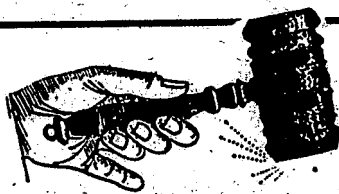


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Clarkston stores sell for premium

By Marilyn Trumper

The half-square mile Village of Clarkston is experiencing a phenomenon unrivaled in Oakland County. Downtown commercial real estate is selling—and selling at premium prices far above assessed values.

It means certain tax assessment increases, according to Independence Township Assessor David Sherrill. Assessments have been frozen two years because not enough sales were made to warrant a change, he said.

Assessments are supposed to reflect half the market value of buildings, according to state guidelines.

Sweet Sue's, the ice cream store at Washington and Main is assessed at \$35,000. It sold in 1979 for \$120,000 and again in 1982 for \$129,000.

The building housing Clarkston Travel Bureau, One More Time and Clarkston Shoe Repair is assessed at \$45,500. It sold last week for \$175,000.

The Carpenter Realty Inc. building next to the

former Bob's Hardware has been vacant for two years. It's assessed at \$47,500. Gerald Savoie's asking price: \$165,000, according to his secretary Agnes Persinger.

"But the asking price is right in there with what all the others are going for," said Sherrill, also acting assessor for the Village of Clarkston. "One of the first sales, the ice cream shop, blew our minds. When I say 'us' I mean myself and the county.

"There's no way we could come up with that kind of value. It blew our minds away. We just can't justify these values.

"For the future there's going to be increases (in assessments) as a result of the sales."

•In 1982 the Clarkston Emporium at Depot and Main streets sold for \$275,000. It's assessed at \$85,000.

•Tierra Arts & Design, 5,000 square feet, is assessed at \$54,000.

•Clarkston Corners, 5,600 square feet, is assessed at \$105,000.

•The Clarkston Mills Mall, 38,000 square feet, is assessed at \$440,000.

•The Powe Building at the south end of town has 1,535 feet on the first floor and is assessed at \$47,000. It sold in 1979 for \$90,000, less than the twice the

assessed valuation, but has since added the restaurant McGillacutty's and the gourmet food shop and caterer, Matteo's.

•The Terrace Building owned by Dr. and Mrs. Gary Symons, 1,980 square feet, is assessed at \$45,500.

•Hallman's Apothecary with upstairs apartments is assessed at \$77,000, and has a first floor with 4,400 square feet.

"It is a seller's market," Sherrill said. "We've known for a long time assessments have been low. Because of the economy nothing was moving. And you can't figure assessments on one or two sales. But we're going to tackle it this year head on.

"My only explanation is the location. There's only one Village of Clarkston and it doesn't appear it's going to grow. It's not my place to question that, but buyers obviously believe that if they're in Clarkston, they'll be able to make enough to pay the bills.

"People want to be here—and they'll pay to be here," he said.

Assessment increases are based on the number of sales in a given area, and the sale price, over a minimum 12-month period. They're averaged to a

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No jet

Or small plane either

Michigan State Police, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, Pontiac and Waterford township police, and firefighters from Independence Township came up empty-handed Friday evening, looking for a "jet" that allegedly crashed at Mann and Clintonville roads in southern Independence Township.

A caller's report at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 30 said "...that it crashed at Mann and Clintonville roads. We went out there, talked to the neighbors and looked for the jet. The state police and Oakland County were there too," said firefighter Michael Fahrner.

"We couldn't find anything. They knocked on people's doors and they said they saw something, but didn't know what."

A spokesperson from the Michigan State Police said the caller to their post reported a "small plane down," not a jet.

"But nothing was found," she said. "No one saw an explosion or anything."

According to Fahrner, the Pontiac-Oakland Airport had no report of an incoming plane.

Run on weddings

Oakland County District Court Judge Gerald E. McNally speculates six marriages he performed one day last week in his courtroom could have been for tax purposes.

"Or maybe they wanted to get down to a Bowl game. Or get it done before the holidays. I don't know why. But I do know it's rare we have six in one day. The most in the past was three or four."

Happy New Year.



NEW YEAR'S DAY CATCH: Floyd Robertson pulls one in as he fishes through the ice on Greens Lake in Independence Township. It's Jan. 1 and Robertson's first ice fishing outing

of the winter. A Waterford Township resident, he's one of about 15 people fishing on the lake in the 30-degree, early afternoon weather. [Photo by Kathy Greenfield]

Two held in resort's crackdown on ski thieves

By Marilyn Trumper

Pine Knob Ski Resort security is cracking down on ski thieves. A routine car-to-car search last week unearthed two stolen pair of skis and ended with the arrest of two 17-year-old Sterling Heights men.

According to a report at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, co-director of security Jim Lozan looked inside a car and saw skis matching the description of two pair reported stolen.

He held the driver at gunpoint until police arrived, and the driver's two friends were later arrested for the theft, reports said.

Lozan has a permit to carry a concealed weapon, according to police.

"(Ski theft has) always been a problem here, just as it is at any resort," said Lozan's co-director Mat-

thew Skelly. "People just don't lock their skis although we have a rack. I don't know why they don't. For a \$4 or \$5 lock they can protect their equipment.

"We definitely are watching, and have our guards on the lot day and night patrolling the lot. As reports come in of stolen skis, we notify them of what kind of skis to look for.

"If they're out there, we'll find them," Skelly said.

He cites the difficulty of apprehending a thief dressed in boots and skiing attire walking through the lodge with skis.

"You can't detect a skier from a thief," Skelly said. "What I suggest people do is engrave their skis. The engraved skis with serial numbers are usually not stolen as frequently.

"And, I suggest they carry their receipts with the serial numbers so they can prove ownership."

An average of one pair of skis has been stolen at Pine Knob every day this season, he said.

Driver faces charge

An 18-year-old Independence Township man has been arraigned on manslaughter charges stemming from a September auto accident that killed an Orion Township toddler and his aunt.

Michael John Menard, also known as Michael John Parmeter, of Maybee Road is scheduled for a pretrial exam Jan. 23 before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge George La Plata.

Menard faces charges on two counts of manslaughter and one count of felonious driving for the Sept. 25 head-on crash on Clarkston Road, Independence Township.

According to police, the accident occurred when Menard, eastbound on Clarkston Road, crossed the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle.

Angela Johnstone, 22, and Justin Cansler, 2, died from injuries suffered in the crash.

Pine Knob recovers with snow

By Marilyn Trumper

With three years of nearly snowless ski seasons that heavily contributed to Pine Knob's faltering finances, the ski area is recovering this year and reveling in a lasting snow base, a parking lot full of cars and lines at the towrope.

After filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 1980, Joseph Locricchio, co-owner of the 340-acre complex, said one good ski season could pull the faltering business up by its bootstraps.

Locricchio could not be reached for comment. An employe said he no longer maintains an office at Pine Knob and did not know where Locricchio could be reached.

Gary Francell, his partner, could not be reached for comment.

"Business is good, very good," said Assistant Ski Manager Rosie Murray, a Pine Knob employe of 18 years, long before partners Locricchio and Francell took over. "Lift ticket sales are up 50 percent over last year, and last year was a record low. In fact, we

were't even open this time last year."

Murray won't comment on the number of skiers or on ticket sales.

"You have to talk to the trustee on that. I don't know," she said.

But 2,000 season passes were sold for \$99, \$109, \$119 or \$129, she said. Prices increased as the season's snow picture firmed up.

"It's so nice to see the parking lot full of cars and skiers on the hill," Murray said.

Because Mother Nature's cooperating, it's been several days since employes have made snow. There's an 18- to 24-inch base.

-Correction-

The amount of overtime paid to firefighters was incorrectly reported in The Clarkston News Dec. 21 in a story exploring a concept to eliminate department overtime pay.

In fact, approximately \$10,000 in overtime is paid each year.

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Photo Inquiry

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What are your predictions for 1984?



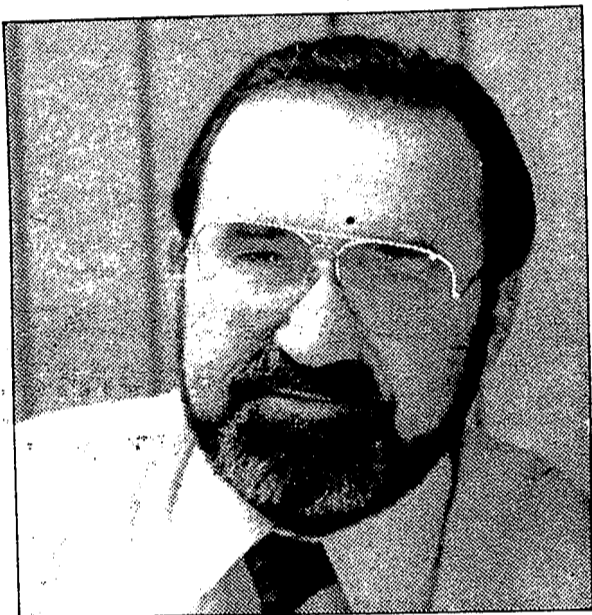
"Michigan State is going to beat Michigan in football. President Reagan will be re-elected. Education will remain on the public agenda. The economy is not going to recover as rapidly as we would like. The whole state political scene will continue in turmoil."—Milford Mason, Clarkston school district superintendent.



"I believe the economic recovery is going to continue at the same rate and pace as the economists are predicting. But a big 'if' is thrown in, that's if the interest rates stay down. If the interest rates stay low, the housing industry, especially in the northwest Oakland area, will take off. This could be a robust year for Independence Township. It could be a key growth area in 1984."—Tom Ritter, local businessman and candidate for United States Congress.



"I think the businesses in the township are going to do better. If the business has had the same owner for five years, it will show a profit. But I see three businesses going under. Crime is on the increase also. There will be more pressure put on the township officials to hire a full-time deputy. M-15 won't be widened—the attitude of the people is to let them go around. I see Fred Ritter with his left arm in a sling."—Shirley Lynch, professional psychic.



"Last year was disastrous for builders. The whole country had a problem but it's coming up at a fair rate and it will continue into 1984. The government has to do something to get its head out of the sand to help the economy. If that happens, everything is going to be fine."—Kenneth Delbridge, building and planning department director of Independence Township.



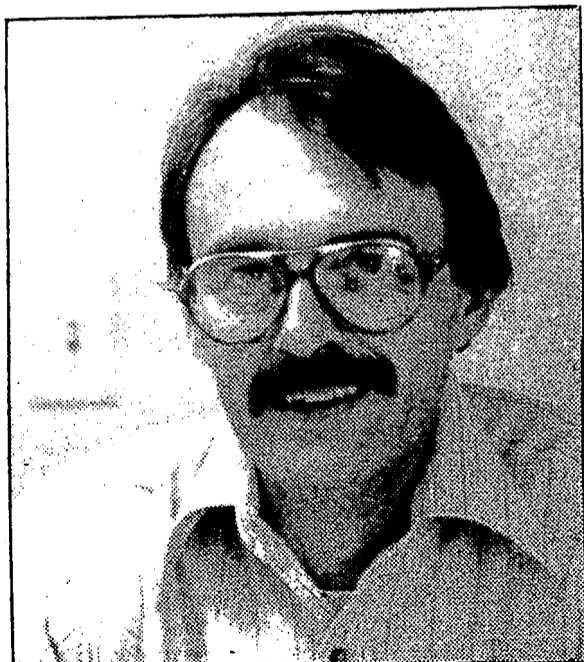
"From what I've observed, for businesses in a small community like Clarkston, they have to work together, to be aware of their fellow businesses. Business is on the upswing, but everybody still has to work together. It has to be a group effort."—Chris Boyd, president of the Clarkston Village Business Association.



"Next year is going to be the most politically aware year ever for us. With the recalls, people have the feeling they have a say in how things are done. It will be the biggest year for women in politics. They will be elected to higher positions than before. Women are going to get more involved in politics. There are 3 million more women voters than men in the US. It's going to be better for business too. People are loosening up with their money. They're spending larger amounts now."—Carol Eberhardt, local businesswoman, running unopposed in the March election for president of the Clarkston Village Council.



"The most encouraging gains occurred in classified advertising. That area has real estate, automotive and help wanted ads. The classification showed a healthy gain of 20 percent for the first 10 months and a gain of 35.3 percent for October. The classified figures point to a healthy 1984. A period of steady and gradual economic growth."—Stewart McTeer, Clarkston News advertising manager and president of the Business Association of Independence Township.



"For one thing George Orwell is wrong. My real prediction is that as long as hope and love remain in the people's hearts, 1984 will be better."—Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

Firm has 4 plans to cut school fuel

By Kathy Greenfield

After attending a study session last week on proposed methods to reduce fuel and electricity usage in Clarkston school buildings, Superintendent Milford Mason had this chilling thought: "As a homeowner, I don't know if I'll be able to heat my house in 20 years."

The methods were outlined by representatives of the architectural and engineering firm of Daverman Associates of Grand Rapids, hired by the district for \$21,000 to present a proposal to reduce energy consumption in the district's eight school buildings and the Clarkston Community Learning Center.

They'll present four options at the Monday, Jan. 9, board of education meeting:

•Solution 1 would cost about \$300,000 and include glazing of windows and eliminating skylights.

•Solution 2 for about \$730,000 would involve extensive window replacement, changing the looks of building facades by eliminating all but one window for most classrooms.

•Solution 3 would cost about \$750,000 and would follow Solution 2 except there would be two windows for most classrooms.

•The fourth solution includes options that would raise the cost to about \$1.145 million.

While the changes in window treatment would be the most visible, all solutions include setting-up control cycles for thermostats to keep daytime temperatures at 68 degrees and evening temperatures at 55.

Sensors would check outdoor temperatures and shut air circulating pumps off when readings were above 50, put them on a time clock for readings between 30 and 50, and keep the pumps running continuously at below 30.

Options include installation of a new boiler at Clarkston Elementary School and slow-moving fans on high ceilings at Clarkston High School—in the

gym, lecture rooms, shops and library.

The district plans to pay for the energy conservation measures by selling notes or bonds to be paid off in 10 years, as allowed by State Act 431, one of the last bills signed by Gov. William Milliken before he left office.

The bill allows school districts to pay for energy conservation projects with cost avoidance resulting from the changes. It also eliminates the requirement of seeking voters' approval before borrowing money.

Using figures provided by Daverman Associates for the least expensive solution, after paying the notes the district would save \$29 the first year and the amount would accumulate to \$410,686 the 10th year and \$3,458,415 after 20 years.

"If we invest now in a program like this, it will give us a better opportunity to deal with these ever-increasing costs of energy," Mason said. "I think it's

something we have to do now to have a fighting chance down the road in meeting these costs."

The current fuel and electricity costs for the district are \$440,400 annually, according to Mason.

While the bills would not decrease, because the costs of energy are expected to climb at an average of 13 percent a year, the energy conservation measures would cut down usage.

Mason said he expects the school board to select a plan in January, either at the Jan. 9 meeting or at a special meeting later in the month.

And people attending the Jan. 9 board meeting will gain insight into methods used by professionals to reduce energy consumption.

The meeting is to begin at 8 p.m. in the Administrative Office Building, 6389 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township.

County park passes here for 1984

1984 annual motor vehicle passes are now available at Independence Oaks, Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks county parks.

Cost is \$15 for Oakland County residents and \$20 for nonresidents with unlimited entry to the day-use parks.

Without annual stickers, daily entrance fees are \$2.50 a vehicle for county residents and \$4 for nonresidents.

Independence Oaks on Sashabaw Road, 2½ miles north of I-75 in Independence Township, offers year-round recreation on its 830 acres including cross-country skiing, hiking, nature interpretive programs and fishing on Crooked Lake. Call 625-0877.

Addison Oaks on West Romeo Road in Addison Township near Oxford provides 13 miles of snowmobile trails and ice skating. Summer activities

include camping, fishing, hiking and picnicking in the 700-acre wooded park. Call 693-2432.

Groveland Oaks has 600 sites for recreational vehicles and tents. Located on Grange Hall Road in Holly, the 200-acre park has modern and primitive camping. Three islands may be reserved for picnics. Call 634-9811.

The parks and recreation commission also operates Waterford Oaks County Park, home of the wave pool; and golf courses at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills, Springfield Oaks in Springfield Township, White Lake Oaks in Pontiac and Red Oaks in Madison Heights where greens fees rather than park entrance fees are charged.

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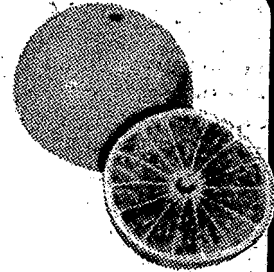
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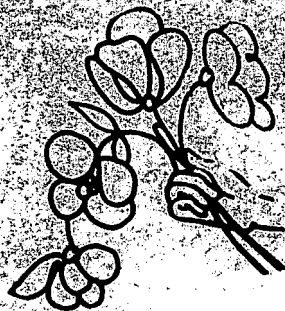
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Praise for puppeteers



Jan Malane's puppeteers from Sashabaw Junior High School paid a surprise visit to the preschoolers' Christmas party held at the Independence Township Library.

This talented group not only made the puppets and the scenery, but wrote the three plays their performed.

They gave a performance at each session for the delighted 3- to 5-year-olds.

James Hibler, Director
Independence Township Library

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A true test

Kathy Greenfield



So, you've been staying up late. Too many parties. Too many Christmas gift games that need to be played.

It's time to unscramble your brain by putting it to a true test of the strength of your vocabulary.

I don't know where the test originated, but it's making the rounds.

Staff reporter Marilyn Trumper brought it into The Clarkston News. She received it from a friend, who got it from another friend, and so on.

Neatly typewritten and reproduced on a copy machine, it bears this heading: "Can You Decipher These Expressions?"

Although the original quiz doesn't seek the sources of these common expressions, I've done some hunting in "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations" by John Bartlett and included the authors with the answers where possible.

I'll start out by providing the answer to number one.

1. Scintillate, scintillate, diminutive luminous mass. ["Twinkle, twinkle little star" from "Rhymes for the Nursery" (1806) by Ann and Jane Taylor.]
2. Members of an avian species of identical plumage congregate.
3. Surveillance should precede saltation.
4. Pulchritude possesses solely cutaneous profundity.
5. It is fruitless to become lachrymose over lacteal fluid that is inadvertently flowing and hence forfeited.

6. Freedom from incrustation of grime is preceded in paramountcy only by rectitude.
7. It is fatuous to attempt to indoctrinate a superannuated canine with innovative maneuvers.
8. All articles that coruscate with resplendence are not truly auriferous.
9. Fingicalness on the part of mendicants is interdicted.
10. A plethora of those with culinary expertise vitiates the potable substance produced by decocting certain comestibles.
11. Eleemosynary deeds have their incipience intramurally.
12. Male cadavers are incapable of yielding testimony.
13. Individuals domicillating in vitreous edifices would be well advised to refrain from catapulting petrous projectiles.
14. Neophyte's serendipity.
15. Exclusive dedication to chores without interludes of hedonistic diversion renders John stuporific.
16. A repeatedly overturning lithic conglomerate amasses no bryophytes.
17. Presentation of the ultimate cachinnation is equivalent to presentation of the optimal cachinnation.
18. Ligneous or hypabyssal missiles have the potential of fracturing my osseous structure, but appellations will eternally remain innocuous.

The answers are on Page 8.

Jim's Jottings

Will they survive?

Jim Sherman



The Lapeer County Press is the absolute giant among weekly newspapers in Michigan and the nation.

Oh, there are weekly newspapers with more circulation who give their papers away, and there are newspaper chains that do more business.

But when the Lapeer County Press is mentioned, weekly editors and publishers listen.

To back up my point . . . several years ago The County Press wrote down how they do things. Circulation ideas, how to sell want ads, what machinery they've tried, billing, and all other phases of weekly newspaper operations were covered.

The County Press sold these at \$120 each. 1,832 bought the kit. That's phenomenal, and it proves how widespread their reputation as a great newspaper has become.

They have won so many national and state awards they can't begin to display them all.

All this is changing. Last week publisher Bob Myers wrote his last "Owner's Report" column. For 42 years he's been writing columns and stories for The Press, first on farming, then on general observations local in nature, and in recent years on whatever comes to mind, including County Press operations.

Bob has sold the paper to his son, Ben. He wrote he left instructions that his name was to be left out of the paper unless he was arrested for drunk driving.

Those instructions are the kind of thing that made the newspaper loved and hated. Drunk drivers' names were printed, no exception. That philosophy carried through all news reporting

and opinion.

They told it like it was, and it brought them more circulation penetration in their area than any paid newspaper in the state can boast. Some 92 percent of the people in Lapeer County read the County Press.

This treatment of news didn't start with Bob, but he sure continued it. His father, Harry Myers, bought the Lapeer paper in 1926. In the 1930's Bob's older brother, Bill, fresh out of Stanford, came on the scene. He probably was a businessman first and newspaperman second, but he was so outstanding on both the County Press' stature climbed steadily.

When Bob came out of Michigan State he became full time at the press. He wrote recently he couldn't remember ever not working at the Press, his dad started him sweeping at such a young age.

It was about 20 years ago that Bob bought Bill out and named Jim Fitzgerald editor of the paper. Another stroke of genius, bringing even more esteem to the County Press as an outstanding newspaper.

I've been an ardent reader of the County Press since 1951. As a boy in the 1930's I became aware of the newspaper because an uncle owned a portion of it until 1939.

After I got into the business and was stymied on a problem, I would call Bill and/or Bob. They willingly helped. In recent years, as The County Press got into computers, new processes, and made technical changes I'd call Ben and found him equally willing.

Do I appear to be writing about the County Press in past tense?

Well, I sort of am. Last week The Lapeer County Press, still telling it like it is with everything up front, headlined a story: Will The County Press survive?

The story wrote of advertising revenue slipping for 4 years, a shopper, radio stations and Yellow Pages attracting increasing amounts of advertising dollars, of disappearance of super markets and their advertising, of Kmart switching to direct mail advertising, and of local independent businesses drifting away.

Still, County Press circulation continued to grow. It has 6 times as much audited, paid circulation in Lapeer County as any other newspaper, daily or weekly.

The new publisher, Ben Myers, blames the decline in adv dollars on failure in selling. "The competition simply outsold and out-services us," he said.

Then he said, The County Press was going to make "1984 our go-for-broke year."

Perhaps the main point in this transition is that Ben is the first of the Myers owners whose main interest is in printing, not editing. He has made the Webco printing company the 315 largest privately owned company in the country. He'll look at The County Press as 'business', and probably that's how it should be.

I'm not worried or concerned that the County Press will not survive. It's a very valuable piece of property. Maybe Ben will close our Myers' ownership if figures don't satisfy him, but The Lapeer County Press will be continued.

However, it will not be the same without the 24-hour-a-day interest Bob Myers gave it.



Photo commentary

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? That's what the look on Darrin Jones' face says as he watches a portion of a heavy-duty aerobics class New Year's Day attended by 12 adults. His father, Frank Jones [left], and Roy Fry are doing sit-ups during the exercise session offered through the WGAS (We Go All Seasons) Clarkston Area Runners Club, and taught by Becky Craig [in the photo at left], a Clarkston school teacher on leave, who was home for the holidays. She's living in Clearwater, Fla., and working on her master's degree in exercise physiology. The athletes—six men and six women—worked out for a couple of hours, ringing in the New Year with attention to the condition of their hearts and lungs. And what did you do Jan. 1? [Photos by Kathy Greenfield]



'If it Fitz...'

Marathon sitting

Jim Fitzgerald



"I'm through running; through pretending," I said.

I said that because it's something I've always wanted to say. All my life I've listened to people in movie, stage, radio and TV dramas say they're through running; through pretending. But I never heard anyone in real life say it until last week, when I said it myself.

I would have said it sooner, but I could never decide what to quit running from, or pretending about. Also, there was the fear that a listener would take the word "running" literally and be injured while falling down laughing.

Because I keep bragging about it, it is fairly well known that I don't believe in running or any other form of violent exercise aimed at rendering the practitioner physically fit and terminally boring. But actors who say they are through running are speaking figuratively. They don't mean they're through putting on sneakers and running around the block 50 times every morning. They mean they're through leaving a scene or circumstance they've been reluctant to confront. They may leave by walking, flying or taking a bus. People through running in the dramatic sense don't have to burn their sweatsuits unless they're also through being boring.

THAT'S HOW IT IS with me. When I finally

said I was through running, I didn't mean I've been a closet runner all these years, chinning myself on coat hangers. I meant I'm through getting on a bus every time I'm confronted by a Vic Tanny advertisement.

Ironically, what I finally decided to quit running from figuratively is the criticism I receive from people who run literally. It is a coincidental world, especially for columnists who deal in irony, no matter how far they have to reach.

Recently, in response to something I wrote about T-shirted President Reagan lifting weights for a magazine cover, John Lariviere of Ann Arbor wrote to my favorite newspaper: "I see by Jim Fitzgerald's column on Friday that he's as senseless as ever. I don't know how you can run a column knocking the president's article on his personal fitness program, especially one written by someone whose only exercise (aside from 12-ounce curls with a beer can) is shooting off his fat mouth while sitting on his fat posterior."

I used to figuratively run away from that sort of criticism. That is, I never responded to it seriously. Instead, I wrote something flippant about marathon sitting being tougher than marathon running. Everyone, including me, knew I was just fooling around because I was reluctant to confront the questionable worth of rampant sitting.

BUT NOW I'M THROUGH running from sit-

ting, thanks to John McCormick, the well-known unknown cartoonist for Detroit magazine. With the help of his dictionary, he made me proud of being sedulous, rather than ashamed of being lazy.

"Sedulity means diligence ... assiduousness, and comes from the Latin *sedulus* — *sedulere*, to sit," McCormick said. "This etymological good sense of rooting hard work in the rump means sedulous people are a veritable goldmine for humankind . . . In ancient Rome you'd have been exalted for your study and work habits . . . marathon sitters were never derided, but rather much admired; so much admired, in fact, that stuffy Latin words were invented in their honor."

So, with new-found pride in my rump-rooted worth, I'm through running figuratively. As for pretending, that was literal. I really was pretending when I acted as though marathon sitting was more productive than marathon running. But that was before I learned what it meant to be sedulous.

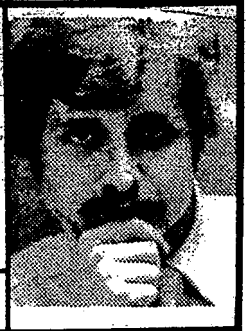
Now I can finally say what the actors say: "I'm through running; through pretending."

And I have only one desire left unfulfilled. I want to hear what the actors hear: "I didn't know it could be like this."

Onward and Upward.

Lie-down politics

Al Zawacky



There has been a break recently in the ongoing drama out at Williams International Corp. in Walled Lake, a place where cruise missile engines are manufactured and anti-nuke activists periodically gather to get their pictures taken and be arrested.

Several protesters were escorted away by police in late November after blocking the entrance to the plant. One leader of the "peace" forces prefaced the spectacle by promising that he and fellow demonstrators would block incoming employees and deliveries by lying down in front of the plant's gates.

SUCH IS CERTAINLY an interesting form of political expression, far more likely to attract TV cameras and newspaper photographers than mundane actions like voting for candidates who agree with your position. Conventional political expression is dull; lying down in front of plant gates, on the other hand, makes for smashing, prime-time entertainment.

There is no reason why lie-down politics should be limited to a handful of anti-nukers. We should all shudder at the prospect of the practice catching on among other political groups—members of both right- and left-wing persuasions could use the tactic effectively.

Pro-lifers can lie down in front of abortion

clinics. Gun control advocates can lie down in front of rifle factories. Moral Majority activists can lie down in front of singles' clubs and gay bars. Vegetarian moralists can lie down in front of super-market meat counters. Is there any limit to the possible absurdities?

IF LIE-DOWN politics becomes wide-spread, the future of voting is cloudy. Who wants to go through the trouble of registering and going to the polls—much less pounding the pavement or answering phones for the candidate of your choice—when such a far less taxing alternative is available? Just make a list of whatever offends you, march over to the appropriate front gate, and take a nap.

Fortunately, most Americans eschew lie-down politics in favor of continued trust in the ballot box. There are numerous pro-nuclear freeze candidates running for president today, any one of whose presence in the White House would cause the operations at Williams International to grind to a halt. If that's what the "peace" protesters want, then by all means they should work for one of these candidate's election.

Lying down, on the other hand, should be restricted to their beds and couches.

[Al Zawacky is editor of the Lake Orion Review and the Oxford Leader.]

Here are the common expressions translated from the list in Kathy Greenfield's column on Page 6:

2. Birds of a feather flock together. ["Abuses" (1613) by George Wither.]
3. Look before you leap. [The earliest reference is "Look ere ye leap" from "Proverbs" (1546), a collection of colloquial English sayings by John Heywood.]
4. Beauty's but skin deep. ["A Select Second Husband for Sir Thomas Overburie's Wife" (1616) by John Davies of Hereford.]
5. Don't cry over spilled milk. [Not listed in "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations."]
6. Cleanliness is, indeed, next to godliness. ["Sermon 93, On Dress" by John Wesley (1703-1791).]
7. You can't teach an old dog new tricks. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]
8. All that glitters is not gold. [Considered a common proverb which had its roots in a Latin translation from Aristotle (384-322 B.C.): "Yellow-colored objects appear to be gold."]
9. Beggars should be no choosers. ["Proverbs" (1546) by John Heywood]
10. Too many cooks spoil the broth. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]
11. Charity begins at home. ["Andria (The Lady of Andros)" by Terence (Publius Terentius Afer) c. 190-159 B.C.]
12. Dead men tell no tales. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]
13. Whose house is of glass, must not throw stones at another. ["Jacula Prudentum" by George Herbert (1593-1633).]
14. Beginner's luck. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]
15. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]
16. A rolling stone gathers no moss. ["Maxim 524" by Publilius Syrus (first century B.C.).]
17. He laughs best who laughs last. ["The Country House" (1706) by Sir John Vanbrugh.]
18. Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me. [Not listed in "Bartlett's."]

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Lot split law would allow development

By Marilyn Trumper

A proposed amendment to Independence Township's lot split ordinance would assist approval of Don Nolta and Martin Brennan's 240-acre subdivision on Dartmouth Road, but the township board's approaching the issue cautiously.

With little discussion at the Dec. 20 meeting in a 3-2 vote, the board passed the proposed five-page law to the planning commission for review.

Treasurer Frederick Ritter and Trustee Larence Kozma dissented.

"The lot split ordinance right now doesn't allow us to create non-conforming lots and this allows us to do so," Kozma said after the meeting.

"It feels kind of foolish to have a master plan and zoning ordinance to conform to and then to pass and ordinance that allows piecemeal destruction of that."

After the meeting Ritter explained his "no" vote saying he was prepared to have the board make the decision and opposed planning commission review.

"The current law does not provide for a parcel to be created with no frontage on (a road)," said Assessor David Sherrill, after the meeting. "The new law would allow it only for perpetual national preservation."

The Catch-22 issue stems from Nolta and Brennan's gift of 60 acres to the Independence Township Land Conservancy a year ago in exchange for approval of private roads for the proposed subdivision.

The request for a lot split was denied because the conservancy property does not have frontage on a private road as required in the ordinance.

The 60-acre parcel does have an easement for access, but the conservancy doesn't want road frontage because it lacks funding to pay for grading, snowplowing or future special assessments, according to the developers' attorney, Karl Karlstrom.

To compound the issue, the development has yet to receive a variance from the zoning board for five non-conforming lots.

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Students get taste of fancy French cuisine

By Kathy Greenfield

After guest chef Keith Conklin put a match to the flambe poured over the French omelet, he apologized.

The bright sunlight pouring into the Clarkston Junior High School home economics classroom all but made the flames invisible.

Next time, said he, he'll use dark rum.

"I enjoyed it. I hope the kids liked it," he said later, summing up his first experience of demonstrating culinary skills to a class.

Conklin usually teaches only social studies at the junior high. His debut as a teaching chef for Foods I students came about through a conversation with CJH home economics and art teacher Sally Lindenman.

"We were talking about cooking. We were just joking around," Conklin said. "And I said, well, I'll come and teach your kids how to make an omelet."

Although Conklin says gourmet may be too strong a word for his cooking skills, when he cooks he prefers French cuisine.

After tasting the finished product the students had mixed reactions to his elegant cookery—some not used to the flavor of the flambe or the taste of pimento and others wanting more—but they all offered hearty applause for his presentation.

Conklin's omelet recipe follows:

OMELETTE AU FOUR AVEC FLAMBE

- 8 slices thin bacon
- 6 slices American cheese (quartered)
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 c milk
- 1/4 c chopped pimento
- 1/4 tsp salt

Bake bacon at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Lightly grease a 9-inch pie pan.

Beat eggs, add milk, pimento and salt. Arrange cheese on bottom of pie pan. Pour egg mixture over cheese. Arrange bacon strips pinwheel fashion on top.

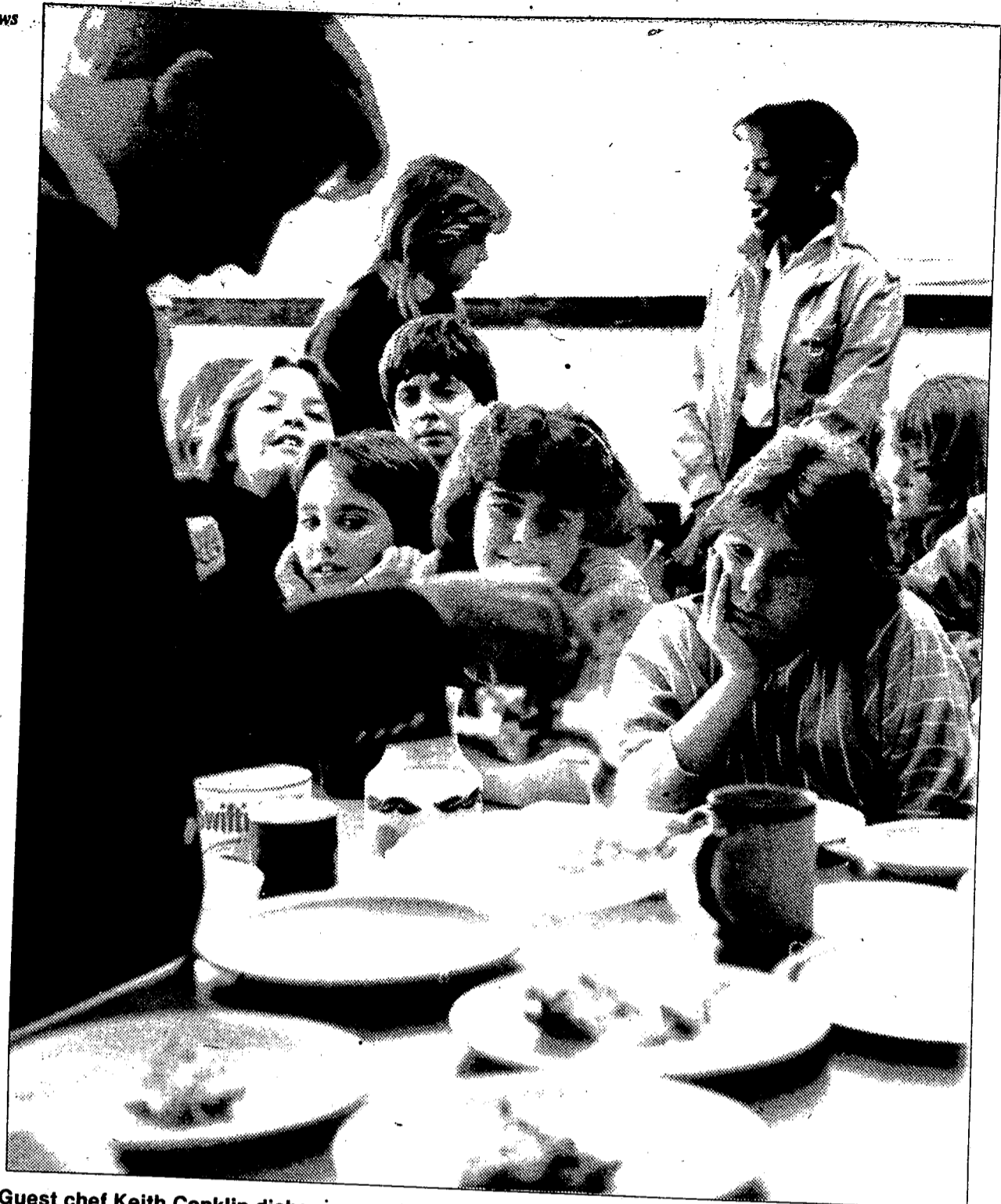
Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes, or until knife inserted comes out clean.

3-4 servings.

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Microwave 10 seconds or warm rum over low heat on a stove. Pour over omelette and ignite.



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Village real estate solo with downtown sales

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percentage ratio which dictates assessment increases for property in the area, Sherrill said.

"What Clarkston's seeing is not hardly true in other areas of the township," he said. "There's nothing moving out there."

Oakland County's Appraisal Department, an information clearing house for the county's 61 communities, agrees.

Don Bailey, department supervisor, says

Clarkston's in this one alone.

"There is some movement in other parts of the county with commercial property, Rochester, Madison Heights and Walled Lake—but not to Clarkston proportions," Bailey said. "You have a unique village out there. We've looked at the problem, and have come up with the same thing: People are willing to pay for a business in Clarkston. We don't know why."

Assessors from the surrounding villages of Holly,

Ortonville, Davison, and the historically similar village of Romeo in Macomb County, report as few as one downtown commercial sale in the past year.

"Have you ever seen Davison?" asked Assessor Judy Shirk. "I can't remember the last sale here. We don't have the growth that Clarkston has—not even in the surrounding areas."

Bill Wright, Ortonville's assessor, echoed Shirk's comments.

"The last sale we had went for \$45,000 over what the assessed market value was. But that was three years ago. We throw those out as a bad sale and don't use them to reflect on assessments as showing a trend," he said.

Holly Assessor Robert Tinsman concurred.

"We've had very very few commercial sales at all," he said.

Development downtown-Romeo has ended, with growth north and south of the village in the M-53 corridor, said Assessor George Danks.

"We haven't had enough sales this year to indicate anything," he said.

One profile: Who bought what, where and why —and how does she finance it?

By Marilyn Trumper

Linda Kopietz says the \$175,000 pricetag on the Clarkston Travel Bureau building took her breath away.

"It's everything I have—or ever will have," said the 34-year-old Utica resident, once married to a member of the family of Buck Kopietz, an owner of Tierra Arts & Design in Clarkston.

Two months ago she became the newest landlord in Clarkston, a trailblazing Oakland County village where property is selling at premium prices far above assessed market values.

Kopietz says she bought the building for investment purposes.

"I really don't know too much about things like this. I've depended on my boss to explain a lot of it to me," she said. "He seems certain that the depreciation will make it a worthwhile investment alone."

The building was bought on a land contract, she said.

"I wanted to buy a building and drove through Clarkston. I'd looked at others, but none had what Clarkston had. There were no kids hanging out on street corners. It looked like it was 30 years in the past. It had a nice atmosphere," she said. "And I thought if ever I decided to open a store, I'd like to open it there."

Kopietz's building is the second building on the east side of Main Street, just north of Washington Street. It houses Clarkston Shoe Repair, the travel bureau and the resale shop, One More Time.

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"The grant is almost \$32,000 and to get it, the lease would have to be changed or we could buy it," Supervisor Collin Walls said. "We have to match the

grant money, but with it a lot of improvements can be done."

Planned improvements include parking, restrooms, a boat launch, horseshoe pit, a volleyball court and possible a tennis court.

Any time there is a transaction involving land, a special elector's meeting must be held to vote on it.

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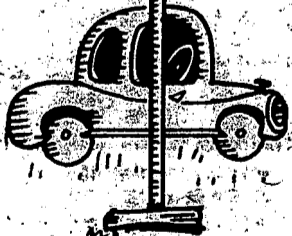
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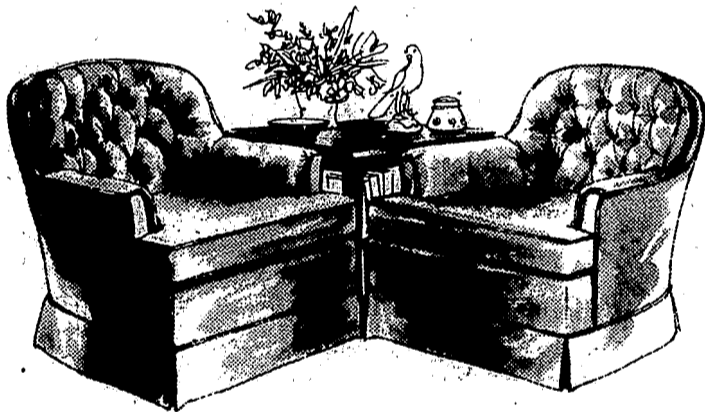
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Jan. 3	Milford	A	6:00
Jan. 6	Kettering	A	6:00
Jan. 10	Lapeer West	A	6:15
Jan. 13	Lake Orion	H	6:00
Jan. 17	Andover	A	6:15
Jan. 24	Lakeland	H	6:00
Jan. 27	Pontiac Northern	A	6:00
Feb. 3	Mott	A	6:00
Feb. 7	Lapeer East	H	6:15
Feb. 10	Kettering	H	6:00
Feb. 17	Lake Orion	A	6:00
Feb. 21	Pontiac Central	H	6:00
Feb. 28	Holly	H	6:15
Mar. 2	Pontiac Northern	H	6:15
Mar. 5-10	Districts		



Sashabaw Junior High School Basketball

Jan. 3	Fenton	A	7:00
Jan. 5	Lake Orion	A	6:30
Jan. 10	Orchard Lake St. Mary	A	4:00
Jan. 12	Clarkston	CHS	7:00
Jan. 17	Reuther	A	4:00
Jan. 23	Pierce	A	6:30
Jan. 26	Crary	H	7:00
Jan. 31	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Feb. 2	Brighton	H	7:00
Feb. 7	Mason	H	7:00
Feb. 13	West Bloomfield	H	7:00
Feb. 15	Clarkston	CHS	7:00
Feb. 21	Pierce	H	7:00
Feb. 22	Crary	A	6:30
Feb. 28	Lake Orion Tournament		
Mar. 1	Lake Orion Tournament		
Mar. 3	Lake Orion Tournament		

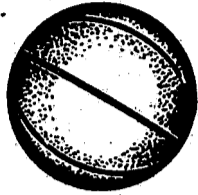
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Clarkston Junior High School Basketball

Jan. 9	Fenton	H	7:00
Jan. 12	Sashabaw	CHS	7:00
Jan. 16	Lake Orion	A	6:30
Jan. 19	Brighton	A	7:00
Jan. 25	Mason	A	6:30



Jan. 31	Orchard Lake St. Mary	H	7:00
Feb. 6	Pierce	A	6:30
Feb. 9	Crary	H	7:00
Feb. 15	Sashabaw	CHS	7:00
Feb. 21	Holly	A	7:00
Feb. 23	Mason	H	7:00
Feb. 28	Lake Orion Tournament		
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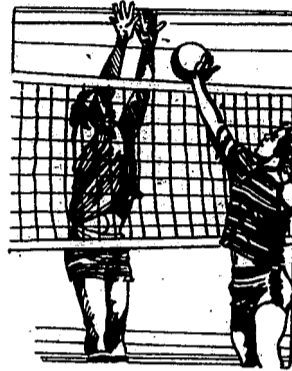


Clarkston High School Volleyball

Jan. 5	Milford	A	6:30
Jan. 9	Holly	A	6:30
Jan. 11	Lakeland	H	6:30
Jan. 14	Andover Tourney		
Jan. 16	Waterford Mott	H	6:30
Jan. 18	Kettering	A	6:30
Jan. 23	Lake Orion	H	6:30
Jan. 25	Avondale	A	6:30
Jan. 28	Wavefly (JV)	A	8:00
Jan. 30	Brighton/Oak Park	H	6:30
Feb. 3	Lake Orion Invit.	A	3:00
Feb. 6	Pontiac Northern	A	6:30
Feb. 8	Waterford Mott	A	
Feb. 11	JV Tournament		
Feb. 13	Kettering	H	6:30
Feb. 15	Lake Orion	A	
Feb. 20	Edsel Ford	A	7:00
Feb. 22	Fenton/Brandon	H	6:30
Feb. 25	Pontiac Northern Varsity Tournament		
Feb. 27	Pontiac Northern	H	6:30
Mar. 3	Districts		
Mar. 10	Regionals		
Mar. 17	Finals		

Sashabaw Junior High School Volleyball

Jan. 9	VanHoosen	H	7:00
Jan. 11	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Jan. 13	Reuther	A	4:00
Jan. 16	Rochester West	A	4:00
Jan. 19	Lapeer West	H	7:00
Jan. 21	S.J.H. Tournament		
Jan. 24	Lapeer East	H	7:00
Jan. 30	Howell	H	7:00
Feb. 1	Lapeer East	A	5:00
Feb. 6	Clarkston	A	7:00
Feb. 9	Howell	A	6:30
Feb. 13	Lapeer West	A	5:00
Feb. 15	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Feb. 18	Rochester Invitational (8:30 a.m.)	A	8:30
Feb. 21	West Bloomfield	A	4:00
Feb. 23	Clarkston	H	7:00



Clarkston Junior High School Volleyball

Jan. 9	Lapeer West	A	4:00
Jan. 11	Lapeer East	H	7:00
Jan. 17	Lake Orion	A	4:00
Jan. 19	Howell	H	7:00
Jan. 25	Lapeer West	H	7:00
Jan. 30	Lapeer East	A	4:00
Feb. 1	Howell	A	6:30
Feb. 3	Reuther	H	7:00
Feb. 6	Sashabaw	H	7:00
Feb. 7	West Bloomfield	H	7:00
Feb. 8	Rochester West	H	7:00
Feb. 14	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Feb. 18	Rochester Invitational (8:30 a.m.)	A	8:30
Feb. 21	VanHoosen	A	3:45
Feb. 23	Sashabaw	A	7:00

Clarkston High School Wrestling

Jan. 4	Bishop Foley (JV & V)	H	6:00
Jan. 7	Plymouth Salem	A	8:00
Jan. 12	Mott	H	4:00
Jan. 14	Temperance, Bedford	A	8:30

Jan. 17	Catholic Central/ Flint Kearsley	A	5:30
Jan. 19	Kettering (JV & V)	A	
Jan. 21	Lanthrop Invitational		
Jan. 24	Ferridale	A	6:30
Jan. 26	Lake Orion (JV & V)	H	6:30
Jan. 31	Clawson, Troy, Mott	A	6:00
Feb. 2	Brandon (JV & V)	A	6:00
Feb. 7	Lathrop (JV & V)	A	
Feb. 9	Pontiac Northern (JV & V)	A	6:00
Feb. 11	League		
Feb. 14	Kimball, Avondale (JV & V)	H	4:30
Feb. 18	Districts		
Feb. 25	Regionals		
Mar. 3	Finals		

Sashabaw Junior High School Wrestling

Dec. 12	Reuther	A	4:00
Dec. 15	Andover	H	6:30
Jan. 5	VanHoosen	A	4:00
Jan. 10	Lake Orion	H	6:30
Jan. 17	Lahser	H	6:30
Jan. 26	Clarkston	A	6:30
Jan. 31	Lake Orion	A	6:30
Feb. 8	Beecher	H	6:30
Feb. 10	Webb	A	4:00
Feb. 21	Rochester West	H	6:30
Feb. 22	Clarkston	H	6:30

Clarkston Junior High School Wrestling

Dec. 8	Lahser	A	4:00
Dec. 14	VanHoosen	A	4:00
Jan. 10	Beecher	A	4:00
Jan. 13	Webb	H	4:00
Jan. 17	Lake Orion	H	7:00
Jan. 24	Rochester West	H	6:30
Jan. 26	Sashabaw	H	6:30
Feb. 1	Reuther	H	6:30
Feb. 7	Andover	A	4:00
Feb. 14	Lake Orion	A	6:30
Feb. 22	Sashabaw	A	6:30

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1-4	Lahser	Pine Knob	4:00
1-10	Adams	Pine Knob	4:00
1-12	Andover	Pine Knob	4:00
1-19	Lake Orion	Pine Knob	4:00
1-24	Lady of the Lakes	Pine Knob	4:00
1-30	Rochester	Pine Knob	4:00
2-1	Pontiac Catholic	Pine Knob	4:00
2-6	Country Day	Pine Knob	4:00
2-9	Pine Knob Div.	Pine Knob	4:00
2-16	Regionals	Pine Knob	
2-22	Southeastern Championship	Mt. Holly	
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Sports

Following the bouncing ball

McCormick, Kubani adjust to college basketball

By Dan Vandenhemel

Attending an out-of-state college can be a trying time for anyone.

There are moments of loneliness, changes in cooking habits, cleaning up more than usual, plus not having someone push you along in homework.

And if you're going to play basketball on the college level, there is the big change in styles.

But Ray Kubani and Mike McCormick have made that adjustment with little difficulty.

The pair graduated from Clarkston High School last year and went to Kent State University, Ohio, on basketball scholarships.

"I haven't really had any trouble making the transition," McCormick said. "I'm fully settled in now. Our family has always been pretty disciplined, so it's not too bad for homework."

Kubani, on the other hand, had a little trouble at the beginning of the semester.

"I didn't study that much in my senior year (at CHS)," the 18-year-old said. "I tended to screw around a little. It was tough to get used to self-

"They are smarter and more physical. Ray and I were used to seeing the better players guard us . . . but the whole talent is higher." —McCormick

discipline. You know, not having your parents there to tell you to do the homework. I started to pick it up later in the semester."

On the basketball court, McCormick, 18, is seeing more playing time than he or anyone else expected before the season started.

Kubani is seeing limited action, but food poisoning set him back.

"It was a turkey sandwich from school," he said. "I lost 10 pounds during the week. You don't feel very strong after something like that."

"I get about five or six minutes a game. Being on

the team now is a learning experience. I sit on the bench and cheer the team on and learn as much as possible."

That is a big difference from his senior year at CHS. Kubani, 6-7, averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds and played most of each game. McCormick, 6-5, scored over 18 points a game and pulled down an average of 14 rebounds.

McCormick is a part-time starter and is playing about half the games at Kent State.

"I never expected to play this much," he said. "Freshmen usually don't play that much. I'm only scoring about five or six points a game, but I'm not shooting much."

Kent State sent representatives to Clarkston last year to recruit Kubani, but McCormick also caught their eye.

"I decided to go to Kent about two weeks after Ray decided," McCormick said. "The fact that both of us were going there didn't matter in either of our decisions."

Travel as well as tougher and bigger opponents are things they had to get used to.

"When we were here (CHS), we might travel for 45 minutes," Kubani said. "We took one bus ride to eastern Illinois that took nine hours."

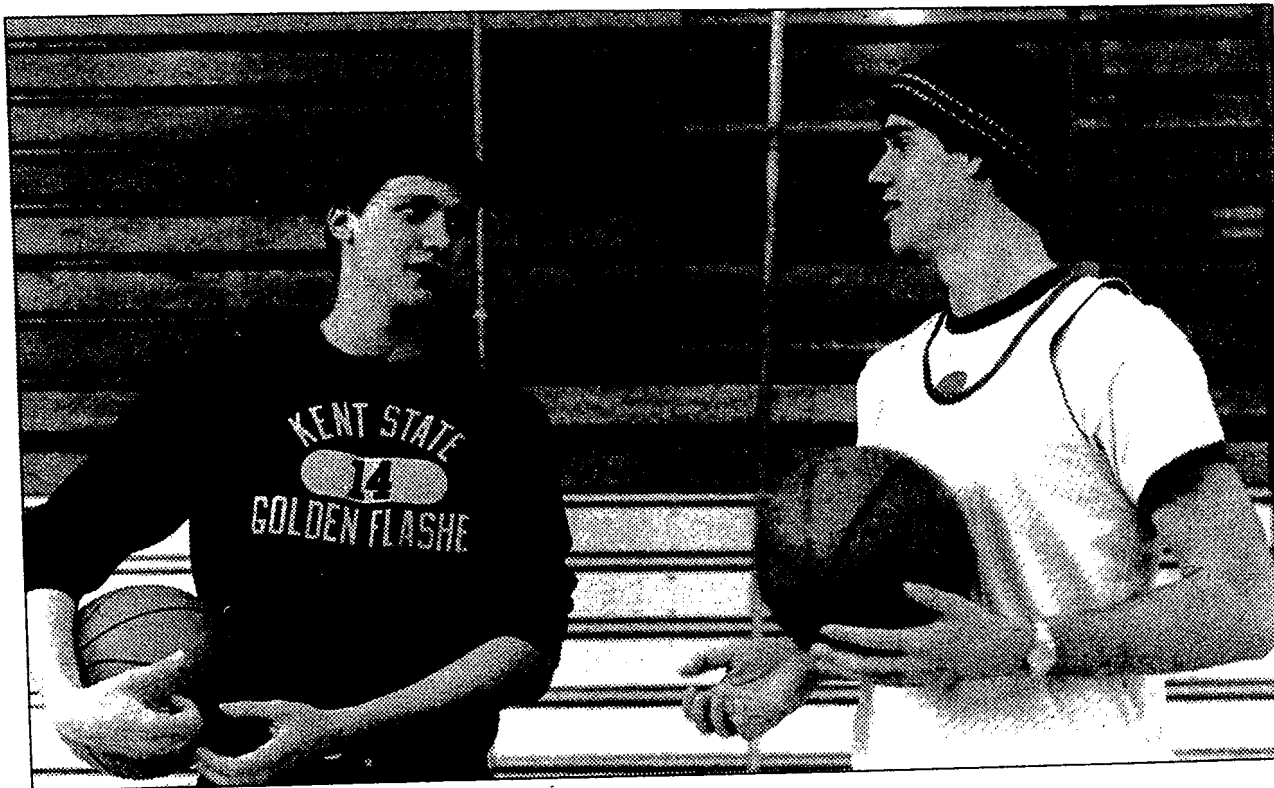
"We left Tuesday morning, had practice that night and played the game at 7:30 Wednesday night," he said. "We left right after the game and got back at 7:30 in the morning. I had a class at 7:45 and went to that. Honest, I went to class without any sleep."

About the players, McCormick said they are much quicker and bigger.

"They are smarter and more physical," he said. "Ray and I were used to seeing the better players guard us so that isn't a big change, but the whole talent is higher than in high school."

Although the two are on the same team, the only time they are able to see each other is in practice and at the games.

"My dorm is right across the street from the gym and Mike's is about a 15-minute walk," Kubani said. "This is a big campus (19,000 students) and we don't have any classes together, but we do see each other every day at practice."



Mike McCormick [left] and Ray Kubani came home to Clarkston from Kent State University

during the Christmas break and went the high school to get in a little practice.

CHS wins, 66-34

Mott no match for Wolves in tournament

By Dan Vandenhemel

Dan Fife said it best about his Clarkston High School varsity basketball team: "It's hard to come back in the losers' bracket of the tournament and play a good game, but we did."

The Wolves lost, 56-50, to Pontiac Central in the opening basketball game of the Waterford Mott Christmas Tournament Dec. 27.

In the consolation game against Mott the next day, the Wolves downed Waterford Mott, 66-34.

The four-team tournament is an invitational holiday match-up that gives the teams competition during the Christmas break. Pontiac Central defeated Waterford Kettering in the final game to capture the trophy.

While the Wolves didn't win the trophy, their

coach was pleased with the team's performance.

"That's the toughest we've played in the two years I've been varsity coach," Fife said. "It's tough to play aggressively in the second game."

From the opening tip-off against Mott, the Wolves hustled and never quit playing hard, Fife said.

"I got on them after the Pontiac game," he said. "We didn't rebound well, a couple of kids had bad nights. The boards really killed us, both offensively and defensively. You have to do that against a team like Pontiac."

"The fact that I got on them was mostly because of the seniors," he said. "Some of them were not being aggressive, not taking the initiative. They responded great."

Fife changed his game plan in the Mott victory.

He felt the players on the bench deserved more time and they responded well.

"I thought the subs should get into the game earlier," he said. "I think that inspired the first team and everyone played well."

Erik Kline led the team in scoring against Central with 18 points, Steve Luchenbach came off the bench with 12 points and Chris Bruce added 10.

In the Mott game, Dave Jokisch led with 19 points and Kline followed with 15.

Jokisch needed that game for confidence. "He hasn't been scoring a lot, but we haven't been able to get the ball in to him," Fife said.

The Wolves' record is 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Greater Oakland Activities League.

-Business briefs-

Moser new V.P.

James Moser has been promoted to vice president of merchandise coordination for K mart Corp., effective Jan. 26.



James Moser

A 24-year veteran of the firm, Moser, 44, has been director of advertising and sales promotion since 1982.

His new position was created to assure that advertised, seasonal basic merchandise is in all 2,100 stores in adequate quantity on a timely basis.

An Independence Township resident, Moser is a native of Villisca, Iowa, he attended the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

K mart is the second largest nonfood retailer in the world, with 1982 sales of \$16.8 billion.

Smith promoted

Geraldine K. Smith recently achieved manager status with Discovery Toys, a direct sales company that sells educational toys through home demonstrations.

In independent contractor, she first became an educational consultant for the firm in September 1982 and reached the manager level in October 1983.

With five children ranging in age from 2 to 11, Smith is a board member of the Clarkston Elementary School PTO and an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She holds a bachelor's degree in teaching from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Wildwood bar burns; 2 men injured

The Wildwood Inn on Bird Road in Groveland Township, a northwest Oakland County landmark, burned to the ground the second day of the new year.

Firefighters from nine communities including Independence, Springfield, Groveland, Brandon, Addison, Davison, Atlas, Holly and Oxford worked into the morning to extinguish the blaze.

One firefighter was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for smoke inhalation. A second firefighter

was taken to Pontiac General Hospital for a back injury, according to Chief David Buckingham.

The fire broke out at 2:30 a.m., Jan. 2, an hour and a half after the bar closed. The owner, asleep in an apartment upstairs of the bar, awoke because of the heat and smoke. He escaped injury, Buckingham said.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Fire officials are unsure of damage costs.

Library offers help on 1984 tax forms

Do-it-yourselfers working on preparing 1983 tax forms can get some help at the Independence Township Library.

In addition to all federal tax forms, the library has IRS cassette tapes with step-by-step instructions and several reference books.

Two sets of tapes are available for one-week loan. Information includes 1040 Schedules A, B and W; special rules for the military; 1040EZ; 1040A; 1040A, Schedule 1; and tax tips.

Among reference tax books are H.R. Block and J.K. Lasser.

State income tax forms will also be available as soon as they arrive in the mail.

The library is located at 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. Hours are, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It's closed Friday and Sunday.

For further information call 625-2212.

County has child car seats for rent

Those who need child passenger safety seats but can't afford to buy them have a place to call for help.

The Oakland County Health Division Child Passenger Safety Project maintains a list of groups that rent the seats as a community project.

A state law mandates the use of safety seats for all children under age 4.

Because many people cannot afford to purchase the seats, Oakland County, with the assistance of a state grant, purchased over 600 seats and made them available for rent through groups, according to Daniel Murphy, county executive.

For rental information call Eva Clark at the county health division at 858-0005.

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McNally says he feels like TV Judge Wapner

By Marilyn Trumper

Making small talk at a holiday cocktail party, Oakland County District Court Judge Gerald E. McNally uttered that some cases in his 15 years behind the bench rivaled those of ABC's popular People's Court, featuring retired California Judge Wapner.

"You'd probably be surprised," said McNally, of Independence Township's 52nd District Court. "But it's some of the smaller cases that are the most interesting. It's the bigger, well prepared cases with attorneys that are pretty routine."

"For example, I had a young fellow, 18 or 19, who'd paid \$600 for a paternity test. The test is a 99.9 percent accurate blood test that proved he's not the father.

"He was suing for his money back."

The man was "substantially" younger than the woman. Even the young man's mom was in the courtroom, McNally said.

The request for damages was denied.

"I wouldn't give him his money back. I told him the idea of the test was to protect him, and he didn't argue the fact that there was a question whether he was the father. It was somewhat amusing. I never had a case like that before," he said.

Unable to recall the specifics, he remembers a case where one neighbor sued another because their dog went through the screen door.

In yet another case, a woman bought a used car, a "...much used car, that turned out to be a real lemon. She wanted her money back.

"I couldn't do it," McNally said. "I told her that if she bought what she bought, she'd done it, that we make good deals and bad deals, and that this was a bad deal."

Another woman sued a local cleaners because it allegedly shrunk her "...unlined knit dress, whatever that is," McNally said. "It happened a couple of years ago—and I'll never let it happen again.

"She put it on to show me that it was shorter in the back than the front. It turned into a fashion show. I couldn't see any difference."

In another suit, a woman sued a jeweler who sent a \$400 watch to New York for repairs. The watch was lost. The jeweler offered to pay her \$30, the amount it was insured for.

"I told her the jeweler wasn't an insurer or guarantor, and she'd have to suffer the loss," he said.

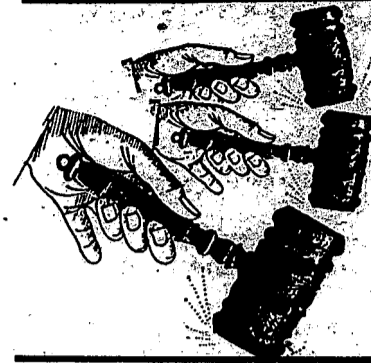
Another time a man refused to pay \$400 for a custom-made wig he described as "fitting like a football helmet."

"He wanted to put it on and show me. I told him

"No, you can't do that here," McNally said.

"What's best about it is that people come in and express themselves in non-legal terms. Some opponents say Wapner's show has increased the number of cases in small-claims court, but I don't think it has. I think the economy's done more for that, everybody wants to pick up a hundred extra bucks.

"I really like Wapner's cases. My kids watch it on occasion. I've only seen it four or five times, but I think his decisions, although they're based on California law, are pretty accurate. I could never say he's made a wrong one."



"It was somewhat amusing"

—McNally

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From station to store

The Union 76 Service Station at Sashabaw and Maybee roads, owned by Dandy Oil Co. of Troy, wants to expand to a convenience food store but needs a special use permit.

Company officials are scheduled before the Independence Township Planning Commission Thursday, Jan. 12, for review.

"It's a public hearing," said township planner Richard Carlisle. "They want to sell milk, bread, eggs, things like that. Of course, it will intensify the use there, but not to any great proportion.

"People will pull in, pump their gas and run in for a loaf of bread. They just want to convert the interior to a small convenience store," he said. "They're zoned for it."

Dandy Oil Co. declined comment.

The public hearing is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. in the Independence Township Hall Annex, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

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Actually, it is a big deal indeed—from a historical perspective.

It's taken centuries of sweeping changes and tinkering to arrive at the calendar and year we take for granted today.

The first modern calendar was put into use in 45 B.C. by Julius Caesar, who decreed that henceforth there should be three years of 365 days each, and then one year of 366 days, in perpetual cycle.

This became known as the Julian Calendar, and began the custom we still observe today of adding one day to the month of February every fourth year, or Leap Year as it is known.

Even though the Julian Calendar was an enormous improvement over all previous systems, it still was not completely accurate. Since there are approximately 365 1/4 days in a solar year, the Julian Calendar was reasonably satisfactory for many years—but there are not exactly 365 1/4 days in a year.

The exact solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes 47.8 seconds. The difference of about eleven minutes becomes appreciable in the course of several centuries.

The final calendar correction was done in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, and the corrected calendar that we use today is called the Gregorian Calendar.

First, in order to make up for all the days which had accumulated since the beginning of the Julian Calendar, Pope Gregory decreed the elimination of 10 days from the year 1582. This was done, and in many countries the day after October 4, 1582 became October 15, 1582.

Pope Gregory also installed the Leap Year rule which is now in effect, and which will serve us for more than a thousand years hence. The Gregorian Leap Year rule provides for dropping a day from every centesimal year (ending in 00) whose number cannot be divided by 400.

Thus, a day was dropped in the years 1700, 1800

and 1900. This meant that the years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not Leap Years. The day will not be dropped in the year 2000, so the month of February, 2000 will have 29 days.

The error in our present calendar is less than one day every 3000 years, so although the Gregorian calendar is a great improvement over the Julian Calendar, it still is not 100 percent accurate.

Although the initial adoption of the Gregorian Calendar was 1582, its use was by no means universal.

As might be expected, the first countries to adopt the new calendar were primarily Roman Catholic nations. Most Protestant countries did not adopt the Gregorian Calendar until later.

The American Colonies made the switch in 1752, when the whole British Empire changed. September 2, 1752 was followed by September 14, 1752. Note that an eleven day adjustment was now needed, the Julian Calendar having added another day between

1582 and 1752. Dates preceding the change are sometimes designated OS for Old Style. Thus George Washington's birthday is really February 11, 1732 (OS), and only after the change to the Gregorian Calendar was his birthday established as February 22, 1732.

Most dates in American History have been converted to New Style, or Gregorian dates. Other countries have been even slower in adopting the new calendar: Japan, 1873; China, 1912; Greece, 1924; Turkey, 1927.

To make the conversion from Julian dates to Gregorian dates, add ten days to the Julian date from October 5, 1582 through February 28, 1700. Then add eleven days to Julian dates from March 1, 1700 through February 28, 1800; add twelve days to Julian dates from March 1, 1800 through February 28, 1900; add thirteen days to Julian dates from March 1, 1900 through February 28, 2100; etc.

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Father greeted by Navy son, stormy weather

By Dan Vandenhemel

Rough seas, being tossed out of bed, seasickness and seeing his son were part of Robert D. Cunningham's trip aboard the United States Navy frigate T.C. Hart.

The elder Cunningham was invited by his son, Robert C., to accompany him on the ship Nov. 19.

"The Navy allows male relatives to take part in part of the cruise," Cunningham said from his Ellis Road, Springfield Township home. "Rob sent us a telegram inviting me to meet him in Bermuda and return with him to Norfolk, Va."

The ship was returning from a six-month tour of the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. The last time the Cunninghams saw their son was March.

"I thought I wasn't going to get emotional when I saw him," said Cunningham, 51. "But I got a little

lump in my throat anyway."

To add to the excitement of the trip, Robert, 25, never got the telegram stating his father was coming on board.

"It just happened that he was stationed on deck when the group was coming on board," the senior Cunningham said. "I was able to spot him. It was a nice surprise."

There were 34 relatives aboard the frigate as part of the Tiger Cruise, so called for lack of a better name, Cunningham said.

Since the trip is for the crew, the tab is picked up by them and their relatives take over their living quarters while on the ship.

Cunningham arrived on board at noon on Saturday, Nov. 19, in Bermuda and by the next Monday they were in Norfolk.

"The weather was beautiful the first day. Clear skies during the day and a full moon at night," Cunningham said. "But the second day we were hit by a storm."

"I was staying in Rob's stateroom which is about eight-by-eight. I was awakened when the ship rolled and almost threw me out of the bunk. Then it rolled back and threw me into the wall. I didn't sleep well that night."

But as the senior Cunningham found out that morning, few people slept well during the storm.

"I never got seasick but I did get a cold sweat," he said. "That was my first time ever on a ship at sea."

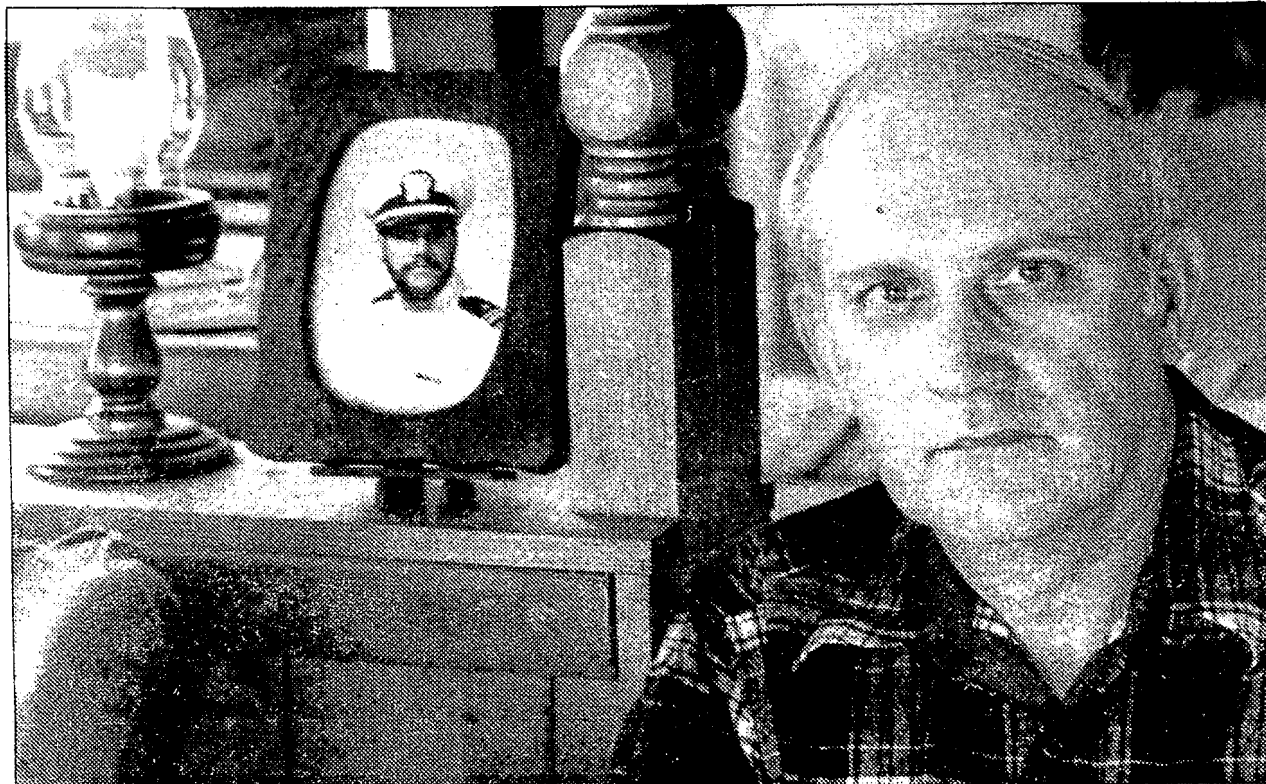
Betty Cunningham did not feel left out by the males-only rule.

"That was fine with me," she said. "I wouldn't have enjoyed it, I would have been the one to get sick."

During the two days on board, Cunningham accompanied his son on watch duty and was given a full-scale tour of the ship.

"Since Rob is an officer (anti-submarine warfare and bridge control officer), I was able to see more of the ship than others in the group," Cunningham said. "But the main thing about the trip was to see Rob."

"I'd go again if I had the chance," he said. "I really enjoyed it."



Robert D. Cunningham sits next to a picture of his son, United States Navy Lt. Robert C. Cunningham. The senior Cunningham recently toured his son's ship for two days.

Park work starts

Construction's beginning on Oakland County's \$400,000 nature center at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

In an informal groundbreaking Tuesday, Dec. 20, a host of county parks department dignitaries turned shovels of dirt, including commission Chairman Lewis Wint and R. Eric Reickel, manager.

Construction's begun on the 4,000-square-foot center near the west side of Crooked Lake, according to Joseph Figa, chief of design and development.

The builder expects construction to be complete by June, according to Figa.

The center is being paid for with a \$200,000 federal grant and \$200,000 from the county parks budget.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold Public Hearing on JANUARY 12, 1984 at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Annex Meeting Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, to consider the following request:

"SPECIAL LAND USE" GASOLINE FILLING STATION/CONVENIENCE STORE, (Present Zoning Classification Motor Vehicle Service Station)

Parcel Identification Number: 08-34-128-087
Common Description: Lots 49, 50 and 51 of the Drayton Heights Subdivision Maybee and Sashabaw Roads.

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

RICHARD A. HOLMAN
Independence Township Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY F-65 (MI-3)

As required by the General Revenue Sharing Regulations 31CFR 51.2 (1977) a copy report F-65 (MI-3) "Annual Local Unit Fiscal Report for Counties, Cities, Villages, and Townships for the Fiscal Year Ending between July 1, 1982 and June 30, 1983" is available for public inspection.

Richard A. Holman, Clerk
Township of Independence



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PROPOSED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE - ARTICLE III. Definitions; Section 3.01 Definitions; ARTICLE XXV Planned Unit Development; Section 25.01 PUD Regulations; Section 25.02 Project Design Standards; Section 25.03 Procedure for Review and Approval; Section 25.04 Applications; Section 25.05 Performance Guarantees; Section 25.06 Conditions; Section 25.07 Phasing and Commencement of Construction; Section 25.08 Conditions for Final Approval; Section 25.09 Fees.

Parcel Identification Number:
Common Description:

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

Richard A. Holman,
Independence Township
Clerk

PROBATE NOTICE

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT

FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

D.O.B. 5-3-83; Age: 95; SS# 303-34-6739A.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet January 18, 1984 at the Independence Township Annex Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m., 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan, 48016 to hear the following case:

Case #1269, City Sign Service, Inc. APPLICANT REQUESTS ALLOWANCE OF 2 POLE SIGNS ON PROPERTY, HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 20', PLUS ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE ON SIGNAGE. 7650 Ortonville Road, MS Zone. (Marathon Service Station) 08-17-451-025.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variances may be examined at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted
Richard A. Holman, Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel,
Secretary to the
Building Official

What can I do with my spare time?

Collecting—something for everyone

by Jim Carlson

Collecting is a warm word.

Webster defines it as "gathering together, such as a hobby." A pleasant definition, it should be just that—pleasant.

How does one begin collecting? And what to collect? Where do you find information on the item you decide to collect? How much money should you spend? The list goes on.

The first step is determining what to collect. The item chosen should be based on interest. Find something you would like to have on display in your home or apartment.

The first exposure to a collecting endeavor could be a magazine article, store display, whim, desire, whatever. The spark of interest is a catalyst.

If possible, learn about the item through magazines, books, trade publications, acquaintances and organizations. A trip to the bookstore might be an eye-opener for information on a specific item for collecting. Learn as much as possible about the item, that's the key.

Should "old" or "new" items be collected?

The difference is cost, so any decision should be based on interest and cost. Keep in mind today's collectibles are, in many instances, tomorrow's treasures.

An example: political campaign buttons. In 1980 the Republican Convention was held in Detroit. Buttons galore, badges, banners, statues, cut-outs...for the most part free.

Also consider a gubernatorial campaign. Stuff envelopes and collect the handouts.

National candidates are more desirable than

state or local.

How about comic books? A similar scenario.

How about "old" collectibles—Fisher-Price toys, for example. These toys from the early 1970s are popular and are beginning to increase in value.

Or dolls. The "Cabbage Patch" craze is a clue to the entire doll market. There are old dolls that are very expensive, \$500 and up.

But, if we look at Madame Alexander dolls they are very collectible, very displayable and priced within most people's budgets. Let's use Madame Alexander dolls as a focal point and outline the collecting.

First, the interest. I happen to be interested because my 12-year-old daughter just adores them.

Well, where do you begin? How much are the dolls? Do I collect one doll? How about a series of perhaps six dolls? The first thing to do is visit a bookstore that carries informational books and/or magazines on Madame Alexander's dolls.

Some publications on this topic are "Madame Alexander Dolls" by Patricia Smith, "Madame Alexander Ladies of Fashions" by Marjorie Victoria Smith and "Price Guide for Madame Alexander Dolls" by Collector Books.

Learn as much as you can about identification; prices; mint-in-box (MIB), the most desirable condition; and dolls making up a series.

The dolls will have a price range from \$20 to \$150 each for current year production. A complete series of dolls, such as Little Women or President's Wives, demands more money.

You don't need 30 dolls. One displayed doll could enhance an apartment greatly. Two, three or six

could be an excellent collection.

Start your search in department stores, specialty toy shops and doll shows; read classified newspaper ads; and keep your eyes open. They will turn up in the place least expected.

Everyone has seen the other end of the spectrum—exotic collectibles. Exotic translates to expensive in most cases.

Cars, model trains, merry-go-round figures, Indian relics...all with great display potential, but expensive.

Here again, interest and knowledge of the item are significant. Cost would determine any purchase.

So far, it's been background and some "how-tos." The real fun is in the hunt, the place or places to find the object.

Be sure to follow some steps for successful collecting:

- Determine what to collect. It should be based on interest.

- Learn as much as you can about the item.

- Find the sources.

- Happy hunting!

Collect for life. You can spend as much time or as little time as you wish. But have fun!

Editor's note: Each month Jim Carlson will share some ideas for people who panic over free time with nothing to do. The administrator of computer system development for the K mart Corp., Carlson uses some of his spare time serving as president of the Detroit Grand Prix Association. He resides in Independence Township.

Stan Kurzman has paid taxes all of his adult life.



You can bet that he would not vote to raise his taxes—or yours—because some professional politician in Lansing told him to.

Stan Kurzman believes every effort must be made to cut the fat from government spending and to eliminate the tax breaks for groups like out-of-state insurance companies.

Stan Kurzman has experience in deficit-free budgets, even in the face of revenue cutbacks. Just ask the people in the Waterford school district.

Stan Kurzman is a taxpaying citizen who finds solutions for problems. He will help find solutions to the problems in Lansing.

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Christmas reunion

Christmas was a special occasion for George and Mary Craven of Clement Road, Independence Township, this year.

The family was able to be home together for the first time since 1962.

The boys, Michael, Colin and Ronnie, all served in the armed forces after graduation from Clarkston schools. They served in Germany, Vietnam and New Mexico among many various places.

Michael resided in England for 15 years and now has returned to live here permanently with his new bride, Julie.

Helen, the Cravens' daughter, resides in Ortonville with her husband, Ray, and six lovely children.

Colin now lives in Maryland and Ronnie in North Carolina.

A festive time was had by all.

New arrival

Marge and Bob Runkle of Tappan Drive, Independence Township, are new grandparents.

Alisha Lynn was born Dec. 6 at Pontiac General Hospital, Pontiac. She weighed 8.5 pounds and measured 19 1/4 inches long.

Her parents are Larry and Sue Runkle of East Highland.

Other grandparents are Junior and Sue Carlton of Union Lake.

Great grandmothers are Ellen Sims and Tempie Carlton, both of Alabama.

In service

Airman Daniel Swift has completed Air Force basic training.

He has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., for specialized instruction in the air operations field.

The airman is the son of Gary Swift and the stepson of Joyce Swift of Eaton Road, Springfield Township.

Navy Gunner's Mate 1st Class Jeffrey Turkette recently returned from a seven-month deployment to the Mediterranean.

He is a crewmember aboard the ammunition ship, USS Butte, homported at Naval Weapons Station Earle, Leonardo, N.J.

The Butte is 564 feet long and carries a crew of 411.

The ship's support of Allied Forces off the coast of Lebanon resulted in the award of the Navy Expeditionary Medal and several commendations from the commander of the task force deployed to Beirut.

Turkette is the son of Harry and Patricia Turkette of Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Army Pvt. Terry Du Bay has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

A 1983 Clarkston High School graduate, he is the son of Judith Lilly of Mary Sue Street, Independence Township.

Dad ecstatic with daughter's birth

"Give us a full page" and "Put it on the front page," said Tom Lowrie, the happy father.

He came into The Clarkston News to tell us about Olivia Lynn, born at 3:38 p.m. Dec. 27 to Tom and his wife, Tamera.

Olivia weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

She was born on Edsel Ford's birthday, which may not seem significant, said Tom, unless you know that he was born on Henry Ford's birthday.

He also shared another coincidence.

Tom went hunting for a watch to time Tamera's contractions and found the timepiece, that he hadn't worn for a year or so, in his sock drawer.

On the watch's face were the date: 27, and the time: around 3:30, both of which ended up coinciding with the date and time of Olivia's birth.

"That's Twilight Zone material," said Tom.

He passed cigars around to all and smiled, smiled, smiled as he walked out the door.

The Lowries live in Waterford Township. He's a member of the Clarkston Area Jaycees.

Olivia's their first child.

Her grandparents are Richard and Carol Lowrie

of Brandon Township, and Nancy McDonald of Farmington.

Great-grandparents are Burt and Ethel Carvel of Redford, and Paul and Edna Nelson of Southfield.



Tom and Tamera Lowrie with one-day-old Olivia Lynn at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

At college

Clarkston High School graduate Annette Ulasich is a member of the Grand Valley State College, Allendale, 1983-84 Women's Basketball team. Ulasich, 5-7, is a freshman at Grand Valley. She is to play a guard position.



Michael Conway recently became a member of the of the Alma College Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

A sophomore, he was one of eight to join the chapter, established at Alma in 1957.

A graduate of Our Lady of the Lakes High School, Waterford Township, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Conway of Riverview Road, Independence Township.

Clarkston area resident Joseph Affholter is on the fall quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

A junior at the university, his major is chemistry.



Weaver-Wright

Renee Alison Weaver and Lawrence S. Wright plan a July wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Irene Seipke Weaver of Church Street, Independence Township, and Howard Weaver of Bloomfield Hills. Employed as the director of communications by PBI Schools, she holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. Her fiancé is the son of A. Floyd and Joyce Wright, also of Church Street. A draftsman at General Motors Truck & Bus Group, he attends Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield.

Robert Morse Jr. has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at GMI Engineering and Management Institute, Flint.

A senior at GMI, Morse is a cooperative student with GM Warehousing & Distribution in Flint.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morse of Snowapple Drive, Independence Township.

Lanette Whitehead recently signed a softball scholarship for the second consecutive year at Brewer State Junior College, Fayette, Ala.

A 1982 Clarkston High School graduate, she now lives in Winfield, Ala.



Blumenschein-Goeke

Mr. and Mrs. James Blumenschein of Whipple Shores Drive, Independence Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Corinne Marie, to James Allan Goeke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Goeke of Cleveland, Wisc. The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Clarkston High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is currently on leave from Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y., to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., for her master's degree in mechanical engineering. Her fiancé is a graduate of United Electronics Institute and Iowa State University, and is currently working at the Eastman Kodak Co.'s Research Laboratory as an electrical engineer. A September wedding is planned.

Around Town



Local events open to the public are printed in **Around Town** as a community service. Call 625-3370 or write to **The Clarkston News**, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016 two weeks in advance.

Thursday, Jan. 5—January meeting of the American Association of University Women; 7:30 p.m.; Erik Kolbell is to speak on "Five Myths of National Security"; any area woman who is a college graduate may attend; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Hatchery Road near Pierce Junior High School, Waterford. (673-7162)

Friday, Jan. 6—Stars and Snow, a nature interpretive program at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township; 7:30 to 9 p.m.; includes 45-60 minute walk; in case of overcast skies an indoor slide presentation is planned; free with park vehicle entry fee of \$2.50 daily or \$15 annually for country residents; pre-registration required. (858-0903)

Saturday, Jan. 7—Cross-country ski tour at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 10 a.m. to noon; bring your own skis; trail is excellent for beginners; free with park vehicle entrance fee of \$2 or \$7 annually; advance registration required. (625-2781)

Sunday, Jan. 8—Wilderness Survival, a two-hour indoor/outdoor program at the Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 1 p.m.; to prepare persons for life-threatening situations that could occur in the wilderness; free with park vehicle entry fee of \$2 daily or \$7 annually; pre-registration required. (625-2781)

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 9 and 10—Tryouts for the next Clarkston Village Players' production, "Don't Step on My Footprint"; 7 p.m. at the Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake, Independence Township; three female and four male parts of various ages needed for the comedy; performances scheduled March 23, 24, 30 and 31 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. (625-9319)

Wednesday, Jan. 11—Monthly meeting of the Waterford Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; 6 p.m.; pot luck dinner; Christ

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of the Lakes Lutheran Church, 9101 Highland, Pontiac. (357-3650, 335-5924 or 682-6333)

Wednesday, Jan. 11—Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; 10 and 11 a.m.; free; for 3- to 5-year-olds; stories, songs, games and films—"Snow Girl," the legend of a snow figure that comes to life to dispel the loneliness of a kindly old couple, and "The Country Mouse and the City Mouse," an old fable in cartoon style; 6495 Clarkston, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Wednesday, Jan. 11—After School Movie Hour at the Independence Township Library; 4:30 p.m.; free; for first- through sixth-graders; films planned are "Swiss Family Robinson," the story of a family marooned on a tropical island, and two lively, short cartoons, "Elmer Elephant" and "Frog Went a-Courting"; 6495 Clarkston, Independence Township. (625-2212)

Say goodbye to Yule season

A grand farewell to the Christmas season is planned Sunday, Jan. 8, at Calvary Lutheran Church.

The annual Burning of the Greens is to begin at 6:30 p.m.

People planning to participate can begin dropping off discarded Christmas trees and greens now.

"Anybody is welcome to bring the old tree and put it in the parking lot and join us for a huge bonfire and in the singing of Christmas carols to say goodbye to Christmas," said the Rev. Robert Walters.

Following the caroling, hot chocolate will be served.

The event marks the first Sunday of the Epiphany season.

"Epiphany means making known or showing

forth, so it's showing forth Jesus to people beyond the Hebrew people," Walters said.

The church is located at 6805 Bluegrass, Independence Township. Phone 625-3288 for more information.

Voter deadline

A Feb. 13 deadline is set for voter registration in the Village of Clarkston. Applications can be picked up at Clarkston Village Hall, 375 Depot, Clarkston, Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The village council election is March 12.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

<p>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston 9:30 Church School 1:00 Worship Co-pastors: Jenny H. & William C. Schram Phone 673-3101</p>	<p>CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 2479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship</p>	<p>PINE KNOB COMMUNITY CHURCH 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, Michigan Ken Hauser Worship 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p>	<p>MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor, David L. Davenport Church Worship 11:00 a.m. School 10:00 a.m. Phone 793-2291 Coffee Hr. & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7925 Sashabaw Road 625-4644 Sunday School 9:45 Worship Service 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Nursery 11 a.m. Rev. Michael Klafehn</p>
<p>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road Rev. James R. Balfour Worship & Church School 10 a.m.</p>	<p>ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH Holcomb at Miller Rd. Father Charles E. Cushing Sunday Masses 7:45, 9, 10:30 and 12:00 Sat. 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.</p>	<p>NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH 5311 Sunnyside Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Rev. A.T.B. Phillips 674-1112</p>	<p>FIRST CHURCH OF GOD 6300 Clarkston Road Clarkston 625-1323 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Eddie Downey</p>	<p>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER for Healing, Learning & Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 9644 Susin Lane off Davlsburg Road 625-4294 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 391-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Pararus Rev. Clarence Bell Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. Primary Church thru 4th grade Evening Service 7 p.m.</p>	<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH INDEPENDENT NEW TESTAMENT Gene Paul, Minister 3246 Lapeer Rd. (M-24 near I-75) Bible School 9:45; Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00</p>	<p>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 9 a.m. July & August Only 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sept. thru June The New Prayer Book</p>	<p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 6440 Maceday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-6860 or 623-7064 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery</p>
<p>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. Omer Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00</p>	<p>DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 6:00 Vespers Wednesday, 7 p.m. Family Night</p>	<p>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters, D. Min. Fall Service starts Sept. 11th Sunday Church School at 9:15 a.m. for 3 yr. olds adult Worship at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Nursery at both services</p>	<p>COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH 1888 Crescent Lake Rd. Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Pastor, Rev. Myron Gaul</p>	<p>COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy.) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Bibles thru Adults Worship 11 a.m. - Nursery provided</p>
<p>CLARKSTON CHURCH OF GOD 54 South Main Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer, Bible & Youth 7 p.m. Pastor, Charles Lunsford</p>	<p>FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH 4832 Clintonville Rd. - Phone 673-3638 Services - Sunday Sunday School Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship Hour 11 a.m. Youth Hour 5 p.m. Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.</p>	<p>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 5790 Flemings Lake Road Rev. Phillip W. Somers Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 6051 Sashabaw Rd., near Maybee Rd. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Wed. 7:00 p.m. Pastor: Don De Mars 673-8718</p>	<p>SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST Sashabaw at Seymour Lk. Rd. Rev. J. Douglas Paterson Sunday School 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Nursery Provided</p>
<p>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Ortonville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 6:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE 9690 Ortonville Rd. Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thurs. Nite Prayer 7 p.m. Pastor, David McMurray Singing Last Saturday of Month</p>	<p>MT. ZION TEMPLE 4451 Clintonville Rd. - 673-2050 Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Mid-week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loren Covarrubias - 674-1415</p>	<p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 8 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Usings 1928 Prayer Book</p>	<p>SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 5401 Oak Park, off Maybee Rd. Rev. Beryl Hinz 623-1074 Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Silver Tea last Sat. of each month at 2 p.m.</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG 12881 Ameronville Road, Davisburg Rev. Robert R. Hazen, Pastor Phone 634-9225 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 Evening Gospel Hour 6 p.m. Wednesday: Family night program 7:30 p.m. Awana clubs 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting at: Lincoln Elementary School 131 Hillside, Pontiac Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study & Prayer Time 7:30 p.m. Marc Cooper, Pastor 623-1296</p>	<p>WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Minister of C.E. Russell G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Dair Hileman Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Phillip Whisenhunt, Pastor</p>	<p>ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rev. Wallace Duncan Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	

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Portrait painter/ graphic artist draws twigs on county exams

"I thought, 'God, I really had a god teacher, I ought to do this.'"

By Marilyn Trumper

Recall this ultimate equation from a math anxiety-filled youth: If you have three bundles of twigs and 20 twigs to a bundle, how many twigs do you have?

You labored over the elementary formula, scribbling miserably with a pencil, and rubbed eraser holes through the paper, never giving thought to the twig drawing.

Chances are if you took that test in Oakland County, George Hemingway drew the bundles of twigs illustrating the story problem.

"And others like it," the 47-year-old laughed from inside his graphic arts office at the Oakland Schools complex. "I've done the cats, the dogs, all of them."

A graphic illustrator by trade, Hemingway is a portrait painter for pleasure, and was recently invited to join the prestigious American Portrait Society. He's won national awards for design projects and the coveted Crown Zellerbeck Award.

He lives on Maceday Lake Road in Waterford Township.

"I'm a headhunter. I like doing people...and I like the challenge of getting a likeness on paper. I guess I do OK. People can usually identify themselves easily," he laughed again.

Hemingway scours the Montreaux Jazz Festival, bands, and during the 1981 Super Bowl he haunted Pontiac's Bourbon Street bars.

"I like sketching musicians, I guess because they look like they really enjoy what they're doing," he said. "It's like an obsession to sketch them."

An avid skier, Hemingway says he finds models on the slopes at Pine Knob.

He began portrait work three years ago after the death of Englishman Alvin Gittens, one of the top five portrait painters in the world, and one of Hemingway's instructors at Utah University.

"I ran into an old friend from school who asked if

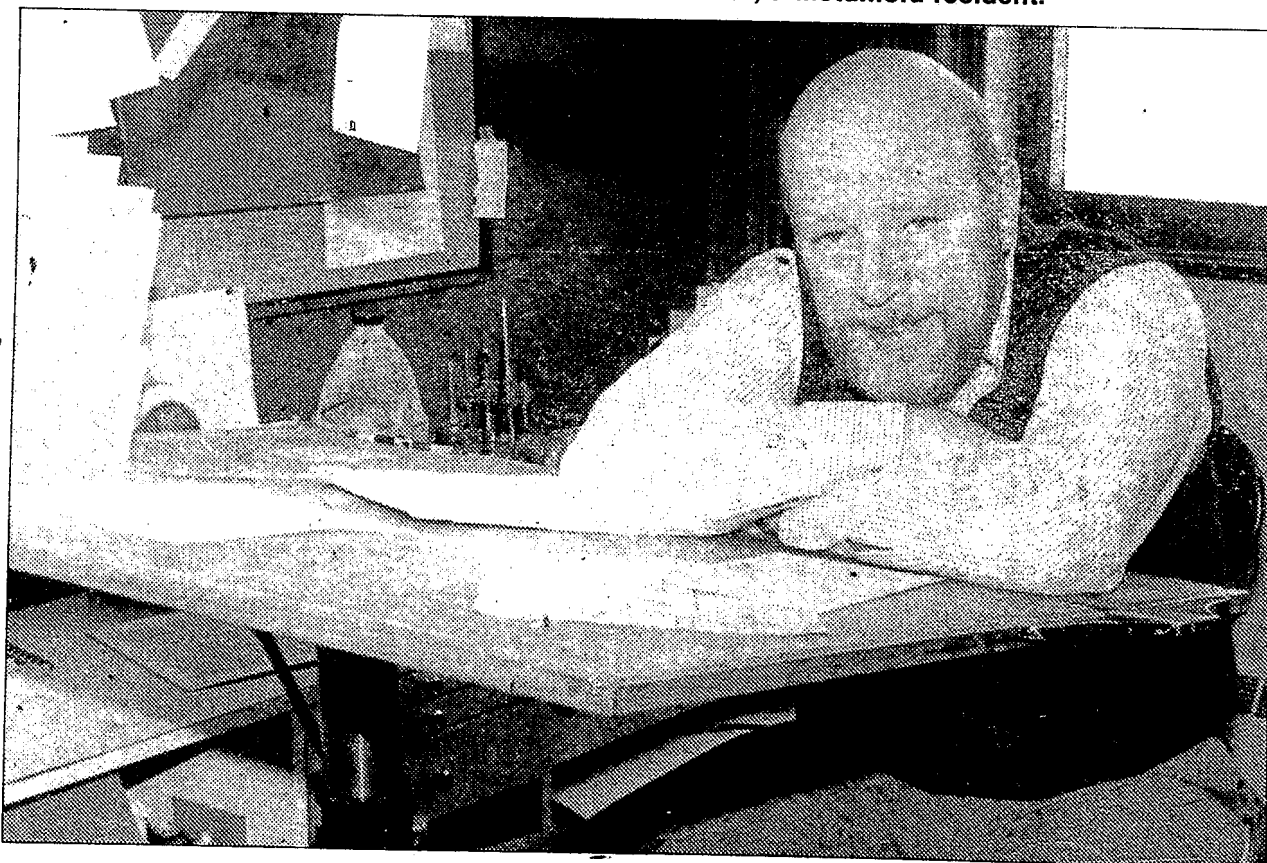
I'd heard of Alvin's death, and then told me was one of the top five portrait painters in the world," he said.

"I thought, 'God, I really had a good teacher. I ought to do this.'"

One of his works, "Pastel Portraiture," is on exhibit at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.



This is Hemingway's portrait of skier Denise Smith, a Metamora resident.



George Hemingway, portrait painter, sits in his graphics art office at Oakland Schools. One of

the Waterford Township resident's works is on exhibit at the Oakland County Courthouse.



INDEPENDENCE PARKS AND RECREATION WINTER ACTIVITIES

Independence Township Parks & Recreation is currently accepting registrations for their winter activities. Registrations for these activities will be taken at the Independence Parks & Recreation Office, which is located on 90 N. Main, in Clarkston. Office hours are 9:00-5:00, Monday thru Friday. Early registration for their classes are advised. They are open to both residents and non-residents of Independence Township. For more information on any of these activities, call 625-8223.

ACTIVITY	DAYS	TIME	NO. of CLASSES	CLASS BEGINS	LOCATION	FEE
Horseback Riding Lessons	Sat.	3:30-5:00	8	Jan. 21	Hadley Hills	\$55
Snowmobile Safety	T & Th	6:00-9:00	2	Jan. 10	Sashabaw Jr. High	Free
Parent/Tot Enrichment	T & Th	9:45-10:45	16	Jan. 10	Independence Twp. Hall	\$43
Parent/Tot Enrichment	T or Th	11:00-12:00	8	Jan. 10 or 12	Independence Twp. Hall	\$30
Roller Skating Lessons	T or Sat.	1-2 or 12-1	8	Jan. 3 or 7	Independence Twp. Hall	\$30
CPR	M-T-TH	7-10 p.m.	3	Jan. 9 or Feb. 13	Rolladium	\$16
Aerobic Slimnastics	T & Th	6:30-7:30/7:30-8:30	14	Jan. 10	Independence Fire Hall	Free
Pre-Natal Health Seminar	M & W	7:30-9:00	12	Jan. 9	Sashabaw Jr. High	\$25
Morning Exercise	M-W-F	10-11	18	Jan. 9 or Feb. 20	Independence Twp. Hall	\$25
Lamaze Childbirth	Tues.	7-9:30 p.m.	6	Jan. 10	Independence Twp. Hall	\$45
Co-Rec. Volleyball	Mon.	8-9:30	8	Jan. 9 or Mar. 12	First Church of God	\$25
Beginning Guitar Lessons	Sat.	11:30-12:30	8	Jan. 14	Sashabaw Jr. High	\$11
Beginning Banjo Lessons	Sat.	10:30-11:30	8	Jan. 14	Evola Music	\$32
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We will also be trying to organize a beginning photography class, racquetball leagues, elementary gym & swim, racquetball lessons, cross-country ski lessons, downhill and crosscountry ski outings, an outdoor adventure series of workshops, and a winter softball tournament. Please call 625-8223 for more information.

- Peeking into the past

10 YEARS AGO
Jan. 3, 1974

Despite the fuel crisis, school buses will keep on running, says Milford Mason, assistant superintendent of schools.

He's been working for months to get emergency gasoline allotments for the school system, but if all else fails, they'll rely on service station pumps, he says.

Fire destroys a \$30,000 frame building at the Colombiere College campsite. The building was used by YMCA and scouting groups. Arson is suspected.

"Be it resolved that the citizens of Independence Township shall have better services and lower taxes in 1974," says Township Supervisor Robert Vandermark in an article that lists "hopes for 1974."

The George Andersons receive an early Christmas gift with the birth of their daughter, Anna Marie, on Dec. 24.

Grocery bargains: Nutty donuts, 40 cents a dozen; frozen orange juice, 19 cents a six-ounce can; salt, 7 cents a box; pascal celery, 22 cents a bunch.

25 YEARS AGO
January 1, 1959

Nancy Cox of Dixie Highway is home for the holidays from Eastern Michigan College.

Dwight I. Pettengill of North Holcomb Street has pledged to the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity of Hillsdale College, where he is a sophomore.



It's the summer of 1967 and Parke Lake is the place to be for a crew of local kids. In the front row [from left] are Jon Muscat, Michele Thayer, Mike Fahrner, Jenny Jones, Chris Leaf, Sharon Fahrner and Tim Birtsas; second row, Jeff Thayer, Diane Leaf, Mary Fahrner, Jim Muscat,

Greg Thayer and Jo Ann Schultz; third row, Barb Thayer holding Kurt, Marietta Jones holding Brett Thayer, Annie Birtsas and Danny Muscat. The driver is Grandpa Robert Jones. [Photo courtesy of Isabel Bullen]

The steeple of the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church has been restored. The church was established as the Church of Orion and Independence in 1830, transferring to the Presbyterian denomination in 1843.

The church was erected in 1856. Members of the committee for restoration are Mrs. Raymond Gate, Mrs. Ida Stewart, Mrs. Ward Poole and the Rev. Clifford Haskins.

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