.

This amendment to the Articles of Incorporation has been adopted by the several incorporating municipalities, as hereinafter set forth in the following endorsements.
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the

Supervisor and Clerk of Sylvan Township, the Supervisor and Clerk of Lima Township, and the Supervisor and Clerk of Lyndon Township have endorsed thereon the statement of such adoption.

The undersigned hereby certify that the within amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was duly adopted by the respective legislative bodies of the incorporating units as aforesaid.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP Washtenaw County, Michigan

The foregoing Amendment to the Articles of incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of Sylvan-Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at a meeting duly held on the 6th day of September, 2008. Michael G. Williams, Supervisor

Sylvan Township LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk Sylvan Township

Washtenaw County, The foregoing Amendment to the Articles of incorporation were adopted by the Township Ariene Barels, Clerk

Lime Township

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Washtenaw County, Michigan The foregoing Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at a meeting duty held on the 14th day of March, 2006.

Maryann Noah, Supervisor Lyndon Township Lynda Röllly, Clerk Lyndon Township

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DEATHS

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She is also survived by her sister. Catherine (Harold) Paul of Ann Arbor; sister-in-law, Sylvia Gilbert of North Lake; sister-in-law, Lois (Reynolds) Bush of Bakersfield. Calif.; as well as many loving nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Reynolds will be lovingly remembered for her competitive spirit, whether in golf, fishing, bowling: bingo, cards or any challenge.

For many years, she was a tireless volunteer in area assisted-living and nursing homes, playing the plano for residents to brighten their days. She served as the choir director and church organist at the North

Lake United Methodist Church, and served on various church committees for many years.

Mrs. Reynolds was a role model to many whose lives she touched. Cremation has taken place. There

will be a memorial service at the North Lake United Methodist Church in the summer.

Memorial contributions may be made to North Lake United Methodist Church, 14111 N. Territorial Road. Chelsea, Ml, 48118; the Humane Society/animal shelter of one's choice; or to the National Alliance for Autism Research, c/o Autism Speaks, Team "Nate the Great," 99 Wall St., Princeton, NJ, 08054.

Arrangements were by the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in

DEXTER SCHOOLS

False report puts schools on lockdown

Girl claimed a man was holding another student a gunpoint

> By Jennifer McArdle Staff Writer

Administrators locked down five schools at Dexter Community Schools Monday afternoon following a false report of a gunman on school grounds.

Mill Creek, Wylie, Creekside, Cornerstone and Bates schools were on lockdown for approximately 30 minutes

thought she saw a man holding a student at gunpoint. Mill Creek Principal Jami Bronson said all students were locked in their

classrooms and teachers performed a student count. Lights were turned off and students were instructed to stay away from the windows and doors.

"We shut the lights off so it looks like the classroom is empty," Bronson said.

Washtenaw County Sheriff deputies conducted a sweep around the school buildings and interviewed the student.

"It became apparent that some of it ist wasn't adding up," Washtenaw

grade female student reported that she County Sheriff's Commander Dave Egeler said. "I think in further questioning of her, she ultimately indicated

that she fabricated the story." Teacher Roberta Price was attending in-service training at Wylie Elementary

School at the time of the incident. "It was tense." Price said, noting that teachers attending the training periodically called their classrooms to check on students.

Whether the student will face charges is still unknown.

Staff Writer Jennifer McArdle can be reached at 475-1371 or jmcardle@heritage.com



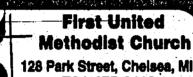
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Chelsea Church of Christ

13661 East Old US-12 Chelsea, MI 48118 (734) 475-8458

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> 1515 South M-52 - Chelsea (Next to McDonald's) 734.475.1404 www.oursaviorchelsea.com

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Fire Mountain **Worship Center** Pierce Lake School 275 N. Freer, Chelsea Sunday Worship Service: 10 a.m. Pastors John & Sarah Groesser (734) 475-7379

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Independent Fundamental Baptist Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.: Awana September till May

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Contemporary Worship 11:00 At Washington Street **Education Center**

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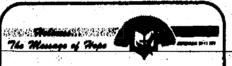
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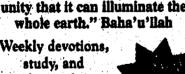
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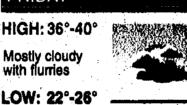


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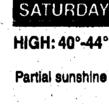
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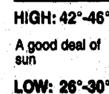
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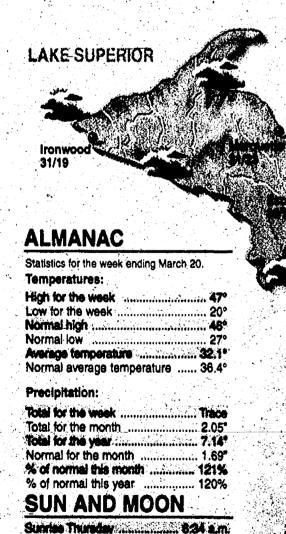
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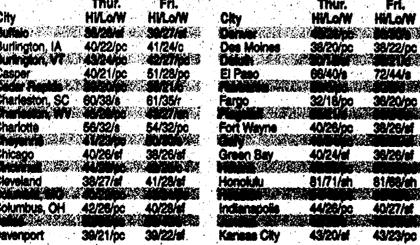
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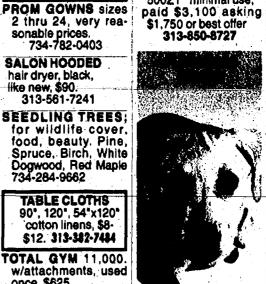
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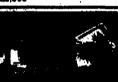
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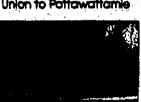
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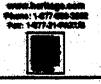
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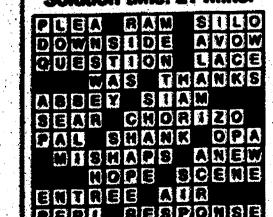
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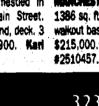


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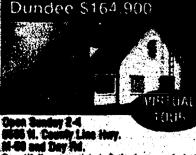
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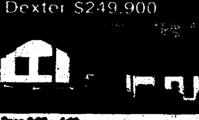
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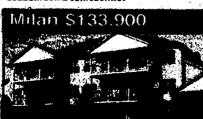
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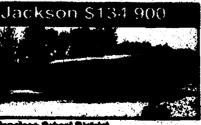
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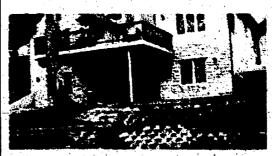


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It's springtime! Time to get rid of clutter

he change of seasons presents space is with a closet organization clutter and get organized.

To make the task less daunting, experts Julie Sussman consider the three main "dumping is always a good idea. grounds" of the house.

As motivation, the two women point out that the average person spends approximately 25 minutes every day looking for things they can't find in their own home.

Back door storage

For many active families, the back door is a heap of shoes, backpacks, pet paraphernalia, cellphones and the like. Little wonder that mud rooms are making a comeback.

To give organization to your back door dumping ground, start by lintype of storage and a place for it. Consider creating a surface for writing notes and laying down groceries, as well as a chalkboard or builetin board for posting notes and reminders and a mirror for last-minute "touchups." Turn this information into a rough sketch and a shopping list.

Many storage items are designed for easy assembly and installation, so in just one weekend, you can most likely transform your back door chaos into an attractive working space.

Bedroom closets

After cleaning up the back entry, move onto another high use, hardhit area - bedroom closets. To start, place last season's wardrobe into plastic storage bins designed to fit under your bed. With more room in the closet, you can concentrate on getting organized and putting every square inch to good use.

The best way to maximize closet

a perfect time to clear out system that includes drawers. shelving and shoe cubbies. Be sure to measure the closet interior careand fully, taking into consideration Stephanie Glakas-Tenet, authors of baseboards, light fixtures, a mirror the best selling book "Dare to or anything else that might affect Repair," provide tips for what they accuracy and installation. A sketch

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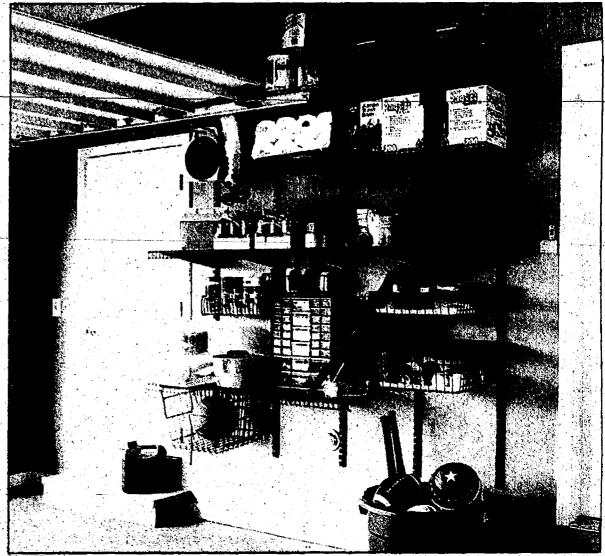
As garages have expanded in use and visibility, manufacturers have responded with an array of new, heavy-duty storage designed for bikes, sporting equipment, tools, toys and practically anything else that gets stored in a typical garage.

Because garage floor space is limited, the new storage units maximize walls and ceilings. Wire units and clear plastic containers allow you to see what's stored on the highing up everything that is heaped est shelves. It is always a good idea there and then assign each item a to have a few lockable cabinets for pesticides and other potentially harmful substances.

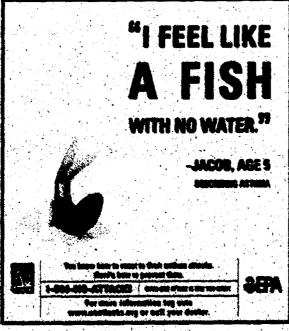
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Unique kitchens and baths for your home

urough good and bad economic times there's a constant people want it protect their biggest investment which is their home

That has proven to be a shot in the arm for businesses like Unique Kitchens & Baths

"When times are good, people are moving and fixing up houses." said Eux Creeach Unique's owner "When mines aren't so good, people are staying in their house and fixing it up

it is a good investment. They'll be ache to recoup money unlike a new car of vacation

Unique Krichens & Baths, at the corner of Fort Street and Liberty, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in October. Creeach's father, Ivan, founded the business before retiring in 1993; the younger Creeach has been the owner since His sister Cheryl Tilger runs the office.

Creeach said that he's had repeat customers over the nearly 20 years but at different houses. They like his company's work so much that they'll have their kitchens and/or bathrooms renovated at their next homes.

"We've had several people say the kitchen has sold the house." he said:

Unique Kitchens & Baths has renosome cases. Creeach's crews have renovated several houses on the same block thanks to word of mouth about does not subcontract the labor.

customer calls or visits the showroom. Greeath of Tilger will determine what actuationer wants to do with the room. wair the rustomer through the show, weeks. mon and schedule a home consulta-

Ferral usually have a good idea. out count know if it il work." Creearth

Creeach will measure the room to make sure that it can accommodate what the customer wants. He'll then draw a plan scan if into a computer and type a proposal He and the customer will discuss products and designs, resolve any questions and review pricing.



Photo by John Simon

Cheryl Tilger and Bob Creeach run Unique Kitchens & Baths, which their father, Ivan Creeach, founded 20 years ago at 3504 Fort St., Lincoln Park.

The estimate is free.

and \$20,000 an average complete bath- tee on cabinets' moving parts. vated homes throughout Downriver. In room project costs between \$8,000 and Creeach said that maple has been 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Wednesdays \$12.000.

"When we start a job, we're on that The princess starts when a potential job." Creeach said. "We don't mix our crews Each crew isn't working on two or three jobs at the same time."

Full projects could take up to two

The age of the house factors into the planning process. With some of Downsiver's older housing stock, in pockets of cities like Wyandotte and Lincoln Park there are considerations like the age of the electrical systems and conditions of the plaster walls. Unique has electricians on staff.

A lot of material) is original to the house." Creeach said. "After 20 years." we're starting to see stuff that's been remodeled once, but doesn't meet the design styles people are looking for."

Unique deals with Pioneer An average complete kitchen remod- Cabinetry and Mouser Custom

Unique has two work crews, and it countertops like Corian Solid Surface. Saturdays

quartz and granite are popular. Many customers also have wanted to remove walls to create bigger spaces.

Many 1950s-era kitchens weren't designed with function in mind. Creeach said. They were just big enough to fit what was needed.

"It's not just a place to prepare meals," Creeach said. "It's living space. People are spending time there.

"People probably spend more time per day in their kitchen than in their car."

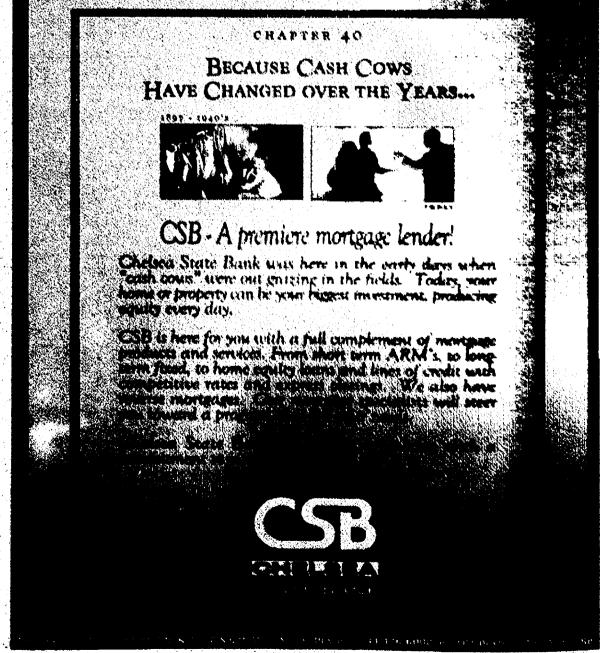
Customers are looking for in-kitchen seating, snack bars, the ability for more than one person to be able to cook at a time and more storage space.

Customers who want center islands in their kitchen have to account for the space needed. Creeach said.

If a customer says that they want to stay in their homes a long time, Unique will consider long-range needs in the design process.

Quality of the product and installation is very important, he added. So is service after the sale.

Unique Kitchens & Baths is at 3504 Fort St. Its telephone number is 1-313eling project costs between \$10.000 Cabinetry, and has a lifetime guaran. 928-5166, and its showroom hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays: his customers' favorite wood, and and Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Knowing the factors that can impact the buying and selling process and understanding the value of your home can eliminate any guesswork and help you negotiate an optimal price.

Here are a few tips to consider when

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Also, be mindful of your credit score. • Be precise. Make a conscious effort to monitor it and take the appropriate steps improve it, if necessary, in order to take full advantage of better interest rates afforded to those with good cred-

Research your agent.

The relationship between a home buyer/seller and a real estate agent requires the same give and take as needed in a marriage. To succeed, the relationship must be based on trust and an understanding of mutual goals. Before you hire an agent, homebuyers and sellers should learn as much as possible about the process.

For example, asking the right questions can help ensure that the agent is familiar with the target area. It's also helpful to confirm the agent's average sales volume and whether they typically work with buyers or sellers. Taking the time to do your research can save you money down the road.

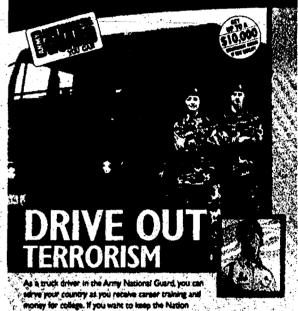
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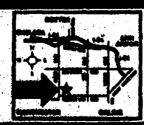
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The Leviton Institute cautions that like any household electrical appliance, clothes dryers require periodic inspection to ensure they are working properly. It recommends you have your dryer inspected by a professional who can replace worn parts and clean its interior to prevent the buildup of maifunction.

To protect your home and family. make sure you operate your dryer with these precautions in mind:

 Never leave the house while your dryer is running — a malfunction can occur at anytime, often with serious consequences. If the dryer does malfunction, immediately turn it off and disconnect the power cord. Call a qualified repair professional to make

 Dryers should be plugged into outlets equipped to handle the electrical load. Overloaded electrical outlets can result in tripped circuit breakers and blown fuses.

· Make sure your dryer is vented to an outside wall and check to see that its exhaust vent is unobstructed and its outdoor vent flap opens frequently. If air is not being directed through the duct, there may be a blockage. In order to remove the blockage from the exhaust path, you may have to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Be sure to reconnect the vent and the duct before restarting the dryer.

· Keep the area in which your dryer lint and other fibers that can cause a is located free from clutter. Make sure there are no combustible materials such as boxes or clothing near the dryer. Use caution when drying clothing saturated in hazardous chemicals by washing them thoroughly. Then use the lowest heat setting and do not allow contaminated clothing to sit in the dryer or basket with other clothes.

> Remove the lint filter, thoroughly clean it after each use and reinstall it.

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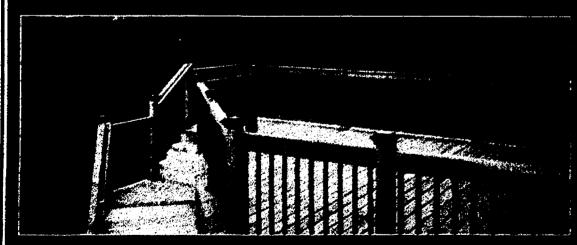
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critters taking up residence in fires. their chimneys.

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These animals can be extremely loud and disruptive, compromise the safe use of the chimney and pose health hazards.

Bob Daniels, founder of HomeSaver Inc., said that the simple installation of a chimney cap can save homeowners from the hazard of "chimney critters." HomeSaver specializes in making chimneys safer through the production and sale of chimney liners, chimney caps and fireplace dampers.

"Having an animal nest or live in your chimney is an aggravating and unsanitary experience," Daniels said. "It can also be unsafe."

Even if the critters remain confined to the chimney, their presence can have major consequences throughout the home. The animals can transmit disease through their droppings, and their nests and dens can block the release of smoke and other toxins, resulting in smoke spillage, carbon

omeowners need to think about monoxide poisonings and chimney

Depending on the situation, evicting a "chimney critter" can be as straightforward as extracting an abandoned nest or as complicated as removing a family of live animals.

For safety, homeowners should contact a professional in order to perform the service, either a chimney sweep or a wildlife control specialist.

When choosing a service professional, homeowners should consider the overall safety of their chimney and time elapsed since the chimney was last cleaned. Most sweeps offer animal removal in addition to comprehensive cleaning, whereas most wildlife control specialists aren't trained in this service. The process varies on a caseby-case basis, but typically lasts 60 to 90 minutes and starts around \$100.

"Animals love to nest in chimneys," said Kirk La Pierre, certified wildlife control professional and general manger of Saver-NGM in Rutherford, N.J. "Chimneys resemble hollow trees, ing, while allowing smoke and toxins sparks, reducing chances of a fire, and so they assume they're safe, warm places to settle down and raise a family."

Installation of a chimney cap can prevent animals' access to the chimney. This metal device attaches to the top of a chimney, sealing off the open-



Chipmunks, while very cute, can be very damaging to a home's chimney and fire-

to exit.

"Not only does a chimney cap provide a barrier from nesting animals, but it is an important safety feature for every chimney," Daniels said.

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illions of people are busy making home improvements and starting renovation projects. While budget and aesthetic considerations are important, MetLife Auto & Home's vice president of claims, Tom McHugh, warned that safety should also be at the top of any "to do" list.

"Home-improvement projects can offer years of enjoyment and make great investments, which is why consumers collectively spend \$177 billion on them each year," McHugh said.

MetLife Auto & Home offers some simple suggestions that sometimes get overlooked — but that can make a big impact on the safety and integrity of your home-improvement project:

 Before you start any project involving electricity, ask a qualified electrician to make certain you have enough wattage and that your wiring is up to building-code standards.

Before you install appliances, consider accessibility to outlets. If you plan accordingly, you can cut down on exposed wires and extension cords, which will reduce the possibility of fire. It's also a good idea to consider adding outlets near your new appliances.

 Consider installing ground fault circuit interrupters. In the event of a short, these circuits turn electricity off before severe injuries or electrocution can occur. • Smoke alarms, fire detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and home burglary alarms can protect your investment and keep your home beautiful for years to come.

 Proper caulking around your windows can help prevent water damage and lower heating bills.

• In the kitchen, ask a qualified plumber to check the condition of your pipes. Also, if you have small children, look into installing child-safe features such as oven door surface warning lights, out of reach burner knobs and stove knob covers.

 In the bathroom, owners of older homes should consider replacing their shower pans with a more leak-resistant shower system in order to avoid leaks and water damage.

• If you have a fireplace, upgrading its energy efficiency may be helpful. Installing air circulation devices or a pellet stove can help with energy conservation and safety, while also keeping romance alive on a cold winter evening.

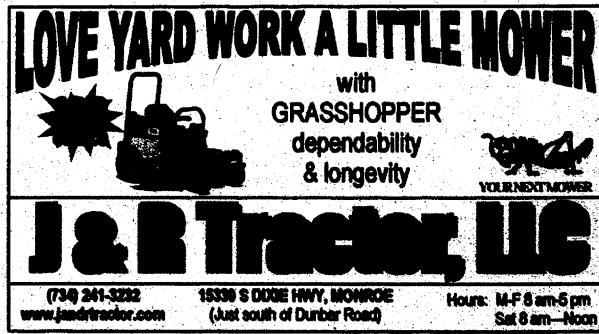
Once you've completed your homeimprovement project, it's also important to make certain that your investment is adequately protected.

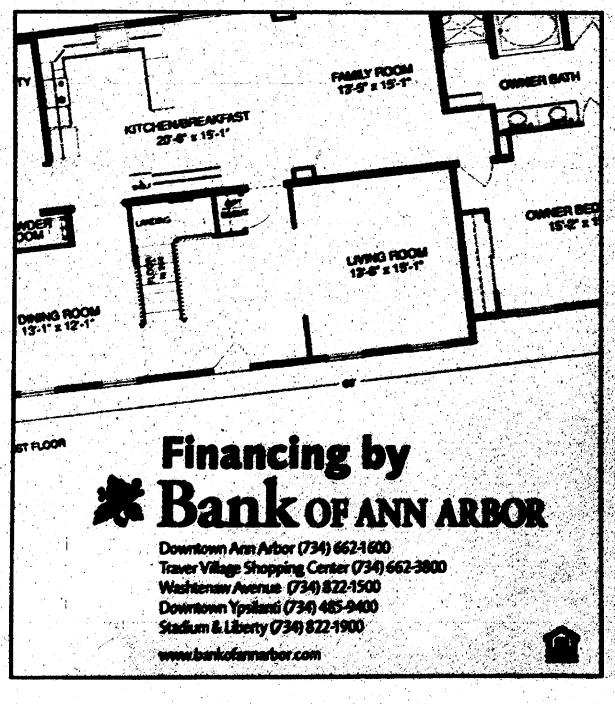
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Don't let hot tubs get you in hot water

In recent years, spas and hot tubs have gained popularity as essential home relaxation appliances, perfect for soothing tired muscles and frayed nerves.

of relaxation, there are health risks and hidden dangers associated with their operation and maintenance. In order to keep your spa or hot tub safe for your family and friends, the Leviton Institute offers these safety spa or hot tub knews where the pump tips:

· Have it inspected regularly by a professional who can make sure it's in proper working condition.

Hot tubs have powerful suction drains. Safety covers should be placed over these to prevent injuries associated with hair, swimwear and jewelry entanglement. Check to make sure that the drain covers are placed correctly over the drains and that they are not cracked or warped. Owners of older hot tubs or whiripools should have new safety drain covers installed immediately.

• Make sure your hot tub or sue is protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter, or GPCL.

The National Electric Code requires that a GFCI be installed wherever an electrical connection is near a water source. A while-in-use weatherproof cover should be protected the GFCI.

adequate to run the hot tub or spa.

If your panel box has old-fashion fuses that screw into the box, your electrical service probably is inade-While they provide users with hours quate. This type of panel box generally supplies up to 60 amps of electrical is crucial. power. A standard hot tub requires a minimum of 40 amps, so you may need to upgrade your service.

> · Make sure everyone who uses your cut-off switch is in case of an emergency.

> Be sure to post an emergency procedures list with spa rules and regulations. All users should employ the buddy system, never using the hot tub alone. Health professionals don't recommend hot tub use for pregnant women or people with diabetes, high blood pressure or heart disease.

> Never use any kind of electrical device near or around your spa, hot tub

> If your hot tub is located outside, be aware that inclement weather can occur rapidly. Never use your spa during severe weather conditions such as an electrical storm or tornado.

> · Establish safety precautions in and around your hot tub or spa.

Install handrails and non-slip surfaces to prevent injury. Protect yourself from liability by adding a locked

 Make sure your electrical service is safety cover when your hot tub is not in use. A sturdy cover can prevent debris and foliage from entering the hot tub and can safeguard pets and small children from falling in.

• Effective temperature regulation

Exposure to extreme temperatures is a main cause of injuries associated with spas and hot tubs. Prolonged use of a hot tub, more than 15 minutes at a time, with temperatures that exceed 104 degrees Fahrenheit can lead to serious health risks.

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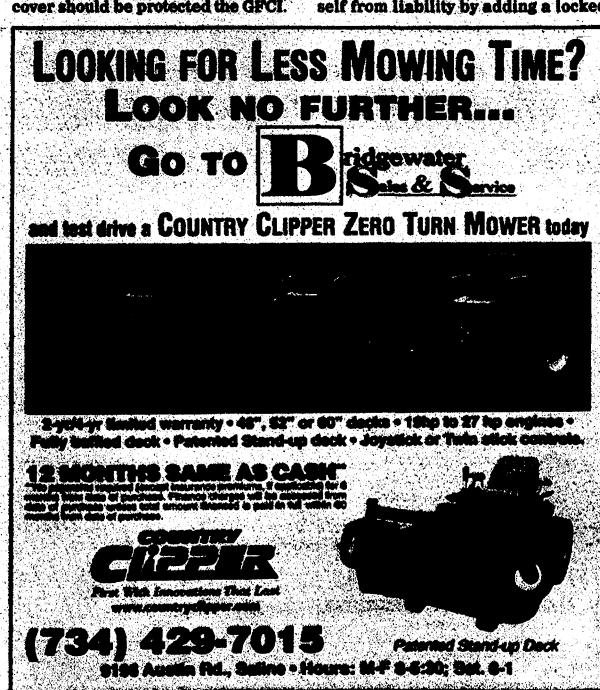
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improvements by tenants, imposing rules against painting, structural changes and wallpaper application. Check your lease or consult with what is and is not allowed.

For those who are looking to make changes to their apartment, there are ways to follow the rules your living space.

 Overcome bland paint: Neutral lords to rent and maintain an apartment. Just think of the effort involved in priming and painting over a bold tone every time a tenant vacates the apartment.

starving for some color as you stare at white walls? Accessories and wall hangings can add the splash of color you need. Seek artwork that is oversized and full of color and movement. Furnish the room with bright, bold-colored sofas, chairs and loveseats that can compensate for lack of color elsewhere. Colored light bulbs or shades can create

be very difficult to remove, often Oftentimes, landlords restrict making it forbidden in apartments, value to the apartment. However, you may want to look into wallpaper borders. Just be sure to consult with your landlord first.

There are self-adhesive, removyour landlord if you are unsure of able varieties. This makes it easy to change your design scheme on a whim, or remove the border if you are moving out of the apartment. They can add a fun mood to bathwhile also adding a creative flair to rooms or kitchens when coordinated with matching accessories.

 Beneath your feet: Most landwall tones make it easier for land- lords will allow a change in carpeting if it already exists in the apartment and has become dirty or grimy.

Some don't want a permanent improvement like carpeting to be But what should you do if you are made, since it requires tacking or nailing into a subfloor. However, have another Manufacturers offer carpeting kits that interlock together and are not attached to the floor. They work like puzzle pieces and can be removed and taken to your next residence.

> For permanent changes, like changing linoleum in the kitchen

iving in an apartment pres- lighting that casts a hue in the or stick-down tiles, ask your land-• Wallpaper drama: Wallpaper can willing to offset the cost of this improvement since it could add

> • Structural changes: Unhappy with the layout of the apartment? You can use items like curtains or screens to divide rooms. Or use large furniture items like bookcases that can act as "standing walls." Some buildings also allow you to put up "fake" walls that can con-draperies and blinds. vert one bedroom into two.

lord before proceeding. He may be apartment complexes want to create a uniform appearance from the outside. This means neutral window treatments or sticking with whatever came with the apartment.

Comply with the guidelines by doubling up on window treatments — hang neutral blinds that can be viewed from outdoors but, indoors, jazz up the windows with bold

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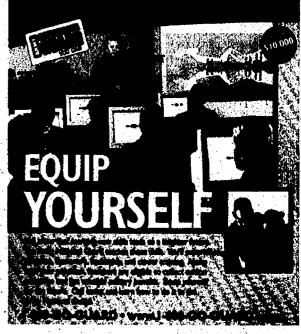
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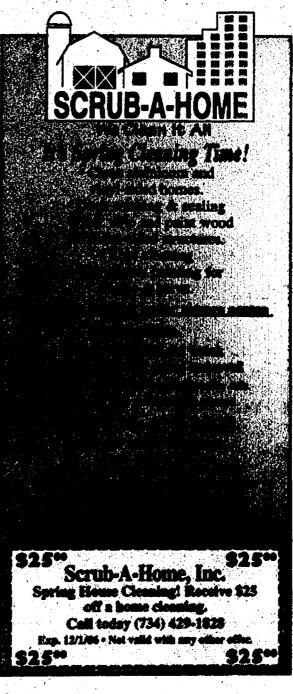
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o get the best return on resale, consumers need to choose their home renovations wisely, according to RealEstateJournal.com, The Wall Street Journal's guide to property.

Homebuyers are willing to pay more for central air conditioning and fireplaces, eat-in kitchens, utility rooms and in-ground swimming pools. But, they don't want to pay extra for dining rooms, dens or studies, intercom systems, kitchen pantries, above-ground swimming pools, home offices or in-law suites.

Bathrooms and swimming pools always have added value, but other home improvements are more susceptible to fading in and out of fashion. Some of the renovations costing less than \$10,000 that are worth doing in today's market including installing granite countertops, new carpeting, a pull-out kitchen faucet, melamine closet systems, synthetic entry doors, laminate wood floors, body-spray showerheads and garage storage systems.

"It isn't how much you spend—it's how you spend it," said Valerie Patterson, RealEstateJournal.com senior producer. "The trick is to bring your home up to neighborhood standards, but no higher."

Here are some tips:

• Remember that you're in it for the long haul. Count on major home remodeling taking as much as twice as long as you'd planned.

• Expect the unexpected. Set aside as much as 20 percent of your budget for contingencies.

• Relationships with contractors are everything. Communicate with your contractors all the way through.

• Count on as much as 25 percent of your budget being taken up by finish work. This includes everything from light switches to the kitchen sink.

• Don't pay too quickly. If you do, you won't have leverage if something goes wrong.

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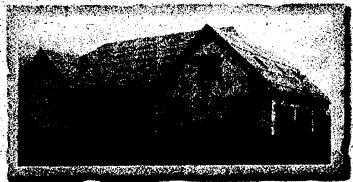
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Children bring a family joy, more stuff

Taving a child is a life-changing experience. You get to see a little person grow into an adult. You experience the unconditional love of a child. And you get to have your home overrun by toys, gizmos and other products designed to occupy young minds.

That's right - once you share your space with a child, get used to having a lot more "stuff." However, this new stuff doesn't have to consume your lifestyle. By instituting a few strategies, you can coexist happily with your child — and his or her things — no matter how old he may be.

Birth to toddler

Children have plenty of products designed to keep them entertained. From bouncing seats to exercise saucers, to doorway jumpers, a baby registry can be filled with dozens of items.

Factor in play yards, bassinets, changing stations and stuffed animals galore, and it's no surprise that your home is consumed with clutter.

Relax. No one expects a new mom's home, or the home of one chasing after a toddler, to be the picture of organization. Yet there are ways you can make these baby items comfortably fit into your home.

• Consider design. With a host of colors and patterns available, you may likely find a swing, high chair or play yard that will blend into your home decor, making it less of an eyesore.

· Look for portability. Many items fold up for storage or easily can move from room to room. If company is dropping by condense and move items to closets or out of sight.

· Buy items that grow with your child. Look for things that can be modified to accommodate your child as he or she gets bigger. A jumper whose height adjusts, a bouncer that converts to a toddler chair or even a crib that turns into a bed will eliminate the need to purchase new things as your child develops — eliminating further clutter.

• Set aside a play space. If you have enough room, set up a play area or room where you can house the bulkier items. This way, your living space won't be compromised. Limit play to these designated spaces and make toys off-limits in the living room, office or kitchen.

School age

As your child gets older, he or she can become responsible for controlling clutter.

· Make cleaning up a family affair. Establishing these strategies early on can help you greatly. Otherwise, you might inadvertently train your child to be slovenly. Tidiness is a learned trait, and one that should be illustrated and practiced by you as well.

• Have bins on hand. If you don't want to be as structured, consider purchasing or making personalized cleanup bins with your child's name stenciled on the front. This way, when it's time to round up errant toys, he or she can pack up the bin and then move them to a storage container.

• Specialty items are fantastic. Look for things that won't destroy your living spaces. There are a host of products now, like markers and paints, that only work on special paper or that are washable. This means your walls and furniture won't be marked up with your child's latest artistic creation.

Other good strategies

· Having children means having a home full of life. Rarely will your home be spotless. Accepting that you'll have to make some compromises will make it easier to deal with.

• It's not a "whose-home-is-the-cleanest" competition. Don't compare your house to a friend's or to that of an older couple with no children.

• Set aside space for you. Your bedroom, a bathroom or a den might be the ideal retreat to keep free of "kiddie" stuff. You can retire there when you take a much-needed break.

• Indulge once and a while. If guests



With every new addition to a family comes more and more stuff. Here are some good tips to correctly organize and prepare for new children.

finances permit, hire a cleaning servoffer to help straighten up, accept will- ice to come in and help you with the

ingly. Or plan a room remodel so that chores that don't need to be done as you're doing something for yourself. If often, such as cleaning out the refrigerator or vacuuming the couch.

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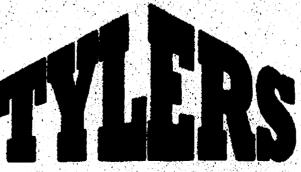
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Builders offering more interior space

amilies are doing more and more entertaining at home, continuing the "nesting" trend.

Therefore, builders are offering houses that feature a greater percentage of interior area rather than outdoor acreage — the latest in home-building trends. As such, newer rooms are cropping up as must-have spaces.

Here's a rundown on some other rooms to consider for a floor plan:

• Mudrooms and laundry rooms: Once stashed away in the basement or another dark corner, these rooms are now getting updated and offer more flow into other living areas.

More than ever, laundry rooms are being placed on the main level of the house — off a kitchen or bathroom for easy plumbing hookup. This allows families whose dirty laundry might pile up faster than dirty dishes to easily keep it manageable and contained in one area rather than in piles in the bedrooms.

Organizational shelving, closets and cabinetry keep laundry/mudrooms in order and also can hide cleaning products and hampers.

For those who must have a laundry area on the basement level, chutes installed throughout the house that connect to the basement eliminate the need to carry baskets of clothes downstairs for washing.

• Home theaters: Now that the surround-sound systems and projection television or plasma television screens have become much more affordable, many people are opting to include a home theater in their design scheme. It offers the convenience of enjoying movies at home in an intimate space that is convenient for you. A home theater room allows for unique social opportunities, as well — you can invite friends and family over for a "movie night," or use it to occupy the children when the weather isn't ideal for outdoor activities.

• Billiard/recreation rooms: Many people like the idea of a room to house all of their "toys." From pool tables to dart boards to chess sets, game rooms offer the ideal place for activities. They also offer the adults a distinct space where

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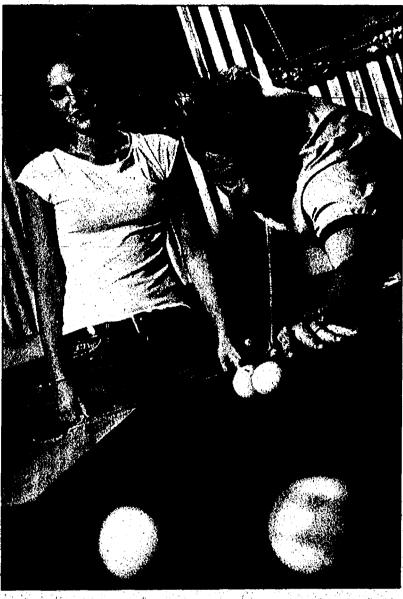
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Installing a pool table in your rec room or finished basement is just one of a handful of ways to take advantage of extra space.

they can socialize and entertain guests away from the children.

Game rooms also can be designed around the younger set, to include video game hubs, toys and a television. Again, this keeps the toys contained to one area rather than strewn all around the house.

• Outdoor rooms: From the former "Florida rooms" to greenhouses to outdoor kitchens, homeowners are bringing the indoors outside.

Perfect for areas with a moderate climate, these rooms can be fully furnished spaces that take design hues and styles from the great outdoors.

Glass-enclosed greenhouses or solariums offer a retreat where you can enjoy nature without the hassle of insects and pests. Plus, this room can house foliage year-round for those who live where the seasons change dramatically.

• Master suite: Today's master bedrooms have been expanded to include more than just a sleeping and washing area. They're now being remodeled to imitate the luxuries of lavish hotels and vacation destinations, functioning as a secluded retreat.

These suites can include anything from a wardrobe area to a private bathroom spa to a workout center to a reading nook, in addition to sleeping quarters

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Need a new roof? Here are some tips

aving a new roof installed on a water seepage. home isn't something a typical consumer might readily know much about, simply because many years elapse between needing to make the repair.

Here's a primer from the National Roofing Contractors Association's Web site, www.nrca.net:

Roof components

with slopes of 25 percent or more) have five basic components:

• Roof covering: Shingles, tile, slate or metal and underlayment that protect the sheathing from weather.

• Sheathing: Boards or sheet material that are fastened to roof rafters to cover a house or building.

• Roof structure: Rafters and trusses constructed to support the sheathing.

• Flashing: Sheet metal or other material installed into a roof system's various joints and valleys to prevent

• Drainage: A roof system's design features, such as shape, slope and layout that affect its ability to shed water.

Choosing a system

There are a number of things to consider when selecting a new roof system. Of course, cost and durability head the list, but aesthetics and architectural style are important, too. The All steep-slope roof systems (roofs right roof system for your home or building is one that balances these five considerations. The following roofing products commonly are used for steep-slope structures.

 Asphalt shingles possess an overwhelming share of the U.S. steep-slope roofing market and can be reinforced with organic or fiberglass materials. Although asphalt shingles reinforced with organic felts have been around much longer, fiberglass-reinforced products now dominate the market.

Organic shingles consist of a cellu-

lose-fiber base (like wood) that is saturated with asphalt and coated with col- and appearance, asphalt shingles' ored mineral granules.

• Fiberglass shingles consist of a cantly. When installing asphalt shinfiberglass mat, top-and-bottom layers gles, NRCA recommends use of shinof asphalt, and mineral granules.

Asphalt shingles' fire resistances, like most other roofing materials, are categorized by Class A, B or C. Class A signifies the most fire resistant; Classes B and C denote less fire resistance. Generally, most fiberglass shingles have Class A fire ratings, and most. organic shingles have Class C ratings.

A shingle's reinforcement has little effect on its appearance. Organic and fiberglass products are available in laminated (architectural) grades that offer a textured appearance. Zinc or copper-coated ceramic granules also can be applied to organic or fiberglass products to protect against algae attack, a common problem in warm, humid parts of the United States. Both types of shingles also are available in a variety of colors.

made from cedar, redwood, Southern pine and other woods; their natural look is popular in California, the Northwest and parts of the Midwest. Wood shingles are cut by machine; shakes are handmade and rougher looking. A point to consider: Some local building codes limit the use of wood shingles and shakes because of concerns about fire resistance. Many wood shingles and shakes only have Class C fire ratings or no ratings at all.

However, Class A fire ratings are avail-

Regardless of their reinforcing type

physical characteristics vary signifi-

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dards — ASTM D 225 for organic shin-

gles and ASTM D 3462 for fiberglass

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composition and physical properties

of asphalt shingles; not all asphalt

shingles on the market comply with

these standards. If a shingle product

complies with one of these standards,

it is typically noted in the manufactur-

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Wood shingles and shakes are

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able for certain wood shingle products

Picking a roofing

uying a new roof system is an tor is properly licensed or bonded. learning how to evaluate roofing contractors.

Here's a primer from the National Roofing Contractors Association's Web site, www.nrca.net:

 Check for a permanent place of business, telephone number, tax identification number and a business

 Insist on seeing copies of the roofing company's liability coverage and workers' compensation certificates. Make sure the coverage is in effect through the duration of the job. Many building and home owners have been dragged into litigation involving uninsured contractors. Also, if a contractor is not properly insured, you might be liable for accidents that occur on your ty.

Check to see if the roofing contrac-

important investment. Before ... Make sure the contractor is finanyou spend money, spend time cially stable. A professional roofing contractor can provide current financial information about his company.

> Look for a company with a proven track record that offers client references and a list of completed projects. Call these clients to find out whether they were satisfied.

 Insist on a detailed, written proposal and examine it for complete descriptions of the work and specifications, including approximate starting and completion dates and payment procedures.

 Have the contractor list the roofing manufacturers with which his firm is a licensed or approved applicator. Most roof systems require special application expertise to achieve lasting quali-

• Have the contractor explain his project supervision and quality-con- heavily in your decision.

trol procedures. Request the name of the person who will be in charge of your project, how many workers will be required and estimated completion

 Check to see if the contractor is a member of any regional or national industry associations, such as NRCA.

• Call the Better Business Bureau or state department of professional regulation to check for possible complaints filed against the contractor.

 Carefully read and understand any warranties offered, and watch for provisions that would void it.

 Choose a company committed to worker safety and education.

 Keep a healthy skepticism about the lowest bid. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Price is only one criteria for selecting a contractor. Professionalism, experience and quality workmanship also should weigh

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According to a survey by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals — an international trade association of more than 5.300 manufacturers, distributors, retailers, service companies and builders in the pool and spa industry — there are 6 million hot tub owners in the United States alone.

Industry experts suspect one of the many reasons hot tubs are so popular is they provide a perfect, private venue for relaxing and renewing the spirit.

Hot tubs used to just pump out warm water through massaging jets to soothe and massage tired muscles. These days, they are more sophisticated than ever, integrating sensation, sight and sound to achieve a total sensory experience that is extraordinarily easy to enjoy.

"Today's hot tubs have built-in surround sound systems that belt out your favorite tunes; adjustable colors; new chemical systems; lights and waterfalls that allow the hot tub to become a focal point in the yard," said Bob Hallam, owner of Dimension One Spas Inc. He also points out that not tub manufacturers and designers are constantly coming up with new and attractive ways to get the water moving.

Today's hot tubs have powerful — but not punishing — jets that target specific muscles from back to neck to calves and even wrists. There are directional and rotary nozzies that create a variety of sensations, allowing you to customize your soak. There are foot wells to ease aching feet and clusters of jets to relax lower backs; and these are housed in sleek, smooth, comfortable units with seating to accommodate various body

A company called Master Spas takes in-water therapy a step further with a patented Master Force Bio-Magnetic Therapy System. Powerful magnets strategically placed in the hot tub's molded seats apply magnetic therapy

ouldn't it be great if the next to pressure points on the neck and are illuminated water arcs as well as ors. Color-changing bulbs or colortical application.

> Master Spas' president, Bob Lauter, was having problems with a shoulder. His massage therapist recommended magnetic therapy.

"It worked for me," he says.

When his daughter, who played college soccer, hurt her knee, the surgeons placed her leg in a knee brace outfitted with magnets to promote healing. That was good enough for Lauter, who then set about incorporating the therapy into his company's hot

"Most of the people buying spas today are aging baby boomers." he pointed out. "They want relaxation, but they also want the ability to have therapy, too."

Surround sound

The very sound of water is calming. Some hot tubs are equipped with a "tranquility" mode for the hushed and gentle sound of moving water. Others have waterfalls built right in, and the relaxing sound of water isn't all you get to enjoy.

The serious audiophile can find hot tubs that come with amplifiers embedded inside the tub's casing. This accessory sends sound waves through the spa shell, essentially transforming the spa surface into a giant high-fidelity stereo speaker. There's sound enough to overpower even the strongest jets without disturbing the neighbors.

The amplifier's components are coated to protect them from damage by water, heat and the elements. A closeat-hand dial on the edge of the tub controls volume and equalizer settings. Playing music is easy. Just place the CD player/radio into a weather-resistant carrier, take it to your hot tub and plug it into the receptacle on the spa cabinet.

Illuminating ideas

In addition to the music and pulsing water, today's hot tubs add illuminated light to the sensory experience. There

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time you needed to just relax back. This technology grew from prac- gently flowing backlit falls. These wheels paired with fiber-optic lighting water features look magical at night, make it possible and easy to do. and they create a nice white noise, Hallam said.

> as automatic daylight-sensing (photocell-controlled) step lights that come on when needed. Other spas have with steps or around the top edges of the spa, depending upon what you want to illuminate.

Still other hot tubs can change col-

The very idea of a hot tub can be soothingly attractive; these trends There also are practical lights such toward a spa-focused living space just offer more to love.

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that incorporate a factory-applied, fireresistant treatment.

• Tile — clay or concrete — is a durable roofing material. Mission and Spanish-style round-topped tiles are used widely in the Southwest and Florida, and flat styles also are available to create French and English looks. Tile is available in a variety of are replacing another type of roof system with tile, you will need to verify that the structure can support the load.

 Slate is quarried in the United States in Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. It is available in different colors and grades, depending on its origin. Considered virtually indestructible, it is, however, more expensive than other roofing materials. In addition, its application requires special skill and experience. Many old homes, especially in the Northeast, still are protected by this long-lasting roofing material.

 Metal, primarily thought of as a lowbuilding owners with steep-slope roofs. Numerous metal panel shapes and configurations exist. Metal shingles typically are intended to simulate tradi-

tional roof coverings, such as wood shakes, shingles and tile. Apart from metal roofing's longevity, metal shingles are relatively lightweight, have a greater resistance to adverse weather and can be aesthetically pleasing. Some have Class A fire ratings.

• Synthetic roofing products simulate various traditional roof coverings, such as slate and wood shingles and shakes. However, they do not necessarily have the same properties.

Before making a buying decision, colors and finishes. Tile is heavy. If you NRCA recommends that you look at full-size samples of a proposed product, as well as manufacturers' brochures. It

also is a good idea to visit a building

that is roofed with a particular product.

Even roofs have enemies

A roof system's performance is affected by numerous factors. Knowing about the following will help you make informed roof system buying decisions:

• Sun: Heat and ultraviolet rays cause roofing materials to deteriorate over time. Deterioration can occur faster on the sides facing west or south.

• Rain: When water gets underneath slope roofing material, has been found shingles, shakes or other roofing mateto be a roofing alternative for home and rials, it can work its way to the roof deck and cause the roof structure to rot. There are two types of metal roofing Extra moisture encourages mildew and products: Panels and shingles, rot elsewhere in a house, including walls, ceilings, insulation and electrical systems.

• Wind: High winds can lift shingles'

edges (or other roofing materials) and force water and debris underneath them. Extremely high winds can cause extensive damage.

• Snow and ice: Melting snow often refreezes at a roof's overhang where

the surface is cooler, forming an ice dam. This blocks proper drainage into the gutter. Water backs up under the shingles (or other roofing materials) and seeps into the interior. During the early melt stages, gutters and downspouts can be the first to fill with ice and be damaged beyond repair or

even torn off a house or building. • Trees and leaves: Tree branches touching a roof will scratch and gouge roofing materials when the branches

are blown by the wind. Falling branches from overhanging trees can damage, or even puncture, shingles and other roofing materials. Leaves on a roof system's surface retain moisture and cause rot, and leaves in the gutters block drainage.

• Missing or torn shingles: The key to a roof system's effectiveness is complete protection. When shingles are missing or torn off, a roof structure and home or building interior are vulnerable to water damage and rot. The problem is likely to spread — nearby shingles also are ripped easily or blown away. Missing or torn shingles should be replaced as soon as possi-



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