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Just saying no

Local stores pass police liquor sting; one caught selling tobacco to minor

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Everyone gets carded.

That's the bottom line for clerks who want to keep their jobs at Rudy's, says co-owner Chris Thomas.

"No ID—no liquor or cigarettes," said Thomas, who adds that he and partner Rob Esshaki train their clerks carefully at the Clarkston specialty store.

Rudy's doesn't even accept out-of-state identification. "I haven't had any problems. We only take Michigan ID's, so we're safe," Thomas says. Although his clerks can spot the state ID right away, others are unfamiliar.

"They could have one that looks real, but it isn't," agrees Rudy's clerk Natalie Sutton.

Having tough policies—and tough enforcement of them—is the reason why Rudy's and other businesses in the city and Independence Township passed with flying colors Friday. A youth decoy who just turned 17 was used to test clerks to see if they are checking IDs before selling alcohol and tobacco.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department initiated a one-night trip to area businesses that sell alcohol, cigarettes and other tobacco items, including drug, party and specialty stores, gas stations and restaurants, to see if they are doing their job.

On July 1 Ormiston and OCSO deputy and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer Dave Hernandez sent a 17-year-old Clarkston girl into three businesses that hold liquor licenses in the City of Clarkston and 11 in the township.

In four hours, all 14 businesses that were checked refused to sell alcohol and/or tobacco to the girl, except one: Clark Service Station 1634 on Sashabaw Rd. The gas station previously received a warning and complaints about selling cigarettes to underage customers, Hernandez said.

The 24-year-old clerk who was caught selling cigarettes to the young decoy said he's usually careful but was having "a bad day" because earlier he'd been in a car accident, Hernandez said. He was cited for selling tobacco to a minor.

However, two more stores nearly sold alcohol to the decoy, but checked her ID at the very last minute after ringing up the purchase. "They didn't finalize the sale... Both those stores have been ticketed in the past (for selling alcohol to minors)," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said he has done liquor-sales checks at area businesses for the past three years, but this is the first year he has added tobacco to the list because of a new state law.

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Fun on the 4th



Look, Ma, no hands: Jessica LaRoque, 5, looks at ease on the pony ride at Clintonville Park July 4. The ride was just one of many

events available for all ages to try a hand at. For a story and more photos, see The Back Page.

Class size reconsidered

Fewer kids nets better test scores, Roberts says

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

New Clarkston school superintendent Dr. Albert Roberts threw a new wrinkle into the district's plans to renovate elementary schools Monday night when he suggested the board consider smaller class sizes rather than larger classrooms.

After only one week on the job, Roberts said he had reviewed the district's last three facilities reports, dating back to 1989. All suggest, and enrollment figures support them, that more space is needed at the elementary level. In trying to come up with that space, the board is considering extensive remodeling and additions as well as building a new school.

But Roberts suggested that instead of trying to combine some existing small classrooms to make larger classrooms, the board consider putting smaller classes into those rooms.

"I'm not as concerned about square footage," Roberts said. "I'd rather, if need be, keep the 700

square foot classrooms and limit class size to 21, rather than add size and keep class size at 25."

Roberts said research backs up the notion that in the lower elementary grades, smaller class sizes produce improvements in test scores later on.

"I'm convinced you can create improvements in standardized tests as well as some nonstandard, more creative measurements by reducing class sizes K-3," he said.

Though some remodeling costs would be eliminated, Roberts admitted there would be ongoing costs involved with staffing levels. Nevertheless, his idea was received enthusiastically by the board.

"I support it," said Kurt Shanks, acknowledging at the same time that the idea contradicts the instructions Greiner was given to eliminate the small classrooms.

The board hopes to be able to come up with a decision next Monday on ballot language for a fall election. The self-imposed deadline would allow a new elementary school to open in fall, 1998, if approved by

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The news in brief

Youth arraigned in assault on mom

A 17-year-old Clarkston boy was arraigned in 52-2 District Court Monday for the second time for allegedly assaulting his mother.

On July 2 Oakland County Sheriff's deputies from the Independence substation were called to the family's home on Mann Rd. where the woman, 41, said her son hit and kicked her after they returned from a visit to his parole officer. He had fled before deputies arrived.

Then on Sunday, deputies in Orion Township arrested the teenager in the vicinity of Baldwin and Clarkston roads. He was driving a stolen car at the time and in possession of items he admitted stealing from several cars in Independence Township. The teen told deputies he had been living in the car since fleeing his mother's home.

The teen was arraigned Monday on the assault on his mother, the second time he has been charged with the same offense. He was also charged with unlawful driving away of an auto, breaking and entering of a vehicle to steal property, receiving and concealing stolen property and larceny. He is being held on \$5,000 bond (cash 10 percent) in the Oakland County Jail. He'll be back in court July 18 for a preliminary exam on the property charges and a bench trial in the assault. A trial on the earlier assault charge has been scheduled for July 25.

Park to get improvements

Money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund will be used to make some improvements at Independence Oaks County Parks.

Oakland County was awarded over \$1 million from the trust fund, and \$24,500 of it has been earmarked to renovate the existing restroom at the

Independence Oaks boat house to better accommodate handicapped visitors.

Kindergarten enrollments continue to grow

Just how fast is enrollment growing in the Clarkston school district? So fast that a report on confirmed kindergarten enrollments prepared July 2 was already out of date by 10 students on July 8.

Deputy superintendent Dr. Mike LaBay presented the school board with a report Monday night showing 423 kindergartners are already confirmed for fall. That was up 10 at Clarkston Elementary since he had prepared the report a few days earlier.

LaBay said he expects enrollments to continue to grow at least until school starts. Last year there were 497 kindergartners, and board treasurer Kurt Shanks said he expects to top that number this year.

"There will be others," LaBay said. "Every week we get more."

"I'm stunned," said trustee Sheila Hughes.

ZBA to review Cafe's outdoor seating request

In last week's edition of The Clarkston News, it was incorrectly reported that the City of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals would hear the Clarkston Cafe's outdoor seating request on July 10. The case is scheduled for July 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Clarkston's City Hall, 375 Depot.

At that time the ZBA will consider the cafe's updated site plan and a temporary use permit to allow the cafe to place six 20x30-inch tables and 12 seats flush to the cafe's outside wall during the summer season.

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The best game in town



By Darrel W. Cole

● There's a nationwide effort led by a coalition of women's groups encouraging women to get out and vote.

Hopefully it will work. The more voters, the better. But, some might say, why not encourage women to run for more political offices? As Helen Reddy once said, "I am woman, hear me roar."

For instance, right here in our own little township only three of the 18 candidates running for office are women. And two of them (Joan McCrary and Sheila Hughes) are running for clerk.

The other candidate is Roberta Badgley. She's all alone in her battle for the treasurer's spot against four men.

As far as trustees, well, let's say they have quite a males-only club going. In the past 26 years, Carol Balzarini (1984) is the only woman to be elected trustee.

This year the trend continues with nine male trustee candidates.

The point is if women in this township are wanting their voices heard there's at least one reason they should be roaring.

● Those who follow local government may know at least 16 of the 18 candidates from their work on governmental bodies or public service. There are candidates who have experience from the school board, safety path committee, planning commission, zoning board of appeals, wetlands board, GOP committees, teaching, and on and on.

But there are two names who may not sound familiar. Treasurer candidate Roberta Badgley and trustee candidate Joseph J. Vasquez are the so-called unknowns of this election, but that label surely doesn't fit either of them.

Badgley is a CPA and controller at Oakland University (in charge of 10 employees), while Vasquez, a retired hotshot from GM, has experienced more in life than most people will ever dream of.

So if you as a voter have never heard of them before, do yourself a favor and find out more about these candidates so you will surely make the most informed choice you can at the polls.

● All of the candidates in this all-important August 6 primary election have good resumes for the positions they seek. Many people have told me how great it is so many strong candidates are running for office.

Voters have tough choices to make at the polls. Now let's hope they buck past trends and have a higher than the average 20 percent turnout in the primary.

● The public is invited to attend "Primary Decision '96," which includes two candidate nights on July 18 and 24, sponsored by The Clarkston News and TCI Cable.

Candidates for supervisor, treasurer and clerk will participate in a question-answer type format on July 18, 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex, while candidates for trustee will do the same July 24 at 7:30.

"Primary Decision '96" will also be broadcast on cable.

● Issues of The Clarkston News before the Aug. 6 primary: 3.

● Until next time, see ya at the game. Call me at 625-3370 with your questions, comments or suggestions.



Chuck Davison, who hauls steel up north and back, thinks truck drivers will suffer speed limit consequences — more danger because their rigs will be forced to travel slower than cars.

S-p-e-e-d!

Increasing MPH meets with mixed reviews

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At 8 a.m. the first signs of another scorching day force Chuck Davison to pull off the road for a Coke.

As he stands outside a rest stop on I-75 north of Clarkston, Davison grips the icy can and looks over to his truck — a rig that can carry up to 62,000 pounds of steel.

Like many other truckers on Michigan's highways, Davison, a Goodrich resident who hauls loads to Gaylord, Grand Rapids and Muskegon 300 miles per day, isn't happy about the speed limit experiment signed into law June 25 by Gov. John Engler.

Next month portions of Michigan's rural freeways will have their speed limits raised to 70 mph. Other segments already have boosted 65 mph limits in place, including an I-75 stretch in Independence Township. But, unless state legislators change the bill, truck drivers will continue to bite the bullet at 55 mph.

A window of opportunity opened when President Bill Clinton signed a repeal of a federal prohibition on speed limits above 65 mph last year. Several states have already boosted their limits, but safety data is, so far, inconclusive.

When Michigan changes go into effect August 1, Davison won't be celebrating. He predicts the situation will become dangerous for him and fellow truckers.

"It's going to be a hazard. Most of us do 60 mph. You get a car doing 70, we're going to be in the way," he complains. Even with the present limits, "We're going slow and cars are flying." For the 34 years Davison, 52, has been on the road, he's had several incidents where motorists have hit the rear of his truck because, he claims, they haven't been paying attention. That'll get worse with the increase, he says.

Even though he remembers the days when the speed limit was 70 — for both cars and trucks — he

never drove that fast but feels comfortable at 65 mph max.

Fellow trucker Gary Thompson, who drives for a paint company that services "the Big Three," says 55 mph is just fine for him. "At 70 miles an hour it's going to take a lot more to stop that truck," he says.

For motorists too, point of view differs. Several who relaxed at the rest stop had their own perspectives about the experiment which ends Oct. 31. At that time state legislators will evaluate whether or not there have been increases in highway deaths, accidents and injuries. Collected data will determine if the experiment is to be extended. In time it may become permanent.

That prospect doesn't sit well with Anne Dwyer, a Bloomfield Township resident who makes frequent trips as far as Bay City for her sales job. Like many, she won't be affected by the provisional portion along I-75 because it starts north of Standish — but she's worried about others.

"The problem is people go 10 or 12 miles above the speed limit. If you (raise it to) 70, they'll go 80, 82 ... In Michigan I think 65 is plenty high and it doesn't need to be any higher. I think it should stay 55 in the urban areas. There you have people going bumper to bumper and it's dangerous."

Of course, she quips, her present car won't allow her to go any faster. "After 75 it starts to shake," she laughs.

Derrick Vickers, a 15-year-old Grand Blanc High School student who was traveling with his driver's ed. instructor and another student, agrees. This is only his fourth day on the road but Derrick says he's already become more aware of speeders and the risks they take. "Maybe 65 would be better. People won't abuse the speed limit by 75 or 80 nearly as much."

His instructor, Ron Brewer, disagrees. Like many, he argues, "Personally I think it's a good idea. People are doing 70 right now." But, he adds, if Michigan's freeways turn to a higher limit, "I would like to see it

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Sheriff checking identity of drowning victim at Ind. Oaks

The drowning of a man at Independence Oaks County Park Saturday has left the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and parks officials with more questions than answers.

All officials are saying for now is that the body of a man was pulled from the swimming lake at the park at around 8:30 p.m. Saturday. How long he was missing and even who he is are still under investigation.

What the Oakland County Sheriff's Department does know is that the man had a blood alcohol level of .26 (.10 is considered legally drunk).

Sgt. Joseph Lambourn, sergeant in charge of all Oakland County Parks for the Sheriff's Department, said the victim is believed to be a 35-year-old Baltimore, Maryland man who was visiting relatives in the area. He said a relative noticed his sandals at their picnic site at the park but it's unclear how much time had elapsed since he had last been seen.

When he was reported missing, two lifeguards went into the lake and on their second attempt, recovered the body.

In order to verify the victim's identity, police are conducting a computer fingerprint analysis. No further information was available as of press time.

Sell now

Investment manager recommends immediate action

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

While the final verdict isn't in yet, at least one Independence Township investment expert says sell some risky securities now and sell more in the next six to 18 months.

Munder Capital Management's Peter Root, the township's hired investment manager, sent his recommendation to the township on July 2. If the township board of trustees were to follow this plan, two securities (one a corporate bond mutual fund and the other a U.S. Treasury Strip) would be sold "immediately" at a loss of about \$185,000.

In the next six to 18 months, Root then recommends selling off two of the four collateralized mortgage obligations, realizing a loss of over \$800,000, when the market interest rate hits a certain point.

One security, called FNMA 1993-201 SC, was purchased for about \$1.9 million and is recommended to be sold when the market hits a rate of 7.2 percent. The other CMO, called a FHLMC 1584 SB, was purchased for about \$976,000 (market value as of May 31 is \$436,000) and would be sold off when the market hits an as-yet-to-be determined rate.

"We believe this strategy to be both pro-active in avoiding greater losses, yet have the flexibility to allow some upside benefits should interest rates return

to levels found earlier this year," said Root.

While Root also added that these "trigger points" could change depending on the market in the next few months, "should rates start rising again, taking no action would lead to further deterioration in these positions."

The board has not voted on the recommendation and is still awaiting similar analysis from investment advisor Aileron Ltd. and comments from auditors at Plante & Moran.

Root's main reason in recommending to sell the risky, long term securities is to reduce the overall portfolio's duration.

As of now, the township's portfolio has a duration of about 7.4 years, mainly due to the four CMO securities. The goal for the portfolio is to have a duration of 3.4 years.

By selling the mutual fund, called Lord Abbott Government Securities, right away, the township's portfolio duration would be reduced by .75 years. By selling the treasury strip, which has a maturity date of 2003, the duration would be reduced by another .15 years.

By reinvesting the proceeds of the sales in short securities, the portfolio duration rate would be reduced to 6.5 years.

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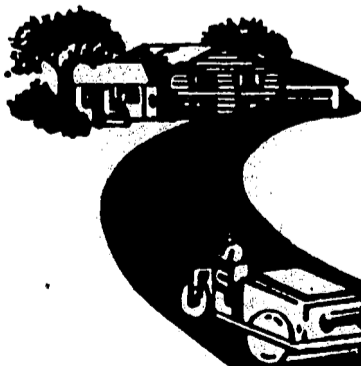
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Stuart says 'politics' behind new revelations

BY DARREL W. COLE and ANNETTE KINGSBURY

While two recent billing disputes are being labled as political games, the facts are that Independence Township has found itself in a minor controversy.

One of the billing disputes is over money owed the Michigan Department of Transportation and the other is over an expired car lease agreement, which could end up in litigation.

The information was leaked to The Clarkston News. Township supervisor Dale Stuart confirms there are disputes with the two bills, but said there are often disagreements about such matters that never make it out of the township offices.

"Why all of a sudden is this newsworthy," said Stuart. "We have controversies with bills and debts with contractors and companies all the time so this is nothing new. If there is a concern we take a look at it. This was brought up for strictly political reasons."

The Michigan Department of Treasury took \$2,351 due the Independence Township Library from state shared revenues because of an outstanding bill owed to MDOT from the I-75/Sashabaw Road construction completed in 1993.

Stuart said there was some dispute over the MDOT bill, but the library will still gets its money through the general fund and the bill will be paid.

"I had questions if the bill was proper because some costs were added after the fact and, yes, I did hold it up," said Stuart. "But it will be paid and the library will get its money no matter what."

The I-75/Sashabaw Road exit construction was completed in late 1993. The contract, signed in July

1990 by then-supervisor Tink Ronk, called for the township to pay part of the costs. In April 1994, the township was sent a bill for over \$10,000 in costs that Stuart said were added to the original bill.

On June 26, 1996 the Michigan Treasury, Collections Division — through a written letter — said it had intercepted the quarterly state shared revenue payment to the library and applied it to the outstanding MDOT account.

The letter states that the township still has \$5,888 left to pay MDOT.

In a similar incident, a new, paid-for Sunbird the township purchased from a local car-leasing agent was repossessed June 30 because Stuart, as department head responsible for the bill, refused to OK the bill and send it on to the township board, which formally authorizes all expenditures. The car has since been returned.

Correspondence between the township, Stadium CAR Rental and Randy Hosler Pontiac indicates that when the leased car driven by Stuart was turned in, it had excess mileage and needed repairs. The repair work was completed by Hosler; the lease agreement was with CAR Rental. When Stuart refused to authorize payment of the \$4,077 the dealers said they were jointly owed, Stuart was sent a letter giving 14 days to resolve the problem. When it wasn't, the Sunbird was repossessed.

Both sides argue that they are working within the specifications of the contract, and both sides expect there to be litigation.

"What we have done with our vehicles has been done in accordance with the contract," Stuart said. "The contract didn't provide any mileage limitation."

He refused further comment due to the possibility of a lawsuit.

"It's a cheap shot, it really is," said AJ (AJ) Bauer, president of CAR. "What else can I say? They still owe me the money." Bauer said he returned the repossessed Sunbird "on good faith" only, and that until the township pays it's bill, he will not transfer the title to the car.

Bauer said that generally speaking, car leases are always negotiated with mileage limitations, and the bid he made for the township's business included such a limit. In addition, the lease customer is required to make repairs that are considered beyond "fair wear and tear."

"They absolutely did not have unlimited mileage," Bauer said. "I've been in this business 28 years and nobody gives unlimited mileage... (And) the car had mechanical damage that's not 'fair wear and tear' by anybody's standards."

Beyond the dollars and cents, it seems apparent there is a conflict over style as well.

"He (Stuart) never spoke to me. He never had the courtesy to call me," Bauer said. "I'm really perturbed at the whole situation."

What's the practical effect of the flap? For one thing, the relationship between the township and two local businesses is apparently finished. For another, the assessing department, which had the use of the repossessed car, was without one of it's cars at a busy time in the department's property assessing cycle. The car was even briefly reported stolen, since no one bothered to tell assessor Dave Kramer it had been repossessed.

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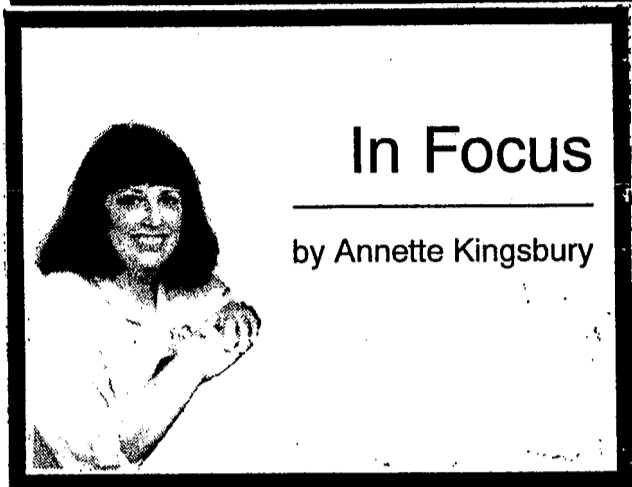
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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Last week I wrote about taking political campaign claims with a big grain of salt. Well, along comes a fax from the Michigan Democratic Party, saying they have instituted a "Truth Squad" to root out lies in Republican campaigning this fall. I can hardly wait.

"We've noticed that Republican candidates don't always tell the whole truth about their positions or their records," said Democratic Party Chair Mark Brewer. "The Truth Squad will be out in force to make sure that voters find out more about these candidates than what they see in slick 30-second television ads."

Well!

I'm sure we all have memorable campaign commercials tucked away in the recesses of our brains. I remember one from a recent election that had dancing convicts, complete with striped uniforms. It was a real hoot. I can't imagine that it swayed any voters (at least not as intended), but name recognition is the game, so if you can be remembered, I guess that's half the battle.

The Dennis has the philosophy that if you're running for office, any publicity is good publicity. If that's true, the Truth Squad may want to be careful not to give too much attention to the other side without at the same time pumping their own guy.

However, it is fun to watch. The squad is just another tactic whose intention is to gain attention, like the Pat Nowak Mudgate incident of a couple of weeks ago. Though much of Nowak's attention was negative over that little demonstration, the delivery of mud in baby food jars probably wouldn't have merited even a line in a newspaper if the Gerber Baby Food people hadn't gotten their shorts in such a knot over it.

Maybe the same will be true of the Truth Squad, which planned to get underway at a joint appearance by US Senate candidates Ronna Romney and Jim Nicholson in Troy June 27. If you're the incumbent, Sen. Carl Levin, you've got to love it.

For example, the Truth Squad says that while Romney and Nicholson both say they want to help senior citizens, both really favor cuts in Medicare being pushed by their party. While both say they value honest work, both are against increasing the minimum wage (Nicholson apparently doesn't believe there should be a minimum at all, according to the Truth Squad). While they bicker bitterly about who is most anti-abortion, "the truth is they are both outside of the mainstream," the Truth Squad says.

The only fault I can find with the Truth Squad's initial missive to the media is that it doesn't include the Democrats' own position on the issues mentioned. In fact, it doesn't even mention Levin's name.

It's easy to take pot shots at the opposition. But if we're going to complain about the other guy, let's rise above the fray. Give us some reasons why we should support your guy. Show us what you believe in at the same time.

What's wrong with this picture? A man is charged with assault and battery on a woman, along with a bunch of property crimes, including stealing a car. Arraigned in 52-2 District Court in Clarkston, he receives a bond of \$100 cash on the assault charge, and \$5,000 (cash 10 percent) on the property charges.

I guess women all know now which is considered more valuable--your car or your life.

Letters to the editor

Salute the flag

Maybe I should appreciate the applause when the Color Guard was carrying the Old Glory during the Fourth of July Parade. However, it's hard to clap your hands when one is over your heart.

Bob Heazlit

New high school too costly

Dear Editor:

I just received my summer property tax bill that was \$220 (or 28 percent) higher than last summer's bill. The treasurer's office explained that it was because of the school bond issue. Gee, I don't remember the promotion for that bond issue saying that my taxes would increase by such an incredible amount.

I, and three out of four of my neighbors, are either long-term residents with no children, or retirees who moved out to the country for peace and quiet. We have a lot of new housing and new people moving into our community, which logically should increase the tax base enough to pay for necessary services, including schools. Yet here we are with tax bills nearly as high as they were before the property tax cut was passed. I hope everybody remembers this the next time a millage increase or bond issue comes up for a vote.

Sincerely,
Pamela Boyd

Editor's note: When the ballot proposal was prepared for the high school bond issue, the school district said it would add 3.9 mills to the debt retirement millage. That is the amount that has been added to the 1996 summer tax bill.

Ode to Sashabaw (Or thanks for the repaving)

I've never written an ode to a highway,
But a thank you I just had to compose my way.
My days are much smoother and my future is bright,

Because driving on Sashabaw is now such a delight.

The potholes were deep and the cracks were real wide,

My life's greatest fear was being swallowed up inside.

Sashabaw ate mufflers, tires and such,
One icy day a man dropped his clutch!
This road was so bumpy my hair-do would fall,
My hair was straight by the time I reached Summit Mall.

I tip my hard hat to the paving crew,
All dressed in fluorescent my hugs go to you.
Especially that one guy that looked like a model,

He made my flywheel flutter and revved up my throttle.

I thank all of you taxpayers and those who buy fuel,

For making my drive home now chasm free and coooool.

I really do thank you, your work's really great,
Let's hope it holds up through at least '98!
Signed: "Exhalting Asphaltting" - Debby

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Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Still going, but what does it mean?

In less than a year one of The Clarkston News' sister publications will roll into its 99th year.

The Oxford Leader has kept that community abreast of what is going on -- the good the bad and the ugly -- since April 15, 1898.

Of course, for the better part of the first year The Leader was known as The Intruder. By December of 1898 the name was changed to what it has been ever since.

A leader in the community -- that's what The Leader's owners thought of themselves near the turn of the century. That's what the folks here at The Clarkston News think of themselves, today. And, I'm sure it is what they thought when the newspaper started in 1929.

"Mr. W. H. Brokenshaw, proprietor of the Commercial House, has the honor of first suggesting the name that appears at our head to-day (sic).

"While we would have been glad to have used the 373 names sent in, we can hardly do so. They were all good ones and most excellent reasons were given why they should be chosen, yet it was judged that 'Leader' would be the best.

"It is a well balanced head, contains the same number of letters as 'Oxford,' and represents exactly what we wish to be: i.e., a leader in all that is good and

true and best for the interest of this part of Lapeer and Oakland Co. We hope the 'Leader' will be a weekly visitor to your home for many years."

That's what ran in Oxford on Dec. 9, 1898. Every week since The Oxford Leader has kept readers informed about their schools, government, neighbors. Each week area businesses advertise their specials.

Each week we in the community newspaper business do the best job we can as your hometown newspaper. It's the same here as it is in Oxford and our other community newspapers Lake Orion Review (1881), and The Citizen (1995). We all want to be leaders in our communities.

What does all this does mean, however, to you, the readers? What do you see as our job as your hometown newspapers?

What should a community, a hometown newspaper, be? Should we aspire to be leaders in our community? Should we get involved, should we care, or should we merely report on nice things?

Is there even a reason for a community newspaper these days?

If you have an opinion about this, write it down and send it to me. Send your stuff to me at 5 S Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

If Independence Township is willing to promise \$100,000 to pay its share of the drainage improvements proposed for M-15 south of the village, then the state is willing to have a consultant review alternatives to the proposed five-lane widening. But if the township doesn't agree to take on the cost of the drainage construction, the state will not widen M-15 to five lanes and instead may only review intersection improvements, says Jack Morgan, manager of the state's Department of Transportation Public Involvement Section.

Thirty-six Independence Township firefighters spend about eight hours in June complying with a new state law which requires any firefighter who drives a fire vehicle weighing more than 24,000 pounds to complete a state-certified driving course. The course is offered by the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council which offers six hours of classroom study and the completion of an obstacle course.

The opening weeks of the season have been anything but easy for the Clarkston Professional Plaza Hawks. But the team holds its own against some tough and experienced opponents despite a 2-5 record thus far in the Independence Parks and Recreation Pony League baseball season. "We're a first-year team. Against other first-year teams we're 2-1," says team manager Dick Parker.

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

Clarkston Village Council passes an ordinance designed to give police authority to deal with loitering and disorderly persons in public. The new law prohibits and defines disorderly conduct and provides penalties for those found guilty. Specifically, 40 descriptions are given of acts that are prohibited. The penalty can be up to a \$500 fine, 90 days in jail or both.

Swimming classes are offered through Independence Township Recreation Department. The department is sponsoring a pilot swimming program to determine the possibility of using private pools for community swimming instruction. Dr. and Mrs. Al Hamilton of Middle Lake Rd. are providing the use of their pool for this program which will run five days a week for three weeks.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

Outside of the board members and the superintendent, only 10 are present at the annual school

meeting of Clarkston Public Schools. The secretary's and treasurer's reports are read and approved. Gerald O'Dell, president for the past year, thanks Joseph Hubbard, retiring member, for his fine cooperation during the term, explaining that Joe has been on the board for so long that most people have lost count of when he was first elected. Hubbard has been a board member for 13 years. Officers elected for the next year include Paul Henry, president; Keith Leak, treasurer; Orlo J. Willoughby, secretary; and trustees Elmer R. Pettengill and Gerald O'Dell.

An open golf tournament to determine the champion golf king of Clarkston will be held next Wednesday afternoon at the Davisburg Country Club. The tournament is open to all amateur golfers. The first contestants will tee off at 1 p.m. for the 18-hole battle which will continue all afternoon. Pros are barred from the tournament so everyone will be on equal footing. A buffet-style dinner will be served following the tournament.

Green Acres Inn is now open. The inn features ham, steak and chicken dinners and, for a delightful bit of entertainment, you can play horseshoes or badminton or test your skill at archery. There's swimming and boating, too.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

David Clark McClelland, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne McClelland of Sashabaw Rd., has the misfortune of breaking his arm. David decides to crank the old Ford truck, but a couple of twists and he is in need of first aid. This is a poor start for a summer vacation but all David's friends are hoping that his arm will heal quickly.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy in "The Bohemian Girl," Dick Foran ("The Singing Cowboy") in "Treachery Rides the Range," Henry Fonda in "The Moon's Our Home" and Freddie Bartholomew and Dolores Costello in "Little Lord Fauntleroy." Also showing is the Buster Keaton comedy "Three on a Limp."

Special's at Rudy's this week include pork steak, 22 cents a pound; veal chops, 24 cents a pound; hamburger, 29 cents for two pounds; spaghetti, a nickel a pound; Drefit, a package for 15 cents, one package free; oleo, two pounds for a quarter; and Crisco, a 3-pound can for 53 cents. Rudy's has watermelon on ice.

More letters to the editor

Task force gets support

Dear Clarkstonites,

We at the Clarkston Task Force would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Club, Optimists and the school district of Clarkston (through usage of their drug-free grant monies) for their contributions and support.

Due to their efforts the task force will be able to publish a community resource guide to help us find additional activities/resources to maintain positive, productive community interactions and support for our youth.

We would also like to thank the church parishioners from St. Daniel and United Methodist churches for their contributions of over \$1,000 to the Change for Change campaign. These monies will allow us operational funding to pursue grants and networking to bring together additional resources and programs in our efforts to provide a safer, constructive environment for our youth.

We asked for change, a small investment that will allow our community to profit in years to come from our greatest resource — our children.

Thank you
Diane St. Peter, MSW

Wenger sets goals

Dear Editor:

After teaching and supervising Clarkston High School students for many years, Jim Wenger's knowledge and experience will be a great benefit to the Independence Township Board. Jim would inject all the enthusiasm and fortitude he maintained in his classes into the township treasurer's position.

Just as Jim set and met goals for his success in the educational field, so he will set and meet his goals for the treasurer's position.

I urge the voters of Independence Township to vote for Jim Wenger for township treasurer.

Sincerely,

Dom Mauti

Former CHS administrator and
44-year resident of Clarkston

McCrary deserving

Dear voters:

The last four years have witnessed rapid growth, some controversy and other rapid changes in our township. But one very, very reliable and steady force and public servant has been our clerk, Joan McCrary.

I hope you will join myself and many others in re-electing Joan. I believe she is very deserving of another four years in office.

Dr. James O'Neill

People Poll

By Eileen Oxley

Are you in favor of the new speed limit law?

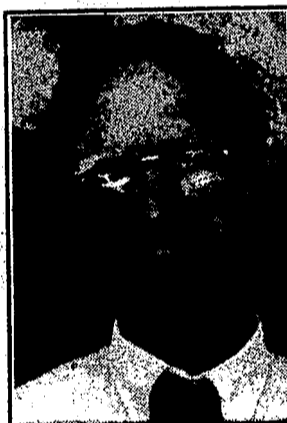
CAROLYNN THOMSON, WATERFORD: No, I'm not in favor of it because now that it's 65 they go 75. If it's set at 70 I'm sure they're going to be going 80 or 85. They're going to take advantage.



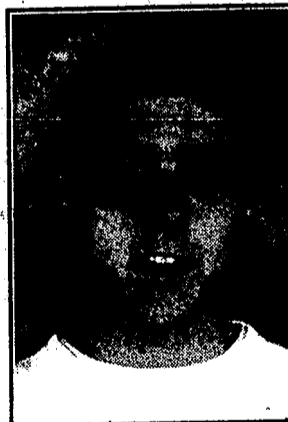
LISA UPHAM, DURAND: No, I'm afraid of it for my husband. He drives 80 miles a day down I-69. Especially in the bad weather ... I was in a spin-out accident on I-69 and people were whizzing by me. It was icy. I was only going 40 or 35.



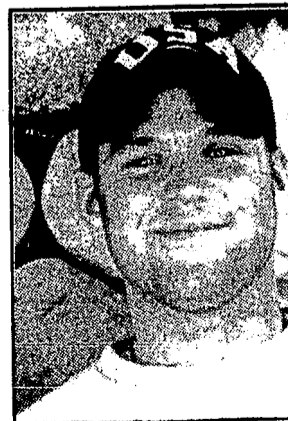
JOE VALENTINO, CLARKSTON: Yes, I'm in favor of it because everybody's doing over 65 now anyway. Maybe it'll slow it down. There'll be more people going 65.



JEFF ROBINETTE, WATERFORD: I think it should just stay the same (55), I guess, because the accidents are bad enough as it is.



NATHAN SMITH, CLARKSTON: Everywhere, no. I'm not in favor of it near the cities. But in rural areas there's no reason why you can't do 70 or 75. It's up to your discretion when there's no one on the road.



Reaction to speed limit mixed

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enforced if we're going to go 70."

Adds Clarkston resident Leonard Deitrick, 65, who was drinking coffee with his wife Pam before heading up north to a campground, "Everybody's going 85 or 90 anyway. I don't know what the big deal is."

The "big deal," say some law enforcement officers, is enforcement, which they claim will be much stiffer when the test limits begin.

Though he argues up to now it's been customary for motorists to "take 10" — that is, figure they can get away with 10 miles over the limit before they're issued tickets — Oakland County Sheriff's Lt. Doug Hummel, Independence substation commander, supports the bill if enforcement is stepped up.

"I'm in favor of increasing the speed limit to 70 provided it has strict enforcement. That's the only way it's gonna work."

But though Hummel feels there will be more cops on the freeway and airplane spotters catch some of the culprits, he knows it will be impossible to nail all the speeders.

"Ever go fishing? Ever catch all the fish?" he quips.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston thinks more about the safety factor than anything else. With more speed comes more fatalities and greater severity

equipment, etc.

"We pushed to get that in," Ormiston said. However the legislature left it out of the new law.

Michigan State Police Pontiac post commander Lt. Ron Lapp feels things have changed since the limit dropped to 55.

"Let's take a look at why there's been a decrease in fatalities. It's the education people did on drunk driving and safety belt use. Plus cars are much safer today with airbags. I think there are a lot of other issues that come into play. For instance, it's not socially acceptable any more to drink and drive."

Lapp doesn't think there will be a marked difference between the severity of catastrophes at 65 mph or 70 mph. "You're going to be just as dead, maimed or crippled," he argues.

"Law enforcement is going to have to buckle down," says Lapp. "I'll tell you what, we'll be playing more hard ball."

Lapp has personal experience with seat belts saving lives. Both of his children were involved in "horrible car crashes." Their lives were spared, he claims, because they were wearing seat belts.

"What I say is, 'God bless every police officer who stops 'em,'" he says. "Seat belts save lives."

State Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Ortonville), praises the bill as "a great piece of legislation." He favors the increase but, like others, he would like to have seen the seat belt provision.

"I guess if we were ever going to get mandatory seat belt usage, that was going to be a good place to put it."

Middleton feels the reason the provision was voted down was because the greater number of legislators who come from the state's more heavily populated areas like Detroit and Macomb County pushed for motorists' "personal rights."

"(Those legislators) argue that if we passed the law to increase seat belts, it's taking the right of choice away from people," Middleton says.

Nancy Cain, Automobile Club of Michigan spokesperson, says insurance rates will reflect any differences in accident rates.

"Insurance reflects your experience. If there's no increase in accidents there will be no change. If there is an increase, yes, rates will increase."

Time will tell, says Michigan Department of Transportation spokesperson Robin Pannecouk. "It's premature to answer that kind of question. We really need to look at the data. There are a lot of different opinions. And there are arguments as to why the governor supports the test zones."

If the feedback does indeed turn out to be positive, Middleton argues, "Why wouldn't you leave it at 70 mph?"

70-mph test zones :

I-75 between Standish and Sault Ste. Marie
U.S.-131 between Grand Rapids and
Cadillac

I-96 between Muskegon and Lansing
I-69 between Indiana border and Port Hu-
ron (except Flint)

I-94 between Mt. Clemens and Port Huron

of injuries, he feels. He says both have decreased since the speed limit was lowered to 55 mph and people have been wearing seat belts.

He's upset that state legislators voted down a proposal that would have made seat belt enforcement mandatory with the speed limit bill.

"A crash at 55 is less than an accident at 75," Ormiston says. "At least make it safer by letting us enforce safety belt use as the primary enforcement tool."

Current state law says police can't stop someone just because he isn't wearing a seat belt. There has to be a "primary" reason, such as speeding, defective

Heritage Hunt II

By Virginia Block

Searching for a Smith? Everyone, it seems, hits a stonewall when they seek to tie into the "Smith's."

A big break for many folks is the vast amount of information to be found in regard to the family of Joseph Smith, the founder of the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon religion). We are all familiar with the FHC (Family History Centers) in all our local areas. Both the one in Bloomfield Hills and the one located in Grand Blanc have practically brought "Salt Lake City" to our doors.

With the historic tie to Pontiac of Stephen Mack, it is in profiling his family pedigree that we discover his descent from the earliest "first families" of the colonial era.

When his wife, Temperance Bond, moved into the following of those members of Joseph Smith's band, it became possible to find connections of his son, Joseph Jr., to the "spousal lines" of Bagley,

Baker, Bennett, Bodfish, Brocklebank, Chamion, Colby, Crocker, Curtis, DeWolf, Dutton, Duty, French, Fuller, Gates, Gould, Hidden, Howland, Hunt, Huntley, Lee, Look, Loomis, Lothrop, Mack, Meriam, Olmsted, Palmer (John), Palmer (William), Redding, Rowley, Smith, Stickney and Tilley.

Joseph, Jr., married Emma Hale and furnishes the lines of Barnes, Beach, Bosworth, Bradley, Buckland, Bunnell, Chedsey, Chipman, Cobb, Denslow, Frost, Hale (Hcald), Hodge, Hotchkiss, Howland, Huckins, Hurst, Lewis, Lord, Mallory, Maltby, Mugs, Nash, Paine, Platt, Powell, Preston, Pritchard, Royce (Rice), Sherman (hey, Jim!), Spinning (Spinage), Talmage, Thompson, Tilley, Towner, Tuttle, Vinton, Ward and Wilmont.

If you found "your" tie mentioned here, contact us for further information found in our "Smith book." Happy Hunting.

Letters to the editor

Questions for council

To the Editor:

Following is a list of questions I have to the city council regarding the delays we have met in our quest for outside dining. I feel these questions should be seen by all residents who may be concerned with what goes on in their hometown and how issues are dealt with:

If your city planner mentions and recommends that three specific businesses in town go before the board of zoning appeals, why is it only one of them is going?

Who determines who is going and how is it determined?

Why say it is the difference between public and private property when MDOT has given its approval and liability insurance has been submitted? The real issue is the ordinance your city planner has pointed out in section 8.01 that states that all business in the B-1 district "shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building." Two of the three businesses mentioned are on public land but still only one has to go before the ZBA.

Why say that the Union may be required to go before the ZBA but still let it use the outside dining in clear violation of your ordinance? If it's not a "big deal," then why isn't it being done? The motion to accept the Union's outside dining states "that conditions meet city ordinance requirements." Did anyone look at the book of ordinances? The excuse "we're sorry, we missed it" is not professional. The next line should be, "Now this is what we are going to do to fix it."

Why did the city attorney and planner not look at your ordinance back in March when the Union first applied and when I called with my second request on how to get outside dining?

Has anyone approached Coach's Corner on what they must do to continue using the sidewalk? If I put my tables out before the ZBA meeting will I be ticketed?

I have been told that the reason for the ZBA is so my neighbors can voice any concern they may have over outside dining. I don't have a problem with that but I would like to know why I don't have the same rights nor do the businesses one block down from us.

Why did the city attorney tell us at the council meeting on June 25 that it would take 48 hours to call a ZBA meeting and that we would know on Tuesday, but then we do not find out until Friday and then it takes until July 18?

I realize the council is a hard-working, dedicated group of individuals and try not to appear they are playing favorites. But accepting a position has responsibilities. You need to have the rules in place when someone calls for guidance, not write them as you go along. In the meantime time is running out, summer is half over and I'm still on the inside looking out.

Carroll Harris
GM, Clarkston Cafe

Vaara a leader

As a 35-year resident of Independence Township, I would like to voice my support for Mel Leroy Vaara as our next supervisor of Independence Township.

I have known Mel as a friend, a school administrator, a community leader and a fellow church member for the past 25 years. He is a people person who cares about the well-being of others. He does not just live in a community, he is an active part. He is not just a member of a church, he is an active participant.

Mel has the necessary leadership skills to see that our township government runs smoothly and efficiently. He works well with others, and is willing to listen to both sides of an issue with an open mind. He is honest and fair.

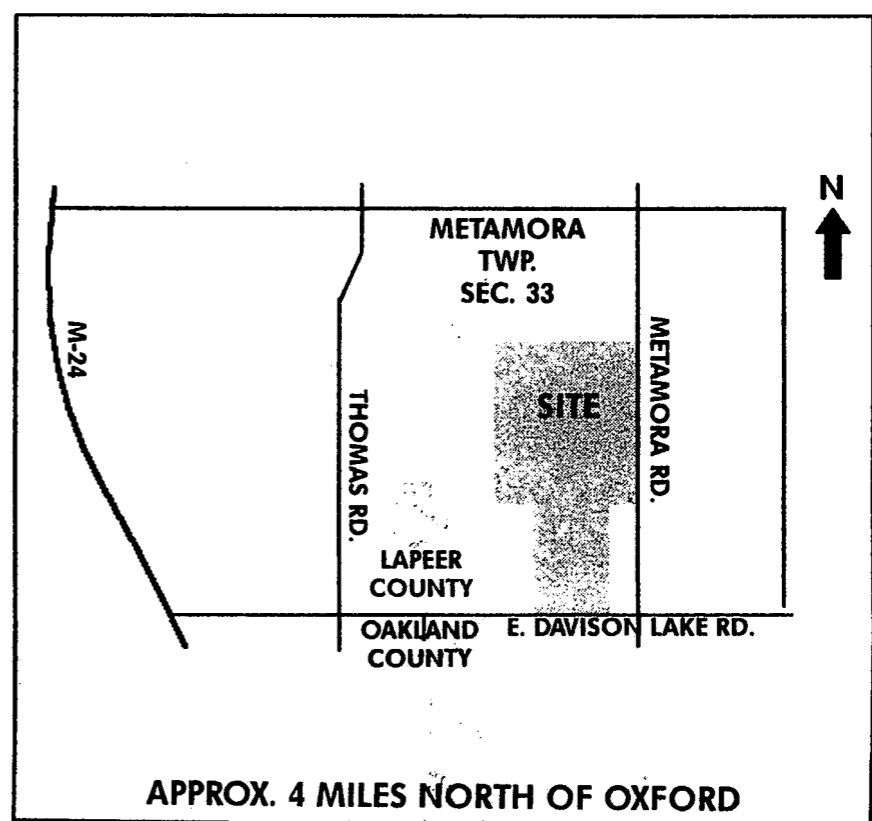
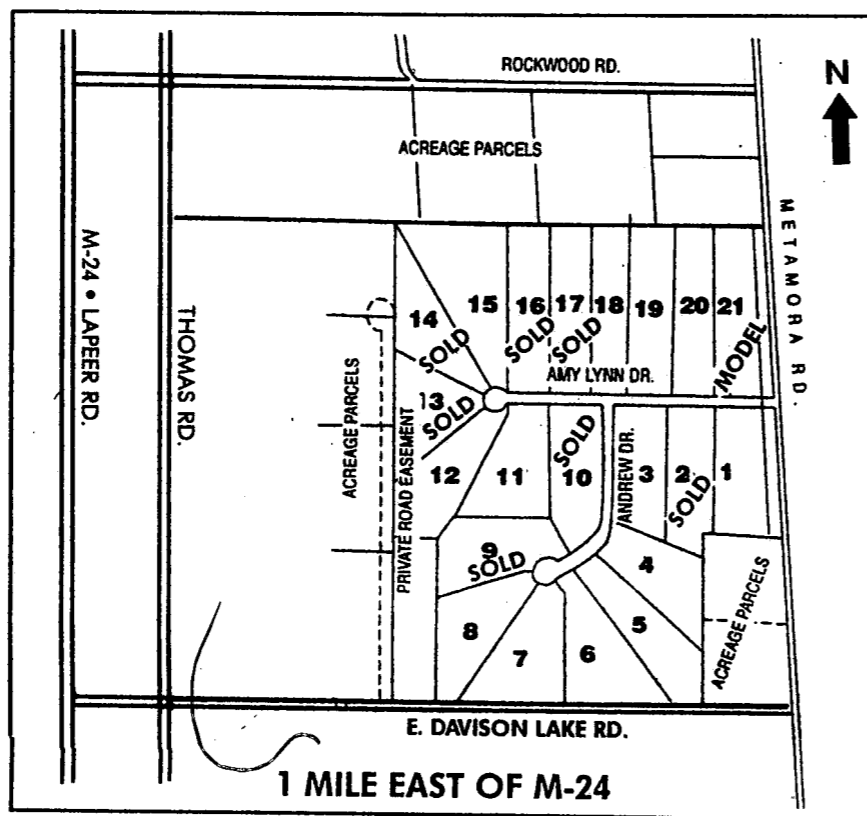
I strongly urge your support for this worthy candidate.

Sincerely,
Betty Thomas

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Milestones



Duman-Kortge

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duman of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Ann, to Gary Douglas Kortge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Kortge of Clarkston. An August 1996 wedding is planned at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.

Obituary

Helen Somers

Helen M. Somers, 81, of Westland, died July 1, 1996.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley and her son Brian.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra (Robert) Gamble of Traverse City; four grandchildren, Scott Gamble, Kelly Robert, Jill Barr and Martin Gamble; and three great-grandchildren, Kristen, Dexter and Dustin.

A funeral service was held July 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with the Rev. Richard C. Nelson officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to Grand Traverse Area Hospice, 1105 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI.

Honors

● Colin Jordan, associate professor of mechanical engineering at GMI Engineering & Management Institute and a Clarkston resident, was named one of three outstanding GMI teachers for 1996. Jordan was the faculty advisor for the natural gas conversion team which took second place nationally for two years in a row. He joined GMI in 1991 and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from Oakland University, as well as a Ph.D. from the University of Windsor. He is also well-known as the bagpiper who leads the commencement procession at GMI each year. The school also announced that Jordan had been promoted to professor.



Two new members of the Clarkston board of education were sworn in July 1. They are Mary Ellen McLean (left) and Karen Foyteck. Also

pictured are McLean's children, Caitlin, 9 and Kourtney, 11, who came to watch their mom get sworn in.

New arrivals



Bob and Deanna Olsen of Clarkston announce the birth of twin daughters, Paige Rebecca (left) and Dana Marie, born May 15 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Paige was delivered by natural childbirth, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Dana arrived by Caesarean and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces. She was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Remelda Olsen of Oak Park and Jim and Connie Egler of Riverview.

It's a boy for David and Annette (Cipparone) Wurth of Sterling Heights. Kenneth David Wurth was born April 10, 1996 at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has a sister, Danielle, 2. Grandparents are Dominic and Joan Cipparone of Clarkston and Kenneth and Marlene Wurth of Warren. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Hood of St. Clair, Harvey Gull of Utica and Vincent Wurth, also of Utica.



In service

● Navy Seaman Recruit David Clark, son of John and Evelyn Clark of Clarkston, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, ILL. He is a 1994 graduate of Our Lady of the Lakes High School.

Send Milestones to the News at 5 S. Main St.

School news

● David Edwards has been awarded an Albion College Scholarship for fall. The renewable scholarship is given to students in the top 15 percent of their high-school class based on grades and ACT/SAT scores. David is the son of Daniel and Janet Edwards of Clarkston.

● Caroline Allison, daughter of Lew and Geri Allison of Clarkston, was awarded a BA in human development and biology from Boston College May 20. Commencement speaker was Bill Cosby. Caroline is a 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School. Her activities at BC included volunteering at Boston's Children's Hospital, serving with Ignacio Volunteers in Mexico and Appalachia and working as a freshman assistant. She has also been named to the Dean's List. She will continue to reside in Boston.

● The following students made the President's List (all A's) at Baker College of Auburn Hills for spring quarter: from Davisburg, Kelly Gilbert; from Clarkston, Michael Allen, Rebecca Pieknik, Susan Siver and Mary Zarzycki.

● The following Clarkston students made the Dean's List at Baker College of Auburn Hills for spring quarter: Terri Banks, Rebecca Churchill, Wendy Conklin, Jennifer Nicholson, Diane Rash and Victoria Wisniewski.

● Stacy Galazin, Brendan Kelly and Jessica Miller, all of Clarkston, were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi national honor society at Western Michigan University this spring. Students are selected based on high academic standing. Miller is the daughter of Larry and Abby Miller. Kelly is the son of Kevin and Joy Kelly. Stacy is the daughter of Gary Galazin and Marilyn Snyder.

● Brennan Brown of Davisburg received an associate of arts degree magna cum laude from Northwood University in Midland May 11, 1996. He is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Brown.

● Robb Colbrunn made the Dean's List at Grove City College in Pennsylvania for spring semester. A 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donn Colbrunn.

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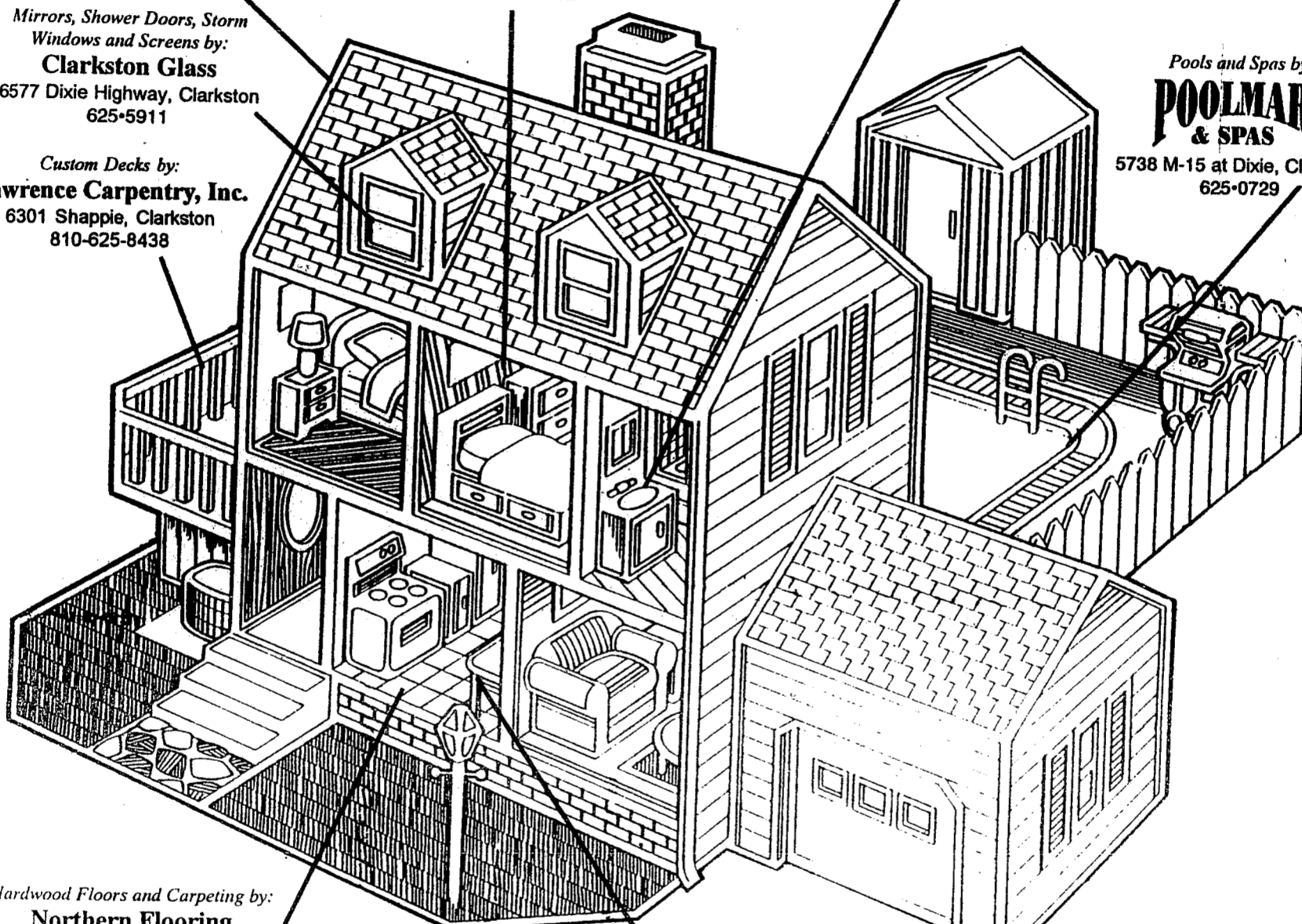
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Fire call

MONDAY, JULY 1, medical on Westview; one to North Oakland Medical Centers. Medical on Greenvew. Small grass fire on Clarkston Rd. Injured 15-year-old on Waldon. Man fell off a roof on Scammel; no transport.
TUESDAY, JULY 2, medical on Indianwood; one to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. Assault victim on Mann; no transport. Car/bike accident on Sashabaw. Medical at a gas station on Sashabaw; no

transport.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, man with an impaled fence post injury on Pond View. Injury accident on Dixie. Grass fire on Sashabaw. Medical on Sashabaw. Complaints on Whipple Lake Rd. and on Cornell.
THURSDAY, JULY 4, medical at Station 1. A reported grass fire on Pinewood turned out to be a controlled burn. Medicals on M-15 and on Parview.
FRIDAY, JULY 5, medical on Andersonville.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, medicals on Dixie, at Independence Oaks County Park, on Clarkston Rd. and on S. Main.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, car filled with smoke on Sedona.

Brush fire on Chestnut Hills Ct. Wires down on S. Main, Maybee near Chickadee, Dixie near the Big Boy restaurant, Pinedale, Heath and on W. Washington at the Clarkston Mills. A tree was also down on S. Main as a storm came through the area around 5:30 p.m. No fires were reported as a result of the downed wires.

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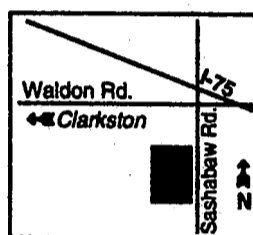
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Cafe manager puts council on hot seat

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A request for outdoor seating in front of the Clarkston Cafe is already on the agenda for the next Clarkston City Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. But cafe general manager Carroll Harris thinks there should be two other businesses standing beside her.

During public comments at the Monday night Clarkston City Council meeting, Harris wanted some answers to her questions about why the cafe's request for several outdoor tables is taking so long to be resolved — and why two other downtown business owners won't also be there when she appears before the ZBA for temporary (seasonal) use approval July 18.

"I'm not here to bash anybody," Harris said. She pointed to the Clarkston Union, which has already received site plan approval for an outdoor cafe and Coach's Corner, which regularly sets out clothesracks on the Main St. sidewalk. The Union opened its cafe on the Fourth.

The issue surfaced when city planner McKenna & Associates noticed the similarities and recommended two options: either the ZBA should review ordinance requirements on temporary outdoor uses or an amendment should be drafted to allow for outdoor uses under special land use provisions.

Harris read from Section 8.01 of the ordinance that says all business district uses should be "conducted within a completely enclosed building."

City attorney Tom Ryan told her, "(The Union and Coach's Corner) are going to have to be dealt with or the . . . ordinance will have to be changed. If the ordinance isn't changed, they'll have to go before the

ZBA also."

Harris wondered why Section 8.01 hadn't been considered when the Clarkston Union applied for site plan approval. "What the planner found was no big thing. I opened it up and said, 'It's sitting right there.' Did anybody look?" she asked.

Councilman Walt Gamble said the current situation is a violation of the city's ordinance. "It seems unacceptable to me. What Carroll is saying, I have to agree with her. We voted with incorrect information. They (the Union) should have to go before it now."

"They will," Ryan said.

"Now," Gamble repeated.

Tierra owner Buck Kopietz raised the issue of fairness, saying a temporary permit for the cafe should be immediately granted because the Union's outdoor seating is also viewed as temporary until the ZBA decision. "The Union did not open up before the law was found out," he said. Some feel the Union's outdoor cafe should be closed down until a decision is made.

Though several members sympathized with Harris, council decided conditions should stay the same until the ZBA takes a look July 18 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. The city's planning commission unanimously recommended approval last week.

Several council members and others in the community have said the incident illustrates the need to rewrite the city's zoning ordinance. Councilman Bill Basinger has called it "obsolete" and suggested setting city budget money aside for the purpose.

"These kinds of issues would be attended to and we would be proactive, not reactive," said councilman Dave Savage.

After Monday's meeting Gamble agreed that "blanket approval" to cover similar issues could be incorporated into the zoning ordinance — "a simpli-

fied procedure that should be in place next year to cover all these situations. It should be easy for business people to conduct business without hassles," he said.

On Tuesday morning tables went up at the cafe. Harris said during the meeting she felt, "If I did put them out nothing would be done. I think I more or less got a quiet approval on that . . . when I read between the lines."

In other council action:

● Main St. resident Jerry Wilford addressed council because he says cars and trucks are violating the speed limit through town, especially along the residential neighborhood on N. Main. "I think there is excessive speed and no control of it whatsoever," he said. Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston was not present to comment. The item will be put on the agenda for the next city council meeting on July 22.

● Ormiston's proposed parking ordinance was tabled to the next council meeting for a first reading.

● A City of Clarkston Project Approval Checklist drafted by Basinger has been reviewed by the city's planning commission and will be sent to the ZBA. Planning commission member Steve Arkwright has included a summary of the book, "City and Village Zoning: A Basic Guide for Citizens and Local Officials."

● Council voted 5-0 to purchase a new filing cabinet for the city at a cost not to exceed \$700. Mayor Sharon Catallo and Councilman Steve Secatch were absent.

● Raising fees for building inspections was discussed, but no formal action was taken.



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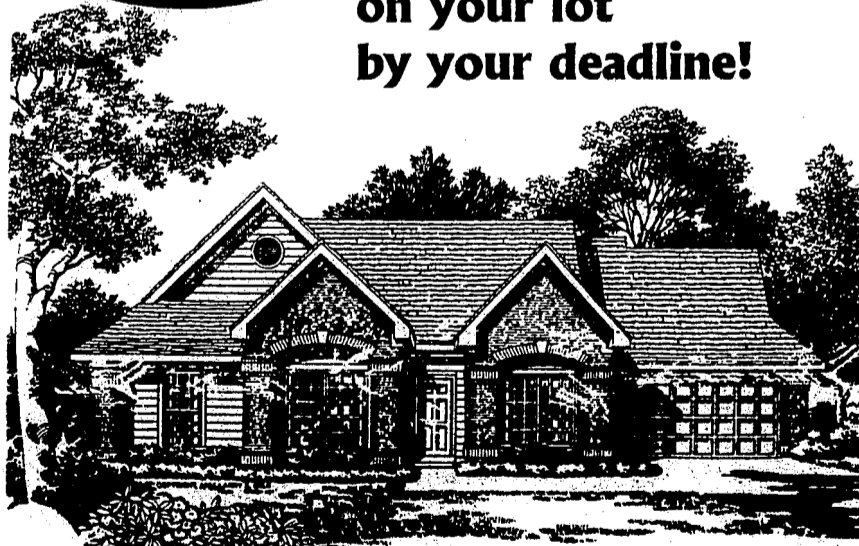
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Sheriff's log

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MONDAY, JULY 1, larceny of a jet ski parked on Maceday Lake.

Larceny of a wrought iron and wood park bench from a front porch on Meadowbrook. A second bench was left behind.

A 15-year-old Clarkston boy was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after he suffered a head injury from falling off a bike on Waldon. A witness said the boy was thrown from the bike, which then landed on him.

A license plate was missing from a 1994 Ford pick up parked on Tucson.

A car phone, glasses and an umbrella were stolen from a 1989 Ford, possibly unlocked, parked overnight on Timberlake.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, a pager and phone were stolen from a 1996 Jimmy parked on Timber Ridge.

Fight on Mann. No one was arrested as no one wanted to press charges.

A 1993 Pontiac Transport was reported stolen from a carport on Lancaster Lake Ct.

Someone shot out some lights and egged the new building that will house Hungry Howie's on Clarkston Rd.

Two emblems were stolen from a 1993 Toyota parked on Deepwood Ct.

Stalking on Dixie.

A Highland man was injured when the car he was driving ran off Clement and hit some trees.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, harassing phone call on Rockcroft.

An alarm alerted deputies to a breaking and entering at a club on Waterford Rd. They found a window broken and some cash and candy gone. Several locks had been pried and food had been dumped in the kitchen. Deputies arriving at the scene saw three people on bicycles fleeing the scene, leaving behind three screwdrivers. Several suspects have been identified.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, malicious destruction of a trampoline on Mockingbird.

A window was broken on a 1995 Dodge parked on Mockingbird and a coat, jeans and boots were stolen. The car was parked with a "for sale" sign in it at the time.

A window was smashed on a 1994 Plymouth parked on Chickadee and a radar detector stolen.

A Harvard homeowner said some juveniles have stolen firewood and straw from his yard, even after he confronted them.

The convertible top on a 1992 Chevy was slashed while parked on Warbler.

Threats on Sashabaw.

A phone and credit card were stolen from a 1996 GMC truck parked in a Goldfinch driveway.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, a 1995 Jeep which was locked and equipped with an alarm was entered in the Pine Knob Music Theatre parking lot and a phone taken.

Two mailboxes were reported damaged on Horse-shoe Circle.

A man cutting trees with a chainsaw on Cramlane was injured when the chainsaw hit a fence. The man

was cut in the lip, nose and cheek and taken to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, where he was treated and released.

A window was smashed on a 1995 Pontiac parked at an M-15 business and \$130 cash stolen.

A \$300 bicycle was stolen from a neighbor's house on Longview, where the owner had parked it for a few minutes.

Three Clarkston boys, ages 17-18, were ticketed for possessing marijuana and intoxicants after being found in possession of suspected marijuana and a case of beer in an M-15 parking lot.

SATURDAY, JULY 6, the owner of a 1985 Mazda received five tickets and had his car impounded on Cranberry Lake Rd.

A six-foot-three, 260-pound Palms, Michigan

man was arrested at Pine Knob Music Theatre after he knocked out his girlfriend while leaving the Vince Neil concert. The man, 25, allegedly knocked his girlfriend down in view of security and the crowd.

SUNDAY, JULY 7, a Romulus man was released after allegedly assaulting his girlfriend at the Def Leppard Concert at Pine Knob. Both had been drinking.

Three large glass globes on a lamp post were broken on Oakhill.

A 33-year-old Pittsburgh, PA man was ejected from Pine Knob for selling bootleg T-shirts without a permit. He also had no ticket to the concert. Later, he was caught selling the shirts in the parking lot and was ticketed for violating the township's soliciting ordinance. The shirts were confiscated.

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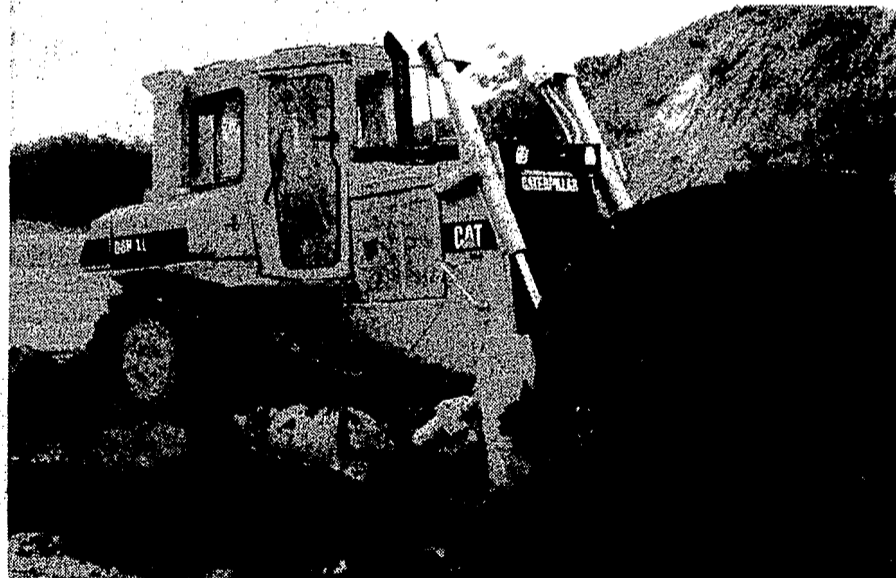
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Tobacco enforcement added to alcohol stings

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According to Hernandez, not only can a clerk be cited for selling alcohol to a minor, but the owner can be slapped with a fine by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that can cost him "thousands of dollars and/or the loss of his liquor license ... With alcohol, when you cite the clerk you automatically have to cite the store," Hernandez said.

The penalty for illegal tobacco sales is not as stiff, but the guilty clerk could be fined from \$50 to \$100, Hernandez said.

Helps for clerks to check IDs include a written reminder that flashes on some stores' registers when a sale is made. "Not only does it give you the price, but it blinks to check the ID or make sure they're 21," Hernandez said. There is also a reminder above the photo on Michigan driver's licenses if the owner is under 21.

The response he and other law enforcement officials usually get from business owners when they're confronted afterwards is "They do say 'We train our people. (We) do take action with (our) employees.' With the bigger places, they do have an intense training program about cigarettes and alcohol," he said, adding that owners are "usually very appreciative" when told.

Ormiston said the evening passed quickly because "It doesn't take very long if you get turned down," referring to the young decoy. After each situation, the officers went in and explained what had happened.

"Nobody sold to her and that's what we want.

We went in and thanked them," he said. "Just because we did this one, doesn't mean we're not going to do any more. We could do another one tonight. More checks are going to be done this year."

"We may even do it quarterly," Hernandez said. A different underage decoy is used each time.

Ormiston added that he and Hernandez decided

Police used a 17-year-old decoy because though the drinking age is 21, the smoking age is 18.

to use a 17-year-old because, although it's illegal for a person under 21 to drink, it's legal for a person 18 and over to smoke.

The decoy could not be reached for comment. Ormiston said she didn't want people standing in line "to think she was buying for herself. (She wants them to know) she was doing something good, not bad. Her reputation is important to her, obviously.

"Her motivation was recognizing the problems at school. And she wanted to do her small part in curbing alcohol use — using peer pressure in a positive way," Ormiston said.

Hernandez says the checks only catch so many. It's coming from other sources too, including home liquor cabinets, older friends who will buy — sometimes kids are even drinking in front of their parents,

Ormiston says.

"Some of them say, 'At least they're doing it in my presence.' That's a sad statement. Sorry, it's against the law. You can be charged with delinquency ... with corrupting your own child," he says.

"There's a lot of kids out there who are doing it," Hernandez says. Some "friends" are the clerks themselves, he explains. "It's hard to bust those," he adds. Also, "a lot of 21-year-olds hang out with them. there's the friendship, the false IDs ... I ask kids at the high school how many kids are doing this, and it's staggering. It's all types of students."

As DARE officer, Hernandez talks to kids all the time. "Based on what the kids are saying themselves, the majority of (Clarkston High School students) are using alcohol. Some students say it's as high as 75 percent, some say even higher."

Alcohol is the drug of choice for most because it's "easier to get and more acceptable. A lot of kids will look down on kids who use marijuana, LSD. They don't see alcohol as a drug," Hernandez says.

But he thinks drug education has helped — and it's important that it continues. Recently, Hernandez said, a parent called to say, "I just wanted to let you know my daughter used those 'Eight Ways To Say No.'"

Hernandez said it's much too easy for a young person to become a victim of substance abuse.

"You're out with your friends, they say 'C'mon, just one.' Before you know it, you've got one in your hand and you're drinking it. They've always taken that first drink."



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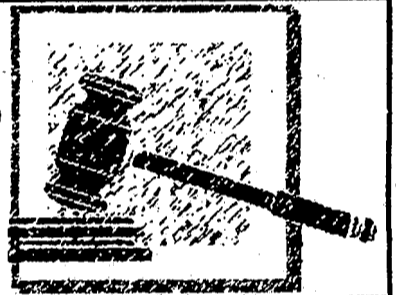
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Anderson have been working together since the 1970s. Quayle has sung Top 40 and been heard on many commercials. Andersonville put the current group together, calling on musicians he had worked with before, including Quayle and Best, a Wayne State University music major. Anderson is a songwriter; guitar-player Best is the group's arranger. Tschirhart is the bass player and "quiet man" of the group. Schmidtke is the sound man. All have day jobs outside the band.



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Summer tax bill includes high-school millage

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

If you live within the boundaries of the Clarkston school district, you may have noticed a slight change in this summer's tax bill.

Last winter was the first time the school district could bill residents for the debt retirement on the new high school, so 3.94 mills was added to the winter bill. This year, the new levy is moved to the summer bill, like all other local school taxes.

Independence Township assessor Dave Kramer said he expects the move has taken some taxpayers by surprise, even though the board of education voted two years ago to move all its tax collections to the summer bill.

"It's very common for taxpayers to look at one tax bill per year," Kramer said. In the past, that strategy may have given taxpayers a pretty good idea of where their total tax obligation stood.

But since the passage of Proposal A, things have changed. Tax bills are smaller, and the distribution has changed as well. Before Proposal A, school districts generally collected half their taxes in summer, half in winter. So the two bills were similar in size. Now, the summer tax bill includes all local school taxes, as well as the Oakland Intermediate School District and Oakland Community College levies. In winter, Oakland

County government and township government taxes are collected.

"It was more of an even distribution historically," Kramer said. "Now, all things being equal, the winter tax bill should be less."

This year's inflation rate as far as property assessments was 2.8 percent, Kramer said. That and the debt retirement millage are the only changes on the summer tax bills for Clarkston school district residents. However, township residents who live in the Waterford school district may have noticed a bigger change.

Last year Waterford schools collected half of its operating millage in summer, half in winter. This year it was all moved to summer. "So the Waterford taxpayers in Independence Township also got a larger hit," Kramer said.



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SUNDAY, JULY 7, Clarkston police assisted the Independence Township Fire Department with two calls related to the severe thunderstorm. A smoking transformer was found on Middle Lake Rd. and a downed wire was reported at a W. Washington business.

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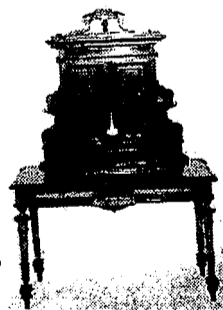
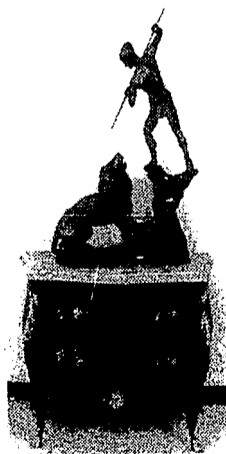
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"MESC's Job Service office should be a 'must' stop for any young person who is looking for a summer job this year," MESC Director F. Robert Edwards stated. "We have been suggesting that employers list their summer jobs with us and, so far, the response has been quite good."

In mid-May MESC and the Michigan Jobs Commission sent a joint letter to more than 100,000 Michigan employers encouraging them to list their summer job openings with their local MESC Job Service offices. The offices could then serve as one-stop centers for summer jobs.

"In response to our letter, we have received hundreds of requests for job applicants from employers throughout the state," Edwards said. "And each request generally translates into more than one job opening."

MESC offices are posting the summer job openings they receive on bulletin boards in their lobby areas. Young people can look at the listings and then contact the employers directly to arrange for job interviews.

"It's a 'help yourself' system for summer jobs," Edwards explained. "The young person does not need to see an MESC interviewer. They can simply go to the job openings they find most suitable and interview with the employer. And there are no fees involved for either the employer or the job seeker, making it a tremendous value for both parties."

Class size reconsidered

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the voters before the end of the year.

Other items being considered in the \$61 million package include renovations at the existing high school to convert it to a middle school, and extensive work at the current Clarkston Middle School to turn it into a community education center.

But the board is having difficulty with those costs. At Monday's lengthy meeting, the board examined individual line items with Kern, who brought along her computer, and found that the members had considerable agreement on the renovations at the elementaries, but little else. Not all board members support building a new elementary school now. And there appear to be serious questions about pouring millions more into the old high school, which has already undergone extensive renovations in the last two years.

"I think this is a natural progression," said new board president William McGregor. "We've gotten a lot of background information and now the board has an opportunity to weigh in on this... Even though it's taken up a couple of hours tonight, we really weren't that far off on the elementaries. We're ready to move forward and bring this to a vote."

"We need to tell the public we've considered everything we can consider before we start digging another foundation," said Janet Thomas. "We know there are some things we cannot do without. But there are some 'what ifs.'"

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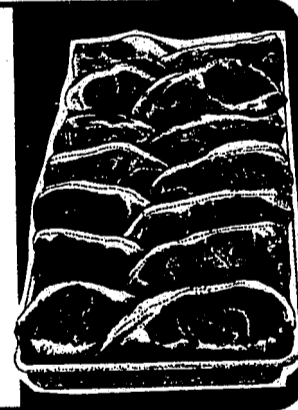
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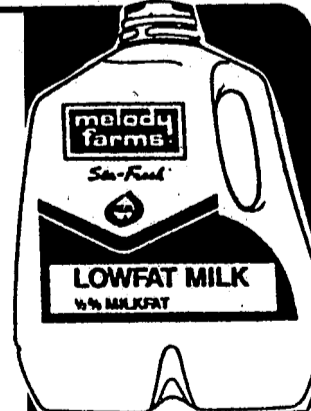
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Knob Notes

By Eileen Oxley

"Wonder" woman



Natalie Merchant

Perhaps Natalie Merchant has side-stepped the myth that some are not born "able."

In her Top-40 hit "Wonder," the former 10,000 Maniacs songstress evokes hope for humankind through her characteristic folksy voice that's touched with a smile:

"I believe fate smiled and destiny laughed as she came to my cradle, know this child will be able, laughed as she came to my mother, know this child will not suffer, laughed as my body she lifted, know this child will be gifted. With love, with patience and with faith she'll make her way."

Merchant has made her way. And when she found she had gone far enough with the Maniacs, she realized she needed to chart another course. After one of the group's biggest hits, "10,000 Maniacs MTV Unplugged," she announced her departure, striking out solo.

The performance, ironically, contributed to her decision. "There had been 16 musicians involved in the 'Unplugged' concert, including strings, woodwinds, banjo and a percussionist," Merchant remembers.

"It was my introduction to working with new musicians and experimenting with song arrangement. The 'Unplugged' album taught me that a single live performance could be very, very powerful. I tried to record 'Tigerlily' in that spirit."

"Tigerlily," Merchant's first solo album that features the songs "Wonder," "Carnival" and "I May Know the Word," is currently number 24 on Billboard's 200 Top-Selling Albums chart.

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Toledo resident John Pusey brought sons Caleb, 16, Jake, 14, and their friend Mike, 16. "Caleb's the one who rejuvenated the interest," said

Pusey, 42, saying he was there for the music, "plus you keep an eye on them too."

They're back ...

Deadheads return for a day

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Is the era of tie-dyed T-shirts, VW vans and eau-de-patchouli-oil-and-body-odor over? If you ask the Deadheads, nothing could be "further" from the truth.

Though it's been a few months since Jerry Garcia, founder and lead singer of '60s rock band The Grateful Dead, died, area residents knew something was brewing when Independence Township was peppered with familiar-looking fans and vans July 3.

That's the day Pine Knob Music Theatre offered "Further Festival," a concert featuring spin-off bands from the Dead and others. Around nine groups performed, including Hot Tuna, Los Lobos and Ratdog, a band headed by former Grateful Dead member Bob Weir.

Jeff Corey, Palace Sports and Entertainment publicity manager, said the unusual spelling "further" goes back to a piece of literature from the '60s. Obviously, it also relates to the timeless appeal of the Grateful Dead — and all the color that goes with it.

Though the Dead often held three days of sold-out concerts in the Detroit area, numbers definitely dwindled for the Further Fest. Corey said the one-day

concert produced a nice crop of Deadheads "but it isn't The Grateful Dead anymore. A lot of others, Bob Dylan, Phish, Blues Traveler, have picked up some of those people."

Debbie Haney, manager of the Pine Knob Shell gas station on Sashabaw Rd., said it's always good for business when fans come to town. In the afternoon she was running low on items like "cigarettes, drinks, ice, snacks and chips. And everybody needs a campground," she said.

While teaching her 11-year-old son Andrew to pump gas, Lake Orion resident Carolyn Graham said she doesn't mind the psychedelic crowd. "They don't bother me. These are children of people from the '60s." At first she was clueless when she saw all the activity around Pine Knob — but her son knew immediately what was going on.

"He said, 'Mom! There's some Deadheads,'" she said with a laugh.

One of the groups which staked its VW van near I-75 had passengers from Montana to New England — a not-uncommon occurrence when you realize some fans follow the concert tour from coast to coast, picking up others as they go.

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SPORTS

More summer camps

Boys soccer at Clintonwood

A soccer camp for boys aged 7-14 will be held at Clintonwood Park on July 29 to August 2. The camp's director is Clarkston High School's varsity girls and JV boys coach Brian Fitzgerald.

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the camp.

The camp will run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on each day. Cost is \$40 for township and village residents and \$50 for non-residents.

Fitzgerald, a member of Oakland University's 1986 NCAA Division II runner-up soccer team, will be assisted by several area high school coaches, current and former college players and former pro players.

The camp will stress technical skill development for the beginner and advanced player. In addition, the basics of team tactics on offense, defense and midfield play will be taught.

At the end of each day "Mini World Cup" scrimmages are planned.

Registrations can be picked up at the parks and recreation office, located at 90 N. Main Street. Call 625-8223 for more information.

VB teams converge on CHS

Clarkston High School will be the site of a volleyball team camp the week of July 29 hosted by Bloomfield Hills Andover AD and former Oakland University girls volleyball coach Bob Hurdle.

The camp, also directed by CHS varsity coach Gordie Richardson, so far includes teams from CHS, Brandon, Lake Orion and Waterford Mott but there is room for more teams and/or individuals.

Cost for each participant is \$80 and the camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration forms are available at the CHS AD's office or by calling Hurdle at 645-4608. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. on July 29.

Tri-District T-shirts are here!!

There's a whole bunch of Tri-District T-shirts waiting in The Clarkston News offices for Clarkston athletes who were selected to the Tri-District First Team for the spring sports season.

The first-team selections, comprised of the best student-athletes from Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford schools, for baseball, softball, boys and girls track and girls soccer, are listed in the June 5 Tri-District special section.

Clarkston's girls track athletes who made the first team can pick their T-shirts up from coach Gordie Richardson.

The rest of the first team picks can stop by The News office at 5 S. Main St., across from Carol's Village Grill.

Athletes still needing to pick up their shirts are: Brynn Allyn, Jenny Kerney, Kara Bergkoetter, Jeff Mull, Dave Barth, Scott Hill, Crystal Lemke, Amanda Jenkinson, Rachel Fuller, Sue Naboychik, Tiffany Honey, Chris Evans, Jason Olafsson and Marc Venegoni.

Recreation roundup

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Vanilla Thunder	16	4
Sandiggers	16	4
Summer Sandies	13	7
Short But Scrappy	10	10
Sand Blasters	12	13
Farmer's Insurance	5	20
Sun Devils	3	22
Sand Figs	2	18

MEN'S "A" QUADS	W	L
Four for 4	13	2
Over Fourty	11	4
Wocobats	13	12
Sand Chickens	10	10
American Glass	11	9
Highlanders	7	8
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CO-REC "A" QUADS	W	L
Sandy Pancakes	18	2
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Four For Four	9	6
Blitzkrieg	9	11
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Violaters	6	14
Net Assets	5	15
Spiked Punch I	5	15

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Last Resort	13	2
AFM Screenprinting	17	3
Net Assets	8	2
Below The Net	7	8
Sky Riders	9	11

Bullets	5	15
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MEN'S "B" DOUBLES	W	L
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Sand Devils	10	2
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Volley Brothers	0	12

Recreation Roundup

Sign up now for the new in-line hockey league! Teams may sign up for a league beginning the week of July 15. For more details please contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Photography Contest - the theme is any subject taken in a Michigan public park, recreational facility or public fair or festival. For more information or an application, call the recreation department.

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Senior spotlight

Senior Spotlight

A monthly listing of the activities and programs held at the Independence Township Senior Center can be obtained by calling 625-8231 or drop in to the center at 5980 Clarkston Road, in Clintonwood Park, (between M-15 and Sashabaw Road) and pick one up.

July 26 - Steak Roast - 6 p.m., \$7 per person.

This Week's Lunch Menu

The nutrition program is held at noon, Monday through Friday, at the Senior Center. Reservations are needed by noon the day prior to your visit. A donation of \$2 is requested from those age 60+, and a charge of \$3 for anyone under age 60. Homebound meals and supplemental liquid meals are also available by calling Sarah at 625-8231.

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Merchant at Knob

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Merchant says she spent hours reading "Everything You Need To Know About The Music Business" before ever beginning to record. "It was time to make a second start and I wanted all my decisions to be educated ones."

Eventually she assembled a cast of young musicians that included percussionist Peter Yanowitz, bassist Barrie Maguire and guitarist Jennifer Turner. The group spent five months rehearsing before they recorded "Tigerlily," which showcases Merchant's flair as both singer and songwriter. In it, she comes forth with honest testimonies that are strong and vulnerable, fierce and delicate.

"When I was singing for a group, especially since it was a predominantly male group, my tendency was to withhold certain emotions or observations," she admits. "Writing for this album, I felt I could speak for myself."

Natalie Merchant is one of four performers who will appear at the HORDE (Horizons Of Rock Developing Everywhere) Festival at Pine Knob Music Theatre Sunday and Monday, July 14 and 15. Beginning at 4 p.m. both days, the festival also includes Blues Traveler, Lenny Kravitz and Rusted Root.

Further Fest brings fans back

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"We're all family," said Joseph Ferris from Pittsburgh, speaking out from the van which was littered with empty cigarette packs, orange juice bottles, Sun Chips bags and Neosporin ointment.

"For my nose rings," explained a passenger who said his name was Peace. Fellow travelers called themselves Gypsy, Dragonfly and Redneck, a clean-cut Montana youth who favored a flannel shirt and baseball cap in lieu of hippie garb.

Most in the van said they were shocked when they heard Garcia had died. "I thought it was a rumor," said Ferris. "I was bummed out."

But, said Gypsy, a young lady from Wisconsin, "It doesn't mean everything died with him."

Some of the passengers met when the tour kicked off in Atlanta June 20. Asked when it would officially end, a laid-back Peace piped up, "Never, man."

OCSO Sgt. Dave Pement of the Independence substation said he had no harrowing police reports. Like the crowd, all was mellow.

"The only thing I can recall is we had a report of an old, ratty school bus at the Food Town at Sashabaw and Waldon. They were gone before the officer got there. We said, 'The Deadheads must be here,'" Pement chuckled.

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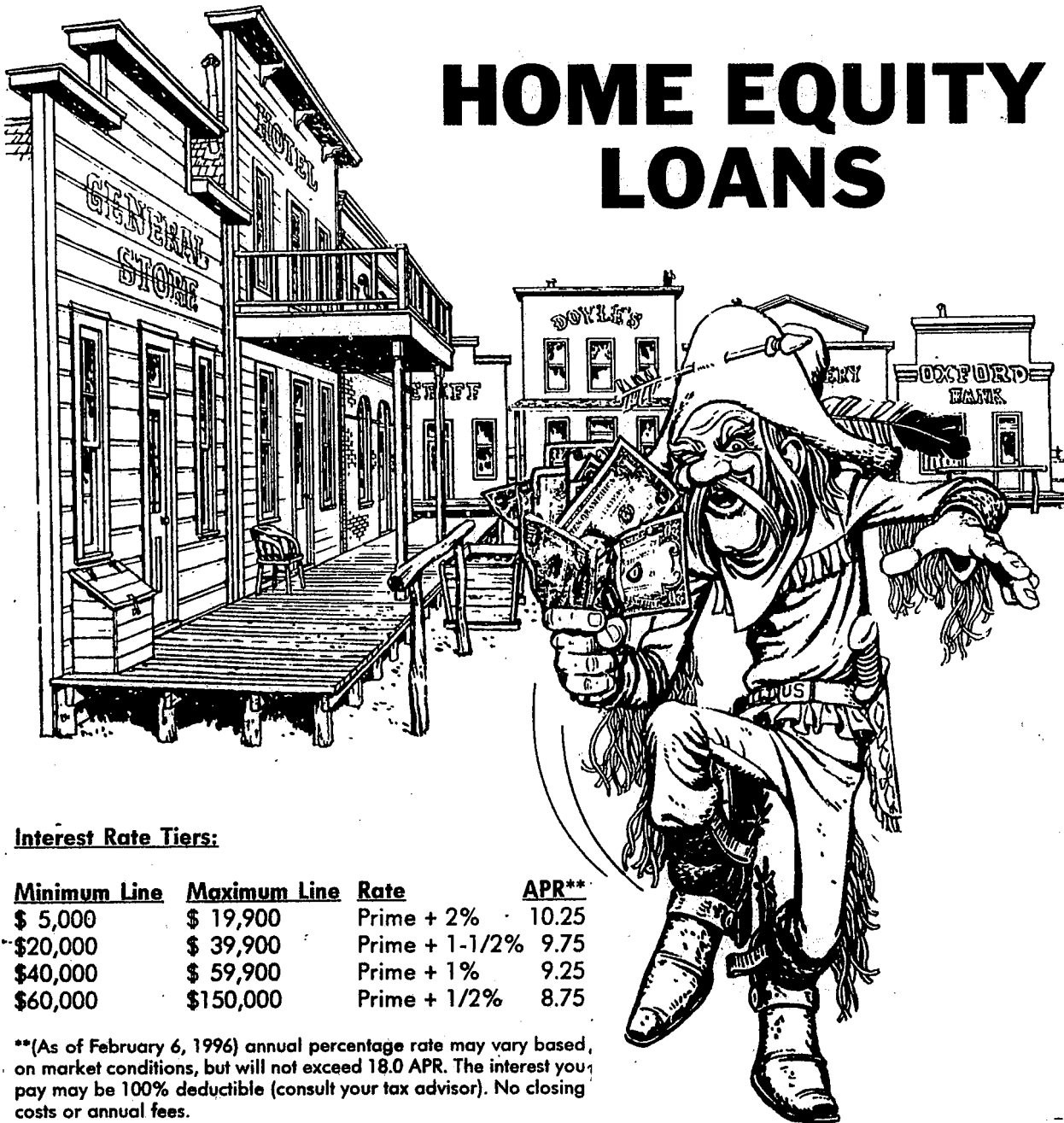
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Elizabeth Kalush
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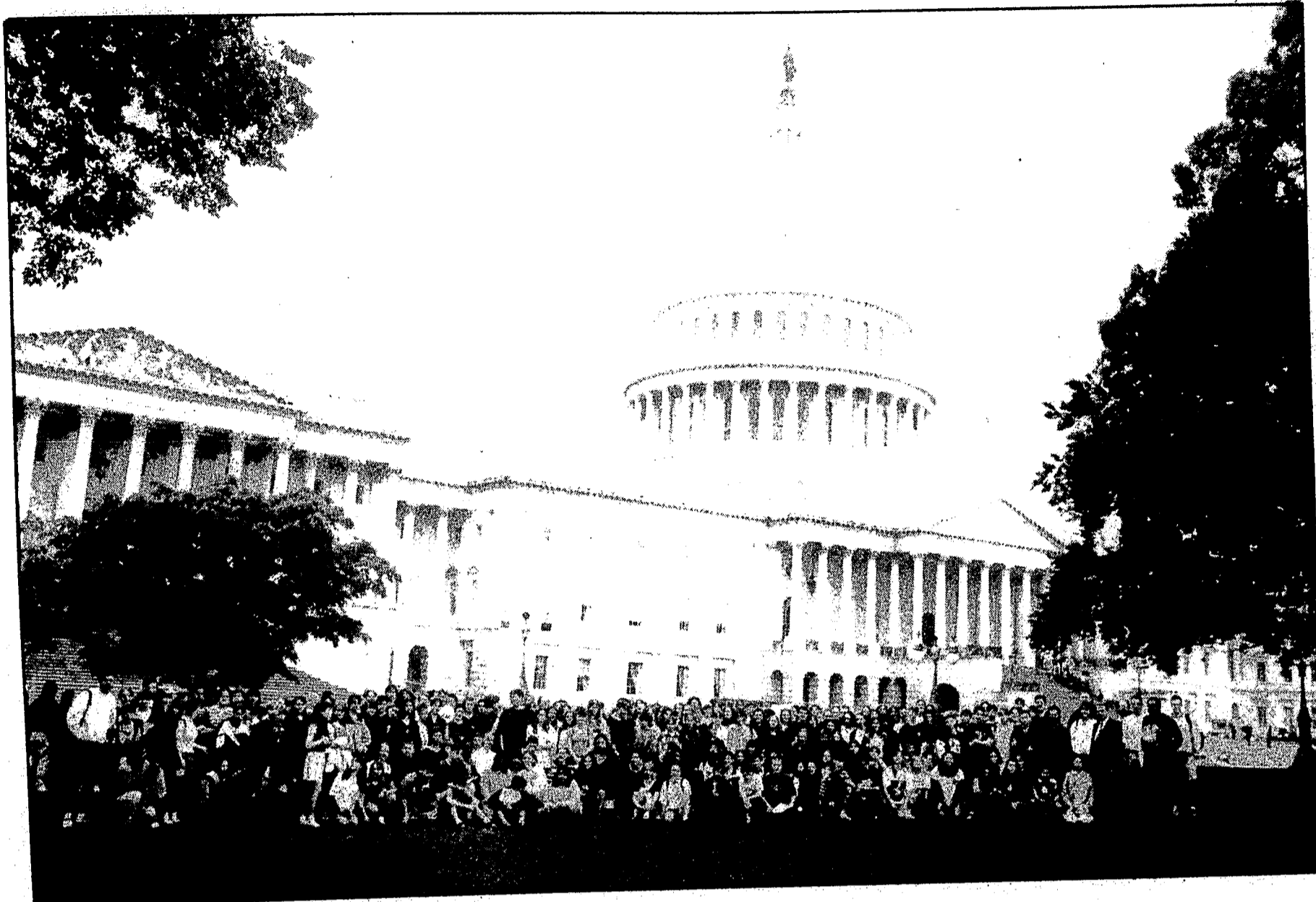
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Ian Nolan
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On the Capitol steps

On May 17 Congressman Dale Kildee (D., Flint) hosted 235 students from Sashabaw Middle School for a tour of the Capitol Building and a

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Around town

● Kids ages 7 and up can learn fly casting through a class sponsored by the Rochester Community House on Aug. 7. Dress for the weather. Cost is \$50 for the first child in a family, \$45 for each additional sibling. Class meets 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 651-0622.

● An arts and crafts festival will be held at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm July 27-28. Hours are 10-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and senior citizens.

● A Red Cross bloodmobile will be held at the American Legion Post 377, 4819 Edgewood, Clarkston on July 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For an appointment call 673-9301.

● A traditional Native American Pow Wow honoring the eagle will be held at Flint's Crossroads Village Saturday, July 13 under the direction of the Genesee Valley Indian Association. Grand entry is at 1 p.m. For more information call 1-800-648-PARK.

● The Widowed Support Group will meet Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. for a talk about preventive maintenance and service on your automobile. The free group meets at Independence Township's Senior Center in Clintonwood Park and is open to the recently widowed. Call 625-5231.

● Attention golfers: It's not too late to sign up for the SCAMP golf outing scheduled for Friday, July 19 at Spring Lake Country Club. Cost is \$90 per person and includes 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, lunch, prizes, awards and dinner. The event is tax-deductible within the limit of the law and all

proceeds benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a summer program for special needs children in north Oakland County. Call Geri Batt at 625-3330 for more information.

● Parents Without Partners West Oakland Chapter meets the second Friday of every month at 8 p.m. at 300 Bowl in Waterford. Cost is \$4 or free to those who attend orientation. For more information call 810-975-6242. The group will also hold a dance Saturday, July 20 at 9 p.m. Cost is \$4 members/\$5 non-members.

● Indian Springs Metropark will offer a presentation on "American Indian History and Myths" Sunday, July 28 at 2 p.m. Explore lifestyles, appreciation and knowledge of the natural world and stories. Pre-registration is required; call 625-7280.

● The 26th annual Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair will be held July 24-27. In combination with two other fairs, over 560 artists will display their works on State, Main and Liberty streets. Call 313-662-3382 for more information.



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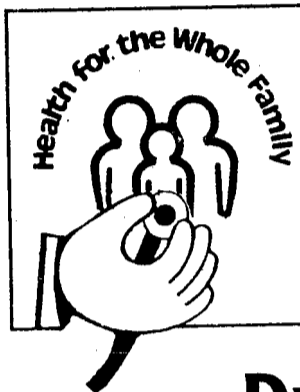
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