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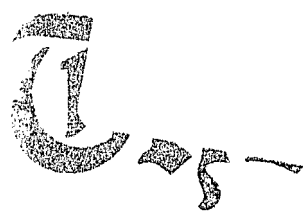
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Bomier bounced

Foyteck, McLean elected

With only six percent of the voters going to the polls, incumbent Barry Bomier was ousted from the Clarkston board of education Monday and two newcomers were elected.

Top vote-getter was former trustee Karen Foyteck, with 708. Coming in second was Mary Ellen McLean with 664. Bomier was third with 603; Richard Crigger had 407, student Peter Bertling had 403 and Robert Wyatt, 367.

Of 27,720 registered voters, only 1,828 went to the polls, including 144 who voted by absentee ballot.

An 18-mill non-homestead property tax for school operations won easy renewal, 1,228-500. Two trustees were also elected to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees, Jeanne Towar and John Wangler.

Both McLean and Foyteck were in attendance at Monday's board of education meeting when the election results were announced.

"I'm pleased, of course," Foyteck said. "I'm

Election results

Foyteck	708	Millage renewal	
McLean	664	Yes	1228
Bomier	603	No	500
Crigger	407	Turnout	
Bertling	403	Voters	1228
Wyatt	367	Percentage	6%

looking forward to getting busy."

Foyteck said she didn't have any idea why she lost her bid to get on the board last year but was the top vote-getter this year. "I did a lot of personal contact," she said.

"I'm very pleased," said McLean. "I look forward to it. It's nice to see the voters have the confidence. It's pretty exciting."

Bomier said he was comfortable with the winners and would now be able to spend more time with his family.

"I've been very pleased we put forth six real qualified candidates," he said. "This has been a real rewarding two years for me, very educational. I hope the new board members have as much fun as I have had. I think change is good."

Bertling, the 18-year-old Clarkston High School student and senior class president, was philosophical.

"I think it is a good thing I didn't get elected so I can get on with my studies and come back in four years and really kick some butt."

The new trustees will be sworn in at the board's organizational meeting July 1. The new school superintendent, Dr. Albert Roberts, is also expected to be on board that night.



Seniors Katie Kildal, Janelle Ruth and Tricia Victory get ready to take off in a decorated car.

C-YA!

They had painted their cars. Penned their last exams. And slapped the last high fives with Clarkston High School principal Brent Cooley.

As CHS seniors burst through the doors Thursday morning — and out of the public school system forever — they didn't let a little rain dampen their spirits.

They hugged their friends, shared tears and smiles, shook hands with favorite teachers and, as is traditional, threw the last batch of papers high into the air.

"This was mild, probably the best since I've been here," said custodian Scott Ballard as he stuffed a trash can.

Cooley, sporting a large golf umbrella, had

things covered. He prepped staff members well before the first batch of students appeared in the hall. The main objective was to get students out "quickly and safely," he told them.

The principal was pleased, describing it as "a very orderly and successful close for our seniors." He said he'd been through a whirlwind of senior activities the past few weeks, "senior breakfast, senior dinner, senior prom ...," and the message at each was the same.

"You've all run a good race. You're close to the finish. Don't stumble. Don't do anything to jeopardize yourself, others or your school."

And the farewells were fitting from seniors. Their cars alone spoke plenty with blue and gold paint, balloons, leis on antennas and lines like "Goodbye CHS, Hello MSU," "The Juice Is Loose" and "C-YA!"

"I have mixed feelings," said Stephanie Seltzer. "Exciting, but scary."

"It's kind of sad," said her friend Julie Lloyd. "There are people we'll never see again."

Roberts is new superintendent

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Al Roberts was the first of 59 people to submit an application for superintendent of Clarkston schools. And when it was all over, he was still number one.

Roberts was the unanimous choice of the board of education June 5 to be offered a contract to replace Gary Haner, who is retiring effective July 1. The decision was made at a special meeting after board members visited Roberts' current district in Ohio, as well as that of the other finalist, Richard Lane of Hillsdale.

"We tried very hard to get dirt on both these guys," said trustee Kurt Shanks. Both men received very favorable reviews in their home communities, but Roberts rose above, as he had in most board members'

minds right from the very first interview.

Roberts will be leaving the 2,300-pupil Orange City School District, headquartered in Pepper Pike, near Cleveland.

"Their community is probably what Clarkston will be in a little while," said board vice president Janet Thomas. "What they said was even though they were always very good (schools), they got better under Dr. Roberts. They see him as very accessible. We saw it in the classrooms. The kids knew him."

Board president Bill Craig said that in talking to Roberts' faculty, "there was actually fear on their face. They did not want to lose him . . ."

"If you're a very good district it's pretty easy, I would think, to get complacent. His mode is continuous improvement. They're always among the top school districts in Ohio."

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The news in brief

Hockey agreement put to paper

A resolution finalizing the agreement between Clarkston schools and parents who will pay for a varsity hockey team was approved Monday night by the board of education.

The district's attorney, George Butler, said he didn't feel a formal contract was needed. Instead, he drew up a resolution which states that the program must be "pre-funded or pre-paid." It further stipulates that the program will be included in the district's insurance coverage, and that if at any time the program doesn't meet the conditions of the resolution it will be cancelled.

"Clearly the message has to go out that if the program fails to meet any of the requirements it has to be cancelled right away," Butler said. "There's nothing worse than cancelling a program in mid-program, but that's what has to be done if it doesn't meet these requirements."

There were no hockey parents present at the meeting, a fact that was noted by board treasurer William McGregor. However, superintendent Gary Haner said the parents were aware of the resolution, "which is very much in keeping with their desires."

Budget hearing scheduled

The Clarkston board of education will hold a public hearing on its proposed 1996-97 budget on Monday, June 24 at 7 p.m. in the administration office.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the office beginning at noon on Friday, June 21.

Contracts ratified

The Clarkston board of education ratified a number of contracts with employee groups Monday night.

Similar three-year agreements were approved with the Head Custodians and Building Maintenance Workers Association, the central office secretarial and clerical personnel, supervisors and confidential secretaries, grounds workers and transportation mechanics. According to assistant superintendent Duane Lewis, the employee groups all took concessions on benefits, including vision insurance, longevity pay and prescription co-pays, in order to gain wage increases which average from 1.5 to three percent over the three years.

The contracts are in effect from 1996 to 1999 and were all unanimously approved by the board.

Bids go out on new high school

The first bid for a contractor for the new Clarkston High School was approved Monday night, with more to come very soon.

Childs Consulting Associates, Inc. was approved as the technology consultant for the new school, subject to review of the contract by incoming school superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts.

Greiner, Inc. architect Chuck Olson asked for and received permission to let bids for the site work on Flemings Lake Rd. Those bids are expected to be received in time for the board's meeting July 1 so they can be voted on that night.

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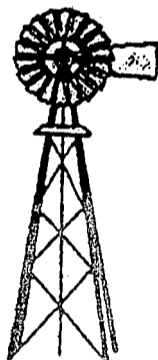
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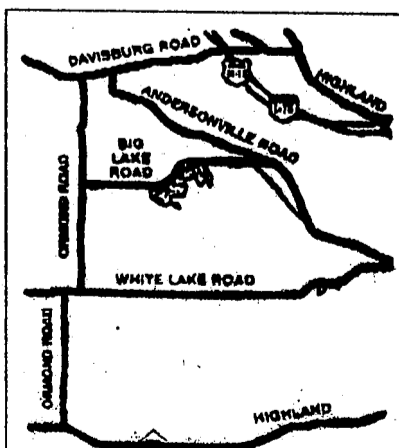
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The best game in town



By Darrel W. Cole

Unions. You either love 'em or hate 'em. But no matter how you feel, one union organization in particular could have a deciding effect on the race for Independence Township treasurer.

Over 300 school district employees (mostly teachers) have a Clarkston-area zip code. That means retiring teacher Jim Wenger and former school board trustee Kurt Karlstrom may be affected most by those voters, who, don't forget, have plenty of family and friends.

While those who work at Clarkston schools are in the Michigan Education Association union, there are still some differences in employees.

Wenger has taught government and related courses at CHS and is retiring this year. From what most people tell me, he's well liked and may just have the support of the majority of those union teachers. In addition his wife Sharon is a teacher at Clarkston Elementary, which can only add to the all for one, one for all sentiment.

Karlstrom, on the other hand, isn't a fave of the teachers in the union because he voted against a teacher's contract a ways back, disagreeing with the retirement provisions.

On the other hand, Karlstrom could have more support among the coalition of bus drivers, secretaries, para-professionals and custodians, a group better known as CLASP. He was a critic and voted against privatizing the transportation and custodial services, saying the measure wasn't really proven to save money. That position endeared him to that group.

Rosie Grable, the former president of CLASP, who fought tooth and nail against privatizing, says her group "definitely" will remember Karlstrom at the polls.

"I surely would walk the streets with a sign in support of him any day," she said.

This isn't to say that unions follow their kind blindly. But the fact is most of the teachers know Jim Wenger as one of their own, while the bus-driver crew won't forget who fought for them.

However, the edge in gathering these MEA votes will most likely go to Wenger, just for the plain fact the teachers have the numbers.

● The lone township board member not forced to play election-time games is Dr. Bruce Mercado. He's stepping down after four years of consistent service because of three young children and a family that needs him more than politics.

Never one to stir up controversy, Mercado has always attempted to get the answers he wants, without stepping on toes. A good person who came into office with no agenda, except to serve.

Now he's ready to serve his family. Lucky them.

● I wonder if candidates are hearing that Jeopardy theme running through their heads. With only six weeks left (the primary is Aug. 6) and a load of competition, the games should get more intense.

● Issues of The Clarkston News before the Aug. 6 primary: 7.

● If you have any comments or tips, call me at 625-3370. Until next time, see ya at the game.

New school head talks about his philosophy

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Collaboration is a word Dr. Albert Roberts, Clarkston's new superintendent of schools, used a lot during his two interviews with the board of education.

It's a skill he's needed, and apparently handled well, in a district he described as having diversity "across the league of nations."

Roberts comes to Clarkston from the Orange City School District which encompasses five communities east of Cleveland. Ninety-seven percent of his high-school graduates go on to college.

"I'm ready for a professional challenge in my career right now, a larger district that has the potential to reach for the stars," he told the board when asked why he applied for the job. "I have a desire to continue to push the envelope on instruction."

After being invited back for a second interview, Roberts told the board, "I thought there could be a match. We have a wonderful community where I am. But the values and belief system I've seen as I've travelled around (Clarkston) today is something my wife and I would like to be part of."

Below are some of the questions posed to Roberts

'When I have a tough day what I do is go over and get in a kindergarten classroom.'

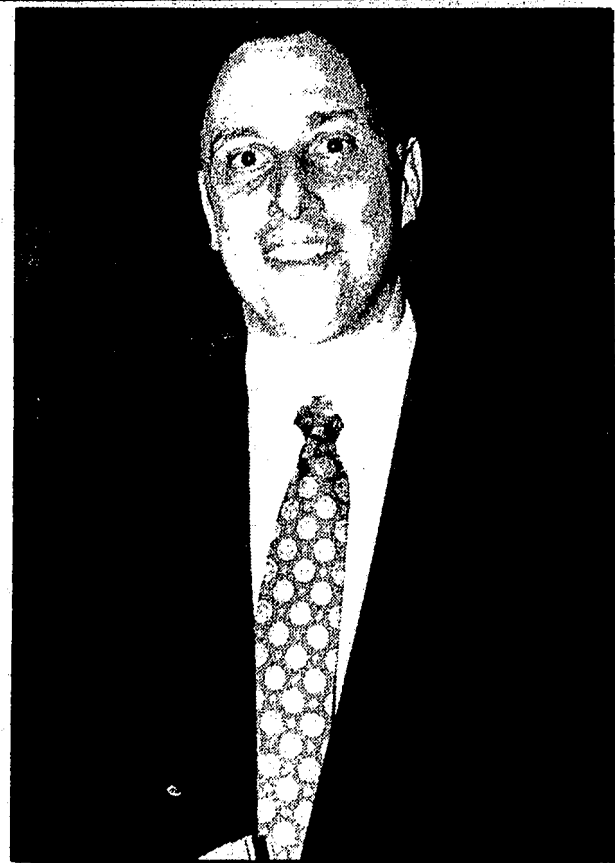
Roberts by the Clarkston board of education during two 90-minute interviews and Roberts' answers. The answers have been condensed for space considerations.

HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE THE CURRICULUM IS BEING LEARNED AS INTENDED: "I think it's a matter of an organized approach . . . and then you evaluate it regularly." He said you must determine what the standards are, what the shared vision is, locate research and then share it with staff.

Sharing the research is "a cooperative venture . . . I think it's important we give teachers and parents information on where we're headed and why we're headed there. It's that public discourse we often miss today. We get the sound bites on TV, but we never get the discussion, and I think schools can be a mediating agency in that."

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS: One day a week minimum. It may include observing, model lessons, substitute teaching, or informal meetings with staff. "Folks see I'm an approachable human being," he said.

Roberts said he plans to keep up his visitations in Clarkston, even though it's a larger district, by being organized. "I don't think there's a magic solution . . . Being in the buildings re-energizes me to get other things done. When I have a tough day what I do is go



Dr. Albert Roberts

over and get in a kindergarten classroom."

HOW DO YOU KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE CHANGING REALITIES TEACHERS FACE: "Getting out there and seeing what's really happening keeps me at the top of my game," he said. He and his teachers communicate by E-mail and he spends regular time with his teachers' association executive board. He said he's had no grievances filed in the six years he's been at the job.

DOES YOUR DISTRICT HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN? Roberts said when he arrived in Orange City they had a long-range plan. He then helped develop a document called "Focus on Excellence." "And they we turned our schools loose within the parameters of that document," he said. "We've really moved to site-based management. That really frees schools to try exciting things . . ."

"What it's not is dumping the decisions on the site and letting them hang. We spent our last administrative retreat on that topic."

HOW DO YOU EVALUATE YOUR STAFF PERFORMANCE: "In this country we've pretty much evaluated teachers the same way for 40 years. We've changed the way we evaluate students." In an attempt to update a system he admitted was "outdated," Roberts said he visits teachers' classrooms as part of the process and the newer the teacher, the more intensive the approach. "Questions center around what we do for kids and get them to look at their teaching process." He is considering a group approach but has run into union opposition so it has not yet been implemented. However a committee is working on it.

Paraphrasing Tom Peters, he said, "Sometimes you've got to ready, fire aim. So we're gonna ready, fire and return."

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE COLLABORATIVE BARGAINING PROCESS: "I could not really do justice to a definition of collaborative bargaining, but I think we're doing it," he said. Monthly committee meetings are held to discuss problem areas, such as insurance coverage for employees. "It has really paid dividends," he said.

WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU HAVE WITH YOUR UNIONS: Roberts described his relationship with the teachers and secretaries unions as "excellent," with his bus drivers as "good . . . In the last contract they had some give-backs and we left smiling at one another."

HOW DO YOU HIRE STAFF: The Orange City district is swamped with applications, he said. He uses a committee approach. "We're looking for people

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LOCAL NEWS EVERY WEEK
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Middlekauff leaving Clarkston El.; cites husband's job demands

Clarkston Elementary School principal Dr. Elaine Middlekauff announced Monday that she is leaving the district effective June 30.

She cited the increased demands of her husband William's job as assistant general sales manager at Pontiac/GMC as the reason.

"Since we're a team it's my turn to support him," she said. "When I shared the decision with central office they understood the dilemma . . . It's awfully difficult to be able to be an administrator of a building and attend those events" which GM requires them to attend together.

Middlekauff, who has worked for Clarkston schools for four-and-a-half years, said leaving will be hard.

"But I'm feeling so good about Clarkston Elementary. I've heard so many wonderful compliments, that 'You've really made a difference.' That's the biggest compliment an educator can get."

Middlekauff said she'll be teaching a class at Michigan State University this summer. Then, "It will probably be a matter of my seeking something with a more flexible schedule," she said.



A little something from vacation

Eighth-graders from Sashabaw Middle School who went on a trip to Washington, D. C. in May brought their principal, Dr. Jean Lang, a souvenir. The kids presented Lang with a flag which flew over the Capitol Building on May 17, the day the kids visited. The presentation was made May 31

after school at a get-together to bury a time capsule about the trip, cook a few hot dogs and share photos. SMS teacher Jeff Peariso said 218 students, plus chaperones, made the trip this year. Shown with Lang are (from left) Josh Thompson, Ryan Clement and Jeremy Williams.

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Independence Township

Now you can 'charge it' at parks and rec.

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In a few months, Independence Township residents will be able to charge the costs of parks and recreation services.

The township's board of trustees approved 5-1 (treasurer John Lutz voted no and trustee Jeffrey McGee was absent) parks and rec director Ann Conklin's recommendation that credit card and debit cards be used to pay for services through her department. In a few months, people will be able to charge costs for parks and rec programs, such as soccer leagues, baseball leagues etc.

"This will allow families who really can't afford one lump sum payments to pay by credit card and pay that off later," said Conklin, noting that just last week a mother came in and paid almost \$1,000 to have several of her children play in the various youth leagues. "For the last several years we have received numerous requests from residents to use credit cards for programs and activities sponsored by this department."

Conklin said the implementation of the program will mean some additional charges to the parks and recreation budget, but she believes the costs are "insignificant" compared to the increased level of service to residents.

Some of the stipulations in credit card use, as recommended by the Parks and Rec Department Advisory Commission, include:

- * Transactions are limited to parks and recreation programs and activities.
- * VISA, Master Card and debit cards are the only acceptable instruments.
- * Transactions must be for a minimum of \$40.

* All credit card transactions must be done in person, not over the phone.

Lutz, in casting the lone no vote against the proposal, said if one department gets to use credit cards then so should the other departments.

"My concern is we should allow this for all," said Lutz. "I'm sure the other departments would like this convenient way of paying as well."

But supervisor Dale Stuart said allowing people to pay taxes and the like with a credit card wouldn't be worth it right now. "To go and ask each department to decrease their budget because of the charges for using the credit service just isn't a good idea. You just can't charge those charges to the people."

Conklin will present a final credit card agreement to the board at a future meeting.

Other township board action

● A 4-2 vote was enough to approve a new three-year agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for risk insurance.

The insurance, which covers township vehicles, property etc., was due to expire next year, but MMRA offered the township an increased-coverage contract if they would sign a new three-year deal. The increased-coverage means the cost of the contract increased by about \$2,000.

MMRA representatives said if the township were to let the contract run out, the cost to renew would be much more.

But supervisor Stuart and trustee Daniel Travis voted against signing a new three-year deal because they would have liked the opportunity to seek out other bids.

"We may have wanted at some time to re-examine this for competitive rates," said Travis. "I don't see this renewal as bad but it does lock us in for three more years."

● Two rezonings on Eston Road continue with a recent trend.

The board approved the second reading and adoption of rezoning ten acres, located on the east side of Eston Road, at the Whipple Lake Road intersection, from rural residential (R1-R) to suburban farms residential (R-1C). Currently there are two homes on the acreage and the rezoning would allow four more to be built.

In addition, the board approved the first reading of rezoning seven acres, located on the east side of Eston between Kacy Court and Indianwood Road, from R-1R to R-1C. There is one home on this site and three could be added with this rezoning adoption.

Trustee Mel Vaara asked building director Bev McElmeel if this type of rezoning was on the increase. She said it was, especially because of the recent ordinance change that allows cul-de-sacs to be 1,000 feet long in areas with less residential density. The rule used to be cul-de-sacs could only be 600 feet long.

● Parks and rec director Ann Conklin received permission to hire one employee and post for another.

Bruce Houck was hired as a laborer, moving from the van driver position. The move also required a posting for the van driver position, which pays a starting salary of \$8.22 an hour.

● The board approved the annual fireworks display for Lake Oakland, through the American Legion. The date of the fireworks is set for June 29.

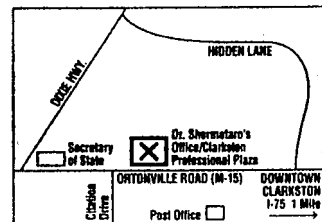
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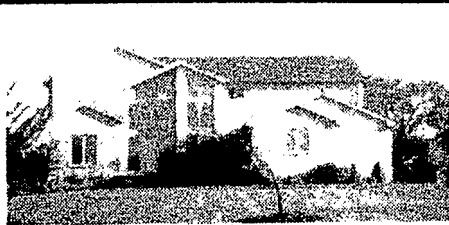
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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

The pedestal

As I was taking notes during the first interview of new Clarkston school superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts, I scribbled something in the margin.

"He made us laugh," I wrote. And as the eight interviews progressed, that one fact held up. Roberts was the only one who made us laugh.

He was also the only candidate to receive applause at the end of his interview. I don't know if those two things are related or not, but clearly I wasn't the only one impressed by what I heard that night.

At least one of the interviews was so boring it was hard to stay awake. Some were so full of the same educational buzzwords, you wondered if they all studied the same interview Cliff Notes.

But Roberts had an ability to sound genuine and brilliant at the same time. He sounded deadly serious about his job, yet made it clear he enjoys it and remembers why he's there—for the kids.

One story that sticks out in my mind is the one he told about observing a teacher one day in the classroom. When a student—a sixth-grader, I think, asked what all the guys in suits were doing there, he was told the superintendent would be observing his teacher that day. "I imagine that will be stressful for all concerned," the student observed, straight-faced.

The glare of the public eye

Peter Bertling, an 18-year-old candidate for Clarkston board of education, found out a little bit about being in the public eye last week. He was the subject of a letter to the editor which appeared in this paper criticizing him for not being the role model some made him out to be.

I called Peter after the letter was published to make sure he understood what the opinion page is all about. Remarkably for his age, he had a calm, understanding attitude of what the First Amendment means.

He chuckled knowingly when I mentioned President Clinton and some of the stuff that's been written about him. Nowadays, when you stand up and say 'I would like to hold public office,' it's become common practice for others to dive into your background. Depending upon your point of view, this is either good or bad.

I've heard Franklin D. Roosevelt would never have been president if the public hadn't been shielded from the true extent of his disabilities. And would John F. Kennedy be considered the king of Camelot had we known then what we know now about his personal life? Nevertheless, I wouldn't trade those two presidents for anything.

Peter Bertling has admitted that he has done the party scene on occasion, but quit when he declared his candidacy. Does anyone care if any of the other candidates drink, and if not, is it fair that Peter be held to a different standard than the adult candidates?

In today's climate, if Peter decides to run for president in 20 years, someone will dig up that letter and point out his transgressions, just as someone did about Clinton not inhaling marijuana.

Hopefully, when this election's over, Peter will, win or lose, chalk it all up to education. And if he does run for president some day, he'll have some idea what to expect.

Opinions

Council needs to go to school

A city needs two basic ingredients in order to govern itself successfully.

First, it should possess a group of dedicated, hard-working individuals who care enough to make it work.

The City of the Village of Clarkston has such people. They are the city manager and the seven members who currently make up Clarkston's City Council.

Second, that group of city council members must be educated, prepared and professional in dealing with the issues, whether they be rezoning matters, site plan approvals or sunshine laws.

The City of the Village of Clarkston falls short here. For example, in two recent site plan approval cases, we feel the decisions were unfair and bow to favoritism.

Things haven't changed. It still seems you get a nudge because of who you are.

In addition, professional consultants are needed for a more businesslike atmosphere and to save the city from blunders, embarrassment and possible lawsuits.

A building inspector for a neighboring community says his city always follows a general procedure for any site plan approval. After review by the city engineer, an additional four-week review period brings in the city manager, building inspector and a city planner who prepares a written report—before it even goes to the planning commission level.

This is just one example of professionalism in local government.

Another problem concerns disorganization. Com-

mon parliamentary procedure and the Open Meetings Act are sometimes disregarded. Motions are not immediately seconded, roll call is inaudible and a lot of time is wasted in idle chatter that more closely resembles a neighborhood association get-together than an official meeting.

A little informality is nice, as befits a small town, but that town has to remember it is a city now and playing ball with the big guys.

There's been some talk lately about council not being appreciated. We think they should be. Members are to be lauded for their devoted time to a job that doesn't pay much and means regularly sacrificing nights and time throughout the year.

But we're suggesting that they brush up on their knowledge of local government. Several classes are available through Michigan Municipal League including "How Planning and Zoning Fit With Local Government." Certification for some office-holders is even being discussed.

Part of the description for the above class reads: "All too often local government functions can be left to guesswork, misunderstandings occur and ultimately the citizens are affected."

Guesswork isn't good enough for the village that would be a city. And lawsuits are something we definitely want to avoid in an escalating growth area with the accompanying pains.

With a little more education, preparation, fairness—and, perhaps a few copies of Robert's Rules of Order on the table—council, you'll be able to play ball with the best of 'em. ECO



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Mystery on the Star Clipper

For Mother's Day, son Jim and his wife, Linda, gave Hazel and I a train ride. Well, it was more than just a train ride. It was dinner, live theater and fellowship.

The "train ride" is really insignificant. The Michigan Star Clipper goes very slowly, maybe a mile one way, stops a while, backs up maybe two miles, stops a while and returns to the downtown Walled Lake station. It takes three hours.

But it's not boring.

Theatre Arts Productions has been presenting mystery shows and cabaret revues (your choice) on the Star Clipper for several years.

We chose mystery, "Murder Madness." When making the reservations, one must also order one's meal. I don't know all the choices, but Hazel had seafood scallopini, Linda pork tenderloin and Jim and I prime rib, rare.

The train station is on Pontiac Trail. Pick up your tickets, \$68 each, at the depot. Seating and serving is quite formal; customer apparel is casual. The train leaves on time, 7 p.m. Water, crackers and cheese are served as beverage orders are taken. Service is prompt and very friendly.

During this get-acquainted-with-surroundings time, the cast mingles through the car. There's audience involvement in singing. Audience involvement is openly encouraged. Ask questions, participate, get involved, have fun. We did, and it was.

I was really impressed with dinner, having ordered

it two months ago. It all arrived just as ordered, prime rib, rare, and very tasty.

The four characters in the cast build excitement and create the atmosphere before dinner. It's great what they can do in a train aisle and boarding platform. After dinner the show is on. The actors are up and down the narrow aisle, involving the audience while acting out their characters.

"Take notes of clues," we're told. "The mystery is created by you and your participation," the program reads. "Note: Remain alert as the clues will be happening around you."

There's lots of clues, but no way any of them lead to the solution of the murder in "Murder Madness."

I know, because I had all the right clues. Not only was the wrong person made the victim, but the detective deduced wrong and the wrong person confessed.

I guess though, in this case, my Jessica Fletcher training failed me. Perhaps I've watched too many "Murder She Wrote's." Won't have to watch any more, now that it's been cancelled.

We certainly enjoyed Hazel's Mother's Day gift, and recommend these train rides. For information call 810-683-1827 or write Box 3034, Farmington Hills, 48333.

Just so you'll know, when the bill comes for your beverages, there's a note attached saying no tip was included in the meal cost, which is \$24.95. That left no mystery I couldn't solve.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

A 3-mill tax hike for 10 years is approved for the financially troubled Claskton school district by voters Monday night. The vote of 2,657 to 2,382 shows a 52.7 percent margin of victory. From a field of nine candidates vying for two-year terms on the Clarkston Board of Education, incumbent Carol Place and newcomer Stephen Werner are chosen.

In a two-day period homeowners in Pelton Height Subdivision flood Independence Township with 25 calls about excessive noise from the Waterford Hills Racing Association's race track on Waterford Rd. They also complain that the association has failed to comply with sections of a 1964 consent judgment which maintains that the track is allowed to operate for racing during only designated times and with limited vehicle testing. Resident Robert Hall charges that there is racing all week long and that vehicles are running with open exhaust straight from the manifold.

The Sashabaw Junior High girls' track team finishes first out of 22 schools which compete in the 1981 Freshman Girls' Oakland County Invitational held at Clarkston High School. Detroit Country Day finishes second, with Clarkston Junior High taking 18th place.

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

Six candidates vie for two school board seats on the June 14 Clarkston School Board election. They are Louise Cohen, William Rausch, Fernando Sanchez, Charles J. Smally, R.A. Weber and Charles H. Weichel. Both Sanchez and Weber are incumbents seeking another term, the rest are newcomers.

Ray Norton, custodial supervisor for Clarkston Schools, retires after working for the school district for 25 years. "I told my wife, Wilma, that the time had come for us to take it easy, take care of ourselves and enjoy our hobbies and our cottage on the AuSable River. We have five children, 21 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. It is time for us to take time to look around," Norton says.

Clarkston Area Jaycees will sponsor two children to participate in summer's State Olympics for Retarded Children in Adrian. The program Adopt a Champ is sponsored by the Oakland County Association for Retarded Children. It features Olympic-type

games for children enrolled in special education classes through Oakland and Wayne county schools.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

The Clarkston Board of Education fixes tuition rates for non-resident pupils who will enroll on or after Sept. 1946. The new rates are: kindergarten through sixth grade, \$85, seventh and eighth grade, \$65, and ninth through twelfth grade, \$130.

The Holly Theatre features Paul Kelly and Douglas Fawley in "The Glass Alibi," Robert Walker, June Allyson and Hume Cronyn in "The Sailor Takes a Wife" and Robert Benchley, Vera Vogue and Conrad Janis in "Snafu." The Drayton Theatre is showing Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck in "Spellbound," Ray Milland and Jane Wyman in "The Lost Weekend" and Jack Haley and Anne Jeffreys in "Sing Your Way Home."

Specials at Terry's Market this week include luncheon loaf, 54 cents a pound; horseradish, 12 cents a jar; cottage cheese, 19 cents a pound; Chef Boy-Ar-Dee Spaghetti Dinner, 32 cents a package; and La France, three packages for a quarter.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

A car overturns and scares horses on Orion Rd. Clarence Smith, a farmer who lives just northeast of Clarkston, is returning home from work with his team of horses and a wagon. A car comes sharply around the corner and swerves in the gravel before turning over a couple of times into a ditch. The horses are startled and head back toward town, hitting a culvert and wrecking the wagon. In an effort to stop the horses before they get to Main St. and heavy traffic, Bradley Miller is able to head them into the old school grounds where they are caught between two large maple trees. The driver of the car suffers minor injuries as does Mr. Smith who has a severe cut in his hand and a right arm of many colors.

Clarkston wins third place during the annual track and field meet of the Southwestern Oakland County Athletic League held in Milford. Seven schools participate.

Specials at Rudy's include rolled roast, 24 cents a pound; Swift's Comed Beef, 17 cents a can; oleo, two pounds for a quarter; Fells Naptha Soap, 10 bars for 45 cents; and Climalene — Buy two packages for 19 cents and get the third package for a penny.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Bumbles are posed to bounce



This typing with a busted paw stuff is for the birds. If there are any typo's or extra spacing between words you now have my excuse.

There was a time in my life -- say the first 31 years -- when I couldn't get hurt. My life's credo was from the children's holiday classic, "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer." The credo: Bumbles Bounce.

I was always a good bouncer. Yep, I could bounce with the best of them. I could pedal 900 mph on my purple Huffy, with the banana seat and sissy-bar, down Clearview Road in Independence Twp., crash and burn at the bottom of the hill, and all I would have to do is pick the gravel out of my skin. I was good to go.

(Man, this is tough typing -- it's taken me 15 minutes to only get this far.)

I could jump off our garage roof, no problem. One day I ran my bike into the side of some guy's car as he backed out of his drive way. No problem. He walked me home, I was checked over and then got in trouble for not paying attention.

No problem. I was a good bouncer.

Notice the past tense in that last sentence. Was was the key word. Or should that be was is the key word? (I bet all my old English teachers in the Clarkston School District are clenching their fists right about

now -- sorry folks).

Then something happened about the time I hit 32 (that would be last year). There I was, at the net in the final game of a 19-game wally ball grudge match. I was skyin', just like Air Jordan (except I'm shorter, fatter and have more freckles) and when I came down from those three-inches of air, I busted my ankle.

Sometime later that summer, sans cast, I was hauling rocks around my yard. I pushed that wheel barrow a million times before, yet this time, going down just a little hill, something caught. I went right over the top, ripped open my pant leg and started to bleed.

Dazed and blurry-eyed as I was, I did have enough sense to get up fast and look around to make sure no neighbors saw the fall. Dignity is a fragile thing. While it was nothing serious, the fact remained: I did not bounce, as all good Bumbles should.

Last week one of the knuckles on my right hand accidentally made contact with a wall.

And it -- the knuckle --busted.

What gives? Why have I fallen from Bumblehood? What has brought me to this lowly state?

On the other hand (the one not busted), since losing my Bumble status my ace-bandage collection has grown considerably.

People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

What's the highlight of your senior year?

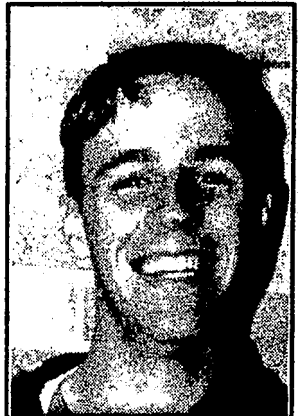
ALISON GRIEME: Spring break.



AMY BRENT: Spring break also.



JEFF BEMIS: Physics.



MARY BREWER: My volleyball team. We got 40 wins. That's the record for our school.



T O N Y COVARRUBIAS: Just the thrill of growing up.



From the CHS Class of '96

Letters to the editor

Bertling responds to letter

Dear Editor,

In your June 5 edition of The Clarkston News, a letter was published about me not being the right choice for school board. I am writing in response to that letter. However, before I start, I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who supported me despite the recent letter from the nameless Concerned District Members and to those who didn't support me, I am sorry for you.

I had heard about the letter and had not seen it until it was so very talked about by my teachers, peers, and supporters. I would like to say that in the past I have made some unwise choices concerning use of alcohol. As the statistics presented to the Drug Free Schools Committee and as pointed out by the Concerned District Members, many Clarkston students make these same unwise decisions.

But I am wondering if these Concerned District Members really know what their child, student, friend or whatever is doing when they are not at home. I have realized that these are problems that need to be especially addressed within our schools.

The schools are where most of these unwise choices are made. They happen when one is approached in the hallways, classrooms, at lunch, and in the restrooms by someone soliciting a drug of some sort or urging them to go to that big party Friday night. I am not saying my actions were justifiable. What I am saying is that I gave in to peer pressure at one time or another and now it is catching up with me.

The remarks appall me of me not living up to the standards I have set for fellow students. That is one reason I am trying to become a school board member: To set the standards and get rid of the drug and substance abuse problem within our schools appropriately. I can only say this: "Sorry for not being able to live up to the expectations everyone has set for me." I am only human and yes, even I make mistakes.

So, if there is anyone out there let down by an 18-year-old who wants to do something with his life, live with it. I would have to say and I think others would agree that I have set a fine example for other students. What other 18-year-old can claim to be senior class president, Eagle Scout, manager at McDonald's and school board candidate, all at once. If the nameless yahoos who wrote that letter last week can find anyone at all, let me shake their hands. Finally, I feel that what I have done in the past should not reflect what I could do for a school board.

That is all I have to say besides thank you again to all of my supporters and tough luck to those who didn't.

Sincerely,
Peter J. Bertling

A great big brother

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the letter from Concerned District Members about a particular candidate for the school board not being "the right choice."

I am a sophomore at Clarkston High School and the younger sister of Mr. Peter Bertling. I would have to disagree with the people who said that about my brother not living up to the standards everyone has made for him.

When Peter decided to run for the school board, I, being a jealous younger sister, had discouraged all from voting for my brother. While doing so I had spread a few rumors about him. I will admit my actions were selfish and wrong. If anything, the Concerned District Members could have asked me or my brother about the facts. Besides, who better to ask than a nosy, jealous little sister to scrape the dirt up on a person.

I would also have to give him credit for being a good role model for me and other students. He has tried to help me choose the right path for my future. Peter is an excellent person with high standards for himself.

He was senior class president. He is an Eagle Scout and a manager at McDonald's. Why would he throw everything away like that?

I would have to say that he has met everyone's standards for him. I think my brother, Peter Bertling, is an exceptional student, adult, brother and role model for me and many other students at CHS and I am personally offended by the letter from the gutless Concerned District Members.

Sincerely,
Joanna E. Bertling

Response to column

I was compelled to write after reading the article by D'Anne Witkowski in the June 5 edition regarding the senior dinner.

First of all . . . it wasn't a "fuzzy slide show," it was a video put to music. The entire senior class was asked to turn in their favorite pictures of themselves and their friends. These were then transferred to video. Only 14 students took the time and effort to make this possible. D'Anne was not one of them.

Secondly, \$13 was not only for food. It was time with friends, memories shared, atmosphere and farewell. She failed to mention the jazz band, madrigal singers and Kristin Wicklund who so generously provided entertainment to their fellow students. If food had been all we set out to accomplish, McDonald's could have served the purpose.

Last, but not least, she failed to thank all the parents and students who volunteered many hours of their time to make these kind of senior events possible to the students. If you or your family wish to not volunteer and participate you should not criticize others' efforts.

I feel she owes an apology to all the parents who volunteered, the jazz band, madrigal singers, Peter Bertling, Tim Sievers and Kristin Wicklund.

Sincerely,
Becky Tatu
Co-Chairperson

Have compassion for geese

Dear 6%,

I'm no vegetarian, tree huggin', snail saving wacko environmentalist (not that that's a bad thing). I hunt and fish and am a card-carrying NRA member. So please, reserve the ranting for a minute and hear me out.

I love those creatures on Cranberry Lake! How can you not?

Please — and I am pleading here — please watch out for those beautiful, not-so-intelligent creatures that meander into the road. Take a couple deep breaths. I know that as the season wears on the geese start acting like they own the road. It's annoying. I wouldn't blame you if, after giving them half a chance to move on, you honked back.

But I, along with many of my neighbors, have met with a few of you who have some deep-seeded hatred toward not just the animals, but with us for actually choosing not to smash, maim or mutilate them.

Hey, we're just human. It's tough to watch a goose nest in sleet and hail on a daily basis and not grow to love and admire the darn thing. It's natural to want to cheer her on in the child-rearing department. Many of us relate to the whole process, and when we have to see the carnage left in the wake of a careless driver, we honestly grieve.

Accidents happen, of course, but they can be greatly reduced if you would just please scan the road, watch the curves, slow down, and show a little respect for nature.

Fluorescent signs asking for a little vigilance were ripped down from their posts. The girl who put them up witnessed the goslings hatch the day before. It took time and trouble to put them up. Last year, she and her brother had to pick up from the road

a couple babies and, if I'm not mistaken, the mother goose. Dead.

Ninety-four percent of you have been kind and careful. Common decency puts us on common ground and we can be thankful we are the majority, but you 6 percent . . .

Respectfully,
Jill A. Burstein

PS. Caution-children, is a given. Parents-your tum.

Thanks to those who volunteer

Dear Editor,

It is the end of the school year and I would like to thank all of the Moms (and Dads) who give unselfishly and generously of their time to Bailey Lake Elementary. I have been a PTA volunteer this year working closely with other parent volunteers.

All of us work with the demands of running a household, laundry that multiplies like rabbits, hours spent in the kitchen feeding hungry mouths, chauffeuring children, dealing with quality time, quantity work. Some of us also work outside the home, but still time is donated to the school, running ice cream socials, field day programs and coaching Odyssey of the Mind teams. Some of us have babies and toddlers at home, but still manage to be involved, devoting time to book fairs, Santa shop and the popular school fair.

When we volunteer, it comes from the heart, often taking time that one doesn't really have to give. And by being a school volunteer, one becomes a part of something bigger; we take ownership with our schools. Our ultimate goal is helping our children and as a volunteer our rewards come from that direct involvement. But the support and thank-you recognition from other adults is an important ingredient in volunteering; to know that our efforts are noticed, that we make a difference.

PTAs have evolved and dramatically changed since I was in elementary school and my mom was a PTA member. Our PTAs today are advocates for children, bringing us awareness at a legislative level. Our PTAs provide enrichment activities and experiences for our children.

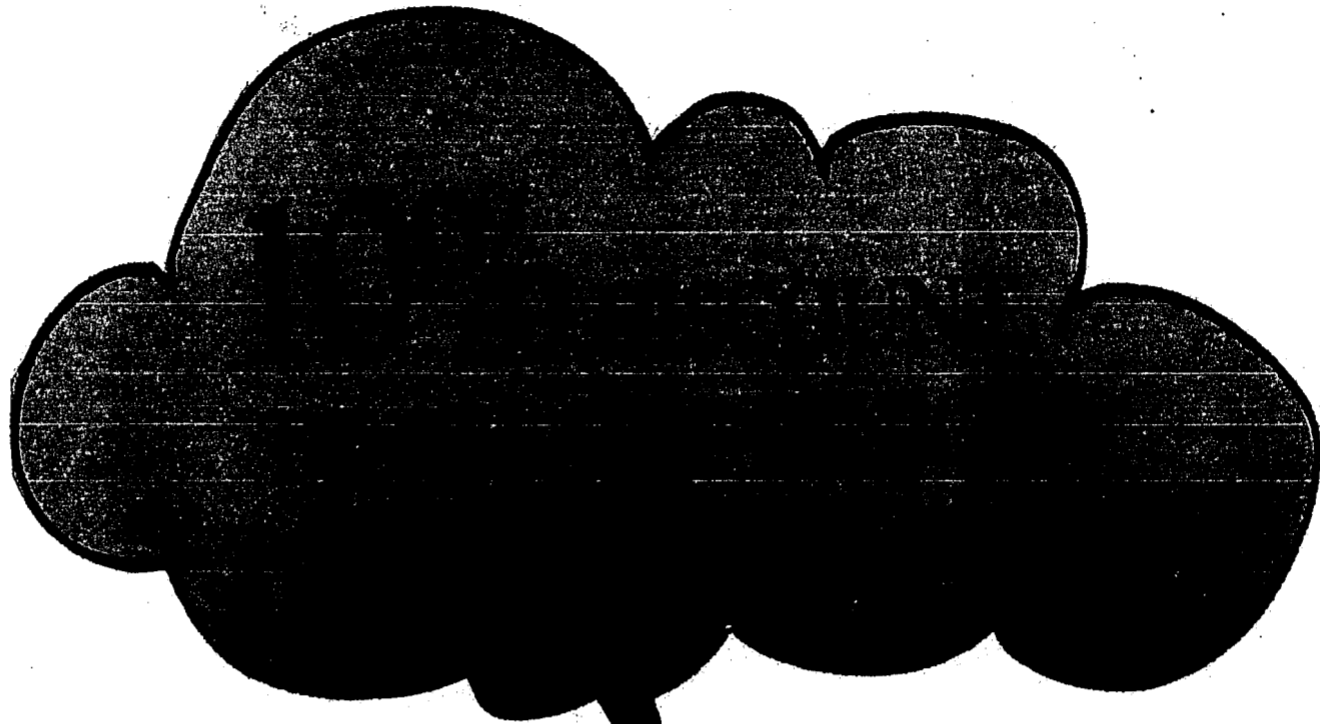
Let me sing the praises of the many parent volunteers at Bailey Lake. From beautifying school grounds to being math and reading tutors. From shelving media center books to running book discussion groups (Junior Great Books), to giving art history talks (Picture Lady Program), to helping children in the computer labs. Our volunteers have helped bring in assemblies: a theatrical play, a math enrichment speaker, a Native American speaker and a children's author. Our volunteers run a PTA children's art contest (Reflections), provide a month-long Read To Me program, plan fifth-grade graduation.

Our volunteers organized and ran a Fine Arts Day that involved the entire school. Students participated in art, drama and music workshops and attended theme-oriented assemblies. Our parents supported the PTA fundraiser, which paid for all of these programs and many more. PTA funds were given to classroom teachers, funded field trips, assemblies, supported the media center and technology goals for our school.

You'll find volunteers in the classroom and in the halls of our school on a daily basis. You may find volunteers involved in one of our 35 different PTA committees. You'll find a PTA board of 12 dedicated volunteers who met monthly during the school year, for a cumulative total of 20 hours. We are a community at Bailey Lake, helping and supporting one another. We are taking ownership in our schools, being active participants in our children's education. As a result of our wide volunteer base, we are able to do more for our children.

Thank you, Bailey Lake volunteers. You make a difference!

Melinda Richards Grix
PTA Co President



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DaMommio-Noonan

Mary and Sam DaMommio of Arlington, TX announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Camille, to Douglas Shaun Noonan, son of Mary and Peter Noonan. The bride-to-be received her BA in elementary education from the University of Dallas. She is employed as a fifth-grade teacher for Farine Elementary School in the Irving Independent School District. The prospective groom obtained a BBA in management from Southwest Texas State University and works as a customer service representative for Ford Motor Credit Company. A June 1996 wedding is planned.

Honors

● Gene Grier, an Independence Township resident and nationally known author, composer and recording artist, was recently awarded a prestigious ASCAP Songwriting Award for the 20th consecutive year. Grier has been honored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers for his children's songs and musicals and choral music for educators and church musicians.

Grier's new compositions this year include over 20 songs and arrangements. His latest recording, "EverGreen Morning," includes 15 of his newest efforts.

New arrivals

● Scott B. and Kristin Tiaht Smith of Hamilton announce the birth of a son, Hayden Scott Tiaht Smith, born May 26, 1996 at Holland Community Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins his 3-year-old brother Jencen at home. Grandparents are Warren and Barbara Tiaht of Clarkston and Clarence and Mary Smith of Allegan.

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In service

● Marine PFC Michael T. St. Charles, son of Michael and Nancy St. Charles of Clarkston, recently received the designation of Aircrewman in the C-130 Hercules after an extensive training program at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FLA. He is now qualified to ply in the C-130 Hercules as load master. The 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School joined the Marine Corps in April 1995.

● Navy Seaman Michael Doud, son of Linda Doud of Clarkston, has returned to Bremerton, Washington after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Persian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

While in the Persian Gulf, aircraft from USS Nimitz flew more than 1,600 missions to enforce the international no-fly zone over southern Iraq. In response to Chinese military exercises near Taiwan, the Nimitz shifted to the east China Sea.

Dodd visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates and participated in several community relations projects. The deployment was the Nimitz's first with women on board.

Dodd joined the Navy in May 1994.

● Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John E. Beach, son of John H. Beach of Clarkston recently was advanced in rank through the Navy's Command Advancement Program while serving with Patrol Squadron Eight, Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine. He was recognized for superior performance. Beach joined the Navy in 1993.



AAUW donates books

The local branch of American Association of University Women has donated two books to each elementary school library in the Clarkston school district. The gift is the beginning of a project to increase the number of books about women in the schools. Books donated so far include biographies of Eleanor Roosevelt, artist Georgia O'Keefe, Queen Elizabeth and first ladies. "AAUW would like to challenge other groups in the community to join in to provide more books about women for the schools, said president Dorothy Haase. Anyone who would like to contribute to the project should call Haase at 620-2335. Pictured are North Sashabaw Elementary principal George White with Nancy Woodruff and Lynn Suchodolski.

Grins and Grimaces

A big grin goes to Ann Thompson, 78 and a longtime Clarkston resident. Mrs. Thomson called The Clarkston News to announce that her grandchild, Erica Thomson, will be graduating this year from Clarkston High School, just as her father Tim did in 1974.

Sounding extremely happy, Mrs. Thomson said she had a stroke eight years ago and is now confined to a wheelchair but is "proud to be alive to see her first grandchild graduate."

Congratulations, Erica—and way to go, Grandma.



Lewis-Gatz

George and Nancy Lewis of Waterford announce the engagement of their daughter, Gretchen, to Jeffrey Gatz, son of John and Marge Gatz of Sterling Heights. The bride-to-be received a BS in health science from Grand Valley State University and is employed as an athletic trainer for Clarkston Community Schools. The prospective groom received a BS in chemical engineering from Michigan State University and is currently in his fourth year as a medical student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. A July 1996 wedding is planned at Addison Oaks County Park.

School news

● Robb Colbrunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Colbrunn of Clarkston, received his BS *cum laude* in mechanical engineering from Grove City College in Pennsylvania May 18.

● Jeffrey Aenlle, William Jawlik, Rachel Seifferlein and Jeremy Thompson, all of Clarkston, made the winter academic honors list at Ferris State University. The list requires a 3.5 GPA and full-time enrollment.

● Jason Hovanec and Michael Weinert of Clarkston and Brennan Brown of Davisburg were named to the Dean's List for spring term at Northwood University in Midland. Jason is the son of Melvin and Ruthmarie Hovanec. Michael is the son of Lynda Faucett. Brennan is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Brown.

● Brendan and Kerry Kelly, a brother and sister from Clarkston, have been awarded scholarships from Beaumont Hospital as children of Beaumont employees. Brendan attends Western Michigan University studying bio-science. Kerry attends the University of Michigan studying kinesiology. Also receiving a scholarship was Francis Kern of Clarkston, a Brother Rice High School student who plans to attend the University of Michigan to study business and engineering.

● Jamie Barger of Clarkston and Lori Haslock and Robin Wiechert of Davisburg made the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University for winter semester.

● Charlyn Wherry, a member of the Clarkston High School Class of 1996, has been awarded an ITT Industries, Inc. scholarship to study at GMI-Flint. She is one of 38 children of ITT employees to receive the award based on academic achievement and personal accomplishment.

● Kimberly Michalak made the Dean's List at Adrian College for the spring semester. A junior majoring in elementary education specializing in English and natural science, she is a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School and the daughter of Donald and Jeanette Michalak of Clarkston.

City of Clarkston

City may combine clerk, clerical positions

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It may be awhile before Art Pappas is relieved of three city office jobs.

The City of Clarkston's manager, treasurer and current clerk said last week that the position of city clerk, left vacant since former clerk Jeanne Selander Miller resigned last August, hasn't been filled, although there have been several applicants.

Pappas was appointed clerk following Selander Miller's resignation. He said one of the reasons the city hasn't been in a hurry to hire someone is because consideration is being given to rolling the offices of clerk and clerical worker into one.

Since former clerical worker Lillian Bauer retired, Pappas has had to take care of everything except

book weddings, which Bauer still handles from her home. It's become quite a job to keep up with typing, banking, answering the phone and other chores. Hiring someone to take care of clerical needs "would relieve

Briefly, highlighted duties of the city clerk are as follows:

- Attend all city council and special meetings; keep a journal of all actions and record minutes.
- Prepare all agendas.
- Administer oaths.
- Conduct all city, state and local elections.

The office of city clerk pays \$2,000 per year, including additional salary for elections. Before some things for me," Pappas admitted.

Part of the problem is there's only room for one. When Bauer was there she worked in the city office and Pappas worked from his home, performing city manager and treasurer duties. When she moved out, he moved his files, computers and other supplies into City Hall.

"There's nowhere to put anyone (else)," Pappas said. That wasn't a problem when the city had Selander Miller because she worked out of her home. An ideal solution would be to have someone who can perform

both clerk and clerical duties out of the cramped city office, although more space could eventually be provided, Pappas said.

However, keeping the roles divided, as has been done in the past, is also a possibility.

Selander Miller left, she asked for a raise and was making \$600 for local and \$1,700 for state/national elections. That amount could stay the same or be lowered, Pappas said, partly because the city updated its voting system by purchasing new machines which omit the necessity of counting votes by hand.

Some of the new equipment will be in place by the August primary. With the new system, "They won't be up all night counting ballots," Pappas said.

If the two roles of clerk and clerical worker are combined, the salary would obviously be more than the \$2,000 plus election pay, he added.

Currently there is a hold on accepting clerk applications. Pappas couldn't predict when council would address the situation. "It will be when we find a way to get a little more room, at least desk space," he said.

For now, he laughed, "I'm just trying to keep my head above water."

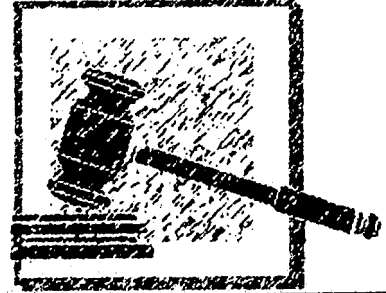
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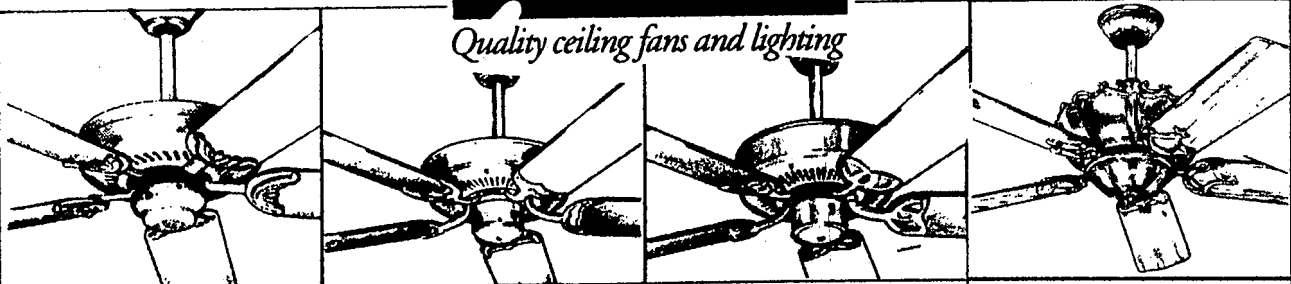
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New superintendent explains his philosophy

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who are not only good . . . We're looking for team players," he said. "We want somebody who's transferable and can operate in a couple of buildings at least."

HOW DO YOU COMMUNICATE INTERNALLY: As mentioned earlier, Roberts uses E-mail, including board meeting summaries that go out to staff. There is a teacher newsletter and he gets information to the media about major issues coming up on the board's agenda.

In addition, all his teachers have access to computers through a program he called "Mac for the Teacher."

Roberts offered each teacher a computer which can be taken home over the summer in exchange for a promise the teacher would complete 20 hours of training. Eighty-five percent have taken him up on the offer.

HOW DO YOU MAKE THE SCHOOL BOARD PART OF YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM: In addition to a yearly retreat, Roberts said he meets in what he calls "two-by-twos," where he and two board members meet at a time on issues. He also writes a week-in-review report which includes his weekly schedule, a narrative and back-up documents.

Once when a school board member broke his hip, a public notice was published that the board would be meeting at the member's house—and they did. "A couple people came over to the house," Roberts said.

ON DECISION MAKING: Roberts said he prefers to involve the people who will have to implement a decision in the decision-making process.

"I'm not a particularly controlling person," he said. "Now don't misread that as an inability to direct things. But if somebody has a better idea than I do . . .

"I'm clear on a decision, if it's top-down, why it has to be made that way. Ninety-five percent of the time it's collaborative. (But) there comes a time in running a school district when one has to make a

decision and you don't have the luxury of time to set up a committee and one has to make a decision. It involves courage to tackle things that need to be tackled, and compassion to deal with people."

As an example, Roberts said he recently denied a teacher tenure. "She would say to you 'I understand that decision. I don't agree with it but I understand it and the process by which it was done.'"

Likewise, when a student was recently expelled,

'I believe teachers in my district would say that the bottom line is when issues come up, the children come first.'

"the parent actually thanked me, not for expelling her child, but for the way it was handled."

WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY DOES YOUR DISTRICT USE? DO YOU USE PERSONALLY? Roberts said he tried the Newton and didn't like it and now uses the Wizard and Alpha Smart a lot. "I'm fairly literate with computers," he said.

His students use graphing and scientific calculators, laser disks and CD Rom, have a microscope tied to a TV monitor, a TV in every elementary classroom, computer overheads and Alpha Smarts.

"The writing skills have really improved dramatically and they were good already," he said. "I want to emphasize that technology is the tool; they're not the lesson."

WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU PROUDEST OF: Roberts said he is proudest of his district's diversity program, a program called two by two (more below), a program brought from Italy called Reggio Emilia, a middle school advisory program, and his district's partnerships with senior citizens.

WHAT EXTRA CHALLENGE WILL HE FACE, COMING FROM OUT OF STATE: Roberts pointed out that he has already worked in two different states (Ohio and New Jersey). "I found I've been able to take ideas from both those states and superimpose them on the landscape."

Roberts did his dissertation on school finance. "I have a different perspective on that than if I were a single-state person . . . Though I'm not expert, I am familiar with legislation in Michigan using part sales tax, part property tax."

HOW WILL YOU BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN CLARKSTON: Roberts has been active in Kiwanis, the clergy council, small business council, arts council and educational foundation and helped start a community action team to deal with drug abuse. He says he's done the clown-suit stuff and "slings hash" at senior citizen functions. He called his role "participatory; not necessarily as the role leader but being among people."

HOW DO YOU MAKE SURE KIDS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM ARE CHALLENGED: Roberts said a curriculum audit to learn what's working and what's not would be in order. "After that, look at all kinds of experiences for all kids. What's the best way to deal with individual differences

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2 local students are tops in math

Chris Freed and Blake Harlow both say math comes easy to them. So it's no big surprise, then, that the two fifth-graders received perfect scores on the international Mathematical Olympiads.

However, the two Springfield Plains students, who are both enrolled in the CAT (Clarkston Academically Talented) program, were among only 204 students of the 79,502 who participated this year who received perfect scores. For their achievement the two students received trophies and George Lenchner Award, a medal named after the man who founded the competition.

Lenchner, a math educator and author, started the olympiad on the principal that math challenges should not wait until secondary school. Until his retirement he wrote all the olympiad's questions and directed the event.

To participate in the olympiad, students took one test a month for five months. Each test had five problems, according to CAT teacher Sue Banworth. In Clarkston about 90 CAT students participated in grades four, five and six.

Chris got 23 of 25 right last year. Blake didn't



Blake Harlow (left) and Chris Freed participate last year.

"At first I thought it was going to be kind of hard because I didn't know a lot about fractions," Chris said.

Blake agreed. "When we took these tests we hadn't gotten into it (fractions) yet," he said.

That didn't stop them from figuring out the answers. "Blake's way of solving it could be entirely different than Chris because that's what they stress is problem solving," said Banworth.

Taking the test last year didn't help either, Chris said. "All these tests are really different so every time we had to learn. It really stretched our minds."

Both boys said they've always been ahead of their grade in math. "My mom said she always knew I was a good math student," Blake said. He said math is his best subject.

Chris said math and science are his two best subjects. "It was always boring in third grade when teachers wouldn't call on me because I always knew I had the answer," he said.

Both boys will be eligible for the Challenger math program next year when they enter middle school.

How would you do?

In six minutes, answer this: At a special sale, all pens are sold for one price and all pencils at another price. If 3 pens and 2 pencils are sold for 47 cents, while 2 pens and 3 pencils are sold for 38 cents, for how many cents does a set of one pen and one pencil sell?

In six minutes, answer this: Ben and Jerry start with the same number of trading cards. After Ben gives 12 cards to Jerry, Jerry then has two times as many cards as Ben does. How many cards did Ben have at the start?



A sea of black balloons in honor of his 50th birthday greets North Sash. principal George White.

A big birthday in black and white

North Sash Principal will remember turning 50, thanks to his staff

The North Sashabaw El. staff apparently thought George White fell on black days because he turned 50 this year.

When the principal unlocked his door for the usual school day May 24, he was greeted with 1,100 ebony balloons. Staff members said they agreed to each buy 50 and enlisted the help of everyone to blow them up — students, Latch Key kids, even their own children.

"People got blisters on their fingers from tying balloons," said building aide Linda Hamilton.

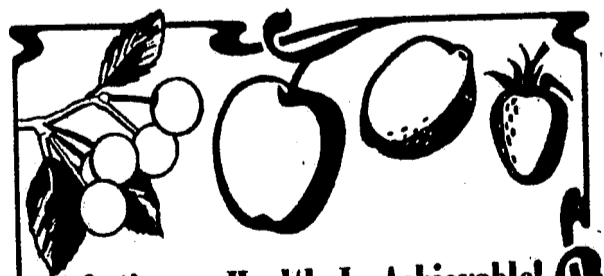
White, who actually turned 50 Memorial Day, said he knew something was up when he saw "50" signs all along the halls. One on his office door had a face drawn inside the zero with a caption that read, "You're old."

Said teacher Jill Santola, "We didn't do anything kind."

White appreciated the recognition, was good-humored and definitely waxed positive about reaching the mid-century mark. "I've had 50 good years and I've got 50 more ahead of me," he said with a big smile.

He couldn't help but pop a few balloons by accident as he waded to his desk. "I've got to get into my office to work," he explained. But he also admitted, "The kid in me had to pop a few."

--By Eileen Oxley



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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, medical on Pear; one to POH.
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 Injury accident on Dixie; one to POH.
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 Medical on Maybee; one to POH.
 Assault victim on Sashabaw.
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, medical on Northview.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, unknown fire on Lakeview.
 A vehicle fire reported on I-75 was out by the time firefighters arrived.
MONDAY, JUNE 10, pedestrian injury accident on M-15 north of I-75.



John Lohmeier and just one of the boatloads of litter he has collected from the lake.

Littered lake needs help

Homeowner says awareness is first step

"You can't blame the geese for this," said Middle Lake Road resident John Lohmeier, pointing to a boat full of junk he's picked up around Cemetery Lake. Lohmeier, who has lived in Clarkston for just over a year, said the junk he's collected most likely flows in from Deer Lake. His collection includes everything from a tire to a pallet to toys, shoes and containers.

"What happens is that people just leave things and then they get washed in the lake," said Lohmeier. "We need to remember that this stuff will end up somewhere. We have a highway cleanup, maybe we need to have a lake cleanup as well."

Lohmeier said he's not blaming anyone in particular, but emphasizes that keeping junk out of the lakes needs to be more of a focus for people using the lake as recreation and homeowners who have access. "If you bring something out there, just make sure you take it home too. It all adds up," he said. And the proof is in his overflowing boat.

--By Darrel W. Cole

Township sells substation to medical group

In preparation of new facilities, the Independence Township Board voted to sell the old sheriff's sub-station.

The township board unanimously approved the \$325,000 agreement to Mid-Oakland Medical Center, currently being constructed behind the sub-station. The township had about \$205,000 left to pay on the property.

The medical center will do an extensive remodeling of the building, which was purchased by the township for \$269,000 in June 1992, for use with its facility. The owners would still have to go through the site plan approval process.

"This is a good deal for the township and for the developer," said trustee Daniel Travis.

The new fire station/sub-station, located on Citation Drive, is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The offices won't have to move until the new building is complete.

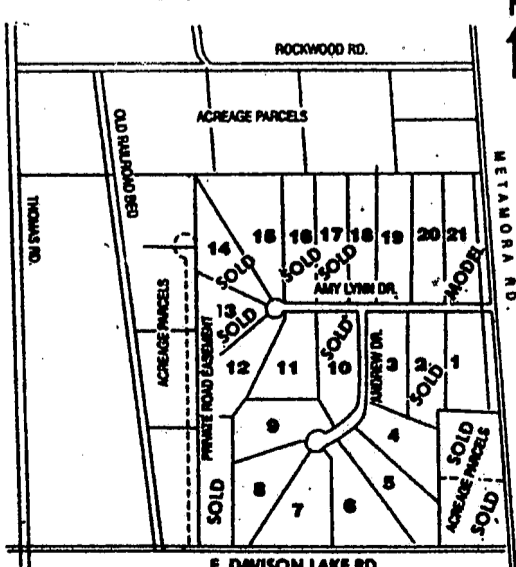
Correction

● The wording of a story last week about the school millage renewal was incorrect. The story said homestead properties are taxed at six mills for school operations, non-homestead properties at 18 mills. It should have said non-homestead properties are taxed at an *additional* 18 mills.

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5th-grader gets national honor

A student at Pine Knob Elementary School received an honorable mention for his art work at the National PTA Reflections Fine Arts competition held recently.

Jim Shanks, a fifth-grader, was honored for his ink print of a cat peering through the woods, which was entered in the visual arts category of the competition. Five students from Clarkston were selected by the state PTA judges to go on to the national competition but Jim was the only one who placed at that level.

Jim researched his subject matter, which included plant forms, a dragonfly and a grasshopper. "I have three cats at home and I really like cats," he said.

To make the print, Jim used a process he learned in the fourth-grade classroom of Mrs. Ness. He cut pieces of cardboard, rolled different colors of lithograph ink on the pieces, then pressed them against clean paper to make an imprint. He made two dozen attempts before choosing his favorite one to enter in the contest.

Jim said he has been entering the Reflections contest for several years and has advanced to state competition before. He also entered in the photography category this year.

Jim's winning print will travel with the National PTA Reflections exhibit around the country. He will receive a silver medallion and art supplies from the national PTA. He is the son of Kurt and Penny Shanks.



Jim Shanks

CMS student places in state competition

Laura Hill, a seventh-grader at Clarkston Middle School, placed fifth in the state in this year's Future Problem Solving Scenario contest.

Laura's short story, "Escape from Injustice," so impressed her teacher, William Rathburg, that he entered it in the competition. The contest required students to write a scenario that predicts the future and is developed through character and plot.

Laura's story dealt with the topic of mental health. Other CMS students who entered were Scott Barnett, Johana Bell, Brandon Fox, Becky Hart, Tricia Greve, Sandra Richardson and Amber Schneider.

Fox, Greve and Richardson were selected semifinalists.

"I'm proud of Laura and the other student contestants," Rathburg said. "They continue a fine tradition at Clarkston Middle School. As in previous years, the student writers at CMS have advanced to the semifinals and final levels of this contest."

Counselor added at SMS for fall

"Thank you!"

Dr. Jean Lang, principal of Sashabaw Middle School, breathed a sigh of relief Monday night and uttered those words after the Clarkston board of education approved the addition of one counselor at her school for next fall. The vote was also greeted by applause from the audience.

The move, which had been discussed for several weeks, was considered critical by parents and the administration. In fact, it was the top-listed priority on the district's program improvement request list.

Though both Sashabaw and Clarkston middle schools each currently have two counselors, the caseload was out of balance due to enrollment growth. At SMS, each counselor was responsible for 461 students; at CMS, 343. At the high school the ratio is 1:323.

At previous board meetings, parents had spoken up about the inequity. They said that at certain times of year, counselors are so busy with testing and other requirements of their jobs that they don't have time for real counseling.

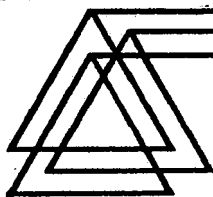
The board approved the appointment unanimously. Funding will come from the general fund.

Kids sought for play

Auditions are being held for children 10-17 years old for the Clarkston Village Players' "Great Ghost Chase."

The play runs July 25, 26 and 27. Auditions will be June 15 at noon and June 17 at 6 p.m., held at Depot Theatre. Cost to audition is \$25, which will benefit the scholarship fund.

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Lynch leaving for Denver church

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As sunlight streams in through the windows of Father Charles Lynch's former office, it catches the bougainvillea and bathes the room in hot-pink splashes.

It also catches the top of Lynch's head, giving him a rather saintly aura.

"They spend summer at my house on the patio and they winter in here," explains the priest, gazing at his flowers with a serene smile.

If St. Francis is the patron saint of animals, Lynch could be the patron saint of flowers. He can tell you about each one's history, its genus — even spell out the hard ones like bougainvillea. But pattering in his beloved garden, next to Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, is not where Lynch has spent most of his time the past seven years.

The 60-year-old Clarkston Rd. resident, who retired from 34 years in the priesthood April 7, will leave Clarkston this July for a church in Denver. He received a call from St. Augustine Orthodox Church before he officially retired.

It's ironic, he quips, "to come out of retirement before I retired."

Lynch is responsible for a legacy of accomplishments future Church of the Resurrection congregations will inherit.

During his rectorate, the church building was completed with offices and a sacristy was added. A kitchen in Stewart Hall was remodeled and a columbarium for burial of ashes was installed. Lynch was also instrumental in creating two endowment funds for the parish's future financial security.

He also remembers a time when there were no bells — or steeple for that matter — calling people to church.

"The building looked kind of squat," he says. He



Father Charles Lynch and his statue of St. Margaret.

recalls, sadly, how Church of the Resurrection finally got its steeple. It was paid for by a parish family who lost their son in a tragic accident.

"The bells first rang on Easter Day, four or five years ago."

Easter is a day which will always be especially commemorative for Lynch. It's not only the day when bells rang out and he announced his resignation. It's also the date he was ordained at Detroit's St. Philip

and St. Stephen Church in 1962.

Though the native Detroiter was raised in the Evangelical and Reformed Church and attended Detroit Country Day and Lutheran High schools, he found his beliefs changing. Eventually he realized his they aligned more closely with the Episcopalian faith.

Before coming to Clarkston he was rector of St. James Church in Milwaukee where he established the largest volunteer-run soup kitchen in the country. He also headed parishes in Ionia and Greenville.

Lynch has served his seminary, Nashotah House, as alumni warden and was elected several times to serve as deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. He has held several official positions in the Dioceses of Milwaukee and Western Michigan. He is a senior member of the Society of the Holy Cross, a member of the national Council of the Guild of All Souls and he serves on the executive board of the ecumenical Society of Mary.

He continues to serve as administrator of the American National Pilgrimage and as director of the national Order of St. Vincent for Alcoholics.

A history as well as horticulture buff, Lynch belongs to several organizations including Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of King Charles the Martyr, the Barons of Runnymede and the Mayflower Society.

Taking his love of history one step further into genealogy, Lynch has found he's related to several famous figures, including St. Margaret, a Hungarian-born princess who married Scotland's King Malcolm III.

"In Edinburgh today there's a chapel dedicated to St. Margaret. Fresh flowers are placed there every day."

He's so taken with his ancestor that he told residents of St. Mary's Convent in Milwaukee he'd like to someday acquire the statue of St. Margaret which "greeted the people as they came in the front door."

"I said, 'If you ever need to give St. Margaret a home, I'll take her.'"

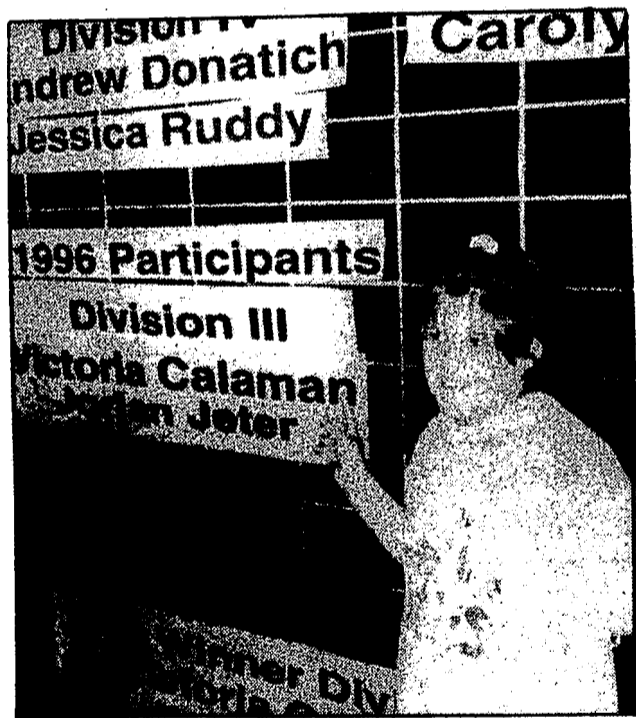
His wish came true because the sisters were "downsizing" one day. They offered him the statue. It has lived in Clarkston and will accompany him to his new home in Denver.

Lynch is fond of historical Clarkston too. Though admittedly "a city boy," he's charmed by the small, rural towns he's lived in over the years.

He first saw the local fields — which are now filled with "multiple dwellings" — when he came to watch his Country Day classmates play football against Clarkston.

"I've come to understand the long-time people's concerns about growing, the people who have lived here 50, 60 years," he says.

"I feel I'm not qualified to say I miss the Clarkston that was — but I do."



Making history

Victoria Calaman, a fifth-grader from Clarkston who attends the Michigan School for the Deaf, successfully competed in the National Mathematics Pentathlon Tournament May 4 in Imlay City. This is the second year the school has competed in the event. Last year Victoria was one of eight students who made history by being the first deaf students in the U.S. to compete. The pentathlon is a series of instructional interactive games and activities linking arithmetic with geometric/spacial and logical/scientific thinking. It is designed for students in grades K-8. Victoria is the daughter of Douglas and Rebecca Calaman.

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Overall, investment portfolio better off

Independent expert says 5 securities still bog down everything else

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Compared to just over year ago, Independence Township's investment portfolio is much better off now.

Investment managers have reduced long maturity rates and sold off about 50 percent of some minor derivative securities. The bad news is that for the past six months rising interest rates have not helped the four volatile CMOs the township possesses.

Munder Capital Management, the township's investment advisors hired in July 1995, reported at the township's June 4 board meeting, that they are seeing the goals they set being realized.

Aileron Ltd., another investment expert hired before Munder, also presented a report to the board on May 21, stating the township's portfolio is not as "volatile" as it once was.

While the township still holds four risky collateralized mortgage obligations, which account for about 28 percent of the portfolio's over \$10 million market value, Munder representative Peter Root said those risky securities are being offset by recent investments in safer U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agency securities.

Investing in those shorter-maturity securities has dropped the average maturity of the portfolio from almost 20 years to 11.6 years, as of March 31, 1996.

In 1995 the four CMOs, which are all dependent on interest rates staying low, increased in market value by almost \$1 million because interest rates remained low compared to 1994. But since December of 1995, interest rates have been on the rise again. As a result, market values for the CMOs have dropped from \$2.9 million as of Dec. 1995 to \$2.6 million as of April 30, 1996.

In addition, the four CMOs, originally purchased in 1993 and 1994 for about \$5 million, mature in 2023, which greatly increases the portfolio's average market maturity.

"It's been very hard to work this portfolio with these securities in it" said Root.

While the board had some other concerns, they were pleased at the overall improvement of the portfolio, showing a lower average maturity rate and reduced volatility.

Mark R. Maisonneuve, an investment advisor with Heber, Fuger, Wendin in Bloomfield Hills, also said the portfolio is doing better than in the past (his company originally interviewed for the investment manager position). But he also agreed with Munder that the CMOs are a liability on the portfolio.

He said those securities will always fluctuate in

value, but will never return what the township paid for them.

"These were bought as safe but the investment world knows them as speculative," said Maisonneuve. "That will never change. I can't foresee a time when the price of these CMOs will rise back to the level the township paid. When these mature you will get money back, but it's of little consolation because the value of those dollars in 20 years will probably be much different."

The board also questioned Munder's Root about a corporate bond mutual fund called Lord Abbett

Government Securities. The \$1.75 million security has a market value of \$1.63 million.

The fund, managed by Merrill Lynch, was purchased by township treasurer John Lutz in Feb. 1994. Root said the fund should be sold.

"Quite frankly," Root said. "I would say move this out and let us manage it because they are overcharging you."

The board directed Root to look into selling this security, just like the four CMOs. He'll come back to the board at a later date with a report.

To sell or not to sell?

Concerns raised after portfolio review

BY DARREL W. COLE
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In statements that "surprised" many, Independence Township's investment managers said they would "get rid of" four volatile CMOs in the township's portfolio.

The comments came from Munder Capital Management's Peter Root after a question from a board member. He was referring to four collateralized mortgage obligations purchased by treasurer John Lutz between Oct. 1993 and March 1994 at about \$5 million with a current market value of \$2.6 million. Those four securities were the focus of an arbitration claim the township lost to Westcap Securities at the end of 1995.

"It's very hard to work with these in this portfolio," said Root, at the board of trustees

meeting June 4. "If it was our discretion we would get rid of them. They are volatile and, the rates have backed up. But depending on your own tolerance we could sell them all or do it gradual."

The statement caught some board members off guard. Munder was hired a year ago to manage and recommend such actions, as consistent with the township's investment policy, especially when it comes to the four securities, which are dangerous because they rely solely on interest rates staying low.

Some board members expressed surprise, and a concern that there is not enough communication happening regarding the investment portfolio. But Lutz, who said he talks with Munder people two or three times a week, said Root's comments weren't a great surprise to him because they said the same thing when they were hired in July 1995.

"All of a sudden we have a lot of experts on this board," said Lutz. He said "ideally" Munder would like to unload all the CMOs but there are other factors to consider when dealing with a municipality.

"I told Peter all along that anytime something came along to let me know," said Lutz.

While Lutz says he's been communicating with

Munder, other board members, including clerk Joan McCrary and supervisor Dale Stuart, said Munder's comments came as a shock. And the end result is that board members, although confident the portfolio is better off than it was before, aren't sure if selling or holding is the right answer.

After Munder's presentation at the meeting, the board directed them to come up with some "target rates" in which one or a few of the CMOs could be sold, at minimum loss. Lutz said he is willing to study the idea, but is, at this moment, against selling too soon.

"There's a plus and minus to everything," he said. "I'd have to make sure everything is weighed properly."

Lutz said that whatever recommendation is brought back to the board, he will have the final say.

Stuart said, "We have been told in the past that the consensus view is to hold them," said supervisor Dale Stuart. "So it (Munder's comments) surprised me too."

Trustee Bruce Mercado said he is concerned about "what everyone's role is and who fits in where" as far as communicating what's going on with the portfolio's management.

"I've had concerns about what Munder's role in this is. It seems a very passive role, but these are supposed to be our investment managers and I would have hoped they would become more involved."

Mercado says if Munder did mention selling off the CMOs sooner and it wasn't communicated to the rest of the board, then that's another concern.

"There's no secret that Dale, Joan and John, although they work on the same floor, could communicate a lot better," he said. "In January or February it was mentioned to me that we would be more aggressive with these investments. But I don't know what came of that."

Trustee Daniel Travis said there also needs to be better communication among the board members because items like this shouldn't come as a surprise.

"I'm very concerned," said Travis, "that if it (a recommendation to sell) was made, it didn't go" very far.

Drugs take a life

Results from an autopsy and toxicology reports are being awaited before the Oakland County Sheriff's Department decides whether the death of a 41-year-old man Friday was an accident, homicide or suicide.

Kim Crawford, 41, who deputies believe had lately been living on Elizabeth Lake Rd. in Waterford, was found dead in a parking lot at Maybee and Dixie around 8:45 p.m. Friday.

According to Lt. Doug Hummel of the OCSD's Independence substation, two people who had been in a van with Crawford said he injected suspected heroin shortly before dying. They said all three had been drinking before going to a local fast-food restaurant to eat and shoot up. Crawford was the first to inject the drug.

"Whatever the substance was that killed him, they thought it was heroin," Hummel said. "We'll be investigating it as a possible homicide just due to the fact he injected a substance into his body."

Crawford was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



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Superintendent speaks

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Roberts hired

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Roberts has been superintendent in Orange City for six years. An East Coast native, he previously held the post of assistant superintendent for three years in Sparta, NJ, was an elementary principal in both New Jersey and Ohio for eight years, and taught grades two through six for 10 years. He earned a BA in elementary education from Jersey City State College, an MS from Fordham in elementary education with a reading specialization, a master of education from Columbia University in curriculum and teaching, and a doctor of education from Columbia University Teachers College.

At Monday's board of education meeting, the board approved a three-year contract which Roberts has already signed. It includes a salary of \$100,000 for the first year, with years two and three to be negotiated later. Roberts made about \$93,800 in the last year, according to the Chagrin Herald Sun.

When asked, during the interview process why he was interested in coming to Clarkston, Roberts, whose wife is also a teacher, said it would be up to the board to decide whether or not he was a "fit." But he said he liked what he saw here in the community as well as the schools and hoped to stay for a long time.

"This is a community that really does care about quality in education," he said. "I'd like to find a district I can live in and be happy in."

On Thursday, Roberts sounded elated at being chosen.

"I'm absolutely thrilled at becoming part of the Clarkston community. I'm looking forward to coming to the district and finding a residence."

Roberts said he is hoping to be able to start July 1, but will also attend an administrative retreat scheduled for later this month and is expected to attend graduation ceremonies tonight (Wednesday).

Though he is under contract for another year in Orange City, and in fact just got a three-percent raise and one-year extension in February, he said he doesn't expect any trouble getting out of his contract.

"There's never been a problem in this state," he said. "I have a good relationship with this board."

Roberts, 48, and his wife Arlene plan to move into the district. Arlene Roberts is a reading support teacher. The couple has a daughter, Karen, 20, who attends the University of Dayton.

can do... Dialogue can take root without all sorts of paperwork."

HOW DO YOU ACT AS A TEACHER FOR YOUR TEACHERS: "I think the superintendent has to be an absolute role model. I have done demonstration projects for my teachers. I've done some substitute teaching. I meet with teachers on a monthly basis. I'll sit at parent/teacher conferences with teachers. I believe teachers in my district would say that the bottom line is when issues come up, the children come first."

WHAT IS YOUR PHILOSOPHY ON STAFF DEVELOPMENT: "It's absolutely crucial and it's also usually the first thing that goes in a budget crunch. But unless we deal with (change), we're never going to get over that hump. We're always going to be short-sighted."

EXPLAIN THE TWO-BY-TWO-BY TWO PROGRAM: The district has one school, grades three and four, devoted to this program in which two classes of students stay with two teachers for two years. Teachers spend less time in review and get to know their students better.

"We didn't just decide 'Let's try this activity,'" Roberts said. Rather, he sent out a survey through the PTA to see if there was community interest. Eighty-five percent surveyed showed a positive response. When it was implemented, he gave parents a guarantee: if they weren't happy with a teacher, they were guaranteed a change for the second year. The results have been great, he said, including higher test scores and teachers learning from each other.

GIVE SOME EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATIONS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES YOU HAVE ACHIEVED: Roberts said he formed a partnership between senior citizens and fourth-graders to grow a community garden. Food is donated to charity. He also created a Clergy Council, which formed a diversity program which is presented to elementary students in drama form followed by discussion groups. He's also formed business partnerships and a collaboration with a local hospital.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF WHERE KIDS SHOULD BE IN CLARKSTON AND AMERICA: "Helping every child be all they can be is my mission... It's getting the entire family healthy for 21st century success."

In addition to strong groundings in reading and technology, Roberts mentioned another of his favorite words—diversity. "The ability to get along with those like you and different from you."

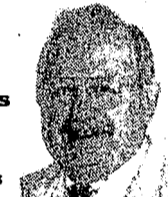
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF EXTRA-CURRICULARS: "I think we need to think beyond traditional models," he said. Quoting the Greek ideal of "sound body, sound mind," he said, "I think they're intertwined... I believe balance for kids is very important." He said in Orange City, 85 percent of students are in extra-curriculars. "I think that's one of the reasons we're so successful academically."

WHAT IS YOUR APPROACH TO HEALTH/SEX EDUCATION: "Unfortunately I think our youngsters know a lot more than we think they know. I've been on the conservative side on those issues, but I've not been blind... I'd like to believe every parent is out there talking about this with their kids, but I know that's not true."



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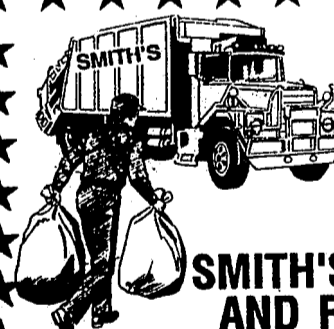
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MONDAY, JUNE 3, attempted larceny from a 1986 Chevy pick up parked in a Whipple Tree Lane driveway overnight. Someone tried to remove the stereo but was unable to.

Larceny from a construction site on Heron Ct. Lumber worth \$1,466 was taken.

Home invasion on Corruna overnight. A purse containing \$410 cash and ID plus a leather bag were stolen.

A Dixie Highway business reported a broken fence and vent overnight.

A wallet containing \$48 cash, ID and credit cards was stolen from an unlocked gym locker at the high school.

Car/deer accident on Clarkston Rd. near Sashabaw.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, a Drayton resident said she left her car parked overnight at a gas station where it was covered with oil and potato chips and scratched.

Neighborhood harassment on Parview.

Lost or stolen cellular phone on Hadley Rd.

Car/deer accident on White Lake Rd. near Deer Lake Rd.

A 19-year-old Indiana man driving a motorcycle on Sashabaw was injured when he laid down his bike to avoid a car which pulled out in front of him. He was taken to Pontiac Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, indecent exposure on Sashabaw. A female employee of a business reported the incident.

Malicious destruction of a sign valued at \$1,400 at a Maybee Rd. business.

Someone pulled up \$250 worth of flowers planted at the entrance to a Cecelia Ann subdivision overnight.

A deputy checking the Sashabaw/I-75 park and ride lot found a 1989 Chevy S-10 that had been reported stolen in Burton on May 14. The truck had a window broken and the instrument panel and steering column broken. Broken glass was found on the pavement nearby.

A shopper at a Sashabaw Rd. store said she inadvertently left a diaper bag containing her purse and a camera in a shopping cart when she switched to another cart. Before she left she realized the mistake, but her purse and camera were gone.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, a Sunnysdale resident said she left her garage sale for a few moments to go to the bathroom and when she returned \$70 was missing. She said the only people around at the time were five women in their 50s.

The DNR was called in over a recurring problem of illegal damming of a lake off Klais Ct.

Breaking and entering of a 1995 Ford on Briarwood. The thief stole the air bag from the steering column. Replacement will cost \$1,000.

Larceny of a phone, checkbook and paycheck from a 1989 Toyota parked on Willow Park.

Recovery of a stolen jet ski at the substation. A Waterford man told deputies he traded a 1987 Mustang to another Waterford man for the 1995 Sea Doo but when he came in to register the Sea Doo, it turned out to be stolen and was impounded.

The rear window of a 1990 Bonneville was broken with a rock on Hillcrest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, while checking out the well-being of a 23-year-old Pontiac man on Dixie Highway, deputies found out he had a warrant for his arrest out of Detroit. He was taken to the Oakland County Jail.

Windows were broken on a 1987 Chevy van parked at a Dixie business and \$400 in tools was stolen. The thief cut a chain on a gate to gain entry to the lot.

For the second time in recent memory, an expensive mailbox at the same home on Hawkesmoore was damaged. The first time the brick-and-copper structure was blown up. This time it was merely damaged.

A lock was cut at a trailer parked at a Dixie business but nothing appeared missing.

A traffic accident led to mutual combat on Sashabaw Rd. One person received a black eye but neither party wanted to pursue charges.

Harassing phone calls on Perry Lake Rd.

A car fire which damaged a 1970 Ford truck on Dixie was ruled accidental.

Someone took 12 golf carts from Spring Lake Country Club overnight and drove them around, damaging three greens and putting three of the carts into the lake. Damage was estimated at around \$5,000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, two Clarkston juveniles damaged a house during a party on Dale Ct. They said they would pay for the damage.

A car fire on M-15 was apparently started by a cigarette in the back seat. Since the owner could not be reached, the car was impounded.

A 1973 Ford parked on Mann Rd. was hit by numerous rocks, damaging it extensively.

While on another call, deputies heard an alarm at a nearby business on Dixie and found a window broken. The office had been entered and \$300 stolen.

A patrol vehicle was hit by a car on M-15 during a chase that began with Oxford Police. Two other cars were also hit. Two Independence deputies stopped the suspect and made the arrest.

Someone drove over a lawn on Deerhill Drive and hit a light overnight.

A window was broken during a home invasion on Perry Lake Rd. when three teenagers broke in with stolen alcohol to have a party. No one was home at the time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, larceny on Westview. A 1988 Mustang was broken into but nothing was taken. At the same house, an unlocked 1988 Honda was relieved of its speakers.

A white male around 20 driving a yellow Dodge truck failed to pay for \$5 worth of gas on Dixie.

Malicious destruction of a mailbox on Shappie. The door, dashboard and seat of a 1984 Plymouth were damaged on Parview by a thief who took the radio and speakers.

After residents of a house on Drayton heard two loud bangs, they found two windows damaged, one broken, one scratched.

A brick mailbox was blown up on Ennismore overnight. Damage was estimated at \$500.

TOTAL CALLS THIS YEAR THROUGH JUNE 9: 5,693.

Clarkston Police

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, report of break-ins at a Church St. business, no sign of forced entry. Items have been missing over the past several weeks, including plans and a briefcase. Police have no suspects.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, a Commerce Township man was stopped for erratic driving on White Lake Rd. near Holcomb. His Breathalyzer test registered a blood level of .16 (.10 is legally drunk). He was arrested and lodged at the Oakland County Jail where he was released on bond pending arraignment before a 52-2 District Court magistrate June 18.

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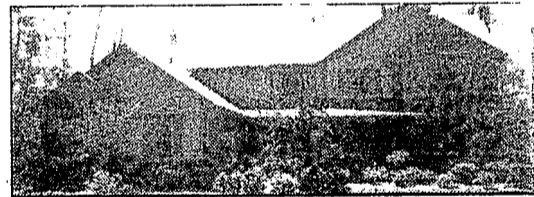
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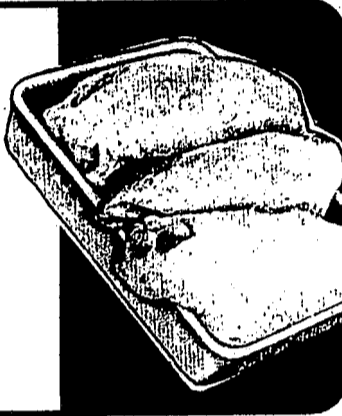


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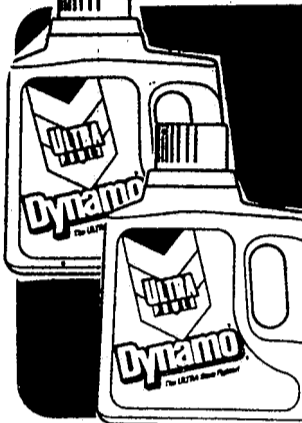
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Wed., June 12, 1996

The Clarkston News

Section B

CMS and SMS girls, boys track teams place high

Thirty-nine middle schools flock to Clarkston

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a long day for all volunteers involved in the 7th- and 8th-grade Oakland County Track Meet, held May 30 at Clarkston High School.

With 39 boys teams and 38 girls teams (over 1,000 athletes), it's no wonder. But the end results made it all worthwhile.

"We just couldn't get it done without the excellent help of all those volunteers," said girls varsity track coach Gordie Richardson, who has spearheaded organization of the event for the past five years. "There's a whole bunch of people that volunteer," including Richardson's varsity track team and some of the boys varsity tracksters.

The Clarkston Athletic Boosters also raised over \$2,000 in concession sales.

The number of teams entered this season is a record for the meet.

While Richardson credits many others for making the meet possible, Sashabaw Middle School coach Dave Whitehead and Clarkston Middle School coach Chuck Keegan said its because of Richardson that this event continues.

"He initiates the entry information, compiles all the entries, organizes all the workers and officials and sets up and manages the entire meet," said Keegan. "All this just so the kids will have this opportunity to

participate in the big invitational."

The girls and boys teams from SMS and CMS all had respectable showings at the county meet. The CMS boys took fifth overall while the SMS boys finished ninth. The CMS girls took 12th and the SMS girls finished eighth.

The top three individual finishers in each race earned medals while athletes finishing 4th, 5th and 6th earned ribbons.

The CMS boys, undefeated in dual meets this season, had two first-place finishers, while the SMS girls team had one first-place finisher.

David Sage broke his own school record in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:40.3 (old record 10:41.6), ahead of the second-place time of 10:40.44. Kevin Breen finished first in the 800 meter run in a time of 2:15.63, just ahead of SMS' Brett Quantz' time of 2:15.69.

CMS' 3200 relay team also broke its own school record with a fifth-place finish in a time of 9:31.42 (old record 10:02).

In all, the CMS boys took seven top-six finishes, the SMS boys took six, the CMS girls took three and the SMS girls three.

Top SMS, CMS finishers

BOYS

3200 run — 1st, David Sage, CMS, 10:40.25 (new school record); 6th, Matt Haver, SMS, 11:40.1.

55 meter hurdles — 5th, Paul Tinetti, SMS, 8.91.

800 meter relay — 5th, CMS team of Jason Hutchens, Chris Wall, Jeff Wrobel and Mike Renda.

800 run — 1st, Kevin Breen, CMS, 2:15.63; 2nd, Quantz, 2:15.69.

Shot put — 5th, Chad Booker, SMS, 41'3-3/4".

3200 relay — 5th, CMS team of Breen, Chris Weber, Ryan Thomas and Sage, 9:31.42 (new school record); 6th, SMS team of Haver, Kevin Stalker, Adam Curry and Quantz, 9:43.86.

200 meter hurdles — 5th, Tinetti, SMS, 29.28.

70 meter dash — 6th, Anthony Facione, CMS, 8.97.

200 dash — 5th, Mike Renda, CMS, 26.47.

400 meter relay — 5th, CMS team of Facione, Ted Lindeberg, Michael Licata and Jeff Wrobel.

GIRLS

3200 run — 4th, Truly Render, SMS, 13:08.47.

55 meter hurdles — 1st, Brittani Brewer, SMS, 9.56.

100 meter dash — 4th, Melanie Arnold, CMS, 13.57.

High jump — 2nd, Arnold, CMS, 4'4".

3200 relay — 4th, SMS team of Katie Tripi, Kelly Plante, Angela Humphreys and Mercedes Combs, 11:14.93.

400 meter relay — 5th, CMS team of Brenda Shea, Courtney Bates, Arnold and Stephanie Nault.

Sports shorts

Girls hoops camps set

Clarkston girls hoopsters need to leave July 22-26 open this summer.

Those are the dates Clarkston varsity girls basketball coach Larry Mahrle will hold camps for girls in grades 5-12.

Girls in grades 5-8 will go from 4-6 p.m. each day, while girls in grades 9-12 will go from 6-9 p.m.. Registration cost for the high school level girls is \$85, while cost for the younger group is \$50.

The camps will be held at Clarkston High School and forms must be filled out by June 10.

Participants will receive a T-shirt and basketball notebook which details how to do various drills and other on your-own basketball skills.

Other camp directors will be Jeff Tungate, assistant men's basketball coach at Michigan Christian College, which finished second in the nation at the NAIA level, and Phil Dawson, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes varsity boys basketball coach and former assistant at MCC and for Oakland University's womens basketball team.

For more information call the CHS athletic department at 625-0906.

"Pops" coaching in All-State game

The next place you'll see Roy "Pops" Warner coaching is in the East-West All Star Baseball game, pitting the state's best players against one another.

Warner, who has been coaching for over 25 years at CHS, was selected as one of the coaches for the annual game, scheduled this year for June 27 at Tiger Stadium.



AAU team among state's best

Clarkston's very own under-13 girls AAU basketball team finished as one of the state's top 16 teams in qualifying for the state tournament in mid-May. The squad, named the Wolfpack, enjoyed a successful season which included first-place finishes in tournaments held at Ortonville-Brandon, Midland and

Brantford, Ontario. Pictured back row, from left to right, are coach Lisa Ray, Kelly Plante, Heather Combs, Brittani Brewer, Candace Morgan, Lori Wild and Courtney Bates; front row, left to right, are Jackie Shappee, Teresa Hupka, Kristi Harrison, Lindsey Prudhomme, Melissa Cordial and Jenny Winn.

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DARE receives more from Flying Rhinos

For the fifth straight year, the Mother's Day Back-40 Challenge Dirt Road Bicycle Tour raised money for the Clarkston D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. The Flying Rhino Cycling Club along with sponsors Kinetic Systems Bicycles and Bowman Chevrolet donated \$415 to DARE, raised from the spring Back-40 ride. The fall ride is set for Oct. 13,

1996. To date, the group has raised nearly \$3,000 for DARE. Pictured left to right are Jeff Noftz, co-owner of Kinetic Systems, Louise Kasl, co-owner of Kinetic Systems, Ginny Farmer, assistant principal at Clarkston Middle School, Dave Hernandez, sheriff's department DARE officer, Stephen Kocik, Flying Rhinos president, and Jim Owens, Flying Rhinos vice president.

Club teams soccer tryouts

● The Lakes Area Youth Soccer League (LAYS�) under-10 (birth dates 8-1-86 to 7-3-87) Boys Select Team, called the Avalanche, will hold tryouts June 26 from 6-9 p.m. at the Keego Harbor soccer field, located on Summers Road. For more information contact coach Jose Mangune at 683-3632 in the evenings.

● The LOBOS Soccer Club and Brandon Hawks will be conducting open tryouts for boys and girls premier soccer teams for the purpose of establishing club teams for the 1996-97 fall and spring seasons. LOBOS teams compete in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League, beginning with the under-12 age groups. The LOBOS' under-10 and under-11 teams, and the Brandon Hawks teams, compete in the Michigan Youth Soccer League.

Tryouts will be held at Orion Township Park, located on Joslyn Road, beginning June 18.

Boys tryouts for the under-10 to under-18 teams will be held on June 18 at 5 p.m., and if needed, on June 25 at 5 p.m. Girls tryouts for the same age groups will be held June 19 at 5 p.m., and if needed, on June 26 at 5 p.m.

For more information about the tryouts, or if you are interested in coaching, call Bob Ocwieja at 627-5134, Dave Casteel at 627-3466, Mike Jeffers at 814-0483, Art Asplund at 628-1439 or Mike Spencer at 693-7481.

● Tryouts for the boys under 10 Rochester Select Soccer Club will be held June 17-18 at Borden Park, corner of John R. and Hamlin in Rochester. Hours are 8:30-11 a.m. Call David Urbats at 623-2221 for more information.

Sportsmanship focus of new state rules

Sending a message that schools must intensify their sportsmanship efforts, the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Representative Council approved a package which will crack down on chronic offenders.

The spring meeting, held May 5-7 in Bay City, is the elected Representative Council's major legislative session of the year. In addition to new sportsmanship guidelines, the council also considered 57 separate sport committee proposals and discussed a number of eligibility-related questions.

Spurred by a rash of unsportsmanlike incidents in the fall of 1995 (including a coach throwing a chair in a girls basketball game, a soccer coach head-butting an official and a bench-clearing brawl in football), the council approved a 13-point package which calls for expanded sportsmanship efforts in education, encouragement and enforcement. The package also added a fourth element — exposure for those coaches and programs which are consistently poor in their behavior and sportsmanship efforts.

"This is a package which calls for the member schools of the MHSAA to take a strong stand on sportsmanship," said MHSAA executive director John "Jack" Roberts. "What consistently happens at professional and some collegiate events is ruining educational athletics. The council's action calls for some school boards and administrators to make an even stronger push in their buildings and communities for good sportsmanship, and for those schools and coaches which persist in their poor efforts to be held account-

able."

The education efforts include having more input by coaches and officials associations and to emphasize proper sportsmanship through various programs.

In addition, the council is also submitting for a membership vote a proposal to amend the MHSAA Constitution to require as a condition for MHSAA membership that a school have a written code of good conduct, an educational program to explain it and a penalty procedure to enforce it.

Other sportsmanship enforcement measures adopted include:

* Banning from participating in MHSAA post-season tournaments any coach disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times in a season, and doing the same for a player disqualified for unsportsmanlike behavior two or more times. In order for a school to enter or continue in the state playoffs, it would have to agree to prohibit the coach or player from being present on the property of the tournament site.

* In addition, any coach or player ejected from a contest for hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time will be banned from the MHSAA tournament in that sport, and banned from the tournament site.

* Regarding exposure, the council also acted to have those schools which do a poor job of maintaining good sportsmanship singled out and coaches who are chronic offenders identified. The council approved proposals to have the names of those schools published in the MHSAA "Bulletin" (published by the MHSAA

and sent to schools and the media) which receive three or more negative officials reports in a single school YEAR, and to publish the names of coaches who are ejected from contests.

More council action

● In response to the growth of charter schools and specialized public and private schools, the council approved three proposals. One approved proposal, called Continuing Eligibility, would allow a student at one high school (who had been attending for at least two or more semesters) to enroll in a school that offers specialized curriculum not available at the first school, to continue to participate in the first school's sports program, provided the specialized school doesn't offer the sport.

● A variety of changes to the Michigan Wrestling Weight Monitoring Program, and the skinfold phase of the program which determines body fat content on which the wrestler's competition weight range will be set, will be moved back to the 1997-98 school year.

Under the skinfold program, the MHSAA will be in charge of monitoring weights throughout the entire state.

● Approved a proposal where three ski teams from each regional championship will advance to the state finals meet. Previous rules allowed only two teams to advance.

● A request to expand the football playoffs to 256 teams was denied. Approval would have allowed the season to begin one week earlier.

● Girls volleyball practice can begin one week earlier than in past years.

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Summer stuff

Golf outing benefits OYA

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance invites area golfers to sign up now for its third annual golf outing at the Pine Knob Golf Course on Monday, June 24.

The event begins at 7 a.m. and lasts through an awards luncheon. Cost is \$90 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and door prizes.

The outing is sponsored by Morgan Lake Golf Classic and all proceeds will benefit Youth Assistance programs for children and families within the Clarkston school district. These include a summer camp program, youth recognition, family education and one-to-one mentoring.

Both individuals and teams are encouraged to participate in the golf outing. "If you don't have a foursome, we'll help you form a team," said even chairperson Amy Loughman, a member of the CAYA board of directors. There will be a variety of contests, and a new car will be awarded to a person who scores a hole in one.

For an official entry form or more information, call Loughman at 625-1000.

Clarkston Invitational Jr. Golf Tournament

With a goal of keeping younger boys and girls involved in golf, the First Annual Clarkston Invitational Junior Golf Tournament will be held June 28 at Spring Lake Country Club.

Organized by long-time CHS varsity golf coach Jim Chamberlain and JV coach Tim Kaul, the tournament is open to boys or girls aged 12-17 who live in the Clarkston School District (even if you attend another school).

The cost for boys and girls aged 16-17 is \$15, while girls aged 12-15 pay \$10. Applications can be picked up at Clarkston or Shashabaw middle schools, Clarkston High or the Spring Lake Pro Shop. The deadline to register and pay is June 24 at the pro shop.

Participants will get a free lunch that includes a hot dog, pop and chips.

Trophies will be presented in each of the six divisions, including: Boys 12-13, boys 14-15, boys 16-17, girls 12-13, girls 14-15 and girls 16-17.

The girls 12-13 and 14-15 divisions will play nine holes of golf. Every other division will play 18 holes.

All players must report to Spring Lake Pro Shop at 9 a.m. on June 28 to be assigned a playing group and starting time.

Spring Lake Golf Pro Al Kuhn is hosting the event.

Dumars highlights camp

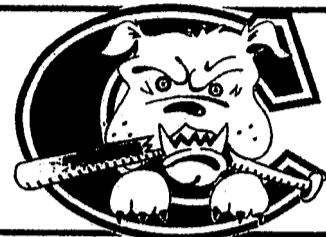
Detroit Piston Joe Dumars will be the guest speaker at this year's Tim McCormick basketball camp July 22-26.

The camp, open to students in grades three through eight, will be held at Clarkston High School. This will be its 11th year, hosted once again by 1980 CHS grad McCormick, who played 10 years in the NBA and is currently a commentator for ESPN and Creative Sports.

Call the CHS AD's office at 625-0906 for more information, and look for an ad in The Clarkston News.

The Dawg Pound

Results rounded up by Jack Leech



12-year-olds

June 5: The 12-year-old Clarkston Riverdaws Baseball Club won 8-6 over the Lake Orion Indians at Lake Orion High.

Chris Collins took charge for the Dawgs on the mound and at the plate, throwing a complete-game 5-hitter and going 3-for-4 with one RBI at the plate. Matt Mahrle scored two runs and had two RBI, while Eric Kieras scored two and had two RBI.

The lead changed three times early in the game, before Collins led a four-run sixth inning.

June 8: The Dawgs dominated the Oakland Sox in a 12-0 win. Kieras pitched 3 2/3rds inning for the win and reliever Derek Blue completed the shutout.

13-year-olds

June 4: The Davison Devilrays beat the Dawgs' 13 year old team 6-1 at Clintonwood Park.

Torre Antanazzo hitting a double and Trevor

Manuel drove him home for the team's only score.

15-year-olds

June 9: In a rain-delayed game against the Rochester Tigers at Clintonwood, Matt MacInnes struck out nine for a complete-game 6-5 victory.

Adam Leech led the Dawg hitters by going 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Chad Kareus went 2-for-3 and Nick Giroux 2-for-2. MacInnes, Greg Crosby and Mike Simko each added an RBI.

16-year-olds

June 9: The 16-year-old Dawgs won a doubleheader, led by pitcher Josh Clark's one-hitter and 13 strikeouts in the first game, an 11-1 win. Jason Brososke drove in three RBI while Spencer Hynes, Ryan Dudek and John Drallos added two RBI each.

In the nightcap, Eric Jenks pitched a complete game, striking of 10 batters with six hits.

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Knob Notes

By Eileen Oxley

Still in Touch

Ten years ago Sarah McLachlan was just a 17-year-old performing with a new wave band in Halifax, Nova Scotia. But she was good enough to be discovered by Nettwerk Record, which encouraged her to sign a recording contract.

Her parents weren't keen about the idea because she was still in high school. But two years later McLachlan released her debut album "Touch," which introduced her soaring, intimate vocals.

Now, a decade later, McLachlan is a 27-year-old grownup who hasn't become jaded with age. The songs she pens and delivers in a moody, melodic voice are still refreshingly introspective, honest and passionate, whether they're the innocent, upbeat "Ice Cream ("Your love is better than ice cream") or the haunting "Hold On," which was inspired by a real-life tale of a woman whose fiance discovers he has AIDS.

Both are included in McLachlan's most personal package to date, "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy," which was released two years ago. The album's title is a metaphor for the stumbling blocks that hinder us from achieving happiness and fulfillment.

When McLachlan released "Touch" in 1988, it went gold and she was hailed as the year's most exciting and important new artist. She followed with "Solace," "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy" and a live and acoustic collection titled "The Freedom Sessions" in 1995.

She was nominated for a Grammy award for Best Alternative Music Performance in 1994. A recent hit, "I'll Remember You," is included in the soundtrack



Sarah McLachlan

to the film "The Brothers McMullen."

An accomplished musician who has years of guitar and piano study behind her, McLachlan says it wasn't until she wrote the songs for "Fumbling Towards Ecstasy" that she found she could write about joy as well as pain.

"Before, I didn't want to write when I was happy. It was almost as if I needed to be depressed in order to be creative," she explains.

After the album's phenomenal success, she rented a secluded house in the woods outside of Montreal. The natural beauty of her surroundings was both soothing and inspirational.

"I love to listen to the river," she says. "It's the best music I've heard in years."

Headliner Sarah McLachlan takes the Pine Knob stage Friday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. Other performers include Lisa Loeb, Aimee Mann, Patti Smith and Paula Cole.

Around town

● Introduction to in-line skating will be held Saturday, June 15 or 22, 10 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. through Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Learn the basic moves on their new rink. Sign up at the parks and rec office. Cost is \$18 per person.

● The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life comes to Holly High School June 14, 6 p.m.-midnight. There will be music, games and refreshments while walkers circle the track. To participate, just show up or call Renee Becker at 810-557-5353, ext. 108.

● A rookie program will be offered this summer at Waterford Oaks County Park's championship bicycle motocross track. Inexperienced riders will learn how to start from the gate, take jumps and pass on turns, as well as sportsmanship and diet. The program runs Wednesdays through Aug. 28. Registration is 4-6 p.m. Races start at 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$5. Call 858-0915 (TDD 858-1684) for more information.

● Plan now to attend the Festival of Fun July 4 at Clintonwood Park. After the 10 a.m. parade downtown, the park will be filled with live entertainment, games, food and the Velcro wall. To display your arts and crafts, call Pat at 627-3363.

● The Inde-Spring Chapter of American Business Women's Association will meet June 25 at 6 p.m. at Deer Lake Racquet Club for dinner and a concert by The Storyteller, Jack Hickey. Tickets are \$15 and may be reserved by calling 627-4324. The meeting will also honor nine recipients of this year's scholarships, which total \$9,000. Membership in ABWA is open to all working women.

● Take dad to see the Budweiser Clydesdales Father's Day at Crossroads Village, where admission will be free. The horses will perform at 2:30 p.m. and there will also be a fastest mule race at 1 p.m. Call 1-800-648-PARK.

● "Magnificent Movie Palaces" will be the topic of the Brown Bag Lunch Series Thursday, June 20 at noon at the Oakland County Information Technology Auditorium. Katherine Clarkston, acting director of Preservation Wayne, will speak and show slides of Detroit's historic theater district. Call 858-0415.

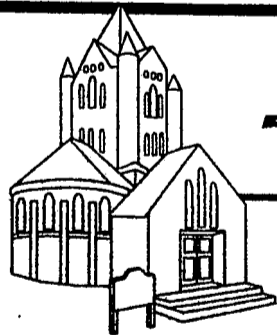
● Walk Michigan! is a program designed for getting out and enjoying Michigan's beautiful parks. After the last walk there will be a drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to Mackinaw to walk across the bridge on Labor Day. For more information contact Independence Township Parks and Recreation at 625-8223.

Reunions

● The Waterford High School Class of 1976 will hold its 20-year reunion Oct. 19 at White Lake Oaks Country Club in White Lake. The reunion is being organized through Class Reunions Plus. Call 313-886-0770 for more information.

● Detroit Cooley High School's Class of 1956 is planning a 40-year reunion for Nov. 5. Call 810-781-4360 or 810-853-5046 for more information.

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1986 needs RSVPs from anyone planning to attend the Aug. 9 reunion at Deer Lake. You cannot pay at the door. RSVPs are required by June 21. Call Alysa (Gettig) Ravid at 810-626-8375.



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Obituaries

Virdeen Cramton

Virdeen Ruth Cramton, 79, of Rochester Hills, died May 18, 1996.

Ms. Cramton retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanne Krizman.

She is survived by two children, Virdeen Lynn (Clayton) Elliott of Ortonville and Chad (Shelby) Everett of California; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held June 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Brother Dan McCullough officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of South-eastern Michigan.

Myrtle Harris

Myrtle Irene Harris, 89, of Clarkston, died June 8, 1996.

Mrs. Harris was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and the OES Joseph C. Bird chapter where she served as Worthy Matron along with her husband who was Worthy Patron from 1953-54. She was also a member of Knights Temple Women's Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald E.

She is survived by two children, Ronald (Patricia) Schebor and Donna J. Osbo; five grandchildren, Kimberly (Graham) Nash, Karin (Douglas) Hagyard, Eric (Jodi) Schebor, Kathryn Schebor and John Preston Osbo; three great-grandchildren, Graham Nash, Lauren Nash and Kristiana Hagyard; two brothers, Lawrence (Lill) Dickey and John (Chris) Dickey; and a sister, Ilene (Leonard) Phillips.

A memorial service and Eastern Star service were held June 11 at Clarkston United Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church or Waterford Senior Citizens.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Marjorie Jockwig

Marjorie B. Jockwig, 78, of Clarkston, died June 7, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald.

She is survived by five children, Donald Jr. (Gail Stevens) of Waterford, Charles "Tim" (Marianne) of Spring Lake, Jessie (Dr. Richard) Hurr of Clarkston, Laurie (Ronald) Kehrer of Ypsilanti and Julie (Dwight) Finney of Waterford; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lloyd R. Busch of Waterford.

A funeral service was held June 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Douglas R. Trebilcock officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Margaret Swartz

Margaret E. Swartz, 89, of Clarkston, formerly of Detroit, died June 7, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband Henry A.

She is survived by two sons, Henry A. (Virginia) of Pittsburg, PA and Frank M. (Betty) of Clarkston; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection was held June 11 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Evan Reas

Evan M. Reas, 35, of Clarkston, formerly of Anderson, IN, died June 7, 1996 after an extended illness.

Mr. Reas graduated in 1978 from Anderson High School and from the University of Houston, Texas. He was employed as a systems engineer at EDS, Troy.

He is survived by his wife Sue (Short); two children, Rebecca and Samantha; his parents, Ronald and Bonnie of Anderson, IN; parents-in-law Raymond and Pat Short of Anderson; a grandmother, Thelma Reas of Bryan, OH; and a sister, Erin (Scott) Williams of Dearborn.

A funeral service was held June 11 at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Home in Anderson. Interment was at E. Maplewood Cemetery, Indiana.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

William Williams

William W. "Bill" Williams, 66, of Pontiac, formerly of Clarkston, died June 6, 1996.

Mr. Williams retired from General Motors Plant 14 after 40 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Mary; six children, Susan Johnson of Tennessee, Deborah (Arni Amason) of Clarkston, Ted (Brenda Travis) Black of Waterford, Kelly (Rick) Geiger of Clarkston, Bill (Lisa) Williams of Waterford and Derek Williams of Kincheloe; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; mother-in-law Helen Bierl of Pontiac; a sister, Gladys (Jack) O'Connor of Lupton; and three brothers, John (Linda) of Massachusetts, Bill (Joyce) of Dryden and Randy (Joyce) of Waterford.

A funeral service was held June 10 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Gary Hunley officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

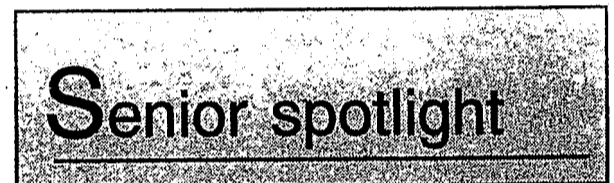
Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice.

The family wishes to thank the children, especially Ronnie, Sue and Tim, and for all the help they received through Ginny and Mark of Amicare and friends at Cranbrook Hospice.



Principal for a day

On May 22, Gregory Davis switched desks with Dr. Sharon Devereaux and became principal for the day at Springfield Plains Elementary School. Gregory, 7 and a second-grader at the school, won the right to the job at the school fair. He wore a suit and brought his own printed business cards. During the course of the day he read announcements, patrolled the halls, wrote an article for the school newsletter and visited the staff lounge. But it wasn't all a piece of cake. When students asked for extra recess, Gregory said no.



This week's lunch menu at the Independence Township Senior Center

- Mon., June 17—stuffed pepper
- Tues., June 18—veal supreme
- Wed., June 19—braised sirloin cubes*
- Thurs., June 20—pork cutlet
- Fri., June 21—tuna pasta plate

*Wednesdays are heart smart lunches. There is no additional salt added.

The nutrition program is held at noon, Monday-Friday at the senior center in Clintonwood Park. Reservations are needed by noon the day prior to your visit. A donation of \$2 is requested for those age 60+, \$3 under 60. Homebound meals and supplemental liquid meals are also available by calling Sarah at 625-8231.

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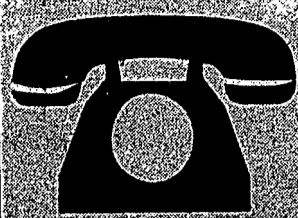
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Elkridge #10 – notice the pig-shaped sand trap to the right. The flag is 135 yards from the white tees. Canadian Tony Bianco on Fazio #17. It's 166-yards to the flag from the whites.



This is #14 on the soon-to-open Black Bear.



Nice form ... I shanked this shot into the trees to my right. The ball landed 3-feet from that white tee. This is at Wilderness Valley.

Gaylord: a golf mecca

By Don Rush
Assistant To The Publisher

If you're heading north, up I-75 to putt around on the links, you'll have lots to pick from in the Gaylord area.

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According to Paul Beachnau, Gaylord Area Convention and Tourism Bureau Executive Director, \$30 million was spent in the area last year by tourists, with golf as the major attraction.

Recently I was able to get up to the northwoods and play on five of the 18-hole courses: Treetops Fazio; Fox Run; Wilderness Valley Black Forest; Elk Ridge; and Garland Fountains.

I also had a quick tour of Black Bear Golf Resort, which should be open by late summer. Black Bear will feature a 19-hole layout. The first hole is a par-three warmer-upper.

For a guy who smiles at the prospect of breaking 100, the courses were all challenging as well as beautiful. Place your shots well and you'll be happy. Put 'em in the woods like me and you're apt to see deer, bald eagles, snakes and maybe a wild turkey (if you're quick).

Since we're on the subject of walking in the woods, one of the bonus attractions for me was being able to find errantly-smacked balls. At most of the courses the woods were cut enough for good ball

hunting, while at the same time keeping natural aesthetics. It's a little thing, but one that keeps average golfers like me from getting too frustrated.

Treetops' newest course, Fazio "Premier," was my favorite course. This is because a lot of the course your ball, hit to either side of the fairway, will get a good roll back to center (I also liked it because I golfed out of my mind with a -- no kidding -- 97).

My favorite hole for the entire outing was Elkridge's 10th -- a par three, overlooking a pig-shaped sand trap. Elkridge is owned by the folks who also own Honey Baked Hams. I recommend getting a ham sandwich at the turn.

The best cart rides will be found at Wilderness Valley's Black Forest. The course is aptly named, as it is plunked in the middle of black bear country. Cart paths take you on adventures most golfers aren't used to. Also, beware the sand. You'll see why.

There is really too much to write about all of the courses. It'll suffice to say golfers will like them all. Most have golf packages with lodging, 18-holes and a cart. Seniors should look into playing mid-week

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Your best bet for prices, amenities, etc., is to call Beachnau at the Gaylord Golf Mecca info center for their 1996 Golf Vacation Planner. The number is toll-free, 1-800-345-8621. He'll also have a list of other area attractions. Tell 'em Don sent you.

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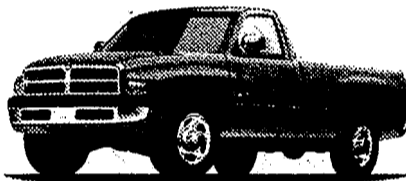
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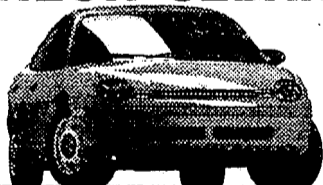


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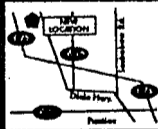
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The bright blue and pink frames carry the message "Immunize Your Little Michigander" and list the ages that a child needs to be immunized from birth to 18 months. It also shows a hotline (1-800-26-BIRTH) to call for more information. The magnets are part of a series of public information materials that includes parent education brochures, developmental information, stickers and posters.

By the time Michigan children enter school, more than 90 percent have received all immunizations. But early immunization is necessary because many diseases

are more serious before age two and often can be life-threatening. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last summer that only 61 percent of Michigan's 2-year-olds were fully immunized.

The campaign is supported by the Michigan Immunization Partnership, a growing list of more than 60 business, community and health groups who are committed to seeing that children two years of age and under are fully immunized.

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In the Matter of the Estate of
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Deceased.

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SS No.: 302-86-3590

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PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TAKE NOTICE: On June 5, A.D., 1996 at 8:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Petition of Ruth E. Fiscus. Ruth E. Fiscus was appointed personal representative of Genevieve Houghton, who lived at 6500 Buckland, W. Bloomfield, MI 48324, and died on 4/28/96; and the will of the Deceased dated 1/21/80 was admitted to probate.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative or to both the probate court and the personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated: May 15, 1996

RUTH E. FISCUS
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
Supervisor Stuart called the May 30, 1996 Special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, McGee, Mercado, Stuart, Travis.
Absent: Vaara.
There is a quorum.

1. Approved the Fire Millage Renewal to be placed on the August 6, 1996 General Primary Election.
2. Adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

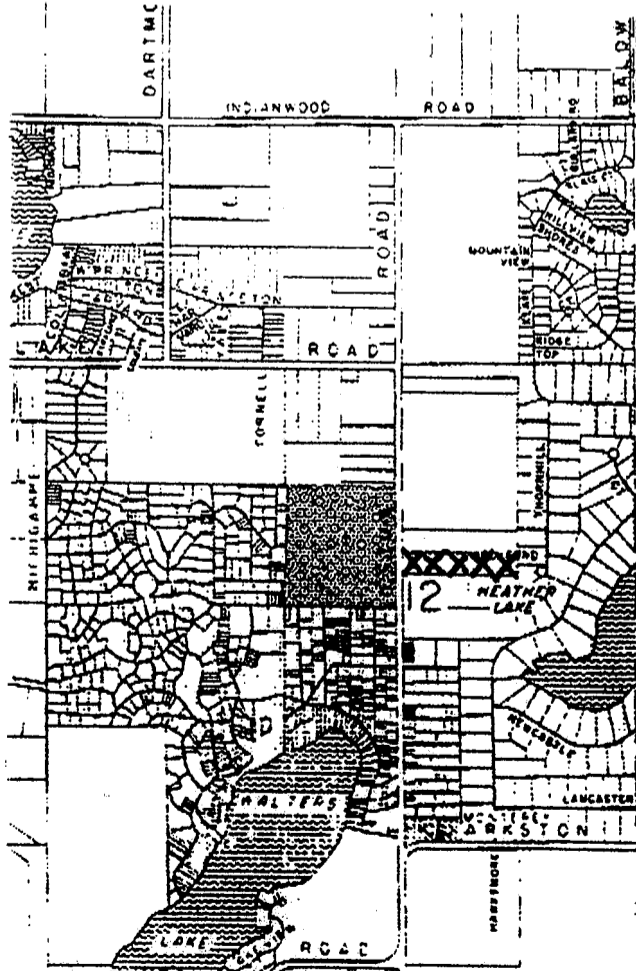
PUBLIC NOTICE

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on June 4, 1996, the Board authorized a First Reading on the Amendment to Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as follows:
To rezone Parcel 08-12-200-009 Eston Road R1R to R1C.



Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of Independence Township, Oakland County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by Section 12-17 of Act 451, Part 601, Public Acts of 1994, as amended, and Section 250 of Act 390, Public Acts of 1965, and Section 41 of Act 308, Public Acts of 1996, a hearing will be held at the Independence Township Hall, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48347, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 1996.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible problems on the waters of Little Walters Lake in Independence Township, Oakland County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the hearing should contact Lt. Linda Morgan at 313-953-0241, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally or in writing. Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may submit written comments to:

Department of Natural Resources
Law Enforcement Division
District 10
38980 Seven Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN

BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the June 4, 1996 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Lutz, McCrary, Mercado, Stuart, Travis, Vaara.

- Absent: McGee.
There is a quorum.
1. Approved the Agenda with the addition of Item No. 6, Lake Oakland Fireworks Display Permit.
 2. Approved minutes of May 7, 1996 as submitted.
 3. Approved payment of the list of bills totaling \$537,253.95.
 4. Approved the issuance of purchase orders in the amount of \$7,949.52.
 5. Adopted a Second Reading of rezoning of parcel 08-12-200-001 & 002 Eston Road R1R to R1C.
 6. Approved a 3-year agreement with Michigan Municipal Risk Authority.
 7. Adopted a Resolution to use Visa, Master Card and debit cards for payment in the Recreation Department.
 8. Approval to hire Bruce Houck in the Parks & Recreation Department.
 9. Approval to hire Sandra Miller in the Clerk's Office.
 10. Approved a First Reading for Rezoning Eston Road R1R to R1C parcel 08-12-200-009.
 11. Amended purchase/sale agreement for the Sheriff's Substation.
 12. Approval to seek engineering cost estimates for 1996-1997 Safety Path.
 13. Authorized the posting of Van Driver position.
 14. Approved the 3-year Cooperation Agreement for CDBG.
 15. Approved fireworks for Lake Oakland.
 16. Adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET

The Clarkston Community Schools will hold a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 24, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan. The purpose of this meeting will be to present and receive comment on the budget that will be recommended for approval by the Board of Education.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the Administration Office, 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 1996.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

TOWNSHIP BOARD AGENDA
7:30 P.M., JUNE 18, 1996

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
List of Bills
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum
Presentation - Plante & Moran 1995 Audit

OLD BUSINESS

1. Second Reading & Adoption - Rezoning Parcel 08-12-200-009, Eston Road R1R to R1C

NEW BUSINESS

1. Liquor License Transfer - Mr. B's Restaurant
2. Solicitor's Ordinance Amendment
3. Employee of the Quarter

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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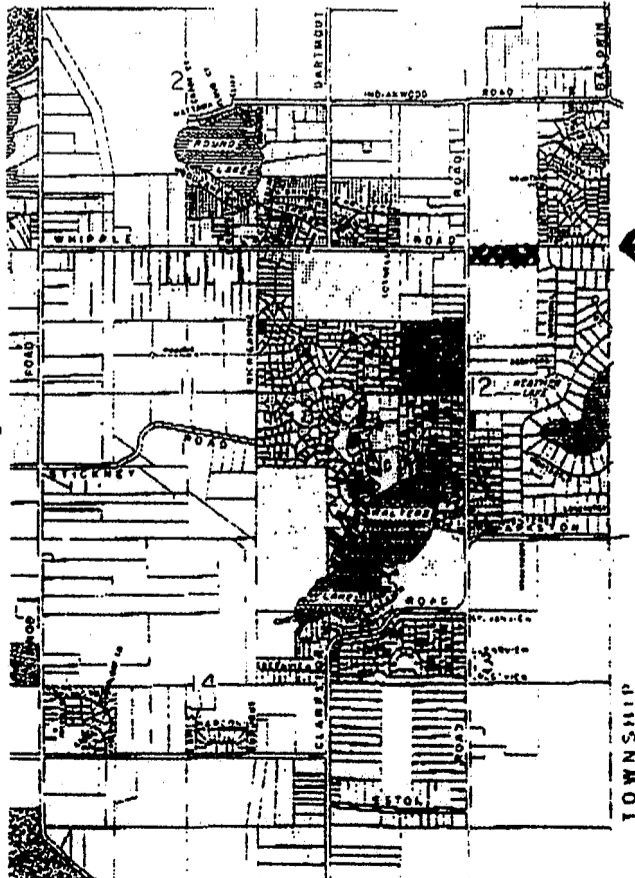
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on June 4, 1996, the Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption on the Amendment to Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as follows:

The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis supported by Vaara, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Lutz, McCrary, McGee, Mercado, Stuart, Travis, Vaara. Nays: None. The motion carried.

This ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication.



Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

Imagination comes to the stage for young authors

A Queen Elizabeth wave from atop a tower signaled the return of Queen Vowella and her court.

But this time Pine Knob Elementary students would enjoy enactments of their own stories from the Brainstormers troupe which had visited them a few months ago.

On June 4 the culmination of a school-wide writing contest, organized by the Pine Knob Writing Committee, featured witty performances of winning stories by zany members of Brainstormers, a professional acting troupe that's devoted to promoting educational endeavors.

Students first met the troupe in March at the writing contest kickoff. Then Brainstormers performed one of their own stories and introduced students to the six elements of creative writing: characters, setting, activity, problem, solution and title.

Several months later, two winning stories were chosen from each Pine Knob El. grade. But during her "royal proclamation," Queen Vowella declared — in a haughty, high-pitched voice that drew laughter from the kids — "All students who write stories are winners in my book."

Each child whose story was chosen to be performed by the troupe enjoyed a royal seat on the stage and got to see his or her product come to life. Themes ranged from self-esteem at a soccer game and losing, then finding, a beloved teddy bear to exploring a haunted house and imagining a day in the life of a rabbit.

Pine Knob's writing committee used the writing contest and Brainstormers as a means to motivate students to write. The project was funded by a grant from Touring Arts Agency.

First-grade teacher Phyllis Ness, who had two winners from her class, said she feels younger students get ideas from "stories they've heard but things they've also done."

At that age level, the combination often results in stories "like flying a kite, but bringing a bunch of animals into it," she said.

"We see an essential connection between reality and imagination. You can't separate the two. The kids who utilize this write the best. And writing a lot helps them become better readers. That's why school improvement goals include two committees, a reading committee and a writing committee. We brought (Brainstormers) in to meet that goal."

Ness also said a third product, which goes along with reading and writing improvement, is self-esteem. "Kids have to feel good about themselves academically in order to feel good about themselves, period."

Fifth-grader Kira Karlstrom, whose story "Lost in Time" was one of the winners, enjoys writing as a hobby. Currently, a teacher is trying to help her get a story published.

The subject is one most people can relate to — socks disappearing in that Bermuda Triangle of a washing machine. Titled "Sock Monsters," the story is a sort of "James and the Giant Peach" themewhere a youngster loads himself into the washing machine to find out where the socks go.

Like other young authors, Kira drew from both her imagination and reality. She admitted it's sometimes a headache to come to school with mismatches — although she at least tries to adhere to the same color.

"These ones matched today," she said, looking down at a less-than-perfectly coordinated pair with a grin.



Four students who had their stories performed receive certificates. Left to right: Liz Hillinger,

Zack Shereck, Erica Schlaw and Tracy Epifano.

The winners

Kindergarten:

"The Man Who Couldn't Get the Bag Off His Head," Maria Mercado

"I Lost My Teddy Bear, I Found My Teddy Bear," Erica Schlaw *

First grade:

"Kites in a Tree," Theresa Magidsohn

"The House on Huckleberry Road," Zack Shereck *

Second grade:

"In the Middle of the Mysterious Forest,"

Kristen Mercado

"The Big Snorer," Lynn Ashby

Third grade:

"Ben the Rabbit," Liz Hillinger *

"Treasure Trolls," Laura Preston

Fourth grade:

"The Smart Ghost," Tracy Epifano *

"The Stupid Genie," Vincent Herr

Fifth grade:

"They're Alive!" Jennifer Barrow

"Lost in Time," Kira Karlstrom

* denotes story performed by Brainstormers



At right: Characters in Liz Hillinger's story, "Ben the Rabbit" dance to Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" piece, "Waltz of the Flowers." Below, Liz poses with her title character. The youngster says she sees a lot of rabbits hop across the road at her house and imagined a day in the life of one of them.



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The Clarkston News

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Township's frogs part of state survey

Nongame Wildlife Fund wants to know what's happening to population

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

*"A frog he would a-wooing go, sing heigh-ho"
—nursery rhyme*

At this time of year in the Lake Waldon Village Subdivision, there's a noise so loud, so persistent, it sometimes keeps the neighbors awake. But instead of yelling at somebody or calling the police, most are enjoying it.

The din is the sound of frog mating calls. There is the high-pitched "cheep" of the northern spring peeper, the big, throaty sound of the tiny grey tree frog. And there are the less-frequent, lower-pitched sounds, here and there, of a western chorus frog or one of the other 11 varieties of frog and toad found in Michigan.

"It's only the males that call and it's strictly for mating," said Dan Badgley, a subdivision resident and manager of the E. L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. "They're all trying to be louder than the others."

Badgley is taking part in the first-ever statewide frog and toad survey, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and funded by the state's Nongame Wildlife Fund. Using volunteers trained to recognize the various calls, the DNR is hoping to learn, over the next few years, about population fluctuations and whether they are caused by normal factors or environmental events such as habitat degradation, ultraviolet radiation or pesticides.

Since 1970 a worldwide decline in amphibians, including frogs and toads, has been documented, the



Dan Badgley and his daughter, Kristina, 10, spend a warm spring evening listening for frogs

on wetlands near their Independence Township home.

DNR says. Some are lost when people take them for personal collections. But frogs and toads absorb oxygen and water through their skin and are therefore especially vulnerable to toxins in the environment.

Badgley is working with a group of volunteers from the nature center, which is part of the Bloomfield Hills School District. They are surveying the center's property, as well as their own neighborhoods. Badgley felt his subdivision, with several areas of wetlands, was a good place to study.

"Amphibians are what scientists would call environmental indicators. They're very sensitive to changes in the environment," said Badgley, who is also a science teacher. "They can be a good monitoring system. It doesn't take very many years to affect amphibians if there's a problem."

The survey is being conducted three times over the spring, in April, May and June, because different frogs and toads do their calling at different times. For each round of testing, volunteers wait for nighttime temperatures to reach a certain minimum before going out and conducting the survey.

On May 21, after overnight temperatures had remained above 50 for several days, Badgley and his daughter Kristina, 10, went out to listen at three predetermined areas in their subdivision. As twilight faded into dark, they stood quietly. Then they rated what they heard on a scale of one to three, indicating whether there was one of a species, a few, or many. The sites include a beach, a pond, and a trail area.

On this night, Badgley will identify five different

frogs. A couple of them are isolated calls, but the peepers and tree frogs are boisterous tonight, so dominant you don't even have to get out of the car to hear them loud and clear. No toads are heard.

"I suspect the calling time for them is over now, at least here," Badgley said.

Not all 11 frogs and toads found in Michigan live in this area, Badgley said, narrowing the number of calls he had to learn to identify. "They're real easy to learn because they're all different," he said.

Badgley said his neighbors have been enthusiastic about his participation in the survey, even inviting him to sit on their porches and listen to the calling. They seem to appreciate that their subdivision's wetland areas were left intact at this former Camp Fire Girls camp on Gulick Lake.

"I think the builder did a good job in preserving the wetlands," Badgley said. "We knew there wouldn't be homes built in the wetlands, so it wouldn't be as dense. It's pleasant to be in an area where you know you'll see wildlife."

The survey is expected to continue for at least three years, with Badgley and his coworkers committed to participating at least that long. Other groups participating include 29 high-school students in Monroe, who are earning extra-credit for their work. All volunteers attended workshops during the winter to prepare for the survey.

"Some scientists think the amphibian population

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The Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund

In 1995 nearly 60,000 donors contributed \$576,000 to the Michigan Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. Since the program started over a decade ago, over \$6 million has been raised.

Important work on bald eagles, wolves and peregrine falcons continued last year and the state published the Michigan Wildlife Viewing Guide. This year, in addition to the frog and toad survey, there will be a statewide survey of the common loon. A Small Grants program will support several outdoor learning sites at schools.

The program also funds the publishing of a newsletter called "The Spotting Scope." For a free copy, send a postcard with your name and address to Natural Heritage Program, DNR Wildlife Division, PO Box 30180, Dept. SC, Lansing, MI 48909-7680.

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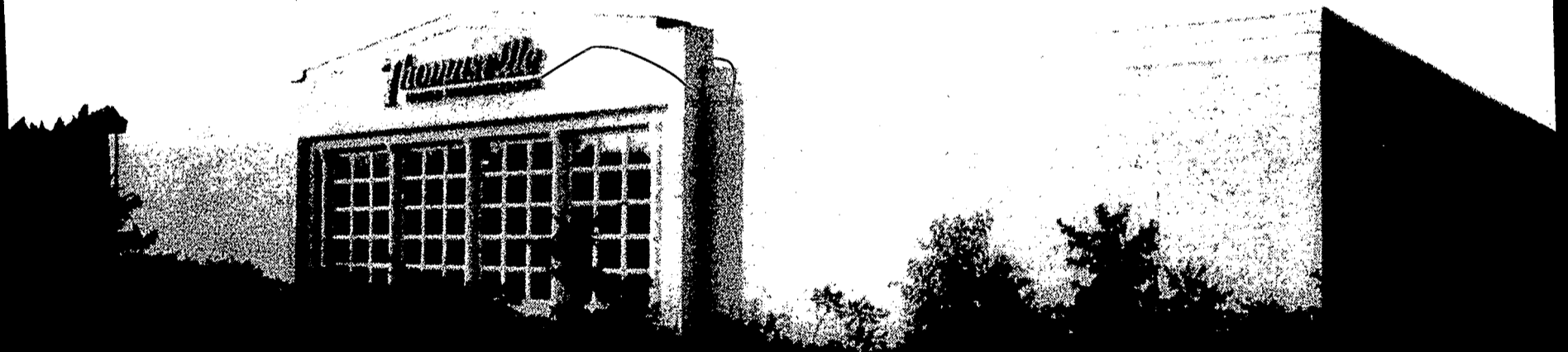
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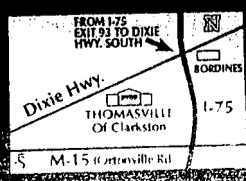
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Busy gardeners seek convenience

Consumers' quest for convenience is not limited to drive-through fast food and packaged meals for microwaving — gardeners have been taking advantage of convenient shortcuts for years.

"The term 'convenience gardening' may be fairly new, but the concept has been present in things such as seed tapes and bedding plants for a long time," says Mary McLellan, master gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University.

The increasing popularity of wildflowers, bulbs and perennial flowers is one indicator of the trend toward convenience in gardening, McLellan suggests. A properly established wildflower meadow requires very little maintenance, while bulbs and herbaceous perennials often come up reliably for years. A bulb and perennial bed well mulched to control weeds can provide continuous flowers from early spring through late fall without a great deal of care.

For gardeners who don't want to spend time planning their plantings, garden catalogs are now offering predesigned gardens. Perennials or annuals for sun or shade, hummingbird and butterfly gardens, groupings of colorful garden vegetables, wildflower seed mixture for various growing conditions, and flowers for a cutting garden are just some of the package deals available. They usually include live plants or seeds, a design chart, planting directions and garden markers.

For would-be vegetable gardeners, computerized garden planning assistance is available. The gardener inputs information on space available, number of people in the family, crops desired, and whether the garden will provide produce for fresh eating or preservation or both, and the computer puts together a garden plan, complete with number of

plants, hills or feet of row for each crop.

Windowsill herb gardens and grow-your-own mushroom kits offer another kind of convenience: just add water and place the container in a suitable environment to produce fresh herbs and fungi.

"Gardeners are looking for convenience, and

suppliers are providing it in many forms," McLellan says. "Both experienced and novice gardeners can shop the garden catalogs for tools and equipment, plant and seed mixtures, and other time- and labor-saving products that help them reach their gardening goals."

Fishing contest returns to Independence Oaks

Turn your hobby into a prize during this summer's annual Oakland County Parks fishing contest. The contest is free and runs through Labor Day.

Fish must be registered with park staff the day of the catch. Winners will be determined by multiplying length and weight. You can keep your catch. A rod and reel will be awarded to monthly winners in a number of categories. You must have a valid Michigan fishing license and follow all applicable state laws. Bait, rental canoes, rowboats and pedal boats are available

at the park.

Northern pike, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and perch are abundant in Crooked Lake at Independence Oaks County Park. "More good fish are caught during non-peak times like weekdays," says parks employee Keith Lindsey.

The park opens at 7 a.m. and closes an hour after sunset. A \$5 vehicle entry fee for county residents will be charged (\$8 non-resident). For more information call 625-0877 (TDD 858-1684).

Parks offer more fun in the water this year

Oakland County Waterparks add more splash to summer fun with new water features.

Construction of a 515-foot-long group raft ride and children's wet playground at Waterford Oaks Waterpark is underway. The raft ride meanders down a winding waterslide before a drop into a splash-down pool. The wet playground will feature 30 interactive activities including waterjets, waterfalls and waterslides. The new attractions are expected to be open by mid-summer.

The park is open through Labor Day 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Existing attractions at the park include a wave pool and dual-flume waterslide. A children's playscape, lockers, showers, tube rental, concessions and picnic areas are also available.

Swimming lessons begin June 17 in two-week sessions through Aug. 7. An advanced lifesaving course for those age 15 and older is also offered. All classes are \$50. Scuba diving lessons begin in August.

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- **CHANGE DIRECTION** of your mowing every week to avoid stripes.
- **KEEP YOUR ATTENTION** on mowing and don't let other interests distract you.
- **STOP THE ENGINE** before crossing driveways, walks, roads or gravel-covered areas.
- **WHEN CLEARING**, inspecting or repairing the mower, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire.
- **MOW ACROSS** the face of slopes, never up or down or you may lose your footing.
- **DON'T PUT YOUR HANDS** or feet near or under the rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.
- **DON'T CONTINUE** to run the mower if you hit a foreign object.
- **TURN OFF** the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire before checking for damage or repair.
- **EXCESSIVE VIBRATION** is an indication of damage; stop the mower, safely check the cause, and repair as needed.
- **DON'T RUN** the engine indoors; excessive fumes may be hazardous to your health.
- **NEVER CUT** the grass by pulling the mower toward you. Avoid mowing excessively steep terrain.
- **DO NOT REMOVE** cutting guards or other safety devices.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

Lawn mower maintenance is the secret weapon for a healthy lawn:

- **WITH THE MOWER OFF** and the spark plug wire disconnected, check the blade and engine mounting bolts often to be sure they're tightened properly.
- **CHECK GRASS CATCHER** often for wear and deterioration and replace if needed.
- **ALWAYS KEEP** a sharp blade on your mower.
- **ALLOW ENGINE** to cool before storing it in an enclosure
- **REPLACE** the spark plug every

season

- **REPLENISH OIL** as needed. Lack of engine oil can cause premature failure.
- **A WELL-TUNED** lawn mower is one of the most overlooked, yet most powerful tools for a well-maintained lawn.
- **"USING A** properly maintained mower is the hidden secret for a healthy lawn," says Jeff Ball, lawn care expert and author of "The Smart Yard Guide to Lawn Care." "If lawn mowers aren't tuned-up every year, they provide clues that they need

READ THE OWNER'S MANUAL THOROUGHLY

and understand the controls and operation of the mower.

servicing.

A mower with a dull blade bludgeons the grass, causing the leaf tips to fray and turn brown. Also, unless the mower is well-maintained, it can leave unsightly clumps of grass clippings on the ground that can breed grass-destroying diseases."

■ **ACCORDING TO** Mike Roche, national marketing manager for Sears Repair Services, "Other clues to watch for include needing more than two pulls to start the mower, dark smoke from the exhaust, and a racing or rough-running engine."

■ **MOST PEOPLE** wait until late spring or early summer to bring their mowers in for servicing. Sears recommends beating the May and June rush. Waiting until the last minute costs time and money. Pre-season tune-up specials often offer significant price reductions and quick turnaround time.

■ **ACCORDING TO** Roche, "When

arranging for a tune-up, check to see if the price includes all essential parts. Ours does. Tune-ups include replacing the spark plug, oil, air filter and blade. Sears maintains and repairs Craftsman and other mower brands." ■ **SEARS REPAIR** Services is the largest repair network in the United States; customers should call (800) 488-1222 to locate the nearest District Service Center. Currently, 16,000 Sears Technicians make more than 14 million home visits per year to service and repair most major brands of home appliances, air conditioners, furnaces, home electronics, and other products.

DON'T MOW WHEN THE GRASS IS WET

You could slip and fall and drive your feet or hands under the mower into the path of the blade.

MAKE WHEEL HEIGHT ADJUSTMENTS

before starting the mower.

CHECK THE MOWER'S FUEL LEVEL

before starting the engine. Do not fill gas tank indoors or while engine is running.



KEEP THE AREA CLEAR

of all people, especially small children and pets.

DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN

to operate the mower.

MOW ONLY IN DAYLIGHT

or with good artificial light. Do not mow in the dark.

WEAR EYE PROTECTION

when operating the mower.

DON'T MOW BAREFOOT

or when wearing open sandals.

CHECK THE AREA TO BE MOWED

and see that it is clear of stones, wires, sticks, dog bones, children's toys and other foreign objects. These objects can be thrown by the mower's blade and can cause injury.



Source: Sears and The Vindicator

Pheromone trap helps track gypsy moth

If all is fair in love and war, and if Michigan is indeed at war with the invading gypsy moth, then it's only fair that traps for monitoring the pest's spread use a synthetic version of the chemical the female moths use to attract the males for mating.

That chemical is called a pheromone. Males follow the scent to specially designed traps, where they get caught in a sticky material.

"Scientists and pest managers use pheromone traps to detect new populations of gypsy moth or to track the spread of infestations," explains Deb McCullough, Michigan State University forestry entomologist. "Sometimes large numbers of traps are used in a small area to try to trap out and control an isolated population. But once an area is infested, trapping doesn't reduce the population or the feeding damage done by the moth's larval stage."

The traps are made of green cardboard in two shapes: one looks like a small triangular tent, and the other looks like a milk carton. The pheromone that lures male gypsy moths into the traps is coated on a small piece of paper inside the trap. Traps are usually

stapled to trees in the summer and collected in late summer or early fall so the contents can be tallied.

"Pheromone traps definitely will not start a new infestation," McCullough says. "The female moths are the ones that lay the eggs for next year's caterpillars, and they can't fly and wouldn't be interested in the pheromone even if they could. An infestation can occur only when female gypsy moths are present."

If only a few trees are infested, it's often possible to use a pocket knife to cut out the pitch mass and kill larvae in the feeding tunnels. A large pitch mass may mean several larvae are feeding under the bark, McCullough notes.

Using pesticides to control newly-emerged larvae in early spring is tricky because the timing has to be just right to catch them before they disappear under the bark. It's likely to be more effective than trying to control adults, however. To control the larvae, apply sprays of a persistent insecticide in early April to kill the tiny larvae after they emerge from their silken shelters and before they burrow into the inner bark. Thorough coverage of the trunk and

main stems can be difficult to achieve, especially on Scotch pine Christmas trees with dense canopies. Homeowners spraying landscape trees that have more open silhouettes may find the job somewhat easier.

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Michigan holds the distinction of having the eighth-deadliest tornado in US history (Flint, 1953). Though last year was a relatively quiet one in the state (12 reported twisters, compared to the normal 16), residents are urged not to become complacent.

As Michigan moves into the tornado season, moviegoers are being dazzled by a new film called "Twister," which depicts nature's most violent storm via special effects.

The film stars Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton and Kathleen Kennedy as a team of scientists who chase tornadoes in hopes of learning to predict and control them.

At the same time, local agencies, such as the Red Cross and the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, are hoping residents will take home a serious message about just how dangerous tornadoes are.

Real tornadoes develop in Michigan every year. Despite technological advances that make detection easier, there is no substitute for planning and safety



Michiganians should familiarize themselves with the various weather alerts. A tornado watch simply means "watch out:" severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Gather a first-aid kit, flashlight and portable radio, monitor local television and radio, and keep an eye to the sky.

A tornado warning issued for your county means that a tornado is happening now. Go immediately to the basement and take cover under something sturdy. If there is no basement, a bathroom or closet in the lowest, centermost part of the building works best. Remember to stay away from windows.

At work or at school, if a basement is not available, move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid rooms with a large, free-span roof, like a gym. If caught in a car or in the open, seek shelter in a ditch or ravine or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible.

Along with the opening of "Twister," some area theatres, including the AMC and Star chains, will be distributing informational literature about tornadoes.

"This is a great opportunity for us to dispel some tornado myths, give accurate preparedness information, and perhaps save lives," said Robert Haase, of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter. "Michigan is not the worst state for tornadoes, but they do happen here, and we want people to be prepared"

For a free disaster preparedness brochure, send a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope to Robert Haase, Disaster Preparedness Checklist, American Red Cross, 2388 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. To help victims of disasters in southeast Michigan, call 1-800-552-5466.

When a thunderstorm approaches

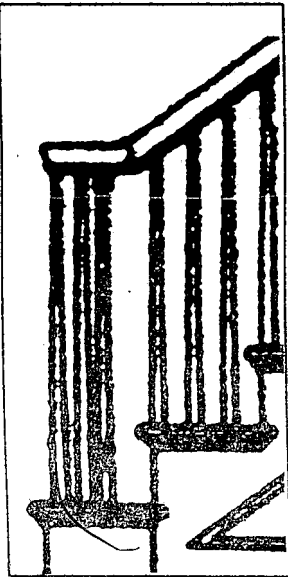
● If you feel your skin tingle or hair stand on end, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Minimize contact with the ground.

● Telephone lines and metal pipes can conduct electricity. Unplug appliances not necessary for receiving weather information. Use telephones only in an emergency.

preparedness. Time is critical when severe storms are approaching. Whether at home, school or work, knowing where to go in case of a tornado may save your life.

Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms, and are more likely to occur when there is unseasonably warm and humid air at the earth's surface and cold and dry air aloft, as well as strong upper-level jet stream winds. According to the National Weather Service, these conditions are most likely to occur in spring, although a strong risk continues as well into summer.

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Lyme Disease generally occurs during the summer, peaking in June and July, but may occur in other seasons also. It can be treated with antibiotics but it is better to prevent getting the infection.

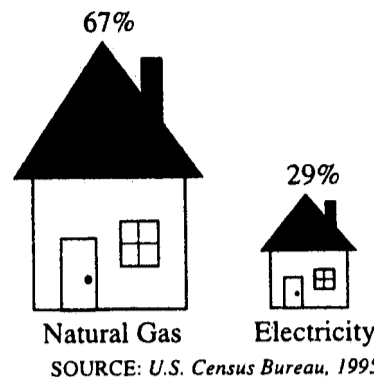
The Oakland County Health Division suggests the following preventive measures to avoid an infection that could result in Lyme Disease. Avoid tick-

infested areas if possible. If working or playing in a possibly infected area, wear light-colored clothing which covers arms and legs, and tuck pants into socks. Apply a tick repellent to shirt sleeves and pant legs. Remove surface ticks and search total body every three to four hours for attached ticks. Remove ticks promptly and carefully without crushing, using gentle pressure with tweezers applied close to the skin to avoid leaving mouth parts in the skin. Protect hands with gloves or cloth when removing ticks.

Ticks may be submitted to the OCHD for identification. Any live ticks can be tested for the presence of Lyme Disease.

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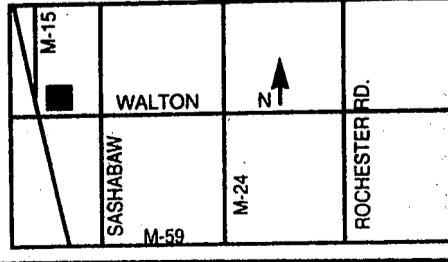
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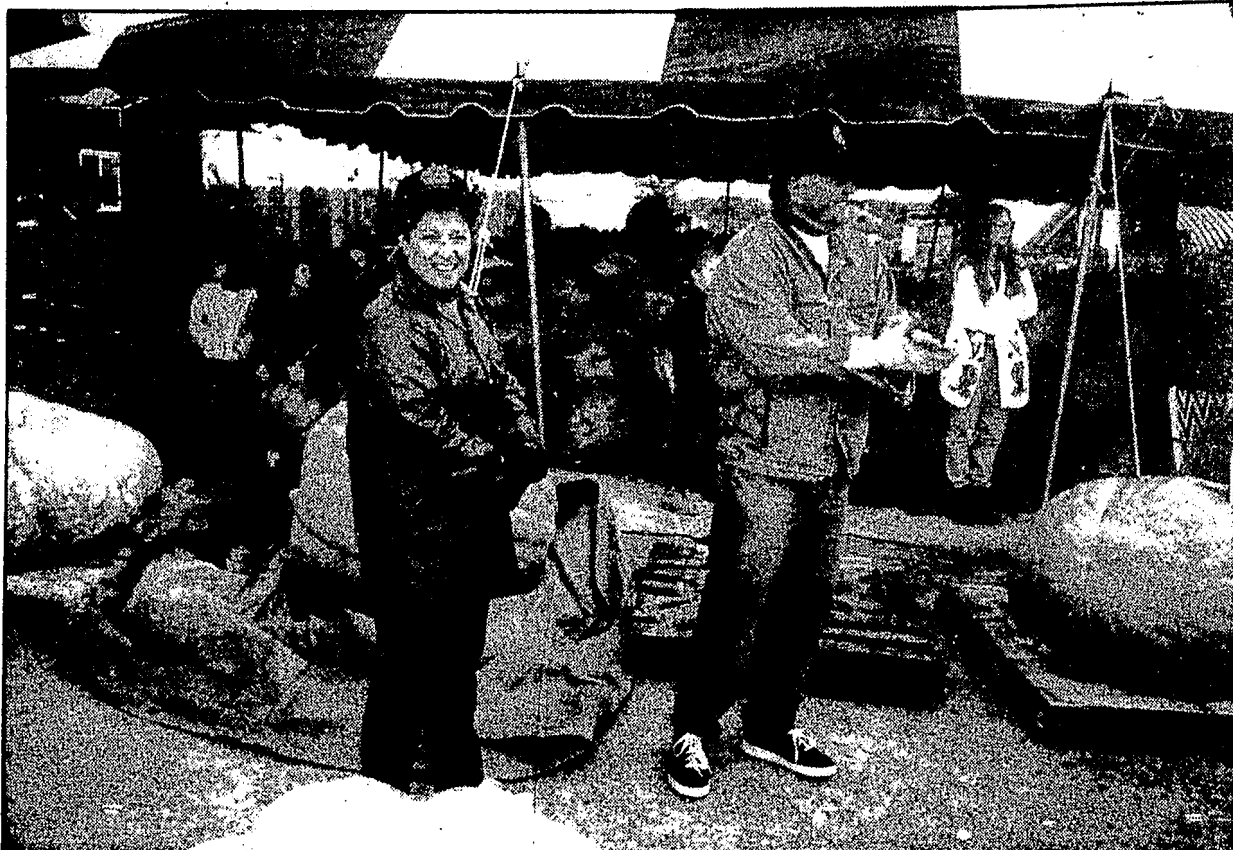
When it comes to growing the great pumpkin, plant your seeds and get out of the way.

That's how fast and how big the plants grow, according to Larry Gavette and Don Van Houtte, cosponsors of the third annual Southeastern Michigan Giant pumpkin Contest. The two will give free seeds to anyone sending a stamped self-addressed envelope.

"Last year we provided free giant pumpkin seeds to something over 360 entrants, and about 40 of those brought their efforts to the weigh-off," said Van Houtte, owner of Van Houtte Farms in Armada. "We look forward to an even larger response this year."

The end-of-season weigh-off is scheduled for October 12 in Armada. "Pumpkins of six and 700 pounds have been grown by first-time growers, so there is always the possibility that one of our entries could beat the world record of 996 pounds," Van Houtte says.

To receive free seeds and instructions for growing, send a self-addressed envelope with 43 cents postage to Giant Pumpkin Seeds, 4080 Ledgestone Dr., Waterford, MI 48329.



Clarkston growers Denise and Larry Harris participated in last year's contest.

Tips for growing your biggest pumpkin ever

Special enrichment of the soil is not a requirement for big pumpkin growth, but extra care will likely improve the fruit. A sunny location and uncompacted soil are best.

Giant pumpkins also have giant vines, so plant where there's lots of room. To grow the biggest possible fruit, pick all blooms off the plant until mid-July. When pumpkins reach four to five

inches, remove all but the largest specimens. Nip any remaining blossoms and the vine ends for the remainder of the season. Limit each plant to one pumpkin and two principal vines. And water, water, water.

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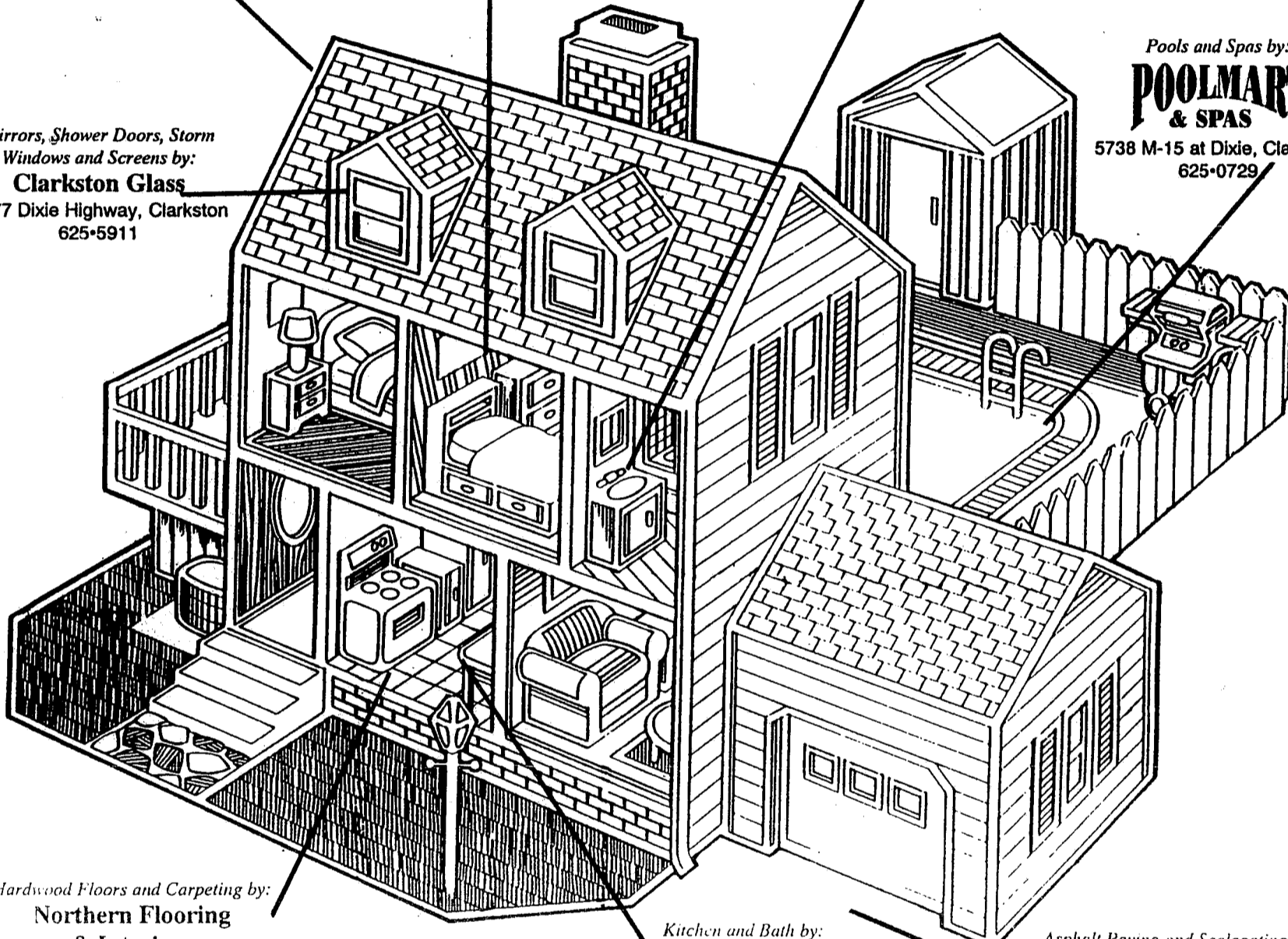
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Cooks drool over Britain's AGA stove

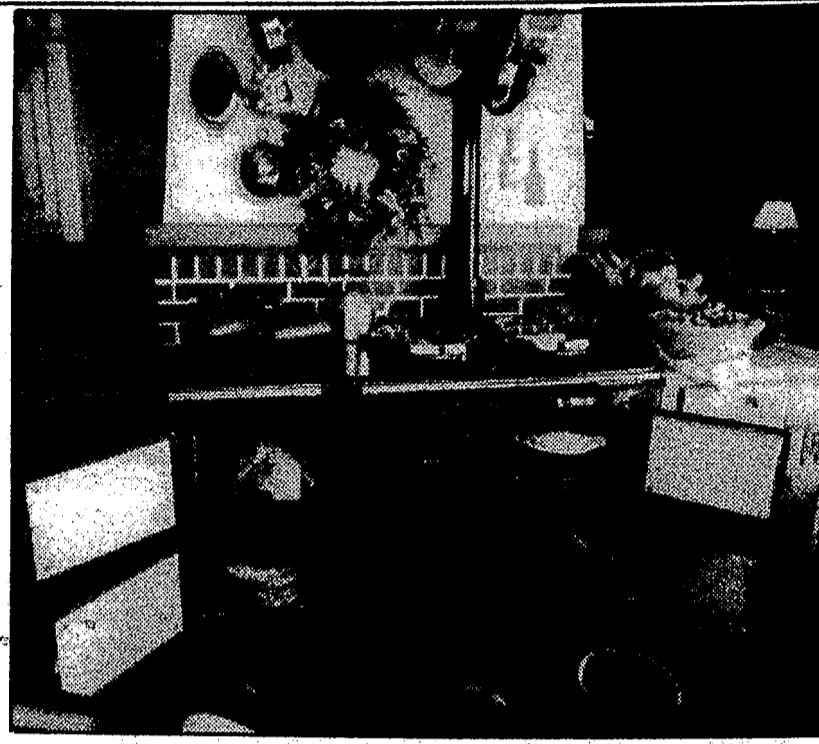
It isn't often that a kitchen stove inspires passion, but Britain's famous AGA does. Its owners include folks like the Princess of Wales, Paul McCartney, Margaret Thatcher, Dustin Hoffman and Goldie Hawn, and while they probably don't do a lot of cooking themselves, their ownership of this unusual stove is testimony to its reputation.

Quite simply, the enamel-coated, cast-iron AGA — all 1500 pounds of it — is the king (or queen?) of stoves, and as any reader of British novels knows, it's inevitably the elegant and cozy heart of hospitable country kitchens from Cornwall to Scotland. Now it's drumming up a whole new fan club in the United States where good food and convivial kitchens are becoming almost as much of a national passion as sports.

The AGA Cooker is not exactly some new kitchen device. It was actually invented over 70 years ago by Gustav Dalen, a Swedish physicist and Nobel Prize winner. He designed it because he deplored the long hours his wife spent each day readying the stove and preparing family meals.

Dalen designed it to cook by radiant heat, a method that we know from the big stoves that some of us remember fondly from great-grandma's house. Remember those pies and roasts that those stoves produced? The AGA cooks the same way, so it's not just sitting in kitchens because it's a beautiful and cozy focal point. It's primarily there because it cooks such flavorful, wholesome meals with minimal fuss. Quite simply, the AGA is "on" all the time, with four low- and high-temperature ovens and giant top burners ever on ready for the cook. Consequently, meals ranging from omelettes to five-course feasts can be cooked quickly and efficiently, so this is a great stove for busy, two-career families as well as for those who like to entertain at home.

Invented by a Nobel Prize winner, the famous AGA stove looks as good as it cooks and inevitably becomes the heart of any kitchen. The stove of choice for celebrities or anybody who truly loves to cook, it prepares any size feast quickly and efficiently.



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Each AGA is individually forged and hand-assembled at the Coalbrookdale Foundry in England, and it looks and performs like no other stove in existence. Behind its gleaming, hand-enamelled facade lies the technological ingenuity that has brought luxurious simplicity to the art of cooking. There are no dials to set or knobs to adjust, and no ovens to pre-heat.


The four-oven stove features two baking and roasting ovens, and two simmering and warming ovens. Atop the stove, there is a simmering plate and a boiling plate, each large enough to accommodate

several pots and pans, as well as a warming area. The smaller two-oven stove was designed for less spacious kitchens.

Philip Tonks, head of AGA in the United States, explains that this radiant-heated stove operates on the principle of stored heat. A single small gas-fired burner, similar in concept to a pilot light, distributes heat to the seven separate cooking stations, each of which has a specific function and therefore an optimum cooking temperature.

Cooking on the AGA is quite a change from cooking on a conventional stove, but in the-know

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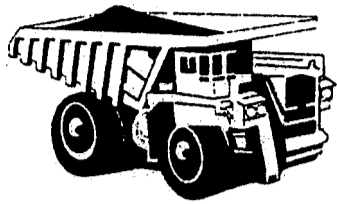
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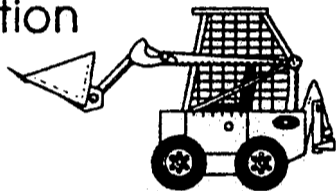
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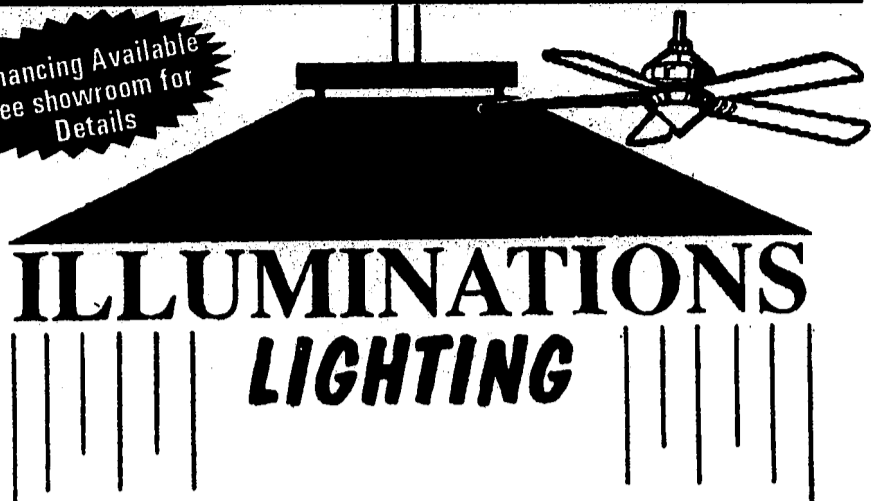
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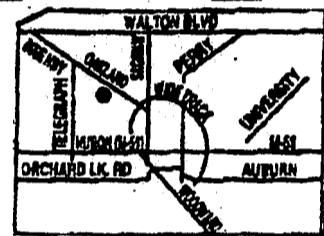
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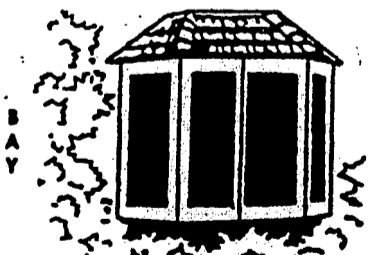


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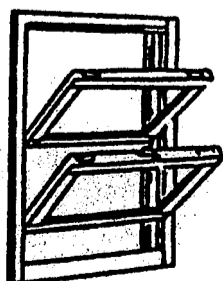
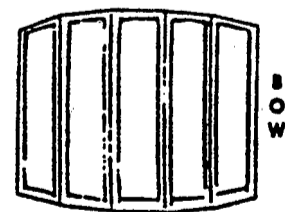
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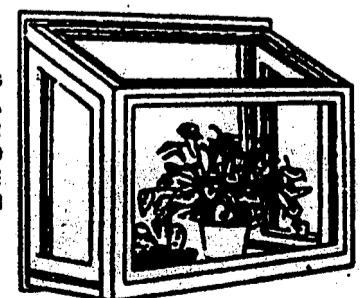
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AGA owners around the world are so addicted to their stoves that they not only tend to hang out together at parties, swapping stories and recipes, but have started their own newsletter as well.

The newsletter makes it clear just what a family friend the AGA becomes. It's constantly described as the heart and hub of the home, and as a surrogate mother. It has even incubated newborn chicks, nurtured young lambs, dried clothes and dishes, and even handled the ironing on its insulating lids. Dogs love to lie by it, cats curl up in front of it, and friends are drawn to its side like magic.

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Yard And Garden Safety Tips

(NAPS)—For many people, working in the yard or garden is a delightful way to exercise, improve the value of their homes or simply while away sunny afternoons.

The keys to avoiding accidents and injuries while working outside are common sense and using the right equipment for the right job.

The following are some valuable safety tips for those who use portable power tools:

- When using equipment such as a string trimmer, work at least 50 feet away from people or pets.
- Wear full eye and ear protection and protective clothing, including closed toe rubber-soled shoes.
- Never work while standing on an unsteady surface such as a stool or a ladder.
- When using a power hedge trimmer or chain saw, do not trim or cut higher than your shoulders, especially if you are in a tree or on a ladder.
- Remove objects such as rocks, branches and debris from your yard before using a lawn edger, mower or string trimmer.

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The summer of '96 may soon be remembered by motorists in southeast Michigan as environmentally friendly. Due to new regulations set in place by Gov. John Engler, motorists will automatically help prevent the formation of ground-level ozone when they buy gas this summer.

Beginning June 1, service stations, including those in Oakland County, will begin selling low RVP (Reid vapor pressure) fuel in all grades. The new standard will be strictly enforced beginning July 1 by the Department of Agriculture.

The Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has requested an ozone attainment redesignation for the counties of Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa. Pending approval by the Environmental Protection Agency, these counties are not subject to current low RVP fuel requirements.

Low RVP fuel is designed to reduce harmful emissions, including ground-level ozone, by decreasing the evaporation rate of gasoline. The low RVP program is a summertime ozone control program approved by the EPA. Southeast Michigan is

Ozone household tips

- Delay mowing your lawn or using other gasoline-powered maintenance equipment on ozone action days. If you must, wait until after 6 p.m.
- Avoid using oil-based paint and other solvents on ozone action days.
- Avoid using charcoal lighter when barbecuing.
- Use car-pooling on ozone action days. Call 313-963-RIDE for special ozone action RideShare information.
- For daily ozone action updates and tips, call 1-800-66-33-AIR.

currently listed as an attainment area. The new fuel requirement is considered a preventive measure in response to several ozone violations recorded last summer.

Low RVP fuel will be automatically provided at all pumps and will require no additional action by the motorist. The Air Quality Division of the Michigan

Department of Environmental Quality estimates that the economic impact will be less than a penny a gallon. The new fuel will not adversely affect vehicle performance.

"Low RVP gasoline is one strategy that offers immediate clean-air benefits at low cost with minimal lifestyle changes," said Jerry Basch, Community Safety Services manager for AAA Michigan. "However, there are additional steps motorists can take to further protect the environment."

According to Basch, travelers looking for ways to reduce vehicle emissions and conserve energy may:

- Combine errands into one trip
- Avoid extended idling
- Plan driving routes to bypass congested areas
- Use the most fuel-efficient vehicle
- Use car pools or public transportation
- Observe posted speed limits
- Refuel vehicles in the evening
- Make sure gas cap is securely tightened and in place
- Observe "Ozone Action Days."

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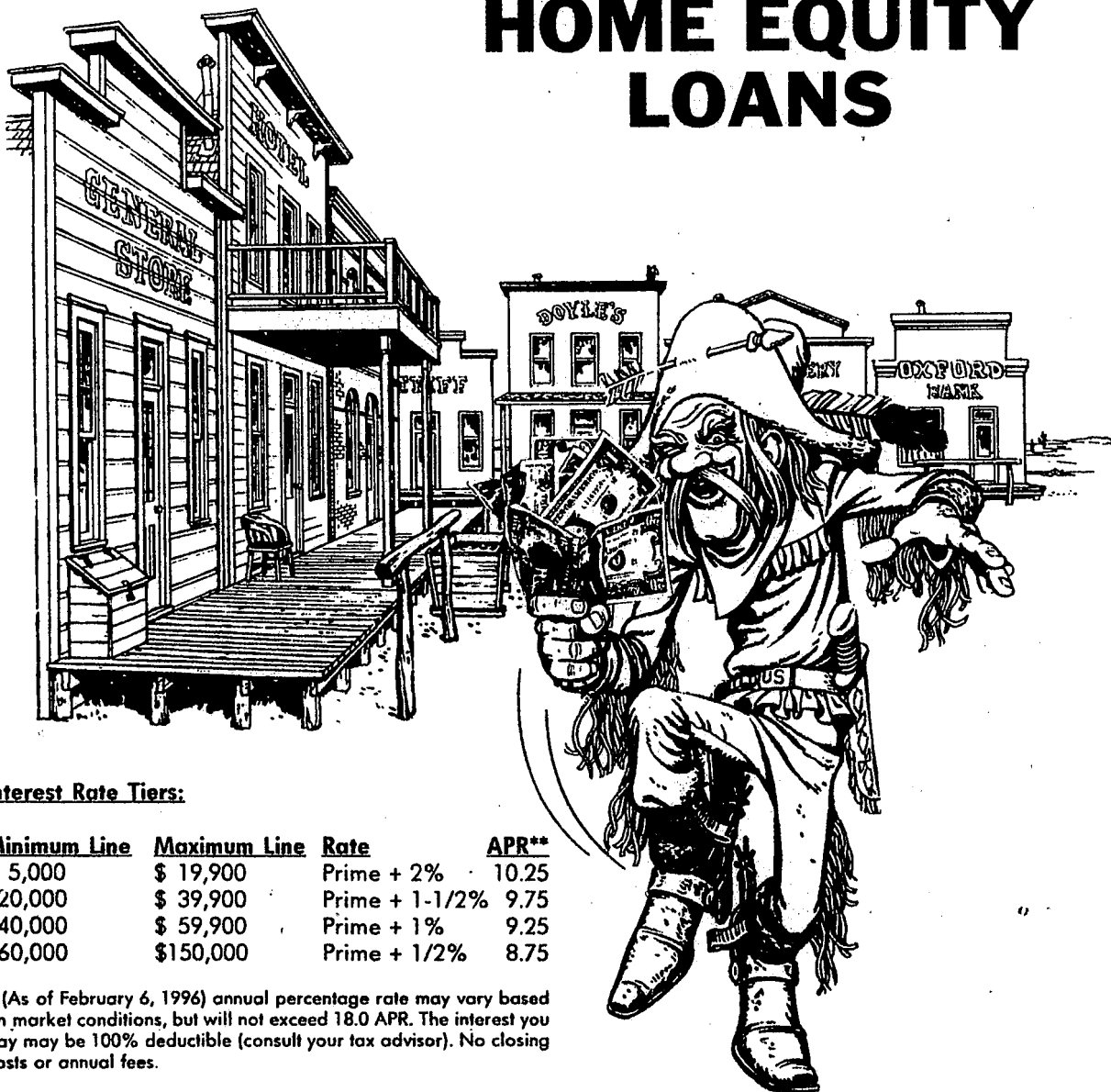
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A new study suggests that waiting for a hamburger to turn from pink to brown is not the best way to know when the meat is done. If you want to be sure, use a meat thermometer designed for hamburgers.

That's the word from U.S. Department of Agriculture food scientist Brad Berry. He headed a year-long investigation, where results repeatedly showed that meat may be well cooked even though it is still pink. On the other hand, researchers at Kansas State University, in a separate study, found that meat could turn brown before it reached 160 degrees F. That's the temperature at which burgers are considered fully cooked.

Berry said he and colleagues analyzed 2,000 burgers — fresh and frozen — bought from meat suppliers. Whether a burger was pink or brown when cooked seemed to be linked to factors other than temperature, Berry said. Scientists are still exploring what those factors are.

Food safety and common sense go hand in hand, Berry said. Using a thermometer to be sure your burgers, and other meats, are cooked long enough on the grill can save you from the anguish of food poisoning. And, after your meat is cooked, eat it within an hour or so.

Prevent Burglaries With A Home Security Plan

It's known in law enforcement circles as the "Crime Clock" — the rate at which criminal offenses occur in our country.

Homeowners should be particularly alarmed at the startling number of burglaries that occur in the U.S. A burglary takes place an average of once every 12 seconds and, according to the most recent FBI statistics available, almost 2 million residences are victimized each year.

In the face of these startling statistics, homeowners can greatly reduce their chances of becoming another "Crime Clock" statistic. What many people fail to realize is that effective protection against thieves is neither difficult nor expensive. And with June being National Burglary Prevention Month, now is an ideal time to take a close look at how you can secure your residence.

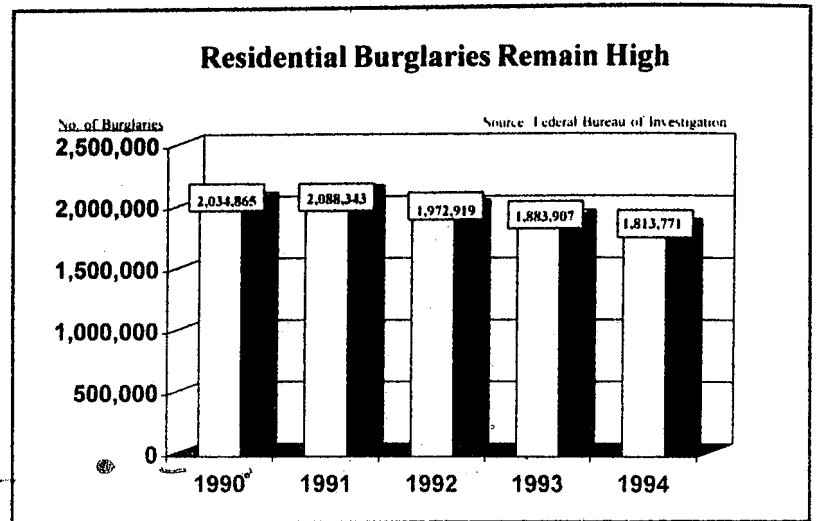
"The key to burglary prevention is eliminating a would-be burglar's opportunities for success," says Mike Bruening, executive director of the Burglary Prevention Council, a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of residential burglaries. "Surprisingly, many burglars don't even have to use forcible entry to gain access to a residence because they can enter through an improperly locked door or window."

Create a plan

According to the Burglary Prevention Council, homeowners should implement a basic security plan and start by performing an inspection of their home. Identify all vulnerable points in your home, including weak door and window locks.

"Many homeowners violate some of the most basic rules of home security, like making certain all possible points of entry are secure," says Bruening. "If a burglar happens to approach your home, he won't turn down an open invitation like an unlocked window or an attached garage that is easily accessible."

Eliminating these types of unprotected



Although nearly 2 million burglaries occurred in 1994, homeowners can reduce their chances of being burglarized by following some simple measures.

areas are necessary elements of a home security plan. However, homeowners should take further steps in order to deter burglars from even approaching their residences.

Outside appearances matter when it comes to residential burglary. Do not make it easy for burglars to get close to your home without being noticed. Keeping the outside of your home neatly groomed and well lighted will reduce a burglar's opportunity for success. Trim trees and bushes because any shrubbery that is overgrown and touches your home provides a perfect cover for a burglar.

One of the best methods of deterrence is keeping the perimeter of your home well lighted at night. Low voltage outdoor lighting systems not only are very effective, but also make your home look more attractive. Because they use safe 12-volt current, they are easy to install and inexpensive to operate.

Security timers create the impression of movement throughout the house at dif-

ferent times of the day or night. You can set the timers to operate lamps, radios, televisions or other appliances at specific times. Random security timers vary the time at which lights or appliances go on and off in order to eliminate any predictable schedule.

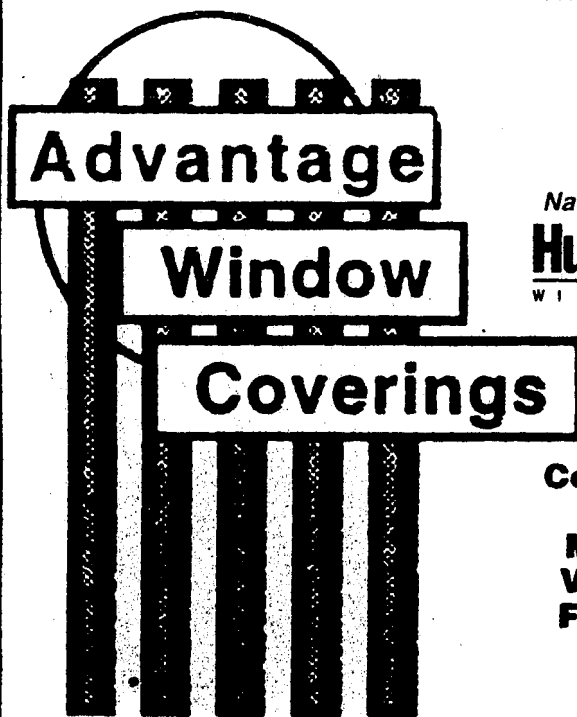
Other tips

The Burglary Prevention Council also advises stopping all mail and newspaper deliveries or at least arranging for a neighbor to pick them up so that they don't accumulate. Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway to make it appear that you are home.

The average dollar loss in a residential burglary is over \$1,300. When you consider the fact that implementing a home security plan and securing your residence with some basic products will cost a homeowner only about \$100, it's a wise investment indeed.

"The biggest payoff of all is security and peace of mind," says Bruening. "You can't put a price tag on that."

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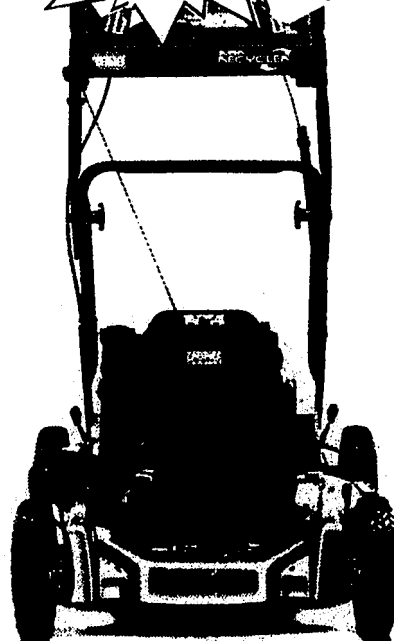


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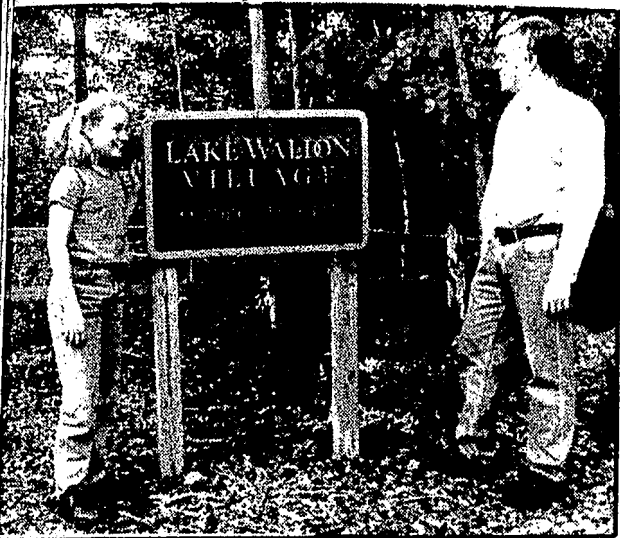
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- Review all the products to be used in building your new home. Look for those with quality seals such as the National Association of Homebuilder (NAHB) Research Center or the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. These seals mean the products have been tested by independent third parties for quality assurance.

- Ask your builder about the trade contractors who will construct your home to make sure they're quality craftsmen with strong credentials.

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This sign in the Badgley's subdivision commemorates the fact that the area used to be a Camp Fire Girls camp.

Frogs *Continued from page 1*

is declining but there's no hard evidence to prove that," Badgley said. "They're trying to get the evidence to prove that. Current theory is based only on observations . . .

"This is the first effort on the part of the state to document what is happening."

Frog trivia

Did you know . . .

—A single adult toad is said to be capable of eating 10,000 insects during the three months of summer.

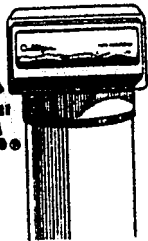
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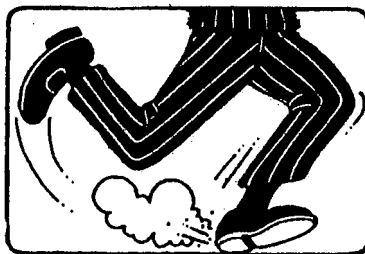
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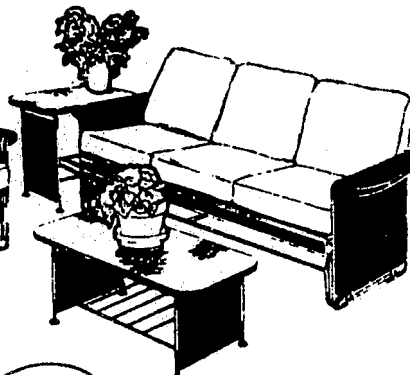
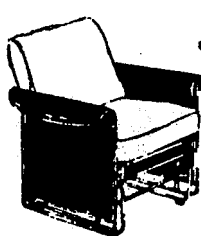
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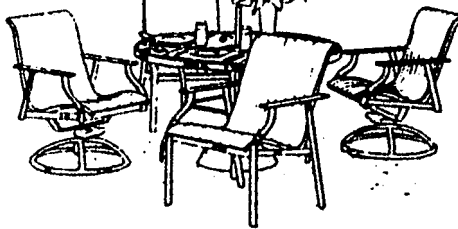
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