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To the slopes!



Pine Knob Ski Resort was packed Friday as freshly fallen snow and a vacation from school

brought out families. There was at times a wait to get on the tow rope (above), and skilessons were



being conducted all around the lodge. The weather was just about right, too.

Brothers arraigned on cocaine distribution charges

Two Clarkston brothers were arraigned in 52-2 District Court Dec. 23 on drug charges.

Jesse Covarrubias, 38 and Matthew Covarrubias, 31, were charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance less than 50 grams. Matthew Covarrubias was also charged with possession of gambling paraphernalia.

The charges stem from a search warrant that was executed at the brothers' Pine Knob Lane home Dec. 4 by officers of the Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence sub-station. NET officer Mark Menghini said he believed the information came from a police tip.

"We either get tips from policemen or citizens," he said. "We generally do most of the narcotics (cases) in Oakland County unless there's a local unit that handles them. And there aren't very many."

Mitch Ribitwer, the attorney representing both men, said they stood mute at arraignment and a plea of not guilty was entered for them. He said the search turned up cocaine in the bedrooms of both men, who are the brothers of Loren Covarrubias, pastor of Mt. Zion Temple in Independence Township.

Ribitwer said Jesse Covarrubias is an 18-year General Motors employee and Matthew Covarrubias

referees basketball games.

Both men were released on \$5,000 personal bond on the drug charges and Matthew Covarrubias also received \$500 personal bond on the gambling charge. Both are scheduled for preliminary exams before Judge Gerald McNally at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 17. If found guilty they could be sentenced to 1-20 years in prison

Get used to it: 248 is the new area code

Just when we've finally gotten used to who has the 810 area code and who is still 313, along comes Ameritech to change it again.

Effective May 10, most of Oakland County will have a new area code, 248. Just like the last time around, Ameritech will have a grace period during which both area codes will work. But as of September 13, the new code will become mandatory.

The change has become necessary due to the "tremendous growth in demand for all types of telecommunications services, such as cellular phone, second lines, pagers, modems and fax machines," an Ameritech letter to customers states. The available stock of telephone numbers in Oakland County, and elsewhere in the country, continues to be depleted.

or lifetime probation.

Ribitwer said it was too early to comment on what his defense would be.

"I haven't seen the affidavit for the search warrant, I haven't seen the search warrant, I haven't seen the police reports. We're going to take a look at it and go from there."

Ameritech says billings will not be affected by the changing area codes. However, some customers may need to reprogram their equipment if it automatically dials the 810 area code. In addition, some older PBX systems used by businesses may not recognize the new area codes. Ameritech is offering businesses help in making the transition by calling 1-800-831-8989.

Perhaps the worst thing about the new area code is its borders to not align with those of Oakland County. In northeastern Oakland County, parts of Lake Orion and Oakland Township will remain in the 810 area code along with their neighbor, Macomb County. In addition, some far eastern portions of Livingston and northern portions of Washtenaw and Wayne counties will also be embraced by the 248 area code.

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The news in brief

CHS conducts financial aid night

Clarkston High School will host an information session on college financial aid for parents of seniors on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the CHS theater.

The program will focus on filling out financial-aid paperwork and what programs are available. Speaker will be Cliff Levitt from Baker College's Financial Aid Office.

For more information call 625-0904.

In addition, the University of Michigan-Flint will conduct off-campus information sessions for prospective students with questions about admissions, advising and financial aid. On Tuesday, Jan. 7 the session will be held at the school's Lapeer Campus, 550 Lake Dr., Room B200, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 810-667-7480. Then on Wednesday, Jan. 8, the session will be held at the Fenton Southern Lakes Campus, 2100 W. Thompson Rd., Room 1301, 1-4:30 p.m. Call 810-750-3727.

For more information or an appointment, call 810-762-3200.

Consumers Power warns customers

Consumers Power Company is alerting customers that people claiming to represent the utility are conducting phone solicitations in the area.

The callers say they are seeking market research information and in some cases have asked for Social Security numbers. Consumers Power says it does not conduct such telephone surveys. Anyone with questions about a phone contact by someone claiming to represent the company should call toll-free 1-800-477-5050.

'P.S. Your Cat is Dead' stars at Depot Theater

The Clarkston Village Players present their next production, "P.S. Your Cat is Dead," at the Depot Theatre Jan. 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

The play involves an actor named Jimmy who's experiencing a streak of bad luck. He's been robbed twice, fired from a play, his cat is ill, his girlfriend's leaving and, to make matters worse, he's discovered a burglar in his loft.

To avenge his bad breaks, he ties the burglar up and keeps him imprisoned through New Year's Eve. What unfolds is an upbeat tale of desperate characters and unusual friendship.

The comedy, directed by Lee Woolcox and produced by Al Bartlett, stars Scoot Rudd, Dean Vanderkolk, Debbie Truba and Richard Ernst. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7:30 for the Thursday shows.

Depot Theatre is located at 4861 White Lake Rd. at the railroad tracks, one mile southwest of Dixie Highway. For more information or tickets call (810) 625-8811, 625-1826 or Tierra Arts at 625-2511.

TCI bows to Bulls fans

No sooner had TCI Cablevision announced channel changes that included dropping Chicago station WGN than it added the station back again.

Fans of the Chicago Bulls, who will once again be televised on WGN, let the cable company know they weren't happy about the change. TCI decided to keep WGN and drop its Request 2 pay per view channel (92).

"We did hear from some people about the Bulls," said TCI executive Michael Cleland.

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Tie-dye: not just for hippies any more

7th-graders at CMS want to wear their team spirit

The Discovery Team at Clarkston Middle School spent part of the last day before the holiday break working on its identity.

The 110 seventh-graders who make up the team learned how to tie-dye. Each student created his or her own multi-colored T-shirt which will become the team identity on special days this year.

The teachers on the team—Bill Rathburg, Tammy Mitchell, Jim Berman and Ruth Duhling, along with art teacher Claudia Keglovitz, brought in Linda Binetti to show the kids the ropes.

"This team wanted to make sure they had an original shirt, not store-bought," said Keglovitz. "Linda developed this technique over the years. It's professional tie-dyeing."

Each student started out with a plain white T-shirt which had been soaked in a huge tub to make it ready to accept the dye. Then, using one of two methods of their choice, they either scrunched the shirt up or "swirled" it into a tight circle. Then, securing the fabric with rubber bands to hold it in place, they began applying dyes—as many colors as they wanted—from squeeze bottles. They wore rubber gloves to keep from coloring their hands.

Binetti, wearing a tie-dyed shirt and apron, supervised, along with the teachers. An Oxford children's librarian, she said, "This is what I do on my day off."

The seventh-graders at CMS are divided into teams, which participate in special activities as a group. For example, earlier this fall the Viper team had a visit from Chrysler, including the car that shares the team's name.

Student Adam Burnstein said the Discovery team didn't want identical shirts like some of the other teams. "We just thought it (tie-dyeing) would be real interesting," he said. Adam said he thought the Discovery team was the only one with home-made shirts.

After the students applied their colors, they packed their shirts carefully into plastic bags, sealed them, then took them home. The dyes had to stay in place overnight, then the shirts could be washed.

Chuck Philpot said he didn't have a particular plan when he designed his shirt. "I didn't go by anything. I kind of just put it where I wanted it. Hopefully it looks pretty cool."



Above, teacher Tammy Mitchell and some Discover Team students work on their shirts.



Finished shirts by Linda Binetti are displayed by some students.

At left, Justin Jenereaux washes the dye off his gloves in a bucket of water.

By Annette Kingsbury

Davisburg sailor visits the North Pole

BY CHAD MCKIMSON
Navy Public Affairs Center

As Christmas approached, children around the world turned their attention to the North Pole and the jolly old elf who lives there.

And though the U.S. Navy sent the nuclear-powered submarine USS Pogy on an expedition to the top of the world, its mission was not to look for the man in the big red suit, but to conduct scientific experiments. While the crewmembers and scientists on the submarine would have liked to have seen Santa, they had to wait for Christmas just like everyone else.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Pfenning, the 25-year old son of Raymond and Patricia Pfenning of Davisburg, is a crewmember on the Pogy who enjoyed the experience on and under the Arctic icecap.

"Surfacing through the ice 19 times, including the North Pole, was exciting. Seeing the sun and moon at the same time was awesome, but just the experience of being up there - how many people can say they've been at the North Pole?" said Pfenning.

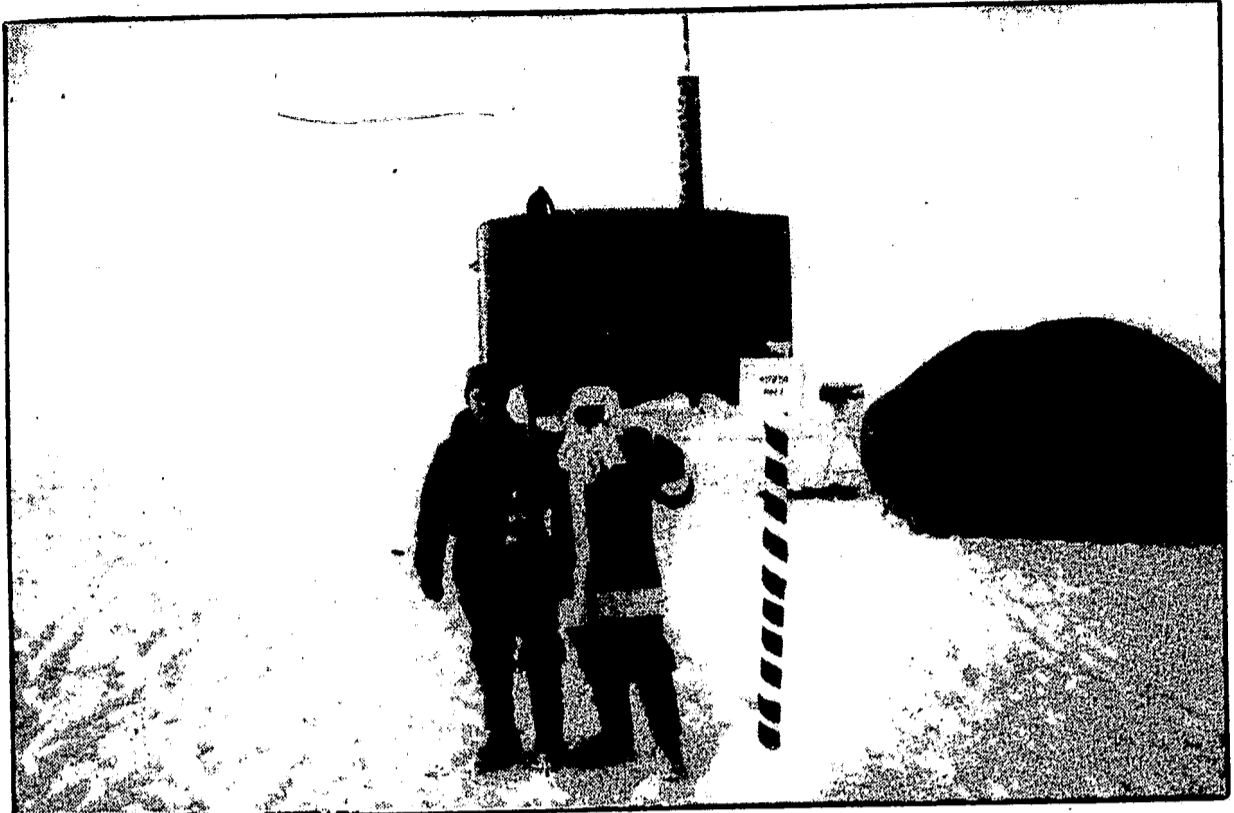
Pfenning, a communications specialist on the 300-foot submarine, transmits and receives messages linking his submarine with other naval activities. During the expedition he had a few extra responsibilities helping the scientists.

"I think the major role the Pogy and crew played was getting the science team to where they had to go. We also assisted them with setting up and breaking down their gear in the science areas and made necessary repairs to equipment that failed," said Pfenning.

The trip was the second in a series of five Arctic science expeditions planned by the Navy to help civilian scientists gather environmental data throughout the deep Arctic basin. The goal of the project is to define the various chemical, biological and physical properties of the Arctic Ocean water.

During the Pogy's three-month deployment, experiments were conducted in geophysics and ice mechanics, and pollution detection research provided a detailed snapshot of the conditions existing in the Arctic in the late part of 1996. This data will be compared with future expeditions to assess seasonal variations and long-term changes.

While scientific research is challenging, getting



Contrary to what the story says, this photo shows Michael Pfenning *did* see Santa at the North Pole.

the submarine to the Arctic took all of the crew's skill. The submarine traveled thousands of miles submerged in the Northern Bering Sea, the Bering Strait and the Chukchi Sea. At times the submarine was only 30 feet from the ocean floor and had to dodge large pieces of ice above it.

Pfenning and the rest of the crew put in some long hours getting the submarine to the Arctic, but the hard work paid off when they finally got there.

"Walking on the Arctic ice was like walking in the desert, but it was the complete opposite - nothing but snow and ice," said Pfenning, a six-year Navy veteran.

Working in such extreme conditions is no easy task, and while the Navy prepared the Sailors for the encounter, it was still a new experience for most of the 130-man crew.

"Special gear was added to the Pogy to assist the science team and while under the ice. At times we were only 30 feet off the ocean floor with the dangers

of ice keels overhead," said Pfenning.

While the Navy routinely has more than 30 percent of its fleet deployed around the world, missions like the Arctic expedition are becoming more common.

"The Navy has the only ticket to get science teams under the Arctic ice, and that's on a nuclear-powered submarine like the Pogy. Research is always important, and there are always new things to be discovered," said Pfenning.

Although Pfenning and the rest of the crew of the Pogy didn't get to see Santa, they brought back something more important - scientific data. The data won't help unlock the mystery of why Rudolph has a shiny red nose, but it will help the scientists unravel the secrets of the Arctic.

McKimson is a Navy photojournalist assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station San Diego.

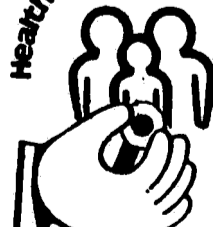
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Hockey team brings holiday cheer to hospital-bound local boy

Seven-year-old Steven Welch of Clarkston had a merrier Christmas even though he was a patient in the pediatrics unit at St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland, thanks to members of the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep hockey team. Every two weeks during the season, the players buy gifts and hand them out, along with some cheer, to the young patients. This time Santa was portrayed by Ross Rinkinen. His elves included (from left) Cormac Lynn, Todd Sims, Adam Raynish and Jay Penske. "Doing this gives us a good feeling that lasts for a long while," Penske said.



THE LAW & YOU

by Robert E. Kostin
Attorney at Law



PATIENTS REWARDED?

The most recent data available on the subject reveals that back patients' chances of winning large legal settlements in court are not as great as they once were. According to a study conducted by Jury Verdict Research (a legal watchdog group in Horsham, PA.), juries sided with Claimants in personal injury cases in 52% of the cases that went to trial in 1992, down from 61% in 1987. Jury Verdict Research also points out that doctors and hospitals are prevailing more often in medical malpractice cases. While patients won 42% of malpractice cases against doctors in 1987, they won 25% of their cases in 1992. Claimants won 59% of their cases against hospitals in 1987 and 50% in 1992. These numbers point out the importance of having a lawyer properly assess

an injury victim's chance of winning his or her case before deciding whether to press legal action. You can never overestimate the power of having effective counsel when your rights are at stake. In this office, we are a full-service law firm with expertise in family law, contracts, domestic relations real estate, and workers' compensation, among other areas. We offer legal excellence and responsive professionals to serve you. We're easy to reach at 11 N. Main Street. Give us a call at 620-1030. HINT: The fact that lawyers most often take on personal injury cases on a contingency basis shows that they are willing to take a financial stake in the outcome of the cases, along with their clients.

SKIN DEEP

by Scott Friedman, D.O.



FIGHTING FIRE WITH...

At one time, the skin infection known as erysipelas was commonly known as St. Anthony's fire. This rather apt name describes all too well the fiery red, tense swelling of the skin that marches across the face or up the leg until body defenses or antibiotic treatment puts a halt to it. The entry point for the streptococcus bacteria that causes this infection is usually a small crack in the skin around the ears or between the toes. Once the bacteria gains access in this manner, chemicals are released that facilitate the rapid spread of infection. The rash associated with erysipelas is usually preceded by fever, chills, muscle pains, and headache. This rash is often considered to be unrelated to the symptoms; however, when the connection is

made, treatment with antibiotics produces a truly dramatic response. Skin infections such as erysipelas can be treated readily with antibiotics. As the field of medical technology and research both widens and deepens, great strides are being made in skin care that can directly benefit you and every member of your family. Those of us at our offices at 6330 Sashabaw, Clarkston (625-0692); and 3003 Baldwin, Lake Orion (391-9599) look forward to providing you with the high level of care you deserve. P.S. As quickly as the fever and other symptoms associated with erysipelas respond to antibiotic treatment, it may take a few days for the rash to disappear completely.



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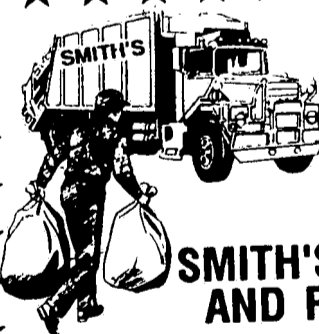
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Ei-liners

By Eileen McCarville

*Have I got
a resolution
for you*



Yup, I'll have to admit I was pretty good about following my 1996 New Year's resolution—20 pounds and two dress sizes, thanks to the people at Jenny Craig and MY blood, sweat and tears.

That's the only resolution that sticks out in my mind, because it's the one I've been making for the last 10 years. And though I still have a few pounds to go, I'm giving myself a pat on the back—not rewarding myself with a Snickers bar.

Now that I don't have to lie down to zip up my jeans, the heat's off me and on others who may need a little help with their resolutions. So I'm making some promises for a few famous people this year:

O.J. Simpson: I resolve to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God (it's never too late).

Madonna: I resolve to quit all the whining about wanting my privacy when I've been one of the most prolific shock-publicity seekers in the business.

Michael Jordan: I resolve to throw the ball in someone else's court because I'm sick of seeing my name on sneakers, in movies and in the guest lineup for what-am-I-doing-here shows like Martha Stewart's holiday special (Do we care about the eucalyptus wreath His Airness might create?).

Michael Jackson: I resolve to let my baby go au naturel and shun plastic surgery.

Scott Weiland of Stone Temple Pilots: I resolve to keep recovering from the drug addiction that killed another talented music contemporary, Kurt Cobain.

Beavis and Butthead: We resolve to change our T-shirts and abrasive Huh-Huh-Heh-Heh way of giggling.

Dennis Rodman: I resolve to give up my title for a: the most annoying person in sports, b: the most annoying person in show business, c: the most annoying person in the world, d: all of the above.

Barbra Streisand: I resolve to quit making movies that are a therapeutic vehicle for convincing myself that I'm a beautiful woman all these men are drooling over. I resolve to accept myself the way I am—homely.

Bob Dole: I resolve to quit talking in third person.

Kathie Lee Gifford: I resolve to quit talking about Cody and the other brat, what's-her-name.

Gwen Stefani of No Doubt: I resolve to quit singing ballads and stick to the Blondie/Cindi Lauper style I know best.

Metallica: We resolve to abandon the "load" of glam-boy paraphernalia like sculpted hair and tailoring and return to the rock-heavy look of the old days.

Bryan Adams: I resolve to send for an L.L. Bean catalog to save me from my latest sleazy-gigolo look.

The artist formerly known as the artist formerly known as Prince: I resolve to give myself a normal name.

I plan to measure out three cups of air-popped, fat-free-buttered popcorn and relax on New Year's Day.

But at present, the only resolution I have is to spear all the frogs in the Bud commercials (just kidding). Merry New Year! Huh-Huh, Huh-Huh, Huh-Huh, Huh-Huh, Heh-Heh, Heh-Heh, Heh-Heh.



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Potholes should trouble politicians

Will potholes (bad roads) bring down Governor Engler?

Will it bring down other politicians who failed to vote for or appropriate adequate money to improve Michigan's horrible roads?

The opportunity was there during the lame duck session (between elections and their vacation) to raise taxes on gasoline . . . enough to do the job yet not so high as to make them fear re-election.

The lawmakers DID pass a diesel fuel tax increase, primarily for truckers, but the \$20 million it will raise will only do a couple miles of Wayne county's freeways.

Backers of Republican Pat Nowak in the last election thought he had a good chance of defeating incumbent, do-little Dale Kildee.

From the first announcement we wondered to State Rep. Tom Middleton how Nowak thought he could win based on the condition of Michigan's roads while he was head of our state's Dept. of Transportation.

Shortly we received a news release stating how Nowak had reduced MDOT expenses, cut staff and spent more on roads than any previous year.

Needless to say the potholes had more press

than Nowak's statement.

And, of course, Kildee connected Nowak and potholes in most of his campaigning.

Since Nowak lost the election in such a big way one would think other politicians would realize their constituents are very concerned about the lack of road improvements.

Politicos in districts that have M-24, M-15 and M-53 in them should be concerned for their future.

M-24 has been in at least two, five-year plans for widening. The other two north-south routes are equally well traveled and just as neglected.

Power and attitudes will change in Lansing come January. The Democrats, who are generally more prone to increase taxes, will control the House of Representatives.

They might even have enough interest in their constituents' needs, and have the voting strength to get an adequate amount of money designated to reduce the number of potholes in Michigan.

Gasoline prices go up and down so much and so often most of us can't keep track of the price of a gallon. So how much are we really going to notice if five or six cents is added?

We'll forget it soon anyway when we start getting from here to there quicker, safer.

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Trust no one?



Someone got me a Zippo lighter for Christmas (good to light in up to 12-mile-an-hour winds). The words, "Trust No One" were inscribed on the front.

I think the inscription is an X-Files thing -- you all know the plot behind the television series: FBI agents Moulder and Scully uncover government conspiracies. Anyway, the inscription started the wheels of thought turning inside my head (Mickey the Wonder dog had to leave the room because of the smell of burning wood).

Trust No One. Three simple words, three syllables, a simple phrase. This simple phrase, I pondered, has become the motto of many in this country. It's trendy for husbands not to trust wives and vice-versa. Kids don't trust their parents. And, nobody trusts the government.

And, it's no wonder. Just this past Sunday I watched the NBC news show, Meet The Press. There was a Republican congressman and a Democrat congressman. One would make a statement and then the other would ask something like, "Why are you lying about that?"

It went this way for 20 minutes. Who can you trust? A president who trumpeted the fact he was one of us and was going to take the government away from the lobbyist and give it back to us, then sells

himself like a cheap hooker to raise money for re-election? Do you trust a speaker of the house who, with some fancy footwork, turns a non-profit gig into a \$700,000 book deal?

Who can you trust?

And, what kind of world are we living in where boy friends and girl friends hire private investigators to check out their perspective partners prior to gettin' hitched? It's sad that we have come to this.

I trust my family and friends and of course my liberal-leaning hound, Mickey. I hope they trust me, but I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't.

Why all the distrust? Is it something we are reacting to, because the world did something to us? Or is our lack of faith from within? Do we not trust ourselves, therefore trust no one?

Before writing this column I picked that lighter off the table and held it in my hand. Trust No One. I tossed it in the air a couple of times, feeling its weight. Too heavy, I thought. Not the lighter, but the inscription. Trust No One is too heavy for me. It would be very hard for me not to trust. But, maybe I haven't been knocked down enough.

Until then, I reckon I'll keep on wondering and looking for the good things in people (except those danged politicians).

Voice your opinion! Write a letter to the editor, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48346

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

Between 2 and 6 a.m., there's to be no parking on any Clarkston Village street. That's the annual word delivered by Gar Wilson, director of Clarkston's Department of Public Works. Maneuvering the plow around cars parked in the street is no worse this year than in the past, but problems still exist, Wilson says.

Coach Gary Nustad and his Clarkston High School varsity basketball team get one of their Christmas presents a little late this year. Thanks to an eligibility mixup at Rochester High School involving a transfer student, Rochester will forfeit its 49-47 Dec. 11 win over Clarkston, according to Bill Seltz, Rochester Athletic director.

A concentrated preventative patrol program starts this year in a section of the township. People should look for the Michigan State Police Department's familiar blue patrol cars soon along Dixie Highway from M-15 to Telegraph Rd., according to Trooper James Bush, Pontiac post communication service officer. Troopers will be looking for speeders, tailgaters, those who make improper turns and drunk and erratic drivers, Bush says.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Careless smoking is believed to be responsible for the New Year's Eve fire which damages Haupt's Body Shop at the corner of Main and Church. According to township firefighters, Jim Whitmore, body shop manager, Chris Fuller, a co-op student who was cleaning up, and Joseph Toohey, painter, are in the building when the fire starts and escape without serious injury. Five cars are saved by firefighters, who have to wreck the electronically controlled garage door to get them out. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

"No problem at all in Independence Township," says Undersheriff Leo Hazen, when speaking of the new 18-year-old drinking law that takes effect New Year's Day. Among local entertainment spots, Spring Lake Golf Club reports there are no differences in their business after midnight of New Year's Eve.

The flu siege that felled so many Clarkston-area residents over the holidays has lessened, say two area doctors. Both Dr. James O'Neill and Dr. Ronald Lepere say the number of patients with flu symptoms is decreasing. O'Neill says this year's strain affected adults worse than children.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

News from "By The Way": As a new year begins with a heavy blanket of snow and the young folks are enjoying winter sports, everyone is looking forward and hoping for a happy and peaceful 1947 ... On Tuesday night many in Clarkston celebrated the start of the year in their own homes; some held open houses; others had family gatherings. The young folks of Clarkston Baptist Church enjoyed a sleigh ride and then returned to the church for devotions and refreshments. The school's student council sponsored a New Year's Eve dance. A few of the oldtimers were there, including Walt LaPlante, Bill Radoye and Don Smith who played in the orchestra ... Schools reopen on Monday after a grand two weeks' vacation. Many of the college set have been home and are now ready to settle down to studies for a few more months.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Butch Jenkins and James Craig in "Boys Ranch" and Bob Hope and Joan Caulfield in "Monsieur Beaucaire." Showing at the Holly Theatre are William Boyd and Andy Clyde in "Riders of the Deadline" and Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young and Mary Astor in "Claudia and David."

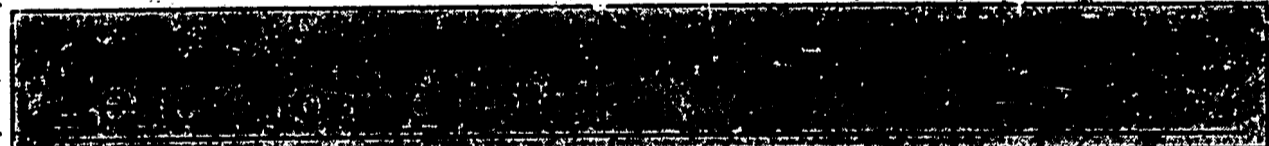
Specials at Terry's Market include skinless Viennas, 28 cents a pound; orange juice, a 46-ounce can for a quarter; Gold Medal Flour, a 25-pound bag for \$1.25; whole kernel corn, two cans for 39 cents; and Old Dutch Cleanser, 9 cents a can.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

Some of the highlights from 1936: July 4—The sixth annual Walter reunion was held in the Walter Grove at Cranberry Lake. July 14—A shower of rain brought relief from a record-breaking hot spell where temperatures reached over 100 every day for a week. Oct. 14—The gasoline attendant at Beach's Inn was held up while on duty and robbed of \$18. Nov. 20: The senior class play "Miss Jimmy" was presented in the Clarkston School auditorium. Dec. 24: Prizes for the homes having the most attractive Christmas decorations went to Bert Denham, Ralph Minnis and John DeLind.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Joe E. Brown in "Polo Joe," Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan in "Tarzan Escapes" and Errol Flynn and Olivia DeHaviland in "Charge of the Light Brigade."

Specials at Rudy's include beef roast, 16 cents a pound; short ribs, 12 cents a pound.



No means no

Thank you to Mr. Fred Stark for an intelligent "breath of fresh air" with which to end 1996! His letter on the school bond "no" vote which appeared in the December 25 issue of The Clarkston News was very much appreciated.

It is a shame that our vote has decreased in value. As Mr. Stark stated, everyone knew about the election. The issue was proposed and put before the electorate. The electorate made their decision and it was "no." Perhaps we need a statute against running the same proposition time and time again—this does cost money, doesn't it?

To those who will push and push for more elections on this same bond proposal we have to as, "What part of 'no' don't you understand?"

Dennis and Pat Goldsworthy

PS: What are the plans for Sashabaw Middle School building when the middle schools combine at the former high school building?

Editor's note: The middle schools will not be combined at the old high school. Only Clarkston Middle School will move there under the present plan. Sashabaw Middle School will stay in its present building.

Thanks fire department

We would like to thank the Clarkston Fire Department and the Clarkston Police for their quick response to the United Methodist Church when Charles had his medical problems.

Charles and Roberta Mann

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People Poll

By Eileen McGarville

What food did you pig out on over the holidays?

TERESA MAZIARZ, CLARKSTON: Pierogi.



JOHN MAZIARZ, CLARKSTON: Poppy seed cake.



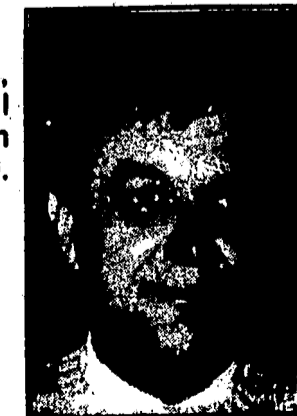
LAURIE STERN, CLARKSTON: Chinese food.



JENNIFER YORK, CLARKSTON: Cookies, definitely cookies. I ate so many cookies it was bad.



LEO JAMES, CLARKSTON: I pigged out on homemade apple pie.



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Academic Achiever

NAME: Michael Gay
GPA: 3.79
PARENTS: Bob and Debbie Gay of Independence Township.

PLANS: "I plan on attending Michigan State University in the fall of 1997. My major will be telecommunications, and I plan to enter a career in television broadcasting." He could see himself ultimately as a news director at a major station like Channel 7. He enjoys being on camera but likes being behind the scenes more.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Four years in concert and marching band (where he plays French horn and mellophone, respectively); senior class executive board; student representative on the PTSA; officer in the Spanish Club. He's also one of the original members of the speech team.

JOB: "I have spent the last two years employed by Independence Township at Clarkston Public Access (television). At the station I produce, direct, edit and I host some local programming."

Michael filled in during the summer when the station was without a coordinator. He is also a driving force behind the weekly live news program and hosts his own country music show.

CHURCH: St. Daniel Catholic Church.

BEST SCHOOL MEMORY: "My best school memory is from my freshman year. My family and I took a trip with the CHS marching band to London. We performed in the New Year's Day Parade and toured England. It was my first trip overseas."

MAJOR CONCERNS FOR HIS GENERATION: "I have no major concerns for my generation. The peers I have grown up with have given me faith in knowing we are headed in the right direction. I don't want to sound too optimistic, but I'm very pleased with



Michael Gay in the studio of Clarkston Public Access.

the people I know."

PROUDEST LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENT: "Without a doubt my proudest accomplishment has been my work on the Clarkston Evening News. I founded the show, and have been the producer of it over the two years it has been on the air. The show is the first live weekly local news program ever done by Clarkston Public Access. I have had the opportunity to work with dedicated volunteers and experienced employees to make my idea a reality.

"Ever since I was little I watched the news on TV and I always wanted to be an anchor... I enjoy doing everything that's involved with the news show."

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Fire log

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 23,** medical on Clintonville.
Vehicle in a ditch on Sashabaw.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24,** carbon monoxide investigation on Mann Rd.
Medicals on M-15, on Mann Rd. and on Clintonville.
Injury accident on Cranberry Lake Rd.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25,** medicals on Mary Sue, on Sylvan View and on Mountain View.
Injury accident on M-15.
Rollover accident on Clarkston Rd.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26,** injury accidents on Sashabaw (two) and on M-15 (two).
Rollover accident on northbound I-75.
Medical on Rattalee Lake Rd., on Waterford Rd. and on Reese Rd.
Wire down on Waldon.
Carbon monoxide investigation on Hawkmore.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27,** injury accident on Elk Run Ct.
Medical on Clintonville.
Odor investigation on Horncliffe.
Injured person from an accident on Willow Park.
Injury accident on M-15.
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28,** slip and fall in a Dixie parking lot; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.
Medicals on Woodhull, on Hubbard Circle and on Cornell.
Carbon monoxide investigations on Timberridge and on Drayton.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29,** medical on Westview.
Possible furnace fire or CO investigation on Woodglen.
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 30,** medical on Clintonville.

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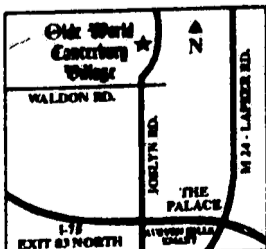
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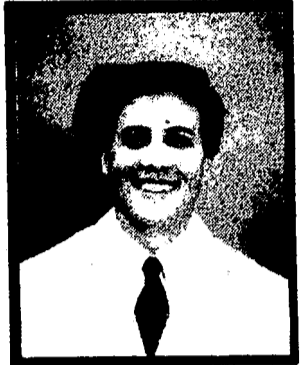
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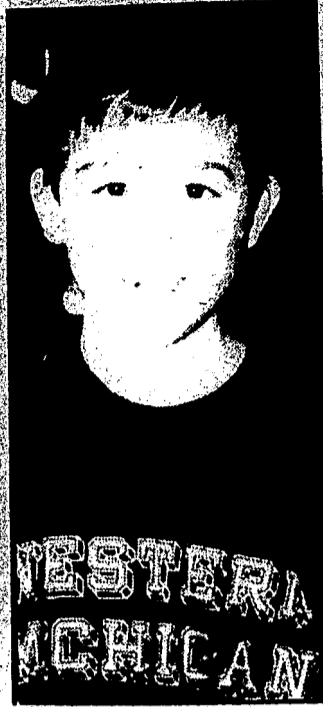




Kristen (left) and Maria Mercado

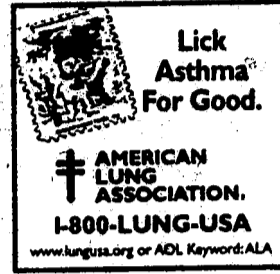


Stacey Berendt



Ryan Bonk

● Kelley McManaman and Debra Shelton, both of Clarkston, are associate degree or certificate candidates for December, 1996 at Washtenaw Community College. In addition, the college announced that McManaman, Shelton, Aida Crandall and Lucille Roberts are among the part-time students who were honored at the Winter Honors Convocation in honor of their 3.7 or better GPAs.



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Ryan Bonk, 7, won first place in the 5-7 age group while Maria Mercado, 6, took second. In the 8-10 age group, Maria's sister Kristen, 8, took first, with Stacey Berendt, 10 finishing second.

Each of the four youngsters completed beautifully colored pages, some using glitter, some neon colors and Kristen even turning the moon into a happy face with a Santa hat on (see sample entry blank at right).

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Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, assault and battery and malicious destruction of a vehicle on Edgewood. A Clarkston man and a Rochester Hills woman got into a fight, after which the man admitted he had damaged the woman's car.

A window was broken at a business on Sashabaw and a computer, Christmas presents, a TV, a copier, a typewriter and \$120 cash were stolen. Other cash and electronics were left behind untouched.

A fax machine was stolen from a house under construction on Sedona. The house was locked and there were no signs of force.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, a 24-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving with a suspended license after he was found in his car with the lights out on Dixie.

A man was allegedly assaulted by his intoxicated wife at their home on Mann. The 32-year-old woman resisted arrest and had to be restrained by two deputies.

A window was smashed on a 1988 Pontiac Grand Am while the owner was at work at a Sashabaw business.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, a driver was ticketed but uninjured after a rollover accident on M-15 near Hadley Rd.

A Waterford woman was injured after her car hit a tree on snowy Clarkston Rd. then rolled.

Malicious destruction of an auto on S. River Dr. Someone broke the rear window of a 1988 Mercury but nothing appeared missing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, accidents, all without injuries, occurred on Sashabaw (four), Dixie, I-75, Wellesley Terrace, Westview and Timber Ridge.

Domestic assault on Indianwood. A man said his wife slammed a car door on him, causing him to hit his head. The wife had left by the time deputies arrived. It was the eleventh such call to the residence.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, two 13-year-old Clarkston boys caught in the Hidden Lakes Apartment complex are suspected in some vandalism. Their footprints led police to two damaged light fixtures, six missing fixtures and two missing lights. The power was also found turned off to two buildings. The boys were turned over to their parents.

A 27-year-old Clarkston man was seen driving his Jeep over a fairway at Pine Knob Golf Course. The lawn and some shrubs were damaged.



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Car/deer accidents

Dec. 24: A driver lost control of his car while trying to avoid a deer on Cranberry Lake Rd. near M-15 and hit a tree.

Dec. 25: Sashabaw near Stickney. A deputy had to shoot the deer around 12:55 a.m. The deputy, Jim Polidan wrote in his report, "The deer that had run into the side of a vehicle appeared to be severely injured and was not one of Santa's reindeer. The deer was shot with (my) duty handgun and put out of its misery."

Dec. 25: M-15 near Oak Hill.

Larceny of a boot bag at Pine Knob Ski Resort. A Lake Waldon Dr. resident whose mailbox had been damaged twice before waiting and caught some youths hitting it for a third time. A 17-year-old Clarkston boy admitted that the attacks were retaliation over a previous traffic altercation with the homeowner's son.

A 32-year-old Ortonville man was injured after his car slid down an embankment on M-15 and crashed into a fence.

A 25-year-old Clarkston woman who never had a driver's license was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after she lost control of a borrowed car on snow Bridgewater, hit a fence, rolled over and down an

embankment. She was ticketed for speeding and driving without a license.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, a partially burned 1980 Plymouth was found abandoned partially sitting in Indianwood Rd.

A 19-year-old Clarkston man on a snowmobile was ticketed for driving an ORV in a roadway, careless driving, failure to obey a police signal, recreational trespassing and underage drinking after a deputy saw him driving along several township roads.

A 35-year-old Clarkston man was arrested for allegedly assaulting his wife by throwing her through a drywall wall at their home on Greyrock.


A flashlight, sunglasses, 20 CDs and a radar detector were stolen from a 1990 Jeep while the owner was at work at an M-15 business. The theft was accomplished through the Jeep's plastic window.

A ticket was issued for a vehicle parked for sale too close to Hubbard Rd.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, a 1995 Chevy was scratched and dented on Joy.

Larceny of power tools from a house under construction on Morning Mist.

A 38-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a neighbor saw him climb into a Sashabaw house through a window.

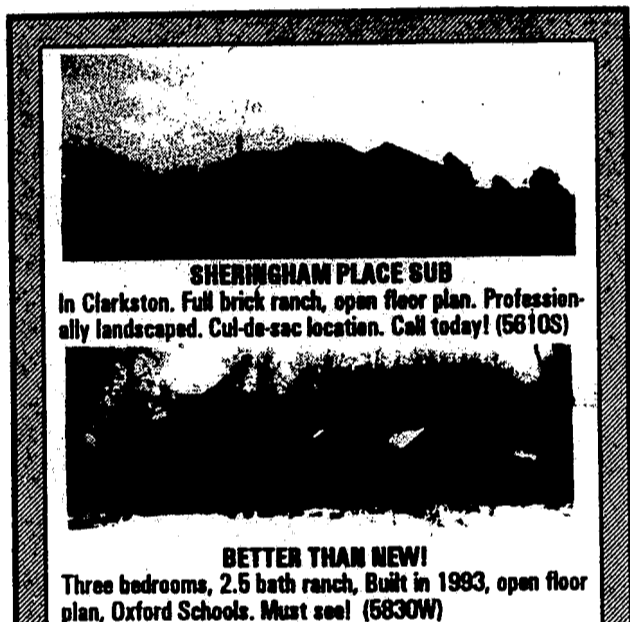


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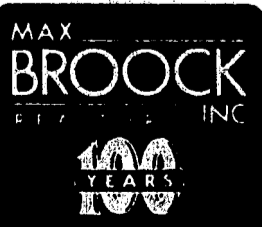
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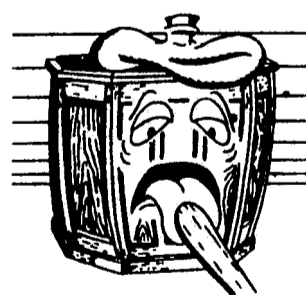
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● The Fridge at Waterford Oaks Park has extended its hours through the holidays. Hours are noon-9:30 p.m. Jan. 1-3. For more information call 858-0906 (TDD 858-1684).

● The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit the American Legion Post on Mary Sue Rd. Jan. 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 674-1253 for an appointment.

● The Clarkston Fine Arts Gallery will feature the beauty of nature during January in watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, lithographs, sculpture and mixed media. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10-6. Call 625-8439 for more information.

● The Oakland County Genealogical Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 7 for free a program called "Royal Oak: Twigs and Acorns—a Book of History." The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library; call 335-4061 for more information.

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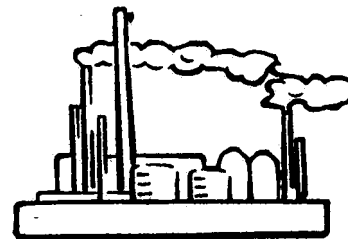
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Down 25, cagers storm back for 58-51 win over Detroit Cody

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was a game coach Dan Fife had already considered a loss.

And why not? The Clarkston varsity basketball team found itself down 29-4 before it could breathe to the Detroit Cody Comets Friday night at Cobo Arena. Cody was making nearly every shot, while the Wolves couldn't hit the ocean if they were standing on the pier.

But basketball is a funny game, as evidenced by the incredible reversal of fortune that saw the Wolves keep their undefeated record intact with an amazing 58-51 victory.

The Wolves were down 21-2 after the first quarter, but thanks to improved shooting and an airtight defense, Clarkston fought back to pull within 11 at halftime.

Junior forward Dane Fife heating up didn't hurt either. After missing his first seven shots, Dane was unconscious, nailing six 3-pointers en route to 32 points for the game. Senior Chad Bailey also provided a big spark with a season-high 16 points.

Coach Fife said the team started the game nervous, playing in an environment like Cobo Arena, but eventually settled down enough to get out with the win.

"Early on, we missed everything and they made all their shots, except for one," he said. "But we started defending better, putting more pressure on the ball and

Dane got hot for us.

"It was quite an experience," he continued. "I've never had a team come back from a deficit like that."

The younger Fife piled up a season-best 11 rebounds and six assists to go along with his 32 points. Coach Fife said he's pleased with Dane's progress this year from a confidence standpoint.

"Other players press and worry when their shots aren't falling. Dane was like that last year," coach Fife said. "But this year, he keeps going and continues to shoot. He has the confidence that it's just a matter of time before they start going down."

Coach Fife was also very happy with Bailey's play in the team's comeback win.

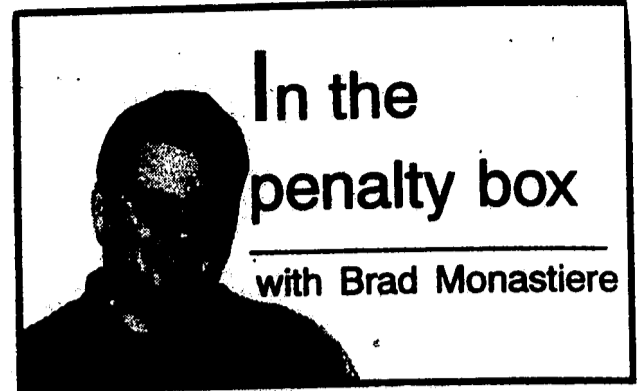
"Chad was terrific," he said. "He took the ball to the basket strong and also had eight rebounds for us."

Clarkston took its first lead late in the third at 42-40. After Cody retook the lead 46-42, the Wolves went on a game-ending 16-5 run to close out the Comets.

"After the game, Brad Conley told me, 'There's some character,'" Fife said. "The kids have to develop their own character and this game went a long way towards that."

With the turn of the year comes a key part in Clarkston's schedule, starting with a home game Friday against a solid Chippewa Valley team.

"I like playing teams that will come at us aggressively, but can also win and lose the right way," Fife said. "This will be a good game for us and will prepare us for the conference schedule."



In the
penalty box

with Brad Monastiere

Happy New Year to all! I for one, am glad to have 1996 over with. When I think of 1996, one word comes to mind: Overkill. Witness the Summer Olympics, which has degenerated to one long commercial for Coke, AT & T and M & M's, with a few sports thrown in for good measure. The bombing at Centennial Park, though tragic, was the only newsworthy item that took place the entire two weeks.

Overkill also comes to mind when it deals with Tiger Woods. Can anyone possibly live up to the hype this 20-year-old has endured this year? Mere seconds after his third straight amateur championship, he had a \$40 million contract with Nike to sport the swoosh on his cap, shirt, golf bag and dog apron. Yes, the man is very talented and probably has a terrific career in front of him. But does he really deserve to be Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year? Only if Phil Knight (Nike CEO) is on the election team.

Speaking of elections, well, this is a sports column, where politics are not welcome, especially on the national level.

Now that I've gotten that out of my system, let's try to remember the good things that happened to sports in 1996.

Joe Torre, manager of the New York Yankees finally got his World Series ring. Now I don't care for

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Gibson teaches finer points of hitting at camp

Detroit baseball legend Kirk Gibson took some time for Clarkston-area youngsters last weekend to talk about the art of hitting a baseball. Gibson was one of the special guests, along with Olympic gold medal-winning softball catcher Gillian Boxx at the Tim Birtsas Holiday Baseball and Softball Camp.

Gibson took aspiring Major Leaguers over to the batting tee, where he demonstrated the swing and technique that wrote him into baseball's history books with a pair of memorable World Series home runs in 1984 and 1988.

"It's great to see so many kids out for a baseball camp in late December," Gibson said. "They seem really serious too. That's what baseball needs."

Gibson emphasized to campers the importance of hitting off a tee, saying it can make all the difference in a swing. As evidence, Gibson said he hit off a tee just minutes before hitting his memorable home run off Oakland's Dennis Eckersley in 1988.

"I wasn't in the game until then, so I needed to get ready and the tee helped me do that," he said.

Boxx worked with the softball players in attendance, teaching proper throwing and catching techniques. She was part of the first-ever official gold medal winning softball team at the Atlanta Olympics in July.

But the real thrill for campers came after the work was done, as Boxx and Gibson signed autographs for all present.



Former Detroit Tiger Kirk Gibson gives instructions to baseball players at the Tim Birtsas Holiday Baseball and Softball Camp Saturday afternoon.

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SPORTS

Fifth place not so bad for wrestlers

Coach calls Goodrich Invitational tougher than the state meet

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The fifth-place finish was the lowest the Clarkston varsity wrestling team had achieved at any tournament so far this season, but it might have been the team's best all-around performance.

The Wolves' 112 points at the very tough Goodrich Invitational brought a wide smile to coach Mike DeGain's face, as he said he was very happy with the team's performance.

"We finished ahead of 11 ranked teams and behind four," he said. "Going into this tournament, I would have been very happy with a middle-of-the-pack finish, but our intensity was a lot better and it showed in the results."

DeGain said this tournament in many ways is tougher than the Division I (a.k.a. Class A) state tournament because several outstanding teams from Divisions II, III and IV made the trip. With top-notch wrestlers from all divisions competing against each other, the level of competition was higher than if just one division were represented.

For DeGain, the meet proved to be a step forward from the team's third-place finish at the Oakland County meet Dec. 20 and 21.

"I was dissatisfied with how we did at county. That was a downer," he said. "The team was not as



Clarkston's Scott Labrie puts Redford's D.J. McCarthy in a bad position during his 12-3 win at the Goodrich Invitational Saturday. Labrie finished fourth overall at the tournament.

Holidays no time to rest for high school athletes

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Christmas is such a joyous time of year. Presents, mistletoe, egg nog, and suicides?

Suicides are an infamous conditioning drill many high school teams have to run during their practices. And with athletes not being in school until Jan. 6, local coaches have the kids all to themselves during these long, gray days of late December and early January.

Christmas break gives teams a chance to take a step back and evaluate how the early part of their seasons have gone so far and a time to return to fundamentals of the sport. A time to get more in depth with skills that the hustle and bustle of the regular season might not allow.

Dan Fife, coach of the ninth-ranked Clarkston varsity basketball team, uses the break to keep a schedule of practices, but also wants to get his players some rest, especially considering 10 players on the roster played football last fall.

"Those kids are practicing almost every day since August and it can make for a long year and they need some free time," he said. "In practice, we work on whatever we need to work on. We go over the different roles with each of our players, because with a few games under our belts, we can see what we need to do."

Fife's team had a different schedule this winter break, with a game against a strong Detroit Cody team just two days after Christmas.

The schedule only gets tougher for the basketball team after the break, as games against rivals Pontiac Northern and Southfield Lathrup await the Wolves within three weeks of the new year.

Varsity volleyball coach Gordie Richardson car-

ries the same philosophy as Fife when it comes to taking time off and making sure the team is well-rested for the major portion of the schedule, yet to come.

"The kids need a little time off, and well, so do I," he said. "I've been going since August with the football team."

This Christmas, the team had nearly a week off during Christmas week and then resumed its normal practice schedule.

"I'm not sure taking five or six days off is really that good. Last year, we seemed to lose our edge a little bit," he said. "We will work on whatever (it) appears we need help with, like serve reception or serving."

For wrestling coach Mike DeGain, the Christmas break offers a time for the team to participate in a tournament he calls tougher than the state tournament.

The Clarkston squad finished fifth at the Goodrich Invitational Saturday, with top-10 teams from all four state divisions battling each other.

To the varsity hockey team, every day is a new experience. Almost every game is a new first for it. This being the team's first Christmas break together, coach Rick Rowden took advantage of the time to make the team more visible in the community.

"We had our clinic for junior-high-age players," he said. "Everyone needs a break, so we'll do that, but then we'll have four long, hard days of practice until (January) 11th to get back on track before the Lady of the Lakes game."

Rowden's team will need the long and hard portions of those practices, since the schedule gets very heavy after the first of the year, with 16 games in 42 days, or an average of a game every 2.6 days.

"We'll keep things light and have some fun," Rowden said. "But we'll need that mindset to jump right back into our routine."

'We came back after the holiday much more intense. I was happy with every one of our kids at Goodrich.'

Coach Mike DeGain

intense there. But we came back after the holiday much more intense. I was happy with every one of our kids at Goodrich."

One wrestler who made DeGain very happy was sophomore A.J. Grant, who continued his outstanding wrestling by winning the tournament's 103-lb. weight class. Grant is undefeated this season, including among that record an Oakland County championship.

"He is willing to put in the time and now he's reaping the rewards from that," DeGain said.

Gordie Golec, who competed in the 215-lb. class, also came through with a strong performance, taking second place overall. DeGain borrowed a line from the varsity football team's theme song in describing Golec's performance.

"It was a good turning point for Gordie. He finally got his motor running," he said. "He wrestled with much more intensity and it showed."

Other top finishers for the Wolves included Ryan Mick (5th - 130 lbs.), Jason Tiefenback (4th - 135 lbs.) and Scott Labrie (4th - 189 lbs.).

Dundee finished first at the tournament with 148 points. The only Division I team to best Clarkston's 112 points was Romeo with 128.5. Bay City Western, the preseason number-one team in the state, finished sixth overall with 109 points.

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JANUARY

January 3—SEMCOG's regional forecast shows Independence Township's population is expected to grow by 43 percent by the year 2020, from the 23,717 found in the 1990 census to a projected 41,229 people.

The Independence Township Library begins offering free Internet services to patrons.

Domestic violence doesn't take a holiday with three serious cases being reported in the township from Dec. 24. to Dec. 29. A man and a woman are arrested.

A 22-year-old Clarkston man is arraigned for a drunk-driving incident in which a Lake Orion man is killed.

January 10—The Clarkston Union opens for business in a former church on Main St.

Dana Fortinberry announces she will challenge incumbent 52-2 District Judge Gerald McNally for his seat.

Two Roanoke, VA teens are released from jail after their bonds are reduced in charges of breaking into cars shortly before Christmas. The two boys' mothers drive up from Virginia to plead their sons' cases.

January 17—Clarkston school superintendent Gary Haner announces he will retire at the end of the school year.

Independence Township officials decide not to give themselves raises for the second year in a row due to the loss of value of some risky investments the township owns.

Heather Smith is named a part-time assistant principal at Springfield Plains Elementary School due to rising enrollment. The position was added when enrollment reached 700.

A committee made of parents, school staff and other community members recommends Clarkston schools not build a new elementary but rather add on to the existing buildings in order to provide equity to all students.

This year's state champions in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl are fifth-graders B. J. Cooper, Adam Richard, Casey Bolton, Peter Boissonneau, Lauren Trager, Melanie Lauer and Jeremy Zito, all of whom attend Clarkston public schools. They scored the highest in the country among fifth-graders, and even scored higher than all but six teams of sixth-graders in the computer-based, Jeopardy-like games.

January 24—This year's high-school juniors will be the first to take a new proficiency test that will measure the skills they've learned throughout their education.

The Independence Township Vision 2020 initiative is now moving full speed ahead. Six committees covering everything from land use to transportation, utilities, facilities and services and more are meeting.

January 31—The search is on for a new superintendent for Clarkston schools as the board seeks a consultant to coordinate the process.

Crime is level in the City of Clarkston for 1995 as compared to the previous two years. Police chief Paul Ormiston pronounces the city "a safe place to live."

A lawsuit is filed in the wake of a Christmastime accident on M-15 south of Waldon in which a child walking to school is hit by a car. Derek Weddle's mother says the crosswalk isn't safe on dark mornings as drivers ignore the speed limit.

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FEBRUARY

February 7—Year-end statistics reveal crime actually fell in Independence Township in 1995.

The state legislature begins making it harder for teens to get their first driver's licenses.

The planned widening of Sashabaw Rd. is moved back to the year 2001 thanks to a feud over federal dollars.

Four Clarkston High School students are ejected from a basketball game at Pontiac Northern for being



Devon and Ethan Seery show off their Easter bonnets at the annual parade held at Clarkston Co-op Preschool.

intoxicated. No criminal charges are filed but the students are disciplined by their school for violating school policy.

February 14—The administration of Clarkston schools asks the board of education to consider building a new elementary school, contrary to the facilities' committee report, in addition to expanding existing buildings.

In the wake of investment problems, Independence Township enacts an investment policy and reveals it has sold off half of its risky derivative investments.

February 21—State Department of Transportation Director Pat Nowak announces he will run for the seat of Dale Kildee in Congress. Megan O'Neill, who has run in the last two elections against Kildee and lost, hasn't yet said whether she'll try again.

Independence Township DPW employee Chris Turk rescues a man from a burning truck on Clarkston Rd.

February 28—It now appears a bond issue for a new elementary school and renovations to others will be put to the voters. Meanwhile, the board approves the purchase of 10 new portable classrooms, at a cost of nearly a half a million dollars, due to enrollment growth.

Former Clarkston school superintendent Dr. Leslie Greene dies at the age of 82.

A request to rezone the southeast corner of Waldon and Main St. to allow an office building to be built is turned down by the Clarkston city council.

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MARCH

March 6—The board of education says it will be able to hire a new school superintendent by July as the search process continues.

Clarkston Middle School principal Vince Licata is named Middle School Principal of the Year by the Oakland County Principals Association. One of his colleagues, CMS teacher Dr. Ruth Duling, is named Oakland County's Teacher of the Year. It's the third time in the last four years a CMS teacher has received the honor.

Clarkston police install a video surveillance system in their patrol cars which will be able to provide taped evidence in future cases.

March 13—A group of parents say they will pay to start a Clarkston High School varsity hockey team, if the school board will OK it.

CHS wrestler Joe DeGain wins the state championship in his 189-pound division in Battle Creek. The senior is CHS's first state champion since 1993 and the first-ever undefeated Wolf wrestler at 52-0.

March 20—a pregnant woman arrested by Clarkston Police slips out of her handcuffs and takes a patrol car on a short ride down I-75. The whole episode is captured on videotape, thanks to the department's new video surveillance system which has just been installed. The woman is apprehended unharmed near the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Former school-board trustee Karen Foyteck says she will run again for a spot on the board.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary has a scary St. Patrick's Day when a green-clad intruder breaks into her home. The intruder was arrested; McCrary was unharmed.

March 27—The Clarkston area is hit with nine inches of snow. Residents make a run on local party stores for basic supplies.

Clarkston High School teacher Jim Wenger announces he will retire to challenge incumbent Independence Township Treasurer John Lutz for his job. Former school-board trustee Kurt Karlstrom has already thrown his hat into the ring.

Seventy-one residential developments are currently on the drawing boards within the Clarkston school district boundaries, according to officials in Independence and Springfield townships.

A couple of old cottages are burned at Bay Court Park as an exercise for the fire department. However, at least one resident thinks the playscape is on fire.

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APRIL

April 3—Clarkston High School senior Peter Bertling files petitions to run for a seat on the board of education.

About 2,400 acres of Independence Township land will be sprayed this year through Oakland County's gypsy moth program. That's double the acreage sprayed the previous year.

April 10—The stretch of Sashabaw Rd. from Waldon to Maybee is the subject of intensive planning by Independence Township in the hopes it will develop in a cohesive manner. Grant money is expected to be used to widen the road.

Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston says he has developed an ordinance that will enforce parking rules already on the books, such as the two-hour limit on downtown streets.

Nearly 60 people have applied to become Clarkston's next school superintendent.

April 17—The administration of Clarkston schools recommends the school board reject a proposal by a group of parents who want to pay to have hockey made a varsity sport. However it appears talks will continue.

Sparks from a train ignite a fire in dry grass along 10 miles of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad line in Independence, Springfield and Holly and Fenton. No one is injured.

Lawyer/investment manager Henry Woloson joins the already crowded race for Independence Township Treasurer.

April 24—Independence Township decides to conduct a mid-decade census in an effort to capture some state funding which would accompany a verified population growth of at least 15 percent.

Independence Township Trustee Mel Vaara announces he'll challenge incumbent township supervisor Dale Stuart for his job.

Jeff Pederson is the new youth minister at North Oaks Community Church.

Six candidates make the petition deadline to run for two seats on the board of education. Incumbent Barry Bomier will be challenged by Bob Wyatt, Rick Crigger, Mary Ellen McLean, Karen Foyteck and Peter Bertling for his and one other vacant seat on the board.

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MAY

May 1 - Detective Chuck Young is named the Oakland County Sheriff Department's officer of the year for 1995-96. Young, who works out of the Independence Township Substation, is recognized for solving several difficult cases and handling them with professionalism and class.

The Clarkston High School varsity baseball team sets two school records, one good, the other not so good. The team hit five home runs and committed nine errors in a wild 16-15 loss to Grand Blanc. The loss dropped the team to 3-4 overall on the season.

May 8 - A candidate for Clarkston School Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Hicks, comes under fire in his current job as Owosso School Superintendent when he recommends the dismissal of a principal.

The Clarkston city planning commission Ok's a proposal by the Clarkston Union to have outdoor seating available at the downtown restaurant. The approval didn't come without some concessions, however, as the Union had to satisfy the commission that the surrounding stone wall would not be a traffic hazard to local motorists.

Senior Stefanie Burklow announces she will attend the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on an athletic and academic scholarship. In addition to being an all-stater in track and cross country, Burklow ranks second in her senior class with a 3.98 grade point average. She was an academic all-state selection her last two years at CHS.

May 15 - It isn't "L.A. Law," but it might as well be for Clarkston elementary school students, as they get a firsthand look at the court and legal systems at "Respect for Law Day" May 6.

The Board of Education approves ice hockey as a varsity sport for the 1996-97 winter sports season. Board members had previously expressed reluctance at adding a sport with such a high cost. However, the team is to be fully funded privately. The door was left open for the school district to help with funding in the future.

Longtime varsity basketball coach Dan Fife is named the new CHS Athletic Director, replacing the retiring Paul Tungate.

May 22 - The Clarkston Community Historical Society and Clarkston Rotary Club combine resources to try to bring a historical museum to Clarkston. The joint venture has a total of \$16,000 committed to it thus far.

The Clarkston Foundation sets partying back 70 years with its Roaring '20s Party May 18. The get together raised nearly \$5,000 for the foundation. Included in the entertainment was a live big band and a mock Prohibition race, where people ran around with "cases of booze" slung over shoulders.

May 29 - The Independence Township Board of Trustees unanimously approves a contract with A.M.R. of Michigan to assist in emergency dispatch services for the township. Fire chief Gar Wilson said A.M.R.'s services best fit the township's needs and feels that the people of Independence Township will receive better emergency coverage as a result.

Governor John Engler visits The Clarkston News on a campaign tour for congressional candidate Pat Nowak. During his visit, Engler answered questions dealing with state road conditions, deficit reduction and no-fault divorce. But one question he wasn't able to answer directly came from the People Poll, where Stanley White of Clarkston gave the one question he would ask the governor: "How are the girls and aren't you glad they resemble their pretty mother?"

Junior tennis player Mike Aulgur sees there's a good and bad to playing at a high level. He made a bet with teammates that if he made the state finals, he would shave his head. Well, Aulgur lobbed over the competition, making the finals, while coach Kevin Ortwine and teammate Dan Brazier did their part, relieving Aulgur of his bothersome hair.

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JUNE

June 5 - At the tender age of 14, she held the world breathless as she scored a perfect 10 in gymnastics at the Olympics. Now, Nadia Comaneci uses her fame to help promote the 1996 games in Atlanta by visiting Clarkston May 30. She mingled with people and signed autographs outside the Kroger store on Dixie Highway.

The CHS varsity softball team completes a successful regular season with a 25-10 record that includes a win over the powerful Ortonville Brandon squad, ranked second in the state. The Wolves handed the Blackhawks their only OAA Division I loss of the season in the first game of the May 31 doubleheader.

June 12 - Al Roberts is named the new superintendent of Clarkston Schools by a unanimous vote by the board of education. Roberts replaces the retiring Gary Haner July 1. Roberts comes to Clarkston from the Orange City, OH School District, located just outside Cleveland.

Chris Freed and Blake Harlow, of Springfield Plains Elementary, achieve perfect scores at the International Mathematical Olympiads. Only 204 of the 79,502 who participated had perfect scores. The boys each received trophies for their achievement.

June 19 - Shaving cream sellers are rolling in the dough as students in Clarkston celebrate the end of school. As part of the traditional shaving cream wars, kids used the white cream to create unique hairstyles.

Junior-to-be Dane Fife travels to France to participate in an under-17 basketball tournament. He went as a result of being on a national championship winning team in AAU that included Mr. Basketball favorite Shane Battier of Detroit Country Day.

June 26 - Marge McNeil, an 18-year-old Clarkston resident, can wash 'em and dry 'em better than anybody. She is named Most Valuable Carwasher for 1996 by Carwashing & Detailing Magazine. McNeil was nominated by the owners of Clarkston Auto Wash, Fred and Sheila Ritter. The Ritters credit her boundless energy and spry personality for helping to boost sales at the Dixie Highway business.

The Clarkston school budget hits \$42 million for the 1996-97 school year. How that will all add up is still somewhat of an unknown because factors like state and national grants have not been added in yet.

Lunch through all Clarkston schools gets a little more expensive after the school board passes a proposal to raise meal prices for the 1996-97 school year.

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JULY

July 3 - Deer Lake Beach is forced to close because of an abundance of algae. The big green mass more resembled the blob of '50s B-movie fame, but it was enough for health department officials to close the beach off. The mass formed as a result of high humidity, rainfall and wind going in the proper direction.

Joe Dumars of the Detroit Pistons is slated to be the guest speaker at Tim McCormick's Basketball Camp for Boys and Girls July 22-26. McCormick, a former standout at Michigan and NBA center for eight years, puts on the clinic every summer.

They had been quiet, but not deaf. Eighties rockers Def Leppard appear at Pine Knob in support of their first studio album since 1992, blending its traditional hard chord style with a dash of alternativism of the 1990s. Lead singer Joe Elliott called the new album "Slang" the "most vibrant and artistically satisfying album we've ever made."

July 10 - It's fun time in Clarkston, as residents and visitors enjoyed a festive 4th of July. Nearly 10,000 cram the streets of Clarkston to celebrate our country's birthday. The celebration was complete with a classic car show, live music and floats.

Local truckers react coolly to the increased speed limit experiment on some of Michigan's highways. I-69 was among the test areas for a 70-mph speed limit. Gary Thompson said: "At 70 miles an hour, it's going to take a lot more to stop that truck."

Students from Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston Middle School get a look at the heart of the national government, as they tour Washington D.C. with Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Flint).

July 17 - The Clarkston Board of Education approves a bond election for Dec. 9. Voters will decide whether to spend \$52 million to pay for renovations, technology upgrades and the construction of a new elementary school.

Thanks to an alert neighbor, an Independence Township family escapes harm from a house fire on Deerhill Court. Michael Odette, a candidate for Oakland County Sheriff, noticed smoke coming from the house at around 6 a.m., called firefighters and awakened the family. The fire started from a lamp, which had a 100-watt bulb in an outlet suited for a 25-watt bulb. The only major damage to the house came in a burned bed mattress.

President Bill Clinton wins the election - of five people asked in the People Poll. Three people said they would vote for the Democratic incumbent, while two were vehement in their opposition of the president. "The way he ran things the past few years was hor-

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From left, Pete Nico, Todd Moss and Brian and Sue Burke ham it up in Roaring '20s attire at the Clarkston Foundation benefit May 18.

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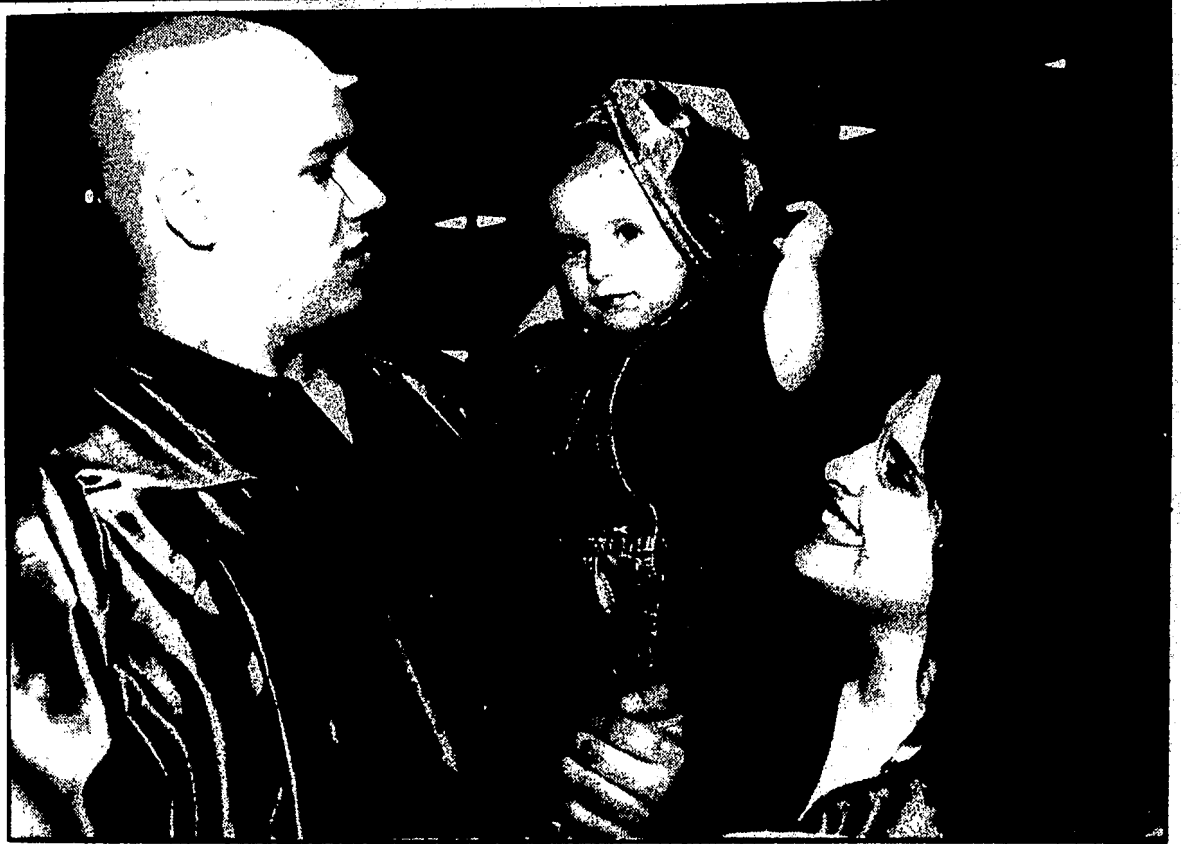
rible," said Gabrielle Sevigny of Davisburg.

July 24 - A national tragedy strikes too close to home, as 18-year-old Clarkston resident Courtney Elizabeth Johns dies in the crash of TWA Flight 800 over the New York City area July 17. Courtney was heavily involved in church organizations and was very active in all aspects of school during her days at Birmingham Marian High School. She is survived by her parents Fred and Barbara and brothers Geoffrey and Jeremy.

Kids and animals get ready for the spotlight, as the Oakland County 4-H Fair is preparing to hit Davisburg July 29 - Aug. 4. Nearly 10,000 youngsters will participate in the fair, complete with exhibits for animals ranging from horses to chickens to pigs.

Sophomore A.J. Grant gains some more national recognition for Clarkston, as he wins the Junior Cadet National Championship Wrestling Tournament in Greco-Roman. The best wrestlers in their respective age groups gathered at the event in North Dakota and Grant bested them all. "My mom went nuts when I won," commented Grant. "But I thought I had a good chance going in."

July 31 - It's crunch time for local politicians as the primary elections are just around the corner. Since the field for the races is made up of nearly all Republicans, this election carries more local weight than the November general election does. Seats for township government were up for grabs.



Stuart and Kelli Jelinek share a mortarboard with their son Logan at graduation ceremonies May 29 for Clarkston adult and alternative high-school students.

The year in review

AUGUST

August 7 - He who spends, wins. That was the theme in the local primary elections, as the results come out in favor of candidates who spend the most money on their campaigns. Dale Stuart, who won re-election as Independence Township Supervisor, spent \$840 more than challenger Mel Vaara.

Depot Park becomes a classic car lover's paradise as the Concours d'Elegance makes a stop in Clarkston. Among the beauties was a 1961 MGA, which has no door handles. The only way to get in the car is by pulling a wire located inside the door.

1995 CHS graduate Corey Grant is named the Most Outstanding Freshman for the University of Michigan's wrestling team. Grant was a starter at 125 lbs. for most of the 1995-96 campaign and had several top-five tournament finishes.

August 14 - A new player enters the bidding for property located at the corner of Main Street and Waldon. Bob and Deanna Olson put a \$140,000 bid in for the property, which could house several units.

Eleven 1996 CHS graduates will take their athletic skills to the collegiate level for 1996-97. Clarkston natives Joe DeGain, Stefanie Burklow, Lisa Herron, Nicki Hard, Jeff Mull, Stephanie Giroux, Amanda Jenkins, Tim Waslik, Scott Hill, Crystal Lemke and David Barth will all represent Clarkston at their various colleges and sports.

August 21 - Two 14-year-old Clarkston youths get the scare of their lives when they are held at gunpoint during a robbery. The ones with the guns - a 16-year-old Lake Orion and 17-year-old Waterford youth, were caught and confessed to the crimes. The guns that were used were BB guns, but they appeared real enough to bind them over to circuit court.

Alanis Morissette, the biggest musician of 1996, makes a big splash at Pine Knob Music Theater. Her debut album "Jagged Little Pill" was easy for listeners to swallow, as it broke all kinds of records for sales by a debut artist. The 20-year-old Canada native brought a refreshing style of harmony with hard-driving lyrics to the music scene in dire need of a fresh face in 1996.

TV-65, the Clarkston television station, is preparing to undergo big changes in the coming year. The station is in need of people to come on TV and get some exposure reporting news about the Clarkston area.

August 28 - Did the summer really go by that fast? It sure did, as students are hitting the books again with school back in session.

Along with the start of the new school year comes

the start of Al Roberts' tenure as school superintendent. Roberts outlined many of his philosophies at the back-to-school meeting when teachers reported for their first day back to work.

The year in review

SEPTEMBER

September 4 - Local law enforcement officials believe the man who robbed Waterford Hill Florist in Independence Township Thursday night may be the same person who robbed several other businesses in Waterford and Auburn Hills during August. The officers see similarities in several composite sketches.

Arsenic is found in some wells in 27 Oakland County communities, including Independence Township and the city of Clarkston. Some in Independence and Clarkston test above 20 parts per billion but none test above 50 PPB, according to county commissioner Ruth Johnson.

Clarkston High school senior Kristin Maine finishes first in the Cavalier Classic cross-country race Aug. 30, edging the CHS girls cross-country team into second place.

September 11 - Flower Bed owner Sharon Huber ends the mystery behind a string of armed robberies in Auburn Hills and Clarkston. The Rochester Hills florist is confronted by suspect Richard Rice and grabs the gun. Rice confesses to eight robberies including the holdup at Waterford Hill Florist Aug. 29.

A 52-2 District Court magistrate sets a \$500,000 bond for alleged wife-beater Ronald Johnson. Johnson, 47, is arraigned on one charge of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees votes unanimously to enter into negotiations with Tel-Data, which will install an entirely new data processing system throughout township hall. The cost of approximately \$205,000 is budgeted into the township's general fund.

September 18 - The good news is that Clarkston High School finishes ahead of the state average and most county averages on the new High School Proficiency Test. But the bad news is that only about half of the CHS student body scores "proficient" in math, reading and writing and just over a third in science.

The city of Clarkston puts parking rules in drive as city council members vote to adopt a new traffic violations bureau ordinance. The ordinance allows the city clerk to collect fines and states that residents need to keep their cars off the streets between 2 a.m. and 6

a.m. during winter months, unless they obtain hardship permits.

The Michigan legislature mandates that the number of hours kids spend in instructional time at school will increase for the next 10 years, which impacts recess time. Like others in the state, Clarkston's six elementary schools will now allow recess only during the lunch hour.

September 25 - After two years of wondering what its fate would be, the last piece of vacant land in the city of Clarkston is sold to local business owners Bob and Deanna Olsen. The Olsens want to build an office building but still face a fight with city officials, who continue to state they will not rezone the property from residential to commercial.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary initiates an opportunity for Clarkston school children to participate in the national Kids Voting program this fall.

The Clarkston Wolves crush Waterford Mott with a convincing 42-6 victory during the season's football home-opener Friday. Junior tailback Brad Phalen rushes for 141 yards on 16 carries and scores three touchdowns to lead the offense.

The year in review

OCTOBER

October 2 - The 1997 Independence Township budget shows growth, says finance director Kerry Donahoe during a public hearing Sept. 23. Donahoe announces a 30-percent increase in taxable property values since 1993.

Sue Blazczak, founder of the Minnesota Parent Network, alerts adults to the fact that "it can happen here" as she speaks to about 30 community leaders at the Independence Township Library Sept. 26. Blazczak says no one is immune - even Clarkston - from the drugs and alcohol problems that plague teenagers in the nation today. She stresses the need for adults' setting rules for their kids.

Clarkston Wolves varsity football players sing "Born to Be Wild" after a narrow Homecoming victory that downs Rochester Adams 20-13 within seconds of the game's end.

October 9 - Enrollment continues to grow in Clarkston schools, but the fact is the 100 new families enrolling at the high school this fall is more the norm than an aberration.

Two local real-estate companies, Coldwell Banker The Michael Group and Clarkston Real Estate Ser-

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vices, merge to form the largest real-estate organization in the area. The new firm will be renamed Coldwell Banker Professionals.

October 16—The Clarkston Village Players are in danger of losing their Depot Theater, a former railroad depot they lease on White Lake Rd. They need to raise \$78,000 in order to purchase the land from Canadian National Properties, which plans to sell it.

It will soon cost those who park illegally in downtown Clarkston at least \$10 if they disobey new regulations. Clarkston's city council passes a resolution to set specific fines within its recently adopted parking violations ordinance that include \$50 for parking in a handicapped zone.

Clarkston resident and Oakland University student Jennifer Ripari snags the lead in the university's all-student production of "The Secret Garden" to debut Oct. 25. Ripari, who has years of performing experience, calls the role "a huge leap" toward her hope of becoming a Broadway actress someday.

October 23—Clarkston's board of education votes unanimously to call a bond election for Dec. 9. The proposal asks voters for permission to borrow \$52.5 million to build a new elementary school, add to and remodel existing elementary schools, remodel both middle schools and prepare the high school to become a middle school, as well as to purchase technology.

A just-announced joint venture between Clarkston Village Players and two other parties that lease a 1.3 acre parcel from Canadian National Properties may save Depot Theatre's future. Players vice president Melissa Breckenridge says members of the 36-year-old theatre troupe met with Buckeye Pipeline and Continental Machine Co. to discuss the crucial situation of CN selling off the land. They plan to each chip in a third of the purchase cost, with a benefactor agreeing to lend the Players their portion.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees votes to sell off four collateralized mortgage obligations and a Lord Abbott government securities mutual fund to clear itself of a bad investment portfolio. Investment manager Peter Root of Munder Capital recommends selling all within a six-month time frame.

October 30—Mt. Zion Church expects to partially open its new youth center at Sashabaw and Maybee by the end of the year. Completion of the project, which involves extensive remodeling of a former grocery store, has been delayed by the installation of a sprinkler system required by Independence Township.

Clarkston voters get ready to elect a president, congressman, senator, state representatives, judges, county officials and help decide six statewide ballot proposals during the national election set for Tuesday. One local hotly contested seat involves the race for 52-2 District Court judge which pits current judge Gerald McNally against his former magistrate, Dana Fortinberry.

The year in review

NOVEMBER

November 6—Election results declare Democrats Bill Clinton, Carl Levin and Dale Kildee winners in Independence Township. On the local level, 52-2 District Judge Gerald McNally wins re-election as do township supervisor Dale Stuart, clerk Joan McCrary and trustees Jeff McGee and Dan Travis. In the city, new council members include Laura Aulgur and Steve Arkwright.

Clarkston school children celebrate red ribbon week with a send-off of 700 red balloons at Clarkston Middle School and red-ribbon decorating inside and out at Pine Knob Elementary.

A joint bid accepted by Canadian National Railroad bails out the Clarkston Village Players who stood to lose their Depot Theatre on White Lake Rd. CN land sales consultant Chuck Tucker says CN and the CVP will negotiate to come up with an agreement to enable the Players to also use the building as long as it exists.

November 13—An enrollment study conducted by Carlisle/Wortman Associates says the Clarkston school district can expect continued growth over the next five years and beyond. Planner Dick Carlisle tells the board of education that Clarkston, being a desirable

place to live, will experience ongoing housing development for some time to come.

New township treasurer Jim Wenger is looking forward to his new position. Among the issues he addresses are support for selling some risky investment derivatives and working toward eliminating the need for outside investment managers. He also cites "inter-related" workings between the schools, the city, the township and the fast-growing Sashabaw corridor as top priorities during his term.

The Wolves finish out their season with a shocker, losing 34-20 to Dearborn Fordson in the playoffs. Clarkston High school varsity football coach Kurt Richardson attributes the lack of significant turnovers and where they occur as big factors in the defeat.

November 20—Two 8- and 9-year-old brothers steal a 1982 Chrysler LeBaron when the keys are left in the car. The case is under investigation and petitions are expected to be filed in Probate Court.

The Clarkston board of education approves nearly \$25 million worth of bids for the new high school Nov. 11. Included in the bids are construction of most of the east end of the building, including the pool, auditorium, gym and cafeteria.

Clarkston High School choir students perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, offering six free concerts for school children with a Sherlock Holmes theme.

November 27—The city of Clarkston and Clarkston Mills Mall owner Ed Adler reach a parking agreement, after several months of debate, suggestions and changes. The agreement will add 40 more parking spots to the downtown area.

One of the aspects of Clarkston schools' "Sunshine Bond" is the move of Clarkston Middle School to the current high school building and community education's move to the present CMS. Cost for needed renovations at CMS is estimated to be \$2.56 million, including a computer lab, playground and parking improvements.

The year in review

DECEMBER

December 4—One of the biggest concerns of Monday's special school bond election is the overflow of students in the elementary schools. This fall's Fourth Friday head count shows 346 students over capacity. With all the renovations asked for in the bond, it is hoped the need for portable classrooms will be reduced.

Leta Calcote, owner of Calcote Country in Clarkston, announces she will retire after 10 years at her American folk art store. Calcote says it will be hard to

leave because she's made some wonderful friends among her customers.

A Holocaust survivor shares a real-life history lesson with Clarkston Elementary fifth-graders during a special assembly Nov. 26. Rochelle Sable, who grew up in Poland during the outbreak of World War II, mesmerizes her young audience with tales of the war's horrors, but also her family's courage and survival.

December 11—Residents of the Clarkston school district vote down the bond proposal with a disappointing 13-percent turnout on Monday. If passed, the district would have been able to borrow \$52.5 million for new construction.

NBD Bank announces it will close its downtown Clarkston branch, citing a desire to move toward more automated services. The bank's other Clarkston branches will remain open.

The Clarkston High School varsity boys basketball team enters the season with its usual high expectations, sporting four new starters and a new, bigger frontline. On offense, the Wolves will feature two stalwarts, junior Dane Fife and senior Marc Mazur.

December 18—With strong support for the community to try again, the Clarkston board of education reaches a Monday night consensus to bring the failed bond proposal back to voters in June. Though no official vote is taken, it appears that board members agree the regular June school election will be a good time.

Some of Clarkston's schools report three times the normal amount of absenteeism during an early flu epidemic that sweeps over the country. In addition to the students missing school, teaching and substitute staff have been short, reports assistant superintendent Duane Lewis.

A lost dog named Sheba finds the way back to her family after a series of adventures, which include being taken in by some kind local people.

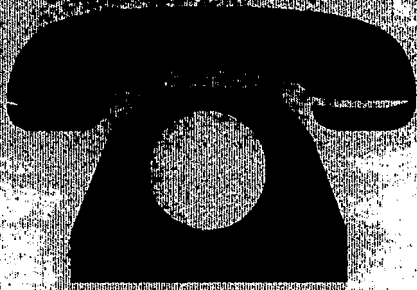
December 25—A fire in the Hidden Lakes apartment complex severely damages four townhouses and injures a 64-year-old woman. The blaze is started by a candle which is left burning on the woman's nightstand, says Independence Township Fire Department Engineer and EMS coordinator Bob Ceasario.

Clarkston High School and Detroit Western International High school students trade places at each other's schools. The handful of CHS students who spend a day at Western, before Western kids return the visit in Clarkston Dec. 10, say the metal detectors and variety of cultures are some things they've not experienced in their own community.

Clarkston Bluffs homeowners pack the township annex Dec. 19 to protest the building of an Outback Steakhouse next to their property. Independence Township planning commissioners side with them, voting 3-2 to turn the plan down, even though their planner recommends approval. Outback Steakhouse will fine-tune the problems and return for another try.



Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci (second from left) visits the Clarkston Kroger store this summer to promote the summer games. The visit was sponsored by a country radio station, whose disk jockey is at left.



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Kathryn Arkles

Kathryn M. (Kay) Arkles, 79, of Waterford, died Dec. 23, 1996.

Mrs. Arkles was a retired elementary school teacher in the Waterford School District.

She is survived by daughter Kathleen Baker of Maryland and son John (Sharon) of Waterford, and grandchildren Elizabeth and Scott.

A funeral service was held Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor E. Dale Evans officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the Waterford Foundation for Public Education.

Stephen Sexton

Stephen Michael Sexton, 37, of White Lake, died suddenly Dec. 27, 1996.

Mr. Sexton was a two-time winner of the Gold Club Award from Gordon Food Service, where he was a sales representative in the Rochester area. He also enjoyed jet skiing, boating and cooking.

He is survived by his wife Franchine; son Eric; father Edward and his wife Veronica; brothers Mark (Pam) of Brighton, Brian (Rosemary) of Texas, David (Sandy) of Texas and Tony of Pontiac; sister Coletta (Dan) Bain of South Lyon; and brothers-in-law Vince (Terry) Dattolo of Colorado, Peter (Donna) Dattolo of Texas and Greg (Kathy) Dattolo of Livonia. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Jean.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Russo officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the family for Eric's future education.

Martha Langevin

Martha "Norene" Langevin, 71, of Pontiac, died Dec. 28, 1996.

She is survived by daughters Ann (Arlie) Jackson of Waterford, Marty (Gil) Decker of Clarkston, Mary (Bo) Beeman of Pontiac and Nina Shedd of Commerce Township; son Wendell (Jennie) Shedd of Pontiac; 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, six sisters and a brother. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold, a sister and two brothers.

A funeral service was held Monday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Dallas Jackson officiating. Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery.

Carol (Zander) Ladd

Carol Louise (Zander) Ladd, 78, of Clarkston, died Dec. 23, 1996.

Mrs. Ladd lived in Clarkston for 19 years and was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

She is survived by daughter Leslie (Bill) Hantke of California, son Jim (Karen), and grandchildren Megan and Terry. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert.

A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Donations can be made to the American Auto-Immune Related Disease Association in Detroit.

Edward McManus

Edward M. McManus, 76, of Clarkston, died Dec. 26, 1996.

Mr. McManus was retired from Barron Construction as a brick mason. He was a member of the International Union of Bricklayers, Allied Craftworkers,

Clawson-Troy Elks and American Legion Post 253 in Royal Oak. He served the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by friend Lucille K. Reichert; daughters Carol Pociask of Rochester Hills, Mary McManus of Clarkston, JoAnn Potts of Clawson and Judy (Paul) Graney of Oxford; grandchildren Evan McManus, Tara Sebahg, Veronica and Heidi Potts, Paul and Katherine Graney; sisters Ellen Frick, Elaine Hohenthaner, Colleen (Milford) Slaige of South Dakota, Mary Catherine of California; brother James (Charlotte) of South Dakota; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sister Carol Harris.

A mass of the resurrection was held Saturday at the St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston with Rev. Robert Humitz officiating. Rite of committal was at Andersonville Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or to the American Cancer Society.

Lois Snyder

Lois D. Snyder, 92, formerly of the Clarkston area, died Dec. 25, 1996.

She is survived by daughters Opal (Paul) Grant of Florida and Joyce (Jack) Grant of Virginia, 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Ferdinand and daughters Ardella Shedlowsky and Norma Lewis.

A funeral service was held Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. Edgar McKinney officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

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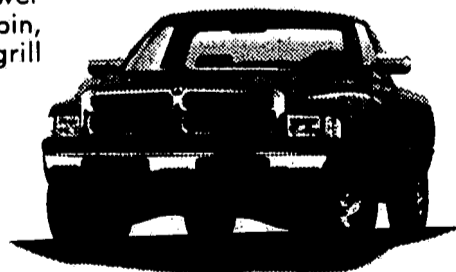


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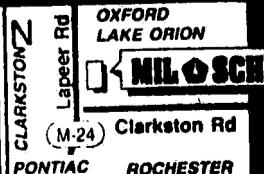
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FULL TIME TELLER POSITION. Send resume to: 8065 Orionville Rd, Clarkston, MI 48348. Attn: Operations. Immediate opening. IICZ23-2

NEEDED- FITTER AND WELDER. Apply at Acero, Inc., 69799 Powell, Romeo. (810)752-4512. Benefits included. IIRX2-2

BOOKKEEPER. Immediate openings available for excellent entry level opportunity. Must be detail oriented. Lotus and computerized bookkeeping desirable. Competitive wages and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to P.O. Box 430074, Pontiac, MI 48343. E.O.E. IILX1-2

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TRAVEL CONSULTANT Experience and SABRE knowledge preferred. Excellent opportunity and wage. Serious applicants only. Send resume to Agent, P.O. Box 652, Grand Blanc, MI 48439-0652. LX2-dh

Direct Care Aide No experience required. Mature, reliable individual to instruct, treat and care for adult special population. Afternoon and midnights. Benefits offered. Wages up to \$7. hourly. 810-798-2517. LZ1-3

HELP WANTED Oxford Foodliner Apply Within: 68 S. Washington (next to OXFORD BANK) LX19-dh

CAREGIVER NEEDED part time for woman with MS, Brandon Twp. area. 628-6653. IILX2-2

L/S Family Foods HIRING Cashier - Deli NIGHT CREW EXPERIENCE PREFERRED But will train. \$5.50 - \$7 per hour. Ask for Pat (810) 693-0900 LX28-dth

BABYSITTER NEEDED For infant in my Lake Orion home. 2-3 days per week. 10-20 hours flexible. At least thru April. Can continue if desired. 692-2205 or 693-5645. LX2-2

Licensed Home DAYCARE Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Keatington Area 391-8977 LX2-4

HANDYMAN FOR HIRE Experienced in: PLUMBING ELECTRICAL CARPENTRY, etc. 810-620-1397 CX22-4

DISNEY/ORLANDO CONDO: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, pool, spa, golf. \$495/wk. 810-545-2114 and 810-652-9967. IILX42-tic

HEALTH CARE POSITIONS We are in need of positive friendly individuals desiring to work in long term care - PRESENT NEEDS ARE: LPN Openings for Charge Nurses CENA's Available Openings - Full Time & Part Time on Day & Afternoon Shift RESTORATIVE NURSING ASSISTANT Experience Preferred - Full Time LAKE ORION NURSING CENTER (810) 693-0505 TO APPLY: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Immediate Openings Guido's Premium Pizza DELIVERY: up to \$12-14/hr (with wages & tips) EXPERIENCE PREFERRED Will train right person Full/ Part time Positions Available APPLY IN PERSON: 1396 S. LAPEER RD. Oxford Mills Shopping Center LX28-ttdh

Machine Operator Entry level job, day shift, steady job. Blue Cross, etc. Retirees considered. Apply 595 S. Lapeer Rd. Oxford. LX2-3

NEEDED- FITTER AND WELDER. Apply at Acero, Inc., 69799 Powell, Romeo. (810)752-4512. Benefits included. IIRX2-2

RELIABLE HELP WANTED evenings 4-6, bringing in and feeding horses, must be able to drive a truck. have experience with horses. 628-5046 IILX38-2

SECURITY GUARDS Full or Part time night positions with top pay for mature minded persons. Duty post located near the Palace arena. Weekly pay, call 810-790-4400. CX22-2

WANTED LOVING, CHRISTIAN person to care for my 7 year old son. Variable hours, pay commensurate with experience and willingness to do other household tasks. 628-6700, ask to leave message for Barb, Lakeville Lake area. IILX38-2

CLERK/TYPIST Contractual position for immunization program 24-36 hrs/week. Must be high school graduate and have computer/data processing training/experience. Day-time position with 3-4 early evenings required per month. \$7.91/hr. Apply with resume at Lapeer County Health Department, 1575 Suncrest Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446 by January 3, 1996 - 5:00 p.m. EOE

READERS NOTE: Some "WORK-AT-HOME" ads or ads offering information on jobs or government homes may require an INITIAL INVESTMENT. We urge you to investigate the company's claims or offers thoroughly before sending any money, and PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK. IILX10-ttdh

CORPORATE FOOD SERVICE & Catering Company looking for Prep Cooks, Line servers and Cashiers. Mon-Fri., days only, full and part time. Auburn Hills area. One midnight position available. 810-608-0690 LZ1-2c

WANTED WEEKLY Cleaning Lady, mature and experienced. Call Judy, 693-6936 IILX2-2

SENIORS/ RETIREES Looking for responsible individual for after hours clean up and stock. 3-4 hours/night. Catalina Lounge 4313 Baldwin, Orion 810-391-3210 CX23-2

TUNE UP FOR FALL. Make sure your chain saw is ready for wood cutting season. Sharpening and tune-ups at University Lawn Equipment, Inc. 945 University Drive, Pontiac. 373-7220. IILX37-dh

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WANTED WEEKLY Cleaning Lady, mature and experienced. Call Judy, 693-6936 IILX2-2

LAURA'S LICENSED DAYCARE has full or part time openings for fall. 21yrs experience. Activities, snacks & meals provided. 628-2079. IILX51-4

STATE LAW REQUIRES some childcare facilities to be licensed and some to be registered. Call Michigan Dept. of Social Services (859-1612) if you have any questions. IILX43-dtd

BABYSITTING IN MY Waterford home, newborns and twins welcome. 30 years experience. (810)674-7093. IICX20-4

WANTED: 3HP TABLE SAW, must be excellent condition. Todd, 623-0923 IICZ23-2

LOST DOG, REWARD, Jack Russel Terrier pup, white with brown markings on head and ears, answers to Rosie, lost in Clear Lake area 12-23, 628-2923 IILX2-2

FOR RENT, one bedroom apartment, downtown Oxford, \$360. 628-6933 IILX38-1

LAKE FRONT ON LAKE Orion: available immediately for a short or long term lease. \$1190 month. Possible option to buy 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled with an unfinished walkout basement. 814-9606. IIRX51-4

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ORLANDO/ DISNEY/ GOLF Condo: Pools, Cable TV, etc. \$375 weekly. 693-0936 or 693-4352. IILX1-4

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105-FOR RENT

FOR RENT: 4 BEDROOM, West Pontiac, Family room, dining room, living room, basement. Rent \$750 plus \$1,000 deposit. Across from North Oakland Medical Center, 56 Seminole. 810-663-8403 IILX2-1

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #97-0001 Vincent Rizzo, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY Iroquois Ct, R-1R Michigamme Knolls 08-11-176-001

Case #97-0002 Gordon Higendorf, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS TEMPORARY USE APPROVAL FOR SALES TRAILER, STONE MEADOW SUB Spring Meadow Dr., Lot 67, PRD Zone Morgan Lake Golf Classic Phase 1-A 08-25-377-022

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday thru Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For further information call (810) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Katherine A. Poole
Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

TOWNSHIP BOARD

AGENDA

7:30 p.m.

DATE January 7, 1997

- Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Approval of Agenda
Minutes of Previous Meeting
List of Bills
Approval of Purchase Orders
Public Forum
Old Business
1. Second Reading - Rezoning R1A-OS2, 8047 Ortonville Road, 08-17-300-012
 2. Second Reading - Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Landscape, Article V, Section 5.13.12.
 3. Second Reading - Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Section 5.03, Accessory Buildings.

New Business

1. Rezoning - R1A & O to PUD, 08-27-100-014, 015, 026, 038 & 047.
2. Changes in Authorizing Officials for Purchasing
3. Appointments.
4. Non-Union Salary Adjustments.
5. Request to Bid Youth Baseball Uniforms.
6. Request to Lease Copier for Senior Center.

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

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the Yankee organization, which bought a championship for the K Mart price of \$60 million, but you can't help but pull for a guy like Torre, who has shown nothing but class through his illustrious playing and managing career. Having a brother with cancer must have been an incredible off-the-field burden to live with. Couple that with managing a clubhouse full of Manhattan-sized egos and no fewer than three players fresh from alcohol and drug rehab, and Torre did a splendid job and gave the game of baseball something good and fun for a change.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on January 9, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE #96-1-043

Autgur-Raisin Homes, Inc., Petitioners
CLARKSTON HILL OFFICE BUILDING
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SIT DOWN RESTAURANT IN OS-2 (Office Service-Two) Zone

Parcel Identification Number: 08-33-302-001 & 002
Common Description: Dixie Highway, 1.9 Acres, Lots 68 & 69 of Townsend Sub & Vacated Vandewater Avenue

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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FILE #96-1-047

AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE #83
REVISIONS TO SECTION 3.01, ARTICLE III, DEFINITIONS
Please contact the Building and Planning Department for further information and copies of the proposed language.

Parcel Identification Number:

Common Description:

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Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

The Clarkston News

Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week: A.J. Grant - sophomore

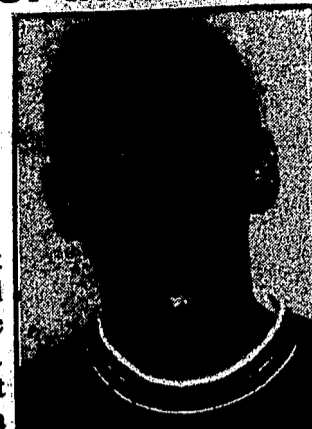
Sport: Wrestling
Weight Class:

103 lbs.

Accomplishments: Took first place at the Oakland County Meet and the Goodrich Invitational. Grant also took first place nationally at a Greco Roman tournament in South Dakota last summer. He is undefeated on the season.

Coach's Comments: "A.J. is very dedicated to the sport," said coach Mike DeGain. "He wrestles from the start of the season all the way until July at different tournaments. He is mentally well-prepared for every match he is in."

Athlete's Comments: "I worked a lot harder this year, more than any other," Grant said. "I don't give myself as many breaks as before. I just try to run faster and wrestle harder. I think I'm right there for the states."



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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

HEARING

Thursday, January 9, 1997

On Thursday, January 9, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., the City of the Village of Clarkston Zoning Board of Appeals will hear Case B-55 at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

This is a request for variances which include parking, height, and setbacks, from Lehman Construction Company regarding the proposed addition to the Clarkston Mills at 20 West Washington, parcel identification No. 08-20-377-011.

James Schultz, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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7:00 pm Youth Activities

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