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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

'Threat' found at local school

Note left on teacher's
desk Friday morning
sparks investigation

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Students at Beach Middle School in Chelsea were sent home Friday with a letter to their parents from Principal Andrew Ingall regarding a threat found in the school. Ingall would not comment on the incident, but said in

the letter to parents that a "disturbing" note was found on a teacher's desk in the morning. The threat resulted in a police investigation Friday.

"Based on the content of the note, we decided to contact the Chelsea Police Department to assist in our investigation. The note contained a 'threat' that was rather vague and non-specific," the letter from Ingall stated. "Representatives of the Chelsea Police Department

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Work planned for busy intersection

MDOT to fund
improvement to M-52,
Werkner Road corner

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

State funding has been promised to improve the intersection of Werkner Road and M-52 in Lyndon Township.

State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-52nd District, announced last week that the Michigan Department of Transportation will fund a \$300,000 improvement to the intersection, which has been a long-time problem for drivers during rush hour. An offset turning lane for northbound commuters turning east onto Werkner Road is expected to be added this fall.

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SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Two killed in I-94 accident Saturday

SUV crosses median,
goes airborne before
crashing into truck

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

A two-vehicle crash on Interstate 94 resulted in two deaths Saturday.

A SUV traveling on I-94 near the Old US-12 and Pierce Road exit near Chelsea apparently crossed the median around 5:20 a.m. Saturday and crashed head-on into a commercial truck.

The two occupants of the SUV, Ricardo Angel Covarrubias, 46, and Juanita Gutierrez-Tapia, 21, both of

Detroit, were killed in the accident.

They were traveling westbound on I-94 in a black Chevrolet SUV when Covarrubias lost control of the vehicle and crossed the median. The SUV went airborne and struck a semi-tractor traveling eastbound on I-94.

The SUV struck the semi-truck near the cab area, where the driver of the semi-truck was seated.

Police believe Covarrubias and Gutierrez-Tapia were killed on impact and ejected from the SUV they were traveling in.

The driver of the truck, Leonard Danian, 39, of Thornhill, Ontario, Canada,

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Schools work to promote cultural diversity

Facing Prejudice

— Part II —

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

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

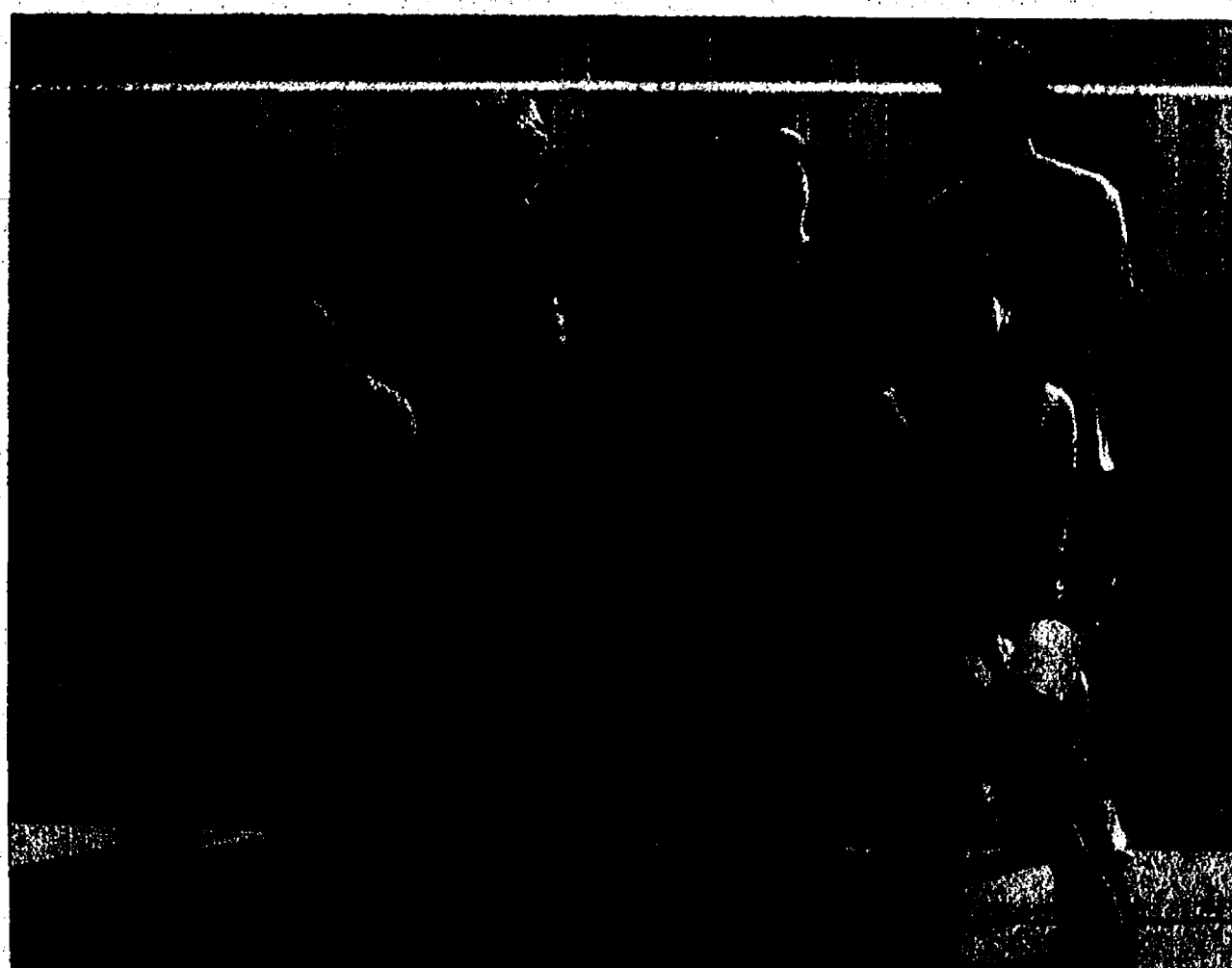
Many children suffer name-calling at school. In some cases, it crosses the line.

As residents become more aware of discrimination occurring in the community, the question also arises regarding what the schools are doing to help children become more accepting of diverse cultures.

"When any discrimination, harassment, bullying, or any form of intimidation, based on race, or any other characteristic occurs in the school district, it's viewed as a problem," said Shawn Lewis-Lakin, executive director of student performance at Chelsea School District.

Lewis-Lakin noted that the district takes a number of proactive steps toward creating an environment in which all students are respected. Those steps include ensuring that curriculum and instructional materials reflect the diversity of the American and global communities.

"In our curriculum, we affirm the importance of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of diverse cultures and societies to knowledge and understanding in the arts, in literature, in the sciences, in mathematics ... in all areas of study," he said.



Chelsea High School Diversity Club members, in front, are Martin Bragalone (left), Zoe Suffety, Katie Macfarlan and Bridget Lynn; in back, adviser Karen Kurca (left), Club President Ann Cerveney and Al Stewart. The club received the Carrying the Dream award from Chelsea's One World One Family Task Force for promoting diversity at the high school.

But despite curriculum that celebrates diverse cultures, discrimination still exists.

When Kelly Flint's son, Andrew, told her about racial name-calling he was experiencing at school, she contacted her son's school within the Chelsea School District, the Board of Education and the school's superintendent. She said positive steps have since been taken in the district.

"When I made the principal of Andy's school, the school board members and the superintendent aware of Andy's comments, the prin-

cipal responded immediately and took measures to address the behaviors with the students," she said. "I believe that Andy was not the only student who had an issue with this group of students, and that other parents had also been in touch with her about similar incidents."

Lewis-Lakin said the district follows certain protocol in responding to incidents of bullying and harassment. That protocol is outlined in the student code of conduct and included in student handbooks.

"In all cases of reported

harassment, we inform parents immediately and follow up with a letter mailed home. Counselors, administrators, (the) school social worker and psychologists are involved in student-parent meetings, as well," Lewis-Lakin said.

Dayle Wright, president of the Chelsea Board of Education, said fighting discrimination is always going to be a "work in progress," and not just in schools.

"One of the challenges I see is people learning more about what this behavior can do to other people —

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CHELSEA SCHOOLS

Schools have mixed feelings on legislation

State Senate, House work on
plan for graduation requirements

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

New legislation in Michigan would add a number of requirements for seniors graduating from high school.

The Michigan Senate approved legislation March 16 to create rigorous statewide high-school graduation

requirements.

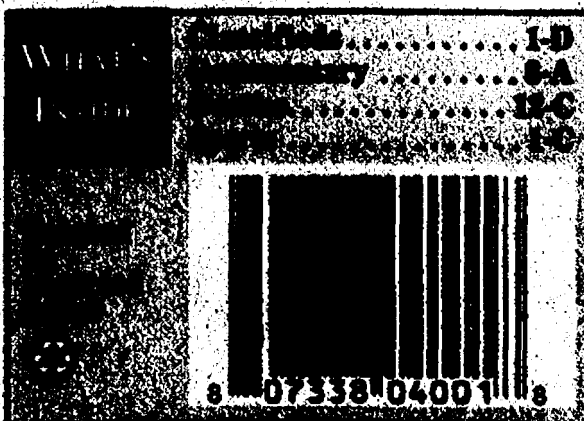
"The skills and training that will enable our young people to be competitive in today's economy have to be required teaching in our high schools," Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, said in a press statement. "This legislation brings Michigan standards in line with those of other states and ensures that our high-school students receive a first-rate education."

State lawmakers began looking at the proposal after the state superintendent

and State Board of Education proposed graduation requirements beyond the half-year of civics class currently required.

Senate Bill 1124 will require students to take four years, or equivalent credit, of English and math; three years of science and social studies; and one year of an arts course. A health and physical education course also will be required, in addition to biology, geometry and Algebra I and II.

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BRIEFLY...

Library to present 'Poetry Roadshow' April 12: The Chelsea District Library will present "Poetry Roadshow" 6:30 p.m. April 12 at 500 Washington St. Poets of all ages are invited to bring their finished and unfinished poetry to get tips on taking it to the next level.

Workshop poets, including Doug Smith, Brad

Tompkins and high school slam poet Renuka Ponnaluri, also will read and perform their work. There is no registration and the event is free. Call 475-8732.

Job fair set for computer engineers: The Association for Women in Computing's Ann Arbor chapter will host a job fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 22 at the University of Michigan School of Information West Hall, 1085 South University St.,

in Ann Arbor. Representatives from several companies will be in attendance to meet job seekers. Registration is required at www.awc-aa.org/job-fair.

Nature Conservancy offering field trip: The Association for the Nature Conservancy is offering a fun-filled family field trip at its Nan Weston Nature Preserve at Sharon Hollow April 22 with Michigan State University professor Jim Harding.

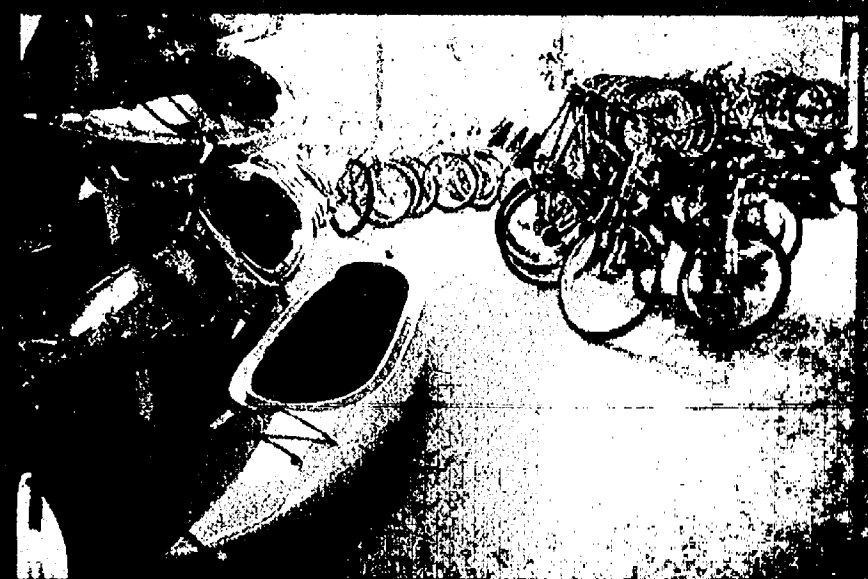
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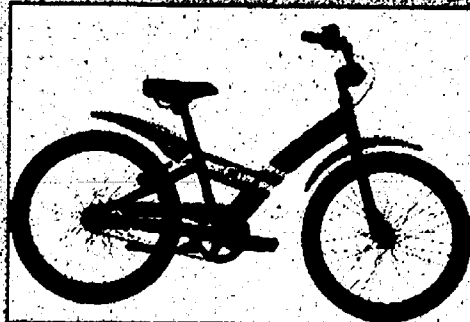
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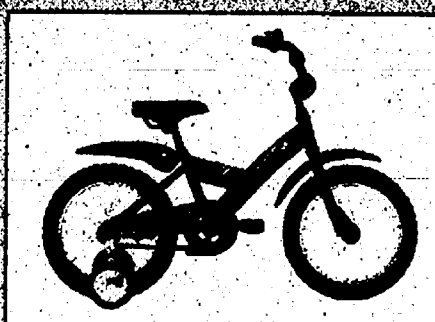
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CHELSEA

Fire Authority goes 24 hours

New staffing structure for fire department takes effect April 1

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

A new staffing structure at the Chelsea Area Fire Authority takes effect Saturday.

The Fire Authority will begin 24-hour staffing 7 a.m. April 1 as part of a new staffing structure and reorganization of the department.

Fire Chief James Payeur is looking forward to the changeover.

"The city will start to see immediate results because the response times will be cut pretty much in half," Payeur said, noting that the new system will streamline operations at the fire department.

The platoon-type system replaces the previous staffing structure with six full-time firefighter positions, including three captains, plus one part-time assistant chief. Under the current system, the fire department operates with two part-time assistant chiefs, six part-time officers and 37 on-call firefighters, as well as a full-time chief.

The new system divides the 37 on-call firefighters into three platoons, with one firefighter and a captain assigned to each platoon. The full-time personnel will be responsible for responding to emergency fire and medical calls, as well as maintenance of the facility and equipment.

The restructuring included the elimination of the part-time officer and part-time assistant chief positions. Those positions were held by

Matt Tuttle, Jim Boritzki, Matt Gaken, Keith O'Neil, Ken Cobb, Ken Bauer, William Paul and Steve Jaskot.

As part of the restructuring, Payeur interviewed only internal candidates for the full-time positions. Tuttle, Boritzki and Gaken were each hired as captains. Full-time firefighters hired under the new structure are Derek Klink, Augustine Syrov and Sam Norton. Bill Paul was hired as part-time assistant chief.

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority serves five municipalities and approximately 20,000 residents in a 120-square-mile area.

The Chelsea Area Fire Board approved the change Jan. 31.

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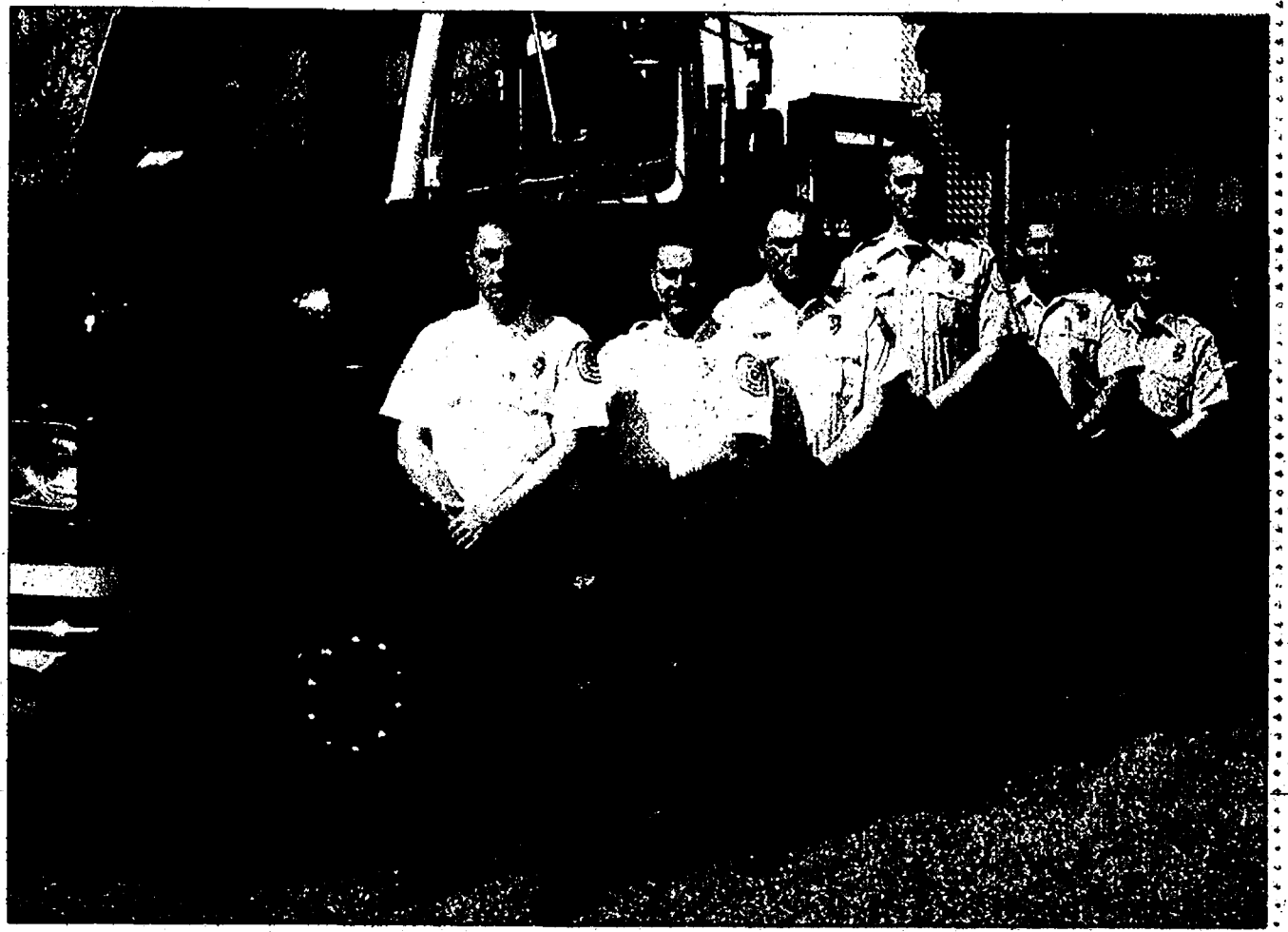


Photo by Jennifer McArdle

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority is going to 24-hour staffing starting 7 a.m. Saturday. Under the new system, three platoons will man the fire department in 24-hour shifts. A captain and a firefighter will be in house to respond to calls and perform routine maintenance at the fire hall. The rest of the platoon of firefighters will be on-call during their respective shifts. Firefighters include Matt Tuttle (left), Jim Boritzki, Matt Gaken, Derek Klink, Augustine Syrov and Sam Norton.

WORK

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"I have fought hard for improvements to Washtenaw County roads," Byrnes said in a press statement. "Many people in our area commute, and their safety is of the utmost importance. Improving our roads is a key component in improving not only our transportation system, but our economic development and quality of life."

Lyndon Township Supervisor Mary Ann Noah said the intersection has been an issue for many years.

"It certainly has been a longstanding problem. It's a concern for many township residents and it's just very, very dangerous," she said.

Approximately five years ago, Noah said, the township,

school district and officials from surrounding areas sent a petition to the Michigan Department of Transportation asking for improvements to the intersection. They were denied.

Noah attributed the success in finally moving the project forward to Byrnes, a supporter of improvements to the intersection.

"We worked hard during my tenure to try to ease the problem of congestion that exists throughout the county," said Byrnes, who spent four years serving on the Washtenaw County Road Commission. "The fact that this project does that makes it a huge benefit to the community."

Noah said the intersection has several problems that make it a safety concern. High traffic speed on M-52

combined with increased traffic during rush hour make it difficult for travelers on Werkner Road to turn onto M-52.

"People are taking chances," Noah said, noting drivers get frustrated with the wait and attempt to make turns into the heavy traffic.

Another issue is the angle of the intersection. The two roads do not meet at a 90-degree angle, making it difficult for drivers to see oncoming traffic.

"You really have to get out into the intersection and

crank your head around to see," Noah said.

Noah is pleased to see improvements finally will be made to the intersection.

"I feel just elated. I think this is a great victory for all the people that use that intersection," she said.

Byrnes also has asked MDOT for a traffic light upgrade at the intersection.

Once construction is complete, MDOT and the Washtenaw County Road Commission are expected to continue monitoring traffic patterns at the intersection.

ACCIDENT

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was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital and initially listed in critical condition. He was expected to be released from the hospital Monday, said Trooper Steve Temelko of the Michigan State Police Sylvan Township Outpost.

The area has been the site of several other serious accidents. Four fatalities on eastbound I-94 near Chelsea were reported in the first half of 2004. The accidents resulted in a federal investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board that same year.

The stretch of eastbound I-94 was closed for about six hours until noon Saturday while police investigated the scene. Traffic was rerouted,

and vehicles were forced off at the Pierce Road exit and allowed to re-enter the freeway at the Pierce Road on-ramp.

Investigators have not determined what caused Covarrubias to lose control of the vehicle.

The incident remains under investigation.

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A photo in the March 16 edition titled "Providing Insight" on page 11-A should have identified Asha Vadlamudi. In addition, Anjali Vadlamudi's name was misspelled.

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— April 26 —
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CHELSEA

Group holds protest

Chelsea peace activists demonstrate war on its third anniversary

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Approximately 40 area residents participated in a Chelsea Area Network of Peace Activists and Supporters demonstration against the war in Iraq on the third anniversary of the war March 19.

The group, which was started in late 2002 when President George W. Bush was threatening to invade Iraq, holds demonstrations of the war every Sunday in Chelsea.

"We had our first demonstration in front of the Chelsea Post Office on Jan. 1, 2003, and we've had a demonstration every Sunday since then," said John Gourlay, a regular demonstrator with CANOPAS.

John Rayer of Grass Lake got involved with the peace

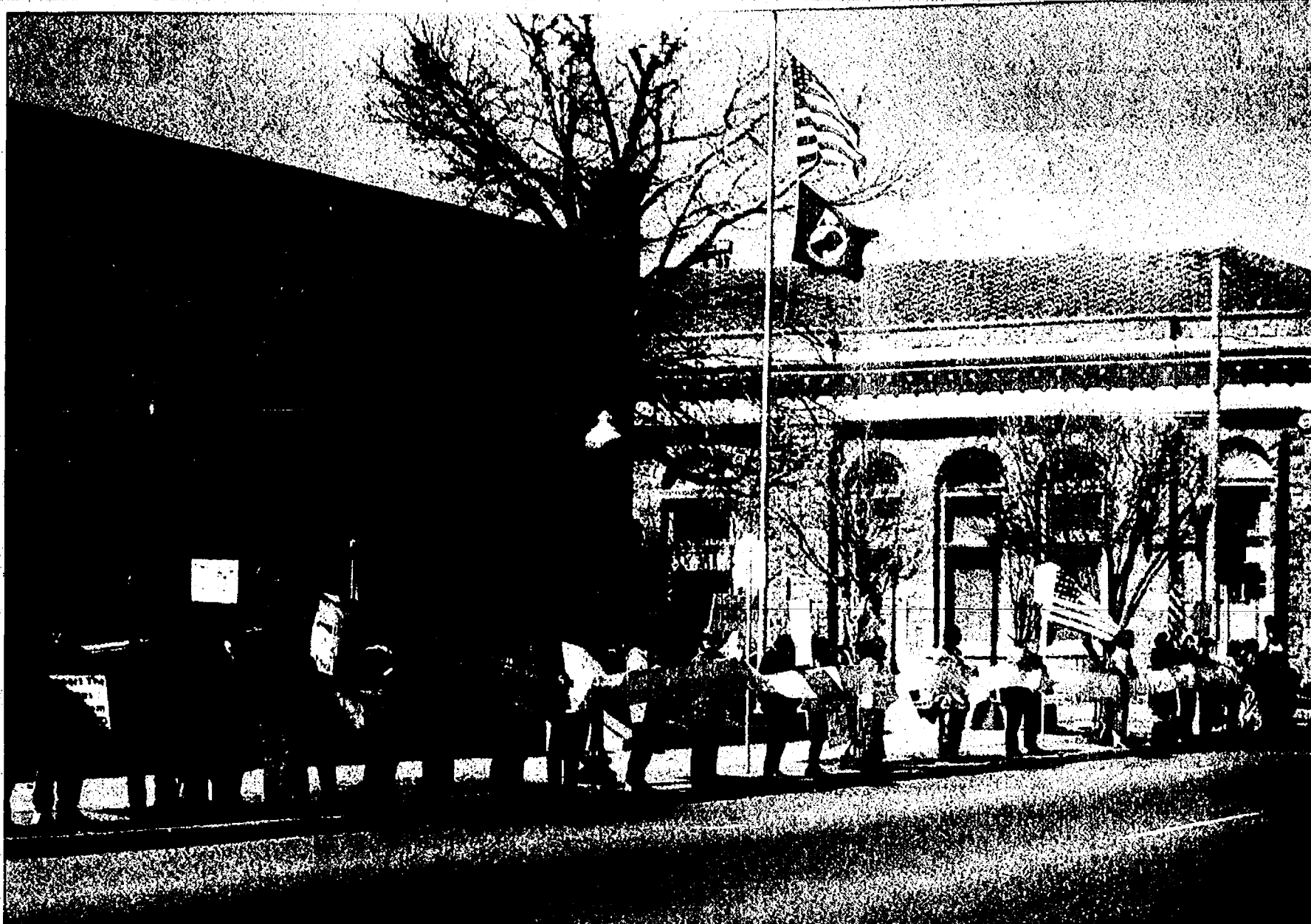
group on the first Sunday after the war started. He said the support of the war has changed significantly in the past three years.

"I was surprised at the change in attitude of the public," Rayer said. "The first six months we took a lot of heat. What I witnessed last Sunday fits in pretty well with national polls I have seen recently. The majority of the public is not happy with the way things are going in Iraq."

Rayer said although CANOPAS is against the war, the group supports the troops.

"There are differing opinions in CANOPAS about violence and its use, but one thing we all agree on is our whole-hearted support for the soldiers the have been asked to do the dirty work," Rayer said. "We want every one of them to come home whole, physically and mentally."

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FEELINGS

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The Michigan House of Representatives has offered an alternative graduation requirement proposal. One difference between the two plans is that the Senate backed a two-year foreign language requirement that could be fulfilled anytime between kindergarten and graduation.

But administrators at Chelsea School District have concerns about the graduation requirements. Shawn Lewis-Lakin, executive director of student performance at Chelsea schools, presented a written statement to legislators during one of the public hearings, explaining the district's stance on the proposed graduation requirements.

"The Chelsea School District has and will continue to examine and improve the educational program we offer to all students," Lewis-Lakin said in the statement. "As a part of this overall commitment to improvement, we have and will continue to examine our high school programs with respect to the rigor, relevance and relationships they provide for students."

Lewis-Lakin cited two concerns that local administrators have regarding the state's proposed graduation requirements, including the content to be covered in the required classes and the number of required credits.

"Defining the content to be covered in the high school content areas,

through the articulation of clear expectations in each subject area, is a critical first step that needs to be completed before graduation requirements are established. Teachers and students need to know the content of the learning for which they will be held accountable," Lewis-Lakin said.

Lewis-Lakin said the State Board of Education has not taken final action on the high school English language arts or mathematics content expectations, and K-12 content expectations for social studies have not been completed, either.

"To require that students earn credit in content areas, without defining the content to be covered in those areas, is, at best, a hollow act," he said, noting that content expectations in each subject area need to be defined.

In terms of credits, Lewis-

Lakin noted that high schools throughout Michigan measure student progress by the number of credits earned toward graduation, but credits vary among school districts. A credit at one school may not equal a credit at another school.

"Since we have been a local-control state, and local school districts have been allowed to design high school credits to meet the needs of their students, there is not a common understanding across our state regarding what a credit represents," Lewis-Lakin said.

"State high school graduation requirements that specify a required number of credits for subject areas, without recognizing differences in how local districts organize high school instruction, will create more confusion than clarity."

"A state graduation

requirement that names required numbers of credits needs to have a system to account for differences in the value of credits as defined by local districts."

Dayle Wright, president of the Chelsea Board of Education, said the district already has graduation requirements above and beyond the state-required civics course.

"We have always had a certain number of requirements for graduation, not just a civics course," she said. "We've always had very high standards and a lot of our students exceed those expectations."

But Wright also expressed concern regarding the new legislation, saying she hopes the district will have time to implement the changes in curriculum before the legislation goes into effect.

Dexter school board mem-

bers have similar concerns about the legislation.

"I think it's important to have standards. One of the issues we have is that the standards keep changing so often," said Larry Cobler, president of the Dexter Board of Education.

Cobler said the proposed start date of the new requirements, according to the House proposal, are "not realistic" in allowing schools and students time to prepare. He noted that students already are choosing courses for the coming year, and a start date of a year later would be much more realistic.

The varying needs of students, Cobler said, also need to be taken into consideration.

"We, as much as possible, need to leave it up to local school boards to tailor requirements to their specif-

ic needs," he said.

Evelynn Shirk, superintendent at Dexter Community Schools, said the district already strives to provide a solid program to students.

"I think Dexter had a rigorous program and that needs to be recognized. Could Dexter be more rigorous? I think so," Shirk said.

"We're just waiting for it to be finalized before we make any plans," she said.

Lawmakers have been working out the differences between the Senate and House versions.

The Senate's proposed graduation requirements are expected to take effect for the graduating class of 2011.

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CHELSEA

Community celebrates National Library Week

Friend, volunteer of the year awards to be presented

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

The date April 15 is usually circled in red on the calendar as the annual income tax deadline.

But for Friends of the Chelsea District Library, it's a day to celebrate with an open house, and announce the Allyn Seitz and the Ben and Mary Lou Bower awards, formerly known as the Friend and Volunteer of the Year awards.

The open house is set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 500 Washington St., in Chelsea, and follows on the heels of National Library Week, April 3 through 8. An award ceremony gets under way at noon.

"The library finds itself with an (abundance) of riches this year,"

said Volunteer Services Coordinator Marie Brooks. "So many volunteers performing a wide array of tasks. It was really very difficult for the staff to choose only one to honor with the Ben and Mary Lou Bower Award."

The Friends of the District Library started "Love Your Library Week," which later became National Library Week, to create awareness of the local library and facilitate the possibility of a new building. The awards were part of that effort, named for those who had done so much for the library.

Allyn Seitz was first president of the Friends. "She was the Friends," said former Friends president Mary Green. "She did it all by herself. She single-handedly raised money for the library. Hardly anyone knew that."

The Ben and Mary Lou Bower Award is named for local residents who played a large part in the library's fund-raising book sales.

"Mary Lou was the library's story-time lady for years and also taught kindergarten in Chelsea for many years. Ben was a wonderful artist, who painted the history of Chelsea schools that are now on display in the school board room. They were extremely beloved," said Shawn Personke, the library's community relations and development coordinator.

Green remembers how Ben Bower would want to come and help sort books.

"But before long, he'd be going around looking for Readers Digest books to save to pass out in the fair parade," she said. "So they did put them on the library float in the parade and passed them out. Guess what would show up the next day? All these Readers Digest books would come right back to the book sale donation boxes."

Shirley Burg was last year's recipient of the award named in the Bower's honor.

"The library's such a nice setting to volunteer. I wouldn't want to volunteer anywhere else," she said. "The staff is so friendly and all the volunteers seem so happy to be there, too."

"Libraries are just really great places. It's great that young people can gather and come to great programs."

A piano, purchased and donated to the library by the Friends, will be dedicated during the awards ceremony, and a program of jazz and classical piano music will feature Glenn Persello-Seefeld and other local talent.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends and served by the Chelsea Women's Club.

The open house follows National Library Week celebrations April 3 through 8 at the local library.

"I love National Library Week," Personke said. "It's just a great chance to say thank you to our patrons and celebrate the impor-

tant role libraries play in a community."

"Last year, our youth and teen services librarian, Karen Persello, put together a fun little program where people could write down what they loved about their library. The notes were so fun to read."

The notes included a senior citizen's appreciation of the large-print books and books on tape; a local student who enjoyed using the library's computers to access the Internet for homework; and a patron who liked "the wonderful friendly staff, the spectrum of variety of books, music, video and DVD, and the cultural and community events."

The program — "I Love My Library Because..." — is offered again this year, with brainteaser bookmarks, candies and other little treats as giveaways.

Another fun activity with free prizes is "Match Game," matching staff members with photos of their pets.

DIVERSITY

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what kind of effect it has," Wright said, noting that the school board has added to its goals this year the goal of maintaining a safe and positive school climate for students.

A number of student-initiated events, supported by school staff, are helping to promote acceptance of diversity within the district.

"While the CHS Diversity Club has, as its primary focus, the affirmation and celebration of diversity, other groups, including Young Progressives, SADD, Interact, Key Club and Student Council, all address issues of school climate and culture," Lewis-Lakin said.

Chelsea High School students have attended Leadership in the New Century program. LINC is the National Conference for Community and Justice comprehensive series of diversity education programs designed to empower school leaders to create school communities where everyone feels safe, respected and included.

Participation in the program, with support from the local One World One Family advocacy group, is a major focus of the Chelsea High School Diversity Club. The club was formed with the support of the school principal, Ron Mead, and mathematics teacher Karen Kurcz.

"My daughter, Ann, formed the Diversity Club, and she has said on many occasions that Mr. Mead and Ms. Kurcz's support and guidance were instrumental in establishing the club as an active voice at the high school," Flint said.

"They've made themselves visible. Kids have had to at least recognize that there are students who are concerned about diversity," Mead said.

Kurcz, who serves as adviser to the diversity club, said the group has come a long way in its first year.

"Though this is just our first year of activity, I feel that what these students have accomplished is quite substantial. Through their actions, they have heightened awareness and helped provoke some thought in others," she said.

"Without them, nothing related to these activities may have been done in our school, and things may have remained status quo. I think, just as with any new institution, the impact of what the diversity club has done (and can do) remains to be seen."

"This year, I believe, the kids have nicely laid the foundation for the future. We are hoping, as the club grows in membership and innovation, the effects of what we bring to CHS will be stronger every year."

But Flint believes more can still be done at the

schools.

"I believe that the school board could take more steps to confront discrimination. Tolerance.org has a wealth of suggestions for schools to promote tolerance among students. I would like to see the school board incorporate these suggestions on a regular basis at all of the schools," Flint said.

Part of the problem is that some discrimination is silently embedded in many systems that children are involved in at school. Registration materials and other forms within the district do not meet the needs of multi-ethnic students, said Flint, who has three adopted children who are bi-racial.

Flint noted the kindergarten registration materials she recently received for her daughter as an example. She said the ethnic information category allows a parent to indicate whether a child is multi-racial, but once that option is chosen, the parent then must select a "primary" racial ethnic choice and a "second" choice.

"While this may be appropriate for multi-racial chil-

dren who have one predominant ethnic background, it's not a solution for bi-racial children. Because my three adopted children are one-half African-American and one-half Caucasian or Hispanic, I continue to be unable to complete the ethnic identification section," she said. "I wrote on my daughter's form that there is no 'primary' choice due to my child being equal parts of each race."

Lewis-Lakin said the district enrollment forms and other district forms do have provisions for students to indicate an identification with more than one ethnic group, but there are some limitations.

"In collecting such demographic information, we must conform to all state and federal regulations and are thus limited in our ability to be fully sensitive to the complexities of identity," he said.

But is there anything more the district can do to prevent discrimination and promote diversity?

"When any child experi-

ences an environment that hinders his or her academic growth — when we fail in fulfilling our vision of 'achieving educational goals, one student at a time' — this is a

question we ask ourselves," Lewis-Lakin said.

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CHELSEA

Science comes to life

Chelsea residents participate in Science and Math Jamboree

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Science is coming to life for area eighth-graders March 30 and 31 at Pfizer's annual Science and Math Jamboree thanks, in part, to two Chelsea residents and Pfizer scientists.

Erin Brzezinski and Kathleen Farley will be volunteering their time to show approximately 2,000 eighth-graders from Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti schools how much fun science can be.

Brzezinski plans to volunteer her time all day March 30 to help enrich the knowledge of the area's future scientists.

During SAM JAM's afternoon session March 30, Farley will demonstrate various crystallization methods to the students.

She said she loves sharing science with local youth.

"I was a science teacher in my former life."

I've gotten more interested in science and chemistry research, but I've always enjoyed teaching," said Farley, who has lived in Chelsea for the past three years.

Farley holds a master's degree in chemistry. Her work is concentrated on Pfizer's Discovery Chemistry ventures.

She believes youth offer a unique perspective on science.

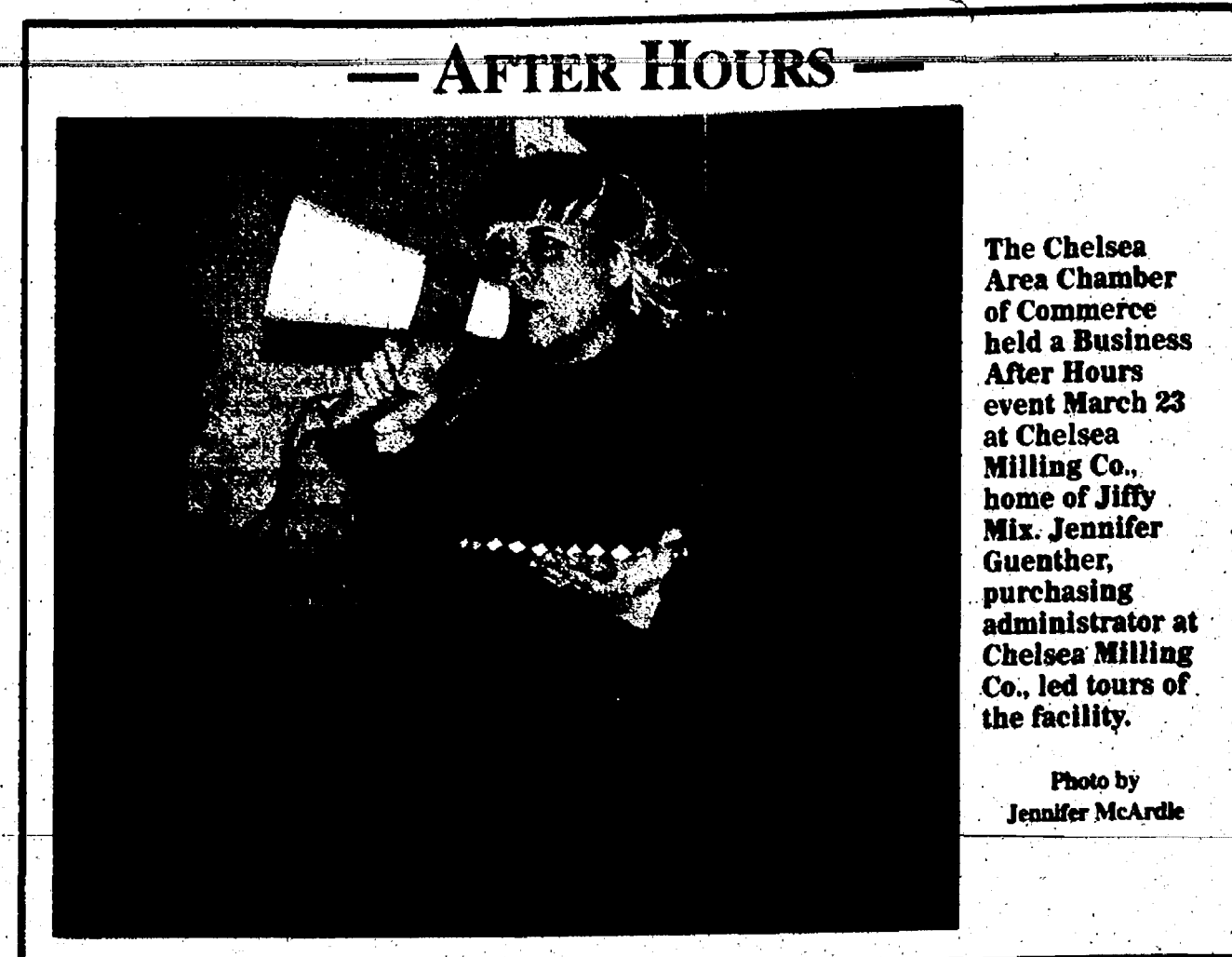
"You never know what they're going to say. It gives me a new way to think about science," she said.

Her crystallization demonstration will offer students an opportunity to get some hands-on experience, as well.

Brzezinski is a senior scientist of proteomics at Pfizer. She is a Chelsea High School graduate who holds a bachelor's degree in biochemistry.

She began her work with Pfizer as an intern during her senior year at Chelsea High School and she continued spending her summers working there while in college.

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The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours event March 23 at Chelsea Milling Co., home of Jiffy Mix. Jennifer Guenther, purchasing administrator at Chelsea Milling Co., led tours of the facility.

Photo by Jennifer McArdle

CHELSEA

Book store to show films

Cranesbill Books, The Tamarack Greens and Chelsea Film Society will sponsor two acclaimed films, free of charge, in April and May.

"The End of Suburbia" will be shown 7 p.m. April 28 and "Going Local" is set for 7 p.m. May 12 at Cranesbill Books in downtown Chelsea.

"The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of The American Dream"

has garnered favorable reviews from viewers across the political spectrum, and recently won the New York Festival's Bronze World Metal.

"Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities In A Global Age" is based on the 1998 acclaimed book by Michael Schuman. It examines some innovative solutions formulated by communities who implemented

effective and less than effective responses to current problems associated with urbanization, sprawl, globalization and changing economies.

Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served. A discussion may follow.

Cranesbill Books is located at 108 E. Middle St. in downtown Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2665.

CHELSEA

Richardson on Who's Who

Former Chelsea resident Audrey Richardson, a biology major at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., has been named to the 2005-06 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Richardson was among 29 Olivet students elected by university faculty and students.

The university's selection process was based on academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, leadership potential and "Christian witness," according to a press release from the university.

While at Olivet, Richardson, the daughter of Ed and Myra Richardson, has been a member of the Associated Student Council since 2002 and is the vice president of the senior class.

In addition, she has been involved with Disciples, orchestra, intramurals, and Lifesong, and she went on a mission trip to Guyana in 2004.

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THREAT

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ment were on site for a majority of the school day assisting with our investigation. This alone caused many rumors among students."

Ingall said in the letter that Chelsea School District staff and Chelsea police officers did not feel it was necessary to "lock down" or close Beach Middle School.

"Again, our school was monitored closely, with additional district administrative and police supervision, to ensure student and staff safety," the letter stated.

Superintendent Dave Killips said there is no specific policy in the school district for addressing incidents such as last week's threat.

"There is no specific policy as each emergency situation has its own specifics," he said.

Ingall informed Killips of the situation at approximately 8:30 a.m., and the school district immediately contacted the Chelsea Police Department.

Killips did say that the district is reviewing video footage from the school's surveillance camera system. He did not say whether the footage caught anyone in the act of putting the note on the teacher's desk.

"While we regret that this incident occurred, I want to assure you that we are working hard to continue to keep our school safe," Ingall said in the letter.

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CHELSEA

Sounds and Sights auditions set

The organizing committee for Chelsea's Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights music series will hold open auditions for interested musicians and street entertainers from 3 to 9 p.m. April 24 at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

There are more than 70 paying spots to be filled this season. The audition is open to local musicians and singers representing any music style, as well as street performers and entertainers.

Entering its third season, Sounds and Sights has grown from a single performance each Thursday night in 2004 to as many as 12 performances each Thursday this year, including entertainment for kids and food vendors.

Last year, scores of visitors strolled through downtown Chelsea each Thursday night.

This year's event kicks off June 20 and runs through Sept. 7. Staged areas will be set up around downtown to accommodate the performances. In addition,

there will be a horse-drawn carriage complete with docent and historical home tours, as well as jugglers, magicians, fire-eaters and balloon artists.

"We're hoping for a big turnout of talent for the auditions again this year," co-organizer Craig Common, owner of the Common Grill, said in a press statement.

"There was such a great response from both visitors and performers last year that we expect to see many new faces try out. It's sort of a local version of American Idol."

New this year to Sounds and Sights is a juried, outdoor Art Market from 5 to 9 p.m. The market will be located in the Clocktower parking lot off Main Street. Local artists will offer a variety of wares, including painting, jewelry, photography and sculpture.

Marsi Darwin of West of the Moon Gallery in downtown Chelsea will coordinate the market. Interested artists may submit photos of their work for judging via e-mail to marsi@westmoon-

gallery.com.

Jurors representing local galleries and artists groups will judge the work. As many as 40 artists or more are expected to participate.

"Everyone's thrilled to have the Art Market added to the sights part of the evening this year," Common said. "We have such a strong collection of talented artists in this area."

An informal gathering of selected artists also will take place 3 p.m. April 24 in the former Dayspring Gifts space on Main Street in downtown Chelsea.

The pool of judges will have a celebrity flare this year with special guest appearances by such noted music icons as Martin Bandyke, who recently joined WKQL 107.1 radio in Ann Arbor. Each entrant will have three to five minutes to perform.

For more information, call the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce at 475-1145 or visit the Web site www.chelseafestivals.com.

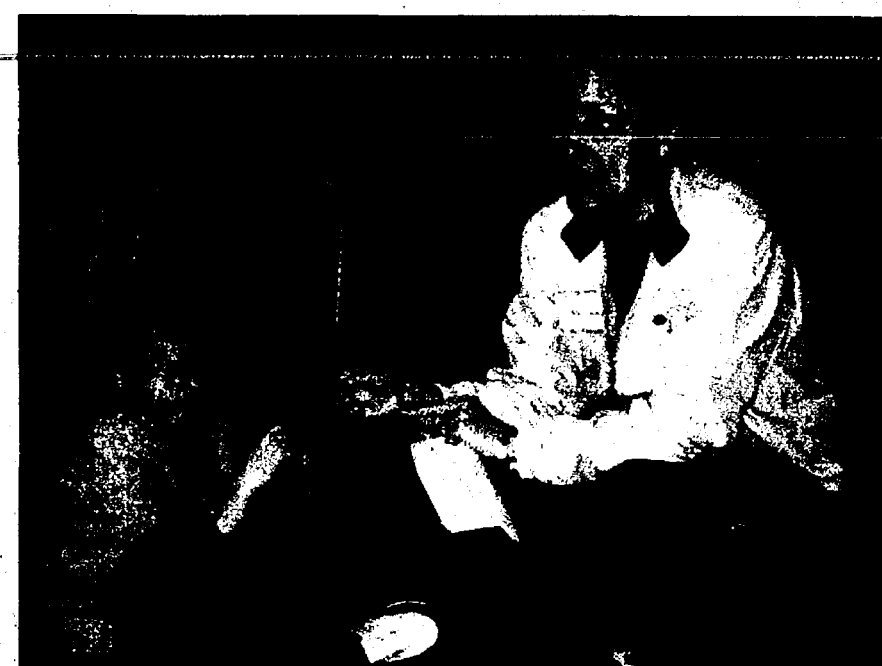


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Healthy Families

Michael Purdy listens as Peg Bravo of Chelsea Community Hospital instructs him on how to measure his heart rate before exercise March 21 as part of the "Move Forward! Families Get Healthy Together" night at Pierce Lake Elementary School. Youngsters took part in activities in the gymnasium while parents attended a session explaining the program and giving them tips on how they can help at home. Then everyone gathered in the cafeteria to make a healthy snack together using fresh fruits and veggies.

CHAPTER 30

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OTHER VOICES

Germophobia becoming big business for some

It all happened about 10 years ago. Working at a CVS Pharmacy was my introduction to the "job world." It was the typical after-school, part-time, minimum-wage gig teens need to understand the meaning of paychecks, per capita tax and managing a personal budget.

It was also where I suffered one of the most traumatic experiences of my life.

A customer approached the counter to buy a pack of sour apple Jolly Ranchers. (Yes, it's so burned into my memory that I remember the exact purchase).

"All right, that's 89 cents," I said, totally unaware of what would happen next.

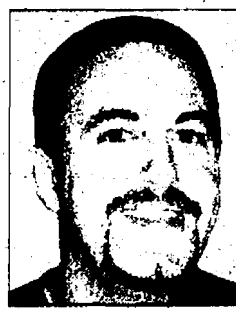
He propped his leg up on the counter, rolled up his pants on one side, pulled down his white soiled tube sock and, very calmly, removed a wad of dollar bills. One of them rolled my way. I stared at this dollar as though it was a used diaper.

Frozen in time, I grabbed it — wet with sweat, his sweat, sweat from inside his sock. (This is making me slightly nauseous just to type.) I reluctantly gave him the 11 cents change and, because it was my job, wished him a good day.

Inside, with a whirlwind of something brewing in my stomach, I hoped he choked on those candies. Not really, of course. It wasn't me thinking that — it was the beginning of my journey through Germophobia.

Since then, it has been a bumpy, paranoid ride. Not as much for me as for those around me. They're the ones who must deal with the annoying flics and constant pumping of hand sanitizers. Many have compared me to "Monk" — Tony Shaloub's neurotic but lovable character on the TV show of the same name.

I'm not quite as OC (obsessive-compulsive) as Monk, but as far as staying clear of touching the wrong things, I can wholeheartedly relate. I hate touching money, especially coins. I will not use someone else's cell phone or let them use mine. Don't like grabbing door handles. (Electric-eye doors are a beautiful invention.) Will not share food. You cannot have a bite or a spoonful. Even if it's a new spoon.



CHRIS BARNES

Stay away from my computer, especially the mouse and keyboard. If you're sick, keep your distance. Don't cough up a quart of mucus, then want to shake my hand. Just wave at me and we'll call it even. Birthday cakes — why would I want to eat something you just blew all your germs over? Hold the candle in your hand, blow it out safely, and then serve the cake.

Imagine living with me.

USA Today recently reported that many products are now being manufactured specifically for clean-aholics like me. Especially for traveling since we have to sit on airplane seats, use public restrooms and sleep in motels that probably have new species of microscopic bugs not even discovered yet.

Among the Monk-ish offerings — face masks (not just for surgeons and carpenters anymore), disposable booties, seat covers (for planes, trains and automobiles), personal air purifiers and even a portable bidet (available in pink or blue).

Worldwide companies are realizing the ever-growing market of germophobes, but studies conclude our problems are more mental than anything else.

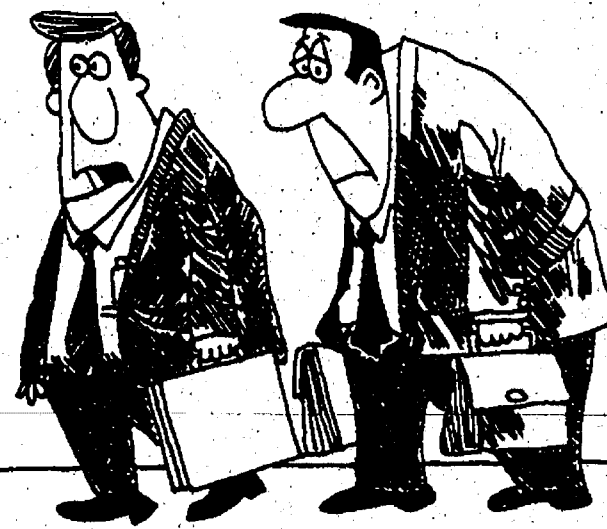
"Medical experts say many of these products are more effective in quelling the psychological 'ick' factor than in preventing disease," USA Today reported. "In fact, the best protection against illness is also the simplest and least costly: frequent hand washing."

I think a personal portable bidet might be going a little far, but if the price came down a little bit... The germophobes are a growing breed. We're not necessarily proud, but not ashamed, either.

That CVS customer has no idea how his little transaction turned me inside-out. But seriously, a wallet isn't expensive. A sock? On a hot day?! I need a shower.

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OTHER VOICES

We should all strive toward inner peace

I write this from Fairfield, Iowa. Let me tell you, it's flat out here. Spacious. And quiet. When I got up at 6 a.m. to run, the town dogs woke up with me. As I jogged across town, the dogs passed their message from neighborhood to neighborhood: "Here he comes! Bark, bark!" They cooperated in kind of a neural network of canines.

I'm here for a conference on physics, filmmaking, music and creativity. And to meet some famous people, in particular, a favorite filmmaker of mine.

I spent time with David Lynch, one of the great American film directors. His movies are striking. They are lush with texture and saturation. They are filled with troubling, dark images; acts of malevolence and evil; and moments of great beauty and peace.

Lynch, this maker of dark, often violent films, is a gentle, candid man of extraordinary kindness, common sense, intelligence and, mostly, inner peace.

I attended lectures by theoretical physicist John Hagelin, who has postulated a Grand Unified Field Theory, as Einstein predicted, that would describe the entire universe, including disparate forces like the strong and weak nuclear forces, magnetism and gravity.

Although I don't subscribe to all of his political ideas, I found Hagelin to be classically dry, academic, skeptical and articulate. Above all, he is a man of extraordinary imagination, vision, optimism, hope and, mostly, inner peace.

I enjoyed music from Donovan Leitch. Yes, that Donovan: The Hurdy Gurdy

man who in 1967, along with George Harrison, rejected drugs for meditation. Still very popular in Europe, Donovan has released a dozen albums since his popularity peaked in the United States. It should not surprise you that

Donovan is a man of inner peace, and his songs continue to reflect that.

Some 800 attendees sat



ROY SCHMIDT

patiently, listened attentively and applauded enthusiastically as Lynch, Hagelin and Leitch spoke about such diverse topics as creativity and consciousness; quantum physics and superstring theory; brain wave syn-

chrony during meditation (complete with a live demonstration); creating stress-free schools; treating

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Family's story should spark town dialogue

I am writing in response to the racial insult experienced by the Romeros, a new family in our community ("Facing Prejudice: A family's brush with racism in Chelsea," March 23 Chelsea Standard).

There are those of us who might be tempted to respond that this was just an isolated incident and not the "real Chelsea." Even if it had been isolated, it was a real experience that happened to real people in our community.

However, it's not isolated. There have been several incidents in the past several years that have come to light. And how about the ones we have not heard about? How do we learn about the day-to-day experiences of people who are assumed by some to be different because of the way they look? Many of us have the privilege of blissful ignorance.

The One World One Family group sponsored an essay contest last year that provided a comfortable forum for a young man to relate his experiences with racism in his elementary school.

The courage of the Romero family to share their experience is a gift to our community to open conversations with others. Just the other day, in a conversation about the incident with a friend, who is a person of color, I found that he had a similar experience on the streets of Chelsea.

These conversations have the potential to help us face the situation and admit we have a problem. Only then can we work to create the kind of community where diverse neighbors will be welcome.

This kind of response will make us worthy of the Romero's optimism and faith in people.

Susan Morse
Lyndon Township

Article reminds us to be more respectful

It's disconcerting to read the article about prejudice in our community ("Facing Prejudice: A family's brush with racism in Chelsea," March 23 Chelsea Standard).

We all must face some level of prejudice in our thoughts and feelings, but it's doubly disturbing when we hear that people in our midst have been hurt by the actions of some of us.

Thank you, reporter Jennifer McArdle, through your article, for reminding us that we need to be ever diligent in treating all people with respect and dignity.

Surely we want to be welcoming to all people and to appreciate the richness that diversity brings to our community.

Lynn Meadows
Lyndon Township
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STREET TALK

By Jennifer Sinkwitz

What is your favorite item in your Easter basket?



"The chocolate bunny."

Olivia Clark
Chelsea



"Decorated eggs because it's a symbol of rebirth."

Fred Hawley
Chelsea



"The yellow Peeps."

Danielle Smith
Dexter Township



"I love the Cadbury Eggs."

Megan Wild
Dexter Township

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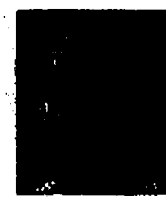
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Parents should watch their kids at the park

Spring is almost here and one of our favorite things to do as a family is spend time at Pierce Park. My children love playing there, the equipment is great, there's lots of space to run and on really hot days we can walk next door and get ice cream. However, I've had a few recent experiences there that haven't been so pleasant.

A few times last summer and once this year, I've been at the park with my children when another parent has driven up, parked in the parking lot and let his or her children out to play without bothering to leave the car to supervise them.

I'm not talking about older children. One incident last year involved a child who couldn't have been much more than 2 years old. He was struggling on the play equipment while his father sat in the car on his cell phone.

Most recently, a few weeks

ago during one of our warm spells, a woman pulled up and let her two sons out, who told me they were 5 and 6, while she sat in the car reading a book. These boys wandered well out of her sight over by the merry-go-round and walked right up to the drive into the hospital. It was up to me and the other parent I was with to call the children away from the road. I was disgusted.

I know that you can get arrested for negligence if you leave your child in the car unsupervised. I don't know if you can get in trouble for let-

ting them out of the car unsupervised, but I intend to find out.

This is really a plea to all parents who use the local parks to supervise their own children. Make the extra effort to leave your car and read your book or talk on the phone at a park bench close to your children.

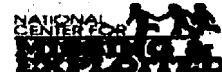
I would never let harm come to any child if I could help it, but I would also never leave my child's safety and well being to a total stranger at the park.

Susanne Vanden Bosch
Chelsea

MUSM: miss you so much
BF: boyfriend
OLL: online love
POS: parent over shoulder
WTGP: want to go private?
LMIRL: let's meet in real life
HDOP: help delete online predators

1 in 5 children is sexually solicited online.

You don't know what your kids are saying online. Or who they are saying it to. A lot of times neither do they. So get involved. To protect your kid's online life or report an incident, call 1-800-THE LOST or visit cybertipline.com.



HDOP: help delete online predators

PEACE

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Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder without drugs; and, most compelling to me, the science of peace.

Being a natural skeptic myself, I brought my conspiracy-theorist cloak along to the lectures. I kept wondering what was in this for them? Why take away a long weekend to speak to us on these topics?

Lynch's time would be better spent at home working on his new movie, "Inland Empire." Maybe Hagelin would be pushing his books or the DVD version of his movie, "What the Bleep." Certainly Donovan would have a table in the lobby loaded down with signed copies of his new boxed set for sale, right? Or the conference hosts - the Maharishi University of Management - would be pushing Transcendental Meditation on all of us, at \$2,500 a pop.

I was certain someone would eventually ask me for a donation, make me kneel and say, "Jai Guru Dev," or pressure me to sign up for some sort of time share in Iowa.

But I didn't find it. No one was selling anything. I didn't even have to give my e-mail address and phone number.

The conference ended up being completely about these three great figures, telling us how the simple habit of daily

meditation has changed their lives, not only by reducing stress, but by incredibly enhancing their creativity, making their endeavors successful, and improving their focus and ability to think, come up with new ideas and see them through to fruition.

Their goal was only to help the rest of us, and to make us think about what's possible in this world - peace, personal satisfaction (OK, "bliss"), cooperation among ourselves, enhanced spirituality within our own religions (and cooperation between them) and, ultimately, peace through a reduction in aggression and worldwide violence.

Without becoming a cultist, without losing yourself to a political left or right ideology, without getting a doctorate in physics, you can start now, simply by making a change within yourself. Pursue your own calmness, bliss, peace with your neighbors, emotional intimacy with your spouse, and prayer according to your beliefs. Feel free to consider learning to meditate.

If what I'm talking about is

way too off the wall, then you have a problem. You have everything to gain by listening to and considering new ideas. To walk a mile in another's shoes does not mean you have to keep them.

Lynch speaks with such conviction and candor. Compelling metaphors flow spontaneously from his mouth. Someone asked him about the polarization people are feeling nowadays, about how political or religious discussions always become confrontations, and all the parties are adversaries.

He said that when someone comes along and wants to argue with you, wants to shoot down your ideas, don't get defensive. First listen. Make friends.

"We should all be like puppies, our tails wagging," he said.

I'd like to try that. Roy Schmidt lives in Chelsea. He can be reached at genboxx@yahoo.com. Readers may contribute to Other Voices by contacting Editor Michelle Rogers at mrogers@heritage.com.

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Step into the Internet

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27

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Sign up for this 4-part introductory workshop that includes an overview, evaluation, and current issues. Registration.

6-11 Club: Earth Day!

Mon., April 10, 4-5 pm

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Poetry Roadshow

Wed., April 12, 6:30 - 8 pm

Hear poetry, bring poetry, get poetry tips at this workshop for all ages. No registration.

Medicare Part D: Where Do We Stand?

Monday, April 17, 10 am

The deadline to enroll in the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan is getting close - May 15. Mary-Elle Miller, a volunteer with the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program, will explain the program and the enrollment process and will answer questions. No registration.

Evening Storytime

Mondays

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Audrey Bloom, Kelly O'Keefe and Danielle Coleman helped collect food March 25 as part of the Scouting for Food event organized to help stock the food pantry at Faith In Action in Chelsea. At right, Emma Hergenreder also got into the helping spirit.

Photo by Rita Fischer



WASHTENAW COUNTY

Scholarships available

Scholarships are available for students considering Washtenaw Community College.

High school seniors across Washtenaw County may apply for two scholarships established especially for them.

The President's Honor Scholarship is awarded to outstanding in-district students who graduate from each public high school in Washtenaw County. A cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better on a 4.0 scale is required.

The scholarship pays full tuition for two consecutive semesters, plus a book allowance each semester.

The scholarship will be renewed the following year if the recipient maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA at WCC and completes at least 24 credit hours.

Scholarship recipients must enroll at the college for at least 12 credit hours. The application deadline is May 15.

The Procassini Honor Scholarship is awarded to one in-district student from each public high school in Washtenaw County. The scholarship is for one academic year and pays full tuition, plus a book allowance each semester. It's awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement and/or outstanding accomplishments in high school.

Scholarship recipients must enroll at WCC for at least 12 credit hours and the scholarship will be renewed the following year if the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the college and completes at least 24 credit hours.

To apply, students must submit:

- A statement of 250 words or fewer telling the selection committee why they want to attend Washtenaw Community College.

- At least one letter of recommendation.

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New center to explore obesity

As millions of Americans come to grips with their New Year's resolutions to lose weight, eat better or exercise more, the University of Michigan Medical School is launching a new center that may help explain why so many resolutions fail, while others succeed.

The new University of Michigan Metabolomics and Obesity Center will explore the science behind weight gain and loss, through molecular-level research on how the body breaks down food, and how metabolism varies among individuals.

It will bring together physicians and basic science researchers from across the U of M campus, and provide scientific tools to help them carry out experiments.

It also will help launch new research projects by granting seed funding, help train new scientists specializing in metabolic research, and enable scientific findings to be turned into practical information that can be used to help overweight and obese people.

Two-thirds of Americans, including an increasing number of children, are overweight or obese, setting the stage for obesity-related illnesses from diabetes and heart disease to stroke, cancer, and bone and joint problems.

"Obesity is a huge public health challenge, but also a major scientific challenge," Dr. Charles Burant, center director and U of M metabolism researcher, said in a press release.

"We still don't understand

why the same food intake can lead to weight gain in one person but not another, nor why diabetes develops in some overweight people but not others.

"We hope to accelerate progress in understanding weight gain, weight loss and metabolism at the most basic levels, and to help translate that understanding to clinical practice."

Burant, whose own laboratory research focuses on how the body processes sugars and fats, is an associate professor in the metabolism, endocrinology and diabetes division of the Department of Internal Medicine and in the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. He also has an appointment in the U of M Division of Kinesiology.

One of the center's priorities will be to explore the metabolome, the collection of small molecules created by the breakdown of food to be used or stored by the body.

Like the genome, which contains all the body's genes, and the proteome, the collection of all the proteins encoded by those genes, the metabolome can be catalogued and analyzed in a way that can yield scientifically useful information.

The center will allow scientists to measure metabolites in blood, tissue, cells and more, giving them the means to understand how those levels change in response to changing food and nutrient intake, and how that change varies from person to person.

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Helping Others

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NATION

Protect yourself from identity theft

E-mailing the grandkids, online banking and shopping are a positive result of technology and indeed make life more pleasant. But there are dangers posed by this information free-for-all.

Identity theft is defined as the use of your personal information — such as Social Security number, credit cards or bank account numbers — to fraudulently purchase just about any kind of good or service.

Related criminal activities range from making unauthorized cash withdrawals to using the victim's credit card to fraudulently purchase a new car, open credit card accounts, lease an apartment or even purchase insurance policies.

Identity theft is carried out in a number of ways. Perhaps the most traditional method is known as Dumpster diving, where a thief picks through garbage cans to find discarded bank or credit card statements or junk mail.

Many of today's thieves have upgraded their tricks to computer hacking to fraud rings. Several of the latest scams also involve false e-mails and Web sites urging the reader to provide them with personal account information in return for millions of tax-free dollars.

Regardless of the method, the results are almost always the same: bankruptcy or near bankruptcy, a damaged credit rating and countless hours spent tracing and correcting the paper trail left by an identity thief.

The good news is that thanks to government entities such as the FTC and non-

profit groups such as the National Insurance Crime Bureau, you can now reduce the hassle of reporting and fighting theft. For example, the FTC has recently introduced the ID Theft Affidavit, which simplifies the process for consumers who are contesting fraudulent debts and illegally opened accounts.

Instead of completing different forms, the affidavit can be used to alert companies where a new account was opened in your name. The company can then investigate the fraud and decide the outcome of your claim.

Most importantly, the best defense against ID theft begins with the individual. By being vigilant and following the tips offered by the NICB and FTC below, you can keep your good name and prevent your credit from falling into the wrong hands.

• Shred or tear up personal financial documents before discarding them.

• Do not print personal information such as your Social Security number, date of birth or driver's license number on your checks.

• Do not provide personal, financial or identifying information to an unknown telephone caller.

• Before revealing personal information to anyone (even family members), ask how it will be used.

• Use your Social Security number only when necessary.

• Before revealing any information online, ensure the Web site is securely protected (you should see a padlock icon when information is being sent).

• Obtain a copy of your

credit report at least once a year to check for errors.

• Minimize the number of credit cards and identifying information you carry. Leave your Social Security card and passport at home when possible.

If you are the victim of identity theft, contact the fraud hotlines of the three major credit bureaus:

• Equifax: 1-800-525-6285.

• Experian: 1-888-EXPER-1AN.

• Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289.

You can also obtain a copy of the ID Theft Affidavit form or file a complaint with the FTC by contacting the Identity Theft Hotline toll-free 1-877-438-4338 or visiting www.consumer.gov/idtheft.

DEXTER VILLAGE

Helping out

Dexter resident's efforts help CROP Walk raise funds for poverty relief

By Tim Perkins
Special Writer

"Well, if you need to give me a call back for anything tomorrow, I'll be at the gym in the morning," Dexter resident Bill Wade said in a telephone interview. "I've got to keep the old bones loose."

Given the amount of money Wade's "old bones" are raising for poverty relief, it's good to hear they are being properly maintained.

With his efforts in the Dexter-Chelsea CROP Walk, \$5,830 was raised to help needy people throughout the world. Put in perspective, this is a huge amount for one man as \$31,684 was raised by the entire local CROP Walk, of which \$13,849 came from Wade's church, Dexter United Methodist.

The church, which raised the third highest amount of money in Michigan, is among 11 local organizations involved in the fund-raiser. This means out of 11 organizations, Wade is solely responsible for nearly one-sixth of the money raised in the Dexter-Chelsea walk.

"He always is very focused on who it is we are helping, and that's the poor," said Kathie Gourlay, the Chelsea-Dexter CROP Walk coordinator. "He always remembers the purpose of the organization."

The CROP Walk is a part of the Church World Service. Proceeds, up near \$30 million nationwide, are largely distributed in Third World countries. They go toward

rebuilding after disasters such as the 2004 tsunami in Asia, building wells in remote regions for families who have to walk far for water, as well as other efforts that help the economically disadvantaged.

Wade said it's only natural for him to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself.

"There isn't very much control over who you are or where you are born, so it's easy for me to do," he said.

Wade first began participating in the CROP Walk in 1972 while living in New Jersey. Reflecting on the relative ease of life in the United States and how far a little money can go for poverty-stricken countries, he decided to join in the fund-raising efforts.

Back then, the distance walked was directly linked to how much a person raised, but now the walk is set up so that a person seeks sponsors who donate a certain amount of money, and then the walker chooses to walk up to 10 kilometers.

Wade, 66, gathered about 50 sponsors in 2005 and opted for the full 10 kilometers.

Wade moved to Dexter, where his sister resides, after retiring from the Department of Labor in New Jersey in 1996. He's also involved with Meals On Wheels.

Wade said he plans to keep raising money as long as he is able.

"I'll keep going as long as my feet keep walking," he said.

An organizational meeting for the 2006 CROP Walk will be held 2 p.m. April 23 at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea.

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Spring costumes will also be available for a children's activity. A special raffle for children's participation and prizes is also planned.
Crafters include jewelry, adult and children clothing, calligraphy, soft sculpture, dolls, furniture, candles, folk art, stained glass, wood, floral, clay art, baskets and basket liners, garden statuary, food mixers/dips, stoneware, woven rag rugs, tote, painting, pillows, soaps, metal art, birdhouses, garden decor items and more!

AS HEARD ON PAUL HARVEY NEWS

New advanced portable heater can cut your heating bill up to 50%

Heats a large room in minutes with even heat wall to wall and floor to ceiling

Does not get hot, cannot start a fire and will not reduce humidity or oxygen

Never be cold again

How It works:

By John Whitehead, Media Services

A new advanced quartz infrared portable heater, the EdenPURE®, can cut your heating bills by up to 50%.

You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE® as heard on Paul Harvey News and on television features across the nation.

The EdenPURE® can pay for itself in a matter of weeks and then start putting a great deal of extra money in your pocket after that.

And that's just the start of the benefits for the new EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater.

A major cause of residential fires in the United States is portable heaters. But the EdenPURE® cannot cause a fire. That is because the quartz infrared heating element never gets to a temperature that can ignite anything.

The outside of the EdenPURE® only gets warm to the touch so that it will not burn children or pets. Pets can sleep on it when it is operating without harm.

The EdenPURE® will also make you healthier. That is because, unlike other heating sources, it will not reduce humidity or oxygen in the room. Typical heating sources reduce humidity which dries out your sinuses, makes you more susceptible to disease and makes your skin dry. With other heating sources, you'll notice that you get sleepy when the heat comes on because they are burning up oxygen.

The advanced space-age EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater also heats the room evenly, wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling. Other heating sources heat rooms unevenly with most of the heat concentrated high in the room and to the center of the room. And, as you know, portable heaters only heat an area a few feet around the heater. With the EdenPURE®, the temperature will not vary in any part of the room.

Unlike other heating sources, the EdenPURE® cannot put poisonous carbon monoxide into a room or any type of fumes or any type of harmful radiation.

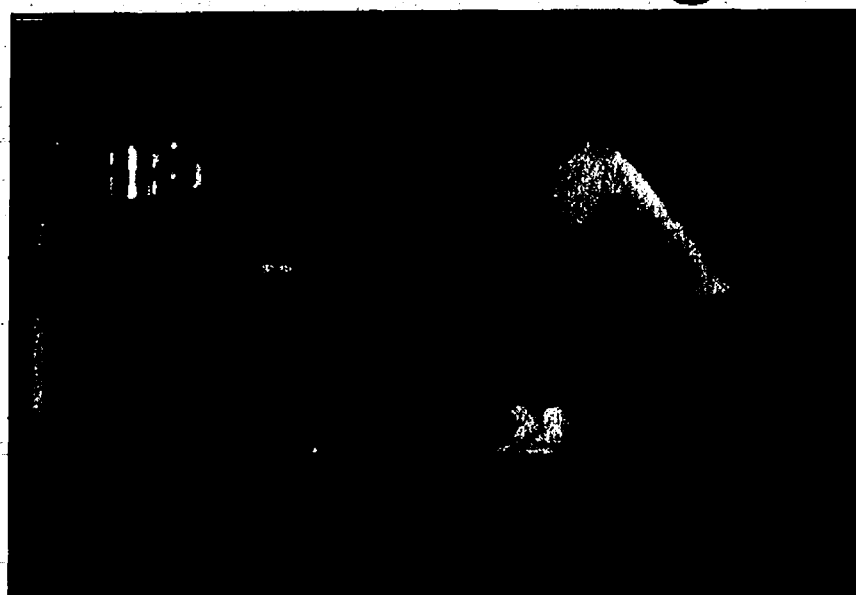
For more details on the amazing EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater, here is my interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for Bio-Tech Research®.

Q. What is the origin of this amazing heating element in the EdenPURE®?

A. This advanced heating element was discovered accidentally by a man named John Jones. He had a large old farmhouse that was impossible to heat. Jones had a coal furnace in his basement. Jones placed a sheet of cured copper near the furnace to store it. Cured copper is a type of copper that goes through an extensive heating process to give it special properties.

After the fire went out in the coal furnace, Jones noticed that the sheet of copper was heating his entire basement evenly, even though the furnace was no longer putting out heat. He also was amazed as to how long the heat stayed in the copper and continued to warm the room.

Jones was so taken back by this that he started to experi-



Cannot start a fire; a child or animal can touch or sit on it without harm



ment. He formed a company to develop a heating source out of this cured copper. But Jones had a number of children and he did not want a heating source that would cause a fire or create other hazardous situations like creating carbon monoxide or radiation. He also did not want his children to get burned.

To make a long story short, through a great deal of research and development, Jones developed a heating source that utilized commercial infrared quartz tubes.

Q. What advantages does infrared quartz tube heating source have over other heating source products?

A. John Jones designed his heating source around the three most important consumer benefits: economy, comfort, and safety. The final development of this infrared quartz heat source cannot be matched by any other heating system in the world.

In the EdenPURE® system, electricity is used to generate infrared light which, in turn, creates a very safe heat. Infrared is the safest form of heat because it does not create carbon monoxide or harmful radiation. And, most importantly, infrared heat does not reach a burning temperature.

After a great deal of research and development, very efficient infrared heat chambers were developed that utilize three unique patented solid copper heat exchangers in one EdenPURE® heater. Over 5 years of research, development and real life field testing stand behind this heat source. It has now worked in residential and commercial applications worldwide for over 25 years.

Q. Why is it that this quartz infrared heating source uses less energy to create heat than other sources?

A. Actually, there is more

than one reason. One of the primary reasons is that heat at combustion level, which is what all other heat sources use, causes the heat to instantly rise to the ceiling. Therefore, the heat is not evenly distributed, causing a very inefficient and uncomfortable heat source.

The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater does not use burning heat. Once the heat exchanger absorbs the infrared heat, it exhales the heat into the living area which is carried by the existing humidity in the air. This causes the heat to travel rapidly and evenly throughout a room.

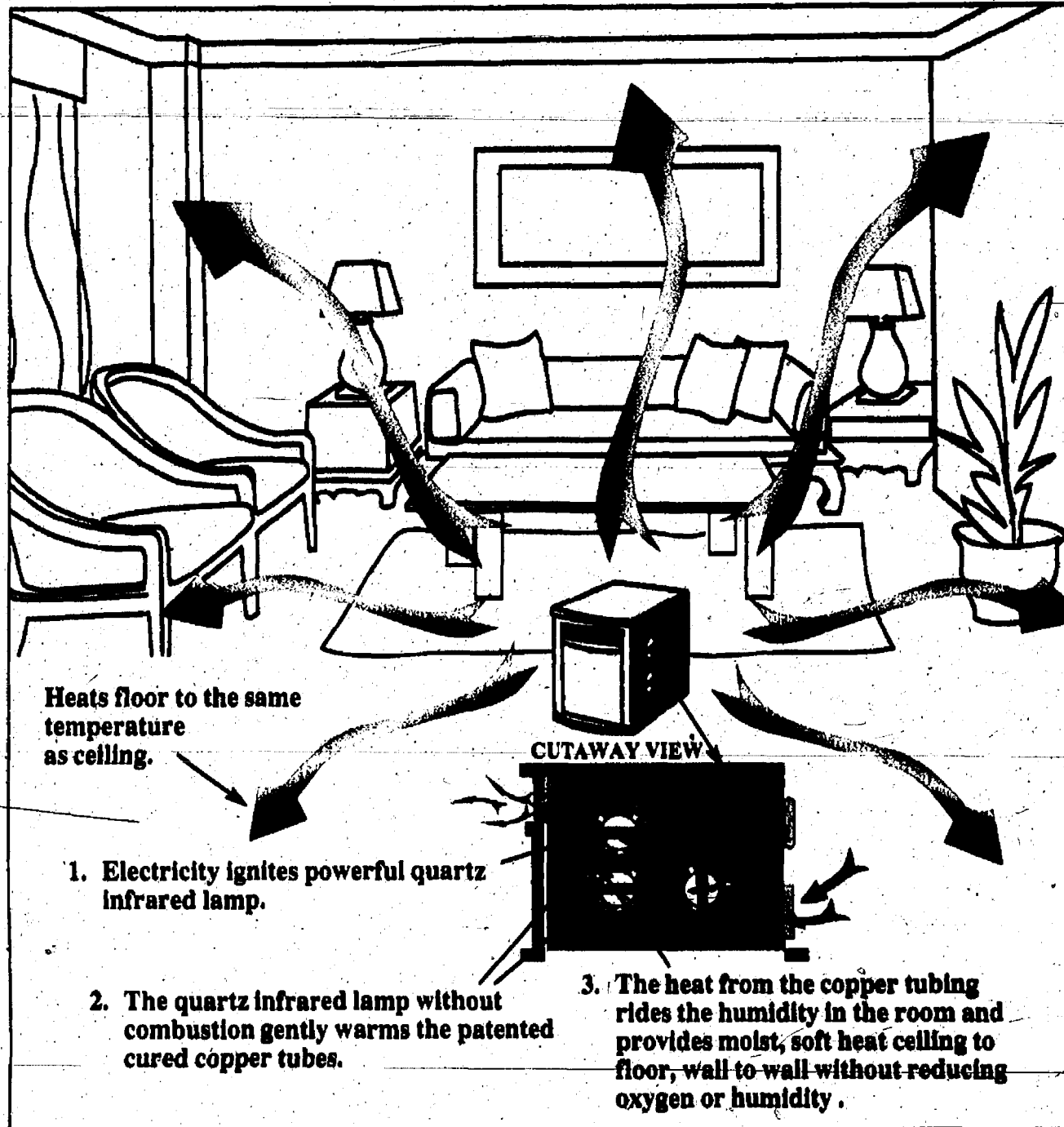
In actual studies, photos using infrared lighting demonstrated that the heat was almost perfectly even from floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall. The EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared efficiency is based on the distribution of energized air, not on just fan movement. This heat is coined as "soft heat" due to how comfortable it is.

Q. What are the other disadvantages of combustion heat sources?

A. Heat sources that are above the burning level have many unhealthy side effects. One of these is that it creates dry, irritating indoor air. It also burns a great deal of oxygen in the air. If you remember, when you sit in front of a fireplace or a portable heater close to a heat source, you will remember yawning. This is because you are not getting enough oxygen.

This dry irritating heat and lack of oxygen dries out sinuses and mucus in the throat, and makes people susceptible to disease. The lack of oxygen causes fatigue.

Also, many combustible heat sources produce carbon monoxide, static cling, and some produce radiation.



Q. So you're saying that children or pets can come up to this unit and touch it and not be harmed?

A. That is absolutely correct. As a matter of fact, pets are actually drawn to this heat because it is a natural source of heat, just like the sun heats the earth. Animals are much more instinctive than humans. This heat not only heats the air, but it also heats the objects in the room. It is a perfectly balanced heat.

Q. How can a person cut their heating bill by up to 50% with the EdenPURE®?

A. First, the EdenPURE® uses less energy to create heat than other sources, but that is just part of why it will cut a person's heating bill. The EdenPURE® will heat a room in minutes. Therefore, you can turn the heat down in your house to as low as 50 degrees, but the room you are occupying, which has the EdenPURE®, will be warm and comfortable. The EdenPURE® is portable. When you move to another room, it will quickly heat that room also. This can drastically cut heating bills, in some instances, by up to 50%.

Q. I also understand that the EdenPURE® produces clean fresh air without furnace filters. How can it do that?

A. A furnace generates a lot of dust due to the combustion. By lowering the furnace temperature, you are using your furnace less and therefore reducing the requirement for the furnace filters. Also, when there's no combustion, there are no harmful fumes.

Q. So, the EdenPURE® is totally safe to use?

A. It absolutely is. The EdenPURE® has zero clearance, which means you can push it up against the wall or furniture without risk of fire. Tests prove the unit does not transmit any energy into the atmosphere that will burn or harm anyone regardless of distance between the person

and the EdenPURE®.

The EdenPURE® will pay for itself in weeks. It will put a great deal of extra money in a users pocket. Because of today's spiraling gas, oil, propane, and other energy costs, the EdenPURE® will provide even greater savings as the time goes by.

The EdenPURE® comes in 2 models. Model 500 heats a room up to 500 square feet and Model 1000 heats a room up to 1,000 square feet.

End of Interview.

Readers who wish can obtain the EdenPURE® Quartz Infrared Portable Heater at a \$75 discount if they order in the next 10 days. Please see the Special Readers Discount Coupon on this page. For those readers ordering after 10 days from the date of this publication, we reserve the right to either accept or reject order requests at the discounted price.

SPECIAL READER'S DISCOUNT COUPON

The price of the EdenPURE® Model 500 is \$372 plus \$17 shipping for a total of \$389 delivered. The Model 1000 is \$472 plus \$27 shipping and handling for a total of \$499 delivered. People reading this publication get a \$75 discount with this coupon and pay only \$297 delivered for the Model 500 and \$397 delivered for the Model 1000 if you order within 10 days. The EdenPURE® comes in the decorator color of black with buried wood accent which goes with any decor. There is a strict limit of 3 units at the discount price - no exceptions please.

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Friendly Visitors

Chelsea Senior Citizen Volunteer Coordinator Susan Long stands between volunteer Roy Lambert and Ralph Miller, both of Chelsea, who are participating in the center's Friendly Visitors program funded by a grant through Faith In Action. As part of the program, volunteers spend a few hours each month with seniors enjoying conversation and cards while bringing a bit of joy to homebound seniors. All Friendly Visitors are screened and supervised by the Chelsea Senior Center staff. There are currently volunteers waiting to be matched. For more information, call the Chelsea Senior Center at 475-9242.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Workshop set in May

Volunteers are needed to help teach children how to fish and care for the world's water resources.

As part of Project FISH, an acronym for Friends Involved in Sportfishing Heritage, a workshop will be held May 19 through 21 at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, which is located 20 minutes south of Cadillac.

The workshop is designed to provide the participants with hands-on activities and lessons to get children interested in fishing.

Workshop participants will learn about Michigan aquatic ecology, people and fish, and tackle crafting and build angling skills. In addition, they will learn to carve fish decoys.

Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, and access to supplies and resources to start a fishing program with children.

The program runs from Friday evening

through Sunday afternoon and costs \$193 to attend. Discounts are available for 4-H volunteers. The fee includes meals, lodging and educational materials.

Project FISH is coordinated by Michigan State Universities Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, along with the MSU 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

The workshop is also partially funded through MSU Extension, the Great Lakes Fishery Trust and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

For more information, contact Eric Fischer of the Washtenaw County MSU Extension office at 222-3877 or Mark Stephens at 1-517-432-2700.

To download registration material, visit the Web site at www.projectfish.org/kettunen.pdf. The registration deadline is May 5.

DEXTER

Feldkamp earns credential

Carolyn Feldkamp of Dexter has been awarded a child development associate credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood education profession, awarded the credential.

It's the only major national effort to improve early childhood education and care by

evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care. The first credential was awarded 30 years ago, and now 48 states, plus the District of Columbia, include it in their childcare licensing regulations.

As part of the assessment process, every candidate for the credential is observed working with young children or families by an early childhood professional. In addition, the candidate must

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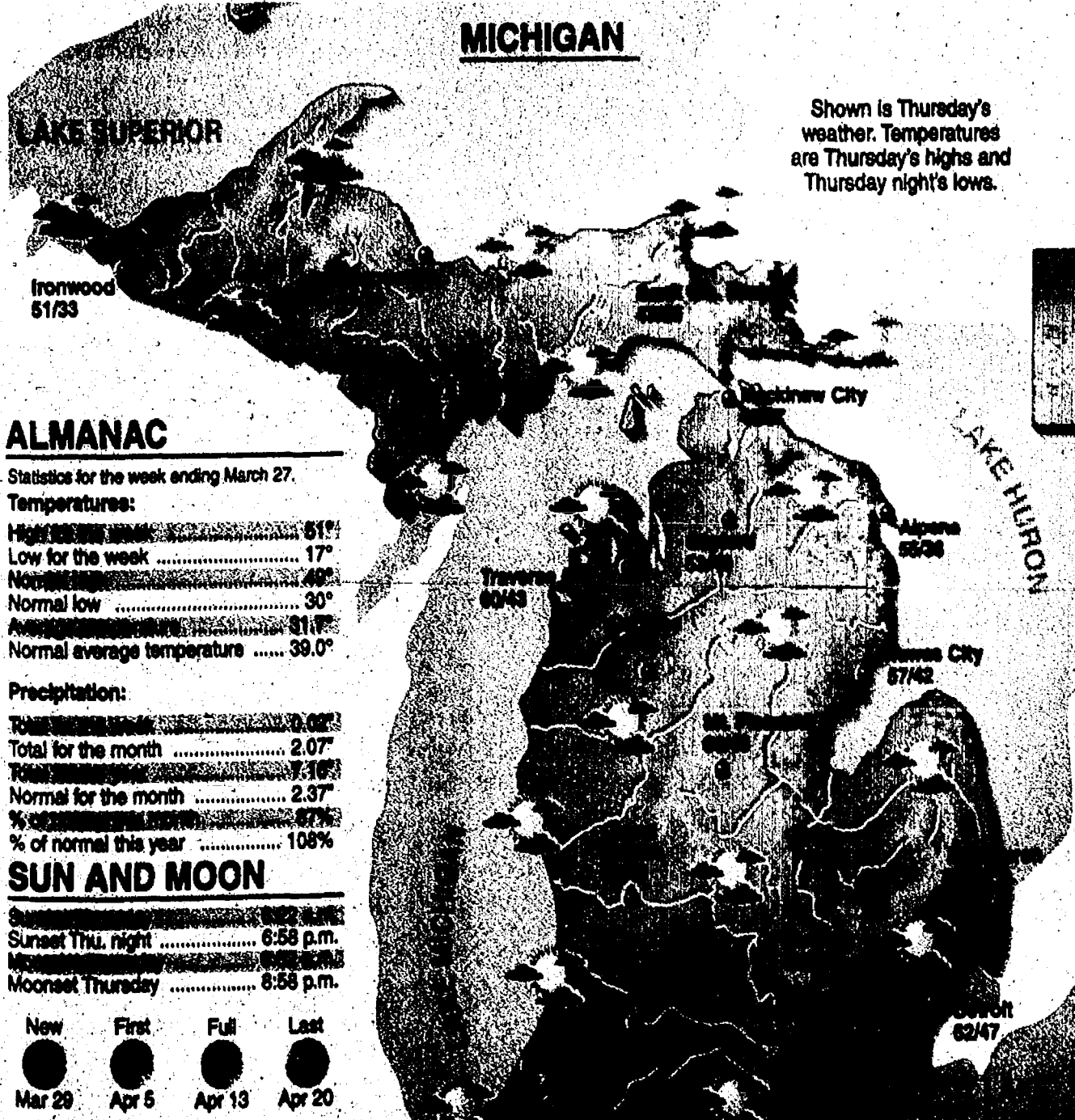
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

THURSDAY	THU NIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH: 60°-64° Clouds and sun, breezy and mild	LOW: 42°-46° Mostly cloudy	HIGH: 60°-64° Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms LOW: 36°-40°	HIGH: 51°-55° A passing shower in the morning LOW: 30°-34°	HIGH: 54°-58° Partly sunny LOW: 32°-36°	HIGH: 52°-56° Mostly cloudy with showers LOW: 32°-36°



ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending March 27.

Temperatures:
High for the week: 61°
Low for the week: 17°
Normal high: 59°
Normal low: 30°
Average temperature: 41°
Normal average temperature: 39.0°

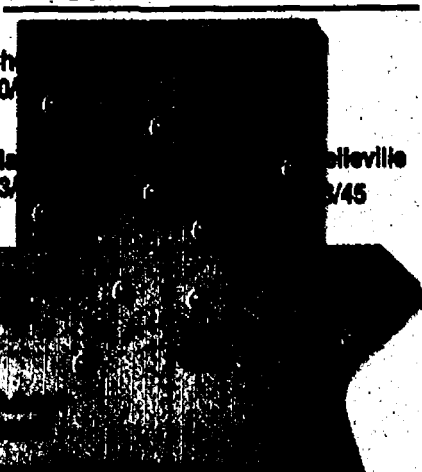
Precipitation:
Total for the month: 2.07"
Normal for the month: 2.37"
% of normal this year: 108%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise Thu. night: 6:58 p.m.
Moonset Thursday: 6:58 p.m.

New: Mar 29
First: Apr 5
Full: Apr 13
Last: Apr 20

LOCAL WEATHER



MICHIGAN CITIES

City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Ann Arbor	60/40	62/38
Battle Creek	61/47	61/39
Bay City	61/45	59/38
Coldwater	62/49	63/40
Dearborn	62/47	63/41
Detroit	62/47	62/40
Grand Rapids	60/45	58/37
Holland	62/47	62/40
Jackson	62/47	62/40
Kalamazoo	62/46	62/37
Lansing	62/46	64/39
Livonia	62/46	64/39
Midland	62/46	64/39
Monroe	62/46	64/39
Muskegon	62/46	64/39
Port Huron	62/46	64/39
Saginaw	62/46	64/39
Troy	62/46	64/39
Warren	62/46	64/39
Westland	62/46	64/39
Ypsilanti	62/46	64/39

TRAVEL

Lansing, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties
High pressure will bring dry and mild weather to the region Thursday with 6-8 hours of sunshine. Winds will be south-west at 10-20 mph.

REAL FEEL TEMP

The patented RealFeel Temperature is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown is the highest real feel temperature for each day.
Highest Thursday: 62°
Highest Friday: 54°
Highest Saturday: 52°
Highest Sunday: 50°

SOLUNAR TABLE

Four-day forecast indicates peak feeding times for fish and game.
Major Minor Major Minor
Time 12:17 p.m. 6:04 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Time 12:45 a.m. 7:01 a.m. 1:14 p.m. 7:28 p.m.
Time 1:40 a.m. 6:01 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 6:29 p.m.
Time 2:42 a.m. 10:38 a.m. 4:52 p.m. 11:06 p.m.

UV INDEX

Highest Thursday: 3
Moderate
The ultraviolet index is a guide to exposure to the sun. The higher the UV index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

WORLD CITIES

City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Amman	60/30	60/30	San Jose	60/30	60/30
Algiers	64/65	66/64	San Juan	64/65	64/65
Ankara	64/65	64/65	Sao Paulo	64/65	64/65
Athens	61/48	68/54	Seoul	64/65	64/65
Auckland	67/67	70/67	Singapore	64/65	64/65
Bangkok	90/79	90/78	Stockholm	44/39	40/35
Beijing	59/30	68/48	Sydney	77/64	77/64
Bombay	60/65	73/60	Taipei	64/65	64/65
Bogota	64/47	67/50	Tehran	64/65	64/65
Buenos Aires	64/47	67/50	Tokyo	64/65	64/65
Cairo	60/64	61/59	Vancouver	64/65	64/65
Calgary	64/47	67/50	Warsaw	64/65	64/65
Cape Town	68/53	63/60	Wellington	64/65	64/65
Chengdu	64/47	67/50	Yokohama	64/65	64/65
Dublin	50/43	52/45			
Geneva	50/48	60/47			
Hong Kong	64/47	67/50			
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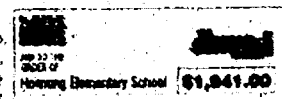
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L	City	Thur. H/L	Fri. H/L
Albany	63/39	63/42	Burlington, IA	61/47	58/37	Des Moines	61/43	50/33	Las Vegas	69/49	70/53
Anchorage	54/24	58/27	Casper	48/28	58/30	El Paso	74/47	78/49	Lincoln	60/39	55/33
Atlanta City	60/42	61/43	Charleston, SC	75/55	78/59	Fargo	49/29	49/28	Los Angeles	69/52	66/54
Baltimore	68/42	68/48	Charlotte	72/50	74/52	Fort Wayne	64/44	64/42	Madison	58/43	53/39
Bellingham	58/38	58/38	Chicago	62/48	60/38	Green Bay	55/44	52/35	Miami	81/70	81/68
Bismarck	49/28	52/28	Cleveland	65/48	67/48	Honolulu	84/71	81/69	Minneapolis	55/39	49/34
Boise	60/38	68/40	Columbus, OH	70/52	71/44	Indianapolis	69/52	64/42	Nashville	72/53	72/50
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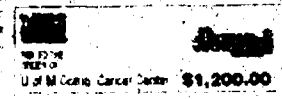
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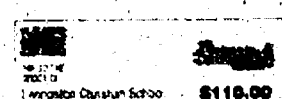
The largest residential landscaping

company in Michigan, Todd's Services, Inc. is giving one million dollars to help support local non-profit organizations. Todd's Services continues to grow. In 2004 and 2005, TSI experienced record sales growth. This is amazing considering the economy in southeast Michigan. A major factor to TSI's success is their price guarantee. "We made the bold statement that we guarantee TSI will be a customer's best value, or we will give the customer 10% of our bid in cash, it's that simple," said Todd LaButte, owner.



The unprecedented growth is the main reason

why TSI developed their Give Back to the Community Program with a commitment to give one million dollars to local, non-profit organizations over the next couple years. Todd states, "local fund raising groups and non-profit organizations are in need. We thought this would be the perfect way to thank our customers and reward their favorite local organization."



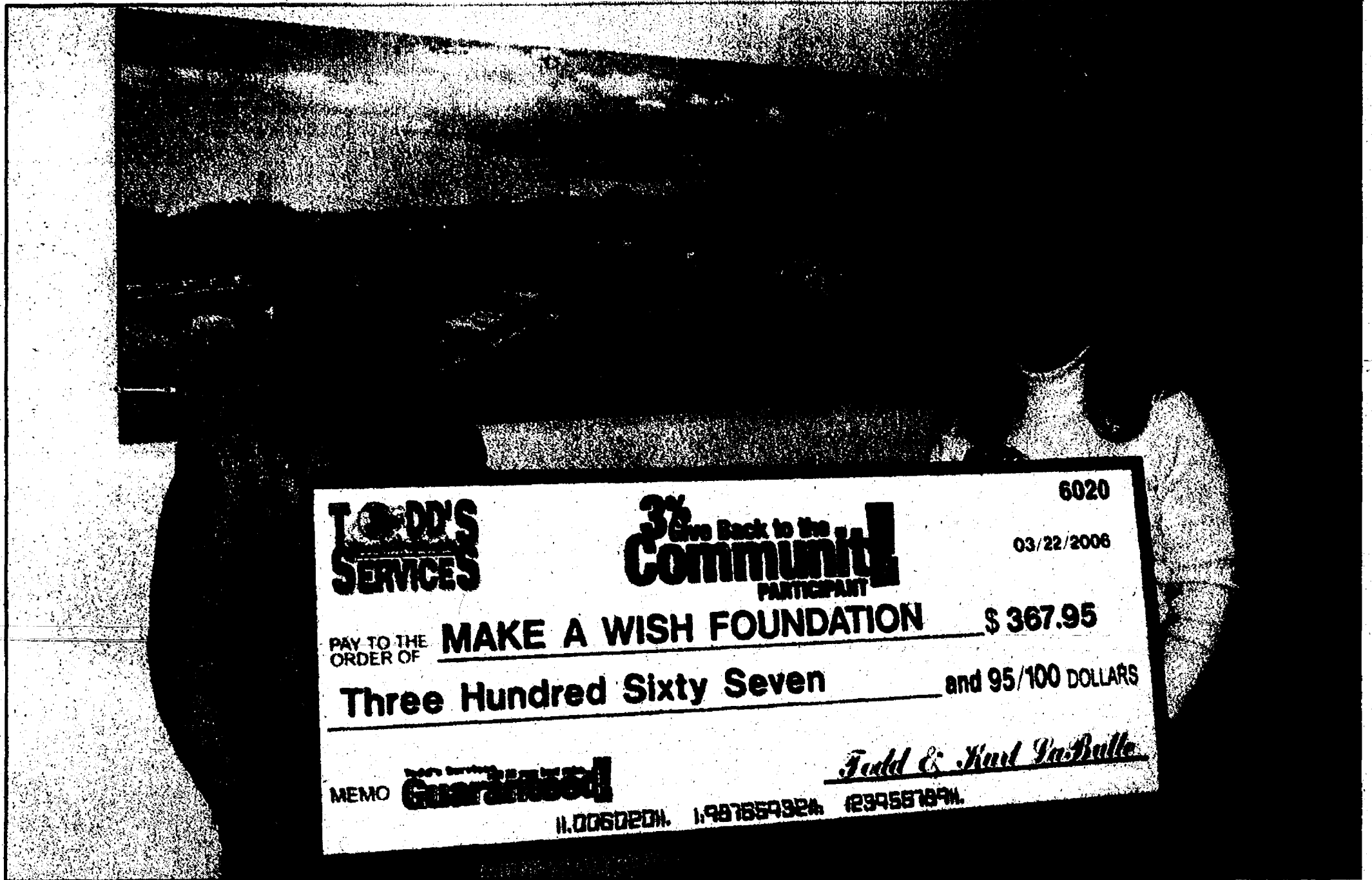
Through the Give Back to the Community Program,

TSI has already donated over \$150,000 dollars to local organizations. They are on pace to give back one million dollars over the next two years. "We feel strongly that the community has supported us and we want to return the favor," says Sherry LaButte-Birk, Office Manager. After all, the quality of this community is why we all chose to live here and we want to do what we can to help support it."



This is how their Give Back to the

Community Program works. When TSI landscapes a project, they will donate



Thank you Todd's Services for your support and dedication to giving back to the community and for helping make wishes come true. It's amazing to see organizations and communities come together like this! - Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan

3% of the job total to the local non-profit organization of their customer's choice. All local non-profit organizations qualify, including: fund-raisers, churches, schools, sports teams, subdivisions, and many more.



Kurt LaButte, owner of TSI commented, "Our season is just beginning, and the response to the Give Back to the Community Program has been overwhelming. In March, more than 45 new organiza-

tions signed on as participants in our 3% Give Back to the Community Program, and many have already received donations. Over 100 local non-profit organizations have been approved, the list is growing rapidly. We usually wait until the homeowner's landscape project is

completed, but in several situations we have made donations early. Many local non-profits are in need of support now. It's very rewarding to be able to give like this. Our customers really enjoy it and their favorite non-profit organizations are very appreciative."

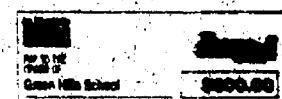
Active Faith Community Services Receives Donation

There would be no Active Faith without people like you. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



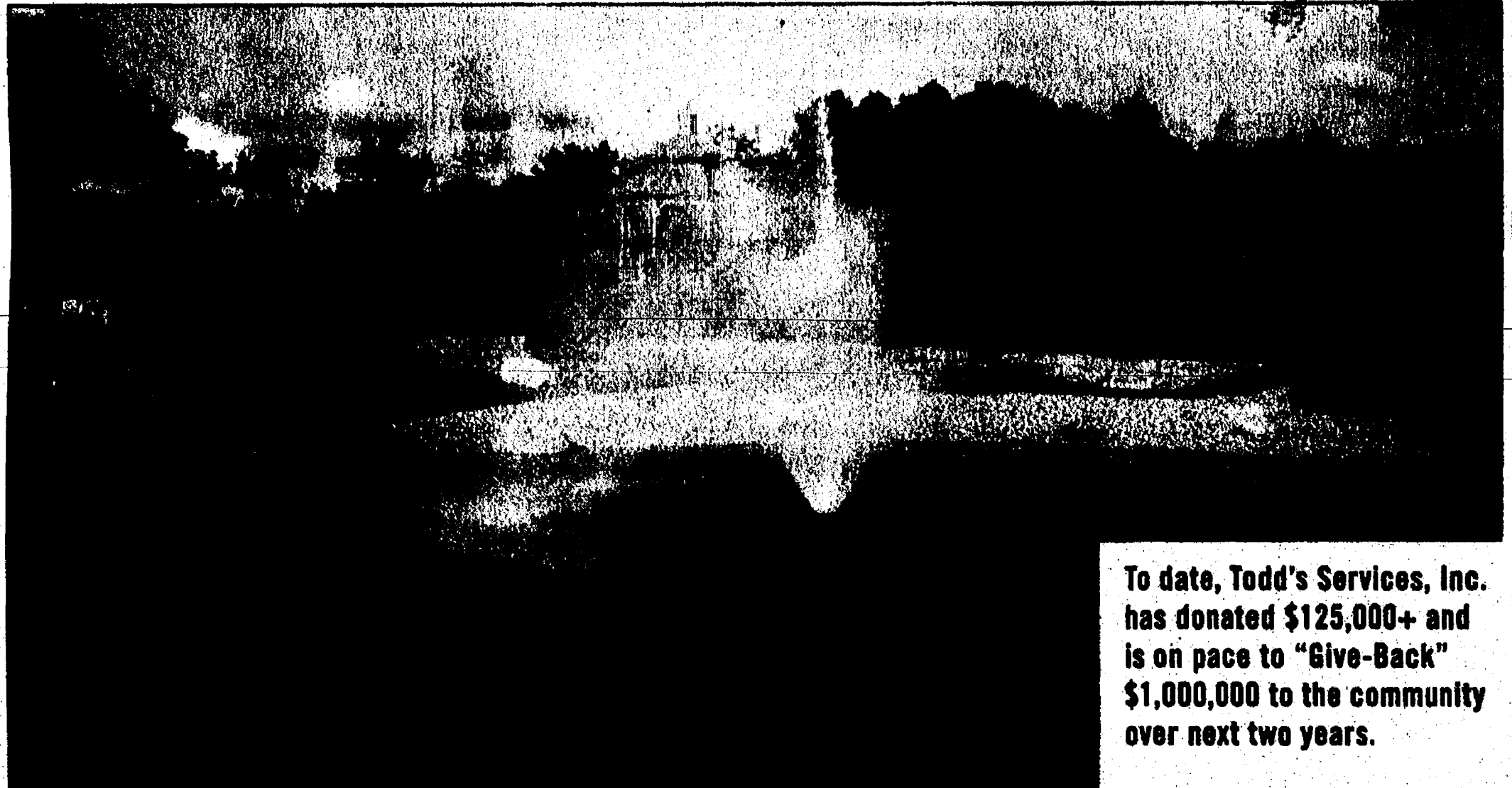
Domino's Petting Farm Receives Donation

Thank you for the gift of \$467.85 to Domino's Petting Farm. We cannot tell you how much this means to the farm. The farm, along with other entertainment entities is struggling to stay solvent in these hard economic times and your donation is very much appreciated.



Recent organizations that have been added to the program;

- Howell H.S. All-Night Party
- Campus Crusade for Christ
- Big Brother / Big Sister of Liv. Co.
- Pinckney Connection Skate Park
- Community Theatre of Howell
- Livingston Christian School
- D.E.C.A. of Hartland High School
- First Presbyterian Church, Out-Reach
- Gleaners Food Bank
- The March of Dimes



To date, Todd's Services, Inc. has donated \$125,000+ and is on pace to "Give-Back" \$1,000,000 to the community over next two years.

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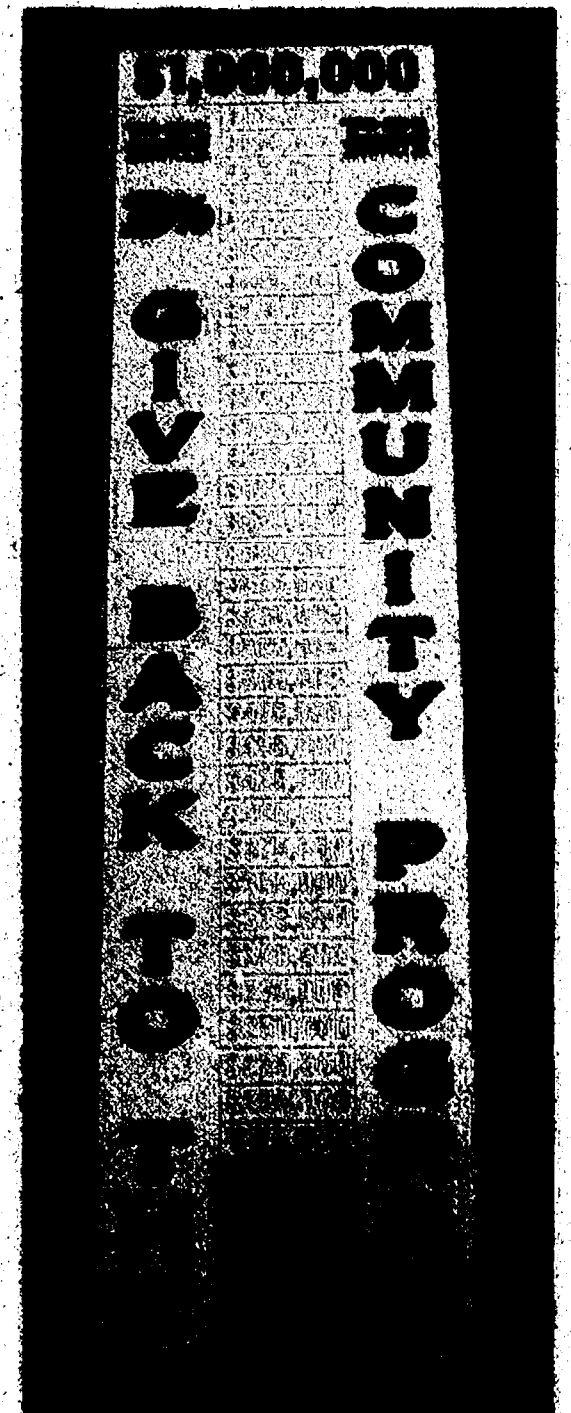
A major factor to TSI's success can be explained by the introduction of a new price guarantee program. "We made the bold statement that we guarantee TSI will be a customer's best value, or we will give the customer 10% of our bid in cash," said Todd. "With our 10% price guarantee program, we had many more opportunities to make contact with homeowners a second time. "This has allowed us to help the customer compare apples to apples," commented Kurt LaButte, owner. "Landscaping can be expensive, and we want the customer to get the most for their money."

The price guarantee is simple; TSI will be a customer's best value on landscaping, if they are not, they will give the customer 10% of their bid in cash. In addition to being the customer's best value on landscaping, they will donate 3% of the job total to the local non-profit organization of the customers choice.

Kurt, Todd, Sherry and all the staff at Todd's Services, Inc. would also like to thank the public for voting them the best landscaping company 6 years in a row!

TSI still offers all of the services as in the past, including full color landscape designs, lawn installation, retaining walls, trees, shrubs, ponds and water features, sprinkler systems, decks and outdoor structures, brick pavers, concrete, sea walls, and much more. Various financing programs are available including up to 12 months same as cash with no interest or 8.9% financing with a monthly payment.

If you are involved with a non-profit organization and would like your group to receive money, or if you want TSI to be your best value on landscaping, contact Todd's Services for details: 1 800 HYDROSEED, (313) 231-2778 or visit them on their website at www.ToddsServices.com.



COMMUNITY

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Lynnette Michalik-Staffeld's work is on display at West of the Moon Gallery in Chelsea. The Chelsea resident creates fiber bowls, among other works of art.



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— Lynnette Michalik-Staffeld

Bowled Over

Local artist creates, sells fiber bowls

By Sheila Parsiglove
Special Writer

Lynnette Michalik-Staffeld's discovery of collage in a sixth-grade art class was the catalyst for her lifelong love of art. "We used cigar boxes and simply pasted on magazine photos. I couldn't be stopped," she said. "I used everything, Band-Aid boxes, old herb containers, any kind of box I could find."

Staffeld, a local fiber artist whose work can be found at West of the Moon Gallery on West Middle Street in Chelsea, went on to study art at high school in Plymouth.

She fell in love with everything about the subject — not surprising, since she inherited artistic talents from her mother, a leaded glass artist who taught her daughter the craft and who also taught her to sew.

"I excelled at calligraphy and found a niche in the weaving studio," she said. "Here I explored all types of weaving techniques and began braiding and knotting techniques. I made lots of belts and watercolors in my senior year and gifted them to all my friends."

Armed with a high school art award and a scholarship, Staffeld enrolled in general studies at the University of Michigan, focusing on art history and Latin. She earned a bachelor's degree in classical archaeology.

"I love to study people and what they made," she said.

Staffeld earned a second bachelor's degree in fine arts with a concentration in sculpture from Eastern Michigan University. Here she first began mixed media collage work, as well as bronze castings. She also met her future husband, Karl

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Education: University of Michigan, bachelor's degree in classical archaeology; Eastern Michigan University, bachelor's in fine arts and sculpture, master's degree.
Residence: Chelsea
Type of Art on Display: Fiber bowls
Where it Can Be Found: West of the Moon Gallery on Middle Street in Chelsea.
Other Forms of Art: Watercolors, mixed media collage, textiles, sculpture and painting.

Staffeld, in EMU's sculpture studios.

"We have a great time collaborating on projects," she said.

For her master's degree, Staffeld combined her ability of textiles with her training in sculpture.

"It was great to be able to use my watercolor skills to create vistas of color on fabric," she said. "I love Japanese Shibori techniques. This is like a Ph.D. in the dye. I am fascinated by the fold and how it impacts fabric in the dye vat. I experimented voraciously with surface designing with dye."

Her artistic horizons are huge. Some of her favorite dyed pieces are eight feet tall and evoke landscapes or interior spaces. Some horizontal pieces are 30 feet long with printed symbols.

"I bought fabric by the bolt and would work at night until all the dye was utilized, pushing my creative limits," she said.

"Then, of course, there are the mixed-media collages. Little, private, communications delicately faced with

beads and quill, rock and whatever fits."

EMU purchased one such piece for their collection, titled "Queen of Hearts, an homage to Diana, the late Princess of Wales."

Much of Staffeld's inspiration is drawn from nature, she said. "The seasons, the ways that water gives us life, the imagination of fire, the splendor of lightning."

Further inspiration comes from her study of Native American culture and tradition, and attending sweat lodge purification ceremonies.

"This has been an inspiration for me in creating fiber-works," she said.

In January, Staffeld was invited to display works at Marsi and Bill Darwin's West of the Moon Gallery on Middle Street in Chelsea.

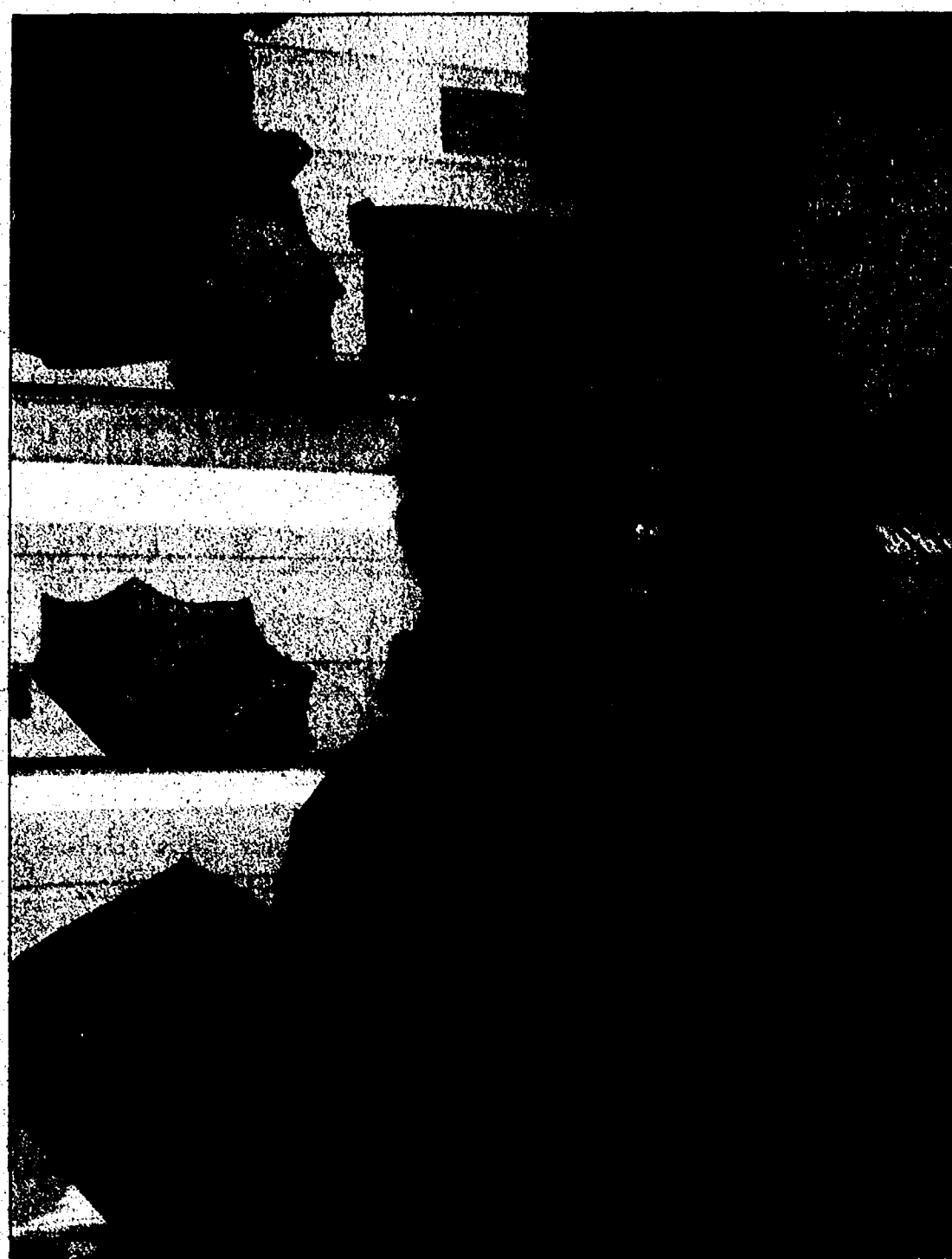
"I jumped at the opportunity," Staffeld said. "The first time I stepped into the little, rear-entrance gallery, I wanted to be a part of it."

However, it was time to think small and develop an idea for a smaller space, she said. The result was fiber bowls.

"I love to build them and then find meaning or an essence to communicate," she said. "I believe that the bowls as art can hold our prayers and our dreams."

"They, of course, can just simply be for beauty. I title each piece so that it is 'born'. The work becomes its own entity after I have completed it."

"Each bowl I have created is an individual thought with an open invitation for the viewer's exploration. Some hang on the wall, others sit out. Some of my most recent ideas are focusing on the idea of the fold used in origami, but rather than paper, how about fabric?"



Fiber artist Lynnette Michalik-Staffeld studied art in college and is now offering her works in Chelsea. She has created fiber bowls, which have been inspired from origami.

In addition to being featured at West of the Moon Gallery, Staffeld, who has called Chelsea home for 15 years, has worked with her in-laws, Stan and Dottie Staffeld, on display projects at the Chelsea District Library, including painting a princess and a knight for children's photo displays. She also will be involved in community art events in Chelsea this summer. Staffeld, who heads up the

fine arts department at Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor, has accomplished her wish of making art a larger part of her life.

"I believe that visual art is a form of communication that is universal. It can be pleasing to anyone," she said. "I also firmly believe that our world can be a better place if we all surrounded ourselves with beautiful things and in beautiful environs."

"The best art compels a

person to relax back into their soul. You look at a work and you remember who you are — a work that stops you in your tracks and makes you think or wonder. You make a piece of work and you lose track of time, the work begins to take on its own essence, its own character, its own message."

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, March 30

"For Parents Only" drug awareness program will be held 7 p.m. at the Beach Middle School cafeteria, 445 Mayer Drive, in Chelsea. The topic will be "What drugs your children can be exposed to at parties and trendy clubs." For more information, call 433-2243.

Friday, March 31

Thirty minutes of free legal advice, sponsored by the Washtenaw County Bar Association, will be held from noon to 7:30 p.m. by appointment at 14-A Court, 122 S. Main St., in Chelsea. Walk-ins are welcome as time allows. To schedule an appointment, call 996-3229.

Saturday, April 1

Golden Griffon will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea as part of Morning, Mochas and Melodies, a free event. For more information, call 475-6081.

"Michigan Wolves: Past, Present and Future" program will be held 2 p.m. at Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, in Chelsea. Participants will learn about the comeback of wolves in Michigan, the issues that arise when living near wolves and what the future holds for them. The program is open to the public. The cost is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. A state motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For reservations or more information, call 475-3170.

Monday, April 3

"Keep It Safe: Prevention is Worth a GB of Cure" computer discussion will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The discussion will include the ins and outs of computer viruses, spam, spyware, theft and firewalls, as well as security issues. Registration is requested by calling 475-8732.

Thursdays, April 6 through April 27

"Step into the Internet" an introductory workshop series will be held 6 p.m. Thursdays through April at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The workshop includes overview, evaluation and discussion of issues. Registration is required. Call 475-8732.

Friday, April 7

The 130th Annual Egg Supper will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the North Lake United Methodist Church, 14111 North Territorial Road, in Chelsea. The egg supper is open to the public with a free-will offering. Proceeds benefit camp and mission scholarships. For more information, call 475-7569.

Saturday, April 8

A used book sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library meeting room, 500 Washington St. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Chelsea District Library.

Sunday, April 30

Applications for \$1,000 scholarships from the Chelsea-Dexter chapter of the American Business Women's Association are available through Chelsea and Dexter high school counseling offices or through Joanne Iler at 1-734-332-3961. The merit-based scholarships will be awarded to young men and women who demonstrate significant involvement in school and community activities. Deadline is April 30.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Books & Banter Group meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Copies of the books are available for regis-

tered readers. For information, call 475-8732.

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

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

Mastering Motherhood group meets every Thursday during the school year from 9:15 to 11 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. The group provides support to mothers through weekly meetings, discussions and book studies. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, call 475-1391.

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

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

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

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Saturday

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

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 996-9467.

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

Prayerful Hands Group meets monthly at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The group knits, crochets, sews and quilts for those in need. For more information, call the church at 475-1404 or 475-1295.

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Chelsea AA group meetings are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room, and noon on Tuesday and Wednesday at First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St.

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

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-6128.

Circuit training classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Lima Township Board meets 8 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-2246.

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

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

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

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Taste of Home Café serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. It's open to the public with a \$2.50 donation for senior citizens 60 years or older, and \$5 for all others. Reservations are required one day in advance. For information or reservations, call 475-9242.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 6:45 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

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

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

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

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

"Senior Computing: One to One" workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. There is no charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 475-8732.

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

Silver Sneakers workout classes are held from 8 to 8:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets at 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Road Commission Boardroom, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Scio Township. For updates to the meeting schedule, check out the Web site at www.wcoroads.org.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. For information, call Marjorie Hepburn at 475-8971.

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

Wednesday

Muscle toning classes are held 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Chair exercises are followed by walking. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

Narcotics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room B, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

The Evening Primrose Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St.

DEXTER

Friday, March 31

Dexter Knights of Columbus is serving an all-you-can-eat fish and salad bar from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road every Friday through April 14. The cost is \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for senior citizens, \$4.50 for children ages 5 to 12, and \$8 for take-out. For more information, call 426-5558.

St. Mary Men's Club will serve a fish dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Road in Pinckney every Friday through April 7. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Take-out is also available.

Monday, April 3

Spring story times for toddlers and preschoolers will begin April 3 and run until May 18 at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. Story times include books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger-plays, crafts and other activities. Parents are welcome to attend the sessions, which last approximately 30 minutes. For information on days and times and to register call 426-4477.

Tuesday, April 4

Origami classes for kids will be held 11 a.m. for children ages 5 to 7 and 1 p.m. for children ages 8 and older at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter. The classes will be an hour long and all materials will be provided. Registration is required by calling 426-4477.

Thursday, April 6

A baked chicken dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m. at St.

Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. The dinner will include dressing with all the trimmings. Tickets are available at the door and carryout dinners will be provided. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children younger than 5 years old. A fundraiser for the church, it's open to the public. For more information, call 426-8610.

Sunday, April 9

"Easter Egg Scramble" will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, in Dexter Township. The event will include face painting by a clown, baby animals and an egg hunt, grouped by age. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$2 per child, for children 12 years and younger. For more information, call 426-8211.

DEXTER

MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

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

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

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

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

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road.

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

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at DAPCO Industries,

2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549.

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

Friday

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 10 a.m. the second Friday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

Saturday

Monthly Book Sale by the Friends of the Dexter District Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of each month through June at the library, 8040 Fourth St.

Monday

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

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

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

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

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

Tuesday

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

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

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-8299 or e-mail bjlansdel@cs.com.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Lighthouse Café, 8124 Main St., in Dexter.

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Chelsea Depot Association

The annual meeting of the Chelsea Depot Association will be held Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at the Chelsea Depot 125 Jackson Street, Chelsea, Michigan at 5:00 p.m.

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS



Isaaz, Koons to wed

Claire Isaaz and Scott Koons, both of Salt Lake City, are engaged and planning an Aug. 18 wedding in Frankenthuth.

The future bride is the daughter of Jean-Marc and Lee Ann Isaaz of Chelsea. She is a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2004 graduate of Northern Michigan University. She has a bachelor's degree in public relations and marketing, and is employed as a public relations director at Rocky Mountain Raceways in Salt Lake City.

The future groom is the son of David and Ann Koons of Cleveland. He is a 1994 graduate of Holy Name High School in Cleveland and a 2002 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He has a bachelor's degree in education and is an Olympic speed skating coach in Salt Lake City.

BIRTHS

Twins Charlotte Jae and Piper Rae were born Feb. 7 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor to Rebecca and Jeff Diesing of Chelsea. Maternal grandparents are Mariann and Bill Rhodes of San Angelo, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Dave and Jane Diesing of Chelsea. Great-grandparents are Marge Faist of Chelsea, Don and Wilma Diesing of Scottville, and Beulah Adams of Ona, W. Va.

A son, Samuel Bradley, was born Jan. 25, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell, to Robin and Brad Edwards of Howell. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Polly Meganck of Dexter. Paternal grandparents are Rob and Deb Edwards of Pinckney. Great-grandparents are Ed and Cally Genre of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Clara Stephens of Florida.



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Hall, Anderson marry in Pittsburgh

Katie Anderson and Ben Hall were married Aug. 6, 2005, at Chartiers Country Club in Pittsburgh.

The bride is the daughter of John and Grace Anderson of Pittsburgh. The groom is the son of John and Donna Hall of Dexter.

The maids of honor were Angie Villella of Washington, D.C., and Lindsey Sands of Boston.

The bridesmaids were Robin Hall of Ann Arbor, Erin Hall of Brighton and Whitney Anderson of Seattle.

Nate Davies of San Francisco was the best man.

The groomsmen were Ian Hall of Ann Arbor, John Anderson of Seattle, Jonathan Ganter of Charlottesville, Va., and Abe Sands of Boston.

Mason Anderson of Seattle was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Chartiers Country Club. They reside in Seattle.



Martin to wed Wilson

Molly Martin, daughter of Mike and Marita Martin of Chelsea, and Jesse Wilson, son of Jon Wilson of Ann Arbor and Patty Wilson of Ann Arbor, are engaged and planning a July 22 wedding at St. Mary Catholic Church.

The future bride is a 2002 graduate of Chelsea High School. She expects to graduate from Eastern Michigan in spring 2007 with an elementary education major in reading and a minor in science.

The future groom is a 2002 graduate of Pioneer High School. He expects to graduate from the University of Michigan in the spring with a bachelor's degree in industrial and operations engineering.

The bride graduated from Mount Lebanon High School in Pittsburgh, and from the University of Michigan.

The groom graduated from Dexter High School, and from U of M.

CHELSEA

Student makes dean's list

Aaron Connell of Chelsea was named to the dean's list at Michigan State University's James Madison College for the fall 2005 semester.

The 2004 graduate of

Chelsea High School is a sophomore majoring in finance and international relations.

He is the son of Larry and Karen Connell of Chelsea.

Bitters, Navitskis exchange vows

Amy Bitters, daughter of Scott and Shirley Bitters of Dexter, and Lenny Navitskis, son of Wendy Navitskis of Roanoke, Va., were married Jan. 14, in Orlando, Fla.

The maids of honor were Kelly Bitters of Atlanta, Ga., and Christine Bitters of Dexter.

The bridesmaids were Anne Doolittle of Chicago and Kelsey (Overbey) Boos of Manchester.

Chris Navitskis of Norfolk, Va., was the best man. The groomsmen was Harris Patel of Athens, Ga., and the usher

was Nick Dyer of Atlanta.

The couple currently reside in Athens, Ga.

The bride graduated from Dexter High School, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Georgia. She is a territory manager with Milburn Equine.

The groom graduated from Cave Spring High School in Roanoke, Va., from James Madison University, and the University of Georgia.

He is a football athletic trainer at the University of Georgia.



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CHELSEA

Student artwork on display at store

The Chelsea Center for the Arts and Chelsea Village Hardware have partnered to present a public exhibition of youth sculpture in downtown Chelsea through Monday.

Joe Hubbard, Griffin Kuras, Teresa Perdomo, Mary Beth Steklac, David Straub, Jonathon Straub, James Straub, Graham Wagner and Mason Wagner are showcasing their artwork in the front window at Chelsea Village Hardware, 110 N. Main St.

The art pieces were produced in an ongoing sculpture class called "Fundamentals in Sculpture," which has been offered at the Chelsea Center for the Arts during the winter term and will continue in April.

The class is designed as a series of open-ended projects where students are exposed to principles and images of historic and contemporary artists, and then explore these ideas through self-directed sculpture projects.

They are not instructed on what to make or how to make it, but rather asked a series of questions to induce critical thinking and to evoke possible new directions as their projects develop.

"The students have been working very diligently and I am glad they have this opportunity to contribute to the festivity and cultural life of the city of Chelsea," instructor Trevor Stone said in a press statement. "They really

pushed themselves to develop thoughtful and creative pieces."

Students have been meeting at Chelsea Village Hardware to shop for supplies before starting new projects. When challenged to pick out their own materials, the students responded with an amplified degree of planning and increased investment in the projects.

"They love the range of supplies available to select from at the Chelsea Village Hardware," Stone said. "It has their imagination running wild. It's always amazing to see how they transform the objects they purchase."

Added Mary Beth, "It impacts me by learning about different things we can work with."

The students are finding new challenges. Not only are they expected to purchase supplies within a \$5 budget, they find it challenging to narrow down their choices.

"I think you have more options than if he just brought the materials (for us)," Joe said. "You can pick what you want and do whatever you want with it."

The students have created a variety of analytic, expressive and comedic sculptures.

"It has been great to see how these students have stretched their skills in sculpture through this class," said Jennifer Goulet, the center's executive director.

"And the downtown exhibit at the hardware store has provided them with public



Chelsea students Joe Hubbard, Griffin Kuras, Teresa Perdomo, Mary Beth Steklac, David Straub, Jonathon Straub, James Straub, Graham Wagner and Mason Wagner are showcasing their artwork in the front window at Chelsea Village Hardware.

exhibition experience that supports collaboration of arts and businesses."

Aubrey Thornton Martinson, program coordinator, has noticed a change in the work the students are producing.

"When they realize that

other people are going to be viewing their work, the students will take more time planning and put more thought into their pieces," she said. "By providing the use of their Main Street window, Tom and the Chelsea Village Hardware has added

a completely new dimension to the class."

Graham, a student of Stone's for almost two years, said: "You want to make it better because you know other people are going to see it."

CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Independent Order of Oddfellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at

Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

Wednesday

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

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee meets 8 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Chamber Conference Room, 8005 Main St. For more information, call 426-0887.

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

La Leche League meets monthly on Wednesday mornings in Dexter. The league is a support and information group for

pregnant and nursing mothers. For more information, call 426-5648.

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

Western Washtenaw Democrats meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the IBEW Hall, 7920 Jackson Road, in Scio Township. For more information, call 475-8551.

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Those with no previous experience or with fine-tuned skills can make bowls, plates and candleholders at evening classes held in Chelsea.

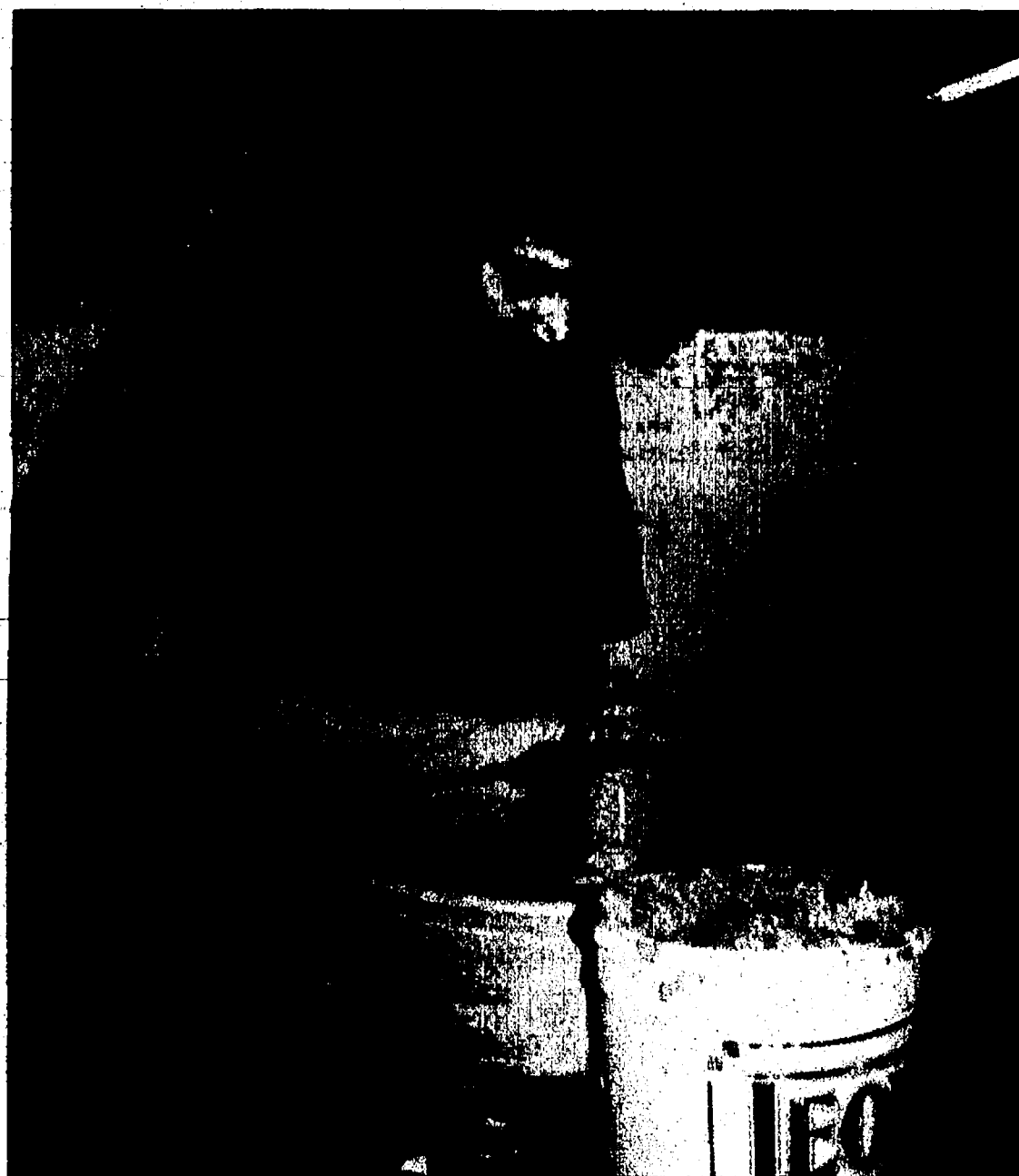
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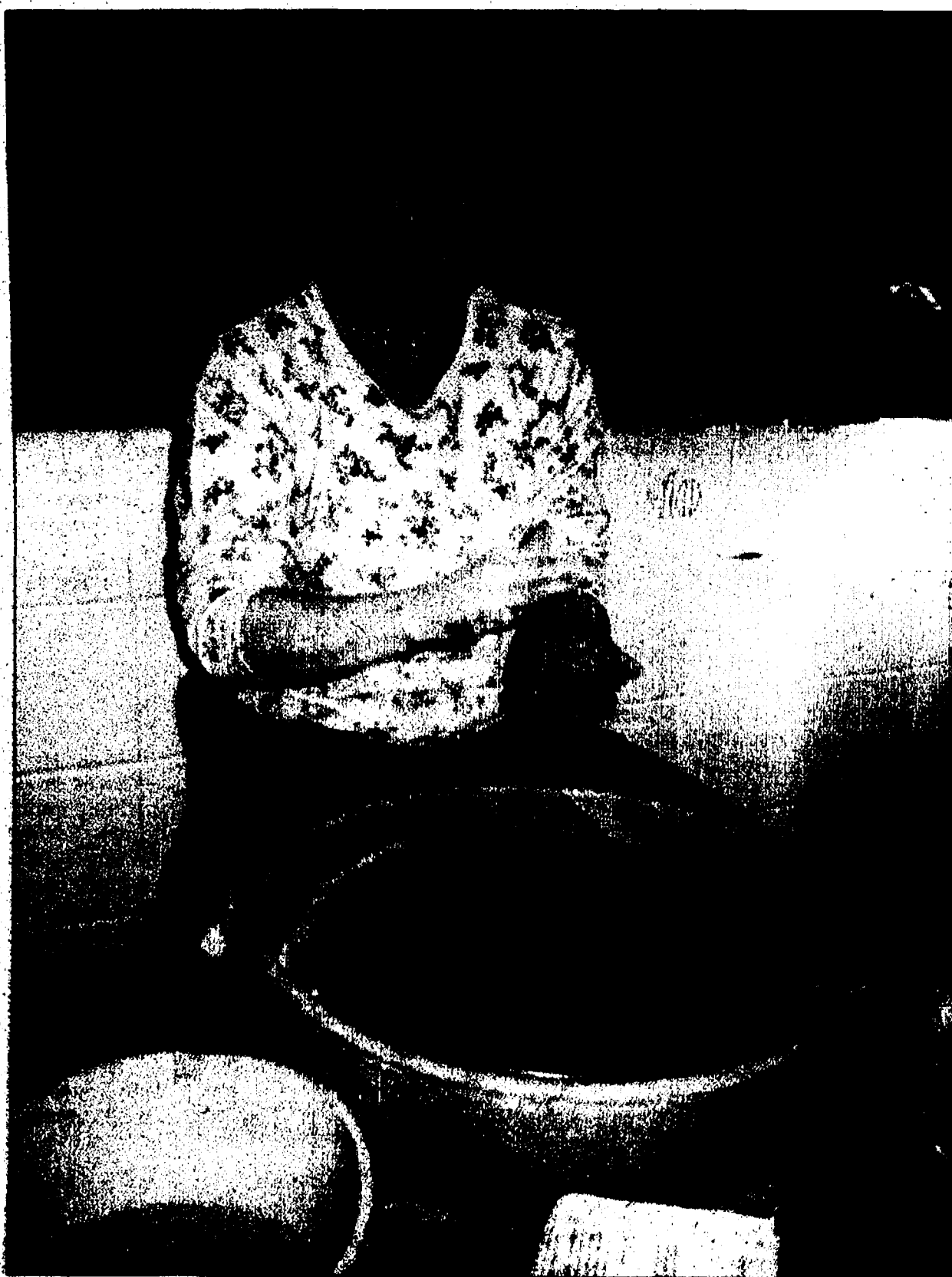
Joan Kelly and Polly Bradburn work on their projects as part of a pottery class offered through Chelsea Community Education.



Kahli Kastella is among a handful of students learning how to make pottery in a class offered through Chelsea Community Education.



Carolyn Adkins enjoys getting her hands dirty.



Deb Merman applies what she has learned as she makes a piece of pottery.



Judy Irwin teaches pottery through Chelsea Community Education.

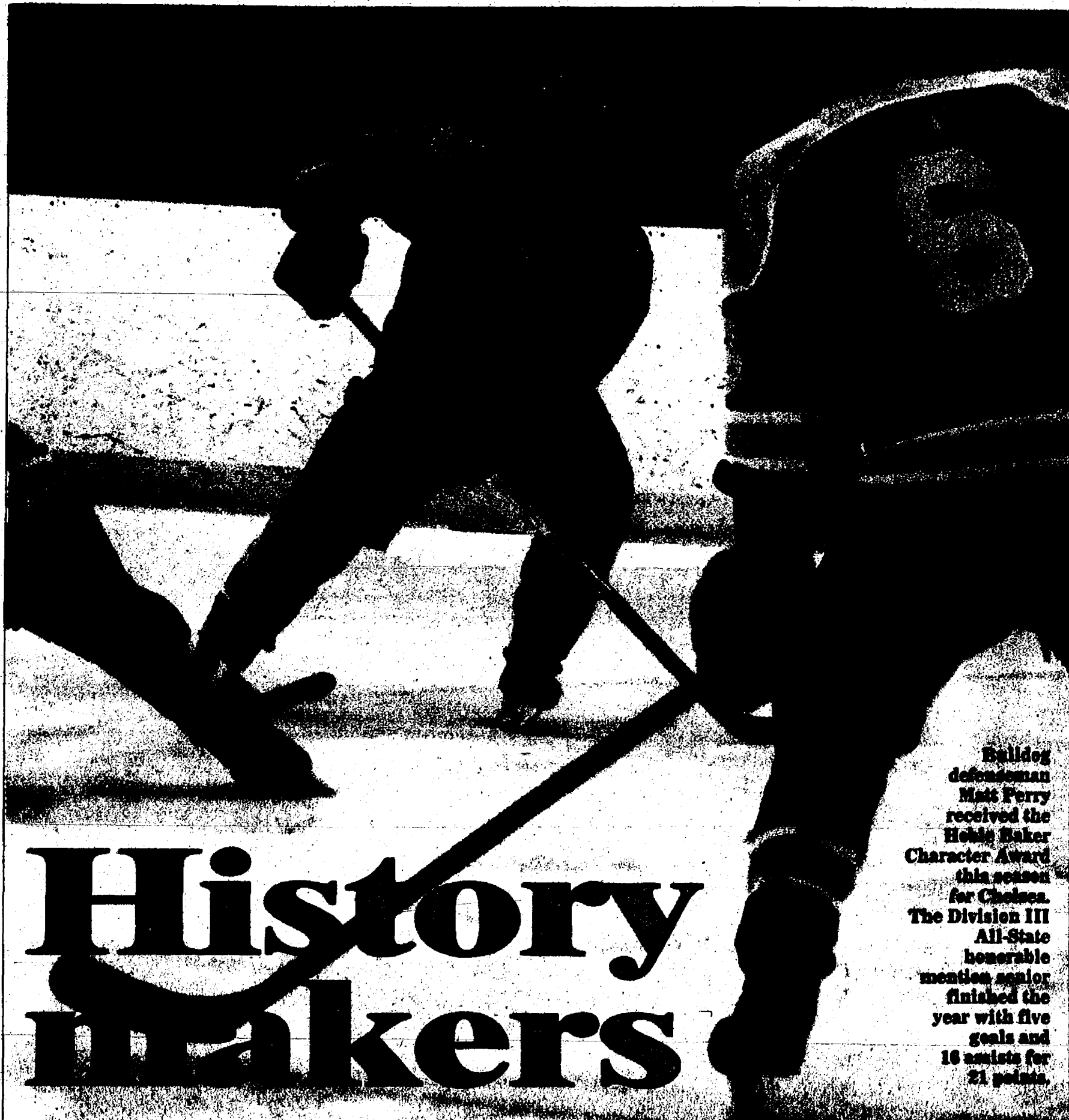
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History makers

Bulldog defenseman Matt Perry received the Hobie Baker Character Award this season for Chelsea. The Division III All-State honorable mention senior finished the year with five goals and 16 assists for 21 points.

Bulldog icers celebrate successful season

State-ranked Chelsea's 17 wins set school record

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey celebrated a history-making year with last week's end-of-season banquet.

Arguably the Bulldogs' best team ever, Chelsea was ranked in the state's top five in Division III all year. The Bulldogs reached as high as No. 2 in the state before finishing the regular season ranked No. 3.

Chelsea recorded the most wins in the program's history with 17. Even more impressive was the fact the squad achieved the most hockey victories in school history, playing one of the toughest Division III schedules in the state. Of the Bulldogs' 27 games this season, 23 came against state ranked teams or squads who Chelsea had lost to previously.

The Bulldogs tied a team record for fewest losses in a season with seven.

Chelsea's overall record

this year ended up 17-7-3.

The Bulldogs finished as Southeastern Conference White Division champions and were a state regional finalist.

Off the ice, Chelsea was just as impressive, earning Academic All-State accolades for the fourth time in the last five years. To receive Academic All-State recognition, a team must average above a 3.0 grade point average.

While the Bulldogs made waves statewide this year as a team, they also received notice individually.

Chelsea senior defenseman Ryan Ruikka was named to the state's Dream Team, selected by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association. Ruikka is the first Bulldog hockey player ever named to the state's elite squad, chosen regardless of division.

"When you consider all the different divisions in the state, that's quite an honor," said Chelsea coach Don Wright.

Only eight players from throughout the state were selected for the Dream Team.

Besides his selection to the Dream Team, Ruikka was



Chelsea senior Eric Cremer was named first team Division III All-State this season. The Brett Poupard Award winner ended the year with 26 goals and 35 assists for 61 points. His assist and point totals set Bulldog records.

named first team All-State in Division III and first team All-SEC. He also was further honored by earning a spot on the Academic All-State team and the All-SEC Academic squad, as well.

Ruikka, Bulldog MVP, recorded nine goals and 21 assists for 30 points. His total points are the most ever for a Chelsea defenseman.

Receiving the Brett Poupard Award for hustle and motivation was Eric Cremer. The senior forward ended the year with 26 goals and 35 assists for 61 points. His assist and point totals set Bulldog school records. For his efforts, Cremer, who is being looked at by numerous Division III colleges and junior teams, was named All-State first team in Division III and first team All-SEC.

"He had a great year," Wright said. "His strength is his speed. His first couple of steps are outstanding. He has great hands and moves. He

will play at the next level."

Receiving the Hobie Baker Character Award was Matt Perry. The senior defenseman finished the season with five goals and 16 assists for 21 points. He had a plus-27 rating. Perry was named Division III All-State honorable mention and All-SEC honorable mention. He also earned All-SEC academic honors, as well.

"He had an outstanding year," Wright said.

Earning the Most Improved Award were C.J. Cogswell and David Maveal. A senior forward, Cogswell recorded three goals and four assists for seven points this year. A junior forward, Maveal had seven goals and seven assists for 14 points this season.

"They had a discipline and commitment to do things that were needed for the team," Wright said. "They scored goals, but they really contributed both ways."

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Photo courtesy of Barrill Strong

Chelsea senior John Mantel was named boys' basketball co-MVP, along with teammate Nate Schwarze, this season. Mantel, a 6-foot-8 forward, averaged 16 points and nine rebounds a game this year for Chelsea.

BASKETBALL

Mantel, Schwarze co-MVP for Dawgs

Hawkins earns defensive award for 19-5 Chelsea squad

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

John Mantel and Nate Schwarze were named co-MVPs for the Chelsea boys' basketball team this season.

"It was appropriate this year," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "John was our inside force, and Nate was our quarterback on the court."

Mantel, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound senior forward, was named All-State honorable mention and first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division this year. He averaged 16 points and nine rebounds per game this season. He also added 58 blocked shots, while shooting 50 percent from the floor and 74 percent from the free throw line.

"His dominance inside was a key for us," Raymond said. "More times than not, we went to John. He was also a strong rebounder."

While Mantel was a force in the paint for Chelsea, he also could score from the outside.

"The intriguing aspect of John was his ability to shoot outside," Raymond said. "He made 25 threes for 38 percent."

Defensively, Mantel made a difference down low for the Bulldogs.

"If he didn't get the block, he made opponents adjust their shot," Raymond said. "He's a long 6-8. He's one of the better players that we've had here."

Mantel is being recruited by numerous schools, including Division I mid-major teams and Division III colleges.

Schwarze (5-11) was Chelsea's coach-on-the-floor.

"He was our floor general on both ends of the court," Raymond said. "He set our offense up. He did a good job of seeing the mismatches for our team. He knows our system so well. He was able to call plays on his own and get us into our offense. He is a true point guard. That's a compliment."

"He made his teammates better. He's a very unselfish player."

Schwarze finished the season averaging 10 points per game. He led Chelsea with 119 assists and 61 steals. His assist to turnover ratio was an impressive 5.2 to 2.2.

"He was our main ball handler," Raymond said. "He had the ball in his hands 90 percent of the time. He did what he needed to do to make our team better."

Earning the Bulldogs' Defensive Player of the Year Award was Cam Hawkins. The 6-1, 225-pound senior center was a physical presence inside for Chelsea this season. He was named All-SEC honorable mention.

"Cam was our verbal leader on the court," Raymond said. "He's a quarterback in football and a catcher in baseball, so he's used to being a leader. He would guard the top forward or center on the other team. He's only 6-1 playing on the inside. He gets rebounds because of his position on defense and his aggressiveness."

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Bulldog senior Luc Daniels received the Coaches Award, after finishing the season with 11 goals and 17 assists for 28 points.



Photo courtesy of Barrill Strong
Bulldog point guard Nate Schwarze earned boys' basketball co-MVP honors this season. The 5-11 junior finished the year with a team-high 119 assists and 61 steals.

TRACK AND FIELD

Bulldogs compete in relays

Girard places first in the 3,200-meter run for Chelsea

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

The Chelsea boys' track and field team placed sixth at last Friday's Eastern Michigan University Relays.

The Bulldogs ended up with 41 points. Twenty squads participated in the EMU meet.

"This is a nice meet to get us started in the early season," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "It becomes quite apparent just which athletes trained during the winter, and which ones watched TV. As the weather turns, I look forward to increased fitness and competitiveness."

Pacing the Bulldogs on the day was the shuttle hurdle relay foursome of senior Drew Wint and sophomores Justin McGrath, Brad Ratliff and Evan Carpenter, who finished fourth with a time of 34.39.

Individually, Carpenter crossed the line seventh in the 60-meter hurdles in 9.26. McGrath ended up with a clocking of 9.89.

"Carpenter had a great day," Swager said. Senior Ian Girard bested the field in the 3,200-meter run, placing first in a lifetime best 9:42. Fellow classmate Al Stewart was seventh in 10:54 for Chelsea.

In the pole vault, Wint finished fourth,

clearing 10-feet, 6 inches.

Junior Danny Ngo recorded a leap of 18-2 in the long jump for the Bulldogs, while junior Antwan McClendon had a mark of 5-3 in the high jump for Chelsea.

The Bulldog quartet of sophomore Teddy Eyster, Brad Ratliff, Stewart and Girard placed fifth in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:53.

In the sprint medley relay, junior Jason Ratliff, freshman Riley Feeney, McClendon and Wint finished fifth with a clocking of 4:07.

Senior Zach Gregory, freshman Sean Ciaccio, freshman Kevin Rosentreter and Feeney ended up sixth in the distance medley relay in 12:10 for Chelsea.

Jason Ratliff, Ngo, Wint and McClendon crossed the line 10th in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:42.20.

Brad Ratliff, Carpenter, Rosentreter and McGrath competed in the 1,600-meter relay, recording a mark of 4:01.7.

In the 1,600-meter run, Eyster stopped the clock in 5:07.20 for the Bulldogs.

Ngo topped Chelsea with a time of 7.6 in the 60-meter dash, while Jason Ratliff was close on his heels, with a 7.71 in the event.

Chelsea next travels to Ypsilanti Lincoln for a meet 4:30 p.m. April 12. Because of stadium renovations at Jerry Niehaus Field, the Bulldogs will have no home meets this season.

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MVP

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Offensively, Hawkins shot a school record 70 percent this year. At the free-throw line, he shot 78 percent.

Receiving the squad's Most Improved Player Award was Mike Sauers. The 6-1 junior guard was one of Chelsea's best outside shooters.

"Mike had a great season," Raymond said. "He worked really hard in the off-season to make himself a better player. His outside (shooting) threat made us really dangerous."

Earning the Coaches Award was Robbie Moffett. The 5-11 senior was an asset on the court no matter where he played.

"Robbie played all positions for us, except point guard," Raymond said. "He was very valuable at both ends of the court. He's a very good athlete."

Moffett led the Bulldogs in charges taken with 10.

Senior forward Matt Weber (6-2) received the SEC Sportsmanship Award.

Junior guard Adam Connell (5-10) earned the Oil Can Award for Chelsea.

Junior guard Micah Hudson (6-2) led the Bulldogs from beyond the arc, draining a team-high 42 three-pointers during the season. Hudson, named All-SEC honorable mention, also recorded his 1,000th point Jan. 27 against county rival Dexter.

Chelsea finished the year with a 19-5 overall record. The Bulldogs, who won their second consecutive SEC White Division championship this season, were consistently ranked in the state's top 10 in Class B. Chelsea lost in the regional semifinals to eventual Class B state champion Detroit Renaissance 55-48.

The Bulldogs gave the Phoenix one of their toughest games of the tournament, trailing by only three points, with 19 seconds left in the game.



Chelsea junior guard Adam Connell received Bulldog boys' basketball's Oil Can Award this season. Connell helped lead Chelsea to an overall record of 19-5 and its second straight Southeastern Conference White Division title this year.

Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

"We're going to miss our seniors," Raymond said. "It was an outstanding senior class. It was as good of a senior class as we've had in my 28 years at Chelsea."

Raymond said the future looks bright, however, for Bulldog basketball.

"We have a great nucleus of juniors coming back," he said. "We have seven players coming back. I'm looking forward to a competitive season next year."

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— HOCKEY STARS —



Chelsea players Alex Dobberstein (left), Connor Townsend, Chase Barnes and Jeremy Chesney helped lead the Ann Arbor Peewee No. 2 hockey team to the Ann Arbor Association's Hockey Weekend Tournament title March 19.

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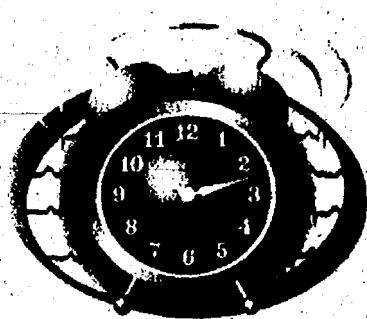
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HOCKEY

Ruikka selected to state's Dream Team

Senior defenseman first ever from Chelsea named to elite squad

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Ryan Ruikka is in select company. The Bulldog senior defenseman was named last week to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's Dream Team.

Earning a spot on the eight-man Dream Team is one of the highest honors a high school hockey player can achieve. The Dream Team is selected by prep hockey coaches throughout the state, regardless of division.

Only two defensemen made the elite team. Besides Ruikka, Chelsea's captain, the squad's other defenseman was Novi Detroit Catholic Central's Tim Buttery.

Rounding out the Dream Team were goaltenders Cutter Hurst of Houghton and Ross Tashjian of Novi Detroit Catholic Central, and forwards Zach Hitch of Brighton, Alex Redmond of Traverse City Central, Eric Alexander of East Kentwood and Jacob Scherring of Trenton.

Ruikka, the first player from Chelsea to make the Dream Team, said being named to the squad was an honor.

"It's nice," he said. "It definitely took a lot of work. It's nice to be up there with the top of the high school spectrum."

Chelsea coach Don Wright said Ruikka, who earned Bulldog MVP accolades this season, deserved to be on the Dream Team.

"To be on that team, where he's essentially one of the top two defensemen in the state, is outstanding," he said.

"It doesn't surprise me. I felt Ryan was one of the best in the state."

Ruikka said he never thought he'd be named to the state's top team.

"I started hockey so late," he said. "We moved to Chelsea (from Toledo) when I was in third grade. I didn't start playing hockey until the sixth grade."

For someone starting hockey at a relatively late age, Ruikka proved to be a natural.

"He's a very complete player," Wright said. "He's an outstanding skater. Defensively, he's extremely smart. He shuts down the other team's top player. He sees the ice well, has a good shot and passes well."

"He has all the skills. He can be physical when he needs to be. He has offensive and defensive skills. He's the total package."

Ruikka (6-foot, 180), named first team All-Southeastern Conference, first team Division III All-State, and

Academic All-State, said he patterns his game after Detroit Red Wing perennial All-Star defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom.

"He's my favorite player," he said. "He's a really talented player. He's the best in the NHL. He moves real well, and he's smart on the ice."

Ruikka, who maintains a 3.92 grade point average, said his most memorable moment on the ice was last fall playing with the Michigan Stars hockey team. The club is a collection of the state's best prep players.

"It (playing with team) really helped my development," he said. "Tim Buttery (Dream Team member) was my defense partner."

As for his favorite Chelsea hockey memory, Ruikka said it was this past season's game against Southgate Anderson in the Bulldogs' Thanksgiving Tournament.

"We came back from three goals down in the third period," he said. "We won the game in overtime."

Ruikka, who scored nine goals and had 21 assists for a school record for defensemen 30 points this season, said his goal is to play Division I college hockey.

One route to big-time college hockey is through junior leagues.

"I'm looking at playing juniors in the USHL (United States Hockey League)," Ruikka said. "It's the top junior league in the country. I've

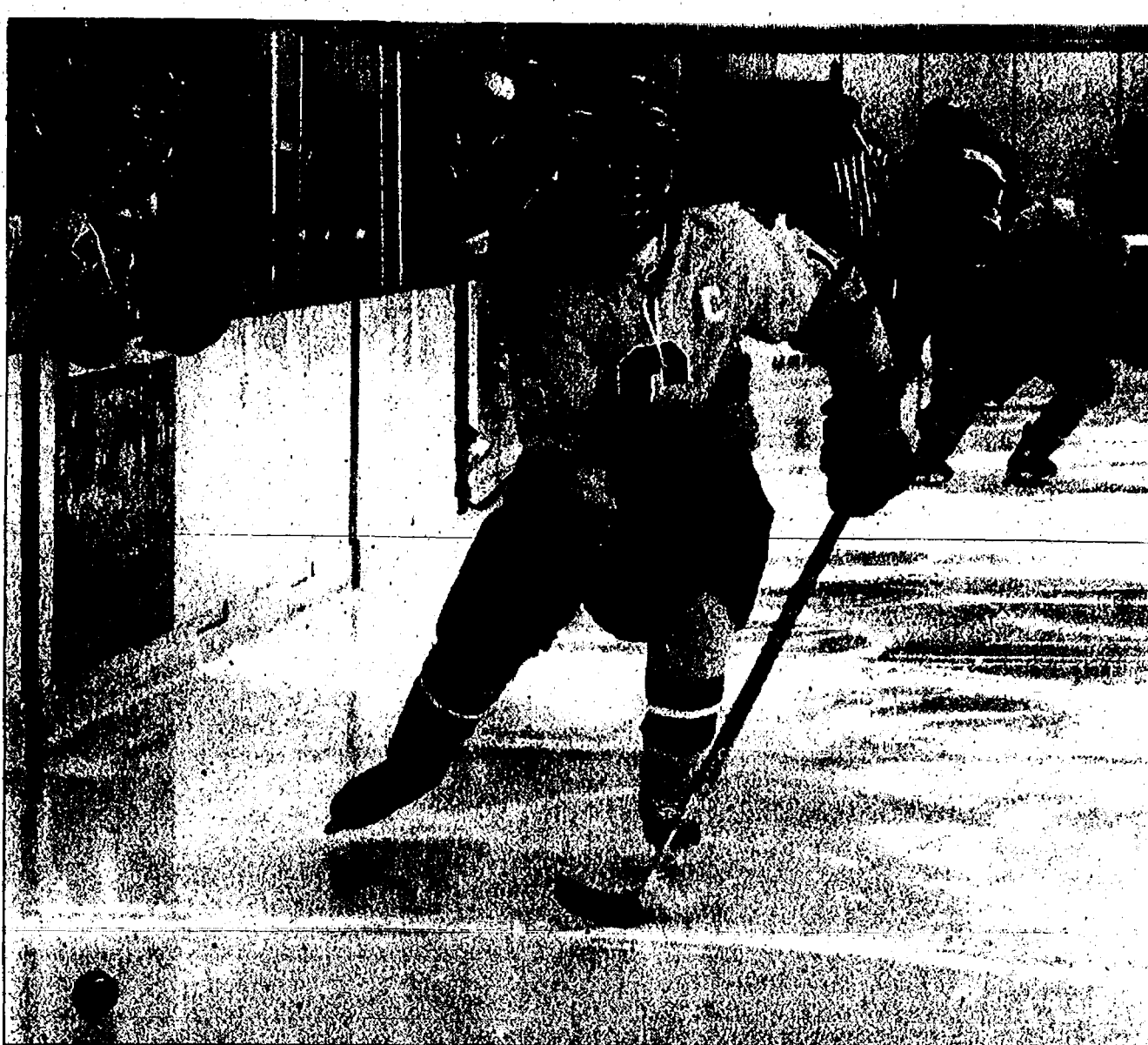


Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong
Chelsea's Ryan Ruikka was named to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's Dream Team last week. The senior defenseman was further honored as Bulldog MVP this season.

already been contacted by the (junior league teams) Omaha Lancers and the Des Moines Buccaneers."

After a year or two in the junior league, most players move on to Division I college

programs. "I'd like to play in the Ivy League or the CCHA (Central Collegiate Hockey Association)," Ruikka said.

The University of Michigan and Michigan State

University both play in the CCHA.

That would be select company, indeed.

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HISTORY

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Selected the Rookie of the Year was Mike Bazydio. The junior forward finished the season with three goals and four assists for seven points.

"In the latter part of the season, he really played well," Wright said. "He's a hard worker. He killed penalties for us."

Receiving the Coaches Award was Luc Daniels. The senior forward concluded the season with 11 goals and 17 assists for 28 points. He also earned the SEC Sportmanship Award.

"He's scored some huge goals for us throughout his career," Wright said. "He has 41 goals and 47 assists for 88 points career-wise. That's sixth all-time in points."

Schylar Williams had a big year for the Bulldogs. The junior forward finished with 23 goals and 19 assists for 42 points this season. His 10 power play goals were a team high.

Though he still has one more season remaining, Williams already is first all-time in goals, with 64, in the Chelsea record book. His 109 career points are third all-time.

Williams was named Division III All-State honorable mention and first team All-SEC this season.

"He's been contributing since he was a freshman," Wright said. "He's done very well."



Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong
Chelsea senior Taylor Hooper finished the season with 11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points. For his efforts, he was named All-SEC honorable mention.

Another high-scoring forward for the Bulldogs was Taylor Hooper. The senior had his best year statistically, with 11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points. For his efforts, he was named All-SEC honorable mention.

In net, Josh Cottrell was selected All-SEC first team.

pipes of 10-4-2, with two shutouts.

Chelsea's other talented net minder was Zach Leszczynski. The junior goalie had a goals-against average of 2.54, and a save percentage of 89.13. He ended up with an overall record of 7-3-1 with one shutout.

Rounding out the scoring for the Bulldogs were sophomore forward Kyle George, who had four goals and five assists for nine points; freshman forward Nick Biciolechi, with four goals and five assists for nine points; junior defenseman Travis Amburgey, with four goals and four assists for eight points; and junior defenseman Jake Vaughan, with one goal and four assists for five points.

Others reaching the scoring column for Chelsea include senior defenseman Jason Aguirre, with four assists for four points; junior forward James Cogswell, with two goals and one assist for three points; sophomore forward Matt Heinen, with one goal and two assists for three points; junior defenseman Austin Feeney, with two assists for two points; and junior forward Howdy Holmes, with one assist for one point.

This past season, the Bulldogs had six players

SOCCER

Academy starts season

The Ann Arbor Youth Soccer Association's Arsenal Soccer Academy, for boys and girls ages 4 through 12, will begin the first week of April.

Players in the academy are grouped according to age and ability.

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CHELSEA

Romantic comedy on tap for spring

This spring, the Purple Rose Theatre Company will hold the Midwestern premiere of "The Late Great Henry Boyle" by David MacGregor.

The production, a romantic comedy, will run April 6 through June 3.

Seven previews will be performed April 6 through 13. Regular performances for the duration of the engagement are 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, with Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea.

In this love story, audiences will meet the endearingly befuddled Henry Boyle, an intensely sincere and pri-

vate professor of medieval studies recently ditched by his wife. A complete social misfit who doesn't even watch television, Boyle camps out in his tiny office and tries to rebuild his familiar and comfortable life.

With the encouragement of his colleague, Winslow Saxonhouse, Boyle develops an impressive absinthe habit and writes a novel that inexplicably makes him an overnight pop culture sensation.

Despite his psychotic ex-military literary agent, intense media scrutiny and recurring hallucinations about giant rodents, a chance meeting with a damsel named Rachel just might be the only thing that can pull

Boyle back from the edge.

Originally titled "Mainstream," "The Late Great Henry Boyle" was first presented as a staged reading by Heartland Theatre for the 1999 TreeTown Theatre Festival, Performance Network's summer guest season. In 2001, the script was selected among 11 finalists for the prestigious Don and Gee Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Directed by Purple Rose Artistic Director Guy Sanville, the local cast features Randall Godwin, Paul Hopper, John Lepard, Wayne David Parker and Inga Wilson.

A visit with actor Jeff Daniels on the set of an upcoming movie filming on location will be the first-place prize in a raffle offered by the Purple Rose Theatre Company. The prize includes airfare and overnight accommodations for two. As an alternate first-place prize, the winner may receive a trip for two to New York City, where he or she will be a dinner guest of Daniels and his wife, Kathleen.



CHELSEA

Daniels to be raffled off as fund-raiser

The Purple Rose Theatre Company recently launched a fund-raising campaign that features an evening with actor Jeff Daniels, a native of Chelsea, as the grand prize.

A raffle called R.O.S.E., which stands for Reaching Out to Support & Enrich, will be held 5:30 p.m. July 17 in the theater's lobby.

A limited number of tickets are available at \$100 each. Winners qualify for one of four prizes.

First place is a visit with Daniels on the set of an upcoming movie filming on location. The prize includes airfare and overnight accommodations for two. As an alternate first-place prize, the winner may receive a trip for two to New York City, where he or she will be a dinner guest of Daniels and his wife, Kathleen.

The second-place prize winner will receive a helicopter flight with world-renowned aerial photographer-artist Dale Fisher, "Eyre of the Eagle," of Grass Lake.

The third-place winner will receive a personal flight aboard a Cessna 172 airplane piloted by Bill Holmes of the famed Jiffy Mix family in Chelsea.

Fourth-place is a champagne flight for two with

champion aeronaut Jody Leatherberry in a hot air balloon.

The raffle will replace the Jeff Daniels Comedy Golf Jam, which was the theater's major fund-raiser for the past 10 years.

Tickets are available for purchase at the theater's box office, 137 Park St., in the theater's lobby.

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AT THE MOVIES

Give Craig a chance

I feel sorry for Daniel Craig, even if he is living my dream, sort of.

Craig is the guy who's been chosen to take over as James Bond, but before he's had a chance to order his first vodka martini, he's facing opposition greater than all the laser-toting, ninja bikini models in the world combined.

Filming recently started on Craig's Bond debut, "Casino Royale." It's the sort of break every actor dreams of, a sure pass into Hollywood's hoi polloi.

But instead, Craig's name and face are gaining notoriety because of complaints by alleged Bond fans that have wanted to strip him of Bond's Walther PPK before the first scene or evil henchman was shot.

Craig is being rejected on sight. He's blond. How can James Bond be blond? He's too short. His ears are too big. He has bad skin. He's just too bloody ugly to be James Bond. Stories have appeared about one group in particular that's been voicing its revulsion on a Web site.

The news agencies reporting on the uproar usually include a photo or two of Craig so that readers can gaze for themselves at this monstrous example of nature's cruel indifference.

It got so bad old Sir Roger Moore took time from a UNICEF event to tell everyone to just settle down and give the blond Bond a chance.

That's understandable. When Moore took over the role in 1972, even directives to Moore to cut his hair and lose weight didn't do much to quell complaints that neither he nor anyone could fill Sean Connery's white dinner jacket.

Aside from the inherent banality of the argument, there are other facts that rendered the debate silly, then and now. For starters, Bond's creator, Ian Fleming, didn't think Connery was right for the role at first. His choices included David Niven, James Mason and Richard Burton. When it came time to shoot the first movie, "Dr. No,"



KLINT LOWRY

Moore had been considered before Connery, and it was mostly because Moore had a prior commitment that prevented him from being the standard by which all other Bonds would be measured.

I remember all this because it was right around the time of the great Connery-Moore debate that I was first formulating a career plan of being a movie star and one day playing James Bond myself.

I had it all figured out. Moore would play Bond a couple of times, and the series would peter out for 15 or 20 years. Meanwhile, I would establish myself as a movie stud par excellence. Then, in a move that would seem to the world like proof there is a predestined order in the universe, I would resurrect the Bond franchise to the delight of young and old.

The only thing I was right about was that Bond should have been put out to pasture about midway through the Moore era, right around "Moonraker." Even with Pierce Brosnan, whom many now consider the best overall Bond to date, the franchise has become a redundant, irrelevant parody of itself. The most surprising thing about this controversy is that anyone really cares anymore.

Still, had everyone done things my way, I'd be Bond right now, so I can't help but feel sorry for Craig. He's the sixth James Bond in the official bloodline. Even George Lazenby and Timothy Dalton, the consensus duds of the lot, at least got to make a film or two before the fans put them in the crosshairs.

I've read Craig is a pretty decent actor. Of course, in his business, it's often what's outside that counts most, and what might be the break of a lifetime could ultimately be a career-killer.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I think I better brush up on my Scottish burr, just in case.

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Off to Oz

Ty Jacobs (right) of Dexter will join Chelsea residents Gary and Becca Glover April 7 through 9 in "The Wizard of Oz" at the Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center at Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway. Jacobs has been active in the Chelsea Area Players and was recently seen as the beast in "Beauty and the Beast." Gary Glover will play the Wizard and his daughter will play the Barrister, munchkin. Show times are 7:30 p.m. April 7, 2 and 7:30 p.m. April 8, and 2 p.m. April 9. Tickets are available by calling 1-734-904-1874 or via the Web site at www.salinereaplayers.com.

CHELSEA

'Sleeping Beauty' slated

Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan will present the premiere of "Sleeping Beauty," a full-length production with original choreography by the theater's artistic director, Wendi DuBois.

"Sleeping Beauty" is a classical ballet performed in three acts with a prologue. It was composed by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The original ballet was choreographed by Marius Petipa, and performed Jan. 15, 1890, at the Maryinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Youth Dance Theatre will use some of the original choreography to allow higher-level dancers to learn from the movement. However, much of the ballet will be re-choreographed to suit the needs of the theater's youth organization.

Performance dates are set 7:30 p.m. April 29 and 2 p.m. April 30 at the Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors, with group rates available.

Tickets may be purchased at The Glass Slipper in Chelsea, The Dancer's Boutique in Ann Arbor, via telephone or at the door. To reserve tickets or for more information, call 475-3070.

Chelsea-based Youth Dance Theatre, founded in 1995, provides dance enrichment and performance opportunities to youth in third through 12th grades. The organization serves nearly 75 dancers from Chelsea, Dexter, Saline, Manchester, Grass Lake, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti and sur-



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DEXTER VILLAGE

Classic Pizza to expand with franchise

Business hopes to expand into other small communities

By Tom Perkins
Special Writer

Classic Pizza's BLT pizza with its signature sauce, low price and, of course, its wildly popular homemade dough are reasons Dexter loves the local pizzeria. And now other communities soon may experience the same thing.

Since it opened in 1991, new customers have routinely become regulars and regulars routinely discover new reasons to love the pie served up by owner Ralph Schlaff.

"The quality is there and the price is right," customer Beth Chamberlain said. "The kids and I went over to the new Jets that just opened up, and with those prices and that pizza, I thought, 'Ha, ha, is this a joke.'"

The upshot of Classic Pizza's quality pie coupled with a low-cost approach has been an ever expanding customer base, and now Schlaff is set to franchise, a move that will bring his popular pizzas to communities throughout the region.

"I think he'll be successful with franchising," Chamberlain said. "Once people see those prices and taste it, he'll be fine."

Schlaff said franchising is the next step for him as the store has grown to its full potential.

"By franchising, I'm trying to create more jobs and partnerships, and keep some of the good people I'm losing," he said. "There's only so

much these guys can do in one store before they need to leave."

By entering into a franchising agreement with Classic Pizza, a person basically would be buying the rights to use the Classic Pizza name, and be required to follow the guidelines that made the original Classic Pizza so successful. For example, food preparation, customer service and pricing would remain uniform among stores that open under the Classic Pizza flag.

"Basically, they would be buying 15 years of fixed mistakes," Schlaff said.

Schlaff got into the business after graduating from Michigan State University with a marketing degree. He tried to get a job in marketing at Domino's, but company policy requires employees to be hired from within, so Schlaff said he took a job at a local store. Once on the frontlines of the pizza business, the atmosphere proved more attractive than that of an office.

"I liked the store and everything ... I decided to open up one of my own," he said.

Choosing to serve Dexter, Schlaff now has established himself in the community. Several years ago, he married, had three children and is now active in coaching youth football. He also has begun doing business with the schools.

"Customer service like that is what takes me back," Chamberlain said. "He's a very community-oriented man. He gets real involved with the community and is honest."



Ralph Schlaff (left) and his brother, Scott, make up some pizzas at Classic Pizza. Ralph Schlaff, the owner, is now selling franchise agreements. Schlaff said franchising is the next step for him as the store has grown to its full potential.

Chamberlain said Schlaff has catered numerous church and community functions that she has been part of, and always at reasonable rates with extra measures taken to ensure hungry people are satisfied.

As customers began to trickle in for the pizza from Ann Arbor, Chelsea and every other surrounding city around seven years ago, Schlaff contemplated franchising. Marriage and a pair of twins temporarily put the idea on the shelf, but now each city may soon enjoy

their own Classic Pizza.

"I'd like to grow at about two to three stores a year," he said. "So, five years down the road that will put me around 10 or 15 stores."

Initially, the aim is to open Classic Pizzas in developing, tight-knit communities, he said.

"Our whole goal is to go after smaller markets," Schlaff said. "We want family-run stores that want to be a part of the community."

This philosophy has led Schlaff to look to Manchester for his first franchised oper-

ation's home. Currently, the particulars of the franchising agreement are being worked out with Schlaff's attorneys and a site is being decided on.

While smaller communities appeal most to Schlaff, he said he is not entirely opposed to locations in bigger suburbs such as Canton and Novi.

"We're not afraid to open in a place like that if the opportunity is ever there," he said. "But, right now, we want people who (will) be involved in the smaller com-

munities."

Tom Perkins is a freelance writer. He can be reached at trperkins@gmail.com.

CHELSEA

Heritage Pointe earns award

Heritage Pointe subdivision in Chelsea has achieved Pulte Homes' prestigious TOPS award.

The award is based on customer satisfaction and is given out within the company to one team that performs the "TOP" in construction quality, service of the home, sales experience and mortgage experience. Heritage Pointe ranked highest in Pulte Homes of Michigan.

In addition to its internal

award, Pulte Homes' Michigan Division, headquartered in Royal Oak, received the highest ranking for customer satisfaction in the Detroit market by J.D. Power and Associates in 2005.

Stockbridge native and superintendent for Heritage Pointe, Mike Dalton, is proud of his team's achievement.

"Growing up in the area, it's paramount that we build

quality homes," he said in a press statement. "It's not just Pulte's name on the house, it's also my own reputation."

The entire team associated with Heritage Pointe received a vacation to Las Vegas compliments of Pulte Homes.

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NATION

Customer satisfaction index indicates Kmart on right path

Kohl's Corp. ranks highest among large department stores

By Lara Mossa
Journal Register News Service

Kmart made the greatest improvement among discount stores in the American Customer Satisfaction Index. The results of the study, recently released by the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, showed that Kmart's score rose from 67 in the fourth quarter of 2004 to 70 this year. That marked a 4.5 percent increase, compared with Target Corp.'s 4.0 percent increase to 78.

Still, Kmart scored the lowest of the 10 department and discount stores surveyed in the study. Kohl's Corp. ranked the highest with a score of 80 and J.C. Penney Co. ranked second with a score of 78.

"The improved customer service year over year is a testament to the hard work of our Kmart associates," said Chris Brathwaite, a spokesman for Sears Holdings Co., the parent company of Kmart. "We will continue to focus on customer service this year, not only in our stores, but at every customer touch point. We're happy to see the improvement. We still feel like there's work to be done. That's something we're focused on."

The study gauged overall customer satisfaction for businesses ranging from

supermarkets to insurance companies. The index rose 0.4 percent from the previous quarter to an aggregate score of 73.5 but fell slightly below 2004's score. E-commerce and finance and insurance rose, while the price of gas dragged down retail trade slightly, the report said.

"It's probably good news, especially since the other economic news is disappointing," said Claes Fornell, University of Michigan professor of business. "Productivity for the fourth quarter is down, which is very unusual. When customers are more satisfied, that tends to increase demand in the near future."

Home Depot posted the biggest decline among any company with an 8.2 percent drop to 67. Its major competitor, Lowe's, on the other hand, gained 2.6 percent to 78 and now leads Home Depot by 14 percent.

Fornell said there are greater disparities between companies with high customer satisfaction scores and companies with low scores.

Among banks, Wachovia Corp. ranked highest with 75, while Wells Fargo & Co. trailed the group with 67. Online auction leader eBay Inc. scored 81, compared with the category loser priceline.com with 72.

Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com tied for 87 in the e-commerce retail division, while (800) FLOWERS.COM trailed the category with 77.

"Obviously, we're gratified

to be at the top of their rankings. We're focused on being Earth's most customer-centric company," said Patty Smith, spokeswoman for Amazon.com, based in Seattle. "We're pleased with our consistently strong ACSI scores. We'll continue to innovate on behalf of our customers to improve their shopping experience on our site."

"I think it's interesting to note that e-commerce rebounded a little bit," Fornell said. "The scores are very high compared to traditional business. There are a few that stand out. Amazon is No. 1 with a very high score of 87."

E-commerce retailers are convenient because customers can shop any time of the day, Fornell said, adding that products can be compared easily over the Web. Amazon.com is remarkable because the company started out just selling books and now sells all kinds of merchandise, he said.

There is a high correlation between customer satisfaction and indicators of economic performance, in particular the stock market, Fornell said, except in instances where there is a monopoly or where the companies are competing on price.

"Wal-Mart doesn't have to have as high customer satisfaction as its competition," Fornell said. "It can do very well competing on price. A company like Target is affected much more by the customers' satisfaction or lack of satisfaction."

— YOUNG PIZZA MAKER —



Katie Poe, 4, a pupil at Lambs of Our Savior Christian Preschool, and her mother, Suzanne, show off a pizza they made during a recent field trip to Thompson's Pizzeria in Chelsea.

ROMULUS

Airport sets travel record

Detroit Metro handled more than 36 million passengers last year

By Emily Burton
Heritage Newspapers

Detroit Metropolitan Airport was a busy place in 2005.

Recently released figures indicate that Detroit Metro set an all-time passenger record and handled more than 36 million passengers last year.

The data, released this month, said the airport handled 36,389,294 passengers, surpassing figures for the year 2000 and eclipsing numbers reported after the attacks against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. This was in spite of relatively flat aircraft operations, or departures and take-offs, during 2005.

At the airport last year, there were 521,900 aircraft operations, down only 622 from 2004.

Airport spokesman Michael Conway attributed the record passenger numbers to deeply discounted fares.

"The fares were so good that I actually think they drew people to airports and pulled people out of cars and buses," he said.

Records kept by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics show that all U.S. airlines carried 4.6 percent more domestic passengers during 2005.

Nationwide, airlines carried 529,582,175

passengers, and there were 8,422,790 flights during 2005.

Although nationwide numbers have increased, passenger levels nationwide have not returned to pre-Sept. 11 numbers, nor have aircraft operations.

For Detroit, the greatest increase came not just in domestic traffic, but in international travel as well, which jumped 7.3 percent over 2004's total.

"Clearly the increase in international passengers is an encouraging sign for local tourism. International visitors provide a greater beneficial economic impact because they tend to stay longer and spend more," Conway said.

He also attributed the record passenger traffic not only to low fares offered by both major and discount airlines, but key improvements at the airport.

"I think that primarily, the improvements have enabled the airport to handle that number of passengers easily. Having six runways — which most airports don't have — having this much pavement is really important. When you have hub operations, (the airport is the hub for Northwest Airlines), and your traffic comes in waves, you need more runways," Conway said.

He also pointed to a remodeled and expanded McNamara terminal.

— Bobby Ampezzan, a reporter for Heritage Newspapers, contributed to this report.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Board of Realtors names officers

The Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors recently installed its 2006 board of directors and officers.

Laura Dykstra of Ann Arbor, who works for Edward Surovell Realtors, was named president and Timm Williams of Ann Arbor, who works for Edward Surovell Realtors, was named president-elect.

Jim Carey of Ann Arbor, an agent for University GMAC Real Estate, was named treasurer, while Susan Moore of Chelsea, representing McKinley Brokerage Services, was named treasurer-elect.

Also named to the board were Missy Caulk of Saline, Jean Crandell of Ypsilanti, Robin Grosshuesch of Ann

Arbor, Tonya Ireland of Saline, LaTanya Keith of Ann Arbor, Linda Lombardini of Ann Arbor, Dave Lutton of Dexter, Joe Peoples of Ann Arbor and Cindy Reach of Ann Arbor.

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Two earn design awards

Allan Lutes, president of Alpha Remodeling in Scio Township, has earned a Graduate Master Builder designation from the National Association of Home Builders.

The designation is the association's highest achievement and requires more in-depth instruction geared for experienced building professionals.

Lutes is also a certified graduate remodeler, certified restorer and graduate realtors institute.

Jeff Martin, Alpha Remodeling's vice president, earned an Aging-in-Place Specialist certification from the National Association of Home Builders.

The designation program teaches the technical, business management and customer service skills needed

to compete in home modifications for the aging-in-place.

Martin also serves as chairman of the Washtenaw Remodelers Council.

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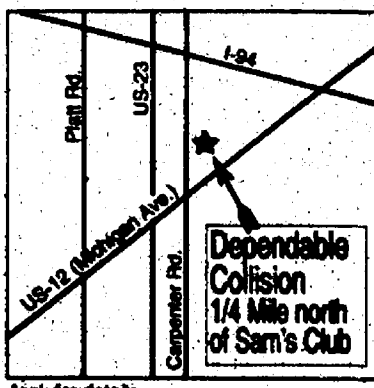
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CHELSEA

Drumming camp set this summer

The fifth annual Youth Hand Drumming Summer Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to noon June 19 through 23, with the possibility of an afternoon class from 1 to 4 p.m.

Presented by Like Water Drumworks, the camp will introduce students to basic hand-drumming techniques, traditional West African rhythms, folklore and stories. Students will play djembes, ashikos, dununs, shakers and bells.

The focus will remain on having fun, jamming and teaching how to cooperate with peers to produce a unified sound. Students will also explore art projects inspired by African cultures.

The camp will be offered to youngsters in third through eighth grades, and will be held at the Michigan Friends Center, 7748 Clarks Road, in Chelsea.

Drums will be provided. Camp activities will include a performance 6 p.m. June 23, where all participants, along with members of the Like Water Drum and Dance Ensemble, will perform their new drumming skills for friends, families and community members.

For more information about the camp, call 475-3158 or check out the Web site www.liewaterdrumworks.com.

Deadline for registration is June 5.



WASHTENAW COUNTY

Cultures to be celebrated April 6

The University of Michigan Health System's Program for Multicultural Health is presenting "Cultural Rhythms - Celebrating Dance and Music from around the World" from 6:30 to 8:30 April 6 at the Morris Lawrence Building, Room 101, at Washtenaw Community College.

The inspiration behind Cultural Rhythms is to provide an opportunity to bring together people from diverse backgrounds to enhance their communication in a fun and festive environment, and

learn about each other's culture through music and dance.

The event also represents one of several ongoing projects undertaken by the Program for Multicultural Health to promote its mission of improving the health of diverse ethnic and racial populations.

The event is free and light refreshments will be provided. Reservations may be made by calling 1-734-615-1404 or by e-mailing pmch@med.umich.edu.

March is Reading Month

March is Reading Month and first-graders in teacher Jodi Carl's class celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday with their sixth-grade buddies in teacher Bev Hill's classroom at Creekside Intermediate School. All sixth-grade classes have a first-grade buddy, who they meet on a regular basis to do journal writing, read and write a special story. Pictured are, in front, Dexter first-graders Dianne Gray (left), Jack Davis, Dylan Hunt, Nicole Mos, Cameron Pickard and Ryan Flattery; second row, David Baumann (left), Randy Gesell, Connor Johnson, Jacob Klein, Sydney Korte, Jazzmya Wilson, Skyler Whiting and Owen Read; and, third row, Kelsey Crosby (left), Austin Graham, Hunter Edwards, Steven Brown, Justine Esser, Rachel Bristow, Elijah Cook, Marissa Bryant, Kelly Weisgerber and Mason Esper. They are pictured with sixth-graders, fourth row without hats, Amy Read (left), Emily Gillis, Nicole Augustine, Zach Dutcher, Hank Dreffs, Eric Wenzel, Brennan Center, Kate Pepple, Melissa Mahry, Chante Liu, Taylor Kraft, Aubrey Palenick, Alex Henry, Jacob Scheffler and Bobbie Hechner; fifth row, Nathan Grady (left), Vince Palumbo, James Simonds, Cameron Roeka, Drew Chappell and Connor Thompson; sixth row, Sean Mayra (left), Tucker Whitley, Kayla Schumacher, Carly Cash, Susie Butler, Madeleine Leone, Ally Wang and Julie Lindeman.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Event to feature abandoned bunnies

The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will hold its Spring Goodwill Tour in early April, with three stops in Washtenaw County, in an effort to reduce the number of rabbits hastily purchased at Easter and then later given up or abandoned.

Bunny ambassadors will visit from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Keedo children's clothing store, 407 N. Fifth Ave., in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown; and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 8 at White Rabbit Toys, 2611 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor.

The bunny ambassadors' mission is to educate people on the responsibility of having a rabbit as a pet and providing rabbit care with the hope of reducing the number of abandoned rabbits after the holiday. Educational materials and rabbits will be on hand at each location, along with volunteers to help with rabbit handling and answer questions.

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary is a nonprofit group that provides a safe haven for abandoned, abused and neglected domestic rabbits with the goal of rehabilitating and finding homes for them. The organization also strives to educate the public in an effort to reduce the number of rabbits in need of rescue.

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MONEY SENSE

Avoid those common financial mistakes

The goal of my columns is to educate and help you understand all the different rules and complexities of financial strategies. Today, we are going to do a bit of educational testing.

As we approach the end of tax season, there are some important tax rules that need to be understood.

Many people with large individual retirement accounts understand that 70 1/2 is the magic age at which they have to start taking required minimum distributions. Unfortunately, many people often underestimate the complexity of the tax laws regarding this important issue.

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TONY LAJUNESSE

6. I just turned age 70 1/2, am married and my spouse (age 67) is my beneficiary. What is my best choice for calculating my required minimum distributions?
R. Recalculation
S. Term Certain
T. Hybrid
U. Depends on the circumstances
V. Doesn't matter

1. At what date must you begin taking minimum distributions from your individual retirement account?

- A. 70
B. 70 1/2
C. April 1 of the year you turn age 70 1/2
D. April 1 of the year after you turn age 70 1/2

2. Should you usually wait until this date before you take out your first minimum distribution?

- E. Yes
F. No
G. Usually not

3. What is the penalty if you do not take enough?

- H. 10 percent
I. 25 percent
J. 50 percent
K. 75 percent

4. If I name my wife as 50 percent beneficiary, my son as 25 percent beneficiary, and a charity as 25 percent beneficiary, can my wife still roll over her interest into her own IRA after I am gone?

- L. Yes
M. No, because the charity disqualifies the other beneficiaries from electing a rollover or an Inherited IRA

5. If I name a child as the primary beneficiary of the IRA, what options does he or she have with respect to minimum distributions after I die?

- N. Within 1 year

7. Once I turn age 70 1/2, must I start depleting my IRA?

- W. Yes
X. No
Y. Maybe

Here are the answers:

1. At what date must you begin taking minimum distributions from your IRA?

D: April 1, after the year that you turn 70 1/2. For example, if you turn 70 1/2 in 2005, the required beginning date would be April 1, 2006.

2. Should you usually wait until this date before you take out your first minimum distribution?

G: Usually not. Let me explain. The year that you turn age 70 1/2 often is referred to as your required beginning year. You must take out a distribution for this year, but the government says that you have until April 1 of the following year before you need to actually take the money out.

Taking your beginning year distribution in the following year does not relieve you of the obligation to take a required distribution in that year, however. Thus, by waiting you will have to take two distributions in the following year: A delayed distribution from the beginning year and another for the current year.

Why is this bad? Let us assume that your minimum

distribution for 2005 was \$15,000 and that you wait until March 31, 2006, to actually take out this amount. The \$15,000 is treated as a distribution for the 2006 tax year.

However, you also must take a minimum distribution for 2006, for which the deadline is Dec. 31, 2006. If we assume that your minimum distribution for 2006 is \$18,000, then your total distribution would be \$33,000 in one calendar year! This might push you into a higher tax bracket for 2006. Therefore, it is best to do a tax projection in order to determine which way is the best for you, depending on your circumstances.

3. What is the penalty if you do not take enough?

J: A 50 percent penalty. For example, if your minimum distribution was \$20,000 and you only took out \$8,000, then the difference would be \$12,000. The penalty would be 50 percent of \$12,000, which equals \$6,000. Talk about a penalty!

4. If I name my wife as 50 percent beneficiary, my son as 25 percent beneficiary and a charity as 25 percent beneficiary, can my wife still roll over her interest into her own IRA after I am gone?

L: Yes. Under prior law, if you designated a charity as a partial beneficiary, this would prohibit your spouse from rolling over the rest of the proceeds or any of the other beneficiaries from electing to take IRA distributions.

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Showing Appreciation

Dexter Lions Club President Scott Marshall (center) recognizes local businessman Fred Schmid (left), owner of Dexter Pharmacy, and John Cares, owner of the Dexter Mill, Jan. 19 for their support of the local club and its annual Christmas tree sales project. The fund-raiser benefits community service and school projects that the Dexter Lions Club participates in.

ANN ARBOR

'Perfect Pup' wanted

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is looking for famous faces.

The 2006 Celebrity Spokesdog Contest is looking for "the perfect pup" to represent the organization at the 2006 Walk & Wag May 20 at the County Farm Park in Ann Arbor.

A likeness of the winning celebrity "spokesdog" will be featured on Walk & Wag posters and T-shirts, and the dog and its family will help kick off the festivities at the Walk & Wag event.

"We are very excited about this new component of our Walk & Wag fundraiser," Tanya Hilgendorf, executive

director of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, said in a press statement. "We see terrific dogs adopted into loving homes every day, so it will be an honor to recognize the star quality of one special dog."

The Walk & Wag is the largest annual fund-raiser for the Humane Society of Huron Valley featuring food,

face painting a pet fortune teller and other activities. Event participants collect donations and come to the County Farm Park to support the cause.

Net proceeds from the Walk & Wag benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley, the only humane society serving all of Washtenaw County.

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SUBJECT OF MEETING:
7:00 pm

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April 20, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will meet the third Wednesday of each month as needed at 5:00 p.m. during 2006. All meetings will be held at the City of Chelsea Offices, 305 S. Main, in the lower level conference room.

Any change in this schedule or meeting place will be published or posted.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Tom Osborne, Chair

Publish: March 30, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. at the Webster Township Hall, 5685 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, Michigan.

To hear a request from Ryan & Julie Nixon for a variance from Section 4.10 (E) (5) Front Setback Requirement. They are requesting a 20.3 feet variance on the front setback for the construction of a single family residence to replace an existing residence, on Parcel Number C-03-29-200-002, 7455 Gregory Road, Dexter, MI.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Jennifer Simonds, Chairman
Webster Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Posted: March 21, 2006
Publish: March 30, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2006-1

[An Ordinance To Amend The Webster Township Private Road Ordinance Being Ordinance No. 92-5 Rev B; To Define Shared Drive; To Provide Flexibility In The Width Of A Shared Drive]

THE TOWNSHIP OF WEBSTER ORDINANCE:

SECTION 1.

Section 3 of Ordinance No. 92-5 Rev B is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order and renumbering the subsections accordingly:

Shared Drive - is a means of ingress and egress for vehicles for no more than three (3) lots each intended to have one single-family dwelling.

SECTION 2.

Subsection 5 (A) of Ordinance No. 92-5 Rev is deleted and replaced with the following:

A. Said lots share a 66 foot wide right of way for ingress and egress to a public road; or a smaller right of way that complies with the required standards of Table 7 herein.

SECTION 3.

Table 7 is deleted and replaced with the following:

TABLE 7 PRIVATE ROAD STANDARDS RIGHT OF WAY WIDTH FOR PRIVATE ROAD AND/OR SHARED DRIVE		
	Average Traffic Volume	Width of Private Road and/or Shared Drive
PRIVATE ROAD	LESS THAN 400 trips/day	40' ft.
PRIVATE ROAD	400 TO 1500 trips/day	50' ft.
PRIVATE ROAD	GREATER THAN 1500 trips/day	66' ft.

* Widths smaller than 66 ft may be used when future connection to the County Road system is unlikely to occur and/or narrower width can be justified to the satisfaction of the Township Board.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

Should any section or part thereof of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or parts thereof of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be published once in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper having general circulation in Webster Township, within thirty (30) days after its adoption, and shall take effect upon the date of publication. Made and passed this 21st day of March, 2006.

John Kingsley
Webster Township Supervisor
Mary Sue Miller
Webster Township Clerk

Publish: March 30, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA:

- Meeting Schedule
- 04-06-286-001
Thomas Pross
9485 Lakeview Drive
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.A to allow a 42' setback on the North side of property to proposed deck. (50' req)
Also to allow a 10.3' East Side setback from the Easement to the new garage.
Section 12.01.E.3.C to allow a 15' setback on the West Side to proposed deck. (30' req)
Also to allow a 15' setback on the South side to new home.
Section 12.02.E.4. To allow 27.2% lot coverage where 25% is allowed.
04-02-403-025
05-ZBA-902B
Robert and Kathy Lane
9555 Winston Drive
Applicant requests relief from:
Section 18.23.A to allow a 12' setback from new detached garage to Winston Drive. (Currently 8')
To allow an 11' setback to Dexter-Pinkney Road from new detached garage. (Currently 7') To allow an 18' front setback from the access from Dexter-Pinkney Road to Winston Drive.
Section 12.01.E.3.C to allow a 24' rear setback opposite the access from Dexter-Pinkney Road to Winston Drive.
Section 18.23.A to allow a 3' setback from new attached garage to Winston Drive.
Section 18.23.B to allow a 30' setback from new home to Portage Lake.
To allow a 26' setback from new deck to Portage Lake.
- TABLED (No later than the July meeting)
- Property Tax ID 04-03-300-007
Applicant Number: 05-ZBA-912
Applicant Name(s): Cindy White
Property Address: 9401 Thurston

Variance Requested per submitted ZBA application:				
Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	20'	5'	50'	From Thurston Drive to new garage overhang.
18.23.A	18'	10'	50'	From the undefined easement
12.02.E.4	24.3			From existing home to property line on the west side.
12.02.E.1				Recognize less than one acre
18.02.E.2				Recognize less than 150' side.

Purpose: To construct a 24' x 24' garage with attic storage.
Publish: March 30, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. AT
DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA:

- Multi Lake Sewer Expansion Consideration
- Natural Features Ordinance Discussion

John Shea, Chairperson
Dexter Township Planning Commission

Publish: March 30, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HALL AT 5685 WEBSTER CHURCH RD., DEXTER, MICHIGAN

Agenda: Consideration of revisions to the Webster Township Zoning Ordinance involving Contractor's Establishments and consideration of the Licensed Home Based Occupation Ordinance.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance. Written comments may be made in advance at the above address.

Paul Zalucha, Chairman

Publish: March 30, 2006 & April 13, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by JASON BAGBEY of 327 W. MIDDLE ST., CHELSEA for a variance from the requirements of Section 10.06 & 3.10 B of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE 20 FEET IN HEIGHT (12 FEET ALLOWED) ON A NON-CONFORMING LOT. THE GARAGE WILL BE 25 FEET HIGH AT THE PEAK. The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: # 05-06-12-905-020
327 W. MIDDLE ST., CHELSEA

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

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, APRIL 19, 2006 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea Village Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

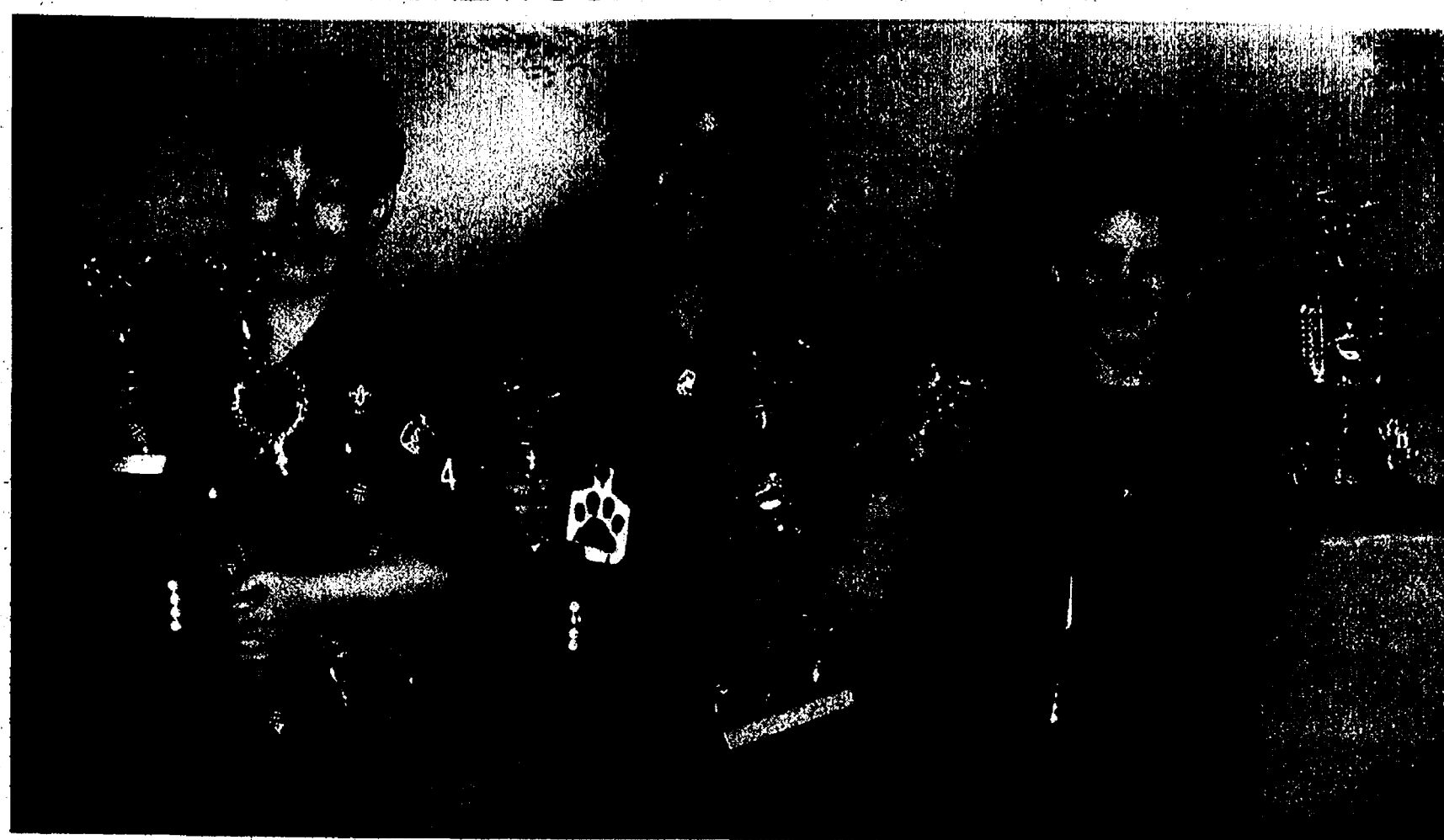
The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

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

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Publish: March 30, 2006

— PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS —

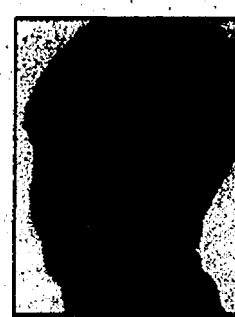


Dexter Cub Scout Pack 477 held its annual Pinewood Derby March 24 at Cornerstone Elementary. The overall winners of the pack were Mitchell Allie (left), who placed first; Mikyle Bartkowiak, who placed second; and Kieron Moller, who took third.

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Titles abound revolving around color. "Color my World," "The Color Purple," "What Color is Your Parachute?" You go down the yellow brick road because you are feeling blue and order a Pink Lady.



PAT ALLEGRA

Color is one of the world's natural wonders. So why are so many of you living in white and beige homes? Are you so afraid of commitment?

If it's fear of committing to a color or you just do not know where to begin, then start small. Looking through decorating books and magazines can help you develop a color scheme for your home.

Another solution is to use the colors of a beautiful piece of fabric, area rug or pillow. Fabric designers have done all the work for

you. Many home décor materials have mix-and-match patterns from which to choose. Have your paint custom mixed for a pulled together look.

If you are still apprehensive about using color, then try some vibrant-hued pillows and throws, paint just one wall or paint the powder room. Take baby steps.

Coloring your world is a wonderful way to express yourself. It can warm up a cold room; add pizzazz to a plain home or give your cookie-cutter house personality and character.

Pat Allegra is the owner of Stylish Solutions, an interior decorating business specializing in affordable and creative decorating assistance. She can be reached at 1-734-449-4679.

MISTAKES

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tions over their lifetime.

However, under the new laws, the spouse would have the right to roll it over into her IRA, even though the charity was one of the primary beneficiaries, as long as the charity took out its distributions.

5. If I name a child as the primary beneficiary of the IRA, what options does he or she have with respect to minimum distributions after I die?

Q: The child would have the right to use any of these options: within one year, within five years or over his/her lifetime.

However, the best choice in most cases would be to take the distributions over his or her lifetime. The election must be made no later than Dec. 31 of the year following the year of death.

This usually is by far the best option for most non-spouse beneficiaries because it permits the maximum deferral for taxpayers who do not really need the money, while providing an option to receive the full amount in one year or over a five-year period if desired.

Unfortunately, many IRA custodians default to taking out the distribution over a shorter period of time unless an election is made to extend it. Many beneficiaries are not aware of this rule and forget to make any election, and therefore are subject to the default provisions that the IRA custodian has.

It is extremely important to review your custodian's language to determine what options they allow after you die.

6. I just turned age 70 1/2, am married and my spouse (age 67) is my beneficiary. What is my best choice for calculating my required minimum distributions?

V: It doesn't matter anymore. There used to be a number of factors to take into consideration before making your choice on calculating your required minimum distribution such as selecting life expectancy, the recalculation method, single vs. joint, hybrid, term certain, etc.

There now is one uniform table that most people will use. This table generally assumes that the beneficiary is 10 years younger than the IRA owner. The only exception is a situation in which the beneficiary is a surviving spouse who is more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner.

Under the facts of this question, the spouse is 67 years old. Although this is only three years younger than the IRA owner, you still can calculate your minimum distribution assuming he or she is 10 years younger.

7. Once I turn age 70 1/2, must I start depleting my IRA?

Y: You might be depleting your IRA principal, but the Internal Revenue Service does not require this. The IRS merely requires that you take out a minimum distribution based on the new table

and whether IRA principal decreases in a given year depends on whether the required distribution exceeds the growth in asset value for that year.

For example, let us assume that your spouse is your primary beneficiary and both of you are 70 years old. According to the IRS tables, you have a life expectancy of 26.2 years. Therefore, if you have \$100,000 in your IRA at the end of the prior year, you would have to take a minimum distribution of \$3,817, which is about 4 percent of

the IRA balance. If your investments inside of your IRA earn more than 4 percent, then your IRA will actually grow!

Obviously, if your minimum distribution is greater than the earnings on your IRA, however, then you will start depleting your principal.

Tony LaJeunesse offers securities through AIG Financial Advisor in Allen Park. He can be reached at 1-313-381-1137, tlaJeunesse@aig-financialadvisor.com or www.tonyla.com.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP
MEETING NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

1) Property Tax ID: 04-02-401-010 / 04-02-402-011
Appeal Number: 06ZBA024
Applicant Name(s): Sue Boffach
Property Address: 9680 Winston Drive

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	51'	25'	50'	To allow 25' from Winston Drive to proposed new garage.
18.23.B	22'	21'	50'	To allow 21' from covered porch to waters edge.
12.02.E.3.b	5.3' (south side) 6' (north side)	5' on the South side, and 6' on the North side.		To allow a 5' setback on the South side and a 6' setback on the North side.
12.02.E.1				Recognize less than one acre
12.02.E.2				Recognize less than 150' wide.

Purpose: To demolish existing home and garage. To construct a new two story home with one car attached garage and a 24'x30' garage on back lot.

2) Property Tax ID: 04-02-101-006/ 04-02-175-006
Appeal Number: 06ZBA 625
Applicant Name(s): Richard and Donna Blakeney
Property Address: 9912 Winston Drive

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A	26.5'	23.5'	50'	To allow 23'6" from Winston Dr. to new covered front entrance.
12.02.E.4	25.2%	25.6%	25%	To allow 25.6% lot coverage where 25% permitted.
19.04.B.1				To allow two dormers to be constructed. Profile would then be changed.
18.23.B	28'	28'		To recognize 28' from waters edge to existing home.
12.02	Over property line	same	5'	To recognize that the existing home is over the property line on the East side.

Purpose: to allow for a 4'x5' covered entry way as well as two new dormers on the roof of the existing home. Home owner received a permit from Chelsea Area Construction for some new up grades and believed they had a permit to do the construction. Both dormers as well as the front entrance have been constructed.

3) Property Tax ID: 04-07-106-001/017
Appeal Number: 06 ZBA 626
Applicant Name(s): Pat A. Kelly
Property Address: 13505 and 13521 Edgewater Drive, Gregory, Michigan 48137

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A		20'	50'	To allow 20' setback from covered porch to Winston Drive. (50' required)
18.23.B		37.5'	50'	To allow a 37'5" setback from new construction to the waters edge.
12.02.E.1				Recognize lot less than one acre.
12.02.E.2				Recognize lot less than 150' wide.

Purpose: To appeal the decision of the Zoning Administrator, Steve Platt as expressed in a 12-22-05 letter to Katrina Stewart. Letter stated that permission is not needed prior to selling property located at 13505 Edgewater.

4) Property Tax ID: 04-01-230-004/007 04-01-231-012
Appeal Number: 04-02-101-015
Applicant Name(s): Joseph Pitro
Property Address: 9972 Winston Drive

Variances Requested per submitted ZBA Application:

Section	Current	Requested	Permitted	Description/Notes
18.23.A		20'	50'	To allow 20' setback from covered porch to Winston Drive. (50' required)
18.23.B		37.5'	50'	To allow a 37'5" setback from new construction to the waters edge.
12.02.E.1				Recognize lot less than one acre.
12.02.E.2				Recognize lot less than 150' wide.

Purpose: To allow for the construction of a new two story home. Also for the removal of an existing shed and garage on lots on the North side of Winston Drive, and for the construction of a new 30' x 50' pole barn. Home that was on the lake lot was destroyed by fire.

Publish: March 30, 2006

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FILE NO. 05-379-DE
Estate of Theodore M. Joelin, Date of birth: September 4, 1933
TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Theodore M. Joelin, who lived at 7423 Bouly Road, Dexter, Michigan died February 11, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Yuto Joelin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, P.O. Box 9545, Ann Arbor and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Yuto Joelin
Personal representative
c/o Susan E. Zale
114 North Main Street, Suite 10
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-5777

Law Office of Susan E. Zale
by: Susan E. Zale P-53736
Attorney
114 North Main Street, Suite 10
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-5777
Publish: March 30, 2006

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FILE NO. 05-377-DE
Estate of William L. Oppe, Date of birth: November 11, 1919
TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, William L. Oppe, who lived at 13555 E. Old US 12, Chelsea, Michigan died March 2, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ronald K. Miller, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, P.O. Box 9545, Ann Arbor and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Ronald K. Miller
Personal representative
c/o Susan E. Zale
114 North Main Street, Suite 10
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-5777

Law Office of Susan E. Zale
by: Susan E. Zale P-53736
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Publish: March 30, 2006

CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested changes would revise the Zoning Map from:

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP A2 to R2-S in the area described as:
TAX CODE: 06-05-15-100-002, 14300 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118
LIMA TOWNSHIP A2-3 to R2-S in the area described as:
TAX CODE: 06-07-15-200-006, 14355 E. Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118

The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

The petition, as filed by THE CITY OF CHELSEA is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

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

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Chris Fede, Chair

Publish: March 30, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 21, 2006

The Regular Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by:

Supervisor Kingsley on March 21, 2006 at the Township Hall 5685 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI 48130

Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Calhoun, Trustees: Fink, Kleinschmidt, Koch and Westman, Zoning Administrator Pindza, Information Systems Specialist Mariah Howell and 14 residents

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approve Minutes
Regular Board Meeting February 21, 2006

Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt to approve February 21, 2006 minutes as presented. All ayes and carried.

B. Webster Township Board & Dexter Village Council Joint Meeting March 7, 2006

Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt to approve March 7, 2006 minutes as presented. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks
Approve Agenda

Motion Kleinschmidt support Heller to approve Agenda with addition of Item K under new business, Private Road Variance application from Don Lupi and approved

Call to Public
800 MHz Presentation (up coming ballot proposal)

Reports
Treasurer's Report:

Motion Calhoun support Kleinschmidt to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated before the April meeting. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Planning Commission: Report received and discussed
Parks and Recreation Committee: No report

Zoning Inspector Report:
Two zoning permits issued and two zoning permits inspected

Sheriff's Report: Written report submitted

Zoning Board of Appeals: Report received

PDR Committee: Report received

Fire Department: No meeting/no report

Black Pine Lane Special Assessment District Public Hearing

At 8:10 p.m. Supervisor Kingsley opened the Public Hearing. Discussion concerning if we are legally allowed to establish Special Assessment District, basically in advance of need for it and establish boundaries of Assessment District. Public Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

Old Business

A. Black Pine Private Road

Motion Fink support Calhoun to table until receiving documentation to see what exactly what we are voting on. Carried.

B. Skjaerlund Private Road (Country Lane)

Motion Fink support Calhoun approval of Private Road (Country Lane) amended to include Public Hearing for Special Assessment District provided all documentation recorded, resolution and paper work approved by Attorney Reading for consideration for Country Lane to be held on April 18, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Regular Township Board Meeting. All ayes and carried

New Business

A. Annual Policy for Township Operation Fiscal year 2007

Motion Kleinschmidt support Heller and carried.

Resolution to Establish Wages of Webster Township Officials for Fiscal Year 2007

Motion Fink support Heller to approve Supervisor salary Kingsley abstained.

Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Kleinschmidt support Koch to approve Clerk salary. Heller abstained.

Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Heller support Kleinschmidt to approve Treasurer's salary Calhoun abstained. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Heller support Calhoun to approve Trustees salary. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Kleinschmidt support Koch to approve Planning Commission Chair salary. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

Motion Heller support Calhoun to approve ZBA Chair salary. Roll call vote all ayes and carried.

C. MS 4 Permit Compliance Information

Storm water issue permit (Phase II Permit) received

D. Budget Amendment

Motion Kleinschmidt support Calhoun to adopt the 2006 Budget Amendment.

Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

E. Private Road Ordinance

Motion Fink support Koch to amend the Webster Township Private Road Ordinance No. 92-5 Rev. B to define shared drive to provide flexibility in the width of shared drive amend to be equivalent to that of private roads carried. Amended widths are determined on the projected vehicle trips per day and i.e. 40-5-60 feet. Carried.

Information Systems Specialist Position

Discussion, Supervisor Kingsley extended open posting of position through the end of March, establish a small interview committee. (Kingsley, Heller, Calhoun & Howell) hire at the April meeting. Motion Westman support Kleinschmidt all ayes and carried.

Preserve Special Assessment District Application Phase IV Project

Motion Kleinschmidt support Koch to table until April 18, 2006 meeting the Preserve Special Assessment District. Amend to Public Hearing when Attorney

Reading advises it is appropriate. All ayes and carried.

Summer Fest 5K

Motion Westman support Koch to table until we obtain a list of responsibilities from Road Commission, Police and Township liability clearly defined. All ayes and carried.

Private Road Variance

Motion Heller support Westman to hold Public Hearing April 18, 2006 for Lupi Road Variance. All ayes and carried.

Correspondence

Call to Order

Adjourn

Motion Heller support Koch meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

Publish: March 30, 2006

DEATHS

DIANE S. (RUHLIG) LAHRMAN

Nunica
"The King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.' (Matthew 25:34)"

Diane S. (Ruhlig) Lahman, 47, of Nunica died March 23, 2006, after a two-year battle with cancer. She was born May 4, 1958, to Shirley and Martin Ruhlig of Wayne.

"Our gracious heavenly Father sent his angels to carry home to himself the soul of Diane Lahman. She now rests from her labor as she has

crossed the finish line in faith. She has received from the Lord, himself, the crown of eternal life that was promised in her baptism in 1958," her family said in a statement.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Lahman enjoyed music as she played the organ for church services, Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, teaching piano and leading instrumental music for special services.

Mrs. Lahman also had a "green thumb" as she worked seasonally at Springtime Flowers in Nunica. She grew up on the farm, working with her family growing produce in the Romulus area.

In 1988, the family moved to Island Lake Road in Dexter Township, and they continued their produce business, Ruhlig's Market.

Mrs. Lahman was a 1976 graduate of Dexter High School. She married William C. Lahman Nov. 24, 1978. Together they have celebrated 27 anniversaries.

Bill and her children, Zac, Sherri, Melanie and Hannah, survive.

Mrs. Lahman is also survived by her parents, Martin and Shirley Ruhlig of Dexter; her grandmother, Violet Ruhlig of Dexter; brother, Marty (Ann) Ruhlig of Dexter; sister, Nancy Ruhlig of Dexter; and brother,

Dan Ruhlig of Chelsea; as well as several nephews and nieces.

Visitation was held Friday and Saturday at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Nunica. A Service of Coronation was held Sunday at St. Luke.

Interment was at Ottawa Center Cemetery in Nunica.

Since Mrs. Lahman loved music and had played the organ for many years, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to St. Luke Memorial Fund in hopes of purchasing a new organ for the church.

Arrangements were by Ever Rest Funeral Home in Muskegon.



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Webster United Church of Christ

5484 Webster Church Rd.,
 Dexter, MI
 (734) 426-5115
The Rev. LaVerne Gill

SUNDAY:
 Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
 Church School, 9:15 a.m.
 Worship, 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI
 734-475-8119
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Night Meal: 5:30 p.m.
 Youth Groups & Programs for All Ages 8:15 p.m.
The Rev. Joy Barrett
The Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin
 www.chelseasumc.org

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 9:30am Sunday School & Education Hour
 10:30am Celebration Service & Kids Prayer
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 (Next to McDonald's)
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 275 N. Free, Chelsea
Sunday Worship Service:
 10 a.m.
 Pastors John & Sarah Groesser
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 "Come to the mountain and touch the fire"

Dexter Gospel

2253 Baker Road, Dexter
 (734) 426-4915
John O'Dell, Pastor
 Sunday: Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.;
 Worship 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Independent Fundamental Baptist
 Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.;
 Awana September till May

PEACE Lutheran Church

8280 Jackson Rd.,
 (Corner of Jackson & Parker Rds.)
SUNDAY SERVICES
 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening Lenten Services at 7:00 p.m.
 Pastor Larry Courson
 (734) 424-0899
 e-mail: peace@lutheran@cuua.edu

Chelsea Church of Christ

13861 East Old US-12
 Chelsea, MI 48118
 (734) 475-8458
Chris Dawson, Preacher
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Morning Service 10:30 am
 Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
 Wednesday Bible Class 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ

7610 Ann Arbor St.
 Dexter, Michigan
 734-426-8610
Sunday Services
 9:00a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
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WATERLOO VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8110 Washington St.
 Service:
 Sunday 11:00 a.m.
 (734) 475-1171
 Breakfast-2nd Sunday
 Sept. to May

Chelsea Free Methodist

Traditional Worship 8:30 am
 At 7665 Wacker Rd.
 Contemporary Worship 11:00
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Faith

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How do you fix power window problem?

Q: My girlfriend has a Hyundai Sonata (I'm not sure of the year) and both of her front power windows aren't working. They don't go up or down when you hit the button.

Now her driver's-side rear window is malfunctioning. You can put it up, but it'll fall back down, and you have to push it up with your hands. Do you know how we can fix it on our own?

— Gary, Ind.



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A: I'm going to assume that you hear the motors running when you hit the buttons but the windows don't move. This means that the problem is most likely failed gear strips in the motors.

Many of today's power window motors don't operate complicated mechanical assemblies anymore. Instead, they push a toothed or geared flexible strip (metal or nylon) that, in turn, pushes the window up or pulls it down — much like a power antenna does.

These strips break easily. If you're reasonably good with tools, you shouldn't have any difficulty doing the repair work yourself.

You need to remove the door panels to reveal the motors and pull them out. A shop manual would be very helpful here because the procedure is different for each car. If you don't have a manual, go to a dealer's parts department and have the counter person show you the blown-apart images on his screen.

He can also tell you if the gear strip is replaceable or if you need new motor assemblies. If you can get replacement components (the driven parts), do so at the dealer. If you need new motors, you might try a salvage yard to save considerable money.

Q: My 2003 Suzuki Grand Vitara makes a strange noise. It sounds like a high-pitched whine, and it comes on at 2,500 rpm when the car's going uphill.

Otherwise it doesn't make the noise at all. The dealer has had it in the shop more than 10 times and hears the noise but hasn't been able to fix it. They've replaced the rear gears and brakes and a lot of other things, but the noise is still there.

Can you come up with a cause for this? I'm going crazy with it.

— Norfolk, Va.

A: Noises that come at specific rpm and under load are frequently due to something attached to the engine that's vibrating. When it reaches a specific frequency it resonates, creating a noise like the one you're hearing.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

'Take Back the Night' slated

Washtenaw County residents will come together April 6 for the 27th annual Take Back the Night march against sexualized violence organized by the Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape and the University Women Against Rape.

The rally will begin 7 p.m. at the University of Michigan Diag and will feature drummers, singers and speakers, including keynote speakers Laura Sanders and Judy Karandjeff.

After the rally, attendees will march through the streets of downtown Ann Arbor in an act of solidarity to protest sexual victimization.

For the first time this year, events along the theme of fighting violence will be held throughout the week of April 3 leading up to the event. Events will include a play called "Extremities" 9 p.m. Monday in the U of M League Underground and a Speak Out 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room

D of the U of M League. All programs are open and free to the public.

The first Take Back the Night rally in 1978 was organized as a protest against rape, sexual violence against women and pornography. Since then, women in Ann Arbor and nationwide have taken to the streets to protest the impact of sexual assault on women.

Childcare will be available at the event. A bus will be provided for those who are unable or wish not to walk the entire march route.

For more information, e-mail tbtb2006-info@umich.edu or call Susie Hamilton at 945-0460.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

River RoundUp needs volunteers

Meet new friends and find unusual creatures in local streams without getting wet April 22.

The Huron River Watershed Council is looking for participants to join a small team to help search for the diversity of stream life in Letts, Mill, Portage and other creeks, as well as the Huron River.

The River RoundUp is a checkup of the river's ecological health. Monitoring the population of aquatic insects tells about problems in local streams and rivers.

Volunteers with the

Adopt-A-Stream Program measure the diversity of aquatic insects and search for the kinds of insects that are particularly sensitive to pollution.

No prior knowledge or training is required because an experienced collector will lead each team. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

The six-hour program has start times at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Participants must register by April 11 by contacting Joan Martin at jmartin@hrwc.org or 769-5971.

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I'd look at the exhaust pipes on your vehicle as the cause of your noise. Have the dealer test the Grand Vitara under load and listen for the exhaust pipes to rattle.

Q: Can you explain what displacement on demand is? I keep seeing it advertised and assume it's a good idea for fuel economy, but I seem to remember Cadillac doing something like this in the late 1970s.

Wasn't it a failure? What makes the companies think they can do this again without the same things going wrong? Please advise.

— California, Pa.

A: In concept, displacement on demand is the method of making an engine's useful (power-producing) displacement large when the vehicle needs it — such as going uphill — and small when it doesn't.

When the displacement is small, its fuel demands are lower, so overall mileage is greatly increased. In V-8 engines, for instance, you can run on four cylinders while idling and coasting and under very light loads. When power is needed you can "switch on" all cylinders.

You're very good on your history — it was indeed Cadillac that experimented with displacement on demand in the late 1970s. It was known as the Cadillac 8-6-4 and it was a great idea but a bit of a disaster in its execution.

The chief reason was that the system was electromechanical and not at all good at detecting engine-load conditions.

Today's vehicles operate with sophisticated computer control, so now we can use that electronic capability to constantly "read" what's going on in the engine. It can turn on or shut off cylinders at incredibly high speeds, making such technology virtually undetectable and highly reliable.

The technology is rapidly being installed in a number of new vehicles and will save 10 percent to 20 percent in fuel usage.

I have complete confidence in the reliability of the technology and would highly recommend choosing displacement on demand if your vehicle manufacturer offers it.

Dr. Crankshaft is automotive writer, radio host and restorer Les Jackson. Send your questions to Dr. Crankshaft at nutsandbolts@journalregister.com; please include your name and a location (for example, John Doe, New York, NY; J. Doe, New York; or J.D., somewhere in the Catskills).



Generous Donation

The Dexter Lions Club recently presented a donation to the Dexter chapter of Christmas in April. Pictured are, in back, Mark Amsdill, Lions President Scott Marshall, Sally Ann Carpinella, Russ Mynning and Paul Plumley; in front, Bev Hill (left), Ron Jurewicz, Lion Dick Ulrich and Darrell Featheringill. The money will be used to support the chapter's work to maintain, repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income, disabled or senior citizens in the Dexter School District. There are 26 homes on the list for this year's effort, which will be held April 29. Many volunteers with a wide variety of skills are needed. To volunteer, call Sally Carpinella at 426-5734. Cash donations to pay for materials are also needed and should be sent to Annette Anderson at 8870 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI 48130.

HOME HAPPENINGS

Home humidifiers help

With the heating season comes one of its unwanted side effects: dry air.

Perhaps you've noticed it: The skin on your knees and knuckles is starting to crack and itch, or maybe you're waking up with an occasional sore throat. If your home is carpeted, you might be getting a small electric shock almost every time you turn on a light.

The likely reason is that the air in your home is too dry. Heating otherwise cold winter air zaps it of its natural moisture. The effects are hard on you — and your house.

Homes that are too dry can suffer permanent damage: Woodwork or hardwood floors can split or crack, furniture such as chairs can become unstable and expensive musical instruments such as pianos and guitars also can be affected.

The reason is the lack of moisture causes the wood in these products to shrink. Wood needs a consistent level of moisture to stay strong and stable. The lumber in a wood-framed house contains hundreds of gallons of water, which dry winter air can draw out of it.

This natural process can affect your heating bills in a couple of ways. First, the shrinking wood often opens gaps around doors and windows, allowing cold inside and heat to escape.

Second, a home with low humidity feels colder than a properly humidified one. The dry air causes whatever natural moisture is in your skin to evaporate more quickly, making occupants feel chilly. Many homeowners raise their thermostats to compensate, which increases energy bills.

The solution is a humidifier. These add

moisture to a room or home, making occupants feel more comfortable and decreasing the possibility of damage to furnishings.

Humidifiers for individual rooms or whole houses are available. Inexpensive room humidifiers cost well under \$100 and will make a large difference in a family room or bedroom.

However, an even better option is a whole-house humidifier, typically installed as part of your heating system. They allow you to set the relative humidity level — recommended at about 35 percent in northern climates — and usually will turn on automatically when the level drops.

An added benefit of whole-house humidifiers is that they usually allow you to set your thermostat lower. Because air that contains more moisture feels warmer than drier air at the same temperature, you can set your thermostat cooler. A dry home at 75 degrees will feel cooler than a well-humidified one at 70.

Several types of whole-house humidifiers are available. I recommend seeking out a qualified contractor to discuss your options. Some handy homeowners may be able to install themselves; others will require expert assistance.

Besides adding a humidifier, there are a few other things you can do to combat dry indoor air's effects on your body: Avoid excessively long showers or baths, which feel good but dry out skin. Also, use moisturizers liberally on your face, hands and other exposed areas.

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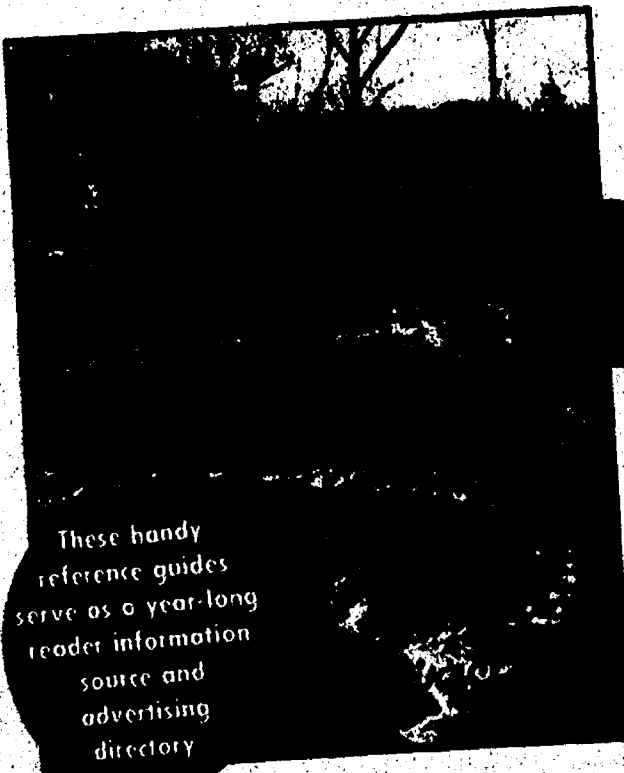
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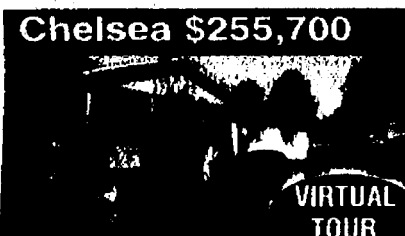
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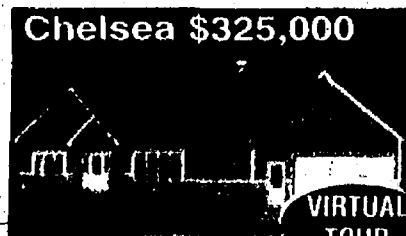
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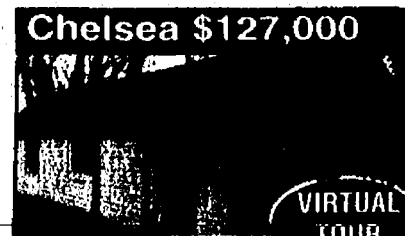
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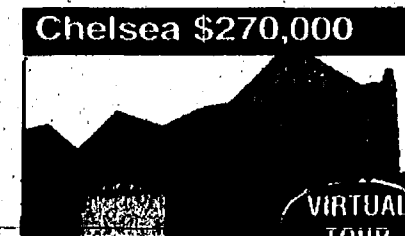
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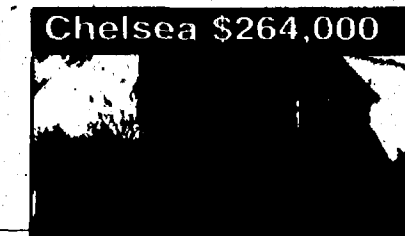
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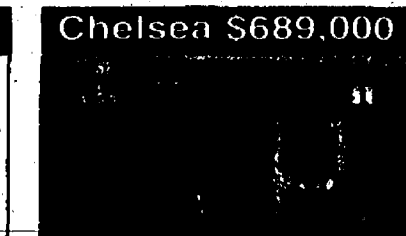
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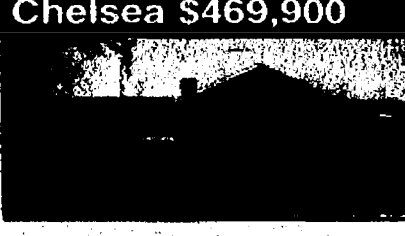
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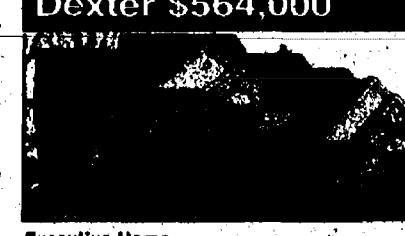
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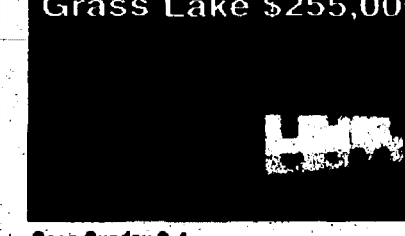
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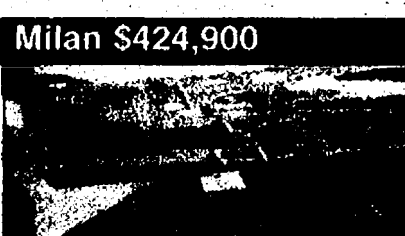
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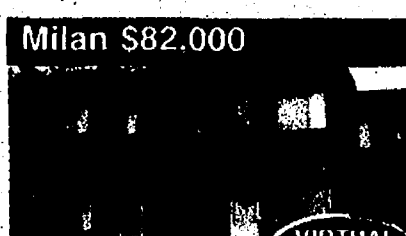
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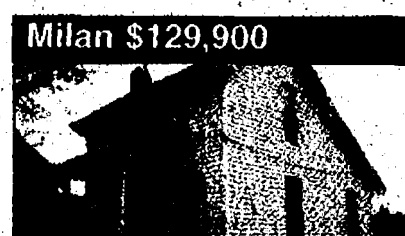
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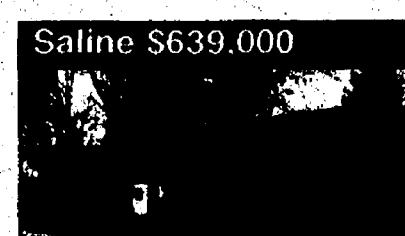
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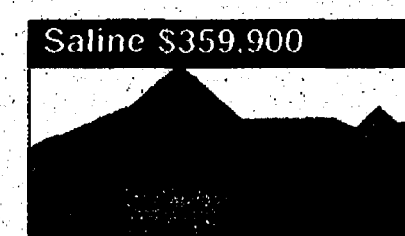
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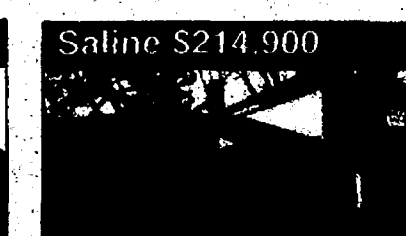
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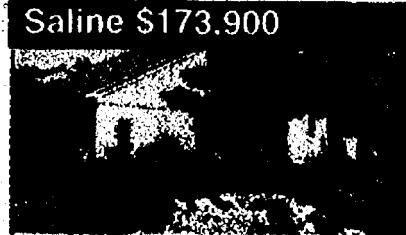
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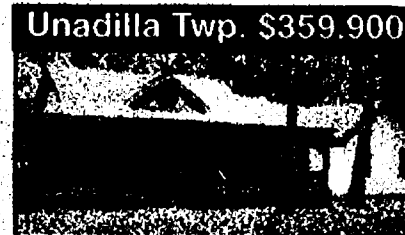
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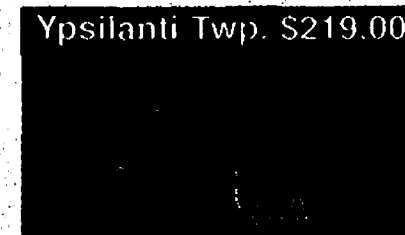
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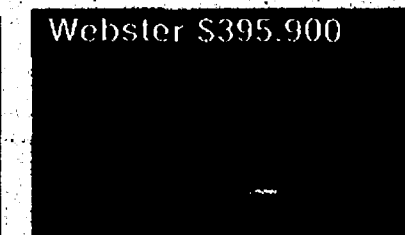
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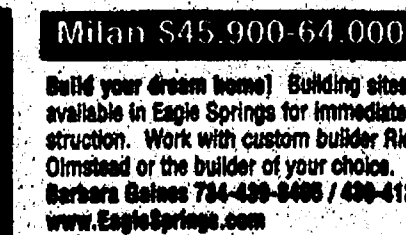
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ASAP 762961 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by JO HAWLEY ROBERTS to FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2001, and recorded on July 19, 2001, in Liber 4034, on page 481, in WASHTENAW County Records, Michigan, and assigned by a sold mortgage to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-HE20 assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Securities, Series 2004-1, on which mortgage there is claimed the sum of one hundred eighty-four and 10/100 Dollars (\$184.10). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2006. Said premises are situated in Township of PITTSTOWN, WASHTENAW County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 291, NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 292 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 265, WASHTENAW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 20, WASHTENAW COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. DATED: MARCH 30, 2006 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6618 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-HE20 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 844-7701 ASAP 762961

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ASAP 763013 THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick Kennedy and Erin M. Kennedy, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 21, 2004 and recorded December 22, 2004 in Liber 4446, Page 947, Washtenaw County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 75/100 Dollars (\$224,437.75) including interest at the rate of 6.85% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, MI in Washtenaw County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2006. The premises are located in the Village of Dexter, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 139 of Huron Farms, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3606, Pages 104 through 154, inclusive, as amended, Washtenaw County Records, and designated as Replat No. 282, with rights in general common elements and limited common elements, as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1975, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgage can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. DATED: March 23, 2006 ORLANDO ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee P.O. Box 504 Troy, MI 48067-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.2613 ASAP 763013 03/30/2006, 04/09/2006, 04/13/2006, 04/20/2006

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ASAP 762961 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by JO HAWLEY ROBERTS to FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN, Mortgagee, dated April 24, 2001, and recorded on July 19, 2001, in Liber 4034, on page 481, in WASHTENAW County Records, Michigan, and assigned by a sold mortgage to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-HE20 assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Securities, Series 2004-1, on which mortgage there is claimed the sum of one hundred eighty-four and 10/100 Dollars (\$184.10). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI at 10:00 a.m. on April 27, 2006. Said premises are situated in Township of PITTSTOWN, WASHTENAW County, Michigan, and are described as: LOT 291, NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 292 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 265, WASHTENAW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 20, WASHTENAW COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. DATED: MARCH 30, 2006 Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. 401 South Old Woodward Avenue, Suite 300 Birmingham, MI 48009-6618 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-HE20 Assignee of Mortgagee For More Information Call: (248) 844-7701 ASAP 762961

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