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Summer at last!



Brent Bendes, a kindergartner at North Sashabaw Elementary, welcomes summer on the school playground. With just a few

more days of school left, many kids are ready to call it a year. Photo by Angela Smith.

Main St. rezoning denied by PC

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bob Olsen didn't get the answer he wanted from Clarkston's planning commission Monday night.

He and his wife Deanna appeared before the commission a month ago and requested a zoning change for the five lots presently zoned residential at Main and Waldon roads. The Olsens, Clarkston residents and business owners for over 20 years, signed a purchase agreement with Independence Township and have a two-year option to buy the five-parcel lot. They want to build an historically designed office complex and need a change from residential (R-1) to business (B-1).

Their request was made before the commission at a May 1 public hearing, at which many residents stood up and expressed objection. Some live on Laurelton St. which backs up to the property in question. The action to vote on a recommendation was tabled to June 5 and a subcommittee appointed. It was composed of planning commission members Dave

Huttenlocher, Steve Arkwright, Tim Vandkerckove and Monica Ward.

They came back Monday night with their findings, based on an outline from "City and Village Zoning: A Basic Guide For Citizens and Local Officials," a product of Michigan State University Extension Service. The study examined factors such as why the property cannot be reasonably used as currently zoned and, if spot zoned, would this set a precedent for other such types of zoning.

The subcommittee recommended denial of the rezoning request. Reading from the report, Vanderkerchove said, "The property could be developed as zoned" and "No, we do not see any justification for special use of this lot as the current zoning is appropriate." The report also alluded to Clarkston's "master plan" of "the desire to preserve and protect the quality and integrity of the residentially zoned district." The property is currently surrounded by 90-percent residential homes.

Reacting to the commission's arguments, Bob Olsen said, "I am not shocked because I knew when we

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Teachers come out against privatization

Debate distracts from bond issue, CEA president says

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

In a strongly worded statement, the Clarkston Education Association (the teachers union) announced Monday that it opposes contracting out any school work to private companies.

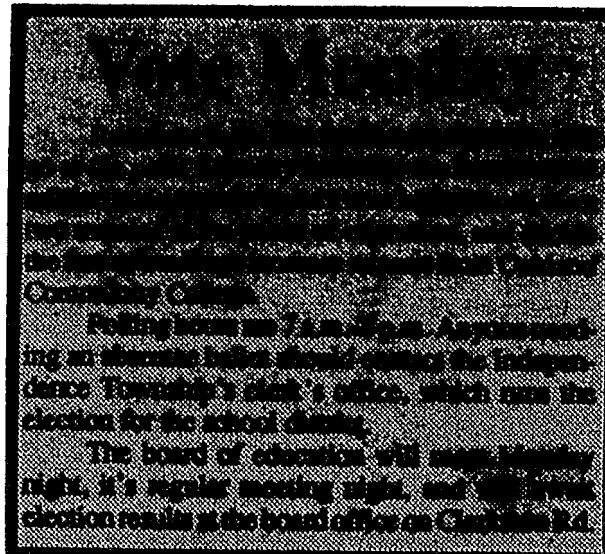
CEA president Tom Brown blamed Governor John Engler and the legislature for "fostering attitudes of fear and distrust... which seek to dismantle public education." A change in state law approved last year makes contracting with private companies a non-negotiable item for district employees.

It was the first time the union, which is affiliated with the Michigan Education Association, has made a formal statement about privatization. The remarks came at the end of a lengthy meeting in which two companies, Marriott and ServiceMaster, made presentations about running the district's custodial, grounds and maintenance services. The board of education has already heard proposals from two other companies, Ryder and National, about privatizing transportation services.

"The CEA opposes privatization as a whole," Brown said. "Without the existing educational family you fractionalize the educational community."

Brown said he was responding to a recent letter to the editor which appeared in The Clarkston News asking "Where are the teachers?" The letter asked why

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The news in brief

Trial proceeds to Circuit Court

Five Clarkston teenagers have been arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court on bomb-making charges. Jessie Laycock, Brian Trollman, Armin Michelsen and Jason Buchmann were all arraigned by mail June 1 and had pretrials set for June 8. Eric Endreszl appeared in person with his attorney, who asked for a probation report. His pretrial has been adjourned for one month.

Alleged bank robber heads for trial

Clinton Dobson, the Lapeer County man charged with robbing the Clarkston Brandon Credit Union May 9, was arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court June 1 before Judge Alice Gilbert. He continues to be held on \$300,000 cash bond on each of two counts, bank robbery and possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. His pretrial has been set for June 8.

Seniors party too hearty

Seniors at Clarkston High School celebrated at noon Friday when they got out of school for the last time. But at least 50 of them ran into the law when neighbors called the Oakland County Sheriff's Department twice to come and break up a loud party on Snowapple.

The 18-year-old resident received a ticket for violating the township's host party ordinance after deputies found alcohol and marijuana at the party. They also found an 18-year-old girl passed out. The adult resident was out of town at the time.

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A reminder: It is unlawful to burn leaves in the City of the Village of Clarkston. For more information, call City Hall at 625-1559.

Library offers adult summer reading club

The fourth annual summer reading club for adults sponsored by the Independence Township Library kicks off June 20.

Last summer, 43 readers participated in the club. Anyone who reads a book from five different categories by August 31 will qualify for a \$50 gift certificate from the Village Bookstore.

Participants will receive a packet of suggested reading when they register. Registrations will be accepted beginning June 20 at the library reference desk. For more information call Patience Beer at 625-2212.

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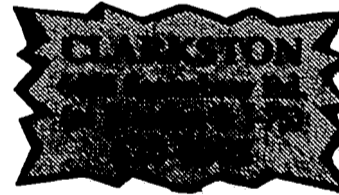
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Two school board seats contested

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Incumbent Janet Thomas and two challengers, Karen Foyteck and Kurt Shanks, will compete for two seats on the Clarkston board of education in Monday's election.

Incumbent Kurt Karlstrom decided not to run for re-election. Both Foyteck and Shanks have school-board experience; Foyteck in Clarkston (1989-93, when she lost her seat to Bill Craig) and Shanks in Rochester, where he lived before coming to Clarkston.

The three candidates answered questions May 31 at Clarkston Middle School in a forum hosted by the PTA Council. Below are the questions put to them by the PTAC and the audience. Their answers have been condensed for space considerations.

Karen Foyteck

Foyteck, a 25-year resident of the district, is a former teacher who now owns her own business. She has a BA in education from Wayne State University and did graduate work at Oakland University. She has been active in the women's club, a child study group, Sunday school teaching, PTA, Cub Scouts, school facilities committee, all-night party committee and was a volunteer coordinator at the high school. Her three children all attended Clarkston schools.

"This is an exciting time in education, especially in Michigan," she said. "To serve our students and community you need to understand curriculum... The classroom is our number-one priority."

WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE ISSUES FACING THE DISTRICT: Space, curriculum and pay to play.

Space: "We are a growing community and we have a space problem. If the bond issue passes it will solve a lot of problems in one fell swoop." If it doesn't, expect to see changes in attendance areas, the loss of classrooms dedicated to special uses and shorter school days, she said.

Curriculum: "I think we need to look at raising academic standards, longer school days at the secondary level... critical thinking skills."

Pay to play: "We can't target one group."

ON PRIVATIZATION: Thinks it needs investigating but better communication would have averted some employee concerns. "I think we all have concerns about the final proposals from this company, that we have not seen. The unfortunate part is it became a very emotional issue before all the issues had been seen."

THE ROLE OF TRUSTEES IN OVERSEEING ADMINISTRATION: "The school board is part of a team and there is no I in team. If you do not have a school board and administration working as a team you don't have a healthy system... Trustees provide a very important link between the community and the administration. Trustees represent the community and you have to represent all the community."

ON IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS: She's been an advocate since 1987 of publishing school board agendas in advance in the newspaper, and publishing minutes after meetings. "That certainly would help."

ON THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING A SUPERINTENDENT: She said the voting on any changes to the superintendent's contract must be done in public, as required by law.

ON THE BOARD ACTING ON AGENDA ITEMS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE: "There has always been a gentlemen's agreement... There would be no surprises."



From left, Karen Foyteck, Kurt Shanks and Janet Thomas are running for spots on the Clarkston board of education. The three squared

off at a debate last week at Clarkston Middle School.

ON COMMON PLANNING TIME FOR TEACHERS: "My biggest concern is that it be implemented so everybody receives the greatest benefit... If it's not productive it's going to be a very expensive mistake. I think we are all looking for great advances in curriculum."

ON HOW FUTURE STATE FUNDING WILL AFFECT RECENT GAINS IN CURRICULUM: She said curriculum must constantly be monitored. "It's an ongoing process. We're real good at looking at new stuff, but it's very hard to evaluate programs... We have to come to terms with that."

Kurt Shanks

Shanks is a lead safety engineer with Cadillac in Flint. A Navy veteran, he holds a BS in chemistry from Michigan State University and an MBA from the University of Detroit. He is chairman of Help Us Grow, the committee promoting the school bond issue, has served on the PTA and school facilities committee and regularly attends school board meetings. He has two children in Clarkston schools.

Comparing a board of education to a board of trustees, Shanks said, "I want to have seven independent members working as a team, bringing their diverse backgrounds to the common goal. The board needs to proact as policy setters, not just react."

THE TOP THREE ISSUES: Facilities, curriculum, and process.

Facilities: "Let's get this behind us so we can get on to teaching our students the way they need to be taught."

Curriculum: "The curriculum is not challenging enough for both ends of the spectrum." Feels it needs more opportunities for gifted and talented, including more AP and college prep classes.

Process: "I don't see the board responding the way it should, getting ahead of issues and involving the community the way it should... The issues come up on them and are acting on them before they have an opportunity to act."

ON PRIVATIZATION: "We have to look at

all avenues but we have to be sure to set standards up front... Privatization should in no way exclude employee unions doing business in the district today." His concern is that current services be maintained.

ROLE OF BOARD MEMBERS IN OVERSEEING ADMINISTRATION: "What we need to do is foster communications between the community and the buildings before it goes to the board. As with any business, the board needs to select its president or superintendent and have a good working relationship."

HOW TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS: "We have a problem and I feel we can address some of the issues quickly... If you have strong credibility and say something it's going to carry a lot more weight."

He said residents are uncomfortable speaking up at meetings or attending committee meetings. "I'm aware of one case where the administration rebuked a parent for writing to the board and that shouldn't happen."

ON THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THE SUPERINTENDENT: "We need to open it up a little more. The superintendent needs to be guided, directed with a set of goals... I'm somewhat disheartened there is nothing in writing... it becomes a document you can refer back to over the years. Now the public is excluded, and that's inappropriate."

ON THE BOARD ACTING ON AGENDA ITEMS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE: "It is unacceptable. Standard policy should be set to table action items to the next meeting... The board president needs to remind the superintendent of his responsibility to bring issues forward in a timely fashion."

COMMON PLANNING TIME: "The benefits outweigh the costs. But you have to make sure you have it implemented in a worthwhile fashion... I think we'll find it's worth pursuing."

THE EFFECT OF FUTURE STATE FUNDING ON RECENT CURRICULUM GAINS: "Those items we have determined to be critical, I will

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Police chief candidates narrowed to 3

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the hot seat and in the spotlight, the final candidates for the vacant Clarkston police chief position will know what it's like to be interrogated.

The interviews, open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday (tonight) in City Hall, 375 Depot. Members of Clarkston's City Council will grill each candidate and select the new chief who's expected to be in place July 1. The Clarkston Police Chief salary is around \$30,000 with health insurance, said City Manager Art Pappas.

Here's a look at the final three, their careers and special skills — and what they have to offer to the City of the Village of Clarkston.

Michael E. Miles

Miles retired in July 1992 from his Police Captain position with the City of Pontiac Police Department. He began as a patrol officer in 1967 and rose through the ranks as detective, sergeant and lieutenant, becoming captain in 1986. His duties as captain included responsibility for a 100-plus staff of sworn and unsworn personnel that responded annually to 80,000 calls for service.

The Waterford resident's education includes a BA in political science from Oakland University, classes in criminal justice from the FBI National Academy and first in his class for supervisor development training at the Michigan State Police Academy. He also received executive and dignitary protection training in preparation for Pope John Paul II's 1987 visit to the Pontiac Silverdome.

Career highlights include Pontiac Police Officer of the Year (1977), nine meritorious service citations, the development of a differential police response program and the design of the current Silverdome shuttle bus system. Miles recently ended his job as motor coach driver for Seniors Unlimited Inc. in Pontiac. He transported senior citizens on recreational tours and charter for sometimes as long as a 28-day period. He holds an accident-free operation record for the excursions.

In his resume Miles states that he applied for the Clarkston Police Chief position for "the challenge of the job." He also says he understands one of the departmental needs is "to have a person who can provide a good working relationship with the Oakland

County Sheriff's Department.

"My brother and his wife work for that department. Working with the Sheriff's Department, and for that matter, the neighboring police agencies, will not be a problem. My past duties brought me in very frequent contact with their management personnel."

Miles, the father of three children and married, said if he is appointed Clarkston's new police chief he will try to retain the city's "small-town atmosphere" and conduct professional police work "in a friendly manner which is sensitive to the people of the community." He offers his 25 years of experience in the police force as well as "my total life experience."

"But hopefully a lot of my experience will never be needed," he quipped.

Paul D. Ormiston

Ormiston, a married Clarkston resident and father of two, is currently a police officer for the City of Auburn Hills. He began his career in 1969 with the Rochester City Police Department as a police and fire dispatcher and joined Auburn Hills as a patrol officer in 1972. He feels his strength lies in "my ability to supervise and motivate personnel as well as my expertise in traffic-related concerns."

He took and completed accident investigation courses through Michigan State University from 1975-1989. Since 1983 he has attended numerous seminars that have included counseling techniques for police supervisors, grant writing for law enforcement activities, traffic engineering and leadership training for first-line supervisors.

Career highlights include being the first recipient of Auburn Hills Police Department's "Officer of the Year" award (1981-82), leading the effort to create the Officer's Field Training Program, being appointed acting police chief in July 1986 and becoming actively involved in the voluntary Police/Senior Citizen program.

He is certified as an infrared Breathalyzer operator for the State of Michigan, a radar operator and in the use of the automatic external Defibrillator through the Oakland County Medical Control Authority. Actively involved in the Clarkston community, Ormiston is presently the Youth Group coordinator at St. Daniel's Church and does volunteer work with Auburn Hills senior citizens.

If appointed he hopes to use his experience in working with youth to meet their needs as well as those

of others in the community.

"I'd like to get officers involved in things like volunteerism," he says. "I'd like to work with the community to solve problems — not just legal problems, but that maybe a family is having trouble and they need to get to professionals who can help them."

Ormiston says, unlike the other two candidates, he's not looking for "a retirement-type job. He feels Clarkston needs community policing and "some sort of direction." With his extensive background in traffic engineering, Ormiston says he could benefit the city and its parking problems.

John Wargel

Wargel retired recently from his position with the City of Pontiac's Police Department where he was a sergeant and the supervisor in charge of the traffic section. His job duties included conducting investigations and reviewing the work of officers who are accident investigators with the department. As chairman of the traffic planning committee for World Cup Soccer 1994 at the Pontiac Silverdome, he wrote the traffic plan. He has been a police officer for over 25 years "in all phases of police work."

The Waterford resident's education includes graduation from the Metropolitan Police Academy where he ranked fifth in his class, an associates degree in law enforcement from Oakland Community College and numerous courses in areas that include Breathalyzer operation, traffic accident investigation, supervisory training and critical incident management.

Highlights of Wargel's career include acceptance as an expert witness by the district courts of the State of Michigan in accident investigation and by the district courts and the American Arbitration Association in the operation of the Breathalyzer instrument.

If appointed, Wargel says he hopes to connect with the residents of Clarkston, as well as obtain their cooperation.

"One of the things I'd like to do is to get some programs in the community like 'Helping Hands.'" Wargel refers to this as a program where residents assist children who need special help.

"Many times they get rattled and don't know who to go to."

Wargel also thinks Clarkston is "ripe" for a neighborhood watch program.

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What's the going rate for a high school?

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Shall Clarkston Schools borrow the sum of not to exceed \$52,175,000 and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new high school, to include acquiring and installing technology; acquiring, developing and improving the site; constructing and equipping outdoor physical education, athletic and stadium facilities?

How much does it cost to build a high school?

While Clarkston residents may be excused if they feel a little sticker shock, the district's requests for \$52 million for a new high school is not out of line with other recent high schools built in Michigan.

Troy High School, completed in 1992, came in at a cost of \$53,637,000. Rockford High School, the model for the proposed Clarkston building, cost \$42,842,000 when it was completed in 1993.

And while the buildings serve differing student populations, figures for per pupil costs are also available: \$23,801 for Rockford, \$29,799 for Troy. Even the Lowell High School, with a total price tag of \$29,642,000, comes in at \$26,948 per pupil.

In coming up with a projection for the new CHS, architects from Greiner and Associates took the costs of those three schools and adjusted them for inflation, local labor costs and other factors. They added in the fact that Clarkston must purchase a site and bring in utilities and pave the road, and came up with the final figure. A final design for the new school has not yet been made public.

Based on Greiner's calculations, the building itself is expected to cost \$34,990,000. Site acquisition

is put at \$1.5 million, with development of the site adding another \$4.34 million. Equipment, furnishings and technology will add \$5,677,000. A five-percent contingency is also added in, and there are costs associated with issuing the bonds, a construction manager and other, miscellaneous charges.

Per pupil, the figure comes in at \$26,900, in the middle of the pack as far as the other three high schools which were completed in the last five years. The same is true on square footage, where the cost is \$147.18 per square foot, as compared to \$121.71 for Rockford, \$130.44 for Lowell and \$183.06 for Troy.

As far as other schools on the drawing boards, last year Lake Orion voters approved \$47 million for a 2,000-student-capacity high school without a pool. Construction has not yet begun on that building.

If approved by the voters June 12, the bonded debt for the new Clarkston High School will be paid back over 20 3/4 years at an expected interest rate of 6.75 percent. While the operating millage will not be affected, the debt retirement millage, currently at 1.73, is expected to rise to 5.71 for the first year. That would be a tax increase of \$298.50 per year for the owner of a home with a market value of \$150,000. Subsequent years will depend on growth in the district's tax base.

The new school is expected to be built on Flemings Lake Rd. and have a core capacity for 2,500 students. The existing high school was built to hold 1,200; currently over 1,700 are enrolled, creating crowded hallways and cafeteria, theatre and other core facilities which cannot be added onto.

With its population continuing to grow, Clarkston's board of education has asked for a new high school twice before in recent years. In 1989 and 1991 voters turned down more expensive proposals.

In 1993, a proposal for Springfield Plains Elementary School was approved. The school opened last fall.

In addition to building a new high school, the current proposal would allow students at the current Clarkston Middle School, built in the 1920s, to move to the existing high school on Waldon Rd. The current CMS building would then be considered for other use, though no promises have been made about what it will be used for.

In addition, "I firmly believe the words 'fund equity' are not dirty words," she said. "We should be planning for the future."

Beaumont opens new building

Construction is now complete on Beaumont's new 46,000 square foot outpatient medial building across the street from the hospital's Troy location.

The two-story building will allow the hospital to expand its services in dialysis, family practice, occupational therapy, physical therapy and home services. It will also bring together the hospital's financial departments.

"The new building will be beneficial for therapy and dialysis patients since the departments will be located on the first floor with more convenient patient access," said John Labriola, Vice president and hospital director.

The hospital still hopes to expand its emergency center and add an obstetrical unit, among other long-range goals.

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Hire these kids!

A couple of years ago, my sister came upon an envelope full of my old high-school newspapers at her house. How she ended up with them I'll never know, since I didn't have any myself. But it was a real eye-opener.

I was co-editor of the paper my senior year, and I'm sure, like most writers, I thought I was pretty good. My most memorable story was covering two members of the Dave Clark Five, an immensely popular British rock group who came to Detroit to hold a press conference and debut their new film for a bunch of student writers. Heady stuff!

But reading back over those old stories, I had to chuckle. You could definitely tell they were written by a teenager. There was a definite lack of polish, a naivete that was, of course, entirely appropriate to the age group.

Fast forward to 1995. For the past few years we've invited student writers to write for our newspapers to give the students' perspective on life. And while I won't say their writing is ready for the New York Times, it amazes me the level of sophistication these young people have shown.

I'm not just talking about grammar and punctuation, either. I'm talking about their level of comfort writing for a real newspaper, a task I'm sure I would have been intimidated by when I was their age.

Take CHS senior Amber Gebrowski. Before she began her bi-weekly CHS Life column, she was already an accomplished writer with several summer clinics behind her. She served this year as co-editor of the CHS yearbook and worked on the new student newspaper, marched in the color guard and wrote for us. Whew!

Amber is planning to attend Michigan State University this fall to study English education and journalism. I am sure she has learned about discipline and deadlines and organization juggling all those commitments.

Don Downey, who alternated weeks with Amber in the CHS Life spot, is also a polished writer with a sharp wit. The staff here at The Clarkston News cracked up over every column, an enviable feat any writer would envy.

I have asked Don, who is completing his junior year at CHS, to come back and write next year. In fact, I asked him to write over the summer too. But he's going to be busy.

First there's Boys State. He'll return just in time to depart for Greece for six weeks, where he'll be part of an exchange program. Then, when he gets back, it's off to band camp. By then summer will be over.

Last but certainly not least there's Michael Romein, who has accepted every challenge I have given him this year in covering sports. He started out with the assignment of covering JV sports every week. Then, when our regular sportswriter went on vacation, Mike filled in with feature stories on varsity games. Then, he asked if he could write about the freshman teams, who weren't getting any coverage.

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Editorial

It's time: Vote yes on bond

Clarkston may just be a victim of its own success.

It's a sad fact that no matter how much you want your town to stay as it is, you have no control over growth. The same reasons that drew you to the area are continuing to draw dozens of new families every year.

And even though the Clarkston school district would rather concentrate on improving academics, it has no choice but to accommodate the steady stream of new children moving to the district. That is why it is time for voters to approve a new high school.

Voters must put aside personal feelings about individual personalities and past history and look at the core issue: Clarkston High School is holding far more students than it was ever designed to hold—over 1,700 are enrolled now, versus the designed capacity of 1,200. Clarkston Middle School is an ancient building (1920) that sooner or later will cease to be useful for any purpose.

A new high school will solve both of those problems, moving CMS students to the current high school and moving future CHS students to a new,

larger, more up-to-date facility on Flemings Lake Rd. It would still be centrally located and would offer community facilities, such as theater, athletic fields and pool, that are large enough to accommodate the population.

An argument can be made that the swimming pool should have been a separate issue, but it isn't. School officials say they have tried for a new high school both with and without a pool, and it has failed both ways. The question now is, is it a big enough issue to set back progress yet again?

Clarkston needs to break ground on a new school now. The building process takes about three years. If you have any doubts about the serious need, notice that the board of education just last month approved spending a quarter of a million dollars on portable classrooms. They didn't even wait for the outcome of the bond election. The need is just too pressing.

If the bond issue fails, we hope we don't have to hear people complaining down the road that the board didn't plan for the future. Planning is critical, but the voters must ultimately back it up with dollars. AK

Elect Thomas, Shanks to school board

Clarkston voters are fortunate to have three experienced, intelligent, caring candidates running for the board of education. Unfortunately, only two of them can be elected at this time.

We support the re-election of Janet Thomas to the board. Despite her five terms on the board, she remains interested in and committed to her responsibilities. She is also a minority voice on the board, a member of the loyal opposition who often challenges the way business is being conducted, always in a rational, businesslike manner. Her voice must be preserved.

We also support the election of Kurt Shanks to

take over the seat of departing trustee Kurt Karlstrom. Shanks, a former Rochester trustee who has only lived in Clarkston a short time, has already demonstrated his commitment to the community. In addition to serving on the PTA and district facilities committee and attending board meetings, he is chairman of HUG, the support group for the current bond campaign.

No matter how you feel about the bond issue, Shanks has demonstrated hard work and commitment, as well as an understanding of school issues and an ability to work with people. We feel he will fill Karlstrom's shoes admirably. AK

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Sailing away



As a kid of about six or seven I used to have a frequent dream.

The dreaded blue monkeys from the Wizard of Oz would pop out of hinged floor tiles in my parents room. Then the winged monsters would systematically swoop up and around and attempt to steal my family.

It was up to me to save them. In a dreamland panic I had to come up with some way to save them. Ultimately this usually meant transforming into the Mighty Mouse cartoon character. I'd fly across the room and deliver super-charged upper-cuts

Ker-pow!

and heroic round-house punches

Bam-o!

to my grotesque foes.

While I haven't had that dream in years, I have had others where I could zip across the sky, over sidewalks and buildings. I'm sure (well, at least I hope) many other people have flying dreams -- so I don't

think mine are the work of a deranged mind.

Humans have always wanted to fly. That's why this past weekend was, in the words of the boy wonder, Robin, neat-o.

My faithful companion Desiree and I went parasailing across West Grand Traverse Bay. It was one of those spur of the moment things.

"Let's just do it."

Of course, that is easier said than done. Not many times have I considered the ramifications of sailing across a big, deep, cold body of water, 400 feet up in the air, at the end of a parachute. I'm sure Des had, up until then, never considered the idea.

It was a scary proposition. But, we came to grips with our fears and agreed to be strapped to the parachute.

Swoosh!

And I was sucked off the back of the boat and up

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A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1980)

In a close race for two Clarkston School Board seats, incumbent C. Vincent Luzi and Addison Hubbard come out on top. Monday's voters also show strong support for a 10-year renewal of an existing 3-mill school tax for operational purposes with 1,020 "yes" votes and 625 "no" votes. School Board President Robert Walters expresses his gratitude for the vote of confidence in renewing the millage. "We have been hurt significantly by Headlee," he says. "We would have had an additional rollback had this failed."

Clarkston's Class of '80 includes 432 graduates at Pine Knob Sunday.

In taking their diplomas graduates in turn slip quarters into Vice-Principal Jan Gabier's hand. Not to be outdone by last year's seniors who passed marbles, this year's graduates produce 1980 quarters.

Pine Knob glimmers with dual acts of Bob Hope and Barbara Eden Thursday night.

25 YEARS AGO (1970)

David Leak of Middle Lake Road is elected to a four-year term on the Clarkston Board of Education. He receives 427 votes, 48 more than his opponent Ingrid Smith who tallies 379.

Student speakers at the Class of '70's commencement are Steven Kratt, Sue Griffiths and David Lehman. Kratt's topic will be "The potential of today's student in tomorrow's world." Griffiths will deliver a speech on "The Internal Revolution" and Lehman's topic is "The Indoctrination of United States Education."

Reports and complaints of noisy parties and motorcycles come to the township board's attention Tuesday night. A resident claims "a bunch of hippies" on Walters Lake were waving beer cans and stopping traffic on Orion Road, inviting people to join them in partying Saturday night.

50 YEARS AGO (1945)

News from "By the Way": Although the cold, rainy weather keeps many from working in their Victory gardens, some localities report the promise of fairly good crops of strawberries and raspberries ... It looks as though there is going to be a sidewalk alongside of M-15 south of the village. There are so

many from Clarkston who walk to Dixie for bus service. It's too bad the sidewalk can't be extended all the way ... There are some smart squirrels in downtown Clarkston who walk the high wires to avoid traffic on Main and Washington streets.

Playing at the Holly Theatre, "The Friendly Playhouse," is "Sunday Dinner for a Soldier" with Anne Baxter, John Hodiak, Charles Winninger and Jane Darwell. The Drayton Theatre is showing "Here Come the Co-Eds" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello and "The Show Off" with Arthur Lake and Dale Evans.

Specials at The Village Market this week include White House Coffee, a pound for a quarter; pastry flour, 25 pounds for 93 cents; Posts Toasties, two boxes for 15 cents; peanut butter, a 24-ounce jar for 33 cents; and Snobol, a bottle for 21 cents.

60 YEARS AGO (1935)

A local girl will be the maid of honor in the coronation of the Jubilee Queen during the 100th anniversary of the Township of Avon in Rochester. Miss Lolita Mann is to be Miss Clarkston and will serve as maid of honor to the crowned queen. There will be a fine program in the afternoon followed by a banquet in the high school gym. Those who wish to attend the activities must make reservations because a large crowd is expected. The ladies in charge of the dinner want to know how many to prepare for.

Young Clarkston pianist, Gilbert Gervais, 12, of Woodland Drive, wins high honors in the intermediate pianoforte division during a program of music examinations in Detroit. The program is conducted by Sir Granville Bancroft of Trinity College of Music in London, England. Gilbert is a pupil of Dr. Mark Gunzburg. He receives a score of 94, the highest obtained in the United States, and will be awarded an honor certificate from Trinity College. Candidates from Detroit and neighboring vicinities rate higher than those from any other city in the U.S.

Specials at Kroger's this week include chuck roast, a pound for 22 cents; Jello, three packages for 17 cents; Country Club Pork & Beans, four small cans for 19 cents; May Garden Tea, orange pekoe and pekoe, a one-pound package for 33 cents; and Sunbrite Cleanser, a can for a nickel.

If It Fitz

by Jim Fitzgerald



*God-awful bias
curbs rights
of nonbelievers*

Good God, if you'll excuse the expression, but here we go again.

Recently, while stumping for prayer in public schools, state Sen. Philip Hoffman, R-Horton, said: "The founding fathers founded this nation on Judeo-Christian values. Absent those values is the absence of moral order in society."

And, in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, FBI Director Louis Freeh said it was his department's job "to protect us from such godless acts."

In other words, if you don't belong to a Christian or Jewish religion, your morals are rotten. And if you don't believe in a god, all your acts are godless.

I first got into this subject last November when Gov. John Engler said people who don't believe in a god have no reason "to act in a decent, charitable manner."

And then again, in January, the State Board of Education, in a "mission statement," proclaimed it was "grateful to Almighty God" and that religion is "necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind."

Where do atheists or agnostics go to register for the education they bought with their tax dollars?

Besides the nonbelievers and the uncertain, what about those who practice religions that don't recognize the Judeo-Christian god? Are they all automatically immoral? If they are godless, does that mean it's impossible for them to be any better behaved than a mass murderer?

Most of the time, I believe in a supreme being, mainly because I can't grasp the concept of eternity. At some point, some great power had to start this world, didn't he (she)? And at another point, won't some great power declare the end of the world that various religions keep predicting is coming next month, or next century?

I become agnostic when I dwell too much on what I've been taught by an organized religion — that an almighty, all powerfull, all loving God (Jesus) is always everywhere, and knows what's going to happen before it happens. That means God was in the yellow truck parked in front of that Oklahoma City federal building.

How could a loving God allow all those innocent people — all those *children* — to be killed? Why not use that almighty power to stop such a heartbreaking tragedy?

I don't know the answer.

I do know I don't blame nonbelievers for bitterly resenting it when politicians like Engler and Hoffman proclaim that if you don't have religion, you must be immoral. The world is full of atheists, agnostics and other people whose values are excellent, although not officially Judeo-Christian.

And, according to all reports, the top suspect in the Oklahoma City bombing is a Christian.

As for all evil acts being "godless," I admit that commonly-used adjective always sounded secular to me, and inoffensive. Until I read a letter recently sent to President Bill Clinton by Californian Richard Hewetson, an atheist and board member of the Freedom from Religion Foundation. An excerpt:

"Every day of my life I commit godless acts. Most of them, I hope, are acts of kindness and justice. I have contributed hours to volunteer work and given time and money to many 'just causes.' These are all *godless acts*. I do not need any mythical creature to direct my life.

"I am sure that if the administration had referred to the recent murders of doctors at women's clinics as 'godful acts' or 'god inspired acts' (even though the perpetrators claimed they were), you would be deluged with complaints from outraged citizens."

Onward and Upward, even for nonbelievers.

Got a message for Fitz? Phone 1-313-222-8755 anytime.

Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Apparently everyone needs a lift

The only movie I ever paid to watch in a hotel room was "Starsky & Hutch." It was in my much younger days when I was able to last past the 10 o'clock news.

Other than all the chases these two cops had throughout the film, the only thing I remember is a woman standing in front of a mirror, surveying herself and asking, "Has my butt dropped?"

Thus began, for me, the era of say anything, do anything on television. But, that's not my topic for today.

Butts are! Actually, not just butts, but all the varying and sundry parts of our anatomy that sag. An aging Isaac Newton more likely came upon the gravity thing more from looking at his own body than by being bopped by an apple.

Whatever. Surgeons and apparel people recognize our fallings and take full advantage of it (us). The most recent piece of apparel I've seen is in a New York Daily News article on the Butt Booster.

Nancy Ganz, owner of Bodyslimmers, engineered this bit of design. It is said to have two-inch strips of elastic strategically situated to boost the butt. I haven't checked it out personally, but maybe I will.

Ganz is considering a men's line of belly busters. I don't know why she's working on the front of men

and the back of women.

Maybe it's because since someone else came up with the front-lifting-separating Wonderbra Ganz felt she was behind and wanted to catch up.

The Daily News article didn't say how much these flesh movers cost, but it did report Ganz's sales of nearing \$10 million a year. We people are vain, aren't we?

There is, of course, another way for us to slim down in particular areas. Surgeons do it with liposculpturing, at least that's what Grosse Pointe Plastic Surgery Center advertises.

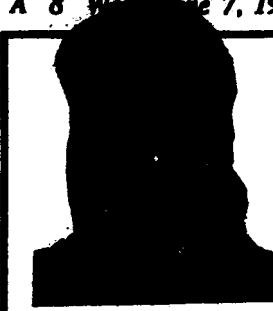
Calling it a "revolutionary technique," they say they can "reshape problem areas in the abdomen, thighs, male breasts, ankles, knees, buttocks and 'love handles.'"

Apparently they can't, or maybe there is no demand for, liposculpturing women's breasts.

Since surgery prompts thoughts of scalpels and scars, I'm betting Nancy Ganz gets the most support. Besides, she can out-clever surgeons with catchy names, like, Nip, Tuck & Boost, Rear Riser and Get a Grip Slip.

It's time to leave this subject behind; to lift all, or parts of ourselves to previous levels; to not worry about our sagging and learn to live with what we've got . . . what a horrible thought.

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Ei-liners by Eileen Oxley

River of dreams, road of nightmares

"Nothing is so much to be feared as fear."
—Henry David Thoreau

It's funny how the very things we are timid about turn out to be life's greatest challenges.

But sometimes the opposite rings true.

I experienced that paradox recently during a trip to West Virginia where I had the ultimate adventure in white-water rafting.

A couple of months ago when my girlfriend Heidi suggested that we tote our kids down south to experience it, I blithely said "Yes!"

I recalled trips up to the family cabin in Mercer, Wisconsin when my dad and I would go canoeing down the peaceful Turtle River. Each bend in the stream brought forth a new and unexpected pleasure — a deer quietly drinking, a bald eagle breaking free from a tree and winging toward the sky, the soft plop of a painted turtle into the water as he sensed something approaching ...

But I always wanted to "ride the rapids" and told my dad I'd help him hoist the canoe as we walked downstream to find the faster water. But I never got to do that, so it was always one of those dreams I hoped to someday discover.

I also remembered the movie "Deliverance" and the experience of four men — Jon Voight, Ned Beatty, Burt Reynolds — and the unfortunate Ronny Cox whose body wound up twisted and mangled around a jutting tree.

As my Memorial Day weekend trip drew nearer, I found myself getting cold feet. I was worried. Me, who had taken swimming lessons all my life ending with junior lifesaving. Me, whom my parents had dubbed "a regular ole duck in the water." I feared losing control, falling out of the raft and rollin' down the river, a victim of Mother Nature's River of No Return.

I was pleasantly surprised. After donning a faded orange life jacket and a hard helmet that could hardly be considered fashionable, I looked ahead to my adventure. Soon, bravely tackling each series of bubbling water, I considered myself a pro.

"Bring on another Level 5!" I growled as the raft rose vertically and fell amidst the warrior yells of other boaters. My 14-year-old son Tyler and his friend, Heidi's son Dylan, insisted on taking the most macho seats at the front — but they refused to wear the hot pink jackets we rented, deciding to be "cool" rather than comfortable.

By the end of the day-long journey, I was already babbling about another trip to the Rivers Resort where I would take on the Level-5-Plus of a much more risky stream.

The real challenge, I realized, was the path to our destination, which included about \$10 worth of toll roads on Ohio and West Virginia turnpikes and an hour-long delay in road construction coming and going on Interstate 77.

It also included letting two frisky teenage boys with cracking voices ride with the "cool mom" (me) while Heidi got her 12-year-old daughter Sasha who slept most of the way. They were a challenge. I was soon doused with back-to-back hours of Nirvana, Soundgarden, Hole and the Breeders as I caught glimpses of head-banging hair in the rear view mirror and watched them make faces at the drivers passing us. My newly washed car was soon a mess with wrappers and cracker crumbs. (Anyone who's ever experienced the horror of driving with kids can picture it).

Many times I was tempted to use my father's remedy — "One fell swoop of the arm across the back seat ..." I considered abandoning them at the next rest stop several times.

And Dylan, ever the teen-age wit, persisted in heckling the people at the toll booth with his "humor": "We are not Communists. We are Americans. Please let us across the border, we are not carrying drugs and

weapons."

However, the real challenge came when I drove around a bend and discovered a field of gorgeous wild poppies. Their brilliant red, pink and white hues produced an involuntary gasp and I swerved off the road to pick some. As Sasha grabbed her camera, I gathered up a bunch and remembered the scene from "The Wizard of Oz."

"Poppies, poppies!" I cried, mimicking Dorothy, the Scarecrow, and all. I was preparing to do a funny pratfall when I saw him.

The dreaded southern cop. There he was, with his car and his flashers, beckoning to me. As I hurried over, he said sternly, "Do you know it's a \$300 fine to pick wildflowers in this state?"

"No, officer," I heard myself say, shakily. "PLEASE give me a warning, I don't have any points on my driving record," as I attempted to hand him the fruits of my crime — the severed and already-wilting poppies.

He wasn't impressed. He told me he'd "be right back" and, as I stood along the road, I berated myself. I had visions of my own scenario of "Deliverance." Heidi and I would be hauled away, into the slammer of some nearby redneck town, while our poor, poor children would make frantic telephone calls to anyone we knew in Michigan.

"PLEASE wire \$300 to Fayetteville to bail Mom out of jail."

Heck, maybe our innocent children would be behind bars as well! And there would be those sinister Appalachian kids playing banjos and laughing ...

The waiting was punishment enough. When the officer returned after what seemed an eternity, his crooked yellow grin was almost kindly. "Ma'am, I wrote you up for stopping along an interstate highway. Call this number within the next 10 days. The fine is a lot less ..."

Of course, when I got back in the car, I was cursing the state of West Virginia with its crawling cops, remembering all the mayonnaise jars filled with wildflowers I had picked in Michigan and Wisconsin over the years.

But nevertheless, I was thankful I had gotten off easy.

I even thought about renting "Deliverance" when I got home.

In focus

From page 6A

Mike is also completing his junior year at CHS. I don't know whether he wants to come back next year, I'm afraid to ask him after all the hard work he's done.

None of these students were paid for their work. They all volunteered immediately and eagerly when I went looking last fall. Presumably they did it because they love to write. But along the way they had to meet many deadlines, and all turned in polished, typed copy. They all did a fantastic job.

There's nothing quite like seeing your work in print. I'm sure Amber, Don and Mike have saved their clippings for future resumes.

But if any of them comes to you for a job this summer, here's a reference: These students complete their assignments, they do it on time and in a business-like fashion. They deliver above-average results and in a cheerful frame of mind.

What more could any employer want?

The Food and Nutrition Hotline

858-0904

Call for information on canning, freezing, drying, food and nutrition and food safety.

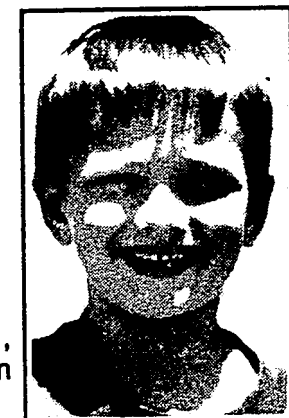
People poll

By Angela Smith

What are you looking forward to about summer vacation?



Amber George, kindergarten: Playing outside on my swing set with my friends.



Matthew Bleau, kindergarten: I'm going to Sea World.



Jonathan Sherman, second grade: I'm going up north.



Joel Cooper, second grade: I'm going over to my friend's house with a pool.



Ashley Odett, second grade: I'm going to my aunt's in Florida.

More letters

Thomas, Foyteck and yes

Dear Editor,

For the sake of our young people and our community, I plan to vote for Janet Thomas, Karen Foyteck and the bond issue for a new high school, gladly paying the additional property taxes involved.

Interestingly, a new high school will enhance all our property values.

Robert Walters

P.S. Thanks to the Clarkston teachers, board of education and administration for an early and prudent three-year contract settlement which provides more educational days.

A vote for Shanks

In a community rich with parent volunteers dedicated to the pursuit of quality education for its children, only an elite few are qualified to step up to the task of making decisions related to the running of our schools. I believe Kurt Shanks has the qualifications necessary for the position of Clarkston Community Schools trustee.

Mr. Shanks has previously held a school-board trustee position in a neighboring community, where he became certified by Michigan Associations of School Boards. In the short time Kurt has lived in Clarkston, he has already served on several school district committees along with his work through his children's PTA at Pine Knob Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School. A few of these district committees are: CCS Communications Committee, CCS Building Facilities Committee (this committee provided the district with its current Facilities Study Review Update that has been the benchmark for the current high school bond), he has co-chaired the Clarkston PTA Council HS scholarship fund-raiser and is the current chairman of the H.U.G. HS bond campaign that I believe will bring us the long-needed new Clarkston High School.

Kurt's *Vision for the Future* consists of planning for the future instead of waiting for it to happen. Kurt also believes, "We have a responsibility to our children to provide a quality education that gives them the skills, talents, and opportunity to compete in the 21st century."

I urge all members of the community to seek information, make an informed decision and make time to cast their vote on Monday, June 12 for Kurt Shanks for Clarkston Community Schools Board Trustee.

Sincerely,
Cheryl L. McGinnis

Technology, not buildings!

Teachers enter their classroom, turn on their information technology and hopefully guide their students into a new world of learning.

That same information technology used in a quiet homeschool that attracts more than 3,000 students without the use of mega government school properties has been called a "correspondence school" by the same teachers that use it in their classrooms. The Michigan Education Association attack on Noah Webster Academy charter school funding for home computerized classrooms seems unfair in light of virtue values related curriculum not being offered in local government schools. Now schools want more of their money.

Could \$52,175,000 plus \$1,000,000 per year operating funds for a new school be put to better use in providing information technology in every student's home in the district and then bring the student to small neighborhood classrooms to be guided by rotating teachers in evaluating their learning process? With just three hours of learning in the home, without any busing or massive school buildings. No clutter or distractions.

Information technology is where the future is at, not in new mega school facilities. Plugged into a lap computer information highway leading to bright new methods of learning may be what it is all about today.

However, change may come more slowly for some who think they still want an "outcome based education" without pass/fail grades or value related subjects.

Public funding for new schools could be better operated now with present government funding allotted to local government school's board if those funds were used directly on the student instead of impressive facilities.

Vote "No" on any new bond proposals. The local government school board has what it takes to do right by the students now with present public state funding.

Ralph A. Chambers

A student's view

As a student of Clarkston High School, I'd like to address the bond issue. It is almost a necessity that a new high school be built. Already, the halls are crowded, and next year will be worse. The number of seniors who are leaving is significantly less than the number of incoming freshmen. Our class sizes are extremely large. Almost every class has 30 or more students. It makes it especially difficult in advanced classes where the teacher-to-student ratio should be smaller.

Concerning our auditorium, cafeteria, and gym, they are very outdated and small. The auditorium stage is small in size and the acoustics throughout the room are terrible. There is also very limited seating.

Recently, a local mother attempted to reach the main office of the high school during lunch hour. However, she couldn't reach the office because students were everywhere eating on the floor.

Our cafeteria can't hold all these students now, and that's without the seniors. The seniors have the opportunity to go off campus to eat lunch, but it's more a necessity to have them go instead of a privilege.

Our gym is too small and much of the gym equipment is either outdated or damaged.

All these factors together, and many more, make Clarkston Senior High School a very difficult place to study in. A new high school would be a big improvement.

Stephanie Fahey
Clarkston High School Senior

Can't vote, urges 'yes'

Dear Editor,

As a resident alien in the United States (with the right to send my child to school and pay taxes here, but not the right to vote), I am constantly amazed by two things:

#1: A positive — the immense pride Americans rightly hold for their country (something we Canadians should learn); and

#2: A negative — the unfortunate tendency of many citizens to vote with their pocketbooks first and foremost.

It's the latter that concerns me here, in particular as it affects the current bond issue for a new high school.

Everyone, it seems, agrees that with a growing community and aging, ill-equipped schools, a new high school is definitely needed. The only "naysaying" I have heard comes from those who say we can't afford it — our taxes will continue to go up and up!

Well, perhaps they will, and in the short term our pockets will be a little emptier. But why is it that no one (including those in Washington who believe cutting social and environmental programs to "save the economy" in the short term) is willing to look for the long term?

If the true "bottom line," as so many seem to think, is money (and I do not for one moment believe that it is - but that's a topic for another letter), let's look beyond that short term of what we have in our pockets tomorrow — to see what our children have in their pockets — and in their world — ten, twenty, fifty years from now.

If we aren't willing to spend more than perhaps we'd like today — to properly educate our future leaders, help those in need, save our environment — what will the long term bring us?

Will an outsider still be amazed by the pride America's citizens hold?

Sincerely,
Cheryl Simpson

Kids count!

Clarkston kids count! Can they count on you to provide the kind of facilities necessary to take them into the 21st century and enable them the educational opportunities they deserve? The need has not gone away, it has only gotten worse. No longer are the numbers just projections, they are real! There is no time to waste since the soonest a new school can be ready is fall of 1998.

The recent renovations to the current high school have certainly helped, but the portables continue to be necessary to accommodate the growing enrollment. Just stop by during class changes to see the mere task of moving through the halls to get to the next class. In talking to a ninth-grader, he shared that all he saw as he went from class to class was the back of the kid in front and those on either side. Not a pretty sight.

Have you visited Greenfield Village? Well, take a step back in time and visit Clarkston Middle School. The only thing missing is the well out back as students literally carry buckets of water to do science experiments since there are no sinks in the rooms. Is this what our community wants to continue to subject our children to? A new high school will finally address this desperate situation by moving to the present high school.

I recently visited Brandon High School for the state band festival and was envious of their beautiful auditorium that accommodates 750, compared to our 300-seat auditorium that cannot even accommodate one grade level for an assembly or performance. Brandon averages 350 students per grade level vs. 425 in Clarkston. If Brandon can provide this for their children, can't we?

Clarkston kids are the responsibility of the whole community. Let's give them the message that WE DO CARE enough to support a new high school. It's time! Vote "yes" June 12, an investment in our future and our community.

Ken and Sally Coe

Time to start now on new building

A new high school started now won't be ready until fall 1998; if we wait two more years it won't be ready until the year 2000.

It's crowded at the high school now — we can't afford to wait any longer. A responsible person watching all the new housing projects under construction can only see that new school facilities are not a frivolous request, but one that is absolutely needed. That is why the request for a bond for 3.94 mills on June 12 is necessary.

All children in this district eventually "end up" at the high school — why then would we want to send them to an over-crowded school, with less curriculum opportunities than they deserve?

The pool in this new high school can be a positive community-shared item with everyone in Clarkston benefitting through swim and health programs.

It's certainly time to get the students out of the 75-year-old Clarkston Middle School, too, and through this bond we can accomplish this, plus have a place to house a community center for both children and adults.

On June 12 you will be asked to make an important decision that can make the future of Clarkston bright — please vote yes.

Marsha Combs

Abandoning Parview on Road Commission agenda

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Board of Road Commissioners will decide if Parview Road should be made private.

A May 25 public hearing between by the Road Commission for Oakland County and about 60 residents living on or near Parview could mean something might finally be done for residents who say traffic has put them in danger.

Scott Robeson, a Parview resident, said this is the third time in about 18 years the road commission has held a meeting with residents on the subject of road abandonment.

Abandonment means that the road commission would deed the rights to the road to adjacent property

owners, thereby making it a private road. The main proposal discussed at the meeting is to abandon Parview from Balmoral north to Dixie Highway.

Robeson emphasized something needs to be done because of all the traffic cutting through from Dixie to Andersonville.

"Maybe now something will happen," said Robeson, who admitted not all the citizens at the meeting spoke in favor of abandonment. "Hopefully they (the RCOC) realize we're not trying to stir up trouble but just want an answer to a serious problem."

He said traffic using Parview as a cut-through will only increase in the next few years because of proposed developments in the area. Mr. B's plans on opening an establishment on Dixie, but would like to have access to Parview, while Bay Court Park and Clarkston Bluffs apartments will also increase traffic

flow.

RCOC staff attorney Keith Norman said he will take citizen comments made at the meeting and forward them to the Board of Road Commissioners so the abandonment issue can be placed on their meeting agenda. The commission meets every Wednesday but Norman said he's not sure at which meeting the item will be discussed.

"The commission will either grant the request, deny it or table it," said Norman. "As far as I know the road abandonment is what will be on their agenda, although they could talk about other alternatives."

When the abandonment item makes the agenda, Norman said he will try and notify all those people who requested they be told of the date.

"The meetings are on Wednesdays but the agenda is made up on the Friday before so I'll have a short time to notify the people," he said.

Main St. rezoning denied by planning commission

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purchased the land it would be a problem. Dave (Huttenlocher), you intimated that I shouldn't be jumping for joy tonight."

The commission's vote is not "legally binding" but only a recommendation to the city council. The Olsens reminded the commission that the property has been on the market for five years, with no firm buyers. Its price tag of \$130,000 "is too costly for a resident to build," said Bob Olsen.

"The proof of the pudding is 5 1/2 years of marketing — it didn't go," he said, referring to the proposal as "the highest and best use of the the land."

Planning commission member Jerry Hunter said, "What we need is two business zonings." But the time frame, she said, could be lengthy in which to create another zoning category. "It possibly could take another five years to study the situation and create a B-1 and B-2. Are you ready to wait for that?"

The Olsens also asked about creating an office class for their particular situation but were told that was unrealistic.

"I'm sure the commission is not adverse to creating an office class. But to draft an addition to the ordinance, to just tack it on" Huttenlocher said.

The planning commission ended the discussion by an almost unanimous vote of denial. Member Mark

Wamer was the sole objector, saying he had some personal disagreements with portions of the subcommittee report.

The next step is for the Olsens to appear before Clarkston's City Council. City Manager Art Pappas, who was present Monday night, said they would be put on the agenda for Tuesday's (June 13) council meeting. Planning commission member and councilman Steve Arkwright suggested that the Olsens "have something in the packet so the council has the oppor-

After the meeting, the Olsens said they will continue to pursue their plan. They were less than satisfied with the subcommittee report. Bob Olsen referred to it as "picking from the book" and "off-base." So far the couple has spent \$10,000 for attorneys, building and landscape architects, and engineering and wetlands consultants.

Huttenlocher said Tuesday morning that though the Olsens could try their request again before the planning commission, after they address council, "There's no other administrative route they could take."

As to whether a new zoning category could be

created, he said, "It's up to council if they want to entertain that. If council says they want to investigate that, we'll start working on it right away."

The Insider

What club?

At a recent city planning commission meeting, Clarkston resident Bob Olsen told members they should make their decision simple. "Just say yes," he said, referring to a rezoning request for the property at Main and Waldon. Chairman Dave Huttenlocher had a humorous retort.

"What club are you a member of — the Optimists?" he said.

Olsen is a member and past president of the Clarkston Foundation.

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OCC tries again with millage

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While critics say a new millage increase for Oakland Community College is "extortion," the facts show OCC receives the least amount of state funding per student among 29 community colleges in Michigan.

On June 12 voters in Oakland County and the Clarkston area will vote on OCC's proposed .80 millage increase for seven years. The extra funds, which will cost about \$40 per year if your home is valued at \$100,000, are proposed to be used for:

1 Building repair and restoration of parking lots and roadways, which have been ignored for 30 years.

1 New programs because more and more jobs require some type of college degree.

1 Equipment such as computers, lab work and other teaching tools to help students once they do move into the work place.

1 More access to scholarships and other kinds of aid for talented students who might otherwise be unable to attend college, and for people who are laid-off workers, retraining for new employment or older students resuming their education.

According to figures provided by OCC, the college ranks last in state funding per student at \$1,069. That figure is well behind leader Gogebic Community College's (located in Ironwood, in the upper peninsula) \$4,132 per student.

In addition, OCC ranks 28th of 29 Michigan community colleges in spending funds per student.

But critics of the millage request say OCC had its chance for voter approval in March. The Oakland County Taxpayers Association says voters should just say no to new taxes, especially since taxpayers already voted down a one mill increase on March 16.

OCTA also points out that OCC already receives

an automatic one mill (.85 in 1995 because of the Headlee Amendment) each year, authorized when the community college first opened in 1964.

But unlike the March 16 proposal, the new millage proposal has a seven-year time limit and the millage request has been lowered.

OCC says over the last five years they've worked aggressively to streamline operations. Some of those results have been reducing \$6.5 million from the budget over the last three years by early retirements, reducing starting salaries, eliminating positions and raising tuition and fees.

While the budget has decreased over the years the enrollment has gone up. Last year over 30,000 students registered at the five OCC campuses. Among Clarkston High School's 1994 graduating class, 90 of the 338 graduates (27 percent) entered OCC for the fall semester.

The Oakland County Chamber of Commerce voted to support the millage request because they said all economic forecasts predict 80 percent of new jobs created in the coming decade will require more than a high school diploma, increasing the need to invest in OCC's future.

Don't rush me

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into the sky. Slowly the tow-boat sunk away and soon I was soaring above the bay. My dreams of flying had in a way come true.

It was strangely silent, and pleasant up there. I never thought I'd get to experience flying in real life.

Now, if those blasted, blue flying monkeys ever come around again I'll really give them something to take back to Oz, and I won't have to dream it up.

Business brief

● Eric Pilarcik and Carol Eberhardt of Coldwell Banker The Michael Group in Clarkston recently attended a two-day Managing for Profit retreat in Chicago. The retreat focused on using technology as a tool.

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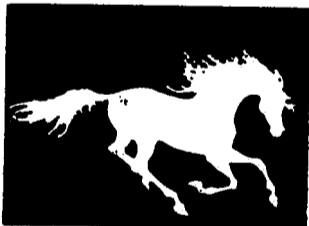


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Candidates

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protect those above all else... But that means we have to have a long-range plan to determine what that area consists of."

Janet Thomas

Incumbent Thomas is a 28-year resident who owns an accounting business. She has four children. She has served five terms on the board, including 10 years as president. She is also president of the Oakland County School Board Association and has received awards of merit and distinction from the Michigan School Board Association.

"The most important job of a community is to provide quality education for its children and its adults," she said. "I think I have the experience to continue to serve Clarkston and its children well."

TOP THREE ISSUES: Facilities, curriculum and finance.

Facilities: "If the bond issues passes we will have bought ourselves a considerable amount of time to see how enrollment is going to build. It won't be the last thing we build but it will give us some time to see how housing patterns develop."

Curriculum: "I'm concerned with the fact we have any nonreaders... Kids can skirt through and miss (some areas). Those gaps need to be closed."

Finance: Citing Proposal A she said, "They're going to have to be sure dollars are spent for value because they can't go back and ask the voters for more."

PRIVATIZATION: "Privatization is not the solution to everything. Usually it brings a separate set of problems. But as a school district we need to investigate because there's a potential for saving dollars. If we can save dollars that can be better spent on educating children, that's what we have to do."

ROLE OF TRUSTEES IN OVERSEEING ADMINISTRATION: "A school-board member is a

policy maker. The only employee they hire is the superintendent. Past that, school-board members have to be careful they're not acting in an administrative manner... Boards that do other than that over a long period of time get into trouble."

ON IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS: "The big thing is you have to listen... The big mistake is you have not listened to the question... It behooves us not to be arrogant. People have a right to know what's going on."

ON THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING A SUPERINTENDENT: She said each trustee used to do a separate written evaluation. "It's not done that way in Clarkston now. There's nothing written. It's an entirely oral evaluation and the majority of the board prefers it that way."

ON ACTION ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE:

Teachers come out against privatization

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teachers have not publicly supported their fellow employees, who are also MEA affiliated. At Monday's board of education meeting, several other teachers besides Brown spoke up against privatization and criticized the timing of the issue with a high-school bond proposal on the ballot next week.

"I urge the board to be very cautious," Brown said. "Don't fractionalize this community... resolve this problem and let's get to the greatest issue."

In their presentations Monday night, Marriott and ServiceMaster said they can save the district over half a million dollars a year by contracting out the entire building, grounds and maintenance operations. However, Marriott admitted it has no such contracts in Michigan, and ServiceMaster said it would prefer a management-only contract. Neither company expects to save the district much money with a management-only deal.

ServiceMaster told the district that for management services only it can only save \$65,000 per year. But for full services it could save \$587,177 over the current year's costs. Marriott said it could only save the district \$6,000 the first year on a management

"It's really unacceptable. You should never be making decisions that have long-term impact without all the information."

ON COMMON PLANNING TIME: "Teachers have said they have very little opportunity for a grade level, across the district to meet and that's a big void... The potential for growth in our professional staff and growth of curriculum with universal planning time... will outweigh any costs."

HOW FUTURE FUNDING WILL AFFECT RECENT GAINS IN CURRICULUM: She said she supports across-the-board cuts rather than "gouging" one particular area when cuts are necessary.

"There's very little that's sacrosanct, that can't be touched."

She also said the board has very little discretion since many costs are fixed or determined by contracts.

contract, but says it can shave \$674,000 off the district's costs on a full-service contract.

The savings come in part through lower wages paid to employees and in part due to volume buying of supplies and energy conservation. ServiceMaster says it would pay a custodian \$10.675 per hour, a grounds worker \$10.50 and offer a full package of benefits, including stock options and retirement. Marriott would pay custodians \$9.12 per hour, compared to their present \$13.86; grounds workers \$10.03.

Marriott says it will also save considerable costs on benefits.

Superintendent Gary Haner said he will ask the board of education for a special meeting later this month to make a decision on privatization. He hopes to have the transportation issue decided June 19, and maintenance later in the month.

There appear to be serious divisions on the board of education. Trustee Barry Bomier argued Monday night that the board should stop the process now.

"I for one have heard enough," he said. He read a note from a student which pleaded "Please don't fire my janitor" and added, "I think we ought to terminate

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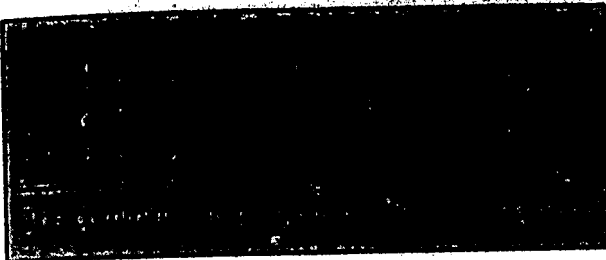
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What's going to happen to Clarkston Middle School?

You may have noted that the bond literature says only that it is "possible CMS will be used for community education." Since it will take three years to get a new high school on line and move middle school students into the old high school, the board decided further feasibility studies and cost analyses need to be done before a final decision can be made. A lot can happen in three years time, both in legislative changes and population growth that may impact the intended use of the middle school building. Be assured, though, that it won't just sit there!

Prepared by the HUG Committee, Kurt Shanks, chairman. Please call the HUG hotline at 975-6479 to ask a question or get more information on the HUG bond campaign.

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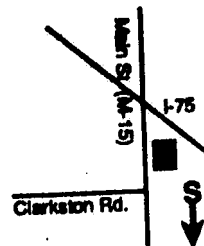
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Callison-Kowalik wed in Clarkston

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A reception followed at White Lake Oaks Country Club.

The bride was attended by Tracey Hutchins of Royal Oak as maid of honor and bridesmaids Chris Wall, Julie Matthies of Pontiac and Karrie Kristoff of Livonia.

The groom was attended by his uncle, Ross Seguin of Hazel Park, as best man and groomsmen Scott Lounyczski of Warren, Dean Callison III of Farmington, brother of the bride, and Jayson Callison of Clarkston, brother of the bride.

Junior bridesmaid was Cassie Kowalik, daughter of the groom; Alex Alvarez, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer.

A reading was given by Kristin Schultz, stepsister of the bride. Vocal music was provided by Robert Schultz, stepfather of the bride.

Joi is the daughter of Robert and Brenda Schultz of Clarkston and Dean and Bobbie Callison of Waterford. She attended Ferris State University and is presently attending Baker Business School in Flint, majoring in accounting. She is an administrator and bartender at Bennigan's in Southfield.

Sean is the son of Dan and Florence Handyside of Roseville. He is senior manager at Bennigan's in Warren.

The couple spent a two-week honeymoon in the Bahamas. They reside in Sterling Heights.

Honors

● Kay Robertson of Clarkston was elected president of the Oakland County Reading Council for 1995-96 April 25 at the Kingsley Inn. Kathy Williams, also of Clarkston, will serve as historian.

The OCRC is a professional organization serving teachers, parents and administrators of both public and private schools. It seeks to improve the quality of reading instruction and promote programs which help develop lifetime reading habits. For more information call 625-2317 or 394-0512.



'You've got the cutest little baby face' x 4

Larry and Joyce Thompson of Clarkston enjoyed all four of their precious grandsons over Memorial Day weekend up at the family cabin in Gladwin. All babies were born within 17 weeks of each other. Left to right: Corbin Thompson, 7 mo., son of Todd and Tammy Thompson of Kalamazoo; Devon Thompson, 9 mo., son of Ron and

Rebecca Thompson of Midland; Ryan Butterfield, 6 mo., son of Rick and Wendy Butterfield of Clarkston; and Domanic Thompson, 5 mo., son of Scott and Lisa Thompson of Wyoming, MI. Though the cousins kept hands literally "full" and the adults got little sleep, Wendy Thompson said her family "had a blast."

At school

● Kimberly Michalak made the Dean's List at Adrian College for the spring term. She is a sophomore studying elementary education and a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School. She is the daughter of Donald and Jeanette Michalak of Clarkston.

● Angela Shaul of Clarkston made the Dean's List for second semester at Anderson University in Indiana.

● The following Clarkston students made the Dean's List for winter semester at Western Michigan University: Andrew Byrne, David Byrne, Stacy Galazin, Brendan Kelly, Christopher Lewis, Natalie Luhrs, Andrea Slavin and Kimberly Wicklund.

● Teresa Bailey, daughter of Gordon and Melissa Bailey of Clarkston, graduated summa cum laude from Oakland Community College June 2, 1995 with an associate's degree in liberal arts. She is transferring to Oakland University in the fall to pursue a degree in human resource development.

● Jerrod Kirchgessner and Wendy Wrublewski of Clarkston and Jennifer Thomas of Davisburg made the Dean's List at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Kirchgessner is a sophomore and the son of Janice Kirchgessner. Wrublewski is a junior majoring in education and the daughter of Jerry and Kay Wrublewski. Thomas is a sophomore majoring in technology and the daughter of Mark and Irene Thomas.

● Kristen Gray, daughter of John and Alice Gray of Clarkston, recently graduated from the Raabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University. She received a BS in pharmacy. She was active in Tau Beta Sigma, Academy of Students of Pharmacy, Student Society of Hospital Pharmacy, Northern Chimes deputation team, ski club, marching band, pep band, symphonic band and the woodwind ensemble.

Reunions

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1985 class reunion is scheduled for November 25, 1995 at Spring Lake Country Club. For more information or to help with organizing, call Kelly Haskins-Stonerock at 625-4890 or 636-3240 or Bob Hahn at 681-2600.

● The Waterford Township High School Class of 1975 20-year reunion will be held August 19, 1995 at Santa Hall in Keego Harbor. For more information call the reunion committee at (810) 969-2755 or 391-3703 or write PO Box 322, Oxford, MI 48371.

Sports shorts

● Victoria Jackson, former Clarkston resident who now lives in Lake Bluff, ILL., is the seventh-grade girls IESA 1995 track and field in the 1600 meter (one mile) event. She won the state championship with a time of 5:35. She is the daughter of Amy and Bill Jackson, the former Clarkston schools business manager.

In service

● Marine Cpl. Matthew Mackewich, son of Donald and Gloria Mackewich of Davisburg, recently received the Navy Achievement Medal.

He was cited for superior performance of duty while serving with 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Div., Camp Lejeune, NC. He was honored for his initiative in making a significant contribution to the accomplishment of the command's mission. He joined the Marine Corps in June, 1992.



Honored by Rotary

Clarkston residents Laura and Andy Creamer were honored by the Pontiac Rotary Club April 11 with farewell dinner at the San Marino Club in Troy on the occasion of their departure for North Carolina. Rotary spokesman Richard Berkfield said, "The Rotary Club is very proud of the Creamers and the contributions they have made to the community and to the Pontiac Rotary. The Creamers exemplify the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and will certainly be missed." Andy Creamer is a former NBD Bank employee.

Pomp, circumstance and gratitude

"Awesome," said one little boy, riding by on his bicycle, as he saw the blue-gowned grads lined up outside Clarkston High School.

And that's what the assembled families and friends of the Clarkston alternative high school and adult high school must have thought too as they crowded the CHS theatre for commencement ceremonies June 1.

"I love this graduation," said school board trustee Janet Thomas. For at the alternative ceremony, the stories are perhaps just a bit sweeter, the adversities overcome just a bit more tangible, the students, generally older.

Five students addressed the gathering and told of their struggles and those who had supported them. Lisa Ruff started out strong but soon her voice began to quiver and she had to pause to regroup.

"At 16 I dropped out of high school and then had a baby," she said. That was three years ago; now she holds a diploma from the STRIVE alternative high school and a scholarship to attend Baker College.

Speaking to her friends, family and teachers, she

said, "You've given me the knowledge to take me far in life . . . I don't think I'll ever be able to explain the effect you've all had on my life."

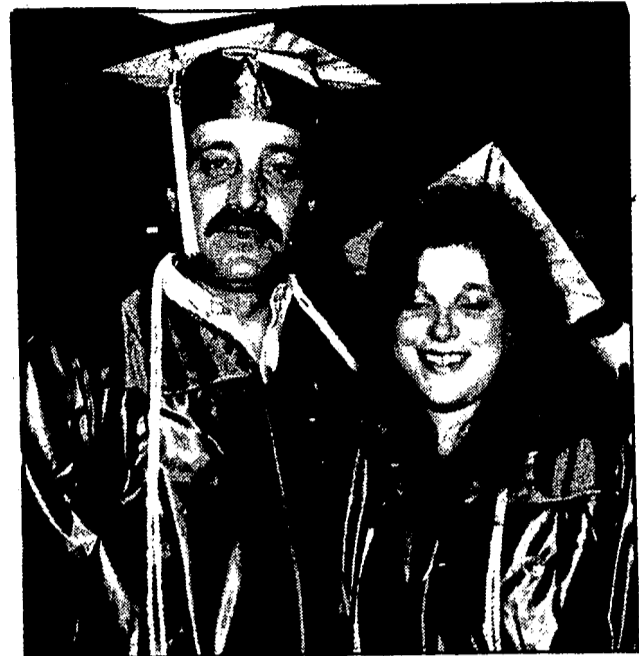
Those kinds of thanks were on the minds of all the grads who spoke. "I promise I'll never forget you," Trina Bond, who will also be going to Baker on a scholarship, said.

James Bray congratulated his classmates. "This is a great honor for all of us," he said. Christina Choate, who also earned a scholarship, said, "I'm here tonight to thank all the people who chose not to give up on me."

"Our grads have made a commitment to the future by returning to complete their graduation requirements," said Marilyn Allyn, director of community education.

Every one of the grads passed at least one of the tests used to issue state-certified diplomas. Fourteen passed all three tests. One husband and wife team, Julie and Terry Slaght, graduated together with a 4.0 and 3.9 GPA, respectively.

--By Annette Kingsbury



Above, Terry Slaght and wife Julie graduated together from adult education. Below, Terry receives the white cord from community ed. director Marilyn Allyn.



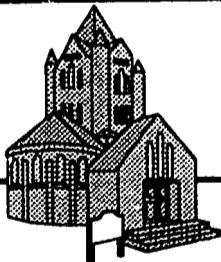
Lisa Ruff gets a hug with her diploma. She gave a moving graduation speech.



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Adam Herr, 10, said he enjoyed "everything, mostly the games and tin piercing," and other students echoed his sentiments. Only Eric Bear, 10, had a complaint: "It's too hot!" he said.

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Sheriff's Log for Independence Township

MONDAY, MAY 29, non-injury accidents on I-75 and on Maybee.

Reckless driving on Parview. A 26-year-old Clarkston woman with a baby in her car was ticketed after witnesses said she was speeding and driving left of center before running a stop sign and nearly hitting another car.

An abandoned 1988 Escort on I-75 was impounded.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, two car-deer accidents, one on M-15, the other on Sashabaw.

A 16-year-old Clarkston boy was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after the car he was driving crossed two lanes of traffic and struck a car in the left-turn lane on Maybee Rd. He was also ticketed.

The father of an 11-year-old Clarkston girl was ticketed for allowing her to drive after she drove into a tree on Clement Rd. The girl was uninjured.

A driver fled the scene of a non-injury accident on Dixie. Witnesses said the driver appeared intoxicated.

A radar detector, handcuffs and four hunting items were taken in a larceny of an auto parked in a S. Eston Rd. driveway.

A N. Eston Rd. resident heard someone start her 1988 Sunbird then saw it leave. She told police it was unlocked and there were spare keys in the car. On June 4 the vehicle was involved in an accident on Clintonville Rd. from which two males fled. A 16-year-old Clarkston boy is believed to have been the driver.

Breaking and entering of a storage barn on Pine Knob Rd.

Larceny of a radar detector from an unlocked car parked on Perry Lake Rd. overnight.

Stalking on Ortonville Rd.

Assist on a car fire on I-75. It was ruled acciden-

tal.

Possession of marijuana on I-75. During a traffic stop for speeding, police found 2.14 grams of marijuana in the driver's pocket and \$5,000 in \$20 bills under the seat. A 26-year-old Detroit man was arrested and the car impounded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, minor injury accident on White Lake Rd. No transport; a Clarkston man was ticketed.

Non-injury accident on Dixie. A 16-year-old Clarkston boy was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way.

A Pontiac man was arrested on an outstanding warrant during a traffic stop on Clearview.

Larceny of a Huffy BMX bike overnight on Hawkmoor Dr.

Tools valued at \$1,500 were reported missing on Dixie after an employee was fired.

Larceny of a gas grill valued at \$500 on Mann.

Larceny of a purse containing a credit card, ATM card, drivers license and \$50 cash from a car parked in a Dixie Hwy. parking lot. Two white males in their late 30s were seen in the area.

A 1995 Ford was maliciously scratched on Greenview.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, a gravel truck having difficulty making the grade on Clintonville Rd. hit a mail box.

Larceny of a power washer from a gas station on Dixie. The next day it was found at another business.

A duffie bag containing women's clothing was turned over to police after a jogger saw it two days in a row on Ranch Estates.

Larceny of a gas grill valued at \$250 on Blue Spruce Circle.

Non-injury accidents on Dixie (two) and on Maybee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, non-injury accidents on M-15 (two), on Amy, on Maybee and on Buttercup, where an 18-year-old was ticketed after running over a stop sign.

Two abandoned autos were impounded on Parview.

Larceny of a video camera and a 35mm camera from Clintonwood Park. A Clarkston woman said she left the cameras there during a soccer game. When she returned, they were gone.

A Saginaw man stopped for driving on I-75 with an expired license-plate tab was arrested on two outstanding warrants and taken to jail. He also received three tickets.

Stolen license plate on Main St.

Dumping on Cranville Ct. A resident said someone dumped a truckload of broken concrete partly in her driveway, partly in the road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, non-injury accident on Old Cove Rd.

Witnesses stopped police after they saw what they thought was a fight between a man and a woman

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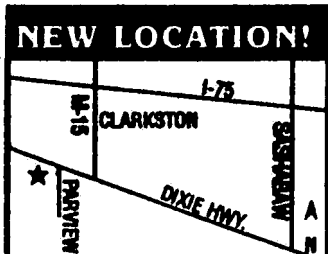
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Arbitration claim to be heard in Detroit

Disagreements slow other case

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

September 26 is the date an investor and broker will battle it out over who is responsible for four investments losing over \$3 million in value.

Three impartial arbitrators will hear the case pitting Independence Township against Westcap Securities and brokers Jeffrey D. Oetting and Craig L. Leibold. The arbitrators have been selected and the claim will be heard in metro Detroit, at a location to be announced later.

The claim, which was filed with the National Association of Securities Dealers in November 1994, says Westcap and Leibold and Oetting misled township treasurer John Lutz with bad investment advice related to four securities he purchased between September 1993 and March 1994. The township seeks \$3.5 million in damages.

Attorneys for Leibold and Oetting say Lutz already knew investing in those four securities was risky, and that their relationship was simply broker and customer, not investment advisor with a "fiduciary duty."

The township filed another claim in January 1995 against PaineWebber and Leibold and Oetting, seeking \$650,000 related to two securities purchased in 1990. Again, the claim states Lutz was misled by the salesmen.

According to attorneys for Leibold and Oetting, an arbitration panel has not been agreed upon by both sides. This claim is filed with the American Arbitration Association.

Both of the claims deal with derivative investments, described by many as too risky for municipal investors. All six of the securities mentioned in both claims are based on interest rates staying low. If rates increased, as they did, there would be a large decrease in the investment's value.

All total, the six investments were purchased for about \$5.9 million and are now worth about \$2.2 million, a decrease of \$3.7 million.

The state's treasury department has also deter-

mined it is "illegal" for municipalities to invest in those six derivative-type investments.

The arbitration process

Because of prior contractual agreements with PaineWebber and Westcap, the township was forced to file arbitration claims, rather than have the dispute settled in court.

According to the NASD's Arbitration Procedures, arbitration "is a method of having a dispute between two or more parties resolved by impartial persons who are knowledgeable in the areas in controversy." Arbitration proceedings have long been used in broker/dealer disputes instead of courts because it is a prompt and inexpensive way of resolving complicated issues, according to the NASD.

The NASD has a list of individuals who could be considered as an arbitrator. The arbitrator must be certified and have no connection to anyone involved in the claim.

An official within the NASD will appoint the arbitrators and provide the information to each side along with the histories of each. If one side wants to appeal the appointment of an arbitrator, the NASD official can consider the request but does not have to comply.

After arbitrators are agreed upon, the NASD official will set the hearing date. The hearing is conducted much like a court proceeding with sworn testimony, a verbatim record of the proceedings, opening and closing statements, and evidence.

When arbitrators have reached their majority decision (within 30 days), copies will be mailed to the parties. The final decision may be entered as a judgment in any court.

Arbitrators are not allowed to reconsider a decision if new evidence is found after the award is given.

The arbitrators

Three arbitrators have been selected to hear Independence's claim against Westcap and salesmen Leibold and Oetting.

They are:

● Robert Bliven is a retired vice president from architectural firm Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer, Associates. He is now a part-time consultant for the company, teaches at Lawrence Technological University

in Southfield and is a member of the Beverly Hills (Michigan) Planning Board and is chairman of the Southfield Board of Review.

He has 16 hours of arbitration training and has been an arbitrator in four cases since 1993.

● Frank Bank retired from Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant in 1988.

He has 14 hours of arbitration training and has been an arbitrator for five cases since 1992.

● Barry Goldman is deputy director for the City of Detroit's Human Rights Department and has worked for the city since 1980. He is an arbitrator and mediator for 29 agencies including the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board and the AFSCME.

In addition, Goldman is a part-time philosophy instructor at Wayne State University, chairman of the Metropolitan Growth and Development Corp., and a member of the Ethics and Human Values Committee for St. John's Hospital.

He has over 15 hours of arbitration training and has been an arbitrator for 13 cases since 1991.

Clarkston Police

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, a Clarkston man hit a tree on Robertson Ct. There was minor damage to both his car and the tree.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, a Clarkston teenager was arrested on misdemeanor charges of minor in possession of alcohol and driving with license suspended. He was issued a court appearance citation.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, a lost dog was found and returned to its Clarkston owner.

A loud party was reported on Church St. The hosts were advised by police to keep the noise level down and cooperated.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, keys were found and turned in to the CPD. They remain unclaimed.

A Pontiac man was arrested for driving with license suspended after he was stopped at Main and Washington for a loud muffler. He was issued a misdemeanor citation.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, a loose dog was reported on Washington.



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TUESDAY, MAY 30, natural death on Felix. Medical at Baycourt Park.
 Vehicle fire on the I-75 exit ramp. The car was a total loss.
 Electrical wire arcing on Ortonville Rd. caused a widespread power outage. Edison was notified.
 Minor injury accident on Sashabaw. No transport.
 Propane gas leak from a grill on Sundale. The fire department sealed the leak.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, a man was found dead on Delhi.
 Car fire on Sashabaw.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, medical on Bronco; one to an area hospital.
 Burning complaint on Pinehurst. A warning was issued and the homeowner was ordered to extinguish

the fire.
 Medical on Sundale. No transport.
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, medical on the Pine Knob golf course; one to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.
 Injury accident on M-15.
 Medical on Summerhill.
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, natural gas leak on Ennismore.
 Medical on M-15.
 Medical on Cobden.
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, medicals (two) on Ortonville Rd.
 Medical on Meadowbrook.
 Burning complaint on Havelock.
 Medical at Independence Oaks County Park.
The Independence Township Fire Department has responded to 656 calls this year through 8:43 p.m. June 4.

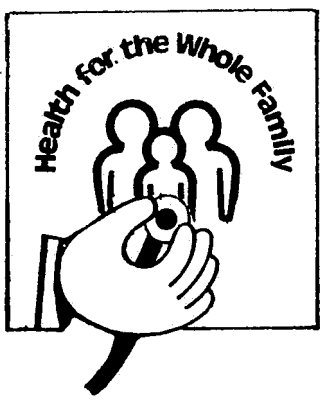
Sheriff's log

Independence Township

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in a car. Police found the California couple, who said they'd been having a verbal argument but there was no assault.
 Someone entered a shed on Williamson and began disassembling a Jet Ski, stealing some of the parts.
 Larceny of a CD player and radio, valued at \$650, from a car parked on Sashabaw. A window was broken to gain entry.
 Possible damaged gas pump on Dixie. A driver said he was mad at the attendant, who was rude, and he forgot to remove the gas hose before he pulled away.
 A belt pouch containing \$6 and a beeper was found on Windward Ct. and turned over to police.
SUNDAY, JUNE 4, two windows and a neon sign were destroyed by rocks at a Dixie Hwy. store. Damage was estimated at \$3,000.
 Larceny of a license plate from a car parked at Independence Oaks County Park for a couple of hours.
The Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation has responded to 4,589 calls this year through June 4.

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Author makes history come alive

Former Clarkston resident takes kids into the past

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Antiques.

Marlene Smith-Baranzini didn't think much about them when she visited her neighbor Duffy Liddicoat as a teenager growing up on Clarkston's Cranberry Lake. She only knew she liked being around the Liddicoat home. There were slate floors, a brick fireplace, huge pine ceilings, braided wool rugs — and lots of pewter, cast iron and three-tined forks.

"I practically lived at Duffy's house," said Smith-Baranzini, who now lives in Pleasanton, California near San Francisco. "I didn't realize how much I enjoyed it at the time. She had wonderful, fun things and I just adored her."

It wasn't until she went on a high school senior trip to Washington D.C. that "the sun burst through" — and she made a connection to the Liddicoat home.

"This wasn't just fun kitchen utensils. They went back, they took me back 100 years. I suddenly realized figures from drier parts of military history used things still prized today. We use them today — they're a part of today. I never thought about equating antiques to the past."

That realization coupled with the role-modeling she received from her mother, Colleen Strong Smith, a literary tutor, librarian and historian who was instrumental in founding the Independence Township Li-



Marlene Smith-Baranzini

brary, spurred her on to a fascination with "social history." Smith-Baranzini explains it as "the history of ordinary people and their lives."

"My mother was thirsty for information. She provided us with books. I really liked women — Clara Baron, Pocahontas. She (my mother) was a feminist." Smith-Baranzini devoured books "not about standard boys, but women — we also had a history..."

"But I still thought of history as military and political — and dry. Conquest, how the nation became

great ... That didn't appeal to me."

In college, she concentrated on education and counseling, receiving bachelors degrees in English and French and masters in counseling and education, all from Western Michigan University. She taught in Kalamazoo and was a high school counselor in St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands. That's where she met her husband Gary Baranzini. Over the years the Baranzinis raised two children, living in Seattle, Arizona and

'If you can make the connection for kids, they will like history. I think once you like that history, then you like all history.'

Marlene Smith-Baranzini

finally Pleasanton, nestled in the bay area of California.

When she hit 40, Smith-Baranzini did "a classic mid-life evaluation." she decided to really look at her lifelong goal to become a full-fledged published writer.

"I didn't want to look back from 80 and regret how I lived my life. I decided to go back to school. I wanted to be challenged."

At the University of San Francisco, pursuing a

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History comes alive for children

masters' program in writing, she found the answers she was looking for. She became a research assistant for one of her professors, James Rawls, who was "Dr. History" on KNBR radio — "The man who makes history fun," she said. That and becoming an associate editor of California History magazine opened up a door.

"Jim (Rawls) was also working with someone who wanted to put a series of children's history books together." He asked Smith-Baranzini if she'd be interested in being a co-author. "It was a coup," she said.

Together, Smith-Baranzini and co-author Howard Egger-Bovet have written four "USKids" history books: "Book of the American Revolution," "Book of the American Indians," "Book of the New Nation" and "Book of the Colonies." They're not about famous characters, just everyday children from that particular era.

The books are fun as well as educational. They include crafts, games and recipes as well as fascinating lives. Smith-Baranzini collects from old journals and "just digging."

For example, a story about an Indian child might include instructions for making a pair of moccasins. Or "Philadelphia Pepper Pot, The Soup that Won the War," goes with a story about someone like Patsy Jefferson who accompanied her father to congressional meetings when the U.S. was young.

Some activities are a little adapted, of course — like the soup.

"You wouldn't be glad about what you were really eating," Smith-Baranzini quipped.

One of Smith-Baranzini's favorite characters is a little girl named Hannah Canaday, a composite character patterned after herself as a child.

"She's a mill girl from the textile mills of New

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"Book of the American Indians" is one of the volumes from USKids History. Co-author is Marlene Smith-Baranzini who spent her youth growing up in Clarkston.

England. I was reading about all these girls. Some of them were very young, living in dormitories. They are the basis of child labor laws."

Hannah is like Smith-Baranzini because "she couldn't fit into this. She wanted to be out playing in

the marsh, playing with the baby ducks. She gets in trouble for it but is rescued by a storekeeper who sees her spark." Hannah is in reality a comment on morality.

"A child who sees wrong, but is totally powerless to stop it."

The USKids volumes are published by Little Brown and sell from \$11 to \$14, depending on the book. They are available at Border's in Farmington Hills as well as other book stores.

Smith-Baranzini says her home in Pleasanton is a fascinating place to live — for a history buff and author. The sometimes overcast climate has "a certain moodiness" that is conducive to writing. It also has a rich history with traces of the (William) Hearst family, the gold rush and a "very old Western downtown area," she says.

Smith-Baranzini hopes to keep going with her USKids series. Future editions may include the Civil War, the gold rush and the 20th century. She'd like to go right up to the present and visit eras like the Depression, World War II and Vietnam.

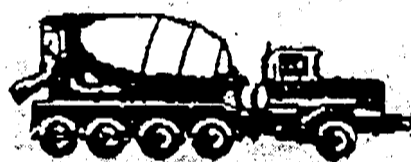
"My feeling is that kids don't get enough of their own story," she said.

The purpose of the books is very simply put.

"If you can make that connection for kids, they will like history. You SEE the history. I think once you like that history, then you begin to like all history."

Smith-Baranzini says she doesn't get back to Clarkston very often where it all began, but the whole Baranzini clan did make a recent pilgrimage. They ate at a familiar restaurant that, too, was a piece of the past — Carol's Village Grill.

"We were astounded they had garden burgers there. We're vegetarians. We thought, "This is great!" she said, with a laugh.



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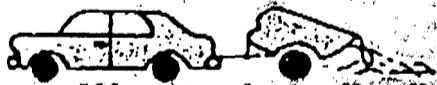
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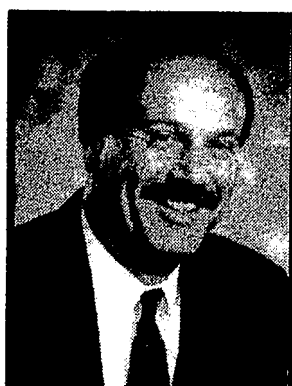
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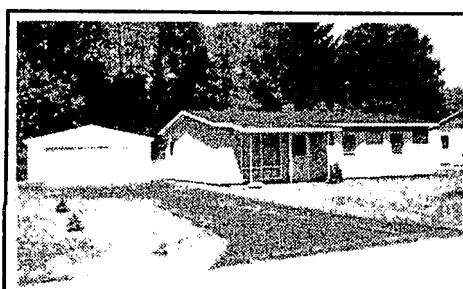
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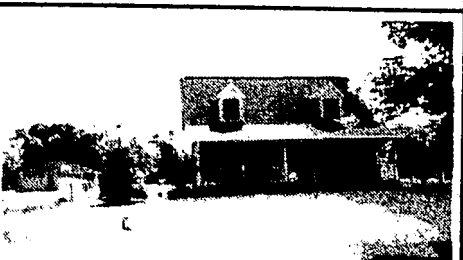
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this discussion."

However a motion passed, 5-2, to continue with the process. "We've wasted a whole lot of time if we don't take this to it's logical end," said trustee Janet Thomas.

Trustee Kurt Karlstrom pointed out that the companies say they will save money through energy conservation and better efficiency as well as pay cuts.

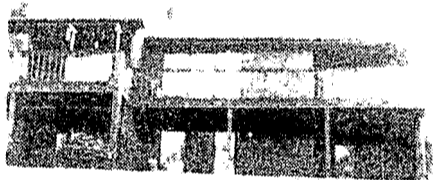
"If we cut benefits and salaries we can do the same thing (they) can do," he said. "If we need somebody to come in and manage, there's a problem with how we're running this school district."

Health beat

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Section B

Baseball splits in districts, ends at 9-13

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity baseball team began districts on a good note, beating Lakeland 8-2 May 30.

But the tide changed and the Wolves, who hosted districts at Clintonwood Park, lost an error-filled game 9-6 to Milford June 3.

In between those games, Clarkston beat Port Huron 4-1 in a make-up game May 31. By going 2-1 in the final week, CHS ended its season at 9-13 overall and 3-7 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Clarkston started off the season on a slow note, going 0-4. But when the hitting started to pick up the Wolves showed they could play with anybody. In fact, towards the end of the season coach Roy Warner said his squad lost eight games by one run or less.

Warner said his team's major weaknesses were hitting and scoring runs. Because the Wolves struggled at times on offense, it took one or two mistakes for a team to get a slim lead and hold on.

"You just can't make the little mistakes like we did when you struggle on offense," the coach said. "We worked hard all year but it's just one of those things where you can't put a finger on any one thing."

Against Lakeland in the pre-district opener, the CHS received strong pitching from junior Jeff Mull and knocked out 11 hits as a team.

Warner said he pitched Mull because he throws hard and Lakeland probably wouldn't be accustomed



Junior shortstop Chris Carpenter attempts to get this ball during the Wolves' game against Port Huron May 31.

to power pitching. "We held them all down pretty good."

Mull did his job with a complete game 6-hitter, while striking out 8. He gave up only one earned run and went 2-for-4 at the plate.

Junior Jeff Bemis and senior Blake Farah led the team on offense by going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Senior Mike Turk was 1-for-2 with a double.

With the win, Clarkston advanced to face Milford June 3 in the semi-finals, but a late Milford rally sealed the loss.

The Wolves were ahead 5-4 going into the fifth inning but couldn't hold on as a flurry of errors cost the game. Milford scored five runs in the final two innings while CHS managed only one more, but left several runners on base.

"We only gave up six hits and had nine ourselves but we never got them where we needed them," said Warner. "We left two men on base and made four critical errors on defense that all scored runs for them. We just weren't real sharp."

Mull pitched again for Clarkston, going five innings with 4 strikeouts. Turk came in relief, going 2 1/3 innings and giving up one hit.

Bemis was 3-for-4 at the plate while senior Bobbie Blue and Mull each had 2 RBI.

The regular season game with Port Huron was more of a tune-up game for the three days off between district games.

Clarkston won 4-1 and junior Scott Hill got the win by pitching five innings, giving up 5 hits, one earned run and striking out 3. Turk earned the save by pitching the final two innings.

The Wolves earned most of their runs on errors because they only had one hit as a team. Junior David Barth's single drove in two runs.

Despite drop, 3200 relay team is all-state

Scharl headed to all-star event; Burklow's finals finish disputed with video proof

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Stefanie Burklow fixed her eyes on teammate Lisa Herron, knowing she did her part in the 3200 relay race.

With damp, cold conditions blowing on the field at Saginaw High School June 3, Burklow, running the first leg, stretched out to hand Herron the baton. Herron reached out too, but neither could get a handle on what is normally an easy exchange.

The baton fell to the track in what looked like the end of Clarkston's quest for a state championship that day. But Herron wasn't quitting. She quickly bent over, picked up the baton and continued her record-setting team's quest.

When it was all over, that 3200 relay squad still managed to run its best time of the season in 9:34.66 (the previous best time was 9:34.9 set at the county meet) and took a respectable second place in the Class

A state track finals.

"I figure the dropped baton cost us about three seconds," said coach Gordie Richardson. "But I was real proud of them for just keeping their poise and running their race. It was a great effort from them all."

The winning Ann Arbor Pioneer 3200 relay team ran a 9:30.08. Troy Athens was a distant third in a time of 9:40.

The entire Wolves 3200 relay team of juniors Burklow and Herron, freshman Jennifer Bauer and senior Leah Scharl all ran great races, according to their coach.

Burklow was in the top three in the first leg. Herron made up a lot of ground after the drop and still ran a strong 2:32 split time. Third leg Bauer ran her best-ever split in 2:24 and passed five runners before handing off to Scharl in second place. Scharl made up some ground with a blazing 2:16 split but couldn't close the gap enough.

In addition to the 3200 relay team earning All-State for its second-place finish, Scharl, Burklow and Herron also earned Academic All-State. The academic honor goes to all-state finishers, in grades 10-12, who have grade point averages over 3.5.

Herron has a 4.0 GPA, Burklow a 3.98 and Scharl a 3.83. Bauer's 3.8 GPA doesn't qualify because she is a freshman.

Scharl was also All-State in cross country last

fall after taking 5th in the state meet.

Burklow (800 run) and Scharl (long jump and 400 run) were the only other state qualifiers from the girls team.

Meet records say Burklow finished 9th in her race, but Richardson said his video shows conclusively that she actually placed 8th, which would earn her a medal.

"I sent in the tape to the state and it's obvious proof that she was ahead of the girl they said took 8th," said Richardson. "Hopefully we'll find out in three or four days what's going to happen."

Despite the controversy, Burklow ran one of her best races of the season. "She ran a good race and put herself in striking distance at the end," said Richardson.

Scharl didn't place in the high jump and didn't run her best 400, but Richardson said she did receive some other good news.

After her incredible split time in the 3200 relay Richardson said he talked to a few coaches who organize the Midwest Meet of Champions, an all-state event for seniors that pits Michigan's best against the best from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

The meet will be held at Indiana University-Purdue this weekend, June 9-10, and the Michigan Track Coaches Association will pay for lodging and meals, according to Richardson.

Scharl will run on the 3200 relay team.

Knob notes

By Eileen Oxley

Torme's tones are still pure velvet

When listening to Mel Torme, it's easy to see why his nickname, "The Velvet Fog," has stuck.

But the sunny-faced singer is also a composer, drummer, TV talk show host, musical arranger, dramatic actor, TV producer, vaudeville performer, Grammy and Emmy winner and author.

Torme's career began at the early age of 10 months, according to family legend. That's when he sang his first complete song. A little over three years



later he was crooning with the Coon-Sanders orchestra at Chicago's Blackhawk Restaurant. By the time he was six he had won first place in the children's division of a national radio auditions contest, singing an Al Jolson song called "Goin' to Heaven on a Mule."

The rest, as they say, is history. Besides writing and singing songs that landed him in Hit Parade's top 10, Torme became a big band drummer for The Marx (Brothers) Orchestra, arranging music for Chico, and was eventually propelled into the movies.

Over the years, Torme has hobnobbed with some of the biggest names in music — George Shearing, Buddy Rich, Judy Garland and Bing Crosby. He's even written about some. "The Other Side of the Rainbow" chronicled the difficult years he spent writing material for Garland's TV show.

Torme even wrote a book about himself. His "It Wasn't All Velvet" is a revealing story of his life-long difficulties, as well as achievements.

But to his devoted fans, Torme's voice continues to serve up nothing but pure velvet — whether he's warbling jazz standards or his classic "The Christmas Song ("Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire")," which he co-wrote with Bob Wells in 1946. The fact that it's been recorded some 500 times by other artists is a fitting tribute to his enduring popularity.

This week's concerts:

June 8: The Highwaymen featuring Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson

June 9: Barry White wsg Chante Moore

June 14: Bonnie Raitt wsg Ruth Brown and Charles Brown

CMS and SMS in top 10

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The continuing tradition of the 7th and 8th grade Oakland County track meet rests almost solely in the hands of Gordie Richardson.

Richardson, the Clarkston girls varsity track coach, has taken over the organization of the middle school meet for the past four years. The main reason is that no other schools have come forward to organize it themselves.

And just as in years past, the latest 7th and 8th grade county meet, held at Clarkston High School May 30, was just as successful. Not only did the boys and girls teams from Sashabaw and Clarkston middle schools finish in the top ten among 30 other teams, but Richardson and a bunch of volunteers helped put on a great event, according to the coaches involved.

Sashabaw and Clarkston middle school coaches say the yearly event is always run well, thanks to Richardson's dedication and the volunteer help of other Clarkston varsity track coaches and school faculty and staff.

"We always have the best run meets and Gordie does so much for the county meet that no other school would be able to make up what he puts into it," said Dave Whitehead, a coach for Sashabaw. "That is the meet the kids look forward to. It's a special event for all involved because some of those kids may never run track again."

CMS coach Chuck Keegan said Richardson has always promoted track, whether it's the varsity girls invitational held each season or the middle school county meet.

"He makes this work," Keegan said.

The county meet went especially well for the CMS and SMS track teams. The CMS boys took second place, while the girls team finished 10th. The SMS boys and girls teams were fifth overall.

The CMS boys were especially dominant, scoring points in eight of 16 events, led by three second-place finishes. Coming in second were Eric Jenks in the long jump, David Sage in the 3200 run, and the 1600 relay team of Russ Parrott, Jenks, Jeremy Parrott and Chris Himburg.

The boys squad was undefeated during the year at 6-0. Keegan said the boys were strong all season and he's proud of the effort they gave at the county meet.

The lone first-place finisher among CMS and SMS teams was CMS' Michelle Wilson who took first in the 55 hurdles in a time of 9.13 seconds, 1/10th of a second better than the second-place time.

The CMS girls team was 4-2 during the regular season.

The SMS boys squad took fifth overall thanks in large part to good team depth, with three of four relay teams placing in the top seven.

The boys team, which finished 5-2 during the regular season, was county runner-up last year and had a 6-1 regular season. Whitehead said he wasn't sure how his team would do, but their depth came through.

"When we start conditioning in March one of our main goals is to qualify for the county meet," he said.

The Sashabaw girls also have a strong tradition of winning. Coach Amy Beattie said the team hasn't lost a regular season dual meet in four years.

They continued that streak this season with a perfect 7-0 mark. "What I was most proud about this team was the fact almost all of the kids performed better than they were seeded at the county meet." The

girls squad placed in six events at the county meet. Whitehead, Keegan and Beattie all agree the middle school teams have been helped by the fact there are no other school sports for the kids to join during the spring. While the 80 or so boys and girls on the CMS and SMS teams may not stay in the sport, the coaches hope their training prepares them for varsity.

"We always use the same workouts like the varsity just not as intense," said Whitehead. "We have some kids who go to other sports when they get to varsity but some do stay."

Keegan said his main goal is teaching the kids "the proper way to do things."

"The thing we try to do is teach the basics, like sportsmanship, so when they get to the varsity they have all that down."

NOTE: Other co-coaches for CMS are Stacey Preuss and Ray Cooper. The other co-coach for SMS is Dave Wyckoff.

CMS/SMS results Oakland County track meet

Girls

3200 RUN: 4th place, Truly Render, SMS, 13:39.14.

LONG JUMP: 3rd place, Michelle Erickson, SMS, 14-2; 4th place, Jenny Kerney, SMS, 14-1 1/4.

55 HURDLES: 1st, Michelle Wilson, CMS, 9.13; 5th, Jenae Fonseca, CMS, 10.13.

800 RUN: 5th, Erin Przyblyski, CMS, 2:45.28; 6th, Andrea Vezna, SMS, 2:46.6.

400 DASH: 2nd, Katy Piechura, SMS, 1:06.43.

3200 RELAY: 4th, SMS squad of Krissy Robinson, Jennifer Gifford, Kelly Plante and Andrea Vezina.

200 HURDLES: 3rd, Michelle Wilson, CMS, 32.34.

70 DASH: 3rd, Michelle Erickson, SMS, 9.62.

200 DASH: 6th, Meghan Hodges, CMS, 30.27.

Boys

3200 RUN: 2nd, David Sage, CMS, 11:16.68.

LONG JUMP: 2nd, Eric Jenks, CMS, 17-10 1/2.

55 HURDLES: 5th, Tim Loveless, SMS, 8.83.

800 RELAY: 3rd, SMS squad of Derek Casper, Andrew Stutzman, Brent Deuel and Steve Bradford in 1:45.84.

800 RUN: 5th, Russell Parrott, CMS, 2:19.79.

1600 RUN: 4th, Mick Grusnick, CMS, 5:17.5.

100 DASH: 4th, Jenks, CMS, 12.68.

400 DASH: 5th, Clint Powell, SMS, 58.92.

3200 RELAY: 5th, CMS squad of Ryan Thomas, Kevin Breen, Grusnick and Sage in 10:03.17.

200 HURDLES: 3rd, Mike Lenhardt, CMS, 28:56.

1600 RELAY: 2nd, CMS squad of Jenks, Russell Parrott, Himburg and Jeremy Parrott in 4:00.55; 3rd, SMS squad of Nick Upchurch, Bradford, Adam Myers and Powell, 4:06.13.

400 RELAY: 3rd, SMS squad of Casper, Stutzman, Deuel and Loveless in 50.29.

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The column

By Darrel W. Cole

Difficult stories

In this column, I do plan on whining, complaining and griping.

There's your warning. Now if you don't wish to continue reading, then by all means move on.

Something has been on my mind, weighing heavily on my conscience. And no, it's not anything personal going on in my life; that is separate from what bothers me in my professional life.

This whole thing about five CHS seniors having to stand trial on explosives charges won't leave me. Mostly it's because they are all athletes. And, as the sports writer for The Clarkston News, I know these kids, so naturally it's disturbing.

They have all had a part in being members of successful football, golf, wrestling and tennis teams. I've written their names hundreds of times in my sports section, each time bragging about what they've done the week before.

Success is fun to cover. When writing about winners, it was easy to write good things about those kids. Not once were their names mentioned in my sports pages in a negative way.

Now, even though four of the five have confessed to the charges against them, some members in the community are in an uproar that we — The Clarkston News — would write "sensationalistic" stories about the crimes.

What they did is serious business. They made bombs and used them to blow up things. But I also want it known I don't think they are bad kids. Like me, I know their parents are probably disappointed they would use such poor judgment.

Having said all that, it upsets me that a few

people and parents are so mad at us for reporting routine stories. We report crimes no matter who is involved.

One parent who wanted to remain nameless wrote in "A Letter to the Editor" that readers need to look beyond "the lines of sensationalism of the front page."

Hold on one second; in our stories only the facts were stated. There was no judgment by anyone that these kids are bad or good. There was no speculation on their character in the story, which was based on information from detectives and court proceedings.

Another parent actually threatened to cancel a subscription to The Clarkston News. That was particularly disturbing because it was a person I would never have expected that from.

For all the good press some of their children received, one fact-based story, quoting detectives, was reason enough for some to cancel and chastise our reporting. Yes, I guess I do take it personally.

I want to know where people want us to draw the line. How about we leave the names out of every story, not just the difficult ones? Even sports stories can be nameless. That way when something bad does happen, we'll at least be consistent.

Everyone realizes we all make mistakes, and speaking from personal knowledge, I'm sure most of those kids are embarrassed for what has happened. But if we ignore one story, we ignore them all. And when that happens, nobody is informed of what is happening around them.

This whole scenario has left me confused. We are not saying what those kids did was evil. But we are also not going to avoid our duty and not report the facts of a criminal case. The bomb-making and explosions may have all just been in fun, but they are also not

common.

We're just telling what is truth as we are told it. We don't write sensationalistic stories on purpose, period.

In the end, however, all of us are probably still feeling the same as when I started writing this column. Frustrated.

Jv sports

By Michael Romeln

Baseball

The JV baseball team won its last game of the season last week over Port Huron, 5-4. It was a tough game, and the Wolves had to come from behind twice to win.

Eric Knake was the pitcher for the Wolves, going seven innings, giving up two earned runs, four hits and striking out eight.

From the plate, Jason Ostrom and Mark Endreszl led the team. Ostrom was 3-4 and Endreszl was 3-3. Matt Gifford had an RBI triple, and Marc Teague, Jason Frack and Chad Bailey all had hits. Jason Craven added an RBI sacrifice fly.

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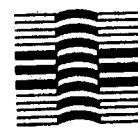
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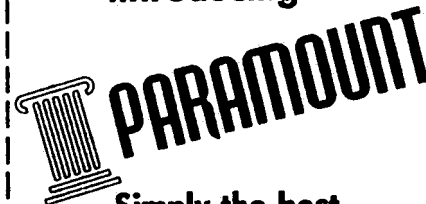
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Errors end softball season

Losing to top-notch opponents is nothing new for the Clarkston softball team.

In a season of tough losses to some great teams, the Wolves lost to another strong squad. This time Lakeland, 23-10 overall, beat CHS 8-1 May 30 in a pre-district game, held at Clintonwood Park.

The young Wolves finished the season at 13-23 overall and struggled in the difficult Oakland Activities Association Division I.

But against Lakeland a flurry of errors did the Wolves in. Going into the fifth inning the game was tied 1-1. But six errors in the fifth and sixth innings allowed Lakeland to score six runs and seal the victory.



Sashabaw Middle School tracksters, left to right, Laura Richardson, Katy Piechura and Jenny Kerney competed in the county meet (see Page B2 for results).

Final 1995 varsity tennis stats

Awards

MVP: Mike Aulgur.
Most Improved: Rob Goeckel.
Craig Award (scholar, leadership and ability): Goeckel.
All-OAA II: Aulgur and Mike Kopec.

Records

Aulgur, soph., #1 singles, 11-7.
Mike Kopec, jr., #2 singles, 12-7.
Goeckel, sr., #3 singles, 12-7.
Kevin Kopec, soph., #4 singles, 10-9.
Jim Kyle, frosh., #1 dbls., 9-10.
Paul Wolven, jr., #1 dbls., 9-9.
Charles Claus, soph., #2 dbls., 6-12.
Kyle Stout, soph., #2 dbls., 6-9.
Zach Sanger, jr., #3 dbls., 13-7.
Dan Brazier, jr., #3 dbls., 13-7.
Other records for doubles players are: Jason Scheiderer, soph., 3-4; Dave Trollman, frosh., 3-2; and, Brian Trollman, sr., 2-3.
Exhibition records are: Brett Steel, frosh., 3-6; Kevin Babcock, frosh., 3-5; and, Bobby Olsen, sr., 2-3.
Team Dbls. Tour. winner: Aulgur and Olsen; Runner-up was Mike Kopec and Babcock.

Girls soccer camp

Collegiate-level women soccer players will hold a girls youth soccer camp at Clintonwood Park July 10-14, sponsored by the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

Soccer Specifics for Girls is a camp that will focus on three age groups; under 10, under 13 and under 17. Collegiate players Annette Richardson, Lisa Hart and Caroline Trout, who hold other camps around the nation, will teach the camp.

Camp time (each day) for under 10 is 8-9:30 a.m., under 13 is 9:45-11:15 a.m., and under 17 is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is \$65 (includes water bottle) and must be turned in to the township's park and rec office by June 26. For registration forms or more information call parks and rec at 625-8223.

Girls varsity soccer '95 honors

Most Valuable Player:

Sr. Audrey Schlaff

Most Improved Player:

Jr. Brynyn Allyn

Goal scorers:

Allyn, Schlaff, jr. Becky Olsen and sr. Mary Forbes.

No state finals for seniors Graves, Kirk

CHS boys track seniors Jason Graves and J.R. Kirk couldn't compete in the state track finals because of injuries.

Graves, who qualified for finals in the long jump, has a slight stress fracture in his leg. Kirk qualified in the long jump and high jump but an injured knee forced him to the sidelines.

No other boys qualified.

Both may have had a good chance of placing.

Kirk, consistently long jumps around 22 feet and holds the CHS record of 22-11. The winning jump at the June 3 finals was 22-6 and second place was 22-1.

Kirk's season-best high jump of 6-5 would also have given him a shot at the winning state jump of 6-4.

Graves' best long jump of 21-4 this season would have earned him a top-eight finish. The state's 7th and 8th place finishers jumped 20-8 and 20-7.

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