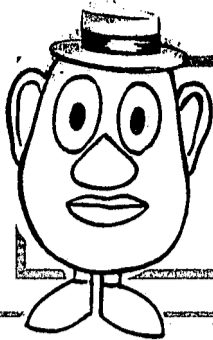


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Booth Colman (left) plays Ebenezer Scrooge to Gregory Wilson's Ghost of Christmas Future in "A Christmas Carol" now playing at Meadow Brook Theatre.

## Local man plays 'ghost'

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

"Ghost of the Future!" he exclaimed, "I fear you more than any spectre I have seen. But as I know your purpose is to do me good, and as I hope to live to be another man from what I was, I am prepared to bear your company, and do it with a thankful heart."

Will you not speak to me?"

--Ebenezer Scrooge, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens

The Ghost of Christmas Future has been portrayed in various ways over the years in film and on stage. But in every case, he is unspeaking, awe-inspiring and smelling of death.

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## School board to shoot for June bond election

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Board of Education has apparently reached an agreement to try for a bond issue for a new high school in June at its annual school election.

At its Nov. 27 meeting, superintendent Gary Haner urged the board not to go in June, but rather in May, even though it would cost an extra \$10,000 to run two elections.

"We feel this issue is so significant in and of itself it should be given an opportunity to be reacted to without any other distraction," Haner said.

Earlier, the board had hoped to go in February or March. But a decision by Oakland Community College to ask for an operating millage increase on a March ballot forced them to change their minds. It was feared asking for two tax increases in one election would doom the bond issue.

At last week's meeting, some trustees said they couldn't justify the extra cost of mounting two elections. Though no formal vote was taken, there was a 5-2 consensus to go for the June date.

"Justify the \$10,000 expenditure to me on May 2," trustee Janet Thomas said. "We wouldn't have to spend that in June."

"I think we're going to get skewered by people in the community if we run it in May," said president Tom Howard.

Trustee William McGregor said he feared going too early. "We don't give the community enough time to react."

No decisions have yet been made on exactly what will be asked for on the ballot. Two committees are meeting to formulate the proposal, which could include a new high school with swimming pool, as well as renovations to some other buildings. The strategic planning committee is planning to address the school board at its December 19 meeting.

If the election were held in May and the question failed, it could not be brought back before the electorate for 60 days, according to Haner. However secretary Sheila Hughes said the need is so severe the board won't wait long if it fails the first time.

"It's critical this community know how important this new high school is," she said. "If it fails, we're going to come right back."

## The news in brief

### Switch to summer taxes approved

All local school taxes in the Clarkston school district will be levied in the summer beginning next year.

The board of education voted Nov. 21 to make the change. "It doesn't mean there's extra taxes involved, it just means they'll be collected at a different time," said Steven Lenar, deputy superintendent for business and operations.

This year all local school taxes will be collected in December. The lack of summer collections contributed to the district having to borrow money last summer. The previous system of dividing collections between summer and winter bills is now deemed too expensive since a much smaller amount is collected under the new school-tax system.

Superintendent Gary Haner pointed out that even with all local taxes on one bill, residential taxpayers will still pay less than they did on any one bill under the old system.

### Clarkston El. engineering approved

The Clarkston board of education approved spending up to \$15,000 at its Nov. 21 meeting for engineering and survey work for a proposed new parking area behind Clarkston Elementary School. Though the entire project has yet to be approved, the survey work must be done now if the improvements are to be done next summer, according to superintendent Gary Haner. The entire project, if approved, could cost \$60-\$90,000, he said.

### DPW taking applications

Department of Public Works supervisor Bob Pursley announced Tuesday that the City of the Village of Clarkston's DPW is taking applications for part-time work. Duties are varied with flexible hours and minimal experience needed. Applicants must be at least 20 years old. Contact Pursley Monday, Wednesday and Friday or pick up applications at the Village Hall, 375 Depot, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The DPW phone number is 625-1265.

### Drunk driving law upheld

The Michigan Court of Appeals has reinstated a tough drunk driving law requiring sentencing up to 15 years for drunk drivers who kill.

In a unanimous opinion Nov. 23, the court reversed a 1993 ruling by a Grand Traverse Circuit judge who had ruled the law unconstitutional.

The law makes drunk driving in itself proof of gross negligence. Under the previous statute, prosecutors were required to prove negligence.

### Math expert to speak

Clarkston schools' K-12 math coordinator Debbie Latozas will speak at the Dec. 8 meeting of the Clarkston High School PTSA. Latozas will address the issue of proficiency tests mandated by the state for all juniors, other state-mandated curriculum issues and implementation of current math curriculum.

The talk will follow the PTSA business meeting and is open to all students, parents, guardians and teachers. It will be held in the CHS media center at 7 p.m.

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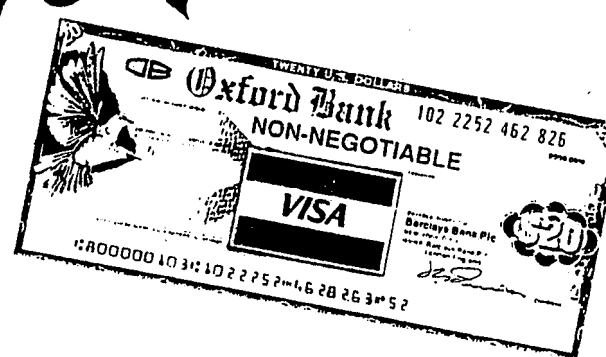
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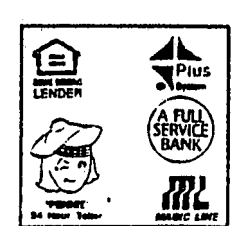


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## K-K-K-Katmandu!

### Woman seeks exotic adventures, discovers her inner strength

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There are those who wait for others and then there are those who take their lives into their own hands.

Cristy Krzysztan is one of the latter. When her friends were too busy to travel, she decided to go for it by herself.

"I knew if I wanted to go on vacation, I'd have to do it myself. My friends were too busy, they have families ....," said the single business woman who is sales manager for an insurance company.

That's why last year she turned her fantasy into a dream come true. Krzysztan flew to Vienna, Austria and had the time of her life.

"I stayed with an opera singer and learned German for two weeks before I left. The whole trip cost me \$15,000. If you go with very little money you learn a lot more about the people and the country," she said, adding that she only took her credit card along in case of emergencies — and never used it.

Krzysztan gained that realization through experience. Her business requires her to frequently travel overseas where she's had the convenience of "plusher accommodations." But to go solo on a pleasure trip, she had to draw the line with spending.

"When you go back on a budget you see it in a different way. You tend to stay in guest houses where you meet other travelers and more interesting people." Plus, she added, her hosts did her laundry and provided meals, conversation and traveling tips.

Because last year's vacation proved so satisfying, Krzysztan decided to plan another one. This year she went to Bangkok, Thailand and did everything from riding an elephant bareback to river rafting through luscious jungle.

And, again, she spent only around \$15,000 and saved money through traveling by "tuk-tuk," a Thai motorized vehicle with seats that cost her about 80 cents per ride.

"A taxi would have run six dollars," she said. She also lauded the aesthetic advantages of riding a bus.

"You may be the only English-speaking person on that bus. It causes you to find alternative ways to communicate," she said.

One of the most surprising experiences Krzysztan had was going across the border into Burma, now called Myanmar, which is Communist-controlled. She stopped at what she thought was a tavern and had a beer.

"I said, 'Is it safe here?' This man said, 'It's the safest place in town — you're in a police station,'" she laughed.

*'I'll never spend my vacation lying on a beach again.'*

Cristy Krzysztan

Krzysztan also had a chance to see first hand, a padaung or long-neck tribe of women who wear rings around their necks. The women, she said, are Burmese refugees who came to Thailand to escape Communism.

collarbone. And if they take the rings off it collapses their necks and they suffocate," she said. The custom is controversial because "tourism tends to promote it and keep it going," she added.

The high point of her visit was definitely the elephant ride, which was a little scary, she admitted.

"It was so incredible. I sat on (the elephant's) head and had my legs behind his ears. Every time we went up a hill he would sense I was afraid and wrap his ears around my legs," she said.

Krzysztan, who is divorced and has a grown-up



RIDING BAREBACK on an elephant was one of Krzysztan's most exciting experiences in Thailand.

son, said she plans to take "a major adventure" every year. Next October she plans on going to Nepal and India to see Mt. Everest and Katmandu.

"I've found a new-found freedom," she said, peacefully smiling. "When you travel alone you can create your own itinerary as you go and take advantage of all opportunities as they present themselves."

She particularly favors undeveloped countries because, she says, "the dollar goes a long way, people are still gracious and it's easier to immerse yourself in the culture. They have a thirst for knowledge and they've heard about our country and so, you bring them a knowledge of America. You feel it's really important in their lives."

Krzysztan considers herself "a goodwill ambassador in my own way" and said, "I'll never spend my vacation lying on a beach again." Part of her serenity comes from creating her own future.

"You would surprise yourself at what you can do if you just take the first step. It increases your self-confidence and you find courage you didn't know you had.

"Only once did I say, 'What am I doing here?' It was in Bangkok at 1:30 in the morning," she laughed.

## Corrections

● A report in the Nov. 23 edition on an auto accident which occurred Nov. 17 on Maybee Rd. was incomplete. According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, a 58-year-old Clarkston woman who walked into the path of a passing car appeared to be intoxicated. As of presstime, no tickets have been issued in the accident. Deputy Tom Poulin said Tuesday it appears none will be issued.

● A People Poll in Nov. 23's paper had two North Sashabaw Elementary students' pictures and comments turned around — those of Kevin Vahlbusch and Jimmie Turner.



WOMEN FROM THE PADOUK TRIBE IN Thailand wear rings around their necks as a symbol of honor, Krzysztan says.

# Adding buses draws mixed reviews

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

A plan to add more school buses to Clarkston schools' fleet has the district's drivers upset over possible loss of benefits and retirement credit.

A plan now under consideration by the board of education calls for purchasing 15 new vehicles so the district can go from its current three-tier system to a more streamlined two-tier system. The latter would allow all secondary buildings in the district to start and end at a common time, as well as all elementary schools.

Currently the size of the bus fleet makes it necessary for three different starting and ending times in the district. The district has not increased the size of its fleet for many years, despite growth in enrollment and housing.

Drivers are concerned that under the plan, their minimum of six hours of work per day would drop to just over four, making them ineligible for full benefits. They would also lose credit toward retirement for any day worked less than six hours, according to driver Rose Grable.

The change is being considered largely for educational reasons, according to a presentation before the board Nov. 27. Common start times would allow common planning time for teachers, something

they desire very strongly, according to superintendent Gary Haner.

"The motivation in making the change came from the instructional department, as opposed to a business or finance decision," Haner said.

David Reschke, assistant superintendent for curriculum and staff development, said the change to a two-tiered system would reduce the need for substitute teachers and make life easier for parents as well as teachers.

"We did recommend in our middle-school proposal that we do a daily or regular planning time," he said. "We are currently using substitute teachers to accomplish that and that is very disruptive . . ."

"The school improvement teams meet also by release time. School improvement is by law now. We have two options; we either release them or we pay them at the workshop rate. We cannot force teachers to work overtime."

Though it appears the board favors the move to a two-tier system, many are still concerned about the overall cost. The 15 new vehicles would cost about \$185,000 per year (paid for over time). However the savings through decreased benefit costs for drivers and decreased use of substitute teachers have not yet been calculated. Some physical work at the bus garage would also have to be done to accommodate the larger fleet.

Deputy superintendent for business and operations Steven Lenar said he would have more concrete numbers at the board's next meeting Dec. 12. The board may act on the proposal at that time, if enough of its questions are answered. Meanwhile, the public is invited to make comments either in writing or at the Dec. 12 meeting.

"This is not just a school issue, it's the impact on kids, parents, teachers, drivers," said trustee Barry Bomier. "I think we need to make a very bold solicitation; what do you think of that?"

"You're looking at a significant dollar amount and we have very little idea how it fits in the budget as a whole," said trustee Janet Thomas. "Are we going to have to do significant reductions somewhere else?"

There's one other wrinkle to the debate, and that is the increase in the number of hours elementary students must be in school beginning next year. Clarkston schools currently offer 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level; next year they'll be required to offer 925. That too will affect transportation.

"If (two-tier busing) doesn't happen, we're still going to have mandates," said vice president Bill Craig. "It's a decision we're going to have to make not knowing where the funding is going. It's not going to be with a great crystal ball."

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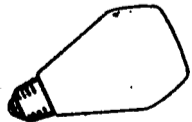
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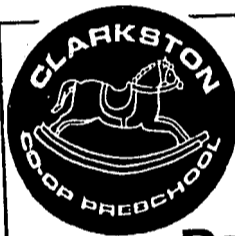
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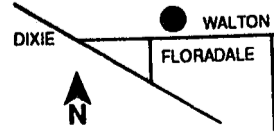
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# Downtown parking comes under scrutiny

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The bottom line for the City of Clarkston, its residents and businesses, appears to be teamwork if parking problems are to be remedied.

With Councilman Bill Basinger absent, council passed two motions concerning the results of a traffic study conducted by Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County which was completed Oct. 11. The study found seven of the city's parking spots in violation of Michigan Vehicle Code and also suggested all angular parking on Depot be removed to improve traffic conditions.

Bob DeCorte, director of engineering and data services at TIA, addressed council during its Monday night meeting and offered the city his assistance to help remedy its parking problems.

"It's going to take a cooperative effort," DeCorte said. "If we can't have the ideal we have to compromise."

Council previously voted 5-2 at its Oct. 24 meeting to strike the first two parking spots on the north and south sides of Depot off Main, but so far those spaces remain unchanged. Five other city spots, including two off Depot on the north and south sides of Main, are also in violation.

The state's vehicle code states that "a vehicle shall not be parked within 15 feet of property lines." All the spots in jeopardy end at intersections and intrude into those property lines, according to TIA's interpretation of the code.

The TIA study included an evaluation of 30 crashes between 1989 and 1993 where six caused injuries within 200 feet of the Depot-Main intersection. Although crash causes varied, poor sight dis-

tance, where vehicles have trouble maneuvering around the corner and backing out of parking spots, was blamed on the current angular parking set-up.

In order to correct the Depot parking problem, several suggestions were made. DeCorte said one answer might be to compromise and keep angular parking on one side of Depot, with the other side changing to parallel with a sidewalk between the stalls and building. The average curb length for parallel spots is 20 feet and changing from angular, which takes only 10 feet per space, would sacrifice

*'I see a downtown area that will dry up if it can't find solutions to its parking.'*

Bob DeCorte  
Traffic Improvement Association

almost half the parking spots on Depot. Other replacements would have to be found, DeCorte said.

Mayor Sharron Catalo suggested the lot behind the Clarkston Mills Mall as one alternative.

"The parking behind the mill is now private but something might be able to be worked out," she said.

DeCorte then suggested a possible solution might be to shorten the existing parking spaces left after those in violation are removed.

"Maybe we can move those spots down seven feet and not lose a thing. Maybe we can move them

closer together," he said. "We could go to a 9 1/2 foot stall (in angular parking spots) but no further; then we'd start banging [car] doors."

Other concerns voiced by City Clerk Jeanne Selander Miller and Catalo were safe accessibility to Depot Park for parents and children which would be helped by walkways.

"We've had a huge increase in young families over the last five years," Catalo said. When some council members raised the possibility of alternate routes, Catalo remarked, "Alternate routes take longer with little kids."

One of two real estate agencies affected by the parking spots on Depot was represented by both its owner and manager. Ronald Rodda, manager of Max Brook Real Estate, located on the south side of Depot at the corner of Main, spoke first.

"Each one of those spots is critical to us," he said and added, "Trying to find a parking spot [in downtown Clarkston] is like trying to find a watering hole in the desert."

Bowen Brook, grandson of Max Brook, who now owns the real estate building said at the time it was taken over, "I asked about angle parking on the hill and was told it was safer on the slope to park on a herringbone setup than parallel."

At the end of the TIA session council passed two motions 6-0. The first was to direct the DPW to measure available space to make parking clearances and have the results back to council by the next meeting on Dec. 12.

Another motion was made and passed to have

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## In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

*We want it both ways*

Each year at this time my mailbox fills up every day with requests for charitable donations. Many are familiar, such as the Salvation Army, but many are not. It seems they hope to take advantage of the holiday spirit and rope in a few new donations.

And fortunately for the multitudes who need help, Americans are a generous people, especially at Christmastime. Who can pass a Santa with a red kettle, freezing outside a neighborhood store, without dropping a little something into the pot?

Contemplating a stack of requests for money one day last week, along with the accompanying calendars and Christmas seals, it suddenly struck me as paradoxical that Americans are happy enough to support charity, but not to pay for organized programs to support the needy, commonly called welfare. Think about it; we'll support programs administered by private groups, but not those which are functions of government. Is this part of our recent national malaise with all things even remotely political? Or is it some kind of innocent ignorance about who those needy people actually are?

It seems obvious to me that public and private programs serve a lot of the same population. If you're on welfare, even food stamps, you'd have a hard time buying the groceries necessary for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Why is it we hate seeing someone ahead of us in the grocery line using food stamps, but we feel sorry for people lined up at soup kitchens on holidays, begging for a hot meal?

Whatever the reason, we do seem to have strong opinions about what should be done. Recently it was reported that one national leader (and I use that term broadly) suggested that the solution to balancing the budget and bringing down federal spending was for the needy to rely more heavily on private charity. Where, I wonder, does he think that money comes from?

Coming at this time of year it certainly reminds one of old Ebenezer Scrooge, who blamed other people for their own problems and saw nothing wrong with isolating himself from the troubles of the world around him. "Have they no prisons? Have they no workhouses?" he said when someone came to solicit a charitable donation. It took a close look at his own mortality for him to come to the realization that he should "honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year."

So my Christmas wish for those in power in Washington (and Lansing, for that matter) this year would be that they reread "A Christmas Carol" and ask themselves what they would do if they didn't have taxpayer-funded paychecks, office space, mail privileges, health insurance and pensions. What would they do if the bottom suddenly fell out of their comfortable lives through no fault of their own? If some people have their way, instead of food stamps they'd be sent to the Salvation Army.

"Have they no private charities? Have they no free turkeys? Have they no food baskets?"

## Letters to the editor

### Picture of Santa not nearly the truth

Dear Editor:

I was taken aback by the article in The Clarkston News on Nov. 23, 1994, "Santa Needs a Check-Up for the Holiday."

I am the great, great, great, great, great grand-nephew of Santa Clause, and spent most every summer of my youth at the North Pole. The picture that Dr. Keith Burch painted of my great . . . uncle could not be further from the truth.

Santa leads the life most of us only dream about. His life has very little stress as he is a master at delegation. In the summers I spent with him and his extended family, he ran and swam, joking and playing with all the elves and reindeer.

A merry HO HO HO is the best cure against stress. He is a vegetarian as he could never kill an animal for food. He is promoting the fact that fat is beautiful. The cookies that are consumed on Christmas Eve are, in fact, fed to his reindeer.



## Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

*My opinion on snoozing, napping and snoring*

There's got to be something missing from the minds of people who own and use snooze alarms. Who do snooze alarm users think they are fooling?

They are the head-in-sanders, the kids who cover their eyes so others can't see them, the pretend it didn't happen.

These people should be studied. They are missing an important gene. What else do they do . . . close their eyes when they eat cholesterol-high foods?

I believe snooze alarm users will, when driving from here to Kalamazoo, stop in Battle Creek and Galesburg enroute so the trip won't seem as long. Somewhere in their background (and please don't blame their parents) something must have convinced these snooze alarm slappers that a snooze is better than, and different from, ordinary sleep.

I looked up sleep in my Webster's Ninth. "Sleep: The natural periodic suspension of consciousness."

Then I looked up snooze: "To take a nap."

Then, I looked up nap: "To sleep briefly during the day."

So, snooze button hitters think they are taking a nap when they are actually just sleeping, though unconsciously suspended.

I'm not knocking naps. I love naps. But, naps should be taken in the noon-early afternoon time slot. Not even snooze alarm lovers can consider the time between the first and second alarms as a nap. Can they?

I'm a firm believer that when an alarm goes off the setter should get up . . . immediately. Hit the floor running. Charge into the day. Be thankful you can get up.

Then start making plans for your nap.

He is as strong as an ox, and is not even sore after Christmas Eve. His staff physician informed me he is fit as a fiddle.

He is almost an extremist when it comes to nature and conservation.

The reindeer actually hold a lottery each year to see who gets to pull his sleigh. The fur lining on his clothes was willed to him by the animals before they died of old age.

He hires minority workers (elves) not because of political pressure, but because he likes to. Santa stopped smoking a great number of years ago (he never inhaled anyway).

The article in your paper is border-line defamation of character. You need not worry, he has avoided legal battles ever since that trouble on 34th Street. And he really is a jolly old soul.

Sincerely,  
David Clause, Esquire

P.S.

Just to set the record straight. That was not his reindeer that ran over Grandma late on Christmas Eve.

I had time to think about snooze alarmers while in deer camp this year. Our "deer camp" is a condo near Engadine. There are two bedrooms up. One is MINE *except when Hazel is there, then the whole building is hers.*

For four November days Hazel's son and son-in-law, Bob Offer (in this case, however, she'd say they are mine), slept in the other bedroom.

My time to think came in the middle of the night . . . that's the middle of my night, the beginning of their night.

First I tried to compare their snoring, and these are not snooze alarms, to the song "Dueling Banjos." But that's not descriptive enough. Maybe the civil war in Bosnia, or two erupting, long lasting volcanos.

And, you should have heard them when they finally came down for breakfast. Each loudly accused the other of keeping them awake all night with their snoring.

The only thing louder than their berating each other was the noises they made the night before.

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## A look back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1979)

The Clarkston School Board votes not to put a \$9.1 million school bond issue back to the voters during a special three-hour-long meeting Monday night. While all board members, administrators and teachers agree the proposals were necessary, most feel revisions must be made before another election can take place.

The police protection issue continues as 65 people, who attend a two-hour-long hearing on whether the local police department should be disbanded, present a variety of opinions. Earlier this month a proposal was made by Independence Township Treasurer Fred Ritter to eliminate the local department and increase the Oakland County Sheriff's Department contract.

Clarkston's bicycle-riding ban nears implementation as Clarkston's Village Council prepares to post signs. The ban was initiated out of concern for pedestrian safety and prohibits the riding or parking of bicycles on Main Street sidewalks between Washington and Waldon roads. If ticketed, violators will be fined \$5.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1969)

Concern continues as residents address Clarkston's Village Council about drainage into the upper Mill Pond north of Miller Road. Council has already heard complaints about lower Mill Pond south of Miller where silt settling has disturbed soil and changed natural drainage also.

The recently selected student government representatives of Clarkston Junior High School elect new officers including Bill Hamilton, president, ninth grade; Gary Mason, vice president, eighth grade; Claudia Allen, treasurer, ninth grade and Ricky Carter, secretary, eighth grade. The student body also chooses "Wolverines" as the school name.

Local residents are advised by Michigan Bell Telephone Company to plan ahead if they wish to talk

during the holiday season with loved ones in Vietnam. Charles B. Woodhead, manager, says it is easier for a serviceman to call home than vice versa: Last year more than 42,000 calls were completed between the U.S. and Vietnam.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1944)

At least 250 4-H Club boys from Michigan display sheep and beef cattle at the 15th Annual Detroit Junior Livestock Show in Detroit. County Agricultural Agent Karl D. Bailey says a number of exhibitors are from Oakland County, including Robert Hubbard of Clarkston.

John Wayne and Claire Trevor star in "Stagecoach" at the Drayton Theatre and James Cagney and Margaret Lindsay are featured in "Frisco Kid," now playing at the Holly.

Great holiday meals begin at Rudy's where geese, ducks and turkeys are available and Kroger's, where red yams, four pounds for 28 cents, and dinner rolls, a dozen for a dime, give folks something to gobble about.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1934)

The Clarkston High School senior play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost," is a howling success with laughs from beginning to end Friday night. Starring are Marguerite Andrews, Sarah Belle Brooks, Betty Ware, Jeanette Miller, Stanley Spencer and Gene McNieve, among others.

A. Everett Butters is elected president of the PTA Monday evening at the organization's first meeting of the season. Other elected officers include Howard Huttenlocher, vice president; Mrs. Ray Clark, treasurer; Mrs. W.H. Stamp, recording secretary and Miss Virginia LaForge, corresponding secretary.

A line-up of this week's movies at the Holly Theatre includes Joe E. Brown in "Six Day Bike Rider," Cary Grant and Frances Drake in "Ladies Should Listen," Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper in "Treasure Island" and Jean Harlow in "The Girl from Missouri."

## If it Fitz

By Jim Fitzgerald



### Public employees are risky investments

Relax. Thanks to your public employees, your money remains safe from both rich and poor panhandlers when you shop at Detroit's Eastern Market.

Now all you have to worry about is keeping your money safe from public employees. Such as Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, former Detroit Executive Deputy Police Chief Jim Bannon and assorted self-enriching, pension-wealthy lawmakers.

The Michigan Court of Appeals recently reversed a Detroit Recorder's Court decision that had struck down an ordinance banning begging in any public market.

The case began in 1992 when a 9-year-old girl was cited for violating the ordinance by playing the violin for tips from passersby at Eastern Market. Her lawyer claimed the law violated a poor person's right to free speech.

But the city's lawyer answered: "This statute doesn't say, 'No poor person may beg.' It says, 'No person.'"

Which prompted Howard Simon, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, to respond with deliciously vituperative sarcasm: "This is yet another example of life's capacity to imitate art. Some public officials, that is, actually say things that we only dream of putting in a parody... The law, in its majestic egalitarianism, forbids the rich and poor alike from sleeping under bridges."

A like-minded Detroit judge agreed that street musicians had a right to play for their supper. For a while, Detroiters had to live in fear of tripping over a dangerous fiddler while they ran from the neighborhood drive-by shooter.

But now a higher court has eased the terrible risk of innocent shoppers being intimidated out of their money by little girls armed with violins. And relieved taxpayers have time to wonder about less-violent assaults against their wallets.

For instance, the \$300,000 in tax money that Oakland County recently paid to settle a sexual discrimination charge made by a former employee against Prosecutor Thompson, an assistant prosecutor and the county.

After winning \$150,000 in federal court, the complainant dropped her original charge in return for the county's promise not to appeal the decision, plus, of course, the generous \$300,000 payoff (including interest and attorney fees).

Thompson's chief assistant called the deal "a victory for us."

Gee, I always thought a victory was when you won something, and your opponent lost something. I guess you never can lose when you're playing with taxpayers' money.

A much more obvious winner is Jim Bannon. He was paid \$122,618 for unused vacation, overtime and other pay when he left the cop shop. That whopping amount was based on the \$77,000 annual salary Bannon earned when he retired last year.

Never mind that much of his work time was spent as a \$7,700-a-year detective.

If you're an ordinary taxpayer employed in the private sector, you might wonder how an employee can get a retirement deal like that. Does it help to always carry a gun? Maybe.

But the most important factor is to always work for superiors who can pay you with taxpayers' money.

The only better deal is to be a member of Congress, in a position to determine your own retirement income. In January, lame-duck House Speaker Tom Foley will begin collecting \$123,804 a year for not working.

According to calculations made by the National Taxpayers Union, if Foley and three other newly retired U.S. representatives attain their life expectancy, their pensions will cost taxpayers nearly \$9 million.

Oh well, it could be worse. A 9-year-old girl, perhaps displaced from her under-a-bridge bed by a millionaire, could play a violin within my hearing, intimidating me into giving her a dollar.

No one wants to live where a tax-funded government allows an innocent taxpayer to be robbed by a fiddler on the street.

## Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

*Use few words and carry a stick*



Our time in the sun is done (at least for now). Old Man Winter is knocking on our doors and I suppose he wants in. As a kid, I used to like this time of year. I could walk through the woods behind our house and look for rocks and walking sticks without the threat of running into snakes.

Of course, darting rabbits also scared the bejezus out of me. Nowadays when I go in the woods I take a chair and a book and make darned sure I don't flush anything out. I don't like surprises.

This global trading agreement seems like the wrong way to go about free trade. I would guess there's probably a thousand pages worth of wording in that agreement.

If I had the common sense of a backwoods philosopher I'd probably say:

"Seem's to me the United States is still the market that everyone in the world wants to deal with. Our citizens are the ones who buy the majority of the goods in the world. In other words, we don't need Sri Lanka to make our economy run smoothly, but they sure as heck need the American buyer."

If this is the case, if all those countries across the globe want in here to trade freely, we should let them, providing we can go there and trade freely.

The way I see it, it only takes about two sentences to make this agreement.

"The United States will trade freely with anyone who will trade freely. Those who do not, can rot."

Plain and simple, baby. Just the way I like it. We don't need all the mumbo jumbo verbiage that politicians and lawyers are good for.

James Madison was attributed with stating: "It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood;

"Or if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no one who knows what the law is today can guess what it will be tomorrow."

I also don't like this "one country one vote" bit. The United States used to have veto power on all agreements like this. This new deal means Sri Lanka and some other rinky-dink country the size of Belle Isle can out-vote the United States.

Yeah, I can see that helping out average Joe and Joette Middle America. In the words of Wayne and Garth: NOT!

And yet Mr. President pushed this up front, wants it passed before Christmas. Full speed ahead, ram it through, don't debate. This might be a wonderful agreement, but the American people won't know until the 21st Century.

On the other hand, it might be something terrible. Anything that gets rammed through the legislature, with little or no debate makes me wonder why. It makes me want to go walking with my stick and see what I can flush out.

*Local government issues are important to you.*  
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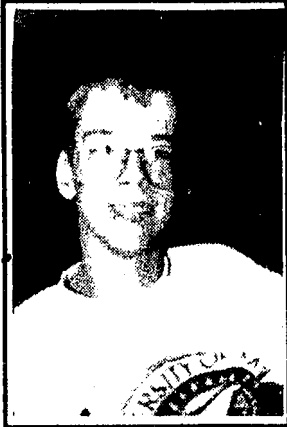
## People poll

By Eileen Oxley

### What do you think happened to Mr. Potato Head?

(See related story, back page)

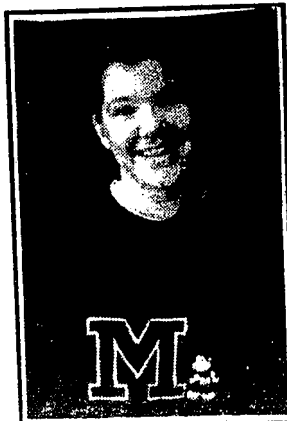
**BRYON BEUTLER, 14, EIGHTH GRADE:** I don't know. I didn't do it.



**TIM ROBINSON, 13, EIGHTH GRADE:** He was kidnapped. I can't say (who I think did it). People are blaming Mr. Peariso, but he's just trying to help the poor guy.



**REGINA WILCOX, 13, EIGHTH GRADE:** I think Mr. Potato Head was potato-napped by some people who were very jealous of Mr. Krystyniak — because he had something they wanted.



**RICKY DRAKE, 14, EIGHTH GRADE:** I think he was spud-napped and used in a spud gun and shot across the lake.



**HEATHER GALLEGLY, 14, EIGHTH GRADE:** I think he was abducted by aliens. I think they came down to the school and acted like regular kids during parent-teacher conferences. They're making it look like the teachers did it.



(All students are from Sashabaw Middle School)



## Ask the therapist

Stan Garwood, MA, MSW

Dear Mr. Garwood,  
My husband died three months ago and I feel like heck! Now, when I hear Christmas music I start crying. I feel like going to bed and not getting up until after the holidays. Can you help me to find a way to get through this awful time?

Signed, Lost

Dear Lost,

You are not alone! All of us who have experienced a loss in our recent and not-so-recent past have similar reactions to the holiday season. Holidays are emotionally tough.

That is, first of all, we are repeatedly reminded of our loss at the same time we wish to share our happiness and good spirits with our deceased family member or friend. She or he is no longer there for us. We realize the finality of death by no longer interrelating with this person and we begin our grief work anew.

Secondly, Thanksgiving, Hanukah and Christmas are characteristically times of joy, warmth and good cheer. However, at this time, your mind and body are opposed to these feelings. You decide you no longer fit in. You understand you should be feeling up, but you cannot. This bothers many people, but is typical of a genuine grief reaction.

Thirdly, holidays are accompanied by their special tasks, e.g. decorating, shopping, baking, etc. You are in no mood for this! Out of obligation or habit, you

may go through the motions, but the normal motivation is not there. You believe that you should feel like accomplishing these things, but you don't.

To answer your question, "Help me find a way to get through this awful time":

1. Hold the loved one in remembrance by purchasing an ornament in his honor and place it on the tree. Donate to a charity in his behalf. Light a candle for him.

2. Don't believe you must implement all the old traditions at this time. If you do not feel like decorating, mailing cards, baking, you have no obligation to do so.

3. Talk about your loved one. People take their cues from you and will respond accordingly, if you choose to discuss it.

4. Plan to visit the grave. Bring a token of remembrance, talk with him, cry, etc. This can be extremely cathartic.

5. Do what feels right for you. There exists no cut-and-dried formula for grief work.

6. Plan on attending a 'holiday help' program usually offered by local funeral homes. These are special programs with practical ways to get through the holidays while coping with mixed emotions. (Consult your newspapers for the time and place.)

Good luck and remember you are not alone.

Got a question? Write Stan Garwood at 5854 S. Main, Clarkston, Mi. 48371.

## CHS student life By Amber Gebrowsky

### Christmas at CHS



"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat . . ."

Well, to be honest, the Canadian geese that roam my neighborhood don't seem to weigh any more than usual. Then again, they didn't indulge in any rich pumpkin pie over Thanksgiving, either. (Or if they did, there is much to be said for the value of Slim Fast.) Is it possible that the writer of that old Christmas carol was speaking of himself and not a feathery friend? At best, our neighborhood fowl may get to sample some stale fruitcake. In any case, Christmas is just around the corner. What does that mean for CHS students?

Gone are the days of digging out the huge Sears Christmas catalogue and spending an entire afternoon filling sheets of paper with a list of every toy imaginable. Somehow, Santa never listened to my requests anyway, as I know I never asked for socks or underwear, yet they always ended up under my tree. And, while I was always extra good during the entire month of December with the hopes that a Barbie Dream House would find its way down my chimney, Santa neglected this request too.

This Christmas, CHS students look forward not to unwrapping Barbie Dream houses, but to spending time with family and friends. The holiday season will be special for senior Jennifer Harsch, as "My brother will be home from college in Utah, and I've missed him."

Junior Beth Fletcher also enjoys spending quality holiday time with her family. "On Christmas Eve we celebrate my dad's birthday. We go to midnight mass, then come home and eat angel cheesecake pie."

For other students, Christmas means the return of favorite holiday traditions. Sophomore Jeremy Davidson's favorite part of Christmas is "putting up and decorating the Christmas tree. Every year my grandma gives us a Christmas ornament, and I like getting them all out and putting them on the tree."

For senior Angela Hackbardt, the best part of Christmas is "going to church at 11 o'clock on Christmas Eve, then coming home and staying up to hear 'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer' on the radio. It's a tradition my brother started, and I don't go to sleep until I hear that song."

While Christmas may center around giving and receiving, CHS students prove that it's a lot more than just that. Christmas is no longer a time to accumulate Barbie dolls and Match Box cars; rather, it's a time to accumulate memories and love. (Of course, if one is interested in giving something more, I am sure that those geese would be appreciative of any holiday baking disasters.)

### Independence Township recycling drop-off center

A wide range of recyclables are accepted for free at the Independence Township drop-off center at 6050 Flemings Lake Rd, just east of Clarkston Rd. Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8-noon Saturday. You must be a township resident.

● **Brush:** must be small enough to be put through a shredder. Stop at the DPW office before dropping it off.

● **Newspapers:** Loose, dry newspapers are preferred—no shiny inserts or brown paper bags.

● **Cardboard:** Corrugated and flattened only. Brown paper bags may be dropped off with cardboard.

● **Glass:** Clear white, green or brown. Remove all labels and rinse containers clean.

● **Cans:** Tin or aluminum only, labels removed and cans rinsed clean.

● **Plastic:** Number 2 bottles only. No motor oil containers. Remove labels, rinse and flatten.

● **Batteries:** Household, car, marine, lawn, etc.

● **Used motor oil:** Do not mix with anything else, such as antifreeze. Do not leave the containers, which cannot be recycled.



# Ei-liners by Eileen Oxley

## They kill us for their sport



That part of a quote came to mind when I thought of deer hunting.

When I was a senior in high school my English teacher, who was quite eccentric but a dear, often gave us challenging essays. One of the most difficult involved a line from Shakespeare or some other wise but vague sage. It went something like this:

"Like wanton flies are we to the gods. They kill us for their sport."

Maybe it was from some Greek like Socrates or Aristotle, but it doesn't matter. Obviously it refers to us humans being inferior to "the gods," whoever they are. And it means they can have a good old time pulling off our wings or stepping on parts of our little bodies if they wish.

They can torture us slowly or kill us, for they are "the gods."

Now, let me compare that to SOME deer hunters. Notice I'm careful to qualify that with SOME. If I didn't, I'm sure our paper couldn't hold all the letters.

You see, I don't have a problem with hunters who kill the gentle soft creatures with liquid brown eyes if they're going to store pounds of venison in their freezers.

It's the guys or gals who stalk them for fun and leave their half-dying carcasses in the woods who appall me.

If you're heading up north with the guys, dressed

in shocking orange jumpsuits to play cards, have a few beers and get away from the old lady — or old man — fine.

And if you're getting those rifles out of the closet for one big bash each season — fine.

If you're single, and going to also hunt what a writer friend of mine calls, "deer of the two-legged kind" — fine.

Just bring home the bacon, er, deer meat.

I'm another one of those people who don't like guns, period, if you haven't already guessed.

Maybe those hunters who shoot for sport and not for food should be tied up and made to watch that scene from "Bambi" where Bambi's father says, "Your mother can't be with you anymore." And maybe rewind should be hit a few times to drive home the significance of that scene.

I grew up with a dad who did hunt pheasants occasionally, which we ate. I didn't care for the greasy wild meat. But I did like the feathers; I thought they were pretty.

Up at our cabin in Wisconsin each summer, my family and relatives had a yearly ritual.

We would wait till it was almost dusk. Then we would all walk softly, like the Indians, I guess, down the road to look for deer tracks which my father pointed out to us.

We would be excited, anticipating the next bend in the road. Usually, if we were lucky, we would spot

a deer far off in a field.

That would be it.

No guns, no shots. Just the pleasure of seeing a wild creature in his natural habitat, peacefully grazing.

There wouldn't be heaps of carrots outside the cabin, waiting to lure the doe or buck to his doom.

Only a deer lick. A slab of salt, which my dad said the deer love.

I remember my father told me one of the most incredible experiences he ever had was when he went for a walk and a newly born fawn tumbled out of the woods and came up to him.

The tiny creature, being new and innocent, had no fear of man. It jumped up on my father, startling him with its beauty, naivete and trusting brown eyes.

Not every kid is lucky to have a father like that. Besides being a music professor, he had an avocation. He worked for the Audubon Society and counted birds for a census each season.

He truly respected all living things.

When he died, a beautiful epitaph was given by the president of Hope College. Of my father, he said, "He went into the woods, not with a gun, but with a pair of binoculars."

I'm sure if we'd been starving, or wanted to really save some money, my dad — or mom — would have been right in the forest, along with all those other deer hunters.

But if they had, it would have been for necessity, and not for sport.

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# Voter's reference materials confiscated

State law says campaign literature must be concealed

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Citing township policy, Independence Township election workers in precinct 1 confiscated voting reference materials from a voter in the Nov. 8 general election.

Henry Woloson, speaking on behalf of his wife who had a newspaper and other materials taken from her, said the election workers should not have taken the materials because she did not know who to vote for without them. Township clerk Joan McCrary said the policy has always been in effect and the voter could have taken the materials into the booth, provided she concealed them first, as she was asked.

"We do have our own rules in the polling place," she said. "We have an elections school put on by the Oakland County Bureau of Elections and we advise people to put literature in their pocket or in the basket. I will ask voters to follow the same policy next time."

McCrary said it is well within election workers' rights to make sure voters don't carry any literature in the precinct that may sway another voter's opinion.

Woloson said without the materials his wife was not able to make an informed decision.

"When (election) workers said this was policy, it was upsetting. If this is policy then we should change it to allow people to make intelligent decisions," he said at the township board of trustees meeting Nov. 15.

McCrary contends that if materials are shown

and in the open for others to see, it constitutes a violation of election laws.

"...we ask voters to discard or put materials in purse or pocket, since we believe this correlates to campaigning in the poll," McCrary said. "If someone wears a sticker, T-shirt, hat etc. they are asked to take it off or turn it outside in. A voter may look at any paperwork in the voting device."

According to Christopher Thomas, the state's director of elections, all campaigning including having stickers, buttons etc. cannot be shown within 100

feet of the entrance of the polling place.

Election workers may tell voters to "conceal campaign literature or other campaign materials brought into the polls. While there is nothing to prevent a voter from referring to campaign literature or 'slate cards' when voting, the materials may not be left behind in the voting station," Thomas said.

McCrary said she apologizes for any inconvenience the incident may have caused the voter, but election laws and policies were followed correctly by her election workers.

## Clarkston Villa sewer possible

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Owners of 30 homes on Ascension, Delhi and Cortez streets may be in line for a sanitary sewer improvement special assessment district.

A public hearing will be held at the Independence Township Hall Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. to gather resident opinions on such a project. Homeowners in the Clarkston Villa Subdivision could pay as much as \$270,000 for the proposed sewer. It includes about 2,300 linear feet of 10-inch sanitary line, plus related facilities.

The sewer proposal was originally presented by 12 homeowners on Ascension Street to the Independence Township Board of Trustees Nov. 15. After some discussion the board suggested including Delhi and Cortez streets in Ascension's proposal because there are only nine homeowners on those streets.

At the scheduled public hearing, if the recorded

objections of property owners is over 20 percent, the board will not proceed with the improvement until a petition is filed with the board by owners of more than 50 percent of the land.

A copy of the plans and cost estimates for sewer improvements are on file at the township offices, 90 S. Main St.

**Other board action at the Nov. 15 meeting:**

- As discussed in previous budget hearings, the board approved a total of \$10,000 in community development block grant funds to various charitable organizations but will investigate more closely whether money can be donated to the Independence Land Conservancy.

- Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld wrote a letter of thanks to township clerk Joan McCrary and the township board for passing a resolution designating 1994 as the Michigan International Year of the Family. Binsfeld is the chairperson of the council.

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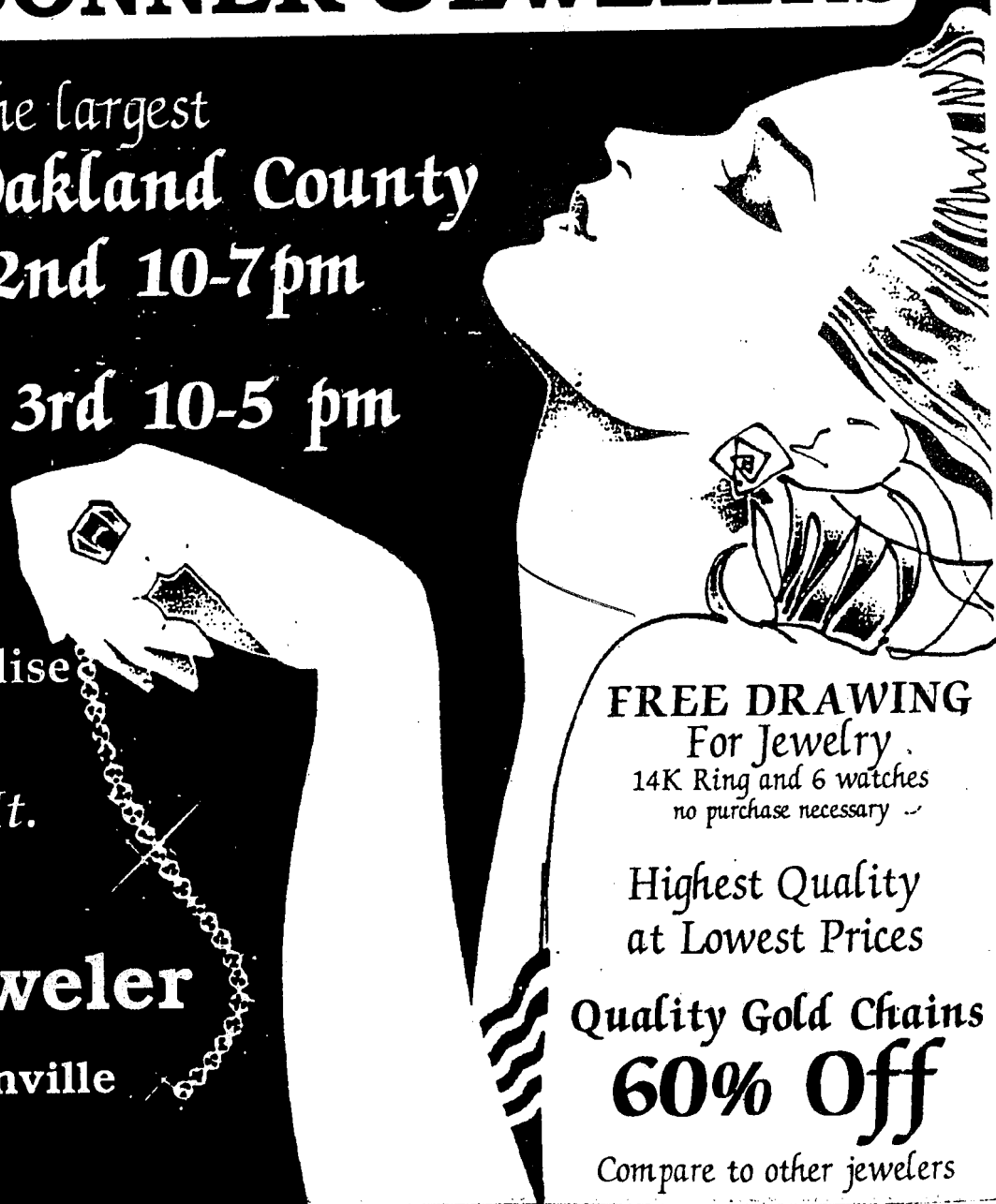
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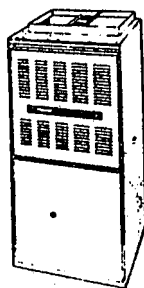
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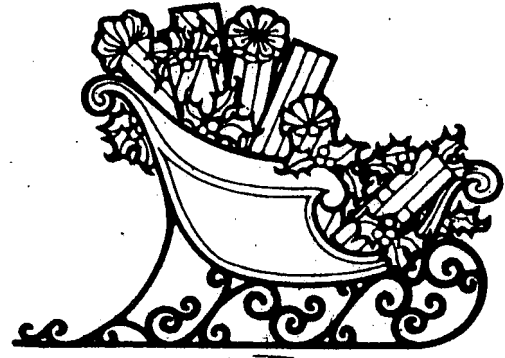
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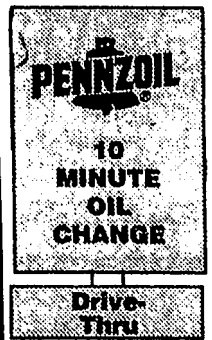
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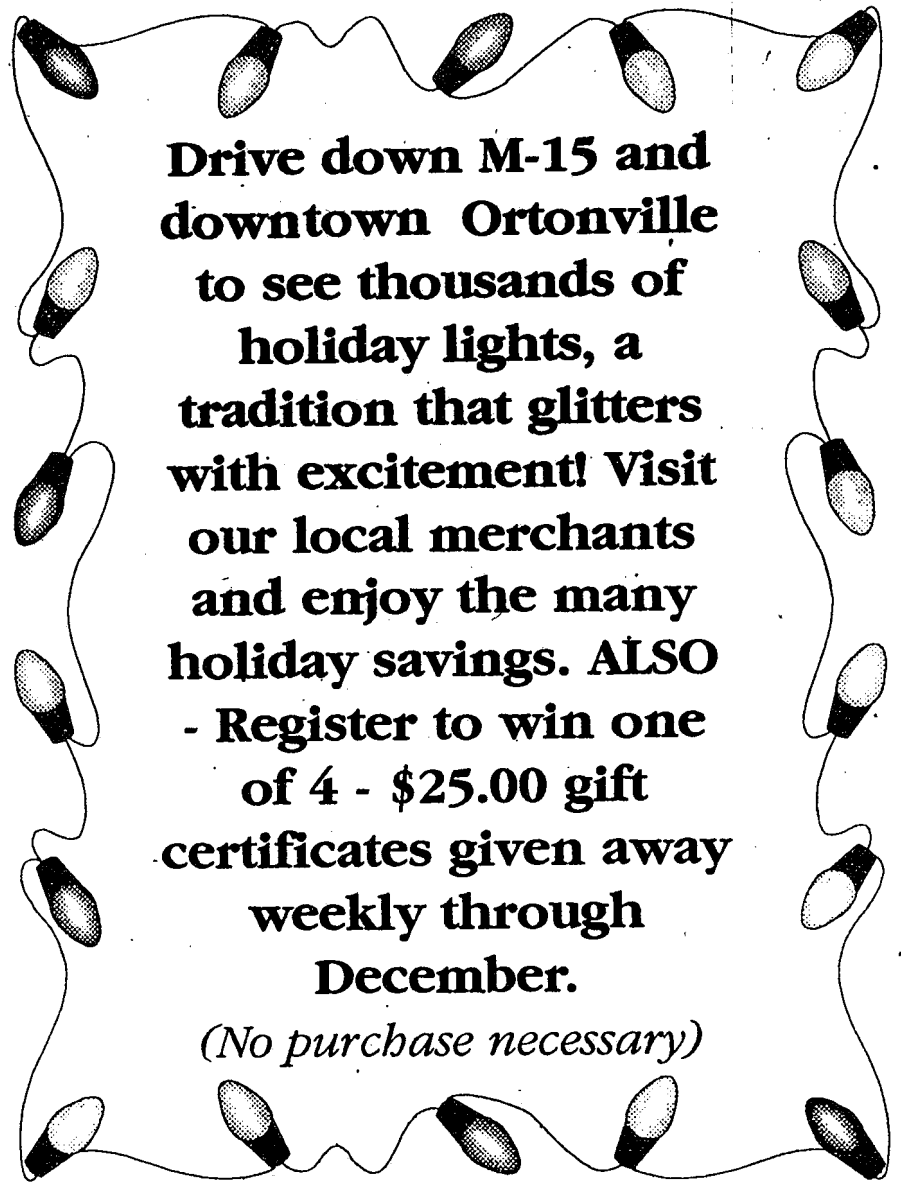
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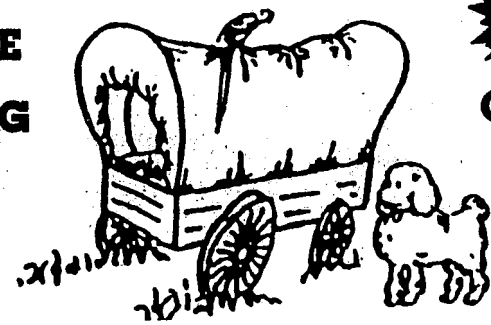
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-  Brandon S.T.A.G.E. roasting chestnuts over an open fire at the Old Town Hall.
-  Christmas and Hanukkah stories at the Library. 6:00-7:30 p.m.
-  Collection of canned goods for Lighthouse at the Old Town Hall.
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## Real estate transfer tax takes effect January 1

Michigan's real-estate transfer tax of 0.75 percent on the sale of real property takes effect on Jan. 1. The new tax was approved as part of the Proposal A package passed by voters March 15. The new tax will be applied to the sale price of property and will be in addition to the existing county transfer tax. Combined, the real estate transfer tax will be 0.86 percent of the sale price.

"As part of the financing package for schools, Michigan residents received an annual cut in their very high property taxes. As part of the replacement

revenues for this cut, we now have a one-time real estate transfer tax that is only paid at the time a property is sold," said State Treasurer Douglas B. Roberts.

"Most homeowners were paying 3 to 4 percent in property taxes each and every year. Now, they pay much less in annual property taxes and pay less than one percent when they sell their property. Property owners are obviously better off now in terms of their tax liability than they were before Proposal A passed."

The real-estate transfer tax will be collected from the seller at the time the deed is passed from seller to buyer. The tax is accounted for in closing documents prepared as part of the sale. The money is sent to the local county treasurer who forwards the tax to the state on a monthly basis. It is expected that

\$111 million will be collected in real-estate transfer tax revenues annually and all these funds will be deposited directly into the state school aid fund.

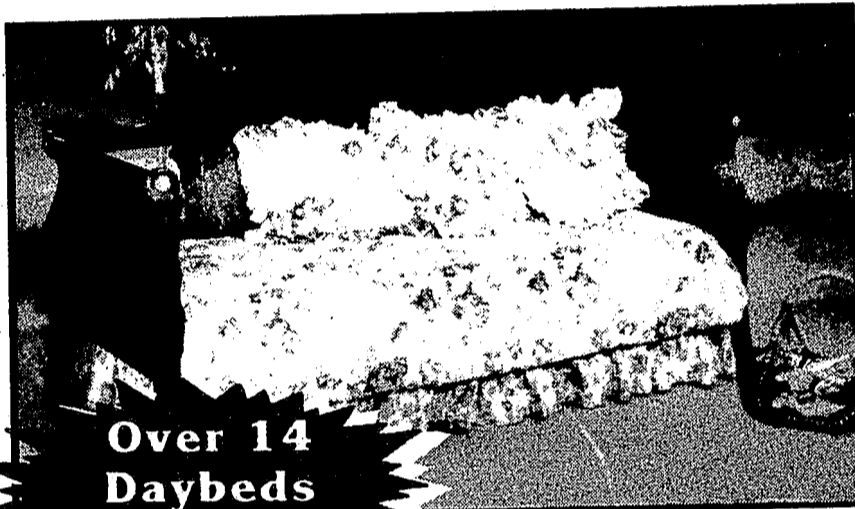
Below are clarifying comments about the real estate transfer tax:

● A written sales agreement entered into prior to January 1, 1995 is exempt from the state real-estate transfer tax. This includes the sale of existing homes or business property and the construction of new property.

● The transfer tax is an expense to the seller and is not deductible for federal income-tax purposes. However, it is recorded as an expense of sale and thus is not included in any capital gains calculation.

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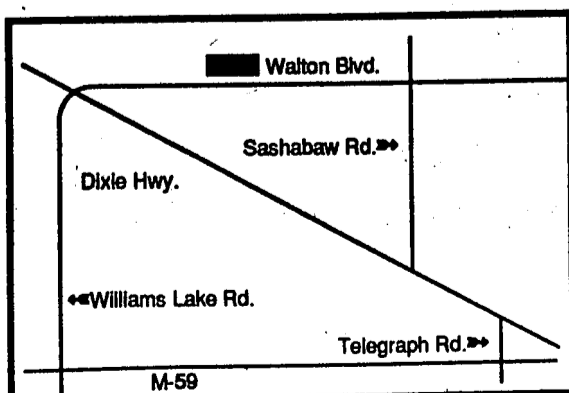
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# Local actor featured in 'A Christmas Carol'

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At Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol," he is also portrayed on stilts standing 10 feet tall. This year the actor behind the stilts and skull face is a Clarkston native, Gregory Wilson.

Wilson, a 1985 Clarkston High School graduate, has been part of Meadow Brook Theatre's Christmas classic for eight years (he also plays Scrooge's old pal Dick Wilkins this year). Fresh off a part in "To Kill a Mockingbird," he went right into 10 performances a week of "Christmas Carol" and says he's loving every minute of it, even if it means 10 or more hours a day at the theater.

"The average day has been real busy," he said. Rehearsals for "Christmas Carol" began before performances of "Mockingbird" had finished. In addition to evening performances there are several matinees a week.

Wilson attended Oakland Community College after graduation from CHS, then spent six months studying acting in New York. Now back home in Clarkston, he's kept busy between Meadow Brook and Greenfield Village.

"I work about eight months out of the year," in



Gregory Wilson

*Despite what he calls the poor health of the local art scene, Clarkston's Gregory Wilson has been finding work as an actor.*

acting, he said.

In addition to portraying various roles over the years in "Christmas Carol," Wilson has also appeared in "Purlie Victorious," "Little Foxes," "The Rainmaker" and "Dream Girl" at Greenfield Village.

Wilson said the experience has been invaluable.

He gets to work with Booth Colman, who returns to Meadow Brook each year to play Scrooge and has appeared in TV, film and Broadway; and director Charles Nolte, who has also directed on Broadway.

"I'm real fortunate to be working with them," Wilson said. "I would like to encourage everybody to get out to Meadow Brook. With the state of the arts in Michigan, we only have three or four theaters left. More are closing than are opening."

As for his silent role as the spirit, Wilson said it's hard to inject any of himself into a part where he has no lines and is completely hidden by his costume.

"I just try to make the ghost a little more menacing," he said. "Actually, there's not much of my own personality in the Grim Reaper."

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol" are available through Ticketmaster; call 377-3300 for prices and show times. Meadow Brook Theatre is a non-profit professional theater and a cultural program of Oakland University.

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## Milestones



Mr. and Mrs. Shonn Colbrunn

### Peterson-Colbrunn wed in Holland

The Third Reformed Church of Holland was the setting July 2, 1994 for the wedding of Deborah Ann Peterson and Shonn Richard Colbrunn.

Shonn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Colbrunn of Clarkston. Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Peterson of Holland.

Maid of honor was Chris Tenpas, with Christy Colbrunn, Elizabeth Nelson and Julie Franklyn serving as bridesmaids. The groom was attended by best man Robb Colbrunn, Brian Peterson, Tim Weiss, Matt Weiss, Bill Westerbeke and Mark Westerbeke.

The 4 p.m. ceremony was followed by a reception at the Maas Center, Hope College, with Dr. and Mrs. Edward Westerbeke, Ann Westerbeke and Corrie Weiss serving as attendants.

The couple honeymooned on Mackinac Island and now make their home in Utica.

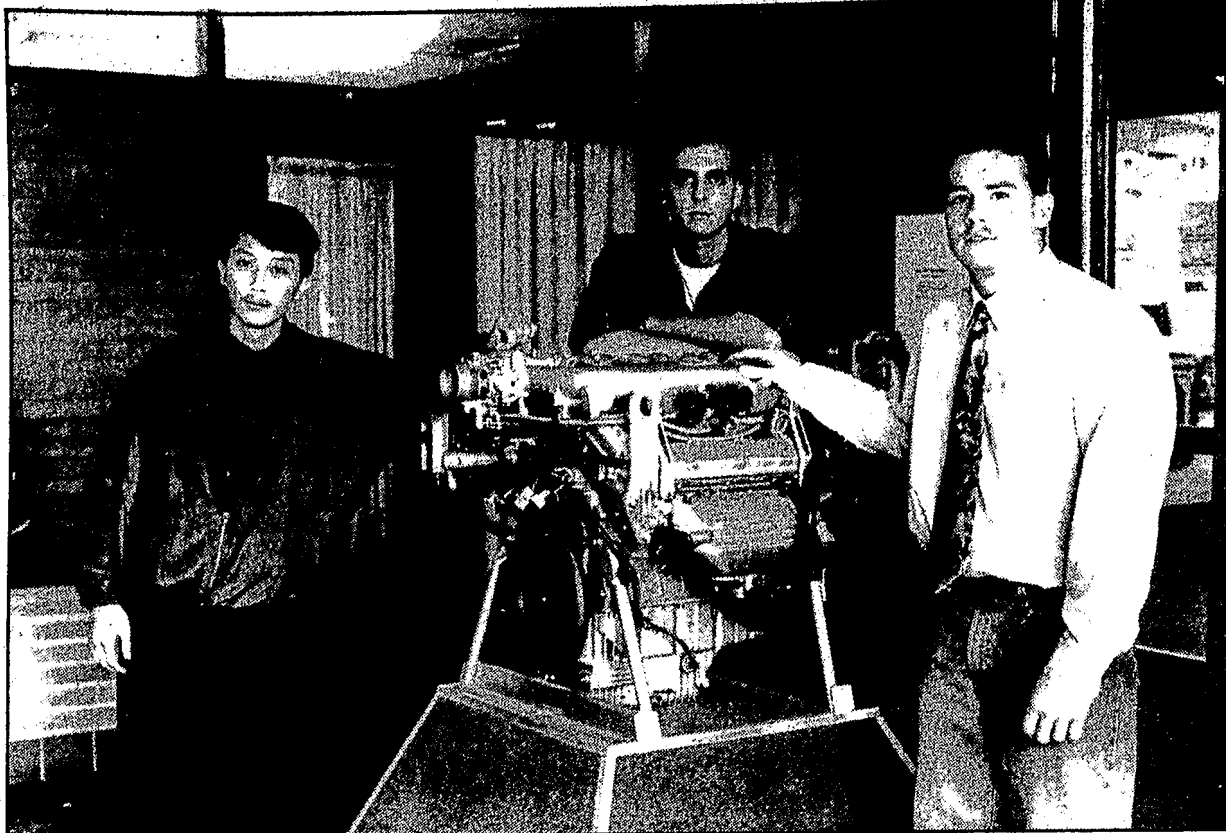
The bride is a graduate of West Ottawa High School and Hope College and is employed by Romeo Country School, Romeo. The groom is a graduate of Clarkston High School and Hope College and is employed by Andersen Consulting, Detroit.

## In service

● Army Cadet Alexander Menzies received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington recently.

The camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management and survival training. Successful completion of the camp and graduation from college result in a commission as a second lieutenant in the US Army, Guard or Reserve.

Menzies is a student at Western Michigan University and a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School.



Three Lawrence Technological University students recently got a helping hand in their educational bills, courtesy of a very generous \$250,000 anonymous donation to the university. Left to right they are An Nu, an electrical engineering major from Livonia;

Chris Grezenkowitz, a civil engineering major from Howell; and Scott Jenklison, of Clarkston, majoring in mechanical engineering. The three were the first recipients of the Alumni Scholarship Award. (Photo by Bill King.)

## New arrivals

● Rick and Wendy (Thompson) Butterfield of Clarkston announce the birth of a son. Ryan Michael was born November 8, 1994. He was 8 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long. He has a sister, Megan Janae, 6, and a brother, Erik Matthew, 4. Grandparents are Lois Butterfield of Grandville and Larry and Joyce Thompson of Clarkston. Great-grandparents are Edward and Alberta Hiske, of Grosse Ile, Bernice Segal, of Auburn Hills and Nona Thompson, of Waterford.



### Flynn-Larkin

Jerry and Wanda Flynn of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to David Larkin, son of David and Jacqueline Larkin of Clarkston. The bride-to-be graduated from Oakland University with a communications degree and is employed as a graphic presentations administrator for National Tech Team, Inc. in Dearborn. The prospective groom graduated from Oakland University with a marketing degree and is a district manager for Emro Marketing Co. in Enon, Ohio. A May 1995 wedding at St. Daniel's Parish is being planned.

## At school

● Joseph Lawrence Meloche, of Clarkston, has earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from GMI Engineering and Management Institute. He was employed by Numatics Inc. as a co-op student.

● Rachel Lambourn, Robert Vance III and Alisa Visconti, all of Clarkston High School, are among the young talent who performed in the Michigan Youth Ensemble's fall concert at the University of Michigan Nov. 21. The students rehearsed on Sundays and were coached by faculty and graduate students from UM.



### Blasko-Robertson

Mr and Mrs. Joseph Blasko of Lakeview Drive, Clarkston announce the engagement of their son Christopher to Heather Robertson, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Mitch Robertson of Steephollow Drive, White Lake. Chris is an information systems consultant with Unisys. He graduated from Clarkston High School and Oakland University. Heather graduated from Waterford Kettering and Michigan State University. She is a public relations director for the Michigan Renaissance Festival. A June wedding is planned.

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Very few men, properly speaking, live at present, but are providing to live another time.

—Jonathan Swift



# Township to adopt 'zero tolerance' law

BY DARREL W. COLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Zip. Zero. Zilch.

Independence Township could follow the lead of the state and adopt the "Zero Tolerance" law, targeting people under age 21 that drink and drive.

By adopting the law into its ordinance, the township could collect the revenues made when deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's sub-station ticket people for such violations.

The board could adopt the ordinance amendment at its Dec. 6 meeting.

The law makes it a violation for drivers under the age of 21 to drive with a blood alcohol content above .02 percent, meaning even one beer is too many, in most cases. The previous law made it a violation if blood alcohol content was .10 or above, although that still applies to people over 21.

Law enforcement officials say this will give them the tools to catch minors before they violate the more serious drinking/driving laws.

Minors with no prior alcohol convictions could face a 30-90 day license suspension, up to 45 days of community service and/or \$250 fine. Minors with at least one alcohol conviction could face license suspension of 90 days to one year, up to 60 days community service and/or \$500 fine.

Other penalties include a four-point misdemeanor, two-point civil infraction if preliminary breath test is refused, a \$125 charge to reinstate a driver's license, and screening and assessment to be conducted to determine if the minor needs alcohol or drug treatment programs.

The law can be enforced by officers already, as it was passed into state law this year.

It has received the endorsement of the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Michigan State Police, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and others. The support stems from the fact that alcohol-related vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for youth who can legally drive.

Oakland County Sheriff's Capt. Damon Shields, commander of the county's sub-stations, said the "Zero Tolerance" law provides deputies with another tool to stop drinking and driving.

"We're still making significant arrests for the heavier offenses so this is going to give us something to catch the younger kids before they reach those levels," said Shields.

Shields, who lives in Independence Township, said many times in the past minors have been pulled

over and deputies know they have had one or two beers, but not much could be done. Most times the minor would have to be let go and it's likely they would continue to drink.

that happens," he said.

The Zero Tolerance message is even more appropriate now that the holidays are coming up, Shields said. "I can tell you our alcohol enforcement unit has always had zero tolerance and we will be reinforcing that throughout the holidays."

"Now we have something to catch them before



From left, Meg Mathues, Jan Rabette and Sandi Leffel sit at a table that will be auctioned, along with the chairs. Each item on the table

will also be auctioned, just in time for holiday entertaining.

## Still time to buy 'gala' tickets

A football autographed by Wayne Fontes and the Detroit Lions; a breadmaker; a secretary for a day—these are just some of the items being auctioned off at Everest Academy's second annual Christmas Gala Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at the school, located at 5935 Clarkston Rd.

Tickets are still available at \$25 per person. The price includes dinner catered by Rudy's and a live and silent auction. All proceeds benefit the school.

Co-chairs Jan Rabette, Meg Mathues and Sandi Leffel have worked hard to gather an interesting

assortment of items to be auctioned. They include a game as ball boy/girl at a Pistons' game, five hours with a computer expert, a wood kitchen table and four chairs, holiday servingware, a CD player, Lions tickets, a murder mystery dinner, and a catered dinner for eight with a chef from Ernesto's Restaurant of Plymouth.

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# Friends president goes to bat for library

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Though Chris Shull is no longer an Independence Township resident, she has continued her tenure as the only president of the Friends of the Independence Township Library.

Shull moved to the City of the Village of Clarkston a year ago, but is still dedicated to improving and promoting the library. She's been president of the Friends since the group formed in 1978. During that time she's seen the membership grow and the library move to new, larger quarters. She can see a bright future, but knows there's a lot of work to be done.

"With the new library we have a lot more opportunity," she said. "We're kind of looking for things we can do and build on every year, not only to raise funds but to get new members and get them into the library. There's so much potential now."

Though the group is small—about 40 members—they have managed to raise a significant amount of money for the library. Recently they donated \$5,000 to purchase a new computer. The proceeds of the semi-annual book sales were used.

"It probably took us three book sales to save up that amount," Shull said. "I thought that was real nice we were able to do that." Other donations have been used for books, tables and children's programming. "Whatever they need, we help with," Shull said.

Other fund raisers have included a spaghetti dinner, a special event called "Applause, Applause" to celebrate the new library, and bringing a book dealer to one of the book sales.

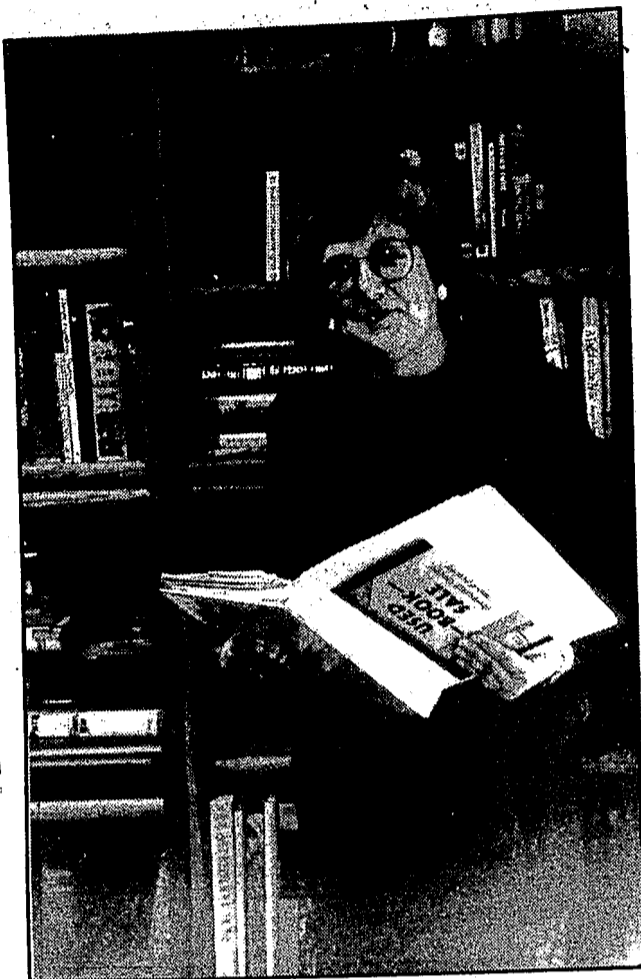
"We're trying now to (alternate) a book sale and a fun, social thing," Shull said. The Friends are talking about a murder mystery dinner this winter, patterned after a successful event held at the Clarkston Legion hall.

Shull is acutely aware of the library's funding difficulties and the inadequacies of its collection. She supports library director Mollie Lynch's move to further computerize the library with the understanding that it's prohibitively expensive to upgrade the book collection to where it should be.

"There's so many things they could use over there," Shull said. "It's a struggle. It's incredible what they cost."

Part of the problem is that the law under which the library was formed has expired and nothing has been done to stabilize the library's funding. It's totally dependent on the township and any grants Lynch can secure.

In addition, Shull feels the separation of the City of Clarkston from the township has hurt the library, both financially and morally. Volunteers and tax



Chris Shull

dollars have been lost, as well as a feeling of ownership by some city people.

"I don't like this w/ them and I don't want that to affect the library," Shull said. "I just want to make sure it's a library for all; everyone can enjoy it."

Since the move to the new building, usage is way up, Shull said.

"Every time I go over there there's more people, new people, and that's good," she said. "I noticed when I was there the other day every computer was being used. I thought, my gosh; this is fun."

Shull says it's inevitable that the library's financial backing will have to be increased eventually.

"If we don't it will just kind of stay at the same level. Meanwhile, Clarkston is changing. People come here from Troy and they look at our library and say, 'Huh?' But it takes time. It took awhile to recognize the need for the new library . . ."

"I think it'll happen. So our job is to—whatever the library feels is best—to back them."

Shull said she was both surprised and pleased that the small millage increase requested in August passed on the first try.

"To me that's encouraging. To me it says the

library is important to people now. We want more and we're willing to pay for it."

Shull would eventually like to see the library have its own board to direct its affairs, "because the township board is just too busy . . . I think it would just be more helpful to the library to have its own board."

Shull would like to see the library restore Sunday hours, a proposal that is being talked about, subject to funding being found.

"Personally I'd like to see that happen," she said. "All the libraries I see on Sunday are packed. But we're talking about a lot of money, more than we (the Friends) can amass anytime soon."

Despite the amount of work to be done, Shull is optimistic about the library's future.

"There's a lot of good things that could happen," she said. "There's so much potential here."

Membership in the Friends of the Independence Township Library costs \$15 for an individual, \$25 per family and includes a Friends T-shirt. The next Friends meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31 at 7 p.m. at the library. To join, pick up an enrollment form at the library.

## Two rezonings set for Dec. 8

Residential property on the northwest corner of M-15 and I-75 will be the subject of a public hearing Dec. 8 in front of the Independence Township Planning Commission.

The hearing is set to gather public opinion on a rezoning request that will change the 2.2 acres from its current zoning of single family residential (R-1A) to office service (OS-2).

A separate rezoning public hearing is also scheduled for Dec. 8. This proposal requests that 10 scattered lots in sections 19, 22 and 30 be rezoned from freeway service (C-4), local commercial (C-1) and motor vehicle service station (MS) to multi-family residential (R-2), office service (OS-2), planned shopping center (C-2) and recreation (REC).

The planning commission meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, located on 90 N. Main Street.

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# City ponders downtown parking problem

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TIA do further study on the possibility of putting sidewalks on either the north or south sides of Depot with parallel parking on one side only. The other side would keep its angular parking spots. Because TIA is a non-profit organization, there is no charge to the city.

DeCorte stressed that the city must continue to face up to its escalating parking situation and take a look at other parking options on side streets and lots. He warned of people trading in the downtown busi-

ness area for shopping centers where parking is easy. "I see a downtown area that will dry up if it can't find solutions to its parking. That becomes a detriment ... Nobody takes a bird's-eye view and maybe it's time we do that," he said.

### In other council action:

- Council passed a motion 6-0 to approve \$8,000 in Community Development Block Grants for 1995-1996. Funds of \$1,000 each will go to Lighthouse North, Youth Assistance and Senior Citizens with the balance to be used for American Disabilities Act compliance, such as the improvement of accessibility to Depot Park's gazebo and to upgrade the city hall for handicapped people.

- A decision to set mileage rates for city employees was tabled. City manager Art Pappas said there are no funds so designated in the current city budget.

- Council passed a motion 6-0 to appoint resident Monica Ward to a seat on the city's planning commission.

- A street light on Middle Lake Road whose pole and wires are being overrun by blue spruce branches is being evaluated. Secatch will ask DPW Supervisor Bob Pursley to contact Detroit Edison about four options: extend a longer arm on the pole, move the light to another pole, remove the light or cut down the tree.

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# Women bag a few bucks of their own

## Ladies' night draw is male strippers

BY EILEEN OXLEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For one night only, they were the City of the Village People.

And for one night only, women oohed and ogled over peccs, thighs and buns as much as their husbands or boyfriends might do if the roles were reversed.

They drank, stomped and whistled as four young men from "Jokers R Wild," an entertainment agency in Dearborn, strutted their stuff at Eagles Lodge 3373 on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9-11 p.m.

"God, he looks good in leather, don't he? Wow! Look at those buns," remarked a patron as she watched one of the muscled dancers appear as a Zorro-like character. Each crack of his whip drew screams from the ladies.

Other macho roles included a policeman, a construction worker, a cowboy — and a nerd.

Nerd?  
"That's one of our most popular characters — it's funny," said Robert McKay, manager of Jokers R Wild, who added that it was David Anthony, a former stripper and owner and founder of the agency, who created the persona.

"He developed the nerd character. Other agencies have copied it — the spaz, the geek — but they're all facsimiles of this character David created," McKay said.

McKay says only 10-15 percent of the agency's bookings are stripper-oriented. The vast majority are for children's parties, birthdays and such where men — and women — thrill kids with Barney, Cat Woman and Power Ranger get-ups.

Former Piston Isiah Thomas and Detroit musician Ted Nugent are two daddies who are frequent customers.

"Isiah always wants Big Bird," McKay said. "Ted usually has a birthday party for his son."

But the hot season is this time of year when "deer hunters' widows," or women who miss their husbands and boyfriends, want a party of their own, he added.

That's how it started with Eagles 3373, said president Gerald Frederick, who described how he and other members sat around one night, trying to figure out what kind of entertainment to offer that first weekend after deer season opened.

"I said, 'Nobody will be here. Why don't we get something going for the ladies,'" Gerald said, as he took tickets at the door. He and three other men said they were acting as "security" in case any of the ladies got "out of hand."

His wife, vice president Karen Frederick, who was enjoying the revue inside, agreed.

"I thought it was a great idea," she said, as she eyed a dancer. "They've (women members) been wanting this for a long time." Male lodge members outnumber females 550 to 130.

Evidently, most of the women were pleased and satisfied with the results — four young men who might give the women's mates something to think about as they trudged through the north woods.

"I love it," said Deana Miller of Clarkston. "I like the policeman. He looks like my boyfriend."

"They have nice little round firm butts — no beer bellies," said another woman who didn't want to give her name.

As a firm young dancer sashayed by, he paused

during his gyrations when asked if his numerous performances were satisfying.

"At first — yeah — it was an ego trip. But now it's just a job," he said, adding that he had "a respectable day job — an office job."

"I have a steady girlfriend. I told her this was going to be my last party. I have a lot of respect for her," he said while bumping his torso. His G-string was stuffed with dollar bills below a definitely-not-beer-belly.

Shirley DeForio, a neatly-coifed senior, came with her two granddaughters who were afraid she might embarrass them.

"They told me I had to behave myself," she laughed. When she was asked to name her favorite dancer she answered, "I like 'em all, honey."

Though the majority of women said their significant others had given them their good graces to enjoy a night out with the girls, a few said their men had no idea what they were doing.

"My husband doesn't know — He's up north hunting," said a woman, who wished to be anonymous. She eyed the comely cowboy, then winked.

"He will when he gets home."

Reporter Oxley was not allowed to take photos during this event.

### Homestead exemption can still be filed

Residents who, for some reason, never filed for the new homestead property-tax exemption on their principal residence may still do so before Dec. 13.

That's when the Independence Township Board of Review will meet to carry out its December duties. According to Independence Township assessor Dave Kramer, the board may only consider clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact at its December meeting. Failure to claim the homestead exemption on eligible property is considered to fall under the latter category.

The Board of Review next meets in March to consider challenges to valuations placed on all classes of property.

### Blood banks scheduled

In response to the critical need for blood, the American Red Cross has scheduled a number of blood banks in the Clarkston-Waterford area in December.

On Dec. 2 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Clarkston High School will be the site of one blood bank. Call 334-3575 for an appointment. On Dec. 1 the site will be Brandon High School. Hours are 7:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; call 334-3575 for an appointment. On Dec. 27 the Pontiac Elks Club, 2100 Scott Lake Rd., Waterford will host, 2-8 p.m.. Call 623-7684. Waterford Mott High School will host on Dec. 5; call 674-4134. And on the same day, the Reorganized Church of the Latter Day Saints, 1990 Crescent Lake Rd., Waterford, will host. Hours are 2-8 p.m. Call 669-4323.

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# Fire call

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**, vehicle fire in the median on northbound I-75.

Medical on Ortonville Rd.; one to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Assist to the Auburn Hills Fire Dept. on a hazardous materials fire on Collier Rd.

Kitchen grease fire on Chickadee. The fire was out on arrival but the home was filled with smoke. Fans were used to clear it out.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**, medical on Deepwood Ct.

Rollover injury accident on northbound I-75. Medical on Dixie.

Medical on Lancaster Hill. Medical on Hillcrest.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**, medical on Yale; one to St. Joe's.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**, medical on Klais. Injury accident on northbound I-75; one to POH.

Illegal burn on Kingfisher. A warning was issued and the fire extinguished.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**, medical on Center.

Wires in trees on Snowapple. Medical on N. River.

Dwelling filling with smoke on Reese Rd. Firefighters found the furnace had overheated and they ejected the smoke.

Injury accident on Clarkston Rd. Wires down on Clintonville Rd.

Medical on Middle Lake Rd.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**, an assault victim was transported to St. Joe's.

Oven sparking on Park Valley Dr. An electrical problem was found.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**, medical on Lancaster Hill Dr.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**, illegal burn on Wellesley Terrace. A warning was issued.

Medical on Perry Lake Rd.; one to POH. Medical on Dixie Hwy.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**, a carbon monoxide detector was going off in a home on Second St. The fire department found on CO problem and suspects a faulty detector.

Medical on M-15. Odor investigation on Indianwood Rd.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Eastview. Medical on Longview.

Medical on Heath.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**, medical on Phalen.

Medical on Cramlane; one to St. Joe's. Rollover accident on northbound I-75; two were taken to POH.

*The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 1,439 calls this year through Nov. 27.*

## Clarkston Police

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23**, an Oxford man was stopped on southbound M-15 at W. Washington and issued a citation for no turn on red. Police ran a check and found he was wanted on an outstanding warrant in Flint. He was unable to post bond and lodged at Oakland County Jail. His vehicle was impounded.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 24**, larceny reported from an auto parked on S. Main St. Two wire wheel covers were taken.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 26**, An officer running radar on westbound Waldon picked up a motorist going 57 mph in a 25 mph zone. He was pursued by the officer, who lost him. A resident on E. Washington reported that the motorist had driven down a neighbor's back lawn. The officer checked and found tire tracks in the neighbor's yard.

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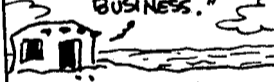
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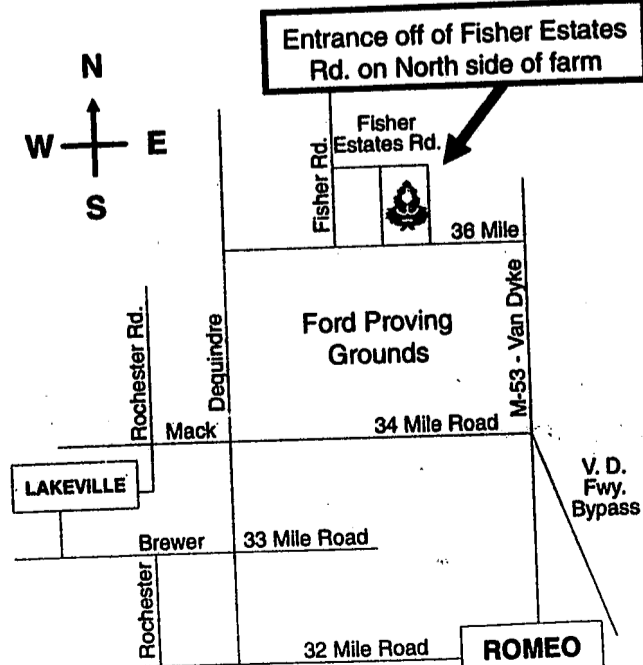
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## Sheriff's log for Independence Township

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**, a 20-year-old Pontiac man pulled over for careless driving on Maybee Rd. was arrested on two outstanding warrants after at first giving the deputy a phony name. His passenger, an 18-year-old Pontiac man, was also arrested on an outstanding warrant. The driver was also ticketed.

Breaking and entering of an auto parked on Mann. After the driver ran out of gas and had to abandon the car, a window was broken and a duffel bag, video game, radio and 12 tapes were stolen.

Five rings and one gold chain containing diamonds and emeralds were stolen from a home on Waterford Rd.

A 17-year-old Clarkston girl was taken to St. Joseph Hospital after she said her steering failed on northbound I-75, sending her off the road and rolling the car.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**, a 45-year-old Lancaster Bay Way man was arrested after allegedly assaulting his wife.

A rear door was forced at a house on Felix Drive but entry was not gained. However the resident said several items were missing from her garage.

Four hubcap emblems were stolen from a car parked at Independence Oaks County Park.

A property owner who tried to chase trespassers off his land on Clement was mooned by the three trespassers, who were on ATVs. They also damaged his truck.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**, four larcenies from autos were reported, two on Lancaster, one on Shore Ct. and one on Andersonville. In all, three phones were taken, along with some tapes. In one case, clothing from the car was strewn about the ground.

Two windows were broken at a house on Clintonville.

A heavy gust of wind blew a car traveling northbound on I-75, causing the driver to lose control and hit a bridge railing. The driver, a 17-year-old Flint boy, was taken to St. Joe's hospital for treatment parked on Lancaster Hill overnight. The car had a defective lock which allowed the thief entry.

Larceny of two Jacuzzis worth \$4,545 from a home under construction on Newcastle.

A 24-year-old Davisburg man was ticketed for trespassing after he was caught hunting on private property without permission on Holcomb. The man had parked his car on I-75 then hopped a fence before being spotted by the landowner. He was reminded that it is illegal to stop your car on the freeway except in an emergency.

A 60-year-old Lake Orion man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a traffic stop on Clintonville.

Eight rims and tires valued at \$2,400 were stolen from a lot on Dixie Hwy.

Larceny of a radio from a car parked on Sundale.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**, home intrusion on Pine Knob Rd. The resident reported a break-in and extensive damage allegedly done by a friend.

A man driving on Clintonville Rd. said a passing car threw a pop bottle at his car, chipping a window.

It also struck his car in the rear. He managed to get the license-plate number.

Threatening phone call on Mary Sue.

Two VCRs were stolen from Bailey Lake Elementary School.

A lock on a truck parked on Sashabaw Rd. was cut and two ladders valued at \$1,200 were stolen.

A Clarkston man driving on northbound I-75 near M-15 was hit by two deer at one time. He was not injured.

Non-injury accidents on Dixie, on Andersonville, on Maybee and on Ortonville Rd.

Car/deer accident on Clarkston Rd. near Sashabaw.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24**, three guns—

a 30-06 rifle, a 9 mm pistol and a 22 caliber revolver—were reported missing in a break-in on Oak Hill. The resident had just moved.

Harassment on Joy St.

A radio, speakers, radar detector and a camera were stolen from a car parked in a Pine Ridge Circle driveway.

A tire was punctured on a car parked in a Cramlane driveway.

A 34-year-old Ortonville woman was injured in a rear-ender on Sashabaw.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25**, a deputy shot a deer which had been injured on Rattalee Lake Rd.

A 39-year-old Novi woman was injured in an accident on N. Eston Rd. She was also ticketed.

Non-injury accident on Dixie.

Car/deer accidents on Davisburg Rd. and on Dixie Hwy.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**, an 18-year-old Flint man stopped for speeding on northbound I-75 was arrested on a felony warrant from Garden City for unarmed robbery.

A car parked on Lingor had its windshield

smashed and a tire slashed overnight.

Trespassing on Pine Knob Rd. Neighbors disagreed over where the property line is.

Assault and battery on Sashabaw. A 30-year-old Clarkston woman said she was thrown to the ground by another woman, suffering head and facial injuries.

Breaking and entering at a business on White Lake Rd. The front door was forced, setting off the alarm and scaring the thief off.

Harassing phone call on Burgundy.

A tire was slashed on a car parked on Lingor and a radar detector stolen.

Malicious destruction of a lawn on Old Sturbridge.

A 37-year-old Ortonville man was found dead outside his truck on Lake Forest Drive, where he had been cutting wood. Family members said he suffered a medical problem which may have led to his death.

Car/deer accident on Waldon near Sashabaw.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**, a Clinton Township man, 19, is suspected of writing a bad check for \$81.78 in groceries at a Dixie Hwy. store.

Breaking and entering of a pole barn on Clintonville Rd. An ATV, chainsaw, heater, weedwhip and hand tools were found missing after a door was kicked in.

Car and house keys were reported missing on Andersonville Rd.

A garage-door opener was reported missing from a car on Chanto.

Two Roseville women were taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after their car was reportedly cut off by a van on southbound I-75, causing the driver to lose control, cross the median and leave the road.

Non-injury accident on Dixie Hwy.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Independence substation has responded to 11,315 calls this year through Nov. 27.



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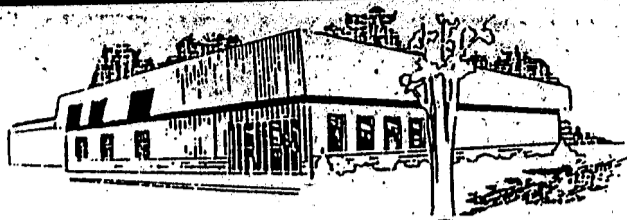
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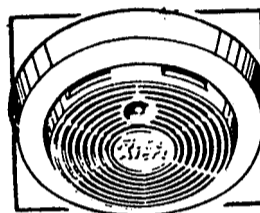
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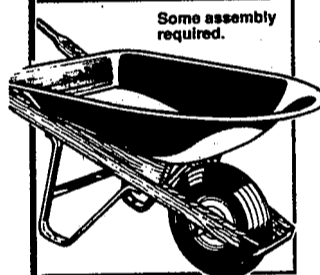
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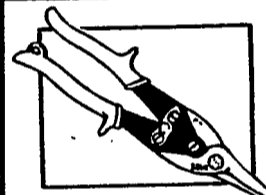


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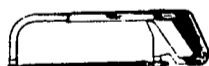


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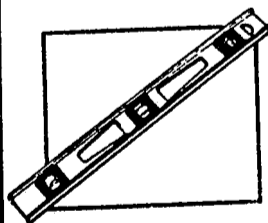
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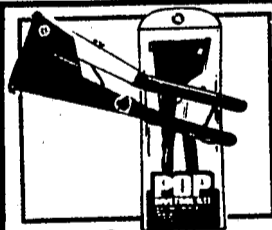
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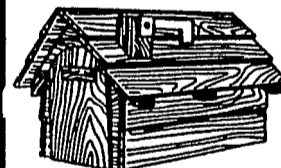
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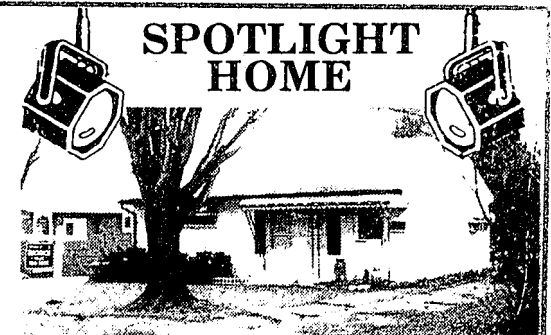
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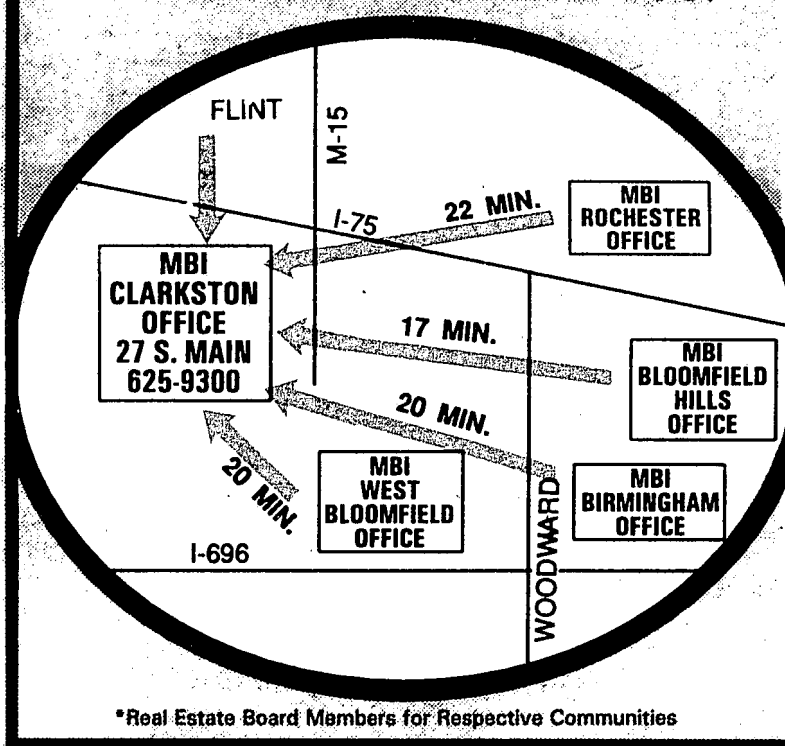
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