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Double the fun

Photo by Kathy Greenfield
Swooshing down "Dead Man's Bluff," Roger Dewey of Snowapple Drive steers the sled around a tree while his little sister Candi holds on tightly. For more photos, see page 28.

Expect higher taxes in 1979

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Taxes are on the rise in Independence Township.

Property assessments (set at one-half market value) went up an average of 10 percent in 1978.

And a larger increase—about 12 percent—is in store for 1979, according to David Sherrill, director of the township assessing department.

In 1978, taxes did not increase at the same rate as assessments, because the tax rate set by Oakland County was lowered one-half of one percent.

For 1979 taxes, the effect of the Headlee tax-limitation amendment approved by voters in November is yet to be determined, Sherrill said.

"The assessments are going to be increased by an average of 12 percent for 1979," he explained, "but because of Headlee, we haven't the slightest idea what's going to happen to the tax rate."

The 1979 increase in assessments was set by the Oakland County Equalization Department.

"Our (1978) assessments are too low, because of the increase in sale prices over last year," Sherrill said. "They have to be increased by 12 percent in order

to be equal to half the value."

Keeping track of the sale prices of houses and property is one of the assessment department's duties.

"We're continuously doing studies of individual properties, classes of properties and properties township-wide as far as the relationship between assessed values and recorded sale prices," he said.

The county equalization department also conducts sale price research.

"If we do not raise taxes to within 50 percent of market values, they'll do it for us," Sherrill said.

The 12-percent increase in 1979 will hold for most areas across the township.

"Actually, there is no area that stands out, that is increasing more than another," he said.

"In the past three years, the village itself has taken some great increases in values.

"Other than that, it's been pretty much a combination of inflation and a demand for the land itself."

For each \$1 of taxes paid by the majority of Independence Township property owners in

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Flu bug bites adults hardest—so far

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

At this point in the flu season, Clarkston adults seem to be suffering more than children.

A "bad" viral infection has been observed among the patients of one Clarkston physician, although two pediatricians report no increase in the number of flu cases.

Dr. Ronald LaPere, whose offices are located at 5905 M-15 in Independence Township, said he has noted two strains of influenza among his patients, an upper respiratory virus and a gastrointestinal virus.

"It's not as bad as some of the flu epidemics we've had in the past, but it is bad," Dr. LaPere said, adding that he has treated between 20 and 30 patients daily

over the past six weeks for the upper respiratory virus.

Dr. LaPere said the "rhino" or nose and upper respiratory virus appears to have two strengths.

"One is a type which lasts three to four days. Another lasts seven to eight days," he said.

Rhino virus symptoms include a runny nose, coughing, pressure in the chest, body aches and a mild fever ranging between 100 and 102 degrees Fahrenheit.

Contacting a physician is not necessary if no complications arise from the illness, Dr. LaPere said.

He warned, however, that the virus may lead to bronchitis, pneumonia or cause a middle ear infection.

He recommended seeking professional medical care if a person "develops any wheezing or increased pressure in their chests or different coughing."

Also watch for phlegm which is tinted green or yellow, or rising temperatures, Dr. LaPere said. Should these symptoms occur, contact a physician immediately, he added.

"GI" or gastrointestinal virus has also been noted by Dr. LaPere among his patients.

This virus runs its course within 24 to 36 hours or lasts five to six days, Dr. LaPere said.

Persons ill from the virus suffer from nausea, diarrhea, cramps, vomiting, general body aches and mild temperatures ranging between 100 and 102

degrees, Dr. LaPere said.

The gastrointestinal flu is not as prevalent among his patients as the rhino virus, he said, although both viral strains have struck patients of all ages.

Dr. Charles Yee, a pediatrician whose offices are located at 588 M-15, Independence Township, said he and his partner Dr. James O'Neill have not been treating "an unusual number" of children exhibiting either rhino or gastrointestinal flu symptoms.

"We haven't been seeing this in the kids," Dr. Yee said. "The upper respiratory infection is nothing unusual but there's a few more vomiting and diarrhea (cases) lately."

"As a matter of fact, it hasn't

been too busy in our office," Dr. Yee continued. "Maybe it's the adult population who's been getting this (rhino) strain of virus."

Like Dr. LaPere, Dr. Yee said the GI virus, persists for approximately two days. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, muscle cramps and mild fever.

He warned against body dehydration resulting from the illness.

"They could be pretty well dehydrated in three days," from the vomiting, Dr. Yee said. "Especially with a young child, you don't wait around."

He suggested seeking medical care the day a child begins to vomit.

Oakland Woods gets plat approval

Up to 125 new houses could be built in an Independence Township Subdivision in 1979.

The Lake Oakland Woods final plat, subject to township attorney's approval, was passed by the township board in a 4-2 vote Tuesday night.

Six residents and 3 representatives of Ed Rose and Co., Southfield, the builder and developer of the subdivision that

will have about 250 houses when completed, and the board discussed the issue for nearly two hours.

Larry Kozma, of Wood Creed Trail, a resident of the subdivision located south of Maybee and east of Sashabaw road, vigorously opposed the plat approval.

"Let them come back in another public meeting and let us

watch," he said. "Let us see what's going on. Don't give them that approval."

Treasurer Frederick Ritter made the motion to approve the plat, subject to the township attorney's written review on conformance with the wetlands ordinance. If tentative preliminary plat approval is needed, although the final plat was approved, and if the final plat

coincides with the final preliminary plat that was approved.

Supr. Floyd (Whitey) Tower, Ritter, and trustees Jerry Powell and Michael Thayer voted to approve the plat. Clerk-Christo-

pher Rose and trustee William Vandermark voted no.

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The six tornado sirens in Independence Township will blare Saturday at 1 p.m.

Part of an ongoing testing program held the first Saturday of each month, the dry run is to make sure the 96 sirens now installed across Oakland County are operating properly.

The test was scheduled by the county department of public services, emergency medical services and disaster control division.

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For site on Clintonville Road

Developer plans apartments

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

A \$40-million, 970-unit multiple-residential development in Independence Township is in the planning stages, and construction may begin this fall.

The development's site, located on the east side of Clintonville Road south of Maybee Road, is co-owned by Jerry Odom, a member of Long Lakes LCI Associates building development company in Bloomfield Hills.

Since August 1977, Odom has been working with the Independence Township Planning Commission in seeking final site plan approval. For informational purposes only, Odom also presented the project to the township board in December

with a lecture and slide presentation.

"For the next couple of months, we have to do two things in order to get final site plan approval from the commission," Odom said last week. "We have to get a preliminary sanitation plan for sewage disposal and water lines, plus a general grading plan for engineering."

The 122-acre development may then enter the first phase of construction this fall involving 210 rental apartments, he said. An additional four phases will follow during the next eight years in which the remaining 760 units will be built, Odom explained, adding these may become condominiums.

"We have found the township

is very cooperative and it's just a question of deciding what exactly we're going to do," Odom said. "They're not hindering us at all."

Township Planning and Building Department Director Timothy Palulian said, "At this point, the commission has only looked at the development's concept. Their only concern is about what he (Odom) has to do to get the final site approval. He still has to bring all those items before the commission."

The development's concept, Odom said, is to provide the township with needed housing. "Such development is needed because the community lacks residential space and future growth makes it necessary," he said.

The development's property first came before the township in late 1970, when Morris Singer of Detroit and Philip Kaplan of Southfield attempted to have the township property rezoned for a mobile home park.

The township argued in late 1972 the property would be better suited for a multiple dwelling complex. Former Township Planner Larry W. Burkhart cited aesthetics, economics and conservation as the prime reasons why a mobile home park should not be constructed.

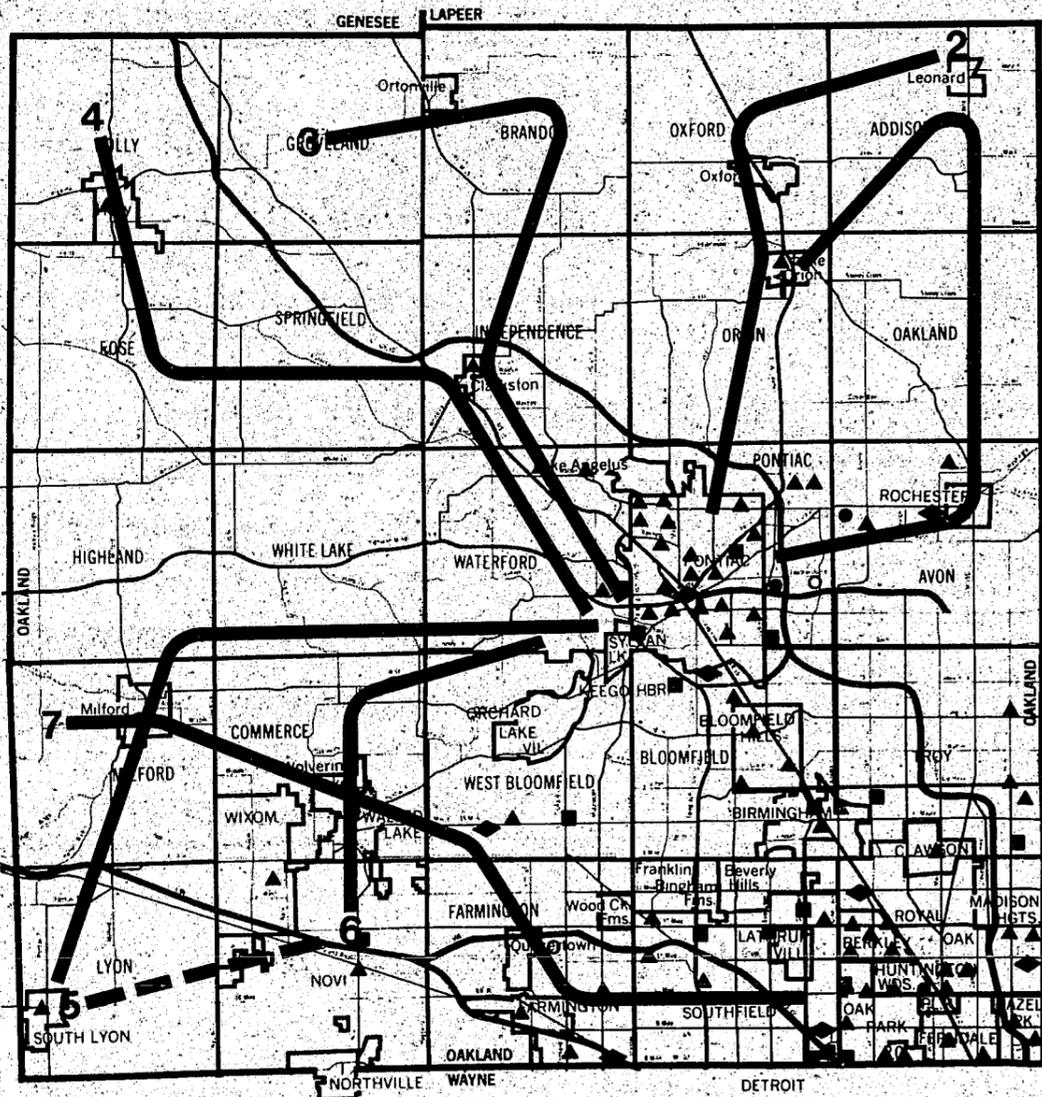
"A multiple complex will provide a much better image of the township than ... mobile homes adjacent to the I-75 freeway," he wrote. A multiple complex also would provide a

"more substantive tax base for the township than mobile homes," he explained. Burkhart added the complex would take less space to build than a mobile home park, thus preserving area lowlands.

A compromise between the township and Singer and Kaplan was reached July 27, 1973 with a consent judgment in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The judgment ordered the township to not prevent developers from using the property for multiple dwellings with a maximum number of 8.5 units per acre for a total of 970 units.

According to Odom, Kaplan and Singer later decided to discontinue the development and sold the property to the association.



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OCART bus routes

Tuesday, the Oakland County Advanced Reservation Transportation System [OCART] expanded its services throughout Northern Oakland County. Similar to Dial-A-Ride, OCART's fleet of 19 mini-buses provides curb-to-curb service to the elderly and handicapped at minimal cost. An OCART spokesperson said two vehicles will be stationed in the Clarkston area on "Flexible routes." Designed to insure local riders access to OCART transportation, flexible routes Nos. 3 and 4 wind within the Clarkston, Waterford, Holly and Ortonville area. To reserve a ride in OCART, call 634-3535 between 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Free ice skating at Springfield Oaks

The Springfield Oaks County Park is offering free-admission open ice skating Monday through Saturday.

The upper horse arena at the park's Youth Activities Center, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davistown, has been flooded to provide a rink for skaters.

Open between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, the rink is also available for rental to groups during the evening and on Sundays.

Skaters must provide their own skates. The activities center will be open during weekdays for warm-ups. Skates must be removed before entering the building.

Although direct supervision for skater's won't be provided at rink side, park employees trained in first aid will be on hand.

For more information on rental fees or the skating program, call the activities center at 625-8133.

Hold on, Fido

Clarkston's first fire hydrants may be purchased by the village council.

A letter from Independence Township Fire Chief Frank (Tink) Ronk read at the Dec. 11 meeting prompted the council to investigate buying three fire hydrants.

Council members are presently researching whether Community Development funds may be used to pay for the hydrants.

Ronk said later he suggested placing one fire hydrant near the north end of Mill Pond south of Miller Road, and two between West Washington Street and the south end of the Mill Pond.

"There are no fire hydrants in the village of Clarkston," Ronk said. "We'd like to update our fire suppression ability to get water."

Since 1935, water used to douse fires was either pumped from the Mill Pond or carried in tanks on the fire trucks, he added.

Ronk suggested installing dry hydrants. Operating with no internal pressure, pumps on the fire trucks suck water from the hydrants into fire hoses, Ronk said.

He added that he is awaiting word from council members before pursuing the matter.

Correction

Audience comments made concerning the Lake Oakland Woods plat issue during the Dec. 19 Independence Township Board meeting and quoted in the Dec. 28 issue of The Clarkston News were incorrectly attributed to Larry Kozma, who lives on Woodcreek Trail. We regret the misunderstanding.

Dump now available

It's not too late, or even too early, for spring cleaning.

The problem of where to dump car loads or truck loads of garbage has been solved for Independence Township residents, at least for the time being.

Effective Monday, Jan. 1, the City of Pontiac's Sanitary Landfill, 575 Collier Rd., Pontiac, will accept refuse from local residents with a driver's license listing a township address.

Cash is acceptable for payment. Cost will be determined by weighing vehicles and charging 10 cents a pound for gross weight, including the weight of the vehicle plus the weight of the refuse.

Supervisor Floyd (Whitey)

Tower negotiated the agreement between the township and the landfill.

"Since about May on, we've been negotiating and ultimately we signed the agreement in October," he said.

"The closing of Jerry Powell's dump spearheaded it. What originally brought it on was Jerry's refusal to handle the spring clean up," Tower said.

Powell's Landfill closed in September, and space for extra materials was not available in the landfill at the time it was decided to have a spring clean up, he added.

The agreement with the Pontiac landfill covers six months at which time it can be renegotiated.

"It's only a six months agreement, but we haven't had any indication that it won't be extended," Tower said. "They haven't given us warning that they are near capacity, but I'm assuming they did it for that reason."

Samples of fees provided by the Pontiac landfill are as follows:

For a 3,500 pound automobile to dump 100 pounds of refuse, the cost would be \$3.60; an automobile with trailer and 1,000 pounds of refuse would pay about \$5.50; a pickup truck and 1,000 pounds of garbage would pay \$7.60 and a 13,000 pound dump truck holding 2,000 pounds of refuse would be charged \$15.

If the scales are not in working order, charges will be made on a flat fee structure with a car load costing \$3, car with trailer \$5, pickup truck \$7 and dump truck \$15.

Hours for the landfill are now 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Summer hours start the first Monday in May and are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the six days.

Some services offered to landfill users are the weighing of vehicles for license purposes if the scales are in working order, and the sale of firewood and wood chips.

Auto tires may be dumped at a charge of 35 cents each.

Materials not accepted for disposal include the following: demolition materials, broken concrete in mixed loads (may be disposed of in separate loads), tree stumps, automobiles or major parts thereof, excrement, dead animals, radioactive, highly flammable, acid, caustic or explosive materials.

The city of Pontiac reserves the right to determine which material may be accepted for disposal.

Taxes going up

(Continued from page 1.)

1978, 13 cents will go to the township, 19 cents to the county and 68 cents to Clarkston schools.

The township's 13 percent includes 1.33 mills for general operating expenses, 1.46 mills for sanitary sewer, 2 mills for fire

protection and 1 mill for police protection.

One mill is \$1 for each \$1,000 of assessed property valuation.

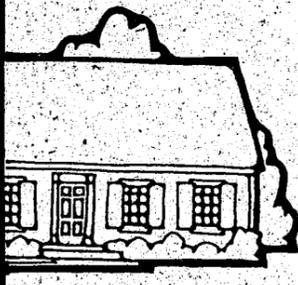
The breakdown "may be a little different" for township property owners in other school districts and Clarkston village residents, Sherrill said.

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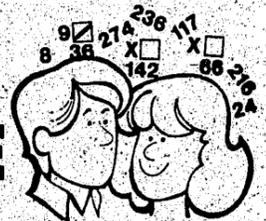
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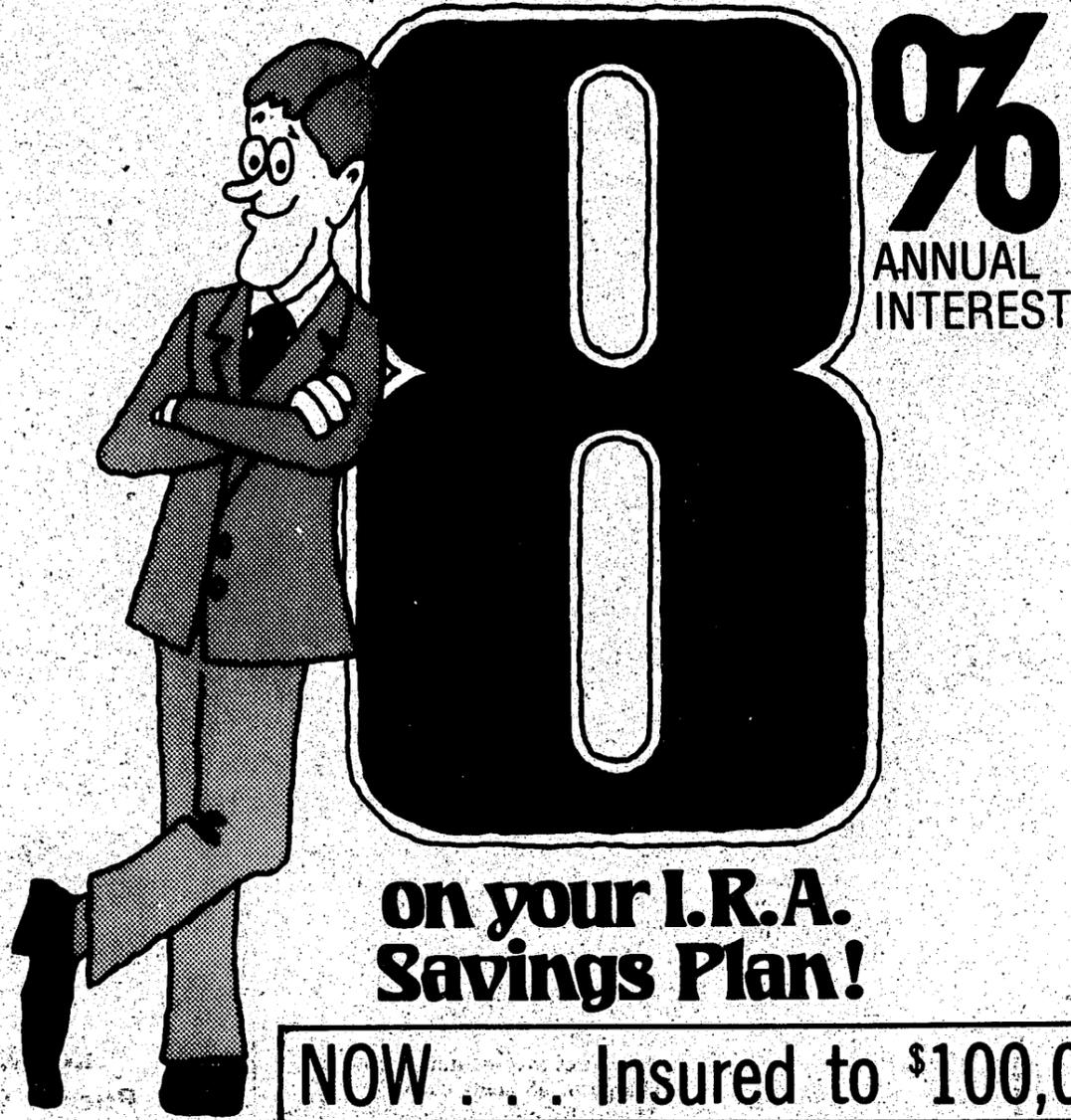
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Chris' memorial: playroom at PGH

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

Before he died at age 10, Chris Mihalek touched the hearts of many people.

As a frequent patient at Pontiac General Hospital while he was struggling against cystic fibrosis, the incurable disease, he was born with, Chris made many friends.

"Under the circumstances, it was about as nice as something could be," his mother Gayle said.

Chris was so comfortable with the warm and caring hospital staff that "it was just like a second family," she said.

When Chris died on Oct. 30, 1977, his parents decided they would like to do something for the hospital's pediatrics ward.

But it wasn't until a year later, when Gayle's father had a heart attack and she and her husband Bill went to visit him in the hospital, that they decided what to do.

They noticed a number of plaques in the hospital labeling items donated in memory of former patients.

Gayle talked their idea over with a close friend, Mary Lou Peterson, who suggested that other people might like to add donations and offered to call the hospital for ideas.

Members of the pediatrics staff said they would like to dedicate the playroom in the hospital's planned addition to Chris.

The Chris Mihalek playroom should be completed in 1980.

It will be a fitting tribute to a child who felt at home in the hospital and who offered comfort to other patients while he was there, his mother said.

Even during the last two days of his life, he briefly came out of



This photograph of Chris Mihalek was taken just a few months before his death.

a coma and told Dr. James O'Neill, his pediatrician, to take good care of other patients like he was caring for him.

"If it can help some other kids not dread going to the hospital—just having the home atmosphere he always felt was there," Gayle said. "To me, it's just a continuation of his life."

Gayle, whose home with her husband and their daughter Wendi, 15, is in Union Lake, now works as a receptionist for Dr. O'Neill at his Clarkston office.

After the constant care Chris required during his last two years, she needed something to fill the void, she said.

Dr. O'Neill offered her a job and she started working part-

time at his offices shortly after Chris died.

Chris had a special relationship with his pediatrician, and the playroom is also a tribute to Dr. O'Neill who is chief of staff at Pontiac General, Gayle said.

So far, about \$1,400 has been collected in Chris's name.

The money will be used to buy equipment and furniture for the playroom.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, checks can be made payable to the Chris Mihalek Memorial Fund and mailed to: Nancy Montgomery, head nurse of pediatrics, Pontiac General Hospital, Seminole at West Huron, Pontiac 48053.

For further information, call Ms. Peterson at 673-3188.

On hunting 'real' parents



by Pat Braunagel

There's a woman, a friend of my mother, who discovered at the age of 30 that she had been adopted.

She would like people—people in general and parents of chosen children in particular—to know that not everyone who makes this discovery has a burning desire to seek out her or his genetic parents.

One might think differently, judging by the stream of stories published regularly on such searches.

Which is not to say she wasn't upset by the discovery, made because of the error of a clerk at the Michigan Department of Health.

"Who am I, anyway?" she asked herself.

She was looking in a mirror, tears streaming down her face, as she held the missent form on which this fact about herself had been jotted.

It was awful, a terrible thing for her parents to have done, to have lied to her.

But they were parents of another era, when adoption was a fact not dealt with as it is today.

As she came to grips with this new information, the most terrifying thing was to realize how close she had come to being someone else's child. She

thought of the unknown mother and was deeply grateful that this woman, whatever the circumstances, had given her to her parents.

The adoption had not put her in any exalted position in life, had not given her perhaps even any material advantage. But it had given her her parents, who in turn were responsible for a great deal of who she was as she stood before that mirror.

They were her real parents.

She worried a great deal about confronting her widowed mother with this new knowledge she had of herself. Finally, on the advice of the family's attorney, she did so.

It was awful.

Her mother's tears came in great sobs from her heart.

Again and again the woman hugged her mother, held her and called her Mother.

Then they talked. They spoke more frankly than they ever had, a rare occurrence between a mother and a daughter who is 30.

They talked for hours, for two days. They explored the facets of the adoption, lifting a burden borne too long by the mother.

They talked about how the fact of adoption had grown into a secret. They talked about the woman's genetic mother and father, who were known to her real mother.

The woman learned she had five half-brothers and sisters. She was asked if she wanted to meet them.

She thought about this and saw no particular reason. Their ties to her are too far removed to be a part of her reality.

The only thing she could possibly say to her natural mother was, "Thanks."

The woman who had given birth to her had given her her parents and, by extension, the opportunity at the age of 30 to become a friend of her mother, my mother.

Letter policy

The Clarkston News encourages letters from our readers.

No restrictions are placed on length, however the newspaper reserves the right to condense and edit the letters.

As a matter of policy all letters must be signed and the writer's address and telephone number must be included. Names will be withheld at discretion of the editor.

Jim's jottings



In poker... in life

by Jim Sherman

Country-western singer Kenny Rodgers does a great job on "The Gambler's Song."

For those who haven't heard it, two men are riding a train in the dark, silent night. One is a gambler; the other wants to be. Recognizing this, the gambler gives out with his philosophy.

He isn't just talking poker when he says... "When you play the game you have to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em."

"Know when to walk away, know when to run. Never count your

money when sitting at the table, there'll be time to count 'em when the deal is done."

Ain't that the truth?

In practically everything we do, we make these decisions. When to say 'yes'. When to say 'no'. Should we; or shouldn't we?

Work, play, worship, or whatever right now. There'll be plenty of time later in life to sit and count.

Take the words to the song we quoted above and add the words of Golden Rule and you have philosophy enough for anyone.

A CPA firm in California reports that the average cost of business letters dictated to a secretary is currently \$4.77, up 6 percent from last year.

In 1930 the cost of such a letter was 30 cents.

You have your instances of cost increases, and here's one of mine. For the past 6 years our children have had Carnation's Instant Breakfast each school morning.

The price has been raised from 39 cents a package to \$1.09.

Wonder if that item is on the

President's cost of living index?

One reason hearing aids cost so much is that when the price is quoted, the patient can't hear it.

When women move into boxing, they'll have to take equal lefts as well as equal rights.

A youngster can hardly wait until the first snowfall, and an oldster can hardly wait until the last one.

A report says each cigarette shortens your life by 5 1/2 minutes; some smokers have been dead for 20 years and don't realize it yet.

Flaming torches light Pine Knob

Ski patrol makes New Year run in spite of rain

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

Holding flaming magnesium torches while skiing down Pine Knob's intermediate hill may not be the most urgent duty of the Ski Lodge's Ski Patrol, but it is the most fun.

In fact, the annual ski patrol torch run is traditionally the highlight of the lodge's New Year's Eve celebration in which approximately 35 patrolers slowly ski down the slope at midnight, carrying two torches instead of poles.

This year the tradition was carried on by eight patrolers despite the rain which had closed the resort to skiers.

Ski Patrol Director Earl "Joe" Schnur of Lake Orion said the event does have its drawbacks.

"We have to wear really old clothes during the torch run because the torches are hot, and flaming magnesium is enough to ruin your clothes," he said.

But the torch run is a happy alternative to other duties performed by the 94 volunteer patrolers, he added. Regular duties involve aiding nearly 400 injured skiers per ski season between Thanksgiving and March 15.

"A typical ski patroler's duties include having to put in two five-hour shifts a week," he said. "He must first check our toboggans to make sure they're properly stocked with blankets, stretchers and splints."

"He then skis around and makes sure people are skiing in control, don't have frostbite, and, if necessary, to take injured skiers down the hill to the first



Pine Knob Ski Patrol Director "Joe" Schnur [from left] discusses skiing conditions last week at the ski resort with former patroler Roscoe Goddard and on-duty patroler Frank Lozen. The patrol, Schnur says, aids nearly 400 injured skiers a season between Thanksgiving and March 15.

aid station," Schnur said.

The station is the focus point of the patrolers. With a maximum capacity of eight injured persons, the station has never been used to help more than three at one time, he said.

Each year, the patrolers are given first aid refresher courses in conjunction with the American Red Cross and the National Ski Patrol, Schnur said.

Also included in this training for emergency cases are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, on-the-hill toboggan handling and chairlift evacuation drills ad-

ministered by the patrol.

If a patroler comes across an injured skier, this training will help him aid the skier who instantly recognizes the patroler by his jacket, Schnur explained.

"Everybody knows us by our National Ski Patrol jackets," he said. "When injured skiers see that rusty-colored jacket with the yellow cross on the back, the recognition factor helps calm them down."

The most common injury facing skiers is a sprained thumb, he noted. "Sprained thumbs are pretty common

because people will reach out to stop themselves from falling and end up jamming their thumb."

"Twisted knees are the next common and then you start getting into broken legs and arms, which involves splinting, never setting. We call the hospital for that."

However, major accidents are becoming less frequent, he said, due to improved ski bindings for the boots. "The new binding helps release the boots when skiers fall over, so instead of snapping their ankles, the boots

just pop out of the skis."

Novices are the prime victims of the majority of accidents, Schnur said. "It's the new skiers who get hurt the most. They don't yet have a feeling for their skis. You can always spot a novice by the 'flying crab' position in which they just come down the hill with their arms out while weaving about in a bent position."

The prime condition for accidents is when the snow is soft, he explained.

"Accidents are bad when the snow is melting and slushy," he said. "But when it's a cold and icy night, the harder snow makes for less accidents. People just seem to bounce off it."

A patroler since 1961, Schnur said he has seen "thousands and thousands" of skiers from nearly every facet of life. "You get the whole spread... youngsters, young couples and middle-aged skiers," he said. However, the only exception he can cite is lower-income skiers.

"It costs money to ski. It's not super-expensive, but I wouldn't classify it as a poor man's sport," he said.

Rich or poor, skiers are still prone to injuries, and patrolers are trained so well to stop and help people it becomes almost a habit, Schnur said.

"After someone has been a patroler for a long time, it becomes hard for him to ski while off-duty and pass by someone who needs help," he explained. "They've gotten so much training and experience in stopping to help whenever needed, they naturally stop. They get it in their blood."

'If it Fitz. . .'

Blues would rather pay

by Jim Fitzgerald



Blue Cross/Blue Shield spends thousands of dollars on advertising to urge its subscribers to help contain medical costs by not going to the hospital unless they REALLY need to.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kolasa of Ann Arbor listened, and believed, and decided to do their part. They figure they saved the Blues around \$1,600. Their reward was to be charged \$100 they wouldn't have had to pay if they hadn't helped the Blues contain costs.

What the Kolasas did, last April, was have their baby born at home, on purpose. Their doctor's bill, for pre-natal and post-natal care and delivery, was \$450.

The cost containment was dramatic. Four years earlier, the birth of their first child, in a hospital cost \$1,210. Today's inflated cost would certainly be around \$2,000. At the hospital they would have used, the bed alone now costs \$130 a day. Earlier this year, a friend of the Kolasas stayed in the hospital only one day while having a baby. Her bill was \$1,000.

"Blue Cross/Blue Shield would have

paid the \$2,000 bill or more without question," George Kolasa said. "Yet we gave them a bill for only \$450 and they are willing to pay only \$350. You try to keep health care costs down and, in this case, I paid the price-\$100."

Kolasa complained to the Blues and received a written explanation from Joyce Neumaier, executive assistant to Blues President John McCabe. She said the \$450 bill from Kolasa's doctor included \$100 for services and supplies which are normally billed by a hospital.

"Since the charges were not billed by an approved facility, we cannot make payment to the physician for his additional fee," Joyce Neumaier said.

She also said: "The assumption that (the Blues) experienced a savings of approximately \$1,600 because a hospital's facilities were not utilized is not valid. It is our experience that as we reduce the number of services provided on an inpatient basis, the unit costs increase for the fewer services that are provided. The reason being standby and fixed costs which are already present...The fixed and standby costs

will only be eliminated when beds are taken out of service and the staffing needs are eliminated."

The Kolasas' mistake is obvious. Before trying to contain the cost of their child's birth, they should first have had their home approved as a maternity facility. And when Mrs. Kolasa's labor pains began, they should have quickly notified the hospital they didn't use that they wouldn't be using it. This would have given the hospital time enough to throw out a bed and fire a couple of nurses before the Kolasas get there.

It's an intriguing contradiction. The Blues advertise that subscribers should contain costs by not using services they don't really need. But the cost of the services they do need will increase if they don't use the services they don't need. Got that?

Kolasa told his tale of woe to the Insurance Bureau of the state Department of Commerce. He got this answer from a bureau examiner: "In reviewing all the available information, it would appear that the bureau would have no alternative than to accept their

(the Blues') position."

George Kolasa is assistant manager of the payroll department at the University of Michigan. He said one of the reasons his wife, Rosemary, wanted to give birth at home is that she has had a lot of experience in hospitals and doesn't like them. She used to be a hospital dietitian. You understand.

With him, it's the principle more than the money, Kolasa said. He wants his \$100 reimbursed, but more than that, he wants the Blues to live up to their cost containment advertising which "really rips me up the wall."

The letter from the Blues' Joyce Neumaier included this comforting statement: "...we do have an interest in promoting the provision of health care services in the lower cost environment; for example, home deliveries."

In the interest of truth in advertising, the Blues should promote home births by promising that new parents will be fined only \$100 for every \$1,000 contained, and that the baby will be hit on the head with the container only once.



Emergency medical class members work to ease an "injured victim"—one of the instructors—out of an overturned car.

For medical emergencies

They'll be prepared

By Kathy Greenfield
Staff writer

A car flips. Inside, an injured accident victim is trapped, and when the medical emergency team arrives, they have to get the person out. The upside-down doors are jammed.

Solving the dilemma was part of a basic emergency technician course recently taken by 20 men and women, including five members of the Independence Township Fire Department.

The students practiced getting "victims" out of two old cars at the Clarkston Community Schools bus garage.

They learned an array of methods to gain entry—from removal of windshields and back windows to cutting open an upside-down car and slicing open a jammed door.

After one "victim," an instructor, was eased onto a board, strapped in place and carefully

removed from one overturned car, he told the group they did a good job, and made suggestions for improvements.

The 10-hour practical exercise in rescue and extrication was part of a 132-hour course offered by the Oakland Health Education Program and Special Procedures in Disaster Rescue, a paramedical rescue team, in conjunction with Oakland County Emergency Services.

The 13-week course was completed in December. Other class members were from Holly, Groveland Township and Am Care Ambulance.

The course, held at Pontiac General Hospital and William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, also included 78 hours of classroom meetings and lectures, 36 hours of emergency room clinical training, eight hours of emergency childbirth training and familiarization in intensive care and cardiac care

units. Each of the five firefighters' \$125 tuition fee was paid with fire department funds budgeted for training, but time for the course was volunteered during off-duty hours, Fire Chief Frank (Tink) Ronk said.

The men enrolled in the emergency training—Neal Sage, Neil Ashley, Mike Fahrner, Gordon Mason and Ronk—passed the course and will take a state-certification test when it is offered, Ronk said.

Seven members of the township fire department have now completed the paramedical training.

"It is our intention to have as many people within the fire department trained to meet the ever changing needs of our fast-growing community," Ronk said, "both in fire suppression and prevention as well as emergency medical life support."

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Tues. Jan 9	Grand Blanc	BB	A	6:15	Tues. Feb 6	Port Huron Northern	W	H	
Tues. Jan 9	Troy Athens	W	H	6:30		Port Huron High			
Tues. Jan 9	Pontiac Northern	Skling(S)	Pine Knob	4:00		Flint Central			6:15
Wed. Jan 10	Lk. Orion & Birm. Groves	VB	H	6:00	Wed. Feb. 7	West Bloomfield	VB	A	
Thur. Jan. 11	Milford	W	A	6:30	Wed. Feb 7	Divisional	S		6:15
Fri. Jan 12	Milford	BB	H	6:30	Fri. Feb 9	West Bloomfield	BB	A	
Fri. Jan 12	B. H. Andover	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Sat. Feb 10	Detroit News League Meet	S		
Sat. Jan 13	Schoolcraft Invitational	VB	A	9a.m.	Sat. Feb 10	G.O.A.L. League Meet	W	A	9a.m.
Mon. Jan 15	Avondale	VB	A	6:30	Sat. Feb 10	Dearborn Invitational	VB	H	6:30
Tues. Jan 16	Lake Orion	BB	A	6:30	Mon. Feb 12	Milford	VB	A	6:15
Tues. Jan. 16	Waterford Kettering	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Tues. Feb 13	Davison	BB	A	6:15
Wed. Jan 17	Lake Orion	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Wed. Feb 14	Waterford Kettering	VB	H	6:30
Wed. Jan 17	Rochester	VB	A	7:30	Wed. Feb 14	Pontiac Catholic	W		
Thur. Jan 18	Andover	W	A	6:30	Thur. Feb 15	Regionals	S	A	6:30
Fri. Jan 19	Rochester	BB	A	7:30	Fri. Feb 16	Milford	BB	H	8:30a.m.
Sat. Jan 20	Clarkston Invitational	W	H	9a.m.	Sat. Feb 17	Clarkston Invitational	VB		
Mon. Jan 22	W. Bloomfield	VB	H	6:30	Sat. Feb 17	Districts	W	H	6:30
Tues. Jan 23	Rochester Adams (varsity)	BB	H	8:00	Mon. Feb 19	Andover	VB	A	6:30
Tues. Jan 23	Utica (J.V.)	BB	H	6:30	Wed. Feb 21	Lakeland	VB	H	8:00
Tues. Jan 23	Rochester	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Fri. Feb 23	Rochester (varsity)	BB	H	6:30
Wed. Jan 24	Milford	VB	A	6:30	Fri. Feb 23	Troy Athens JV	BB		
Thur. Jan 25	West Bloomfield	W	H	6:30	Sat. Feb 24	Regionals	W	H	8:30a.m.
Thur. Jan 25	Utica Eisenhower	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Sat. Feb 24	J.V. Invitational	VB	H	6:00
Fri. Jan 26	Andover	BB	H	6:30	Mon. Feb 26	Ferndale & Flint Northern	VB		
Fri. Jan 26	Rochester Adams	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Mon. Feb 26	State Championship	S	A	6:15
Sat. Jan 27	Adams Invitational	W	A	10:00	Fri. Mar 2	Andover	BB		
Sat. Jan 27	Ypsilanti Invitational	VB	A	9a.m.	Fri. Mar 2	District Tournaments	VB		
Mon. Jan 29	Waterford Kettering	VB	H	6:30	Fri. Mar 2	State Finals	W		
Tues. Jan 30	Bloomfield Hills Lahser	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Sat. Mar 3	State Finals	W		
Wed. Jan 31	Andover	VB	A	6:30	Mon. Mar 5	Districts	BB		
Thur. Feb. 1	Waterford Kettering	W	H	6:30	Sat. Mar 10	Regionals	VB		
Thur. Feb. 1	W.O.L.L.	S	Pine Knob	4:00	Tues. Mar 13	Regionals	BB		
Fri. Feb. 2	Midland	W	A	6:15	Sat. Mar 17	Finals	VB		
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Sports

In yule contest

Wolves win trophy

Christmas came twice last week to the Clarkston Wolves' varsity basketball squad.

Capturing the championship in the Waterford Mott Christmas Basketball Tournament, the Wolves defeated the Waterford Township Skippers and the Waterford Mott Corsairs.

Clarkston center Tim McCormick's combined scoring of 59 points earned him the tournament's Most Valuable Player award. McCormick and fellow Wolf co-captain Greg Robertson

also were selected for the All-Tourney team.

Despite occasional fouling and the lack of a strong defense, the Wolves overthrew the Skippers 74-60 in the tourney's first game Thursday.

With the aid of McCormick, who netted 35 points plus 13 blocks, the Wolves eventually out-classed the Skippers.

Varsity coach Gary Nustad said, "We couldn't stop them defensively; we just couldn't stand against them. But talent

won out in the fourth quarter."

Throughout the seesaw match, both teams played a lackluster game in which no definitive drive could be launched.

But in the fourth quarter, McCormick, with assists from guard John Sheldon, widened the gap with a string of sinkings and free throws, finally edging out the Skippers by 14 points.

After the game, Nustad told his players, "You played well offensively, but you played defensively like you'd fallen out of a tree."

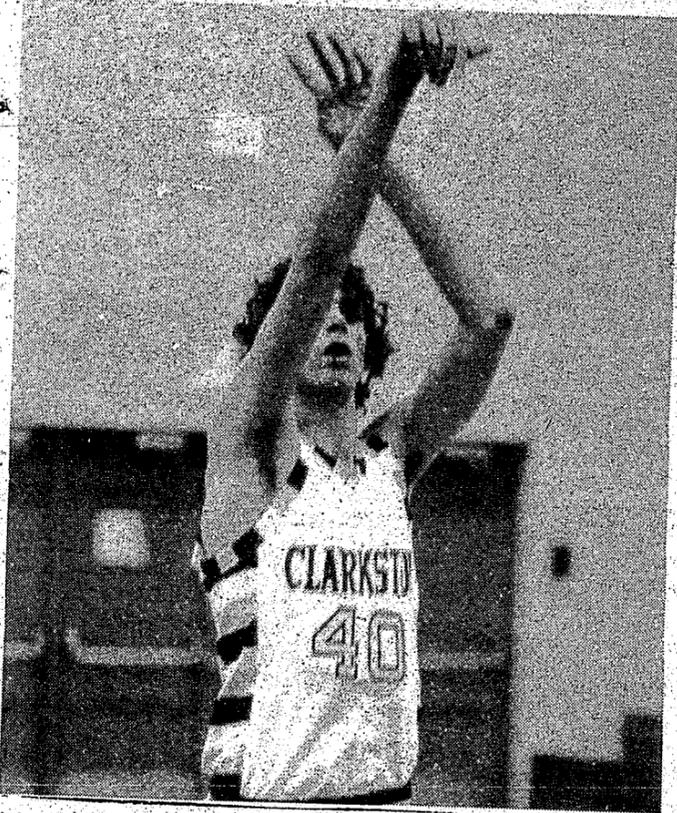
However, the Wolves managed to pick themselves up the next night by defeating the Corsairs 53-51 in overtime.

With 55 seconds left in the fourth quarter, the Corsairs' Keith Hart tied the game on a goaltending call.

Six-foot-one Robertson managed to score the eventual winning point with a one-and-one connection, giving the Wolves a 52-49 lead with 1:14 left in the overtime period.

McCormick also sank a free throw to clinch the game despite a six-foot shot by Hart.

With last week's two victories, the Wolves' season record now stands at 6-1.



Firing in four free throws in the last 18 seconds of Thursday's game took Tim McCormick's game total to 35 points and widened Clarkston's point spread over Waterford Township to 74-60.

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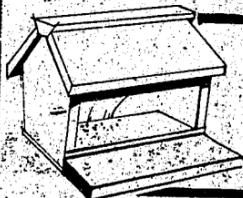
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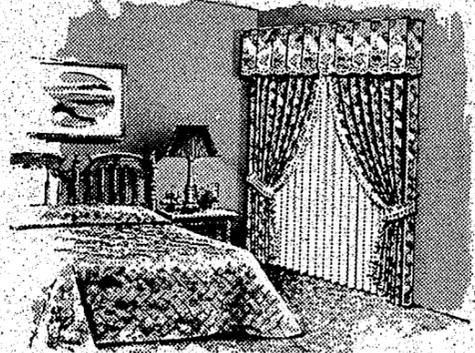
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JV basketball team wins twice in holiday tourney

The Clarkston Wolves' junior varsity basketball team walked off last week with two victories and a team trophy in the Waterford Mott-Christmas Basketball Tournament.

The Wolves first defeated the Waterford Township Skippers 45-43 and then won against the Waterford Mott Corsairs 59-41.

A tough defense and well-aimed buckets led the Wolves to their Skippers victory, junior

varsity coach Larry Mahrle said. "And I think it was an important victory because we beat Mott who had a 5-0 record," he added.

Clarkston center Scott McKoin scored 18 points, followed by forward Doug Hagyard with 10.

During the championship game against the Corsairs, the Wolves led at half-time by only 27-22. Then McKoin, who had been limited to six free throws in the first two quarters, broke

loose in the second half and scored 23 points.

According to Mahrle, McKoin's efforts and a 70 percent scoring record of free throws led to the Corsairs' defeat. "We had 25 out of 33 free throws, and that's unheard of for JVs," he said. "They all played very aggressively in the second half and we outscored Corsairs 19 to 10 in the fourth quarter."

The Wolves' season record now stands at 6-2.

Area hotshots in playoffs

Two Independence Township residents have recently qualified to participate in the Detroit Pistons area play-offs of the Pepsi-Cola and National Basketball Association Hotshot competition.

Mike McCormick and Mary Barks will compete in the play-offs Jan. 25 and 28 at the

Pontiac Silverdome. McCormick and Barks, who will be representing Independence Township, qualified for the play-offs after participating in the recent Independence Township Parks and Recreation Hotshot program.

If successful, McCormick and Barks could ultimately participate in the Pepsi-Cola/NBA

National Finals, which will take place during half-time of the nationally televised NBA championships.

In the Hotshot competition, players are given one minute to sink as many baskets as they can from predetermined "hotspots" around the key. Points are awarded for each basket, and subtracted for violations such as double dribbling and palming.

The event is run in cooperation with the Detroit Pistons, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company and the township Recreation Department.

Ski ID program helps foil equipment theft

Ski equipment is a sizable investment and unfortunately, unlocked skis are far too easy to steal.

But skiers can help protect themselves against theft.

Operation Ski I.D. is occurring today at the Alpine Valley Ski Resort, 6775 E. Highland Rd., Milford.

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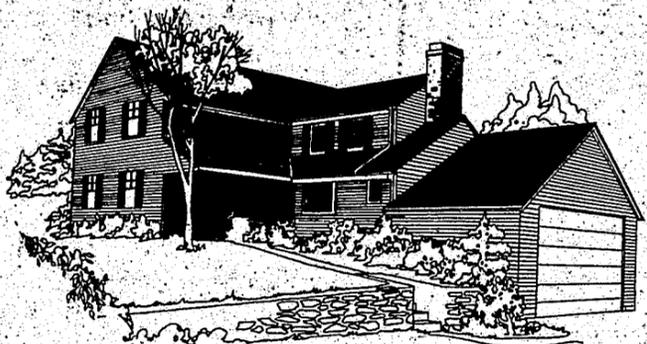
members of the Michigan State Police Pontiac Post will be engraving ski owners' driver's license numbers into their skis.

State police have reported that Operation Ski I.D. has been a deterrent to ski theft in other ski areas.

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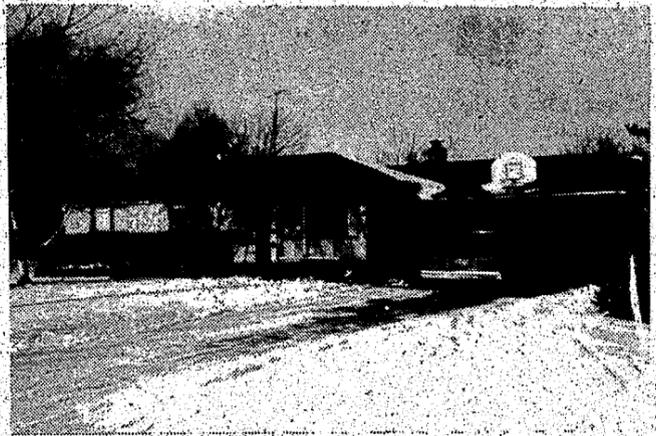
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A copy of the script will be available at the Brandon Public Library, 476 Mill St., Ortonville.

For further information, call Faith Harris, director, at 627-4745, or Chris Bridgeman, producer, at 627-2272.

Sing in the Oakland University Community Chorus or play in the University Concert Band.

The community chorus, now in its 16th season under John Doyaras, university director of choral activity, performs with the 150-voice campus chorus and in concerts with area symphonies. The chorus meets from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 9. Auditions will be held the first two sessions and by appointment. Both groups meet for 14 weeks.

The concert band, which performs regularly with students enrolled in the university music department under the direction of James E. Dawson, assistant

professor of music, will meet from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 10. Auditions will be held the first evening in 110 Varner Hall.

Registration may be made with the continuing education office, 377-3120.

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All Waterford and Clarkston women who are college graduates are welcome to attend. For further information call 625-8648 or 681-0534.

Hear a review of "Thornbirds," Colleen McCullough's best seller, at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Waterford Book Review.

Mrs. Paul Atkins will review the book at the 1 p.m. meeting, to be held at the home of Mrs. C. Johnson, 3585 Lotus, Waterford Township.

Take your preschooler to the child enrichment program offered by Holly Area Schools.

Registration of Holly School District children in the program will continue through this week, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holly Community Education Center, 111 College. The sessions for 3-year-olds and for 4- and 5-year-olds will begin next week.

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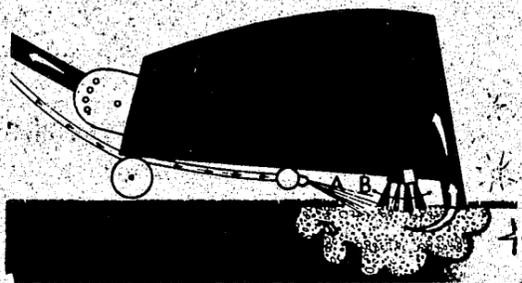
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Margo Michaels sings for success

By David N. Braboy
Staff writer

When the diminutive figure of Margo Michaels steps before a microphone, it hardly seems likely that an upcoming recording star is about to make an appearance.

But when Margo begins to sing, images of Diana Ross, Donna Summer and Natalie Cole immediately come to mind.

And being compared to these famous female vocalists is exactly what this fledgling singer wants. For now.

Currently appearing until Feb. 3 at the Pine Knob Ski Lodge in Independence Township with her four-man band "Rainbow," Margo is a 26-year-old Detroit resident traveling a path already followed by her contemporary idols.

A path, she said, filled with dreams, hopes and frustration.

"I was brought up on Duke Ellington jazz, and I promised myself when young that I was going to be that good," she said.

"And by doing that some of my

little dreams have come true. And they keep my faith going."

After proving this to herself, Margo next branched out into easy listening, pop and disco music.

She performs cover versions of hit songs for the sake of the audience, she explained, and understands any original material will have to wait for the time being.

"You find nowadays that unless you have a hit song out, people won't identify with it and enjoy it," she said. "People aren't coming out to listen to 'our' identity, but other's identities. We aren't Diana Ross or Chicago, but we have to do songs people have heard and know."

However, the new year may see a breakthrough for Margo in terms of a recording contract with any number of album companies. But she said she is being very cautious in selecting the right company which would help her career the most.

"Recording companies aren't

promoting new singers as they used to," she said. "Some would sooner sign me to a firm, seven-year contract to prevent my being a threat to more established singers."

A standard practice by some companies to fulfill this threat is called "putting on the shelf," she explained. "That's when a company has a singer record just enough songs to cover contract obligations, but never releases them for promotion. They literally put them on the shelf and that's it."

Presently being watched and heard by Motown, ABC Records and Warner Brother's recording representatives, Margo has come a long way since her band's early days in 1977 of playing lounges in Clinton Township.

According to guitarist Dennis Charrette, a booking agent from Lorio-Ross Agency in Troy saw the band perform in Danny's Copa Lounge in the township and signed them up.

"Since then, we've been

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Margo Michaels sings a Natalie Cole song, "I Love You," as bass player Dennis Charrette of back-up band "Rainbow" are performing lays down a churning disco beat. Margo and "Rainbow" are performing until Feb. 3 at the Pine Knob Ski Lodge & Restaurant in Independence Township.

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What's up? Clarkston Cub Scouts earn new view of their town

By Mimi Mayer
Staff writer

When the Webelos den of Cub Scout Pack 126 cosponsored a Christmas tree sale with Campfire early in December, the scouts harvested good times as well as Douglas firs.

A small portion of the \$300

profit the scouts earned sent 12 kids for a ride in a private plane.

Webelos leader Chuck Gates explained that Darrell Cooper, whose son Mark is a member of the den, approached him with an offer to take the boys skyward.

"He mentioned the fact that he had an aircraft at his disposal

and anytime we wanted to go for a ride, ask him," Gates said. "I just leapt at the opportunity. Before he knew it, he was piloting the kids around."

"We decided to do this right after we sold all the Christmas trees," Gates continued. "They earned this trip."

Best of all, the boys were able to fly high without incurring any heavy expenses. The only fee went to cover the gasoline consumed during the jaunts.

Gathering at a local church Dec. 27, the scouts were shuttled off in groups of five or six to the Oakland-Pontiac Airport, 6500 Highland Road, Waterford, where Cooper's six-seater Cherokee awaited its passengers.

Appropriately, Cooper donned a long, white silk scarf and a baseball-type hat emblazoned with "Captain" to add atmosphere to the boys' trip.

The boys were taken through a step-by-step inspection of the Cherokee's outer shell by Cooper.

Once aboard, Cooper instructed the Webelos on the instrument panel, explaining vital statistics like an altimeter's use or that when grounded, the plane is guided by floor pedals rather than the steering wheels jutting from the dashboard.

Even when the Cherokee was airborne, Kevin Pitcher, Craig Hoisington and Craig Greenfield remained surprisingly quiet. Circling twice over the Clarkston area and veering north towards Pine Knob and The Independence Oaks County Park, Cooper gave the scouts ample time to spy familiar haunts.



Delight brightens Kevin Pitcher's face as he and other Webelos and Cub Scouts circle above the Clarkston area during the plane ride.

"Look, there's the church, there's the church," Kevin Pitcher said.

Hoisington exclaimed when he saw his house and Greenfield noted that, from a 1,000-foot height, the Clarkston area looked like a train set.

Due to the low cloud covering, the ride was somewhat bumpy, an unexpected side effect.

But all the boys tagged the trip "rea' leat" as the airplane touched down on the airport landing strip.

"Oh boy, that was great," Pitcher said. "My ears feel wierd."

"All right, all right," Greenfield said. "Let's take off again!"

"Take off again?" Cooper asked. "Didn't you get enough?"

"No!" cried the three scouts.

Another group of Webelos had their ride as Hoisington, and Greenfield were returned to the church to do leathercrafts and munch cookies.



Craig Hoisington is in a reflective mood as the airplane flies above Clarkston. Like the other boys on board, Kevin became quite excited when he spied the church where other Webelo Scouts entertained themselves by doing leathercrafts while awaiting their plane ride.



Among the sights members of Cub Scout Pack 126 enjoyed during their ride on a private plane Dec. 27 was the Pine Knob Music Theatre and Resort.

Feelings:

Clarkston kids write about theirs

A short, emotion-packed style of poetry was used by a group of Andersonville Elementary fifth grade pupils to express their feelings about all sorts of events from Christmas, snow and frost to describing love and anger.

SNOW

It blows and flows
Mother said don't go out there
all you say is I know
winter
—Brenna Mason

NATURE

Pretty—beautiful
Peaceful as rainbows
beautiful, exciting, warm, wonderful
wilderness
—Erica Hubbach

LOVE

warm, nice
He comes near
happy, nice warm, cute
together!!
—Dawn Drappeaux

FROST

cold nights.
Shivering cold thoughts
Frozen toes, frozen nose
Winter
—David Bliss

FROST

cold freezing
snow flakes are falling
it's getting me cold
chilly
—Todd Allen

LOVE

friends, dates
people love and care
togetherness, happiness,
warmth, fun
friends.
—Nicole Patton

LOVE

Together, Close
holds your hand
Warm, nice, close, Together
Happy
—Lisa McCreery

SADNESS

Alone, loneliness
Great man dies
Sad, lonely, crushed, afraid
Loneliness.
—Jimmy Dunn

Mad

bad, mean
banging the bedpost
awful, greedy, bad, mean
greedy.
—Teresa Durocher

HORSES

Wild, Free
Jumping, running, trotting
lonely, playful, beautiful, joyful
Horses are beautiful
Quarter Horse
—Tracey Hutchins

BIRDS

Colorful Beauty
flying in sky
nice happy glad beautiful
Happy
—John Barnett

HORSES

Free, Wild
running, Jumping, walking
Horses are wild and beautiful.
Thoroughbred
—Michele Keech

BEAR CUB

Gentle, playful.
A baby fawn comes near.
Then friends walk to a nearby
pond.
—S. Luzi

PEOPLE.

always friendly.
people laugh.
warm, nice, wonderful.
boys and girls.
—Todd Hallett

FAMILIES

love
Sharing Happiness
Helping caring Joy
Sad Happy Joy warmth
together
—Michelle Cote

CHILDREN

Noisy, Nice
Running, Jumping, Playing
I'm a child
Kids
—Kristine Schultz

CHRISTMAS

cheering, yelling
sledding, skiing, skating
Baking, singing eating, meeting
—Jeff Minton

One summer evening,
Crickets Chirping, humming
birds humming
sparkling stream flowing, bright
flowers
One summer evening.
Steve Stewart

DECEMBER

Ice is nice to skate on
or to wait for the snow
to fall, or make a very tall
wall.
—Heather Lee

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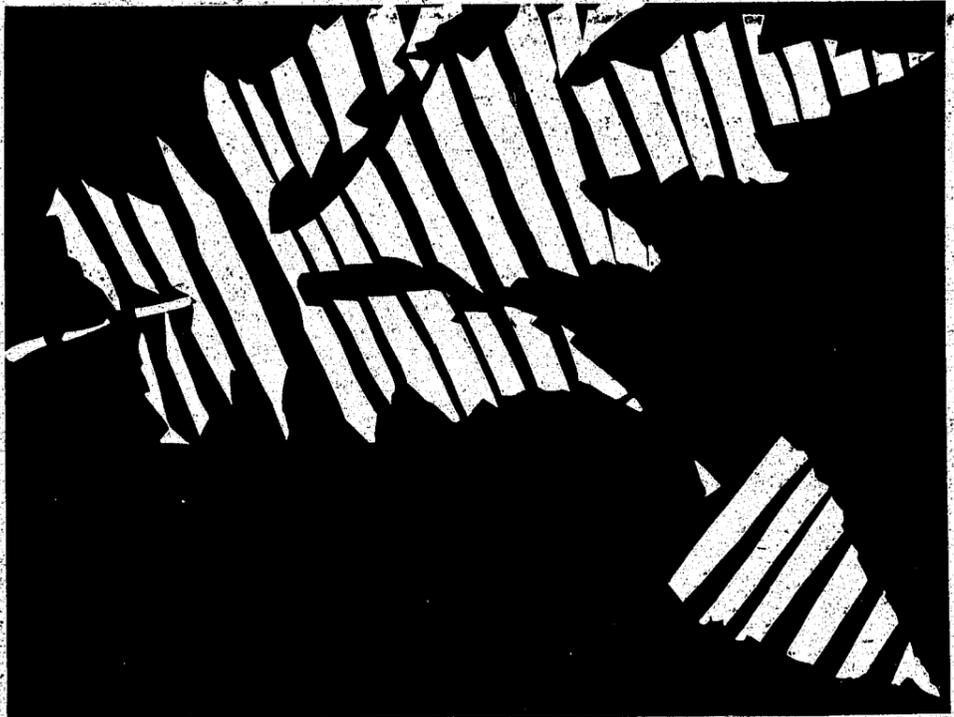
You can Skate all day and be
late!
or you can Ski and fall on your
knees or climb in to a tree or you
Can make a snowman in the
snow.
—Annette Yocum

SANTA

Happy, chubby
Comes at night
Happy, Special, Funny, Caring
Mr. Claus
—Steve Salter

CHRISTMAS

fun, Joyful
Caroling, shopping, unwrapping
gifts,
Peaceful, exciting, wonderful,
happiness
Jesus Christ Birthday
—Marlene Lewis



A leaf cut from construction paper and pasted on paper, by Julie Tezak, fifth grade, Pine Knob Elementary.

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A Chinese Dragon mask, by Paul Frasier, sixth grade, Pine Knob Elementary.

Worlds of man and beast

Kristin Whisner wrote two poems that take a look at people and animals. She is a fifth grader at Pine Knob Elementary School.

Animals

Animals do what they like to do,
Some are cooped up in a zoo,
They should do that to us,
And ride on us or say mush,
mush.
Animals should do what they

like,
They should also ride a bike,
They should live in a house too
and put us on a farm so we
can say moo! moo!
Animals should wear a coat and
put a sweater on a goat.
They should keep warm like us.
They should eat the meat we do.
And shoo us away. Shoo! Shoo!

People

Black or white.

Morning or night.
Are working fast.
Or is up on mast.
Even people down in a mine.
Are always worn.
Or their shirts are torn.
People mean.
People nice.
People keen.
People scared of mice.
All people are that way.
But all people are okay!

Country Living

by Mimi Mayer

'Togetherness' for Newmarches



Matthew Newmarch may not be Hank Williams, but he has all the motions of country music star down pat.



Larry and Bunny Newmarch play a game with their two children, Amy, 7, and Matthew, 3. Such family activities are an important part of the Newmarches' lifestyle.

When Bunny and Larry Newmarch met as sixth graders, they liked each other but there was no overwhelming attraction.

Now, the Newmarches reside in a comfortable ranch house on Andersonville Road in Springfield Township with their two children Matthew, 3, and Amy, 6.

Larry supports the family by working as a wooden model maker at Ford tractor operations in Troy.

"We model mostly tractor parts before they're made into cast metal forms," he said. "We also make fiberglass molds. We call them prototype parts."

Designers bring sketches of a proposed tractor part to Larry's work group, and "we'll start working it up," he said. "We don't actually do the full design but we do a lot of it."

The rewards and challenges of Larry's job account for his satisfaction with his profession.

"I love it, I think it's fantastic," he said. "It's never the same thing twice."

Although Bunny was a court reporter during the early days of their marriage, she now stays home to attend to her home and the two children.

The care Bunny has put into raising Matthew and Amy is obvious. The children are well-mannered and charming.

"I have always enjoyed being with children who are well-behaved," she said. "We always said that we would like to raise our children so we could take them with us when we went places."

Thus, Amy and Matthew accompany their parents when they call on friends or go out for dinner.

"It's gotten to where a lot of our friends have children and they get a chance to play with other children," Bunny said.

She added that the exposure to other homes and lifestyles is a valuable experience for Amy and Matthew.

Even though the kids are aged three and six, Matthew and Amy show surprising consideration for others, a trait both Larry and Bunny have encouraged.

"One thing I think is important is for children to respect other people—respect other people's feelings, other people's property, their beliefs—not to become indifferent," Bunny said.

Due to Larry's busy schedule, Bunny said she does out the majority of the discipline to the children.

"I feel they should be disciplined at the time," she explained. "Because I'm home with them more than he is, I have to do a big share of it."

Yet Larry makes a point of enjoying his children and is willing to share the burdens and

joys of parenting, Bunny said.

"He takes them a lot with him," she said. "Usually when he's home, where he goes, Matthew goes."

Planning activities the family can enjoy as a whole is important to Larry and Bunny.

"We snowmobile a lot with the kids," Bunny said. "We go camping in the summertime. We like to camp because it's something we can do as a family."

The camping season is traditionally kicked off Memorial Day weekend when the Newmarches hop in their trailer and travel to the King's Island Amusement Park near Cincinnati, Ohio.

"We thought it'd be something the kids would remember," Larry said.

"We enjoy it as much as the kids do," Bunny said.

In addition to reading books to Matthew, coloring with Amy, and the sewing or gardening Bunny does for her family, she is a co-leader with her neighbor Sandy Chester of Brownie Scout Troop 501 located at Andersonville Elementary School.

Ten girls, including Amy, are in the troop, "all in the first grade," Bunny said.

"They are all really sweet," she said. "We have a really super group of parents who are really interested in the kids."

"It's very important for kids to have something like that," Larry said. "Not just to learn the crafts but just to be together with the other girls and learn to make friends."

A craftsman in his trade, Larry is handy at maintaining the Newmarch home.

"I do most of our stuff," he said. "I hire very little."

"He'll tackle anything," Bunny added.

"I put a deck on the back of our house, put a porch on the front, added a new bathroom, partially finished the basement," Larry said. All the wallpapering and painting was completed by Larry, too.

Larry is somewhat modest about his accomplishments, however.

"A little common sense always helps," he said. "If you can remember how to tear it apart, you can put it back together."

Recently, the wood-working skills Larry has mastered on the job have been applied to a new home use. He makes toys for the children.

"They're just scrap-wood toys," he said, examining a detailed racing car he fashioned from a raw two-by-four board. "You order patterns and make them."

Auto repair is also of interest to Larry.

"I enjoy working on cars. I

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 enjoy bodywork," he said. "I like to get a beat-up piece of junk and put it back together." One auto Larry refurbished was a Fiat, which he purchased for \$300, recovered and later sold for \$1,100.

Larry said he learned these skills while attending classes at Oakland Community College's is Auburn Hills Campus at night.

"I got an associate's degree in industrial technology. Right now, I'm taking some automotive classes," he said.

Pursuing the degree was done, "really to better myself in my profession," Larry said. "Some sort of a degree is better than none."

A change is in the wind for the Newmarches. Come mid-February, they plan to move into a new home on Bridge Lake Road

in Springfield Township which they've been building since June.

Sitting on four acres of land, the home is built in a Cape Cod design and is something Larry and Bunny have desired for years.

"The picture of this house we cut out of the paper in 1967. It was a dream house then," Larry said.

"It's something we've been dreaming of for a long time," Bunny added.

If the Newmarches have their druthers, their life will remain much the same.

"There have been times when we've wondered," Bunny said. "But I can't think of a thing I'd want different."

"I'm super happy just as things are," Larry said. "I've got a terrific family and I love my job. I like things just as they are."

Township employee retires

By Kathy Greenfield
 Staff writer

"Pure pleasure" is how Sally Horsch describes the past 13 years as an Independence Township employee.

She retired Friday as a secretary in the assessing department where she worked five years. The previous eight years, she worked in the building department.

"I was so interested in everything and I just really enjoyed it," she said. "It's just been a wonderful experience. These people here in Independence Township are something else."

When she first came to work for the township, the woman she replaced warned her she would not like working with builders and contractors.

"But I've never met a bad one—they're just the greatest group of guys," she said, adding that she was pleased and touched when some of them contributed to her retirement gift.

Included in her past as a township employee was a bid for the office of clerk about four years ago.

"That was exciting, too," she said. "It was a real experience and I met a lot of nice people then."

Although she was defeated, "the way things have turned out, I'm glad I didn't win," she said, adding that "progress" has made the atmosphere of the township offices different.

With the growth, came a loss of some of the closeness.

"We were like a family," she remembered. "We did everything together. It was just super."

A lifelong resident of the township, she has noticed other changes associated with growth. "It used to be all trees," she said about the area surrounding her home. "Now there are subdivisions, sewers, parking problems—just simple expansion."

In spite of the changes, she intends to stay put and continue to enjoy her home on Eastlawn Drive where she has lived since 1940.

"I wouldn't think of going anywhere else," she said. "I like it here."

She has two sons who now live in California, Charles Horsch and John Reynolds.

She is also a grandmother. John and his wife Pamela have two daughters—Jodi, 10, and Kimberly, 11.

Her husband Harry has been retired seven years and she is looking forward to spending

more time with him, she said. In the past couple of weeks, she has been the guest of honor at several parties attended by present and past co-workers.

"When they were giving me all those gifts, I felt like I should be giving gifts to them," she said. "It's just been so wonderful. I know I'll miss it, but I'll keep busy."

And she has plans. "Foremost in my mind, I've got to clean house," she laughed, adding, "We want to travel when I get some of the current things done."



Sally Horsch

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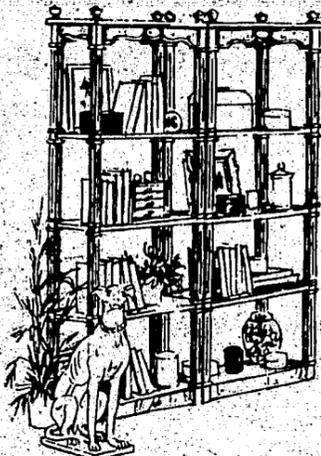


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Up stardom's path

(Continued from page 15.)
getting much better jobs," he added. "It's all sort of snow-balled."

Keyboard player Tom Neme said that since then, the band has performed at Detroit's Renaissance Center, the Pontchartrain Hotel and various lounges in Detroit's east side.

"Here at Pine Knob, the people are a lot more liberal and enjoy listening to any type of music, but disco is very much in demand in the east side," Dennis observed. "They're really sold on it."

Margo herself prefers singing Broadway songs like Liza Minelli's "New York, New York" tune, but accepts the fact that disco is what sells today.

"I'm more comfortable doing Broadway songs like 'New York,' but right now I'm content to sing

whatever would be a hit and today that would be disco," she said.

But Margo adds this is just a temporary situation and said she is primed to begin recording within the next few months.

"My foot is halfway through the door," she noted, "but now it's up to my imagination to do the rest."

Imagination, talent and luck. Margo has all three and perhaps someday in the near future new

singers will be performing cover versions of her songs.

But for now she must continue down that well-beaten path to stardom while finding ways to combat the frustrations of trying to "make it big."

And until that happens, Margo said she has only one firm anchor on which to hold: her audience.

"Getting a good audience response to my singing helps move me on," she said. "It helps to make me think I can make it in this business. And I will."

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Silver anniversary

Bill and Sally Jackson celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary today. The Jacksons of Yale Road, Independence Township, have three children, Judy, Janice and Jane Hettich, and a granddaughter, Rhea, 3. They are planning a second honeymoon trip to Hawaii.



Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hanson of Snowapple Drive, Independence Township, announce the engagement of their daughter Beverly to Gregory Hedam, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hedam of Dennison, Iowa. The couple plans an April 7 wedding.

Recipe File

By Lorna Bickerstaff

Mimi Mayer told us that his very good spinach salad for The Clarkston News' Staff Christmas luncheon.

Raw Spinach Salad

- ½ lb. raw spinach
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- 4 hard boiled eggs finely chopped
- 6 rashers bacon cooked and crumbled
- 1 Bermuda (red) onion sliced

Sweet basil, salt, pepper to taste

Dressing

- 1 T. peanut oil
- 2 or 3 T. tarragon vinegar

Wash spinach, remove end stems, tear into bite-size pieces. Add tomatoes, bacon, onion and chill. Hold remaining ingredients until ready to toss. Add seasonings, dressings, toss and serve.

Joseph C. Bird Chapter #294, Order of the Eastern Star, is having a family-style roast beef and roast pork dinner Sunday at the Clarkston Masonic Temple, 2 North Main Street, Clarkston, from noon to 3 p.m.

Admission is \$3.75 for adults; \$1.75 for children aged 5 to 12 and children under 5 are free. Tickets will be available at the door, and the public is invited.

Don Vogel, District Governor for Lions Clubs International District 11-A2, will speak at the Clarkston Lions Club, at 7 tonight when the service organization meets at Howe's Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway, Independence Township.

Mr. Vogel will speak on Lions' programs in the district and other district affairs.

The Davisburg Joggers, a senior citizens group, will meet Saturday at noon for a potluck

dinner and entertainment.

The group meets monthly at the Springfield Township Hall in Davisburg.

The first Christmas Party for local youngsters, sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation department was a success due to the efforts of the following people:

Merci Sanchez, Mary Barks, Michelle Barks, Cindy Hawley, Julie Pepre, Shiela Kelly, Leah Brace, Patti White, Patti Johnson, Lisa Forsyth, Kris Topolnicki and Kurt Richardson.

Donations by McDonald's of Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Topolnicki and the township library also helped make the party a success.

Helping Santa finish his Christmas list were 135 boys and girls who called in December 19 through 21.

The Independence Township

Parks and Recreation department sponsored the call-in session.

Here are a few children Santa talked to:

Matt Trethewey, 4, wanted cookies; Bill Keys, 7, asked for a Star Wars Landing Set; Jeff Tungate, 9, requested a pinball machine; Chris Brazier, 9, included a skate board on his list; and Tucker Brazier, 5, wanted a fire truck.

Brad Blake, 8, requested a camera; Candy Dewey, 7, would take anything; Dawn Jennings, 5, asked for Crazy Crawlers; and Roy Jennings, 2, couldn't talk.

Terry Ray Edgein of Foster Road, Independence Township, was among the more than 1,100 graduates of Eastern Michigan University at its winter commencement.

Terry received his bachelor's degree in business administration.



Traces of Cherokee Indian were part of these youngsters backgrounds. As [from left] Annette Hopson, Amy Sample and Terri Sherman look on, Chris Kutcher [far left] demonstrates some of the sign language he learned in his library studies of his ancestors.

Pupils study 'roots'

A study of their roots gave pupils in Marie Luzi's fifth grade class at Andersonville Elementary School a chance to learn customs and traditions of other cultures.

The youngsters made time lines of their own lives, a map of the United States with cities and states marked where their relatives live and drew family trees to locate their heritage.

They also went to the library and gathered information on people from other lands and gave reports on Christmas customs in different countries.

A luncheon with foods typical of the countries from which their relatives hailed was the culmination of their studies.



Denise Sewell [left] prepares to sample a German treat brought by her classmate Chris Grunwald. As the pleased look on Chris's face shows, the children delighted in sharing their heritages.

Peeking into the past

**10 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 2, 1969**

Winners in the Clarkston Jaycee house decorating contest this year were George Lang, first place; David Slinkard, second place; and Edmund Drozdowski, third.

A young Clarkston attorney, James J. Blanchard, has been

named to the team of supervisors who will oversee the recount of the controversial Daylight Savings Time proposal, which appeared on the November 5 general election ballot.

**25 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 7, 1954**

Rudy's Market opened the doors to its new location as a supermarket. The building was formerly occupied by the Kroger

Market. The move culminated a dream started 20 years ago when Rudy Schwarze purchased the Hagele, Market at the corner of Main and Washington.

The sophomore class honored its sponsor, Mr. Richard Carlson, at a farewell party held at the Community Center. Mr. Carlson has resigned from his teaching position at the Clarkston High school.

Library scene

The following contemporary fictions, non-fictions and children's works have been added to the library collection this week:

"Night Tennis" by Annabel Davis-Goff.

"Two Hoots" by Helen Crosswell.

"The Artist" by Norman Garbo.

"Artificial Insemination" by Wilfred J. Finegold.

"Nocturne" by Bulat Okudjava.

"Marblehead" by Joan Thompson.

"City of Whispering Stone" by George C. Chesbro.

"The Lost Herd" by Archie Joscelyn.

"The Money Wolves" by Paul Erikson.

"The Marvelous Palace" by Pierre Boule.

"Tangier" by William Bayer.

"Rumours of Rain" by Andre Brink.

"The Man Who Called Himself Devlin" by William M. Green.

"Phoenix No More" by Edwin Gage.

"No. Mama No" by Verity Bargate.

"The Night Lords" by Nicholas Freeling.

"Eerie, Weird and Wicked" by Helen Hoke.

"Green Ice" by Gerald A. Browne.

Storytime and after-school movies will be resumed again this week after the short Christmas pause.

The feature length movie, M.G.M.'s "Big Parade of Comedy" will be shown in the library Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

An ECKANKAR group is meeting Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.

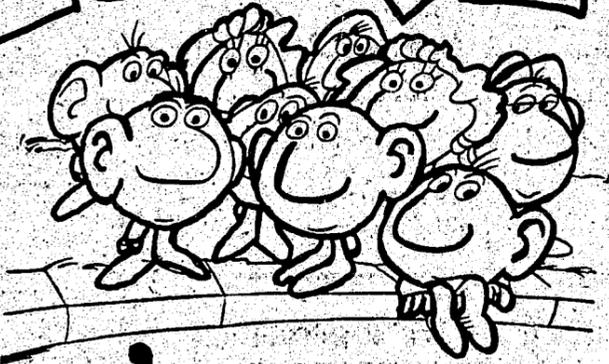
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Sushil Lahiri, librarian.

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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 Sunday School 9:15 Family Worship 9 and 10:30 am Weekday school Wed., 6:15 pm Pastor Charles Kosberg	SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park off Maybee Rd. Rev. Allan Hinz - 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 pm. Silver Tea last Thursday each month.
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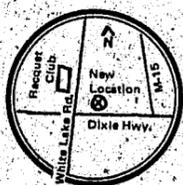
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by Jim & Ellen Windell

Depression is a symptom that most people experience at one time or another in their life.

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Even though it is normal for everyone to have their "down" days or blue days, when this attitude and feeling persists for more than a few days it may be a signal of something more than a transient feeling of despondency.

Probably a majority of students in high school or college have experienced depression as a result of the academic pressures they have to face.

The symptoms may then include a general feeling of tiredness or an excessive need for sleep, self-blame and feelings of inadequacy, a lack of friendships and social activities, and withdrawal.

Students who are not only feeling pressures related to an education, but also have some personal or social conflicts and guilt may be most susceptible to thoughts of suicide.

The psychological characteristics most often associated with suicide among young people are



by David McNeven, Coach

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Most children and teens show significant signs of inner distress long before they give into self-destructive action.

If parents ignore such warning signs or view them as part of a developmental phase-it is not normal even for teenage girls to be depressed for prolonged

periods of time-the young person may have deeper feelings that no one cares or understands.

A suicidal attempt is sometimes a more desperate signal that understanding is needed.

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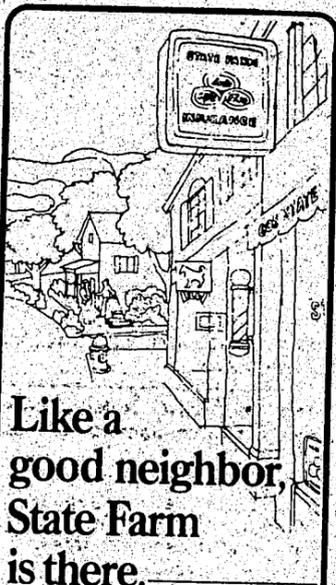
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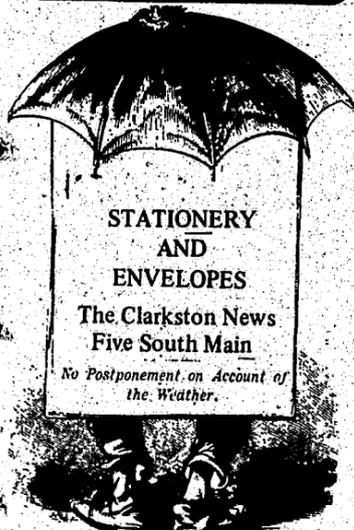
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Woozies: Wise, evil space creatures

By Chris Scharfenkamp
Fourth grade,
Clarkston Elementary

Chapter 1 Woozies Hate Christmas!

When Christmas started the Woozies (wise and evil space creatures) hated it.

They did not like to be nice to each other, so they did not like giving presents.

On the planet Biges it lasted for three long months.

Every Christmas the Woozies were so unhappy, the planet Biges was covered with their tears Christmas after Christmas.

Chapter 2 Vizzles

Finally a very wise Woozie decided to change their way of Christmas.

This Woozies name was Pifel. He decided that they would give vizzles as presents to Woozies.

Vizzles are little rock like things to begin with, then when you open the box their in they turn into-giant Vizzles. Things get Woozies into big trouble.

The Woozies Liked That!

Chapter 3 Woozies Want More

Next Christmas Woozies used Vizzles but that wasn't enough, the Woozies wanted more.

Now the Woozies were unhappy, they still wanted more. Woozies thought and thought.

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Chapter 4 Rivzales

Finally a very aged and wise Woozie decided to use the Rivzales, they are very strong.

They are about the strongest things on the planet Biges.

They ruin Woozies homes. The Woozies will put them in other Woozies homes.

They all get a kick out of that.

Chapter 5 Satisfaction

This Christmas Woozies are well satisfied.

They are ruining Woozies homes and getting Woozies in big trouble.

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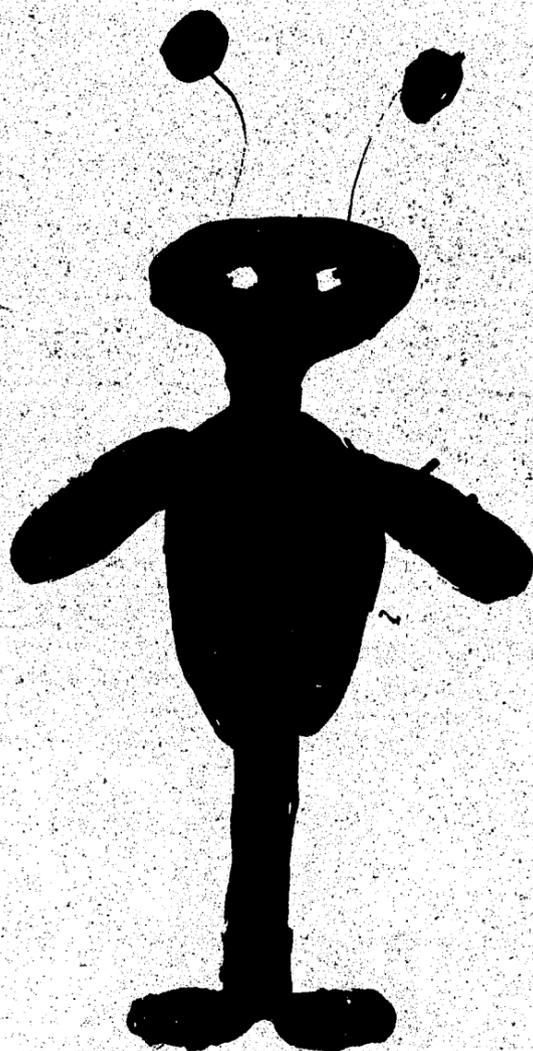
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By Donald R. Hirschman & Stuart E. Allen to rezone 621.914 acres located on the north-east corner of Waldon and Clintonville Roads, from R-1-R Rural Residential (3 acre minimum lot size) to R-1-C Suburban Farm Residential (1 1/2 acre minimum lot size.)

Legal Description: Sidwell # 08-24-100-004
08-24-200-001
Common Description 08-24-300-001

Any further information regarding the above hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

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Christmas vacation was a perfect time for children around Clarkston to hit the hills and do some serious sledding. From left Candy Dewey, Roger Dewey, Dean O'Neil, and Steven Dewey trek back up "Bump Hill" located adjacent to the Orchards Subdivision for another run. The hill is one of a

series of sledding runs named by the children who live in the Orchards Subdivision. In the grand tradition of ski areas, other runs are called "Curvy," "Figure 8," and "Dead Man's Bluff."

Hills are alive



Meanwhile, on a hill leading to Park Lake, Matt Harrison of Hummingbird Lane streaks past an artificial jump built by older neighborhood youths.

Photos by Kathy Greenfield



Steven Dewey of Snowapple Drive shows how "Bump Hill" got its name.



"What fun" is written all over Dean O'Neil's face. The youngster, who lives on Waldon Road, joined members of the Dewey family for the outing.