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Waiting at the station

Steven Parvin keeps all his camp gear together during the final moments before heading to Camp Oakland in Oxford. Steven's one of 69 campers from Clarkston elementary schools

who won scholarships for eight days at camp from the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee. There are more photos on Page 40. [Photo by Kathy Greenfield]

Loitering crackdown

By Carolyn Walker

Loitering in some areas of Independence Township is a "continuing, nagging problem," according to township attorney Gerald Fisher.

The township board on June 18, unanimously approved an amendment which would better define the offense.

"Our loitering ordinance didn't provide sufficient standards from a constitutional standpoint," Fisher says, adding there is a fine line between people's right to assemble and loitering. "The rights of the individual versus the rights of others," as he puts it.

The new amendment attempts to define the difference between loitering and assembling and offer guidelines to solving a problem which gets worse as the weather improves.

The amendment comes in response to the complaints of several business owners and Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies.

According to Fisher, the sheriff's department requested that the board take action on the issue, which has been on the "back burner" for several months.

"...with the warm weather upon us, loitering problems in specified areas of the township have increased, with the result that sheriff's deputies have encouraged the completion of these amendments for their use in redressing the loitering problem," he said in a letter to board members.

Detailed in the amendment are the definitions of a public place, loitering in a car and loitering in a public park after park hours.

Persons arrested for loitering must appear in 52nd District Court.

The penalty for loitering could be up to \$500 or 90 days in jail or both, Fisher said, but is up to the discretion of the judge.

Celebrate explosive July 4 holiday carefully

By Kathy Greenfield

Fourth of July and fireworks go together, but the combination can be explosive and should be met with caution, say Independence Township fire department officials.

"We've been fortunate around here, maybe a lost finger or damaged hand or a lost eye, but nothing more serious than that," said Fire Marshall Gar Wilson.

State laws govern the sale and use of fireworks, but the laws are often ignored or not known by the general public.

"There is some problem as far as people selling that shouldn't be and different than what's allowed by law, and we'll probably get into it very shortly," said Fire Chief Dale Bailey.

According to the Department of State Police, the only fireworks which may be sold at the retail level and used by the general public are toy paper caps, snakes, toy smoke devices, toy trick noise makers, wire sparklers (size no. 14 or less), flitter sparklers, cone fountains and cylinder fountains.

Local authorities must authorize the use of other types of fireworks including those which send projec-

tiles in the air, spin, twirl or emit an audible signal.

The state police offer the following guidelines:

•Make sure fireworks are legal for use by local ordinance and state law;

•Check for manufacturer's label and instructions for use on all fireworks—illegally manufactured fireworks rarely have either;

•Carefully follow instructions for use;

•Provide adult supervision and don't allow very young children to handle fireworks;

•Light only one device at a time;

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No dead end for Deer Lake Road

By Carolyn Walker

Over the objections of several residents, the Independence Township board voted unanimously June 18 to recommend keeping Deer Lake Road open.

Their recommendations to the Oakland County Road Commission will include new stop signs and the moving of the Deer Lake-Dixie intersection.

Earlier this month, residents asked the board to recommend closing the road when Dixie Highway is widened in 1986-87.

They cited increased traffic volume, speeding, and dust problems as the reasons for their request.

The board seemed sympathetic to the residents, but voted to keep the road open because of potential problems for fire vehicle access and school bus routes.

Fire Chief Dale Bailey told the board fire vehicles could be obstructed from entering Deer Lake Road if it were closed at Dixie and the Sagamore entrance was blocked by snow or fallen trees.

Gary Bliss, supervisor of school transportation,

said closing the road would mean moving bus routes to secluded locations where children would have to wait.

In a May 6 letter, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) proposed moving the intersection of Deer Lake Road and Dixie Highway about 300 feet during the widening; and asked for a township recommendation.

Moving the intersection, the letter said, would eliminate the current slanted approach to a 90-degree "T" shape intended to slow turning traffic.

The MDOT also expressed no objections to closing the road.

"The 'T' offers the best compromise available," said Clerk Richard Holman.

Trustee William Vandermark concurred. "I think we're best off in the long run with the MDOT proposal," he said.

In agreeing with the proposed configuration, the board is asking that stop signs be promptly posted at

the new three-way intersection before the widening, as well as at the corner of Sagamore and Deer Lake roads.

The final decision over whether or not to close the road will be made by the Oakland County Road Commission, because Deer Lake is a county road.

When the intersection is moved, the former Deer Lake-Dixie corner will be blocked and turned into a cul-de-sac.

Resident Bud Volberding, who spear-headed the drive to close the road, expressed disappointment in the board's decision.

"My position still is that closing the road would be the best thing of all," he said.

Board members Holman, Vandermark, Carol Balzarini, Daniel Travis and Treasurer John Lutz voted unanimously to recommend keeping the road open with the proposed stop signs, under the condition that no residents would be land-locked by the move.

Supervisor Frank Ronk and Trustee Dale Stuart were absent.

32 years straight

Rotarian's attendance perfect

Thirty-two-year Rotary Club member Robert Beattie was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow at the Clarkston Rotary Club's officer installation banquet June 24.

"Bob is always so involved in everything that we do in Rotary," said Ken Winship, immediate past president. "The board said, definitely, we should take care of Bob and he should become a Paul Harris Fellow."

Beattie's record includes 32 years of perfect attendance at weekly meetings. He has served as president of the Waterford-Drayton Rotary Club (1959-60) and the Clarkston Rotary Club (1982-83).

Any Rotary club or individual can sponsor a fellow Rotarian for the honor by donating \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. The money is used for scholarships and other activities.

Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1907. There are now 22,000 clubs with just under one million members.

The new officers installed by the Clarkston Rotary Club for 1985-86 were Tom Murphy, president; Floyd Seal, vice president; Ron Davis, secretary; John Priebe, treasurer; and directors Marvin Zmudzynski, Dick Logan, Buck Kopietz, Ken Winship and Donald Ernst.

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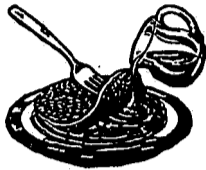
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Pancakes and sausages await hungry parade-goers on Thursday, July 4, from 7 a.m. to parade time.

Breakfast will be served at the Masonic Lodge Cedar No. 60 F&AM Temple at Main and Washington streets in downtown Clarkston.

The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages 5-12 and free for those under age 5.

The event is sponsored by the Cedar Lodge Temple Board.



Create a float or watch parade

Have a favorite summer-time passion?

If so, put your creative talents to work and design a float based on "My Favorite Summer-time Activity" for the Independence Township July 4 parade.

Sponsored by the township fire department, the parade is to begin at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 4.

Parade participants will meet in the Clarkston Junior High School parking lot off Waldon Road, and begin their march by heading west on Church Street, then north on Main Street before dispersing at Clarkston Road.

Anyone wishing to enter a float is encouraged to do so, said Fire Marshall Gar Wilson. "We welcome all subdivisions, individuals or whatever," he said.

Firefighters are requesting that individuals wishing to enter floats contact Mike or Harry Fahrner at the department at 625-1924.

Make a face



Kids ages 5-10 are invited to enter the Kiddie Clown Kontest and join in the July 4th parade.

There will be prizes for the best costumes. Contestants should meet at Clarkston Junior High School at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4.

Judging will be done by the Oaklowns group.

A musical note

The music doesn't stop during July, a month of Friday evenings of Concerts in the Park.

Sponsored by the Village Business Association, the concerts are free. They begin at 7 p.m. in the Depot Road Park adjacent to Clarkston Village Hall and last for two hours.

Concert dates and featured bands are: July 5, Hal James Band with the big band sound; July 12, Jim Morris Concert Band; July 19, Clarkston Community Band under the direction of Cliff Chapman; and July 26, Jim Morris Concert Band.

Book to help builders plan

By Carolyn Walker

Frustrated builders complaining "What do you want?" have prompted action by the Independence Township Planning Commission.

A new book outlining the aesthetic goals of the township will soon be available as a result of work by a commission sub-committee.

The sub-committee was formed by commission Chairman Neil Wallace to study the aesthetics of the township and make recommendations to protect its beauty.

The nature of the proposed book was explained by committee member David Katz at the June 18 township board meeting.

Katz said builders petitioning for site plan approval are frequently asked to make repeated appearances before the commission because of inadequacies in designs.

"We are, in my opinion, a community which has been quite liberal...in standards," he said. "We think that Clarkston deserves a good standard."

The book will outline standards for trash containers, green belt design, gate elevations and landscaping, for example. The suggestions will be supplemented with pictures and graphics.

"We're going to cover a lot of information in this packet," Katz said. "We're attempting to get our applicants on the right track."

It will be an excellent tool for inviting proper clientele, industry and commerce to the township, he said, adding that it could be used in conjunction with a pamphlet being designed by the new common interest committee.

The common interest committee, made up of representatives from the township, Village of

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—David Katz

Clarkston, school board and Springfield Township, is working on a brochure to attract new residents to the area.

According to Katz, it will cost approximately \$5,000 to prepare the book. That cost does not include printing, which may be done by the Northwest Oakland Vocational Education Center.

The book is to be drawn up by Independence Township Planner Richard Carlisle's office.

Supplements to the book, if needed, could be offered customers on an annual basis, Katz said.

Copies are to be available for viewing at the building department and the township library. Interested parties may purchase the books for \$3-\$4 when they are available.

Members of the township board were receptive to the idea.

"Hats off and let's go for it!" said Trustee Daniel Travis, who formerly represented the board on the planning commission.

The book is still in its early stages and will not be available for several months, according to a building department spokesperson.



One service for sale at the Summerfest is face and hand painting by members of the St. Daniel's Church teen group. Putting in some

practice time are [from left] Laura Sutton, Lisa Garrett and Nancy Belch.

St. Dan's hosts Summerfest

Games, carnival rides and a roast beef dinner are part of festivities this week at the St. Daniel Catholic Church's third annual Summerfest.

Hours are 4 p.m. to midnight on Friday, June 28; noon to midnight Saturday, June 29; and 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 30.

The festival also includes musical entertainment, food and beverage concessions, a "Grandma's Attic" sale, casino games and bingo.

Featured musical groups are the Internationals from 7-11 Friday and from 2-6 and 7-9 Sunday; the Three Penny Opry band from 2-6 Saturday; and the Woodman Quartet from 7-11 Saturday.

The roast beef dinner is to be served on a first come, first served basis beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday until 500 meals have been sold. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under.

The church is located at the intersection of Miller and Holcomb roads in Independence Township. Call 625-4580 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.



Judy Curry holds up her hand to display a finished butterfly, the artwork of Kelly Smith.

Wilson named new fire marshal

1st Independence Township Fire Department promotion in 17 years

By Carolyn Walker

A 40-hour work week may prove a shock to Gar Wilson's system.

It will take some getting used to, says the Independence Township firefighter, who was promoted to fire marshal at the June 18 Independence Township Board meeting.

Wilson, who as a firefighter typically worked a 56-hour week, is the first to receive a promotion within the department in 17 years.

His new \$26,200-per-year position began June 19.

First proposed by Fire Chief Dale Bailey on June 4, the position was posted for interested parties according to union rules for seven working days before Wilson was promoted.

Wilson has been with the department 15 years. He was the only firefighter to apply for the marshal's job.

As fire marshal, the 42-year-old township resident will be responsible for heading the department in

Bailey's absence.

He will also be responsible for fire prevention activities, fire investigations, pre-fire planning for commercial and public buildings, and setting up fire prevention programs within the school system.

Funding for the fire marshal position, three proposed shift-captain positions and pay raises for current employees were authorized by the board.

They unanimously approved a fire budget amendment which increases the total for salaries and wages from \$356,205 to \$402,900.

Developer wins plat approval

Developer James Brennan intends to begin selling lots this summer.

Final plat approval for his Pine Knob North 3 Subdivision was granted at the Independence Township board meeting June 18.

The approval authorizes Brennan to develop seven lots adjacent to two previous phases of the Pine Knob North subdivision near Pine Knob and Clarkston roads.

The 5-acre Pine Knob North 3 site is adjacent to, but not a part of, two completed Pine Knob North phases, Brennan said.

The 1/2-3/4-acre lots should be ready for sale this summer following an appearance before the Oakland

County plat board, Brennan said.

All of the lots front on Pine Knob or Clarkston roads, or the already completed Mt. Tremblant cul-de-sac, he added.

Final plat approval had been denied since June 1984, pending an agreement between the township and developers over maintenance of a retention basin on the parcel.

According to Clerk Richard Holman, an agreement has been reached and the developer has posted a \$1,500 bond to cover all remaining improvements.

The unanimous approval follows the recommendation of the township engineering firm Hubble, Roth and Clark.

Sherrill leaving

By Carolyn Walker

Reluctantly, the Independence Township Board accepted the resignation of assessor David Sherrill at the June 18 meeting.

Sherrill's last day as a township employee will be June 28.

Clerk Richard Holman called Sherrill a "tremendous asset" before honoring him with a plaque.

Sherrill said he is moving from the area and is ready to face new challenges after serving the township for 12 years.

"It's a very positive, no problems leaving," he said. "I'm just moving on to other opportunities."

Sherrill was hired as an assistant assessor in 1973 and became assessor in 1975.

The board unanimously agreed to post Sherrill's position in three magazines: The Michigan Municipal League magazine, The Michigan Township News, and the Michigan Assessing Magazine.

In order to qualify for the position, applicants must have Level 3 Appraiser state certification.

The assessor's position involves responsibility for assessing all commercial, private and business-personal properties for the township.

It also requires administration of the assessment roles which result in the township's tax base.

Walls resigns from neighbor group

Citing conflicts, Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls has resigned as executive director of Neighbor for Neighbor.

Walls was an originator of the non-profit group set up in January 1983 to help needy township residents with food, clothing and utilities. His resignation was effective June 13.

"I was having a difficult time trying to balance between Neighbor for Neighbor and being supervisor," Walls said. "Nobody at Neighbor for Neighbor thought so and nobody on the board thought so, but it was difficult for me."

Walls said he had been thinking about giving up the position for some time, but the recent issue with the township-wide newsletter, The Post, helped him

make the decision.

The Post was started eight months ago and was to be totally funded through Neighbor for Neighbor. But most of the money had come through the township board, and the paper was recently dropped from the budget.

Private donations were a small part of the funding and there is enough for one more issue, Walls said.

"The Post is one good example of the difficulty I was having," Walls said. "It was the frosting on the cake."

"It was difficult for me to have strong feeling on the board and make decisions in the best interest of the township."

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Contract provides for raises, new officers

By Carolyn Walker

A 22-percent raise is in the offing for Independence Township Firefighters.

A new contract agreement between the firefighters' union and the township provides for the raise along with funding for new officers and an agreement that firefighters will co-pay any raises in their health insurance, according to union president Greg Orlich.

The two sides signed the new contract on June 3. On June 18, the township board, in a unanimous vote, amended the \$356,205 fire budget to reflect funding for driver/engineer raises and the creation of four new officer positions.

The amended budget is \$402,900.

Representatives of both sides agree that few changes were made from the last contract.

"A lot of it was just clarifying language," said

Clerk Richard Holman.

Orlich agreed, saying some wording changes intended for clarification and understanding had been made.

"I think for the most part, the guys were satisfied," he said. "Both sides gave a little bit."

Township board members voted unanimously May 21 to ratify the contract.

Provisions in the new contract, which had been under negotiation since October, include a 22-percent, retroactive raise for driver/engineers. From that, the firefighters must pay up to \$50-per-month on any Blue Cross/Blue Shield rate increases beginning next year.

It is the first time a co-pay plan has been introduced, Orlich said, adding that health insurance had always been paid entirely by the township.

Driver/engineers, who earned \$21,300 in April

1983, will receive raises retroactive to October 1984 of \$23,300. That sum will show an increase to \$24,000 retroactive to January. A final raise will be given in January 1986, bringing their annual pay to \$25,000.

In addition, the contract provides for the hiring of three 56-hour-per-week shift captains and one 40-hour-per-week fire marshal.

Following is a breakdown of fire fund salaries and wage line items under the amended budget:

Chief, \$32,550; fire marshal, \$26,200; three shift captains, \$75,600; nine driver/engineers, \$216,000; operations secretary, \$17,850; lieutenants (three on-call), \$2,700; dispatcher, (part-time), \$5,000; overtime, \$3,000; retro-pay, \$15,000; holiday pay, \$9,000.

The chief's salary is negotiated with other township department directors, all non-union positions.

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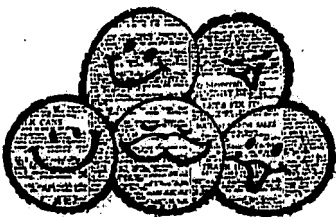
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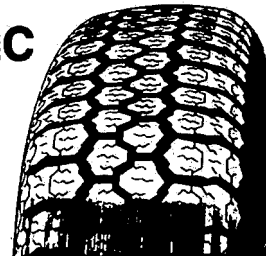


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Editorial

Tax reform misguided

In one section of the Capital building in Lansing, Gov. Blanchard's tax reform package is headed for the House floor.

This bill, which hopefully doesn't pass in its present form, would cut the income tax and return some surplus money to property taxpayers.

Presently in the Senate, having passed the House, is a tax increase bill.

Here's a case where the state admits to having overtaxed the residents, then wants to hit us with yet another tax while still holding the money they have already gouged from us.

Never mind that it's a tax-the-drinker law. It's a tax increase proposed for the entire state for the grand purpose of expanding Cobo Hall on Detroit's river front.

Take that, Cheboygan!

Our government at work. Why couldn't summer recess have come on Memorial Day and lasted until April Fool's Day, a fitting and proper beginning, it would seem, for a legislature that sees nothing inconsistent about raising and lowering taxes at the same time.

Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy says southeast Michigan needs a larger convention center. He claims major cities are outdoing Detroit for convention business. Murphy seems to be right about most things, and we'll believe him on this.

However, taxing citizens of Engadine, Ironwood and Pickford for that purpose just isn't right.

We trust the Senate will use better judgment.

As to the ill-conceived income tax rebate to payers of property tax . . . any excess money received through overtaxation of income tax should be returned from whence it came.

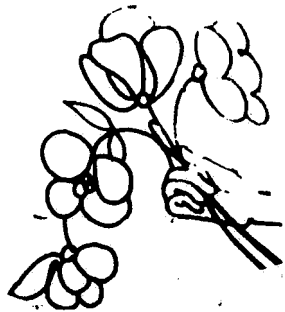
The idea of redistributing the money from the too-high tax package adopted soon after Gov. Blanchard got into office is very discerning. Next time we have a refund coming from our income tax will the governor want to return that to property tax payers?

Income tax refund or overpayment should be handled the same way . . . Write a check to the guy who did it.

—J.A.S.

Bouquets

Helpful thanks



I want to take this opportunity to thank the people in our community who helped make possible the mentorship program at Sashabaw Junior High.

As a newly established program, which allows students to work with a mentor of his/her choice, the cooperation of the business community, parents, teachers and administrators played an integral part in making the program a success.

The following people served as mentors:

Martha Wheeler, vice president, Pontiac State Bank; Sue Mudge, assistant manager, Pontiac State Bank; Michelle Gaskell, attorney; Del Lohff, Kieft Engineering; Kathy Greenfield, Clarkston News; Dr. James O'Neill, pediatrician; Dr. Irving Kernis, pediatrician; Don Peters, NWOVEC computers and robotics; Larry Keech, NWOVEC, commercial art; Jim Windell, clinical psychologist; and Mike Wilcox, The Reminder.

Thanks again for your time and cooperation.

Sue Kiser

Breakfast success

The Clarkston Jaycees wish to thank everyone who helped make the Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast the successful project that it turned out to be.

Special thanks to The Clarkston News for help with advertising and Clarkston's A&P store and Rudy's Market for their help and support of this project.

Mark Hallman
Project Chairman
Clarkston Jaycees



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

I'd like to let Bill Myers tell you some good and bad news this week. Myers is a national financial columnist, former Lapeer editor, and an investment manager, who now lives in Florida. Here's Myers:

First, the good news: Only half as many Americans aged 20-29 are drinking coffee today as this same age group did in 1962.

Now the bad news: In the 60-69 age group, which I like to call "mature adults", having been a member for some time, coffee drinking is practically the same as it was a generation ago - 88 percent then, 84 percent now.

But back to the good news. When the mature adults finally shuffle off this mortal soil, taking their places will be two whole generations who don't particularly like the stuff.

As one who ran a business for some 30 years, I deplored the coffeeholic as a great waster of time. In the newspaper business our taskmaster was the clock. A reporter who could churn out a full column of copy an hour was obviously preferred over one who dawdled over his typewriter and produced only half a column.

Mind you, I firmly think there should be breaks in any sort of detail work - typing, typesetting, bookkeeping and the like. Production doesn't suffer if there are rest periods.

It is the constant tripping to the coffee urn, the cup of coffee on the desk, the manifold interruptions of work until the stuff is drunk, that has always bugged me.

The pre-war generation remembers when the coffee break was quite rare. It wasn't even in union contracts.

Then came the war and most of us in service had a lot time on our hands. And the coffee was free, ashore and afloat. Those veterans are now making up the statistics that show 84 percent of the people of that era still have the habit.

Why the young people today are off coffee, I don't know. I'm sure something else has substituted to cut down productivity in the workplace.

In the IBM plant in Boca Raton, employees are free to munch or slurp as they see fit. They don't have a union contract specifying certain times for their indulgences. I asked our guide about this.

"Don't you have any rules about eating at desks?" I asked.

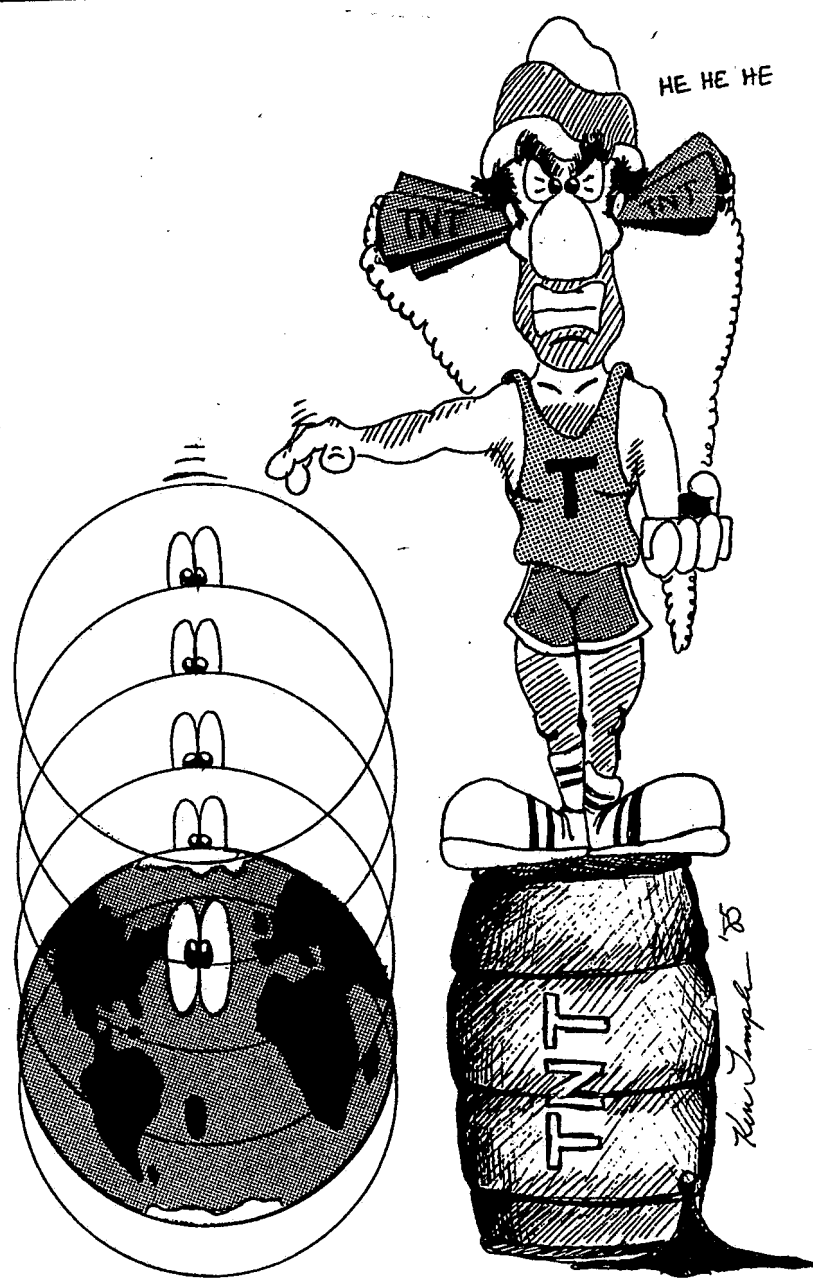
"We only have one rule at IBM," answered our escort. "Performance."

In other words, if you can smoke a pipe, munch on potato chips, and sip coffee, and still Perform, then IBM doesn't object. I wish I could be that sensible.

Back to me, JAS, to close out this column with a couple definitions.

Patience is something you admire greatly in the driver behind you but not in the one ahead of you.

An authority is a person who can tell you more about something than you really care to know.



Terrorism, just playing with the world

Full circle

Kathy Greenfield



When in the second grade, she refused to wear anything but dresses.

None of the other little girls in the northern Michigan town wore dresses to school in the winter. I'm not exaggerating. Pants were simply more practical during week-long sieges of minus-zero weather.

We had heated discussions; Me pointing out all the pluses; she insisting she knew what she wanted.

She cared so much about liking to wear dresses for all occasions that I gave up.

"Where have I gone wrong?" I moaned to my friends. We talked about symbolism. Only a few years earlier, women had dumped pleated skirts and matching angora sweaters for unisex blue jeans. Society was changing.

"She's asserting her individuality," one friend said "Stop worrying."

I must have finally done just that, for I remember a later conversation.

"Was that your daughter I saw skiing this weekend?" asked the mother of one of her classmates.

"Yes," I said with some pride, for I knew she was good.

The woman went on to say she was pretty sure it was my daughter after she noticed the dress over the ski pants.

I revived my pants-dresses lament and the woman understood. She said it surprised her that a little girl who always wore dresses would be good at skiing.

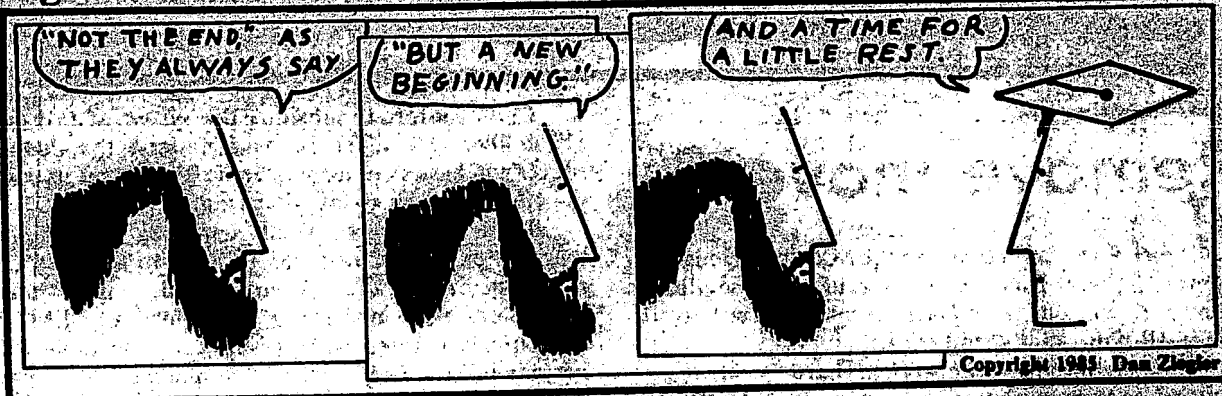
I blinked. Time passed. On June 16, Corey graduated from Clarkston High School.

For graduation, by the way, she wore a skirt—the only summer-weight skirt she owns. Now, of course, she prefers pants. That's how these things go.

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by Dan Ziegler



Young love

Carolyn Walker



Mrs. Richardson's face is scarcely more than a blur to me now. I remember it only as kindly, bespectacled, and rimmed with silver curls.

I suspect that Robert's face would have faded with the passage of time, too, had I nothing more than my memory to rely on. But, as it is, I have the picture.

It is all that survives of fourth-grade love, 1959.

Robert entered my class mid-semester that year. And, for a while, life was heavenly.

He came from a world quite different from my own. While my sister and I shared a family life of closeness and warmth with our parents, he was the child of divorce. The first I ever knew. He lived in a trailer with his mother and three older brothers.

I remember vaguely the time we spent together on the playground, trying to keep our affection for one another out of the sight of others.

He would push me on the swings; and occasionally remember me with gumballs and trinkets from a machine.

It was a wonderful courtship. He was all I thought about for months. But no one knew it.

One day Robert did something quite out of character.

He called me into the hallway—where people might see us—and presented me with the

most beautiful ring.

As he placed it on my middle finger, he recited the ring's long and romantic history. It had belonged to his cousin, who had given it to his girlfriend, who had given it back to his cousin, who had given it to Robert, who was giving it to me.

I took a solemn vow, born of a heart in love. "I'll never take it off," I said.

It was then that Robert broke the news. "I'm moving away," he said, "to a place called Auburn Heights."

He might as well have told me he was going to the moon. I turned away so that he wouldn't see me crying.

After Robert was gone, I comforted myself with the thought that we would grow up and be reunited. All the while I felt a painful loneliness inside.

One day, after several months had passed, I came back from lunch to find Robert's picture laying on my desk. His brown eyes and impish grin just as I remembered.

Mrs. Richardson, my teacher, never said a word, but I knew that Robert's picture came from her.

Her simple and kind gesture said volumes: Even the feelings of 9-year-olds are important. And where love is, there will be memories.

'If it Fitz . . .'

Cheaters come in all sizes

Jim Fitzgerald



My favorite obstetrician told me about a recent delivery. When it came time for the mother and infant to go home from the hospital, the new father picked them up in a white, chauffeur-driven limousine with a TV set in the backseat.

"That's class," I said.

"The mother was on Medicaid," the doctor said. "You and other taxpayers paid her hospital bill."

The father and mother aren't married, so he is not responsible for her bills. The money he saves on family medical costs he can spend to rent—or buy—a limousine.

Make your blood boil? I guess so. A welfare mother in a limousine is even more infuriating than all those women who buy the best cuts of meat with food stamps.

I continually hear complaints from people who stand behind food-stamp gourmets at checkout counters. "I work hard for my money and I can't afford a standing rib roast," they say, "but my tax money helps buy expensive food for lazy people who don't work at all."

I never hear from people who stand behind Pentagon procurement officers at defense industry checkout counters. Hardworking people who can't afford a stand-

ing rib roast aren't pleased to read that their tax money is wasted on billion-dollar, foul-smelling screwups in Washington. But they don't get nearly as mad at a crooked corporation as they do at a welfare cheat.

The wrath of the common people would be more wisely expended if General Dynamics sellers and Pentagon buyers did their dealing in the A&P, with my wife standing behind them, rather than in an executive suite with no one watching except butt-bussing lackeys.

It doesn't exactly delight me to know I subsidized a limousine ride for a Medicaid patient, her gentleman companion and their new baby. But, given a choice, I'd much rather do that than finance the million-dollar, three-home life-style of defense industry executives who slithered into their high-salaried positions after retiring from the Pentagon, where their job was throwing my money at the weapons manufacturers who subsequently hired them.

Along the same line, it was fascinating to note that Rich DeVos, wealthy co-owner of Amway Corp., has promised to contribute cash to the yet-unannounced-but-already-boring gubernatorial campaign of Wayne County Executive William Lucas.

A couple of years ago, Amway Corp. pleaded guilty to defrauding Canada of millions of dollars in a customs scam. Amway claimed it was the victim of bad advice and anti-Americanism, which is similar to an Irish bank robber asking for mercy because someone told him the bank liked to be robbed, and it was a British bank.

Amway was not sent to prison. Instead, it paid a \$20 million fine. Which is similar to my paying a parking ticket.

As for Lucas, before he began running Wayne County while making speeches to Kiwanis clubs in the Upper Peninsula, he was a sheriff and an FBI agent. Would a candidate with that law enforcement background accept campaign contributions from the co-owner of a corporation guilty of fraud? Would citizens complain if he did?

Would they complain if Lucas took money from a confessed bank robber?

When it comes to making money illegally, am I saying there is no difference between a billion-dollar corporation and a poor bandit?

Of course not. You'll never stand in a checkout line behind a corporation as it defrauds a nation.

Letters to editor

Remove mover?

Since I was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, I have paid particularly close attention to the way our tax dollars are spent, as well as to the institutions that spend them.

That is why I have worked hard to create a positive change within the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority because I think the citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties deserve better.

But our biggest transportation problem right now within the SEMTA realm is the Detroit People Mover. That is why I have introduced a resolution in the Michigan House calling for a halt in its construction with the aim of tearing the whole thing down.

Tear it down?! Waste all that money?!

If we don't tear it down, we will all be paying much more than just construction costs.

Supporters of the People Mover maintain that it is nearly 50 percent completed; however, the most conservative estimates tell us that the system needs an additional \$176 million to finish the 2.9 mile project.

But on the other hand, the Senate Fiscal Agency estimates that it would cost \$11.5 million to tear the project down, and it would only take two months to complete that task.

Hard core figures tell us it makes more sense to admit that it was an ill-fated project from the beginning than to plunge ahead and complete the project.

Just ask yourself a few simple questions:

First, can the City of Detroit afford an annual operating cost of \$7.3 million? Keep in mind that this estimate does not include such incidentals as the cost of guards, the fact that bus ridership continues to decline, and the REAL hidden costs of the already cracking beams which may pose a safety hazard.

Can we afford to subsidize this system at a cost of \$10 million per year? In hard dollars, the People Mover will have doubled in price in 20 years, if its construction allows it to last that long.

Let's not forget to ask ourselves one of the toughest questions. Just who is going to ride this 2.9 mile system? Will there be enough ridership to make the system even moderately cost-effective? SEMTA has already lowered its ridership estimate to 40,000 per day but the likelihood of that many people riding around on the People Mover every day is questionable at best.

Finally, does the Detroit Department of Transportation have the ability to keep up a system like this, when they can't even maintain their own fleet of buses? The track record of DDT speaks for itself.

It is the responsibility of each and every taxpayer of this state to answer these questions for themselves.

After all, we will be shelling out our hard-earned tax dollars, a half-billion dollars worth over 20 years, for a poorly constructed mass-transportation system, (in the automobile capital of the world, of all places!) that will move an unknown quantity of people 2.9 miles in only one direction...down the economic drain.

Stop justifying its existence and create some jobs by tearing the People Mover down.

Mat J. Dunaskiss
State Representative

There is too much of our history being discarded and lost because nobody bothered to preserve it.

Not only has Carolyn Walker saved this relic of the nation's past, but she has through her own words captured the spirit and zest for living of this woman who lived in Michigan nearly 150 years ago.

It is a poignant reminder that no matter where we live in this country there are men and women who pioneered the way for us.

Your columnist is deserving of praise both for her sense of what is important and her ability to bring alive once more a very "ordinary" woman who left such a heritage for all of us.

It is my hope that Carolyn will dig even more deeply into Eunice Uptegraff's era and share her research with us.

It will provide a greater understanding of who we are and how we reached this point.

Donald Wyatt
Warwick, Rhode Island

Music-makers lauded

It is with great pride and appreciation that we thank the volunteer choir and band that performed at graduation ceremonies June 16.

It is most gratifying to know that so many were willing to share their talents for this occasion.

Again, thank you and have a good summer.

Grayce Warren
Cliff Chapman

Column kudos

May I take this opportunity to compliment Carolyn Walker on her excellently written June 12 column on Eunice Uptegraff and her history book.

It is fortunate that Carolyn rescued that volume from the used book sale, because it tells us so much about its former owner who cherished it so.



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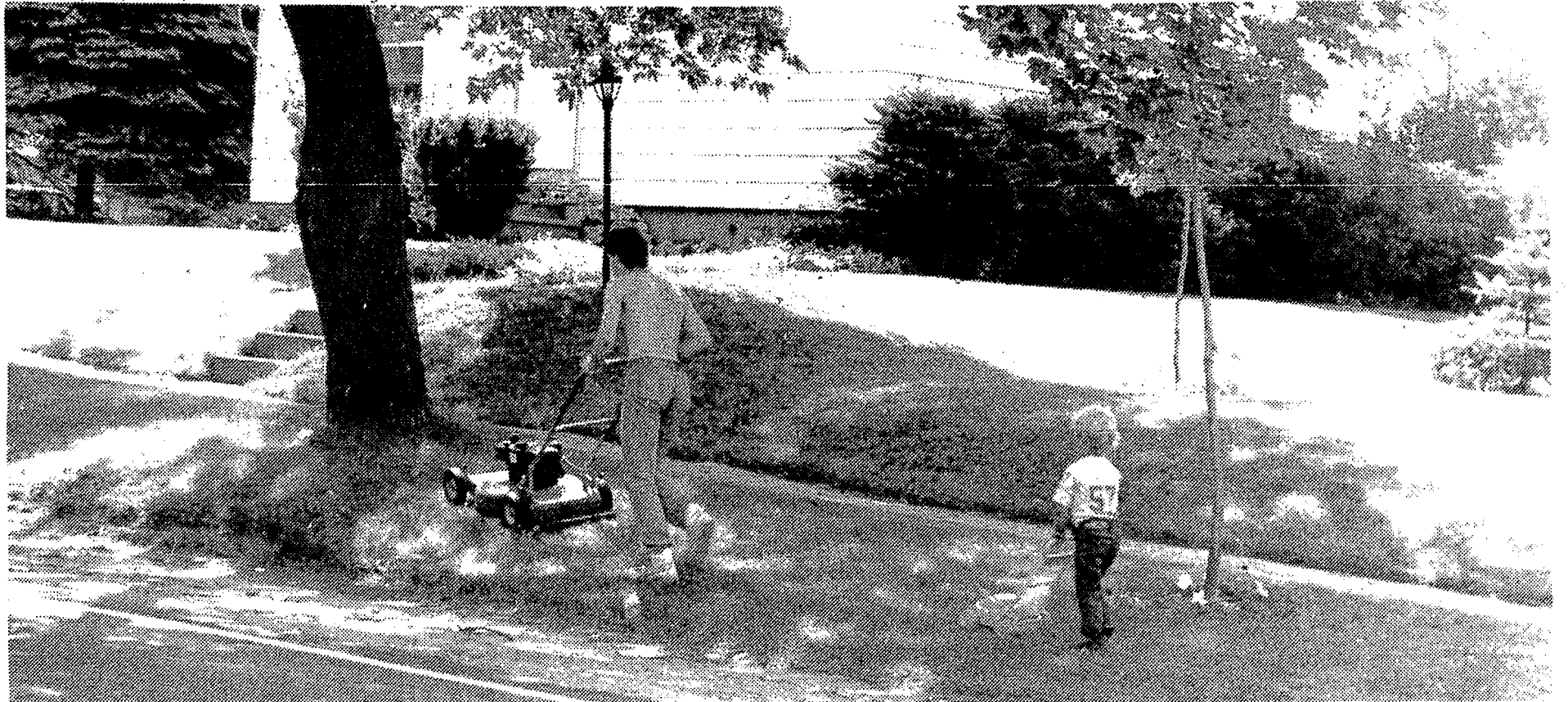
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rear as he and his neighbor, Eric McCarty, tackle lawn-mowing duty off Clarkston Road.

We can only presume that Eric shared his fee. [Photo by Carolyn Walker]

Council seeks ownership of Pinehurst Bridge

By Carolyn Walker

The years have passed and the Pinehurst bridge has become more rickety. The two sides have kept their distance.

Resident Bud Campbell says the 50-year-old bridge is unsafe and that the village is responsible for its repair because it lies within village limits.

Accident claims life

An auto accident June 18 claimed the life of Springfield Township resident Mabel Mae Lidstrom, 74.

According to reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Lidstrom was traveling on Dixie Highway when she struck the rear of a car waiting to make a left turn onto Davisburg Road.

The driver of the second car, Donald A. Filloon, 48, of Ortonville sustained minor injuries and was transported to his family doctor, according to traffic officer Mark Gallo.

The Clarkston Village Council contends the bridge is on private property over which they have no authority.

The council hopes to straddle the gap concerning its ownership once and for all.

At its June 11 meeting, the council unanimously approved seeking the advice of a title company to determine the bridge's true ownership.

Campbell has sought assistance in repairing the bridge from the council for at least 10 years, says President Carol Eberhardt.

"The first step has got to be to establish the ownership," she says. "(It) needs to be solved one way or another. We can't find any record of it being deeded over (to the village)."

The village, she says, cannot use public funds to repair private property.

"We just can't break the law," she says.

"We're...willing to help if we can. But we have to do what's legal."

According to Eberhardt, the bridge is the only access between Middle Lake Road and a small subdivision over the bridge, which is surrounded by private property. Another small road which adjoins the residents' property and Dixie Highway has been blocked by the residents for years.

If the bridge is updated using public funds in the future, the residents will have to allow the public to use it, Eberhardt says.

Seventy-six-year-old Campbell says he and his fellow residents have tended the bridge for 50 years and they're tired.

"We have taken care of it...all these years," he says. "We claim now we're getting too old to take care of it. I claim the village should take care of it... It's unsafe now."

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Public hearing planned in July

County road question splits neighborhood

By Carolyn Walker

To go county or not to go county, that is the question.

Several residents of the Merrie Oaks Subdivision, near Lake Oakland, want their roads paved and have petitioned Independence Township to convert Oak Grove Drive and Hillcrest Road to county roads for that purpose.

A seemingly equal number of residents want to keep the roads private and have the township pave them with funding provided by a special assessment.

The residents chose sides and bombarded the township board with questions on the subject at the June 18 meeting.

Board members declined any action pending further investigation and a public hearing scheduled for July 23, at the suggestion of Clerk Richard Holman. Holman described the converting of roads as a lengthy procedure.

In order to convert the roads, the township must first accept a petition from residents which represents 51 percent of the land owners and 51 percent of the land abutting the roads.

They must then proceed with agreements and

procedures mandated by the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners.

The road-paving issue was raised by resident Bruce McClellan, who presented the board with a petition requesting that the roads be turned over to the county.

As an alternative, under a 1972 act, the township could fund the paving of selected roads with a special assessment. The roads would keep their private status if paved in this fashion.

Carolyn Carson, Merrie Oaks Association president, presented the board with a petition of landholders who want the roads to remain private and be specially assessed. She also raised questions about the validity of McClellan's petition.

His petition, she said, did not contain the signatures of the American Legion owners. Based on that, she questioned whether or not his petition represented 51 percent of the road frontage. The legion abuts the easterly portion of Oak Grove Drive.

Howard Williams, of Edgewood Drive, who was opposed to the conversion, said the county would have to condemn access frontage along the roads.

Others in opposition said they fear the county will

make the roads thru-ways in the future and that they will lose the control they have as owners of private roads.

Trustee William Vandermark told the residents that remaining private was no guarantee against the possibility.

"Remaining private will not offer you any protection," he said.

The board voted unanimously to hold the public hearing in late July, to allow time to further investigate the options and determine the validity of McClellan's petition.

Supervisor Frank Ronk and Trustee Dale Stuart were absent.

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Standings

Independence Township Junior Baseball and Softball Standings as of June 23		Tupperware		0-2 <th colspan="2">Coach's Corner</th> <th colspan="2">1-1 <th colspan="2">SOFT-T-BALL</th> <th colspan="2">W-L </th></th>		Coach's Corner		1-1 <th colspan="2">SOFT-T-BALL</th> <th colspan="2">W-L </th>		SOFT-T-BALL		W-L	
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Clarkston Disposal	2-0	State Farm	0-2	0-2		John Young Electrical		0-2		Lakeview Market		1-1	
Mike Wells	2-0	Pine Knob Music Theater	0-2	0-2		Pauley's		0-2		Super Flossies		1-1	
Cannon Fire	1-1	Harrison Hoe Escavating	0-2	MIDGET NATIONAL		W-L		W-L		Koop's Kispasal		0-2	
Drayton Motors	1-1			Cracker Barrel		2-0		1-1					
Moore's Disposal	1-1	WIDGET AMERICAN	W-L	Pittman Poured Cement		1-1		1-1		MINI-MISS		W-L	
Bunker Hill Kennel	1-1	Country Cords	2-0	Key's Tax Service		1-1		1-1		Town Cafe and La Piazza		2-0	
Jacobs Insurance	1-1	Fleet Ambulance	2-0	Oak Management		1-1		1-1		Clarkston Women's Club		2-0	
All-stars	1-1	Rich Food Plan	1-1	Herk's Auto		1-1		1-1		Scotties		0-1	
Cotter's Corners	0-2	F.J. Lamb	1-1	P.T. Standard		0-2		0-2		Pontiac Overhead		0-1	
Rumph Chiropractic	0-2	Integrated Resources	0-2	WIDGET NATIONAL		W-L		W-L		Metro Club Spirit		0-2	
PEE WEE	W-L	Clarkston Disposal	0-2	Clarkston Credit Union		2-0		2-0		MIGHTY-MISS		W-L	
Systematic Heating	2-0	City Glass of Pontiac	1-1	City Glass of Pontiac		1-1		1-1		Coach's Corner		2-0	
Martin's Country Store	2-0	Weiss-Haven	1-1	Mario's		1-1		1-1		Met Club Angels		1-0	
Herk's Auto	2-0	Mr. Reich	1-1	Mr. Reich		1-1		1-1		J.D. Williams		1-0	
Oak Management	2-0	Clarkston Medics	0-2	Clarkston Medics		0-2		0-2		Joycraft		1-1	
Life Savers	2-0	MIDGET AMERICAN	W-L	Consortium		2-0		1-0		Max Broock		1-1	
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Sports

Amateur swings at recognition

By Dan Vandenhemel

Dee Klockow was trying to do more than break par at the United States Golf Association Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.

The 42-year-old Amy Drive, Independence Township, resident qualified for the tournament for the second straight year. But she says this year's trip to Flanders Valley Golf Course in New Jersey wasn't so much to win but to help establish women's golf.

The average age of the women in the event was close to 27 years old, with the majority of entrants still in college.

"The pub links are a major stepping stone for the pros."

"I'm not going there with winning in mind," Klockow said. "I'm going to help promote women's golf. We're trying to get a mid-amateur and that would be for women 26 to 49."

Her contention is that the men have college, mid and senior tours and the women only have the college event.

There are a lot of older women who like competitive golf but can't compete with the college players, Klockow said.

This was Klockow's worst showing at the championship with a 36-hole total of 188. The way the pub-links tournament works is after 36 holes, the top 32 qualifiers reach the match play round.

"I've never made the match play in the three years I've made it this far," she said. "I was putting horribly. I had 42 putts the first day and not much

better the second day. I even four-putted a couple of holes and that was a basic problem."

Klockow is solid 14-handicapper and was one of eight people from Michigan to qualify for the national championship. She was the only non-collegiate player of the group.

She took two weeks off from her business, Dee's Walls and All, to get ready for the tournament. Practicing three or four times a week doesn't compare to

the preparation the college players go through.

"Some of them bring their coach and they're hitting two-, three-, five-hundred golf balls a day. The pub links are a major stepping stone for the pros," Klockow said.

"I'm just going to support the U.S.G.A. and college golf."

Klockow said anyone interested in women's golf and the U.S.G.A. can call her at 625-3626.



This sweet swing helped Dee Klockow advance to the Women's Amateur Public Links Cham-

pionship in New Jersey. This was the second straight year Klockow made the finals.

New appointee

Donna Marshall has been named to fill the vacancy on the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Weber Road resident is taking the place of Gary Dovre, who resigned at the May 13 meeting. Dovre was the board chairman and that position is being fill by existing member Bob Clark.

Marshall's appointment brings the board back up to its normal six-member size.

Township Supervisor Collin Walls said Dovre resigned because he felt he didn't have enough time to do a proper job. Dovre, an attorney with Booth, Patterson, Lee, Karlstrom and Steckling, is the attorney for Springfield Township.

Tourney time

Tennis players can get into the swing of summer with the 24th annual Oakland County Open Tennis Championships.

Deer Lake Racquet Club is the location for the tournament on July 10-14. The action is open to boys and girls as well as adults.

Entry deadline is July 5 and the fee is \$20 per event.

Junior events are sanctioned by the U.S.T.A and players must show proof of membership. Their events are boys and girls' singles and doubles in age divisions of 10-and-under, 12, 14, 16 and 18.

The adult divisions are men and women singles in open, Class B, 35-and-over and novice. Men and women doubles are in open and Class B only.

For more information, call 625-8686.

Claims All-Sports trophy

Wolves rule GOAL sports

If it seemed like Clarkston High School athletic teams were winning more often than not this past school year, it's because they were.

The school won the All-Sports Trophy from the Greater Oakland Activities League.

The winner is determined by how each team places in the five-team league in each sport. Five points go to the first-place team and on down to one for last place.

Of the 14 sports, the Wolves finished in first five

times and second six times. GOAL champions were girls' track, boys' tennis, baseball, volleyball and boys' golf. Finishing second were boys' track, boys' basketball, girls' tennis, football, girls' basketball and girls' cross county.

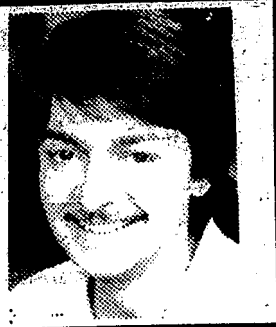
"We ran away with it," said athletic director Paul Tungate. "Kettering was a distant second. This is the first time in at least 10 years we've won it."

The permanent trophy will be added to the high school's trophy case.

Up My Alley

I surrender

Dan Vandenhemel



I broke down.

Surrendered.

Gave in.

Joined the crowd.

Whatever you call it, I recently became a conformist. I purchased and am wearing a pair of, gasp, Velcro tennis shoes.

I swore I'd never buy anything with that now universal product.

But alas, the possibility of not having a pair of shoes for racquetball was a frightening one. This was about three months ago and I thought only a few people would see the shoes on my feet.

That was the rationale I used in buying the shoes. Only recently have I had to wear those evil things in public.

Will people think I can't tie my shoes?

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Obviously not because on a photo assignment I had a couple of weeks ago, the majority of the elementary school pupils had on Velcro shoes.

Since I had been anti-Velcro for so long, I had a tendency to notice how a person's shoe was held on his or her feet.

People may not wonder if I can tie my shoes, though I rarely do, but I'm wondering about the little tykes.

In a school play with about 20 first-graders on the stage, about 10 of them had on Velcro

shoes.

I remember when . . . (I never thought I'd be old enough to say that) . . . I was starting in school and one of the first things we were taught was to tie our shoes. Granted that was all of 18 years ago.

Can you just imagine the scene of a kindergarten class learning how to Velcro their shoes on?

That familiar sound would be echoing off

the walls and driving the teachers batty.

As soon as Velcro hit the market, mothers of America and the world rejoiced. Never again would they have to stoop over a zillion times a day to tie junior's shoes.

It may seem hypocritical to be writing this while owning, let alone wearing, a pair of the dreaded Velcro shoes. I don't care.

I may have bought them; I still don't like them.

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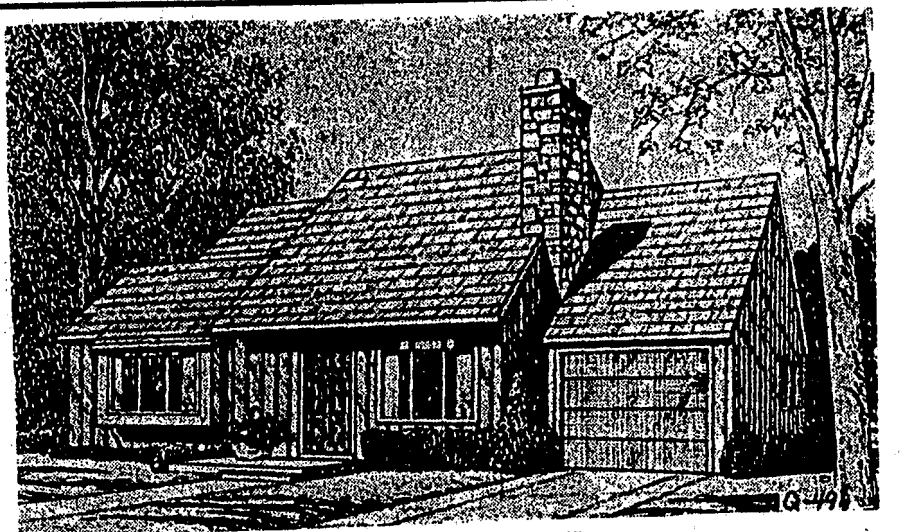
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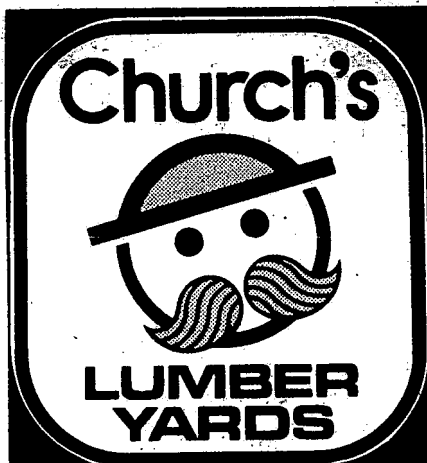
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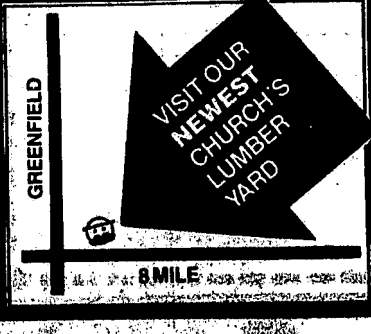
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Minister greets dawn as maintenance man

The Rev. James Finn moonlights to keep his church debt-free



The other side of the Rev. James Finn life revolves around a broom and dustpan at McDonald's. Finn is working on the

restaurant's maintenance crew part time to help his Independence Township church become established.

By Dan Vandenhemel

It takes just a few minutes for James Finn to change clothes and change careers.

By morning, Finn is a maintenance crew worker at McDonald's.

By afternoon, he is the Rev. James Finn of Good Shepard Assembly of God.

Finn dons work overalls with the McDonald insignia, hangs a suit on the hook of his car and by 4:30 in the morning is at work at the McDonald's on Dixie Highway near M-15.

The 30-hour-a-week job is helping him and the church become established.

"The church doesn't have any debts right now and with me working on the outside, they don't have to pay me much, just some benefits," the 30-year-old said.

Finn had wanted to be a senior pastor for sometime and accepted this position with the chance to grow with the church.

Additions to the church on Sashabaw Road, between Waldon and Maybee, are in the planning stages.

"We'd really like to add on, on a debt-free basis," he said. "That's why working at McDonald's is helping so much."

Mopping, sweeping and polishing at the fast-food restaurant has had its light-hearted moments since Finn began there two months ago.

"Everyone knows that I'm a pastor," Finn said of his fellow workers at McDonald's. "Whenever I get on my knees to do something, people always ask me to pray for them, too. Another thing is I've never heard anyone swear. Maybe it's because I'm a pastor or maybe it's just McDonald's policy."

If something church-related is scheduled during weekday evenings, Finn comes from McDonald's looking for rest at the church.

"We have a church softball team and they play on Monday and practice on Thursday," Finn said. "Sometimes I come back here and sack out on one of the pews."

Finn, his wife Nancy and three children are staying with his parents in Southfield. On the weekends, they stay with her parents in Rochester.

"Rochester is closer for us and if I need a shower after working at McDonald's, sometimes you can get pretty grimy. I can just go there," Finn said.

While helping keep the church budget low, Finn said, they'll be able to grow and attract more people.

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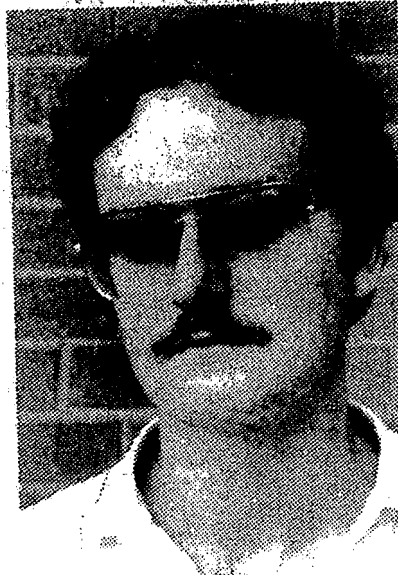
"I think the relatives of Berri in Dearborn should be held hostage until they release our people."

Barbara Holling
Accountant
Ortonville



"I have all the reasons everyone else has. I don't think it's right for those people living in America to back their own country in a situation like this."

Betty Wright
Housewife
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Independence Township



"I agree with what Paul Harvey said earlier this week. With all the high-tech we have, it's too bad there isn't a gas that will put people instantly asleep."

Ed Ball
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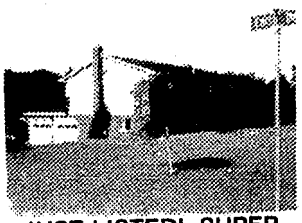
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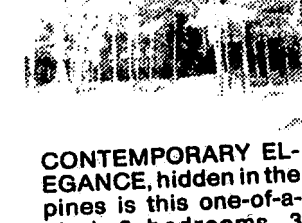
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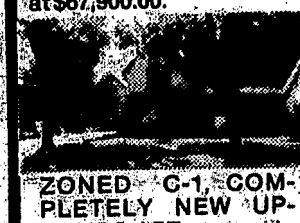
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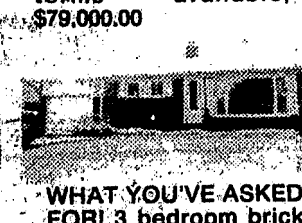
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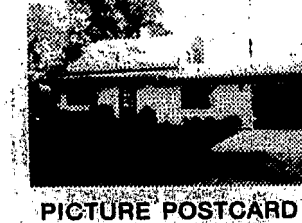
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Fire call

Monday, June 17

4:55pm—Personal injury accident on Dixie Highway at Pine Ridge; four persons treated; one transported to hospital by Fleet Ambulance; Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) at scene.
6:59pm—Personal injury accident reported in front of cinema; no injuries; debris washed off roadway; OCSD at scene.

Tuesday, June 18

10:50am—Firefighter assisted citizen on M-15.
12:25pm—Burning complaint at Gulick Road address; checked and advised responsible party of burning ordinance which requires a permit to burn.
2:13pm—Firefighter assisted citizen on M-15.

Wednesday, June 19

11:56am—Wires reported down on Waldon Road; they were phone wires; moved from fence; OCSD at scene.
2:12pm—Child at Hillcrest address had leg caught in toy; extricated leg from toy; no injury.
6:46pm—Smoke investigation requested at Tiohero address; found shorted toaster; fire was out.

Thursday, June 20

10:30am—Person treated in fire station for head injury from fall; advised to observe and seek further medical attention.
3:39pm—Personal injury accident on M-15 north of Rattalee Lake Road; three treated for injuries; Fleet transported them to Pontiac General Hospital.

Friday, June 21

12:13pm—Personal injury accident at Sashabaw and Clinton roads; three persons treated; Fleet transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJM); OCSD at scene.
12:15pm—Person treated for medical emergency at Fawn Valley address; Fleet transported to SJMH.
6:55pm—Motorcycle accident in field off Ascension; one person treated; refused further treatment and transport to hospital; Fleet and OCSD at scene.
11:41pm—Medical emergency at Waldon Road residence; one person treated; Fleet transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Saturday, June 22

6:04am—Person treated for seizures at Howe's Lanes; refused further treatment and transport to hospital; advised to seek further medical treatment; Fleet at scene.
7:59pm—Personal injury accident on Sashabaw Road south of Stickney Road; minor injuries; both persons refused treatment; they were advised to seek medical treatment; OCSD at scene.
9:27pm—Personal injury accident on Dixie Highway south of Ottawa Park Cemetery; pedestrian hit by car; treated; transported by Fleet to SJMH; OCSD at scene.
11:15pm—Personal injury accident off Clintonville Road; one person treated for head cut; Fleet transported to Troy Beaumont.
11:16pm—Fire in woods on Pine Knob Road; authorized burn had flared up; bulldozer called in to clear area.

Sunday, June 23

2:59pm—Medical emergency at Independence Oaks County Park beach; one person treated; CPR in progress upon arrival; Fleet transported to SJMH; Oakland County Security and Marine Division at scene.
4:18pm—Personal injury accident reported on Sashabaw Road; no injuries; assisted with traffic; OCSD at scene.
9:22pm—Personal injury accident on Sashabaw Road

north of Sally; one child treated; Fleet transported to hospital; OCSD at scene.
9:24pm—Shed fire reported on Oakvista; small fire out upon arrival; firework had landed on shed roof.

The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 713 calls to date.

Chore assistance

Help with certain indoor and outdoor chores is available for persons age 60 and over through the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA).

There is no charge for the services, funded through Title III-B of the Older Americans' Act, but donations are requested.

The list includes heavy-house cleaning, washing windows and floors, limited indoor painting, outdoor work (snow shoveling, lawn mowing and cleaning gutters), and minor home repairs (installation of weather stripping, caulking windows, and replacing fuses, light bulbs, electrical plugs, door locks, window latches and faucet washers).

For more information, Independence Township residents should call Packy Eckola at 693-2066 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Springfield Township residents should call Pauline Beckley at 634-7571 between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

OLSHA, a Community Action Agency, has served the low income, handicapped and elderly in Oakland and Livingston counties since 1965.

The agency's senior citizens' department oversees 38 senior centers which provide a broad range of services to persons 60 years and older and their spouses.

Fireworks caution

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•Ignite fireworks outdoors and away from buildings and combustible materials;

•And don't attempt to alter or to use fireworks in a manner not attended.

Independence Township firefighters answered one call this week suspected to be related to the use of fireworks.

On June 23, an old wooden storage shed at an Oakvista address caught fire after what is believed to be fireworks landed on its roof, said firefighter Gordon Mason.

The fire was doused with a bucket of water before firefighters arrived, Mason said.

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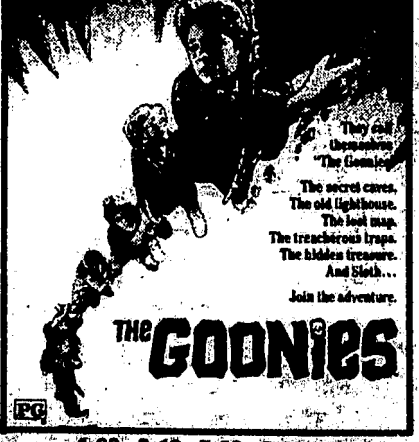
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Sheriff's log

Tuesday, June 18, vandals threw a rock through the window of a residence on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Wednesday, June 19, vandals poked holes in the insulation of a residence on Farley, Springfield Township.

Thursday, June 20, thieves stole an electrical welding kit from a residence on Reese Road, Independence Township.

Thursday, thieves stole money from the Secretary of State's office, 7150 Dixie, Independence Township.

Thursday, thieves stole fishing equipment from a residence on Princess Lane, Independence Township.

Thursday, thieves stole a gas grill from a residence on Timber Ridge, Independence Township.

Thursday, vandals damaged a mailbox on Davisburg Road, Springfield Township.

Saturday, June 22, thieves stole a boat and trailer from a residence on Rattek, Independence Township.

Saturday, vandals threw a bottle through a car window on Pelton Road, Independence Township.

Saturday, thieves stole coins from a machine at the Roy Brothers Standard Station, 6480 Sashabaw, Independence Township.

Saturday, vandals threw rocks through the windows of a car parked on Rockcroft, Independence Township.

Sunday, June 23, thieves stole gas from the Clark Gas Station, 4951 Sashabaw Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, thieves stole personal papers from a residence on Balmoral, Independence Township.

Sunday, vandals damaged a mailbox on Clarkston Road, Independence Township.

Sunday, thieves stole golfing items and golf carts from the Pine Knob Pro Shop, 5580 Waldon, Independence Township.

Sunday, thieves stole a stereo, video arcade and alcohol from a residence on Oakhill, Independence Township.

Sunday, vandals damaged a mailbox on Waterford Road, Independence Township.

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Claire Needham (left) laughs with Bible school member Jenna Walker.



Outdoor sing-alongs are part of the St. Daniel's vacation Bible school experience. The fourth annual week-long session served 3- to 8-year-olds.

Discount tickets

Discounted SEMTA bus tickets at \$1 per person for the Detroit Freedom Festival fireworks display are available at Independence Township Hall for residents of the township.

The tickets are good for transportation to and from the festival.

Buses will leave the Pontiac Transportation Center on Wide Track Drive in Pontiac at 8 p.m.

In the event of rain, the fireworks will be displayed July 2.

Tickets may be purchased at the treasurer's office.

Camp for teens

The basics of camping, canoeing and survival make up a mini-course at Independence Oaks County Park for 13- to 16-year-olds.

The "Adventure Skills" session is planned July 8, 9, 10 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$55 a person.

Activities include an all-day ropes course, a three-hour canoeing experience, a campfire meal, compass instruction and hiking.

All participants must provide a medical release signed by a parent or guardian.

The activities begin at the park's nature center. Independence Oaks is located 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

For further information, call 625-6473.

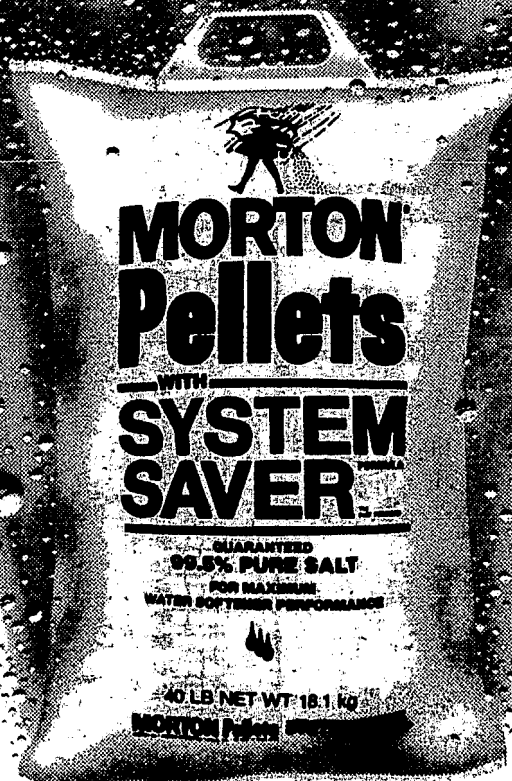
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Nature center unveiled at Oaks

By Dan Vandenhemel

The veil came off the nature center at Independence Oaks County Park this week. Construction on the 18 month project began in December 1983, and it's now open to the public.

The official dedication ceremony was June 26. This is the newest addition to the 1,034 acre park located on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

The total cost of the nature center was almost \$520,000. A Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant of \$200,000 and \$260,000 put the 4 000-square-foot building up. Another \$60,000 took care of the exhibits.

The center will serve as a focal point for programs by the park naturalist. There is a children's discovery area with miniaturized exhibits to encourage imagination.

Many of the displays have working pieces. Quizzes, microscopes, preserved trees and mounted animals fill the three main areas: wetlands, woods and wild fields.

The building is set back, away from the flow of traffic, to take advantage of the natural setting, says park naturalist Kathleen Dougherty.

"We visited other nature centers in the area to come up with the ideas for the exhibits," Dougherty said. "We looked at what they had and went with what we wanted."

"We wanted a natural effect in here. We've got a viewing area of the bird feeders and a viewing scope to get close-ups of birds and animals."



The Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park is tucked back in the 1,034 acres at the Sashabaw Road Park, away from the rest of the

park traffic. A foot bridge over a gully gives visitors a scenic view of the building.



Ken Haug of Design Craftsmen puts the final touches on the display cabinets for the In-

dependence Oaks County Park Nature Center that opened this week.

"We wanted a natural effect in here"

—Kathleen Dougherty
Park Naturalist



Park naturalist Lynn Conofer puts a stuffed woodpecker in its place.



The first week in Clarkston for the Rev. Doug Trebilcock was filled with moving and unpack-

ing. He and his family moved to Clarkston after 10 years in St. Clair.

Pastor alights in Clarkston

By Dan Vandenhemel

The Rev. Doug Trebilcock isn't as used to moving as other Methodist ministers and his first week in Clarkston was a hectic one.

Trebilcock is the new senior pastor at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. He spent the 10 previous years at a church in St. Clair.

"Ten years is a long stay at one church, the average is about five or six years," Trebilcock said. "We knew (moving) would happen sooner or later."

Before working in St. Clair, the Trebilcocks lived in Rochester and Bloomfield. Trebilcock grew up in Ishpeming, near the Lake Superior shoreline. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1965 and from the Garrett Seminary on the campus of Northwestern University in 1969.

"Once you become a minister, you have to jump around quite a bit," he said.

Trebilcock, his wife Kay and sons Mike and Brian are busy moving into Clarkston and getting to know some of the people.

"We're adjusting well so far," Trebilcock said. "The number-one thing on our minds is to unpack and get settled in. It's a little tougher for the boys because school's out."

"It's almost like a homecoming because we were in Rochester and Bloomfield. Clarkston's a small town, but still is located close to many things."

The congregation of his new church is about twice that of the one in St. Clair.

"I'm going to have to get used to the term senior pastor," Trebilcock said. "In St. Clair, I was THE pastor. Here, we've got a large staff."

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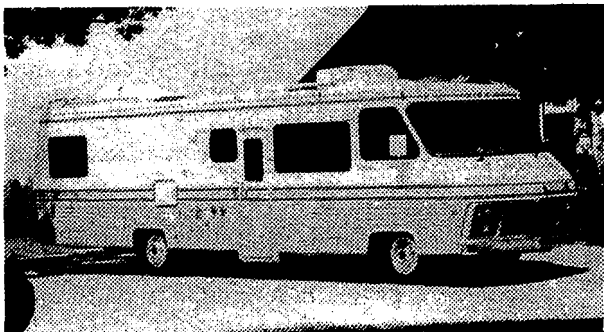
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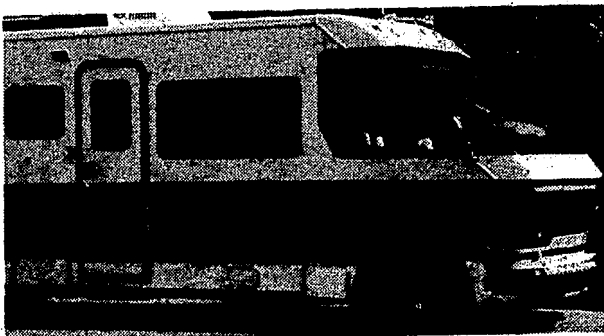
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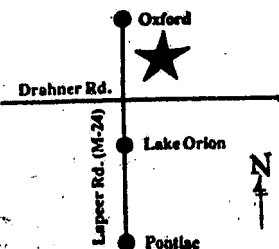
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Thomas Gray has entered the United States Air Force's delayed enlistment program.

A 1985 Clarkston High School graduate, he is to enter the regular air force Sept. 24.

Following graduation from the six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he is to receive technical training as a security specialist and be assigned to an air force duty station.

New arrivals

James and Mary Dennis welcomed their second child into the world June 12.

Lydia Noelle weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces.

She was greeted at home in Picayune, Mass., by her sister, **Samantha**, 4.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Dennis of Independence Township and Mr. and Mrs. Robert LaValley of Detroit.

Great-grandparents are Gerald Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas, Mary Jewitt of Florida and Margaret Dennis of Grand Blanc.

Diane and Thomas Rogers of Union Lake became parents June 21.

Jennifer Grace weighed 6 pounds 12½ ounces at birth and measured 20 inches long.

Jennifer is the first granddaughter of Norman and Evline Rogers of Drayton Plains and the first grandchild of Edwin and Leora Bey of Independence Township.

Great-grandmothers are Clara Cunningham of Pontiac and L. Marvel Lake of Rochester.

Sheldon, Spevock married in Texas

Teri Lyn Sheldon and **Michael Allen Spevock** exchanged marriage vows June 22 in Arlington, Texas. The Rev. Ken Kilinski performed the 11:30 a.m. ceremony in the Pantego Bible Church.

The bride wore a formal white gown of satin and classic Alencon lace embellished with pearls and crystal beading. Her lace veil was attached to a band of pearls and white silk flowers.

She carried a Juliet bridal bouquet of white roses over the prayer book her mother carried in her own wedding.

Matron of honor was **Debbie Myers**, the bride's sister, of Texas.

Bridesmaids were **Carol Van Hooser** of Clarkston, **Lisa Ladd** of Boston, Mass., and **Teri Harrison** of San Antonio, Texas. Junior bridesmaid was the bride's cousin, **Rebecca Thompson** of Dallas.

Flower girl was **Kelly Harper** of Morgantown, W.Va.

Best man was **Don Downs** of West Virginia. Groomsmen were **Ed Harper** of West Virginia, **William Poe** of Washington, D.C., and **Greg Frye** of Georgia. Ushers were the bride's brother, **Bradley Sheldon** of Arlington, Texas, and **Chuck Berggraf** of West Virginia.

The wedding reception was held in the Music Room of the Arlington Community Center, VanderGriff Park, Arlington, Texas.

The bride's parents are **John and Billie Sheldon** of Arlington, Texas. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1978 and from West Virginia University in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

The bridegroom's parents are **Michael and Helen**

Missing Madrigal Singers

The Clarkston High School Madrigal Singers are in committee preparing for the 15th year reunion scheduled May 30, 1986.

As of this date, several singers are "lost," according to their records.

If any singer has not been contacted yet, or if you know the whereabouts of the following people, please contact CHS music department director **Grayce Warren** or **Bill Innis** (625-3428).

Lorrie Rice	Vickie Quartermoues Wesley
Cheryl Mumbower	Chris Garland
Doug Dennis	Debbie Merkel
Joe O'Brien	Paul Jacks
Mike Jacks	Chris Jacks
Doug Stevens	Vicki Waltz

6 practice politics

Six Clarkston High School students are getting first-hand experience at government workings.

Derek Brown, **Fred Fuller** and **Mike Walters** attended the annual Boys' State program at Michigan State University.

Kristen Wagner, **Patti Haddad** and **Alysa Gettig** were at Central Michigan University for the Girls' State program.

The Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post 63 sponsored the students as they went to classes and meetings to learn how the government works.

Each person participates in a two-stage process that begins with running for a particular office and then being elected and running a city.

Clarkston High School Principal **Dom Mauti** said about 1,000 boys from around the state took part in the program and about 500 girls participated.

"In the seven days they are there, they're on the go from seven in the morning," Mauti said. "They get to learn quite a bit about politics on the city, county and state level."

Honors

Marcia Veltre is on the dean's list for the 1984-85 second semester at Adrian College, Adrian.

A junior elementary education major, she resides on Allen Road in Independence Township.

Judie Minjoe made the dean's list for the winter quarter at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Pa.

A Peach Drive, Independence Township, resident, she is majoring in visual communications at the two-year commercial design school.

Regina Green was awarded a music scholarship for summer study at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp from the Marshall Music Co. of Lansing.

A Sashabaw Junior High School student, she is the daughter of **Delbert and Brenda Green**.



Mrs. Michael Allen Spevock

Spevock of Fairmont, W.Va. He graduated from Fairmont State College in 1971 and from West Virginia University in 1982 with a master's degree in business administration.

The couple took their honeymoon trip to Bermuda. They will reside in Morgantown, W.Va.

Grads

Even area residents were among the May graduates from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Susan Balkie-Moody of Crosby Lake Road received a master's degree.

Todd Birkle of Waterford Hill received a bachelor's degree in economics.

Alexandra Campe of South Eston Road received a bachelor's degree in interpersonal and public communication.

Kurt Esselink, who has a Clarkston post office box number, received a bachelor's degree in hospitality services administration.

William Innis of Waldon Road received a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Donald Mack of Plum Street received a bachelor's degree in hospitality services administration.

Jon Muscat of Robertson Court received a bachelor's degree in hospitality services administration.

Leslie Raguso of Boyne Highland Trail received a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Dorothy Rivers of Tindall Road received a bachelor's degree in home economics: child development.

Donald Rush of Clarkston Road received a bachelor's degree in journalism.

Dennis Torpey of Rattalee Lake Road received a bachelor's degree in hospitality services administration and personnel management.

Clarkston area resident **Lisa Henderson Ilg** graduated from Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, with a degree in marketing.

Nicholas Lekas has graduated from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, with a bachelor's degree in business management.

A 1980 Clarkston High School graduate, he now resides in Waterford Township.

Among the 121 graduates of Cranbrook School on June 7 was **Curt Catallo** of Clarkston.

Cranbrook is an independent day and boarding school for boys in grades six through 12 located in Bloomfield Hills.

Catallo was also among 56 juniors and seniors who received honors.

He won a Strickland Award for writing and a George C. Booth Citation, an award given to seniors for making personal contributions to school life.

Lynn Sommers Grams graduated from Oakland University, Rochester, on June 2.

She received a bachelor's degree in German and liberal arts and is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Family and friends congratulated her at an open house given by her parents, **Glenn and Zona Sommers** of Clark Road, Springfield Township.

James Nelson is among recent graduates of Spring Arbor College, a private four-year college located near Jackson.

The **Maybee Road**, Independence Township, resident received a bachelor's degree in management of human resources.

Patrick Turner graduated June 3 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Turner received a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He resides on **Wertz Road**, Springfield Township.

Around town

As a community service local events open to the public are printed in Around Town. Two weeks in advance call 625-3370 or write to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 28, 29 and 30—Third annual Summerfest at St. Daniel's Catholic Church; musical entertainment, food and beverage concessions, "Grandma's Attic" sale, casino games, bingo and a carnival; 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, 1-10 p.m. Sunday; roast beef dinner Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. until 500 tickets are sold—\$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under; at the intersection of Miller and Holcomb roads, Clarkston. (625-4580)

Saturday, June 29—Mini-zoo at Independence Oaks County Park; 1-2:30 p.m.; small cages will be built from odds and ends and participants will learn about creatures that can live in the cages; \$1-per-person charge, plus park entry fee of \$2.50 for Oakland County residents, \$4 for non-residents; advance registration required. (625-6473)

Saturday, June 29—"Morning Bike Tour," a recreational activity and search for wildlife at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 8 a.m.; bring your own bike and a canteen of water; free with park-vehicle entry fee; advance registration required. (1-800-552-6772)

Sunday, June 30—"Backpacking for Beginners," a one-hour indoor program at Indian Springs Metropark in Springfield Township; 2 p.m.; free with

park-vehicle entry fee; advance registration required. (1-800-552-6772)

Wednesday, July 3—Preschool Story Times at the Independence Township Library; 10 and 11 a.m.; each child is invited to bring his or her favorite stuffed toy and tell others about it; the story to be read is about Corduroy, the famous stuffed bear; a Paddington Bear film will be shown; free; for 3- to 5-year-olds; registration not required; 6495 Clarkston Rd., Independence Township. (625-2212)

Saturday, July 6—"Timber Crafts," a nature program for all ages that describes the process of how trees are transformed into paper and includes the craft project of making stationery; 1-2:30 p.m.; Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, Independence Township; \$1 per person plus park entry fee of \$2.50 a vehicle; advance registration required. (625-6473)

Monday through Friday, July 8-12—Vacation Church School at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church; 9-11:30 a.m.; for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade; have fun, sing songs, learn about Jesus and make crafts; located at Sashabaw and Seymour Lake roads, Brandon Township; register by calling the church office. (628-4763)

Mondays, July 10, 17 and 24—"Nature's Part in Art," artistic activities for children ages 9-12 at Independence Oaks County Park in Independence Township; 1-3 p.m. all dates; watercolors July 10, bird models July 17 and charcoal-drawings July 24; includes history, facts and fables of various natural art forms; \$4 for each session or \$10 for all three, plus park entry fee of \$2.50 a vehicle; advance registration required. (625-6473)

Tuesday, Aug. 13—Clarkston Area Chemical People meeting; 7:30 p.m.; Carriage House in the Independence Township Senior Citizen complex in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston Road, Independence Township. (625-9007)

Craft fest request

Applications from arts and crafts creators are now being taken for the 1985 Crafts and Cider Festival planned Sept. 20, 21 and 22 in Clarkston's Depot Park.

All items should be handmade by the exhibiting artist. To apply, artists should send slides of photographs representative of all their work to the Clarkston Community Historical Society, P.O. Box 261, Clarkston, MI 48016.

In addition, the historical society encourages participation by civic groups interested in selling a service such as food or entertainment. For ideas and more information, call Emily Hemendinger at 625-8784.

School reunions

Pontiac Central High School, Class of 1960: 25th reunion Saturday, July 6, at the Deer Lake Racquet Club in Independence Township. To make reservations or for more information, call Yolanda Guajardo Chapa at 673-3286 or Pat Brown Pawley at 698-1581.

Avondale High School, Class of 1965: Reunion planned Aug. 3 at the American Legion Hall in Auburn Hills. Call Marilyn Lane Lash at 394-0141 or Ginny Krupp Parton at 852-2609.

Pontiac Northern High School, Class of 1970: 15-year reunion planned Saturday, Aug. 17, at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. For tickets and information, call 363-1035 or 673-2264. Please respond before June 30 or we will have to cancel for lack of interest.

Detroit Cody High School, Class of 1964: A 21st birthday celebration is planned at the Novi Hilton on Oct. 12. Call 277-0570 for reservations.

AREA CHURCHES AND THEIR WORSHIP HOUR

<p>SASHABAW UNITED PRESBYTERIAN 5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston 9:30 Church School 11:00 Worship Co-pastors: Jenny H. & William C. Schram Phone 673-3101</p> <p>CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 6800 Waldon Road Doug Trebilcock, Pastor Worship & Church School 10 a.m.</p> <p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1950 Baldwin, Lake Orion, MI 48035 301-1170 Family Worship 9:30 Pastor James H. Van Dellen</p> <p>OLD FASHIONED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rev. Omer Brewer 5785 Clarkston Rd. Sunday School 10:30 Sunday Evening Service 7:00</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>LAKE LOUISE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE M-15 at W. Seymour Lake Rd., Ortonville 9:45 Sunday School 10:50 The Hour of Worship 8:15 p.m. Youth and Bible Study 7:00 Evening Service Wed. 7 p.m. Family Prayer & Bible Study</p> <p>MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH 6780 Flemings Lake Road (off Sashabaw) Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAVISBURG 12861 Andersonville Road, Davisburg Rev. Robert R. Hazen, Pastor Phone 634-8225 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>CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 4479 Dixie Hwy., Drayton Plains 9:45 Sunday School 11 Morning Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Prayer Worship</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>FIRST BAPTIST 5972 Paramus 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>DRAYTON HEIGHTS FREE METHODIST CHURCH Corner of Winnell and Maybee Rd. Rev. Clancy J. Thompson 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Hour - 8:00 Vespers Wednesday 7 p.m. Family Night</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 8 p.m. Wednesday, Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.</p> <p>PENTACOSTAL TABERNACLE 9890 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>OPEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting at the former Silver Lk. Elem. School 3200 Beacham, Pontiac Pastor Robert Lapine 332-5180 Services: 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Sunday 6 p.m. Evening Wed. 7 p.m.</p>	<p>GRACE CHAPEL 3041 Reeder Road off Clintonville Pontiac, MI Rev. Jim Maddox Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 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>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>CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH 6805 Bluegrass Drive Rev. Robert D. Walters, D. Min. 8 a.m. Spoken Communion 9:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday Nursery Available 9:30 a.m. Service</p> <p>CROSSROADS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH 4651 Clintonville Road (Clintonville Trailer Park) Independence Township, Michigan Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:00 p.m. Robert Edmonson, Pastor 673-0913</p> <p>MT. ZION TEMPLE 4451 Clintonville Rd. 673-2050 Prayer 10 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 Evening Service 6 p.m. Mid-Week Service 7:30 p.m. Pastor Loran Covarrubias 674-7415</p> <p>WATERFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH Airport Road at Olympic Parkway Minister of C.E. Russell G. Jeandell Minister of Youth, Dair Hilleman Sunday School 9:30 Morning Worship 10:45 Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 Rev. Philip Whisenhunt, Pastor</p>	<p>MT. BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rds. Pastor, David L. Davenport Church Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Mid-Week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Phone 793-2291</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 8:00 p.m. Mid-week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ed Ross</p> <p>ST. ANDREW EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5301 Hatchery Rd. Drayton Plains The Rev. William Evans Worship Services 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. The New Prayer Book</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>CLARKSTON GOOD SHEPHERD ASSEMBLY OF GOD 6651 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 673-6718</p> <p>EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION 6490 Clarkston Road Rev. Alexander Stewart Worship 9 a.m.; 10 a.m. Church & Nursery Using 1928 Prayer Book</p> <p>Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church Jossman & Bald Eagle Lk. Rd. Church School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Pastor David Davenport 1-793-2291</p>	<p>ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 7825 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>TEMPLE OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTER for Healing, Learning & Worship Pastor, Rev. John Wilson 9644 Susin Lane off Davisburg Road 625-4284 Sunday Service 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>TRINITY UNITED METHODIST 6440 Maceday Dr., Waterford Rev. T.K. Foo 623-6800 or 623-7064 Sunday School 9 a.m. - all ages Worship 10:30 a.m. Jr. Church & Nursery</p> <p>COMMUNITY (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Pastor Alfred H. Nead Sashabaw Rd. at Monroe St. (2 blocks north of Dixie Hwy.) Drayton Plains Phone 673-7805 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Babies thru Adults Worship 11 a.m. - Nursery provided</p> <p>SEYMOUR LAKE UNITED METHODIST Sashabaw at Seymour Lk. Rd. Rev. J. Douglas Patterson 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>SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, Clarkston 6401 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>MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 5681 Clintonville Rd. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Morning Worship 6:00 Sunday Evening Wed. 7:00 Prayer & Bible Study Rev. Ben Fulayter, Pastor</p> <p>ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 10350 Andersonville Rd. Davisburg, MI 48016 Phone 625-5831 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Service 8:00 p.m. AWANA Clubs 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nursery at all services</p>
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Musical hobby earns student a month-long trip to Europe

Kerns is one of 90 performers in the band

By Dan Vandenhemel

A six-year-old hobby has paid off for Ron Kerns. Kerns is one of 45 high school musicians in the United States going on a tour of Europe. The trip is through the Blue Water Fine Arts Camp near Muskegon.

Another 45 musicians from Europe make up the 90-member concert band touring East and West Germany, Denmark and Switzerland from July 17 through Aug. 11.

With no experience in European language or culture, the 17-year-old is looking at it as a learning experience.

"We get to stay with host families and that should be rather interesting," Kerns said. "Most everyone over there knows some English, so I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

Besides his baritone, gifts for the six host families will make the trip with Kerns.

Last summer when Kerns attended the camp in Muskegon, he applied and auditioned for the trip.

"They asked the counselor about us. They asked our instructors. They interviewed us before they made the decisions," Kerns said.

Three months later, after a family vacation to West Virginia, the senior at Clarkston High School found out he was selected. He said when they got home and started sorting through the stack of mail, as soon as he spotted the letter from the camp he knew he was going.

But playing the baritone and the piano is just something to do for Kerns.

After graduation from high school next June, he

plans to attend Northwood Institute in Midland to study advertising and marketing.

"Maybe I'll play up there," he said. "Playing is only a hobby, I guess."



Ron Kerns is headed for a musical tour of Europe with the Blue Water Fine Arts Camp concert band. He is one of 45 musicians from the United States going on the month-long trip.

Cougar comments

Getting around

Monica Miles



Now that the weather is nice, people are beginning to dig their bikes out of those dusty corners of garages and sheds.

Bike riding is an enjoyable pastime. People ride for different reasons.

Many people like to take long, scenic rides.

Others like to ride for the exercise.

Then there are those who just ride to get somewhere.

My brother and I ride into town on weekends. We like to do some shopping or get some lunch. Or just take a walk.

I like to buy little gifts for my mom or buy a cookie to feed to the pigeons.

The ride in is easy, but the ride home is mostly uphill.

There seem to be quite a few people who choose to ignore the words painted on the sidewalks in town: They read WALK BIKE.

If you plan to do a lot of riding this summer, you should know the bike safety rules and the rules set for bikers in the area you plan to ride in.

Be extra careful when crossing highways and intersections. There are a lot of careless drivers and careless bike riders.

Monica Miles just completed the ninth grade at Sashabaw Junior High School. She worked with The Clarkston News this school year through the SJHS Mentorship Program.

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Stonecutters restore markers and beautify Case Cemetery

By Kathy Greenfield

Anger creeps into Mark G. Brasch's voice as he recreates a scene he imagines: Groups of teenagers sneaking into a cemetery late at night. The resounding thud when gravestones are toppled. Laughter.

Those same teens would be livid if someone toppled the gravestones of their family members, he says, but they just aren't thinking straight.

While Brasch did not witness the desecration of Independence Township's Case Cemetery on Oakhill, he's an expert on the end result.

He and fellow stonecutters Arlen Youngblood and Anthony Kazakos of Inch Memorials of Pontiac were hired by the Clarkston Community Historical Society to restore the cemetery's gravestones.

The headstones date back to the 1700s, with the majority from 1800 to 1860. The two most recent stones are dated 1952 and 1954.

When Brasch first surveyed the cemetery before accepting the restoration job, he counted around 40 stones. Only three or four were standing and many were in six to eight pieces.

Now, the count is 95. The men have worked on 87 gravestones including the building of 78 cement foundations, piecing them together with special monument cement and setting them upright when possible.

Each stone is carefully placed in the vicinity of where it was found.

"We're making everything the way it should have been," says Brasch. "We're making some sense of what's here. There were no records for this cemetery, so we're arranging it."

The Inch Memorials crew is the only local group that works on cemetery restoration that he knows about, says Brasch.

"It's a nice change of pace from what we normally do and it's a satisfactory job," he says. "It really doesn't pay, so you have to enjoy what you're doing."

Their normal work involves the layout, drawing and designing of gravestones plus the actual stonecutting that goes into the finished product.

About once a year, they accept a cemetery restoration job. They have worked in the pre-Civil War section of Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester, on 168 stones in the Franklin Cemetery, and in the Lakeville Cemetery in Leonard, Pine Lake Cemetery and Old Commerce Cemetery.

Before they've completed their week of work at Case Cemetery, they will have gone through about 100 bags of cement.

The damage in the cemetery is so extensive, that it won't be perfect. But the gravestones will sit in

orderly rows and the information recorded on the gravestones will be saved.

"Our biggest dream is someday there will be an end to vandalism in cemeteries, because there's more history in every cemetery than was ever written," says Youngblood.

"I'm very disappointed in our educational system," Brasch adds. "I think every student should go through at least a three-hour class to show what a cemetery means to the community. We need to teach the younger children how to respect cemeteries."

Society, township push restoration

The restoration of Case Cemetery is a joint project between the Clarkston Community Historical Society and Independence Township.

It began several years ago when residents who lived near the historic site asked the society for help.

"They said kids were up there vandalizing the property and they were taking headstones and selling them to antique shops," said Marilyn Rosner, historical society vice president.

The society decided to try to save the cemetery and Rosner volunteered to lead the project.

She learned Case Cemetery was a once a private cemetery association but no longer had defined legal ownership.

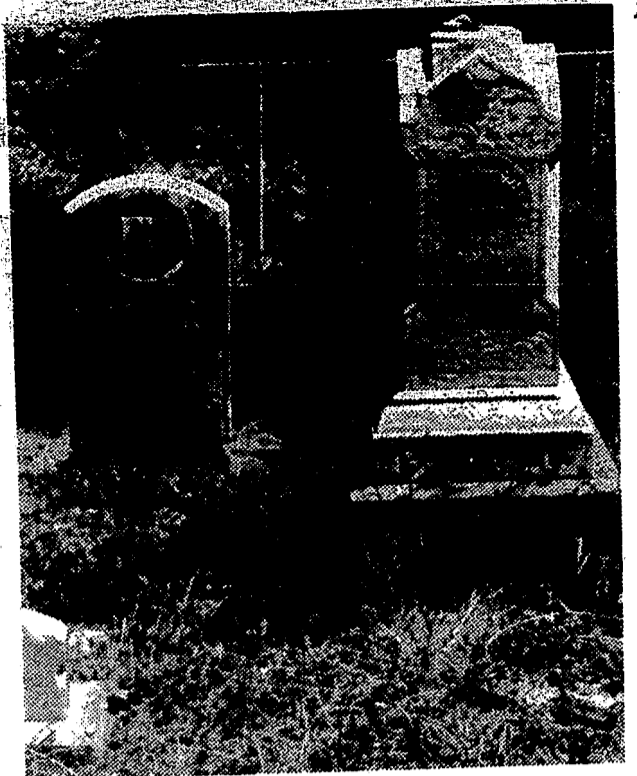
The society then sought assistance from the Independence Township Board. Following several months of legal proceedings, in March 1981 the township became the cemetery owner.

The township also granted \$5,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing funds to assist in restoration of the cemetery; and the historical society agreed to match that amount.

A survey of the cemetery came first. Then a six-foot cyclone fence was erected around the property.

Now, headstone restoration is underway. It should be completed this week.

"We're happy the cemetery is going to be saved," said Rosner. "We felt the early settlers of Independence Township were buried there and we shouldn't forget that. Their graves deserve some respect."



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Peer Connection contest winners announced

A heart-shaped logo and a slogan about love and understanding won Steve Kent first prize in a contest sponsored by the Clarkston Area Chemical People.

The challenge was to design a slogan and logo for the Peer Connection, a teen support group composed of kids who want to not use drugs and alcohol. Under the leadership of Pat Johns, they meet weekly at the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

Kent, a Clarkston High School senior, won a \$50 gift certificate from Coach's Corner and \$25 cash.

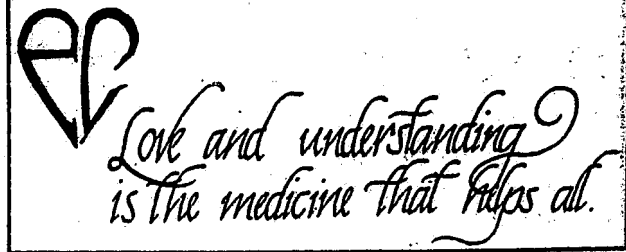
Second-place winner Jimmy Phipps, a ninth-grader at Sashabaw Junior High School, won a \$35 gift certificate from Coach's Corner and \$15 cash.

Heidi Schultz won third prize of a \$15 gift certificate from McDonald's and \$10 cash. She's an eighth-grader at SJHS.

The logo is to appear on notices about Peer Connection meetings, said Garry Pullins, social worker for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

There were eight entries in the contest, said Pullins, adding, "Steven Kent did a very good job."

The Clarkston Area Chemical People recently became a subcommittee of youth assistance. The chemical people work to prevent substance abuse. Youth assistance's goal is the prevention of juvenile delinquency.



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SJHS students win awards

By Carolyn Walker

Four outstanding ninth-graders at Sashabaw Junior High School were the recipients of school awards on June 11.

Two students, K.C. Baran and Jennifer Danielson, won the Principal's Award, given annually by Principal Gus Birtsas to one male and one female student he considers outstanding.

Birtsas says his selection process is "totally subjective...my judgment and my judgment alone. I use an overall picture of the kids."

Two students, Elise Eidam and Mike Barnes, received the Cougar Spirit Award, given by Assistant Principal David Reschke for outstanding school spirit and citizenship.

All of the students received their awards humbly shrugging their shoulders, declining comment on their achievements.

Other award winners at Sashabaw Junior High School are:

Presidential Academic Fitness Awards—Jeff Alkire, Christopher Bailey, Nancy Bailey, Kelly Ballard, K.C. Baran, Michael Barnes, Renda Beck, Rhonda Bowes, Jeffrey Brock, Katherine Carroll, Bret Cottick, Shannon Donkerbrook, Kristin Douglas, Elise Eidam, Terri Engel, Lynn Fincannon, Quinten Geyer, Christopher Grimshaw, Timothy Hale, Karan Heaton, Heather Luchenbach, Peggy McDaniel, Ken Mercier, Shelley Merwin, Sheri Michell, AnnMarie Mudge, Mike O'Connor, Kelly Parker, Jacqueline Patrick, Paul Raymer, Sherri Rico, Jeremy Roberts, Shelly Rood, Michelle Ross, Maria Rovere, Kelly Rudd, Arfitness Rutkoski, Wendy Scrobby, Aaron Sherrill, Timothy Snyder, Gretchen

Spiece, Pamela Squires, Caroline Stroud, Scott Veltigian, Patrick Williams.

Winners of academic awards are:

Science awards: Scott Veltigian, Patrick Williams, ninth grade; Kelly Avenall, Kristen Billig, Steve Doolittle, Rachel Gianakos, Marlo Heidisch, Aaron Kurilik, Desiree Linseman, Kristen Martin, Kelly Miller, Cary Newport, Kerri Ranta, Kelli Wiltfang, eighth grade; Terri Barnes, Alexis Chittick, Sue McKoin, Kristen Spock, Heather Morris, Julie White, Karen Worster, seventh grade.

Mathematics Awards: Sherri Rico, John Romzek, Arlene Rutkoski, ninth grade; Rachel Gianakos, Kerry Ranta, Paul Reading, eighth grade; Patricia Catalano, Shonn Colbrunn, Michele Covault, Tammy Miller, Keith Scholz, Mark Schons, Danny Tassen, seventh grade.

Social studies: K.C. Baran (special award best of class), Rhonda Bowes, Jenny Danielson, Amy Parks, ninth grade; Kelly Avenall, Chad Cramer, Gina Green, Stacy Grutza, Matt Pyenta, Paul Reading, all A's eighth grade; Debbie Bellows, Jenny Brown, Donna Cataldo, Michelle Covault, Tricia Kurkowski, Ingrid Larson, Susan McKoin, Leslie Mix, Susan Schmidt, Mark Schons, Jeff Snyder, Ron Williams, all A's seventh grade.

English: Rhonda Bowes, Elise Eidam, Shelley Purdy, ninth grade; Jennie Davis, Clare Frechette, Shellie Mead, Kelly Miller, Alicia Nyberg, eighth grade; Shonn Colbrunn, Sheila London, Susan McKoin, seventh grade.

French: Chris Bailey, Rhonda Bowes, Bret Cottick, Amy Laidler, Ken Mercier, AnnMarie Mudge, Mike O'Connor, Sheri Rico, Michelle Ross, Maria Rovere, Christ Schaller, Wendy Scrobby, Gretchen Spiece, Patrick Williams.

Music Department: Robin Meissner, Kelly Stickney Jennifer Danielson, most outstanding band students; Leslie Mix, Alicia Nyberg, Rhonda Bowes, Todd Clark, most outstanding chorus students; Elise Eidam, most outstanding musician.

Art I: Amy Parks, ninth grade; Patrick Eschker, Kim Morris, eighth grade; Shonn Colbrunn, seventh grade.

Physical Education: Zachary Brown, Tim Hale, ninth grade; Kelly Avenall, Steve Doolittle, Nicole Hocking, John Koslosky, Matt Pyenta, Mike Reich, eighth grade; Sheila London, Susan McKoin, Brad Warner, Daniel Williams, Ron Williams, seventh grade.

Outstanding Drama student: Jenny Danielson.
Industrial Arts: Gary Kortge, ninth grade, Mike Reich, eighth grade, Alexis Chittick, seventh grade.
Outstanding Home Economics: Lauri Dockter.



K.C. Baran



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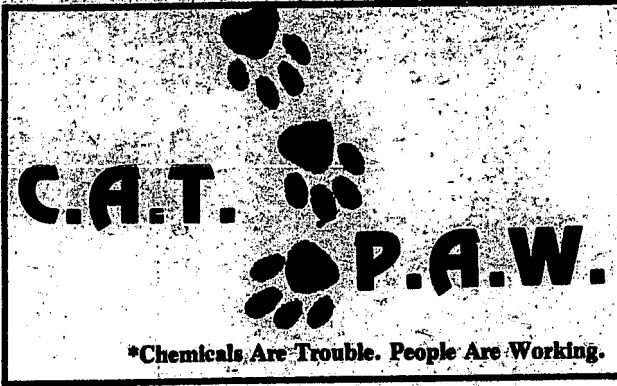
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Still at home

Ann Glenn



I was relieved to return home after a trip and still see pigeons at Rudy's.

The months of discussion and orders over the pigeons have been difficult for me and I have wrestled with how to be effective in thought and action.

The wrastlings have led to no action and nothing said, and I must break this silence.

I recall to memory cherished moments in St. James Park in London feeding the pigeons. A day of touring is not complete without sharing a moment with natives giving sustenance to other living creatures—pigeons.

In Madrid or Paris, one cannot perhaps share the same words, but the communication is there when two people of different worlds enjoy feeding the pigeons in the square and pass understanding glances and smiles.

The life of the birds brings together different worlds.

The pigeons in Heidelberg, Munich and Stuttgart make the language and the war barriers vanish as people worlds apart photograph and feed the pigeons side by side.

When we looked for a home in Michigan, Rudy's Market was a deciding factor in settling in Clarkston.

Rudy feeding the pigeons and the personal service of the market were indicative of community, of times past, of cohesiveness for the wandering family longing for roots.

A community where the pigeons are fed has gone beyond the pettiness humans sometimes cannot muddle through in life and sees all of life in its total perspective.

And Rudy who has given so much to his family, his store, this community—should he be deprived of this simple pleasure?

In this land of the free and home of the brave where we have had the privilege to live as we desire, become all that our potential allows, raise families, and think and express any thought, have we become spoiled because we have not been torn asunder by bombs?

Are we so gluttonous for power and things that

are that you're never free of the drug.

Dear Cat Paw:

When pressure builds up, what should you do to avoid starting to use them?

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Make a commitment to yourself to quit drugs forever. Learn to love yourself. Help others and you will feel better about yourself. Stick to your guns.

You must not hang around kids who use drugs and your friends must know it. You will find out what a terrific person you can be when there is nothing in your brain to fog it up.

Practice saying NO! Make friends with some straight kids. They will help you say NO.

Good luck. There are a lot of people who care and want to help you—let them.

Dear Cat Paw:

I am becoming an alcoholic and I don't know how to stop it! Have any suggestions?

Mary

Dear Mary:

Go to the next AA meeting in the area! Look in the phone book under AA. They will help you. Alcoholics are best able to help another alcoholic. It is hard work but you are worth the effort.

Dear Cat Paw:

Is marijuana addictive?

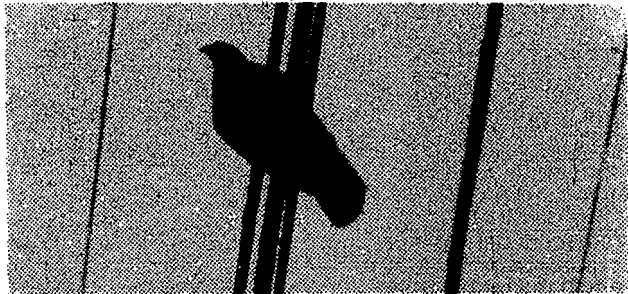
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Dear No Name:

YES!

Letters to C.A.T. P.A.W. need not be signed. Send them in care of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016.

C.A.T. P.A.W. author Jeanette Sanders, a Springfield Township resident, is a member of the Clarkston Area Chemical People, an organization devoted to the prevention of substance abuse among the community's young people.



A few of Rudy's pigeons remain in town.

we have to condemn pigeons?

If disease is the concern, people to people pose a far greater danger than anything man can acquire from an animal.

Do you know that chickens are raised thousands to a building and the stench of the area near the building can knock you over?

They never walk on ground or see sunlight; they become senile in their isolation and artificial food. Yet we eat them. Cattle wallow in filth in feed lots and we eat them.

These pigeons are purified by water, sun and wind. Disease? I doubt it.

Forty years since the destruction of World War II and in the midst of Cambodia, El Salvador, Afghanistan, the Middle East and the suffering in Africa, people of the world who have suffered most revere life and see joy in a man feeding pigeons.

I would hope we don't need this kind of tragic lesson to appreciate the simple, the beautiful, the living, the cycles of life.

If we cannot co-exist with pigeons, how in the world can we solve the human misunderstandings and problems of the world?

Do men sit in ivory towers and take action against animals because when it comes to human problems, like polluted water and PPB, they're impotent? If this is so, I am afraid.

Let's strive to be a society that does not condemn to death, but rejoices in life and the living!

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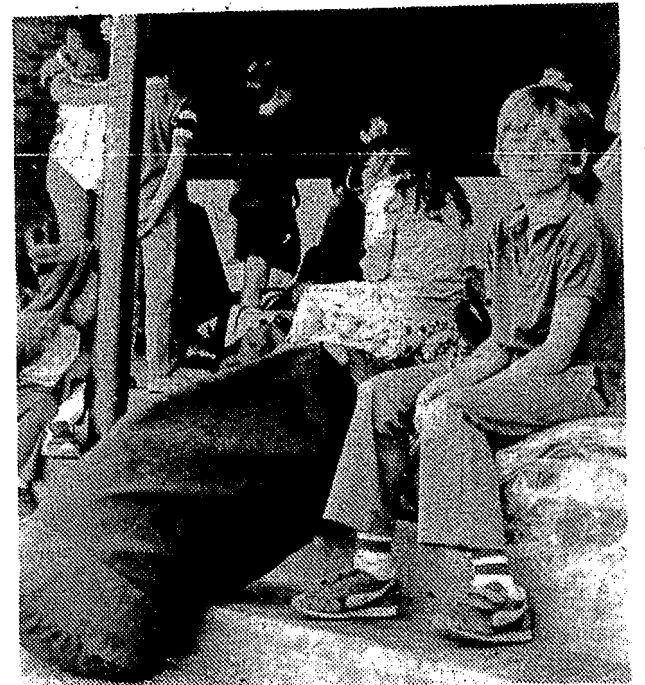
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Jeremy Milkey's ready for the bus that will take him to Camp Oakland in Oxford. He sits atop his duffel bag and chats with his mom, Sandra

Milkey, while they wait in front of Clarkston Junior High School with the other 42 boys and 26 girls who left for camp Monday.



Eric Reichner's plastic-covered sleeping bag is ready to ward off rain and early morning dew. Meanwhile, it provides sitting comfort.

Camp ahoy!

Photos by Kathy Greenfield

back
Pack



Moms and their children say their final good-byes with waves and last-minute conversations from the bus windows.



As she prepares to climb on the bus, Kelly Rappuhn looks like she won't run out of anything during her time at camp. The campers' scholar-

ships were provided by the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Bowl-a-thon, which raised \$5,000 this year.

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• Computer firms move to Clarkston



Charles Phyle lives in Independence Township with his wife and four children. Associates

Frank Durocher and Kathy Korzetz, both of Independence Township, are co-owners of AST.

By Carolyn Walker
 "Welcome," says the sign on the wall. "Please dial -0- for receptionist."
 Beyond the simple decor of his waiting room containing only a couch, phone and a mounted fish, lies the work of self-made man Charles Phyle.
 A paperboy with two routes when he was in the fourth grade, Phyle says he has always been driven to earn lots of money and to own a business.
 In July, he will be bringing that dream to Independence Township.
 At 36, he founded Universal Data, a micro-computer marketing company, and Phyle Industries.

“ You’ve got a knack for computers, the air force told him. ”

its holding company. Now 41, he is also co-owner of AST, the research and development arm of his business.
 As he anticipates his move into the former People's Furniture store on M-15, Phyle is concentrating on expanding his operation on a national and international level.
 He currently has 17 distributors throughout Canada, France and the United States. The Clarkston store will provide micro-computer repair, research and development, and corporate offices.
 All this follows his classmates' dire prediction for
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New vet in town: Dr. Howard Schwartz takes care of conventional pets—and reptiles

By Carolyn Walker
 That Butty the cat managed to find his way into Howard Schwartz's arms is a testimony to fate in itself.
 Butty, like many cats, was a survivor, alone and homeless. He darted through the door of the Schwartz home one day—directly into the life of a veterinarian who would feed him right, keep him healthy and provide him with playmates.
 He keeps company with Schwartz, who bought the Dixie Highway, Clarkston Veterinary Clinic of Dr. Earl Davis, May 3. Butty prowls the office with a confident air, welcoming new customers.
 Oh sure, he gets a little shocked at the things that come through the door...
 Schwartz, 32, says he loves animals and has a special interest in reptiles.
 After graduating from Michigan State University's School of Veterinary Medicine in 1975, he worked and studied hard to develop skills which would enable him to treat reptiles. He's one of only two or three vets in the tri-county area to specialize in herpetology.
 Though the bulk of his practice consists of cats, dogs and other conventional pets, the patients who stand out in his memory are the snakes with the unusual appetites: Andromeda, the boa constrictor, who ate a Dorito-touting beach towel, and Eva Marie

Snake, who swallowed a heating pad.
 What's a vet to do? Say ahhhhh?
 He also remembers, fondly, Annie the 140-pound, 16-foot South American Anaconda who developed an ovarian tumor the size of a football.
 The story of Annie takes him back to his childhood, when he was nine, and first considering his future livelihood.
 "Already, I had sort of a fondness for animals," he says. "I was always interested in reptiles."
 Through his father's Detroit Toastmaster Club connections, Schwartz was introduced to James Langammer of the Detroit Zoo (currently curator of the Belle Isle Zoo Aquarium).
 Langammer had raised Annie from infancy and kept her in his basement. She was only 8 feet long when Schwartz paid her a visit; never dreaming that one day he would perform life-saving surgery on her.
 Surgical and medical procedures are not always well defined in the treatment of reptiles, according to Schwartz.
 "With snakes and reptiles, you've got to improvise. There's a certain amount of art, improvising and basic principles. Sometimes, you've got to have an imagination," he says. "I'm always learning. This is a labor of love."
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Dr. Howard Schwartz poses with his friend, Butty the cat.

BILL MYERS

A couple, three comments



Bill Myers is a retired Lapeer County editor and investment adviser now in the Virgin Islands

Something now for the man in the family:

Consumers Guide tested 24 shaving creams, found they all were about the same, except for price. Colgate or Barbasol were the cheapest. Most expensive was Aramis.

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For the remaining years, you can spend the \$28,545 enjoying the luxury of barber shop shaves, with facial massages thrown in. What a joy!

There is still another way to save even the \$2 you

might spend for Colgate or Barbasol. This was the method used by an old National Park Ranger friend of mine, Dan Wilder.

Dan had been a logger in Washington before he came to Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska, the year I was working as a ranger and dogmusher there. He had brought along his special double-bitted axe from Washington. Each night he would hone this with a little round whetstone held in the palm of his hand. The edge became sharp as a razor.

In fact, in the morning, it was a razor. He splashed

cold water on his face and took the whiskers off with his axe. The axe never wore out, and of course there were no blades to buy. That would be at least another \$28,545 he would save in blades over 50 years.

Dan also saved on regular soap by never bathing or washing his clothes. In the fall, he bought an outfit, wore it all winter, slept in his underwear, and then, come spring, burned it all and bought a lightweight outfit to wear until fall.

When I knew him, he was still sleeping in the same unwashed sleeping bag he'd had for seven years. It worked out he had actually been in that bag for two years and three months.

Ah! Those were the days!

Hardly anybody understands the alternate rate on U.S. savings bonds. While the bonds guarantee 7.5 percent (ones that went into an "extension period" before 1982 have a minimum of 8.5 percent), there is a bonus payment if U.S. Treasury bond rates stay high. Here's the deal:

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That's still not very good, in my view. You can buy insured tax-free bonds to yield 10.5 percent. Many are rated AAA.

Best book we've ever found on income tax problems is the J.K. Lasser paperback, *Your Income Tax*. It comes out every year. Cost is only \$6.95, which includes a supplement of late changes in regulations. Most bookstores have it. Look for a big yellow book, about 9 by 12 inches.

If you can't make \$50 in savings after reading it, there's something wrong with you.

Computer firms to provide 32 jobs

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Phyle's future: "Most unlikely to succeed out of high school."

Though he attended Notre Dame University and the University of Southern California, he never graduated from college.

Phyle served in the U.S. Air Force, where he was introduced to computer technology. "You've got a knack for computers," they told him.

He later worked for IBM and National Cash Register Co., where he was vice president in Detroit.

The jobs provided an opportunity to learn design, sales, marketing and other areas of business management.

"They gave me a heck of an education," he says. "If you take care of your customers, you don't have to worry about money."

He has compiled those experiences into an upwardly mobile operation, which he says is "getting big."

Computers were first introduced in 1952. Over the years they have been gradually reduced from large floor models to micro, the size Phyle specializes in. They are about the size of a standard telephone.

"What we do, is we design hand-held micros right here. We make a Sherman tank," he says proudly of his product.

Phyle's micro-computer is used by employees of General Motors, the utility companies and other corporations.

The computers can be used to take inventory or for billing, and are hand-held, or worn on a belt.

Phyle says he is moving his business to Clarkston because he wants to be close to his Independence Township residence.

He anticipates that the new store will provide jobs for approximately 32 employees.

The micro-computers will be designed at the Independence Township office and then sent to four or five areas throughout Michigan for assembly.

Phyle is enthusiastic about his plans and believes his resources are unlimited as he looks to the future of his business.

"I love it," he says.

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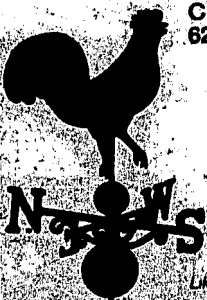
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Former rodeo rider tackles real estate field

By Dan Vandenbergel

Sore knees and a slight southern accent are a couple of souvenirs Wayne Banycky has from his previous career.

Over a year ago, before the 29-year-old Independence Township resident became established in the real estate profession, he decided to holler whoa on a rodeo career.

Bull riding, bareback bronco riding and steer wrestling were elements of his past occupation. Now he's dealing with people's futures and securities.

"When people come in here, they're in an emotional state," Banycky said from his office at Evans and Associates of Waterford Township. "Some of them come in scared. They think they're selling their life. It's unfortunate that we have to deal with that."

The two jobs, selling real estate and trying to get the best of an angry animal, are similar in at least one way, Banycky said, and that is people are involved in both.

"In the rodeo circuit, people come there to see you perform. The children want to meet you. You have to give them what they expect," he said. "In real estate, you're dealing with people all the time. I want to come across as professional as possible."

Banycky became interested in the rodeo when he was working and training horses while growing up in Clarkston. His five-year career included a Wrangler jean commercial in 1982.

"That was a lot of fun," he said. "It took three days of shooting for a 30-second spot. It was different. When I told people that I made a commercial, they didn't believe me until they saw it on TV."

The career switch came about because Banycky was tired of the traveling and the aches and pains.

"I traveled all over the country and put on a lot of miles. The rodeo circuit gave me the opportunity to see the country, and I didn't want to join the service to do it," he said.

After seeing most of the United States and

Canada, Banycky decided to come back to Clarkston to get into business.

"I'm more comfortable here. Clarkston is a unique town. The people are very nice," he said. "I've

had more good connections here through Evans and Associates. It was a little rocky financially at first. I was broke. I don't judge myself by my successes, but by my failures."



The transition from rodeo to real estate has been easy for Wayne Banycky. After five years on the rodeo circuit, the realtor associate is

finishing his first year for Evans and Associates.

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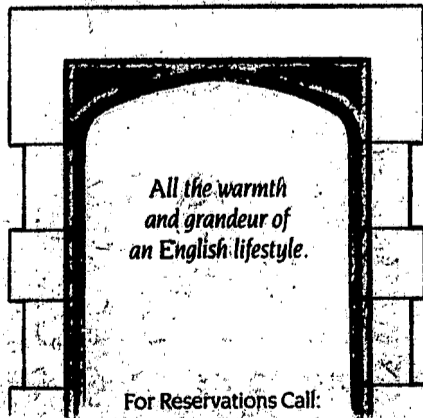
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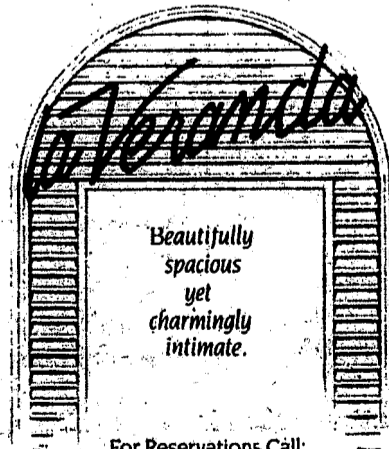
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If you are a romantic, you may say Daisy, the girl in the 1922 song who rode to her wedding on a bicycle built for two. "Daisy, Daisy, give my your answer true..."

And if you are a cyclist—bicycle or motorcycle—you may say "Eclipse USA," the Ann Arbor-based company whose cycle accessories (mainly soft luggage such as tankbags, panniers, pouches and packs) have become the product-of-choice among bikers around the world.

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And for those who prefer walking to biking, Eclipse also makes a wonderful line of easy-to-carry tote luggage.

I have gone through the company's equipment catalog and picked out a couple of things that I need.

One is a newly developed product, an electric vest that was designed for the pilots of motorcycles and other open-air vehicles. I figure I can plug it into my car's lighter and ward off the "Big Chill"—the time I spend waiting for the heater to start heating.

The other thing I need is the Eclipse handlebar pack with the space-age attachment. It will replace the battered wicker basket on the front of my bike. One of the leather straps that bind it to the handlebars is broken and it sags badly!

So, watch for the distinctive Eclipse label when you go shopping for the luggage you need.

And let's keep making it—and buying it—in Michigan!

Paula Blanchard, Michigan's first lady, grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School.



Therapist wins awards

Gretchen Dahl Reeves works with Gordon Myer in her classroom. An occupational therapist with the Clarkston Community School District, Reeves won two awards at the annual conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association in Atlanta, Ga., in April. A Service Award was granted for leadership in the profession as chair of the Sensory Integration Special Interest Section, and a Certificate of Appreciation for contributions to research through fundraising efforts as one of four faculty presenting "Developmental Treatment in Pediatrics" in seven locations throughout the United States.

The workshops, primarily for occupational and physical therapists, have currently raised \$62,000. Reeves holds a master's degree in occupational therapy from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, and a master of arts degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing. In her occupational therapy classroom in the Clarkston Community Education Department building, she works on large and small muscle development and perception improvement with youngsters of all ages, but primarily with infants and preschoolers. She resides in the Davisburg area.

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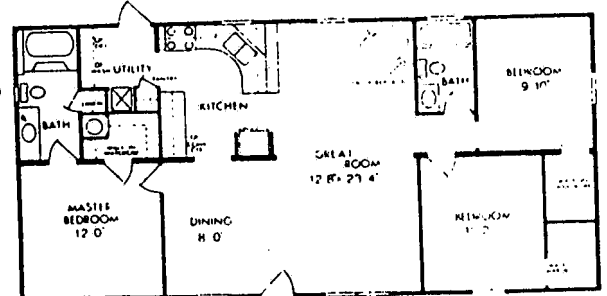
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Anita Weston's Creative Interiors

Decorator's home showcases her talents

By Carolyn Walker

A gentle rain falls outside Anita Weston's cedar-shake home as thunder cracks in the distance. Her new kitten jumps from chair to windowsill for a curious look at the weather.

Large windows provide a view of pine trees and Deer Lake, while a country interior gives off a cozy, inviting warmth.

Weston, owner of Creative Interiors, is an interior designer of residences and businesses. She works out of her home, which is a showcase for her talents and provides an appropriate atmosphere for her creativity.

"I've just been kind of artistic all my life," says the 48-year-old Independence Township resident. "I was a housewife and I decided to go back to school." Unsure what area she wanted to pursue in col-

lege, Weston found herself accepted into the Michigan State University design program during her first year, which was most unusual, she says.

After attaining her bachelor's degree in design from the university in 1976, she went to work for a design center.

She decided recently to work from her home because of the convenience of its location.

Her services include all areas of decorating and design.

"I do everything: wall coverings, carpeting, windows, selection of accessories, floor plans, space plans," she says. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of working with people, giving them pleasure."

It is best to plan and design rooms with specific goals in mind for lighting, heating, etc., she says.

When starting from scratch the average room

can take one to three months to complete; while an entire home or office can take up to a year.

Weston provides her services to customers who need help with designing blueprints and layouts of rooms through helping people who are looking for new wallpaper.

She works closely with architects, when needed, and supervises jobs done by paper-hangers, painters and other laborers.

"I can save people money because I can keep them from making mistakes," she says. "Part of my service is to save people money. My talent is to visualize what the house (or office) will look like."



Anita Weston and her husband Aaron, have been residents of Independence Township six years.

New veterinarian comes to town

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Schwartz was able, with lubricant, tubing and compassion, to extricate the heating pad from Eva Marie without performing surgery.

Likewise, with gentle massaging and a muscle-relaxing injection for X-rays, Schwartz was able to help Andromeda relinquish the beach towel.

Schwartz and his wife Karen are the proud owners of one dog, three cats, one parakeet, two tanks of fish, five turtles, five hamsters, three lizards and one boa constrictor.

Despite his wide array of pets, Schwartz has mixed emotions about the practicality of raising exotic animals.

Reptiles are interesting, educational, and convenient because they do not require as much space or

They're also ideal for people who have fur allergies.

Their diets and needs for warmth, however, are very special. Many die because of improper living conditions.

"It's hard to approximate the Amazon Jungle in your bedroom," he says.

Schwartz describes owning reptiles as "a tightrope situation."

"You should do it the right way," he says.

Diagnosing a sick reptile is not as difficult as one might imagine.

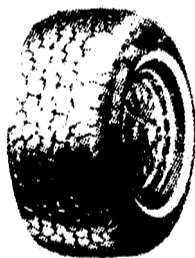
They demonstrate many typical symptoms such as a lack of appetite, weight loss and lethargy. They may also be victims of burns, trauma and pneumonia.

"If they're ill, I'm someone they can come to," Schwartz says.

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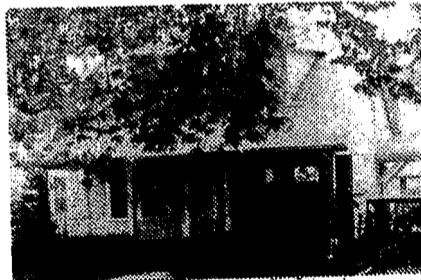
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Points to ponder before purchasing a business

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The objective is to offer the legal fundamentals of topics discussed. For further information, one should consult with his or her attorney.

If the owner of a successful business which generates an annual net profit of \$1 million should one day knock on your door, say his business worries are driving him crazy, and offer to sell his business to you for \$100, what do you say to this man?

Do you allow your sense of compassion and remorse for this beleaguered and troubled individual to control you and, therefore, acquiesce to his request? NO.

Do you allow the apparent profit advantage to steal you? NO.

Do you feel an overwhelming rush of opportunity and compulsion to embrace this apparently God-sent individual? NO.

Before you consider this author-wacky, please do consider that when buying a business several factors need to be considered. The apparent price advantage can be quickly overcome by other factors which render the apparent deal, no deal at all.

Here are some of the highlights:

PURCHASE OF THE SELLER'S GOODWILL

The purchase of the seller's name and goodwill in the market place may very well be a crucial ingredient in determining the future success of your ownership of the business.

Remember, the seller has developed a profitable business because he has convinced others to purchase his product or business.

Whether the deal includes the purchase of the seller's goodwill and name in the market place could very well determine if success can be expected.

NON-COMPETITION

If the seller immediately after the sale goes down the street and opens a new operation directly in competition with you and all of his prior customers go down the street to him, your purchase of his business becomes rather hollow.

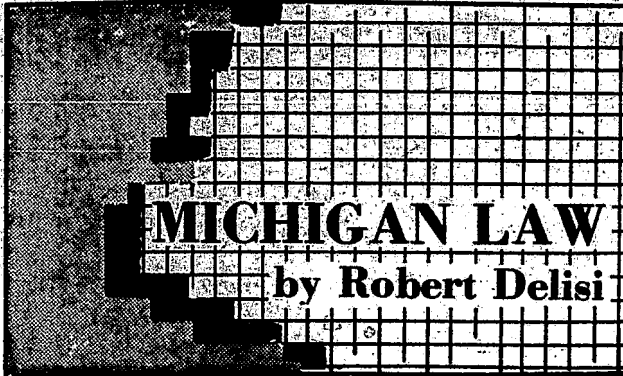
It is important in many cases to obtain a non-competition agreement, wherein the seller agrees not to compete with the purchaser within a certain period of time.

This will protect your market advantage and goodwill which you may have acquired.

ALLOCATION OF PURCHASE PRICE

How the lump sum purchase price is allocated among the various assets which are components of the business is very important from a tax standpoint.

A business generally consists of equipment, furniture and fixtures, inventory, real estate and goodwill.



How the lump sum purchase price is allocated among these ingredients is a matter of concern for the Internal Revenue Service since the dollars allocated to inventory as opposed to dollars allocated to the purchase price of the building result in drastically different tax consequences.

For example, each dollar allocated to inventory rather than to the building or equipment will decrease the seller's tax recognition of ordinary income and increase his tax advantageous capital gain treatment.

However, this will be disadvantageous to the purchase by decreasing the dollars allocated to assets which can be depreciated.

Needless to say, a tax consultant with regard to this aspect of the business transfer is generally needed.

NOTES AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

If the purchaser is going to pay for the purchase price in part by the execution of a Promissory Note to the seller, the terms and conditions of the note are very important.

Interest rate and time of repayment are important. From the seller's point of view, assurance of repayment is also important.

One of the best methods of assuring repayment is to obtain the personal security of the purchasing party.

Purchasers who realize that their personal assets (i.e. home, car, boat, etc.) are available to the creditor seller in the event of a default on the note tend to pay attention when payments are due and make sure they are paid.

Also, a security agreement and financing statement should be obtained by the seller to obtain a security interest in the assets which were sold to protect and assure payment of the note.

INDEMNIFICATION

Typically, each party should also obtain an indemnification agreement wherein each will agree to be liable for and to protect and shield the other from any liability which may result from a claim by a third party in the future arising out of events which occurred during his or her respective period of ownership of the business.

TAXES

Personal property taxes, real property taxes and any special assessments (i.e. sewer assessments, etc.) must be examined at the time of closing to assure that all prior taxes are paid by the seller or an appropriate adjustment to the purchase price is made.

As with any other real estate transfer, title insurance is important.

SPECIAL LICENSES

Depending upon the kind of business which is being transferred, a special license (i.e. liquor license) may also need to be addressed.

Appropriate application to the proper authorities (i.e. Michigan Liquor Control Commission) may be necessary.

INVENTORY LEVELS

It is important that at the time the agreement to sell the business is entered into, a certain inventory level is agreed upon.

This inventory level should be maintained by the seller up to the time of the closing of the transaction.

The purchaser should validate that the inventory level is of the quality previously agreed to. Also, the quality and the mixture of the inventory should be of a character which was mutually agreed upon by the parties.

The inventory is a common area of dispute. Typically, purchasers accuse sellers of taking inventory out the back door on the eve of the closing or making lesser quality stock substitutions.

For every old saying, there is an exception. Mom and dad told us you never look a gift horse in the mouth. The purchase of a business is one exception to this rule.

Next month, the liability of a social host for furnishing liquor to a minor will be discussed.

Readers are encouraged to forward to the Editor of The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48016, any questions they may have concerning the topics discussed.

The author will attempt to respond in writing directly to the questioner. If an abundance of questions arise concerning a particular area of the law, he will address this area in a subsequent article.

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MONTH IN REVIEW

The Clarkston school board approved the sale of 39.09 acres for \$215,000 to Dr. James O'Neill, an Independence Township pediatrician. O'Neill plans to build a senior citizen housing facility on the property.

The terms include \$5,000 for the 160-day option to buy the acreage. The option may be extended for 160 additional days for \$2,500.

The property is located on the north side of

Maybee Road west of Spring Lake Country Club and east of Dixie Highway.

Mediplex Group Inc. of Newton, Mass., announced intentions of building senior citizen housing units and a nursing home on 26 acres off Dixie Highway near I-75.

The firm made an informal presentation of the project June 13 at the Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

The majority of the property is located in Springfield Township.

Before construction begins, site plans must be approved by the planning commissions in Independence and Springfield townships.

Work is underway on a brochure designed to attract new families to the Clarkston area. The brochure will describe such attributes as community recreation facilities and the school system,

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said committee chairperson Mary Jane Chaustowich, a school board member.

The committee also includes representatives from the Independence and Springfield township boards and the Clarkston Village Council.

The brochure is expected to be completed by fall.

Ground was broken June 16 for a \$100,000 addition to the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection on Clarkston Road in Independence Township.

Plans include enlarging the worship area, a passive solar corridor, a new meeting room and expanded offices and kitchen.

A new gable roof will replace the existing flat roof.

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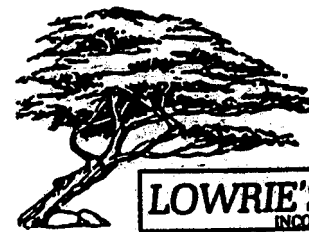
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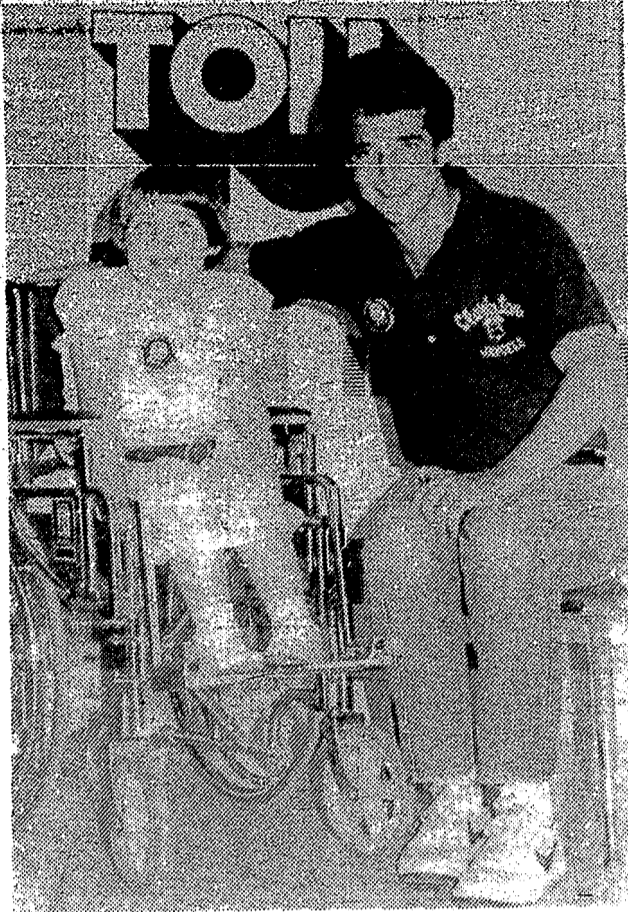
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In preparation for Michigan Jaycee Week for Muscular Dystrophy, Clarkston Area Jaycee president Tom Lowrie poses with the MD Association's State Poster Child Stacey Miller. The Jaycees plan to participate in the third annual Jaycee State Roadblock and Collection on July 19, 20 and 21. They'll be standing at street corners and distributing MD badges in return for contributions. "I've been touched by it. It makes you realize how fortunate we all are," said Lowrie. "There's no cure for this disease, but they say they're getting close on it. You just have to keep working on it and working on it."

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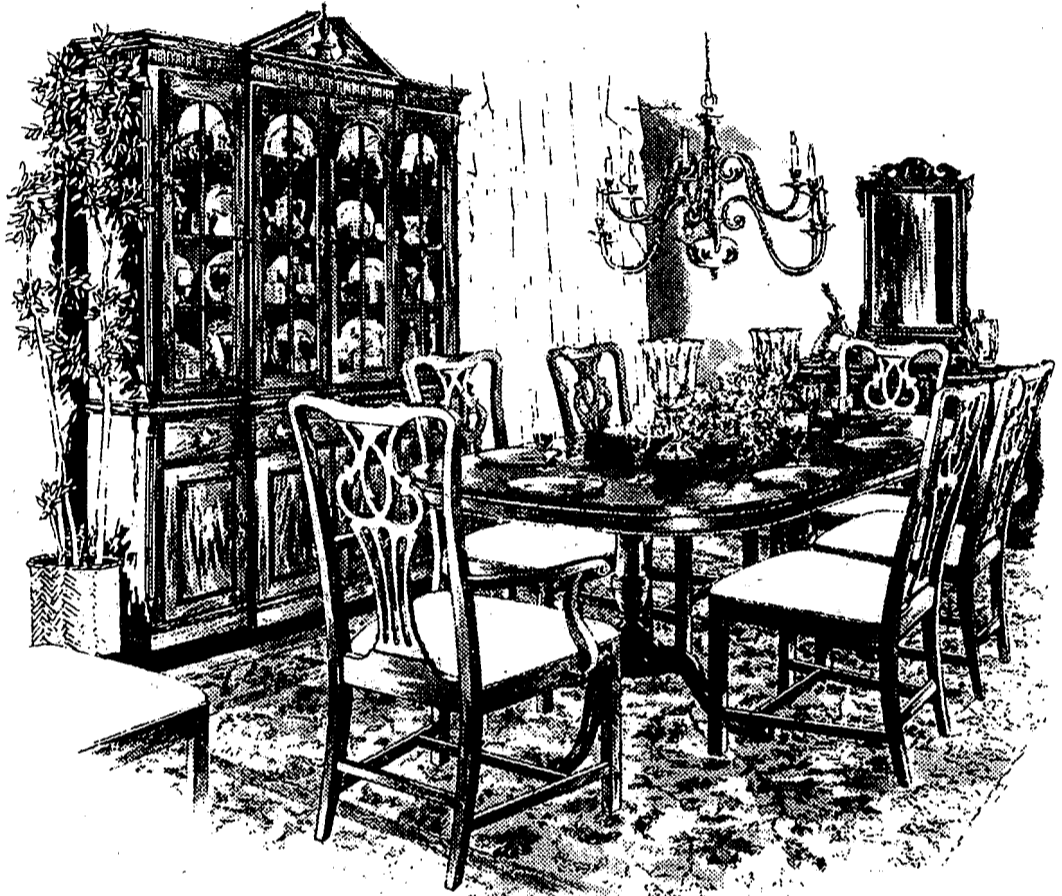
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