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Photo by Renee Wightman

Excited parents of a New Year's baby: Jeff and Mary Beth Baker, with their newborn daughter, Maria Christina.

Special delivery

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Proud parents Jeff and Mary Beth Baker rang in the New Year in the delivery room — their daughter, Maria Christina Baker, was born at 12:14 p.m. New Year's Day to the Clarkston couple.

Mary Beth said she and her husband had planned a night at home when she began experiencing pain. To be safe, Jeff drove her to the hospital.

She didn't expect to stay, but learned she was actually in labor, despite the baby's due date being Jan. 13. "I had to go over, for peace of mind," Mary Beth said.

The newborn is the grandchild of Bev McElmeel, building director for Independence Township. McElmeel is excited about her daughter's first born, but wants to stay out of the limelight.

"I'm gonna let them take all the glory," she said. McElmeel said the Bakers were en route to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital when the ball was dropping in Times Square.

Weighing eight pounds 15 ounces, and at 21 inches, "she's a beautiful

baby," McElmeel said of her new granddaughter. The couple named Maria after Mary Beth's great-great grandmother; the name Christina was the confirmation name for both Mary Beth and her mother.

Jeff said aside from the unusual occurrence of the New Year's birth, the couple and new baby have something else to smile about: "We'll never have to work that day. We'll always have the day off."

The Bakers are winners of *The Clarkston News'* First Baby of the Century Contest and won prizes from area businesses valued at over \$400.

They receive a \$100 savings bond from Clarkston State Bank; a \$30 gift certificate from Country Cords; Stride Rite; a polar fleece jacket from Village Apparel and Gifts; four movie passes to Waterford Cinema 16; an initial exam (with any necessary x-rays) from Dr. Bice, D.D.S.; two games of bowling from Cherry Hill Lanes; and a personalized color calendar from Mail Box Etc.

Y2KO'd

Millennium enters quietly -- no whistle blows or glitches

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Like other parts of the world, Clarkston wasn't bugged by Y2K.

Local government, police and schools, as well as grocery hardware stores and restaurants, reported Dec. 31 as pretty much quiet — despite all the prior hype and hoopla. New Year's Day was welcomed in with gladness, not glitches.

Independence Township was staffed with approximately 26 employees, who kept watch over the area till 1 a.m. Fire Station #1 on Citation Drive was set up as an emergency operating center at 7:30, with five phone lines in place.

"On our end, everything was absolutely fine," said Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin, one township employee who worked that night. Conklin said employees inspected all township facilities around midnight, checking for electrical and other problems.

Fire Chief Gar Wilson was in charge of any incidents, she said.

"We were prepared. There were only three calls — basically people checking up to see how we were doing," Conklin said.

"That's three more than we got," said Department of Public Works Director George Anderson, whose staff monitored sewer and water systems from their site on Flemings Lake Road.

The alarm system that alerts the DPW to problems never went off — but they were ready, Anderson said. If the alarm had sounded, indicating a malfunction, "We would have had a complete shut down," Anderson said.

"We would have lost communication with the pump houses and lift stations, but they would have continued to run," explained Assistant Director Linda Richardson. Several sites were checked after midnight, and emergency genera-

tors were fueled up and tested, but nothing transpired. "It was a big non event, really," Anderson said.

"We were cued in because we lease some land to Detroit Edison out here. They didn't have any crews working, so we felt we'd be OK if Edison was letting their people stay home."

Clerk Joan McCrary said most people left by 1:15 a.m. "It's the beginning of a new year and we're looking forward to it," she said. "It's a big election year, too." Applications for absentee ballots will be ready for mailing by the end of the week, she added.

Local police reported an uneventful weekend, also. Clarkston City Police Chief Paul Ormiston described it as "very quiet...I took two complaints over the weekend. One was an abandoned auto." There were no injury accidents, reported crimes or drunk drivers, he said.

Likewise, Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence substation commander Lt. Dale LaBair said New

Year's Eve was peaceful. "It was pretty quiet. I was here myself until about two in the morning. It was quieter than reporting no trouble-makers. "All our wing nuts were Y2K compatible."

While people partied New Year's Eve, most left early, said local night spots.

"It was kind of a dull night," said Mr. B's partner Holly Day. "We weren't as busy as we thought we would be."

Kristin Grannis, owner of Duggan's Irish Pub, said the place was "jammed" at the onset, but only a few stragglers stayed on to listen to the band kick in 2000. "By 10:30, we were pretty much emptied out."

Like Duggan's, Mesquite Creek doesn't draw the younger crowds, said Patti Nelson, manager. After midnight, "They usually move on to other locations,"

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'All our wing nuts were Y2K compatible.'

--Lt. Dale LaBair
OCS D Independence
Township Substation

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The News in Brief

Public hearing for special land use request Jan. 13

The Planning Commission of Independence Township will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13, to consider a request for special land use for condominium development on 11-plus acres.

A petition for a cluster option for the proposed Pine Knob Meadows site condominium development will be presented to commissioners. The parcel in question is located at the northwest corner of Clarkston Road and Pine Knob Road.

The meeting takes place at Clintonwood Park/Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Road.

Independence sets 2000 meeting schedule

The Independence Township Board's meeting schedule was approved Dec. 21 for the new year. All regular meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Special meetings also take place at the library. Dates are as follows:

- January 14 and 18
- February 1 and 15
- March 7 and 21
- April 4 and 18
- May 2 and 16
- June 6 and 20
- July 3* and 18
- August 1 and 15
- September 5 and 19
- October 3 and 17
- November 6* and 21
- December 5 and 19

* Change due to holiday/election schedule

Players announce auditions for February production

Calling all theater buffs. Clarkston Village Players will be holding auditions for the February play, "A Case of Libel," Jan. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Depot Theater.

CVP describes the play as "a riveting courtroom drama (which) depicts a clash between a celebrated war correspondent and a popular syndicated columnist. The subject of free speech and the evils of extremism are examined."

The play runs Thursdays and weekends from March 10-25. For more information and tickets, call 625-8811, or visit the Players on the web: <http://members.aol.com/kvovillia/Cvpdepot.htm>.

The Players may also be e-mailed at Cvpdepot@juno.com. Depot Theater is located at 4861 White Lake Road.

Clarkston school board honored in January

Clarkston's Board of Education members will be saluted by various groups at the Jan. 10 board meeting, in honor of National School Board Recognition Month.

The board members have a combined 48 years of service to the district, and join more than 4,200 elected school trustees in the state to be honored for their public service.

Those being recognized are: Karen Foyteck, president; Sheila Hughes, vice president; Ron Sullivan, treasurer; Mary Ellen McLean, secretary; Rick Cigger, trustee; Kurt Shanks, trustee; and Janet Thomas, trustee.

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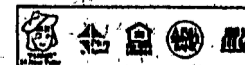
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The Second Front

Stringing along

Clarkston's middle school orchestra program hits the high notes

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Wendy Stuart teaches her students with no strings attached.

But they keep playing -- with the orchestra program evolving to high school next year.

Clarkston Community Schools' Orchestra Program is in its third year of existence. Currently, there are 64 Clarkston and Sashabaw middle school students playing a variety of string instruments, including violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Middle School Band Director Doug Doty, a former cello player, works with Stuart to incorporate both instrumental music programs. "We work together with both bands and orchestras," Stuart explained.

The orchestra program includes sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. Next year, it moves to Clarkston High School with the eighth-graders who will be new freshmen. At that time, Stuart said, the class will be open to all students who have studied stringed instruments. Permission is required, she added, but any high school student who plays violin, viola, cello or bass is strongly encouraged to contact her at either middle school.

It's been a busy year so far. Seventh- and eighth-graders wrapped up the semester with a Winter Orchestra Concert Dec. 15.

January will be even busier. On Jan. 11, Clarkston High School will host a Middle School Performing Music Ensembles event for fifth-graders in the Performing Arts Center.

On Jan. 13, Clarkston Community Education will be hosting an Information Night for all fourth- and fifth-grade students interested in getting a head start on learning to play a stringed instrument, Stuart said. Some of her students will be demonstrating the instruments available, and new students can register for beginning classes offered by CCE.

Representatives from instrument shops will be available to arrange rentals. The event starts at 7 p.m. in the CMS Auditorium.

The beginning string program is open to any fourth- or fifth-grade student interested in playing any of the four traditional stringed instruments. Children will be taught traditionally, learning note reading and playing in an orchestral setting, instead of in separate groups. The class is once a week, Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and starts February 2. It runs 10 weeks, ending with a group performance. Call CCE at 674-0993, and ask for Chris Smith.

Suzuki violin classes for second- through fifth-graders are also taught by Lois and Pete Richardson through CCE.

For those who'd like to hear some beginning students, sixth-graders will host their own concert at CMS Jan. 19, in the CMS Gymnasium at 7 p.m. Both band and orchestra students will be performing. On Jan. 25, the same event takes place for SMS students in the Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

Other upcoming events include the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Middle School Orchestra Festival in March. The combined seventh- and eighth-grade Orchestra will prepare three works, and be required to sight-read a piece. And the annual Solo and Ensemble Festival will give experienced stu-



In sync: From left, eighth-grade violinists Leeanne Brose, Heather Binasio and Lauren Aldrich (back row) and Katie Stapp (front row) rehearse one of their pieces for the winter concert.

dents a chance to play in small groups or perform solos for individual ratings.

The year will culminate with an all-middle school orchestra concert at CHS June 1.

Students enrolled in the string program will also enjoy some upcoming performances by professional musicians. Both the Pontiac Oakland Symphony and Fiddler Philharmonic, a Saline fiddle group sponsored by the Optimist Club, will be performing in Clarkston in April. In addition, the Arianna String Quartet has a day-long residency -- with a performance in the evening -- in the works.

For Stuart, who hails from the Ann Arbor area, this is her first year in the Clarkston school district. Before coming to Clarkston, she started a string program in Cincinnati. She holds a teaching certificate from the University of Michigan, prestigious for its music department, and a performance degree in cello from Eastern Michigan University. She has "almost completed" her master's in music education from U of M.

She enjoys teaching in Clarkston. Currently, it's easy to teach both groups of middle-schoolers at CMS. "The middle schools are right across the street from each other. So, it's easy to bus the kids back and forth," she said.

Joel Cooper, a seventh-grade cellist, and Jessica DeZess, an eighth-grade bass player, are two of her students.

Like Jessica, Joel enjoys many kinds of music. "I heard someone say the other day, Metallica has a cello player," said the freckled seventh-grader with a grin. "And there's strings in rap music." Primarily, he enjoys classical music by Bach and Beethoven, and is a devout admirer of famed cellist Yo Yo Ma. "He's the best," Joel said.

Joel decided to pick up the cello because his mother is deaf and can "feel" the vibrations. "She can

hear low sounds better," he said. He has studied violin and bagpipes, but switched to cello in the fifth grade.

Joel really enjoys playing in the orchestra. "I'd rather play in a group than actually do solos," he said. "I like looking to the other people to help time me when I play."

Jessica began her study of strings on cello, switching over to bass in seventh grade. There are different fingerings between the two instruments. "I'm still learning switching from cello stuff," she said. She



Seventh-grade cellist Joel Cooper and double bass player Jessica DeZess, an eighth-grader, find their niche in the string program led by Wendy Stuart (center).

also has a solid musical base from years of piano lessons.

Jessica said she was asked to make the switch because a bass player was needed in the orchestra. Currently, there are three bass players, she said. Music is a big part of her life, and recently she entered the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's "Why I Love Music" contest with an essay.

"I told them my favorite kind of music is jazz 'cause it's so fun. I went to a Doc Severinsen concert at Orchestra Hall. I watched the bass player, and the

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Site considered 'dangerous,' says one concerned motorist

Traffic concerns continue at Dixie, Big Lake intersection

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An intersection in Springfield Township and driver safety continue to be scrutinized, following a resurgence of concern about traffic congestion in the area.

Allen Beckner, associate dean at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus, sent out a notice to parents of students attending the school in mid-December, asking they support efforts to have a left-turn signal installed at the intersection of Big Lake Road and northbound Dixie Highway.

The tech center is located at 8211 Big Lake Road. During morning hours, students and buses must make the turn onto Big Lake from Dixie, which sees a great deal of traffic flow, Beckner said.

The intersection does have a traffic signal; however, there is no left-turn signal for those making the turn onto Big Lake Road. Beckner said he recently contacted Ross Bremer, Metro Region Traffic Signal Specialist for the Michigan Department of Transportation, about the concerns he and several teachers and parents share.

Bremer did perform a survey recently of the site in question, tallying traffic in the turn lane from 11-11:20 a.m. He said based on his study, he will make a recommendation to MDOT officials not to install a turn signal.

"When I was out there, I saw a couple of backups. Usually, we have to be concerned with the entire intersection," Bremer said. "I saw no reason to re-study it."

He added in another year, a new study may be conducted.

Robin Pannecouk, MDOT representative, said Bremer's recommendation will be analyzed and it will then be determined if further study of the site should take place.

Dale Lage, graphic arts instructor at OTC, has been involved with the effort to install the turn signal for several years. Five years ago, Lage said parents were asked to call MDOT and complain about the need for a traffic signal at the intersection. A traffic signal was installed, but a turn signal wasn't.

Beckner said another study took place after concerned staff at OTC came

forward again in 1998. The MDOT representative who performed the study during the hours of 7-8 a.m. issued the same report -- no need for a turn signal.

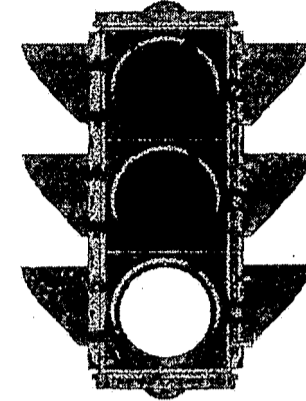
Beckner said he plans on meeting with bus drivers from Clarkston, Waterford and Pontiac school districts about using increased caution at the intersection. He said if the signal were installed, it would only need to be operational between 7-7:45 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. weekdays.

Lage said bus drivers have told him they bypass the intersection by driving further north on Dixie and turning around, to enter Big Lake from southbound Dixie. He added, "I've seen squad cars... turn south, make a U-turn and go north (to avoid the intersection)."

With an additional 200 students driving to the cen-

ter each morning and afternoon, Beckner hopes it won't be long before it is clear a signal is needed.

"I come up that way every morning, and it's a hassle," he said. "These cars are going 55 miles per hour... or faster, over the top of the hill on Dixie (southbound)."



Lage describes the current situation as "really dangerous" and "chaotic" during peak traffic times. He said fellow staff members have waited up to 12 minutes in the turn lane before attempting to turn.

Running red lights is not uncommon, Lage added. He believes installing a turn signal would "solve a lot of headaches. I'd hate to have a fatality there."

Although there have only been a few "minor scrapes" this year, Beckner is concerned with winter weather becoming a factor and an increase in accidents occurring. He added with the new subdivision, The Parks at Stonewood, being constructed at nearby White Lake Road and Dixie Highway, increased traffic in the area will underscore the need for the signal.

Sgt. Patrick Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Springfield substation said in the one and a half years he's policed the area, he's seen only a few accidents at the intersection -- "but none were out of the ordinary."

He said it is not unusual to see traffic problems during early hours of the day. "It gets very congested in the morning, and sometimes the kids take chances they shouldn't (making turns)."

"I come up that way every morning, and it's a hassle."

-- Allen Beckner, associate dean at Oakland Technical Center-Northwest Campus

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Tips for toys --

Auto wash employees use tip money for kids

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Thanks to the generosity of a group of local car wash employees, many area kids have a reason to smile bright this holiday season.

Art Sese, manager of Clarkston Auto Wash Co., and a group of other employees decided to ask their employer, Fred Ritter, if they could use tip money received over the weekend of Dec. 11-12 to purchase toys for a children's charity. Sese said he was inspired to help out less fortunate families after buying his niece a guitar on her birthday in November, and watching her joy.

"Just the smile on her face. . . . It makes me sad thinking of all the kids out there who wouldn't have a nice Christmas," Sese said. "I want to thank everybody who donated."

He and his co-workers spent the \$825 raised over the weekend at Toys R Us, filling six carts with toys for Lighthouse Emergency Services of Clarkston. Ritter said when the manager at the toy store heard their story of charity, he gave them an extra 10 percent off their order.

"They just had a blast," said Ritter of his employees' excursion. "To think that they did this all on their own."

The toys were delivered Dec. 14 to St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston, where packages were made for area needy families. Sese and his co-workers also helped distribute the toys, along with food, said Stan Garwood of Garwood and Associates counseling facility of Clarkston.

Garwood said each year at Christmastime, he and a group of men haul the food and toys to be distributed. He said he was grateful for the extra help from Ritter's employees.

"They came and gave a hand," Garwood said. "It takes a lot of muscle to move all this food."



Photo courtesy of Fred Ritter

(Clockwise from left) Art Sese, manager of Clarkston Auto Wash Co., and employees Josh Pambid, Steve Everett, Justin Prystash, Jeff Bemis, Ben Vanaman and Justin King show a portion of the toys they purchased for kids this Christmas. They raised over \$800 from tip money at the car wash and bought toys to be distributed through Lighthouse Emergency Services of Clarkston. Fred Ritter, car wash owner, was pleased with their generosity. "To think that they did this all on their own," he said.

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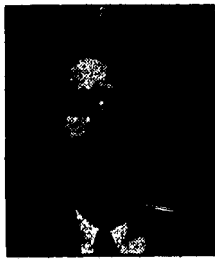
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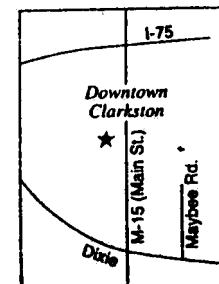
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Editorial

Township employees deserve thanks for New Year's Eve duty

Apparently, the only thing we had to fear about Y2K was fear itself.

After a big build-up, it turns out all was OK. There were no major computer glitches that snarled traffic or caused power outages, darkening homes and fouling sewer and water lines.

But while most of us were celebrating with family and friends, many people in Independence Township were committed to making sure residents were better safe than sorry.

The employees checked township systems to make sure they successfully made the turn of the clock into the year 2000. They also made themselves accessible to answer questions and offer help if residents ran into trouble.

Fortunately, there was none (see story on page 1).

Because they spent their New Year's Eve working at a time they would not normally be expected to, we feel these employees deserve our appreciation and recognition.

Our New Year's hats are off to:
Clerk Joan McCrary, Library Director Mollie Lynch, Supervisor's Secretary Sharon Howard, and Bonnie Watson from assessing and data processing.

The Independence Township Fire Department — Chief Gar Wilson, in charge of all incidents; Capt. Dan DeLongchamp; Fire Marshal Greg Olrich; fire engineers Tom McDonald, Keith Bailey, Mitch Peterson, and Mike White; and on-call firefighters Carrie Millen, Tom Doyon, Doug Fredericks, and Richard O'Connor.

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Director George Anderson, Assistant Director Linda Richardson, Ray Neubeck, Chris Turk, and Bruce Houck.

Parks and Recreation: Director Ann Conklin, Roger Belcher, and Assistant Parks and Rec. Director Mike Turk.

Building Department: Director Bev McElmeel, Leon Genre and Jim Howard.
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Letters To The Editor

Thanks for sympathy during time of loss

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all those who expressed their kind sympathy at the time of our great loss. Mother loved her community of Clarkston and In-

dependence Township. Her friends (there were many) were very important and special to her.

A special thank you to Wint Funeral Home and the staff for their kindness.

The Family of Elizabeth Ronk

Generosity toward United Way extraordinary

Dear Editor,

During this season of thanks, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who lives and works in the Clarkston area. Your generosity toward the United Way Campaign has been extraordinary. Even though our 1999 fund drive isn't over, we have reason to celebrate. From Campaign returns to date, we expect to exceed the \$6 million mark for this first time in our 50-year history.

The money will be used to address the most critical issues in our community: Success by Six, Destination Graduation, Supporting Seniors, Family Strides, Emergency Needs and Nonprofit Solutions. The volunteers who serve on United Way's Leadership Councils make sure your contribution is well spent. Every funded program undergoes tough scrutiny and rigorous review. Fundraising and administration costs are kept to a mini-

mum by using volunteers.

Our special thanks to the employees of General Motors and to the members of UAW for taking us over the top this year. We also salute the students and staff of Clarkston School District and the employees of Independence Township, Century 21 Hallmark West, Integrated Health Systems, ME CAD and Machine Engineering, Saturn North, and Town and Country Dodge. There are many more companies and organizations to thank, and many individuals who deserve our deepest gratitude.

The spirit of the season is certainly alive in this community.

Jeff Love
President, Baker College
1999 Campaign Chairman

Sitting on the dock of my bay

Early afternoon on Christmas Day I sat on our dock at the northwest shore of Maceday Lake and watched a neighbor catch a Christmas present. It was a 30-inch pike he pulled through a hole in the ice.

It was a beautiful, sunny day, with the December sun casting a soft glow across the ice and the distant shoreline. A brisk wind blew up the lake. There were about three inches of ice on the lake at our end, which is fairly shallow.

Another neighbor had cleared snow to make an ice rink. Our family and our next-door neighbors put together a broom ball game. By late afternoon, more people were on the ice, skating and drilling holes in the ice for tip-ups. By New Year's Day there were five shanties on the ice.

The activity brought back fond memories of close-knit winter communities on the ice. From the late seventies until the mid-nineties, we could count on ice on our lake from Christmas until mid-March. Each February our family had a contest to see who could pick the date the ice would completely disappear.

At one point in the late seventies we counted nearly 40 shanties on the ice. They would cluster in groups, some in our bay, and another group near the south end of the lake. In addition to the usual skaters and families out walking, people drove ATVs and trucks on the ice, made bonfires with old Christmas trees, raced snowmobiles the one-and-one-half mile length of the lake, hosted golf-in-the-snow tournaments and cross-country skied. We took frequent walks to the cluster of shanties to see who caught what, get some exercise and fresh air.

When our kids were younger, we had two snow blowers working to keep ice rinks spanning 80 x 150 feet cleared of snow. For a couple of years, six boys on our

street were playing competitive hockey. There were games daily after school and on weekends, kids from several neighborhoods came to play, and we often hosted practice games for our son's team from Lakeland Arena.

The activities were a nice way to keep in touch with neighbors we would have otherwise seen little of during winter.

One of my favorite ice fishing stories came from neighbor Tim Lambert. One day, he was dozing in his shanty, fishing rod in hand, when a muskrat jumped out of the hole into his shanty. Tim said he didn't know who was more scared — he or the muskrat, which scampered back in the water.

Tim is always the first fisherman to begin fishing by boat in the spring, or on the ice in the winter. When he and his dog Benji go out on the ice, we all know it's safe.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, I sat on the dock again. It was a gray afternoon, 50 degrees with a warm south wind blowing up the lake that looked more like April. All the shanties were gone and puddles of water lay on top of the ice. By Monday it was pouring rain.

This unpredictable weather has been the norm for a few years. Last year, we had ice on the lake for little more than a week.

The warmer winters have their good points. But I do miss being a part of the winter ice activities. Even when cooped up inside, it was fun to look outside and see the white landscape dotted with odd-shaped shanties and fishermen in khaki or camouflaged suits with bright orange caps, sitting on overturned five-gallon pails swapping fish stories.

This year, Tim's old brown shanty has a new look. He's painted pictures of large (of course) fish swimming in deep blue water on it. The shanty is sitting in his front yard, all ready to go.

I hope I'll see it among several others on the ice sometime this winter.

Rolling Along



Maralee Cook

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Made it through the old to the new

Sunrise, January 1, 2000. The dawning of a bold, new century . . .

Woo, wee, look at me-e! I'm alive . . . alive . . . alive, I say. Needless to say, I wasn't one of the people skipping around, happily surprised to be alive, with running water and electrical power Saturday morning.

Like many of you, we made it through the New Year unscathed. The passing of December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000 was pretty uneventful.

We did hear a number of guns blasting just after midnight, but as far as excitement goes, waiting to see just how many outfits ABC's Peter Jennings would go through caused the most hoots in our house.

I admit, though, after kissing Jen at midnight, to picking up the telephone and listening to a dial tone. Shame on me.

But, we didn't go hog wild with preparations and even if we had, I wouldn't admit to it like that guy in Wisconsin!

Oh, you didn't hear about it . . . well, listen up. According to the Associated Press this 41-year-old, electrical engineer, father of two, thought it would be prudent to prepare for any problems when we hit 2000.

He prepared to the tune of \$20,000! He bought 400 boxes of Hamburger Helper, 175 pounds of pasta, 50 bars of soap, nine tubes of toothpaste, lots of water, medical supplies and a generator.

Get this, he admitted to spending more than 1,000 hours (the equivalent of over 41 days) on the Internet, chatting with like-minded people. He's quoted as saying, "I studied everything there was to know about the power grid, the just-in-time-supply system, fuel shipments, food storage, communications and martial law. I even have a medical kit equipped for minor surgeries."

Anybody who would spend \$20,000 on this Y2K thing, and then admit to it, is somebody I wouldn't want conducting surgery on me. I don't care how "minor" it would be.

The A.P. gave the guy's name. I can't. I am too embarrassed for him.

Hmm? I wonder how many men are headed for divorce court over this Y2K thing. It is one thing to be prepared for power outages, it is another to spend \$20,000 (or any thousand) for possible Armageddon.

Had I spent a hefty amount I would have had A) have to have Jen's boot surgically removed by my posterior; B) stay awake at night, so I wouldn't be burned in bed; or C) walk around with a scarlet "S" tattooed on my forehead. "S" of course for: You Smackin' Frackin' Stupid Rizin' Blizin' . . .

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This weekend not only marked the end of the 20th century, it was the end for the season's holiday decorations.

Six hours and 14 boxes after we started everything - dang -- almost everything was packed away. After the fourteenth trip up and down the basement stairs, I saw the 20 or so Christmas compact disc collection sitting in the living room, when it should have been in one of the already shelved boxes.

Jen kept on saying that it was easier to take down the decorations than to put them up, but I don't know. I found myself weighing each ornament's worth (monetarily and sentimentally) before repacking for the year.

After the twelfth or thirteenth box I was far less warm and fuzzy about such things as the felt-paper and pen Santa I made in the third grade.

Comments for Don Rush can be e-mailed to: Dontrushme@juno.com or to Dontrushmedon@aol.com.



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

What I've learned about shopping

Now that I have a job, all of my money does not come at the whim of my parents. What this means is that my spending money comes out of whatever my just-over-minimum-wage paycheck gets me.

Granted, I don't have bills to pay, or rent, or food or even - thanks to the mercy of my parents - car insurance. I have it pretty good. But this is the first Christmas I've had a job and, like everyone else, I felt the strain.

Seeing the holiday season coming, I didn't fret. For I knew my mother had instructed me well in the art of bargain shopping. Her best friends are perhaps T.J. Maxx and Marshall's, so my first shopping stops were there.

Nevertheless, I only found one gift at these trusted stores. I was pleased with that find, but I had to go deeper into what I'd learned about bargain shopping, so I resorted to the teachings of another shopping mentor, my friend Leah.

Last year, Leah reintroduced me to dollar stores. I had all but forgotten about them since the days of my childhood, when my grandmother would take me into one and let me buy something. And that was the big decision: what single item would I buy? Like I said, I forgot about them, never considering dollar stores to be serious stores. Leah took me to one last February when we went shopping for gag birthday gifts for another friend, and the big decision then became which items in our shopping basket could be done without.

Still, it was gag gifts we had been shopping for, and I still didn't look at the dollar store as a real place to shop. But since Leah and I had had so much fun shopping for the birthday, I ventured into a new dollar store

near the new mall (will we ever stop referring to Great Lakes Crossing as such?) when her own birthday rolled around. Aside from fun stuff for Leah, this store had things I needed! Things I hadn't realized I could buy for a dollar! Things I *didn't even know existed!*

So I've been back many times since that initial trip, and I've become reluctant to buy anything I can't get there - and especially not something I know I *could* get there. I shopped there for Christmas, of course, finding both funny gifts and a few serious ones.

The best part of this kind of shopping is, as my mom puts it, "the thrill of the hunt." This is certainly true: nothing feels better than finding a great gift you hadn't even thought of for someone at a low price.

I couldn't get enough. With my shopping almost complete, Leah took me back to another place she had shown me: Big Lots. It's really the place to go to find stuff you didn't know existed. There's an amazing array of normal things at the same low prices, but I couldn't believe some of the things I found there. I bought my brother something called a MemoSwitch: it's a light-switch cover that is also a voice recorder, and it plays the message every time you turn the lights on or off. No more notes stuck to the door! Who would come up with such a great idea, and why hadn't I seen it anywhere else?

Really, it doesn't matter why I hadn't found it elsewhere, because I know where to shop to find the bargains. I won't have as much time to drive to lots of stores once I go back to school this week, so it helps that I only have a few places on my list. Now why can't I fill my gas tank at the dollar store?

Jim's Jottings will return next week.



CHS Life

Kevin Kosbab

OPINION

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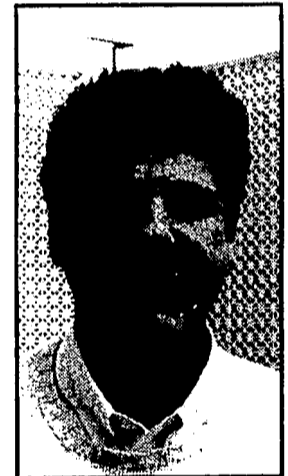
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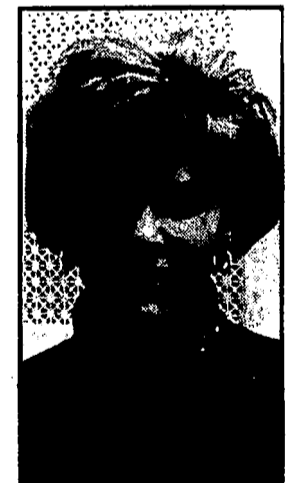
What's your New Year's Resolution?



"To stop smoking — and I'm going to, too!"
-- Tina Durnen, White Lake resident and stylist



"I'm going to get into a workout regimen for 2000, and get in shape."
-- David Chiappelli, Davisburg resident and hair design specialist



"I'm going to spend more time with my children."
-- Sue Hendry, Springfield Township resident



"I'm going to concentrate more on academics."
-- Matt Garcia, Clarkston High School senior

Police and fire

Monday, Jan. 3, a 35-year-old suicidal subject was found in her car in a grocery store parking lot on Dixie. Several bottles of prescription medicine were confiscated and she was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland.

A 19-year-old Lake Orion resident said a former boyfriend threatened her and several friends on Clarkston Road. Police contacted the 20-year-old Pontiac man and told him he was in violation of a Personal Protection Order.

Three men were found sleeping in a vehicle on Fox Hollow. A 26-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for outstanding warrants from Warren and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Sunday, Jan. 2, phone threats on Old Cove. Stalking complaint on Sashabaw.

Saturday, Jan. 1, failure to pay for \$23.79 worth of gas at a Sashabaw gas station.

A 20-year-old Clarkston man was caught taking a three-pack of Trojan condoms from a Dixie grocery store.

Larceny of a license plate from a dealership demo car on Lancaster Hill.

A GMC Jimmy was found with its hood dented on Jerome.

An 18-year-old Clarkston man went out to start his car, and saw a strange man standing next to it, who ran away. He found the steering column damaged and wires cut.

Domestic assault complaint on Crestview. A 43-year-old woman said her 35-year-old husband began hitting her after they started arguing. He also threatened to harm her son. He was later arrested for domestic violence and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Friday, Dec. 31, family trouble on Meyer.

A 29-year-old Pontiac man was apprehended on Sashabaw for a reported domestic assault incident in Brandon Township. He had several outstanding warrants and was taken to Oakland County Jail.

Thursday, Dec. 30, a man hosting a party on Clarkston noticed his CD holder and 256 CD's miss-

ing. Five letters were reported missing from a mailbox on Burwick.

Larceny of a snowboard from Pine Knob Ski Resort. A local sports store manager said he may have bought the board from a man in his early twenties for \$100. He said he sold it before police faxed a notice.

A 44-year-old woman locked her 31-year-old boyfriend out of her home on Mann for drinking problems. She said he assaulted her, and suffered redness around her face and neck. Police found the man near the back door and attempted to arrest him. He screamed and kicked at police and the patrol car and had to be restrained with pepper spray. He was arrested for domestic assault and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Larceny of \$1,000 worth of skis and bindings from Pine Knob Ski Resort.

A 19-year-old man, hosting a party while his parents were out of town, was cited for ordinance host violation and minor in possession of alcohol. Several other youths at the party were also cited for drinking.

A 1997 Pontiac Sunfire had a tail light broken and blank gift stickers were placed all over the car.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, a 4-year-old boy reported missing was found at another apartment on Upland. The baby-sitter and aunt were contacted, and the mother later arrived to pick up her son.

The Alano Club was broken into on Clintonville, with suspects gaining entry through a window. Three interior doors were damaged and a safe containing a large amount of cash was pried from the wall. A computer, cash register with \$100, keys and a gumball machine were also taken. Police are investigating.

Failure to pay for \$42.35 worth of gas from an Ortonville gas station.

A fire, started from embers thrown into a garbage can, destroyed part of an attached garage on Independence. A man and his wife escaped safely. The woman said she had cleaned out her fireplace that day.

Three local men charged with recent break-ins

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Three local men have been charged with a rash of break-ins occurring in Independence and Springfield Townships over the past two months.

Terry Lee Berlin, 25, of Springfield Township; Chester Edward Baldiga, 17, of Independence Township; and Jason Michael Hill, 19, of Davisburg were arraigned Dec. 16 before 52-2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally, said Det. Dave Hendrick of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Berlin was charged with 13 counts of breaking and entering, home invasion and larceny from an auto. Bond was set at \$190,000, no 10 percent. Baldiga was charged with eight counts of breaking and entering, home invasion and larceny from an auto. Bond was set at \$140,000, no 10 percent. Hill was charged with five counts of breaking and entering. Bond was set at \$50,000, no 10 percent.

A plea of not guilty was entered in their behalf. The three are lodged in Oakland County Jail. Berlin and Baldiga were already in jail, stemming from breaking and entering charges involving a local Subway in November.

Preliminary exams for Berlin and Baldiga are set for Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. for some of the charges, said a 52-2 District Court spokesperson. Other charges have been bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court. Hill's preliminary exam was waived. His case was also bound over to circuit court.

All the charges are felonies. If convicted, Berlin and Baldiga could each face up to 20 years in prison for home invasion. Breaking and entering is a 10 year felony, with larceny to a motor vehicle carrying a penalty of up to five years.

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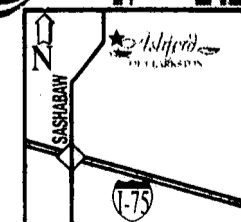
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Jim's

Jotting

By Jim Sherman

Being a conservative middle-of-the-roader with liberal leanings, I find my opinions generally coincide with the majority, if there aren't too many of them.

The other day an ex-friend, he became that after saying he was going to start a newspaper in opposition to me, said, "I'm going to take the opposite position from you on whatever you write . . . just as soon as I figure out the opposite side of a straddled fence."

This guy, whose original name was Gawroscovich, is the same one who, when sniffing the vapor trail of a passing skunk, said, "Ah, Polish Brut."

Having let myself be talked into "give the kids a chance" thinking, Judd Arnett's column before Christmas in the Morning Friendly Free Press hit my nodding nerve.

I've put confidence in teenagers in the last couple years that never would have been placed on the same age group in my generation. And, in my generation the elder's judgment was best . . . as it usually is now. I was caught up in Youth Worship, but Judd explains my condition very well. He said:

"We have come, through an era of Youth Worship which was without parallel in our history. The historians will probably argue for a long while over how this thing got started, but let the rest of us be content in the simple knowledge that it is ending.

All at once—it was like the whole country had been struck by a bolt of lightning—it was assumed that "our kids" had in some mysterious manner donned the mantle of Infinite Knowledge.

I remember sitting through a dinner party one evening at which a 12-year-old boy told us in massive detail how the country ought to be run. This sort of thing, one has since been led to believe, was happening all over the nation.

In nurseries, elementary schools and on the campuses we had suddenly produced a race of towering juveniles, smarter than smart, brighter than bright, the hope not only of the future but of the present.

Well, that sort of nonsense seems to be simmering down, thank heaven, at least to the point where we can take a more unbiased look at the on-rushing hordes.

They seem a promising lot, by and large, and they may in due time lift the intelligence of the world by a point or two. Anything beyond that, history teaches us, would be a fantastic achievement we have no right to expect, or to charge them with."

New Year's fire hits Haupt



Assistant Fire Chief Bill Wilson directs rescue work on five automobiles inside Haupt's Body Shop Friday when careless smoking is believed to have caused a blaze that damaged the building.

Rich briefly; Village asked to return \$5,000

Clarkston, out of its \$30,000 a year budget, may have to squirrel out \$5,795.63 to pay back Oakland County for overpayments made since January 1, 1970, on state income tax, sales tax and intangible tax rebates.

The issue is to come before the council at its next meeting January 11.

County Treasurer Hugh Dohany said the overpayment came about as a result of the use of an estimate before the 1970 census figures became official, and because of a miscrediting of population in favor of the village as a result of the 1962 annexation.

The rebates are made on the basis of population.

The village legitimately got some \$11,000 during the mixed up period, Dohany said, but the overpayment should have gone to the township. He said Independence Township has been paid, but that the county needs the money back from Clarkston. Independence benefited by \$52,849 during the same period.

Tax bills down

Supervisor Gary Stonerock says a reduction of tax assessments for homes in the Woodhull Lake area has been started in Independence Township.

The late Christmas present for most of the 100 or so home owners in Woodhull 1 and 2 came about in an effort to achieve equity in the township, Stonerock said.

The reduction won't show up until next December's tax bills, Stonerock said.

Village Clerk Artemus Pappas said it is quite possible that village auditors will be asked to check the records before any repayment is ordered.

Flu siege slacking

A lessening in the outbreak of flu which felled so many Clarkston area residents over the holidays is reported by two doctors here.

Both Dr. James O'Neill and Dr. Ronald LePere say the number of patients with flu symptoms is falling off.

Dr. O'Neill, a pediatrician, noted that the flu — predominantly a para-influenza Type A and not the Hong Kong variety — affected adults worse than children; however, several infants were severely stricken.

He said he and most other physicians do not recommend flu shots for children unless they are high risk patients. It's better for the children to develop a natural immunity to the disease, he said, and he noted that those between the ages of 2 and 10 were not severely affected.

Dr. LePere said he had evidence of three kinds of flu in the area, a number of adults having suffered the complication of pneumonia and other respiratory diseases.

Immunity for one kind of flu does not produce immunity for the others, he said.

Careless smoking is believed responsible by firemen for the New Year's Eve fire which damaged Haupt's Body Shop at the corner of Main and Church.

Jim Whitmore, body shop manager; Chris Fuller, a co-op student who was cleaning up, and Joseph Toohey, painter, who were in the building when the fire started, escaped without serious injury according to Haupt Service Manager Bud Smith.

Independence Township firemen called to the scene at 3:45 p.m. saved five cars housed in the building. The electronically controlled garage door had to be wrecked in order to get the cars out. Power failure occurring with the fire left the door mechanism useless.

The building is owned by Bill and Pat Race. Damage was estimated at \$20,000 but Race said he believed the building could be refurbished and put back to use as a body shop. A few years ago an explosion in the paint supply demolished all the windows in the shop.

Fire Marshal Tink Ronk said the front of the building was most severely damaged. It was once again the lacquers and thinners stored there that caught fire blowing out all the front windows.

The back of the building sustained mainly smoke damage, Ronk said. The roof remained intact, he added.

Young drinkers no problem

"No problem at all in Independence Township," stated Undersheriff Leo Hazen when speaking of the new 18-year-old drinking law that went into effect New Year's Day.

Spring Lake Golf Club, of 6060 Maybee Rd., reported that there was no difference in their business after midnight of New Year's Eve, and, in fact, that none or very few 18-year-olds were present. The same was reported at other entertainment spots.

Capital projects eyed for 2000 in Independence

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

New restrooms at Sashabaw Plains Park and an architectural study for historic Bay Court Park lodge are two projects that may come to fruition in Independence Township this year.

Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin presented the 2000 list of capital projects to the board of trustees Dec. 21. The \$99,875 budget was unanimously approved, "theoretically," said Conklin; \$15,000 was also marked for a new utility cart from the Safety Path Fund. Trustee Dan Travis was absent.

"Theoretically, they have approved what's there," Conklin said. Any project over \$10,000 needs to return to the board for approval as a separate agenda item, she said.

The list of park projects and equipment needs includes:

■ **Bay Court:** Four new benches along the walking trail and refurbishment of the lake bottom are planned.

The board approved \$7,500 to refurbish an old building next to the beach house for a future natural museum, designed to highlight natural habitats in this part of Michigan. The building is structurally sound but needs interior work, Conklin said. Long-range plans also include the restoration of several original log cabins.

The board also gave the go-ahead to Conklin to solicit bids for a proposed \$14,000 architectural study, designed for future renovation of the old Bay Court Lodge. A specific use has not been named, although there have been several possibilities discussed over the past few years. Conklin said she will return to the board to ask for permission to award the bid to a firm which will develop a concept plan.

"The lodge has been sitting there (for years)," Conklin said Thursday. "It is the next phase of development planned for Bay Court Park -- as identified in the Parks and Recreation Mas-

ter Plan."

■ **Clintonwood:** Four bleachers for the baseball and soccer fields, a volleyball net system, basketball backboard, a water line for the drinking fountain, playground surfacing, six player benches and upgrades to the caretaker's house are planned.

■ **Sashabaw Plains:** Plans for a drinking fountain and playground (pending Community Development Block Grant funding) were approved. The possibility of restrooms is also being explored. In addition, Conklin said a committee is soliciting funds for an in-line skating rink (a rink was created at Clintonwood Park several years ago). None of these facilities currently exist at Sashabaw Plains.

■ **Equipment:** Additional garbage cans and picnic tables, several mowers and a blade sharpener, a back hoe attachment for the tractor, a painter for athletic field surfaces, and cabinets for Bay Court's garage are planned.

The board's discussion centered on excitement over the first-ever restrooms at Sashabaw Plains and controversy over the lodge study for Bay Court. The board gave Conklin direction to explore funding sources for the restrooms.

Conklin said the lodge building is architecturally sound, but the concrete between the bricks is chipping away. The study will examine "some ideas and concepts on what the lodge could be used

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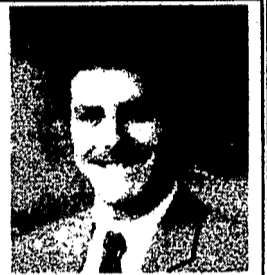
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“I Prayed For A Miracle... I Found Hypnosis And Lost 71 Lbs.!”



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My name is Marjorie Garst. I live with my husband, John. I am a homemaker and mother of four. I volunteer as a foster mother for newborn babies. I lost a remarkable 71 pounds in eight short months without dieting. I went from a chubby size 20 to a trim size 10! This is my true-life account of genuine, lasting weight loss success.

I had read the hypnosis ads for months. Frankly, I was skeptical. It seemed too good to be true. Then I saw a special report on the News. It featured folks who had quit smoking and dropped weight with hypnosis. One lady said she lost over 90 lbs. She said hypnosis made it simple. That got my attention.

I honestly didn't think the people in the ads were real until I saw it on the 11:00 News. Now it's happened to me and I have my own true story to tell.

Embarrassed and Ashamed

I dreaded my yearly visits to the doctor. My weight was climbing at a rate of ten or more pounds a year. It was dangerous for me to gain weight. My blood pressure and cholesterol were sky high. My joints were stiff and ached constantly. I could barely lift myself out of a chair. My health was in jeopardy. Yet I couldn't stop eating. I was out of control.

I was a career snacker. I sat on the sofa, watched TV and ate. I sat at the kitchen table, read the newspaper and ate. When I fed my foster babies, I fed myself too. I lived on sweets and soda pop. Food seemed to have some mysterious power over me. I ate all day. With every expansion of my hips and thighs my self-confidence withered. I was embarrassed, shy and reserved.

Dieting was the most confusing and frustrating experience of my life. Diets made me crave and binge. The only way I lost weight was by starving myself. I lost ten pounds once. Then I gave up and my weight came right back plus ten pounds more. My self-esteem was demolished.

Immediate Results

I was nervous when I called for the appointment. I didn't want to be pressured. The free hypnotic screening was a wonderful surprise. My consultant was genuinely interested in me. The high-pressure sales pitch never happened. She explained hypnosis in a relaxed, entertaining way. She went over the guarantee. I was impressed. If I couldn't be hypnotized, I would get a full refund. I had nothing to lose except a lot of fat. I signed up.

My new eating habits started immediately after my first session.

My hunger pangs disappeared. My

taste for soda pop vanished. I found myself craving healthy foods. Fruits and vegetables tasted different. It was like my taste buds came alive.

One day I was walking through the grocery store. I marched right past the bakery, candy, chips and soda without a glance. That's when I was convinced. Hypnosis had completely changed my tastes.

Doctor's Delight!

My last visit to my doctor was a thrill! My doctor nodded his head with delight. He confirmed my 71-pound weight loss. For the first time in my life my blood work and cholesterol are normal without pills!

I feel fantastic. No more aches and pains. No more cravings or binges. Best of all, hypnosis elimi-

nated dieting for good!

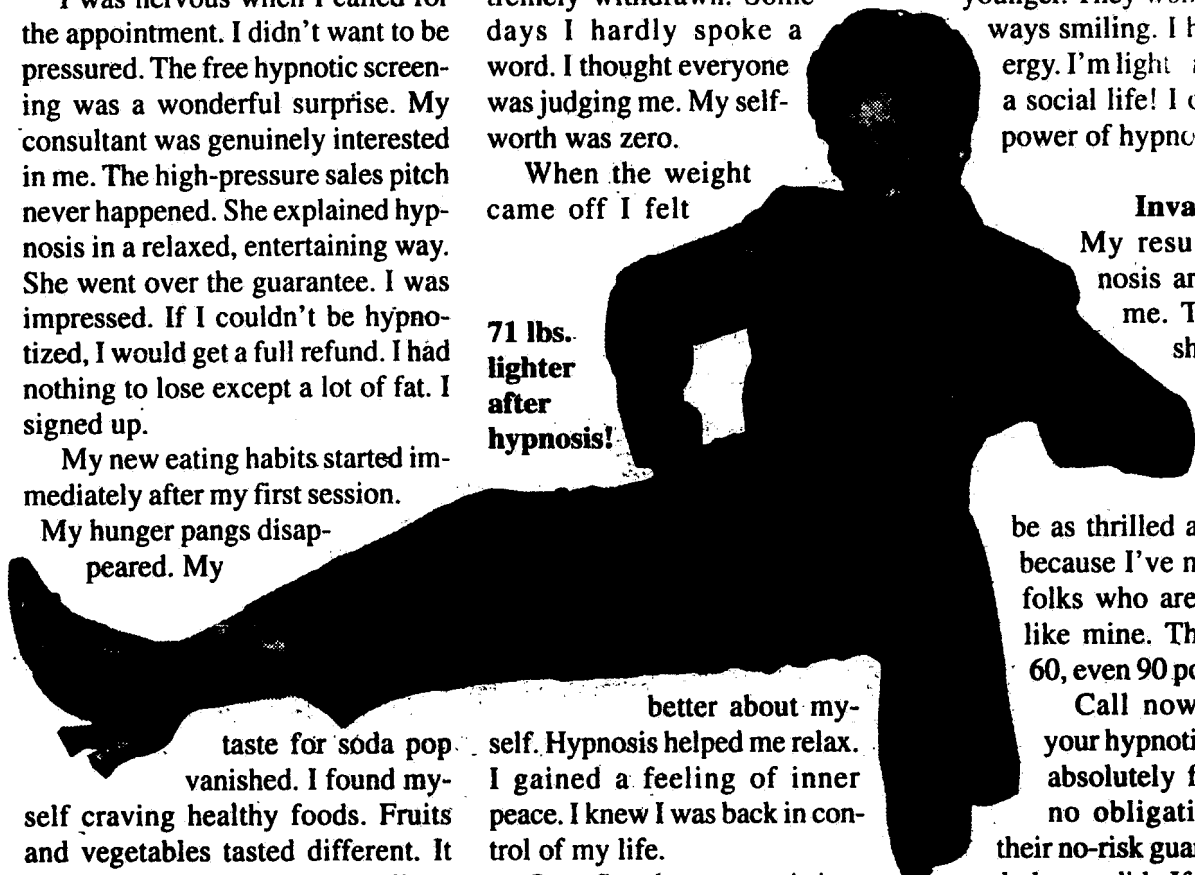
Hypnosis made my weight loss easy and effortless. I know I will never gain the weight back. All the changes are permanent. I have a whole different way of thinking about what I put into my body. I never feel deprived.

Self-Confidence Soars!

When I was overweight I was extremely withdrawn. Some days I hardly spoke a word. I thought everyone was judging me. My self-worth was zero.

When the weight came off I felt

71 lbs. lighter after hypnosis!



better about myself. Hypnosis helped me relax. I gained a feeling of inner peace. I knew I was back in control of my life.

One Sunday my minister asked me to stand up in church to announce how much weight I had lost. After the service folks surrounded me to ask how I did it. I was completely comfortable chatting away with them. I couldn't believe it was me! So relaxed! So confident! There are now eleven members of our church losing weight with hypnosis, including my husband, John! He's already lost 30 pounds!

My entire family has changed thanks to hypnosis. My son lost 30 pounds. My 83-year-old mother lost 18 pounds. We're saving money on our food bill every week. What a bonus!

Twenty Years Younger

I thought I'd never wear a bathing suit again. On the 4th of July I gazed at myself in the mirror. I was wearing a sexy black and purple one-piece suit. I loved what I saw! I wore it that day and many days since. The best day of my life was spent filling two giant boxes with fat clothes I'll never wear again.

People say I look twenty years younger. They wonder why I'm always smiling. I have tons of energy. I'm light on my feet. I have a social life! I owe it all to the power of hypnosis.

Invaluable!

My results using hypnosis are invaluable to me. That's why I'm sharing my story with you. I believe in hypnosis. I'm certain you'll

be as thrilled as I am. I know because I've met lots of other folks who are getting results like mine. They've shed 50, 60, even 90 pounds with ease.

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A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1985)

Southeast Michigan suffers the worst storm in nine years, which affects Clarkston with multiple fire, electrical, water and health problems. Some of the impacts include fallen trees, power shortages and carbon monoxide poisoning. Two homes are destroyed and two others damaged after the storm.

Clarkston resident William P. Walker wins the Lotto jackpot of \$2.36 million, after purchasing his ticket at a Sterling Heights deli. He picks up his first payment of \$118,598 in Lansing, and will receive additional installments until 2004.

Local psychic Shirley Lynch predicts some changes for the Clarkston area. Among them are that Dr. James O'Neill's proposed senior citizens complex will face delays, and two businesses in the village will close.

25 YEARS AGO (1975)

A 6-year-old girl is rescued from the Upper Mill Pond. She is saved by police and firemen after she falls through thin ice covering 15 feet of frigid water.

The Wolves start out the New Year badly as Lake Orion whips Clarkston in a Saturday game, 64-41.

Clarkston's matmen are ready for league action. The final Clarkston wrestling team roster is picked by Coach Tolbert Carter.

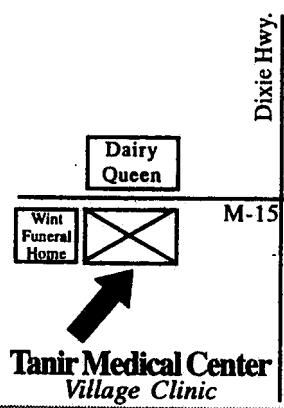
50 YEARS AGO (1950)

News from "By the Way": At this time of year, when Congress is considering the subject that these United States of America are constantly going into debt, further and further, it might be well to consider a very simple remedy -- spend a little less than the income it derives from the taxpayers. Of course this is so simple that it will not be considered ... You can take your tree down now and get the room back to normal.

Betty Grable and Cesar Romero star in "The Beautiful Blonde from Bashful Bend," now playing at the Holly Theatre.

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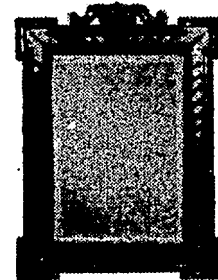
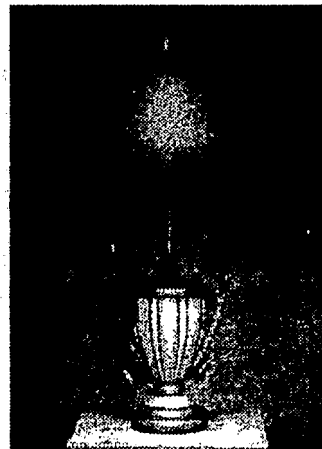
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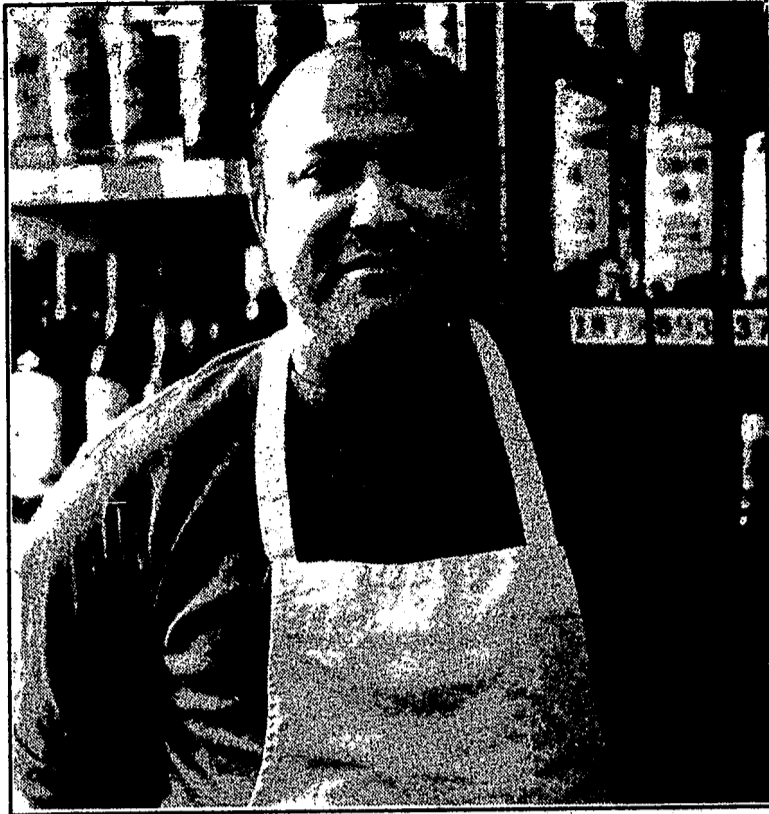


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Around Clarkston...

Fares Suleiman, manager of Sashabaw Market Square, poses among the goods at his store, located at the corner of Clarkston and Sashabaw roads. Aside from light grocery items, a deli and pizzeria, the store also sells cellular phones and pagers. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The store's new number is 922-3196.



At School...

■ Sarah Turnblom, daughter of Richard and Joyce Turnblom of Clarkston, recently received *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* recognition in its 2000 edition. Turnblom is a senior studying math education at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included Turnblom's name based on her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

■ Local student Adrienne M. Trager was accepted this fall into the Honors Program at Albion College.

Trager is a freshman at Albion, and the daughter of Aaron and Victoria Trager of Clarkston. She also is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

To remain enrolled in the program, she must attend several seminars, write a senior thesis, and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5.



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Obituaries

Thomas J. Tedder

Thomas J. Tedder of Davisburg died Dec. 28, 1999 at age 54.

He was the husband of Pauline. Mr. Tedder was also the father of Thomas (Stephanie) and Michael (Stacy), all of Texas; James (Amy) of Waterford; and Stephany (Paul Zabel) of Colorado.

Mr. Tedder was the grandpa/papou of Trevor, Lauren, Brooke and James II. He was the brother of Eleanor Tedder of Pontiac, Joan (Bob) Martinson of Georgia, and the late William.

He was the son-in-law of Mary (the late George) Pratt of Davisburg. Mr. Tedder was survived by several nieces and nephews, and his beloved dog, Weaser.

Mr. Tedder retired after 30 years of service with General Motors. He currently owned and operated Tedder Aviation in Waterford.

Funeral service was Dec. 31 at Community Presbyterian Church in Waterford, with Pastor Hartley officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan for research of pulmonary fibrosis.

Easter Oliver

Easter Oliver of Clarkston died Dec. 29, 1999 at age 91.

She was the mother of Doris E. (Miguel) Tirado of Florida and Karen S. Oliver of Clarkston, and the grandmother of Miguel Tirado IV, Jody Tirado, Tracey Milliot and Ronald J. Oliver.

Mrs. Oliver was the great-grandmother of Ashley and Christian, and sis-

ter of Claude (Helen) Smith of Waterford.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Donna Jean Oliver. Mrs. Oliver was a life member of Church of Christ.

Funeral service was held Dec. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Harriett M. Tindall

Harriett M. Tindall of Davisburg died Dec. 28, 1999 at age 86.

Mrs. Tindall was the mother of Betty Hoover, Eleanor (Ken) Grinstead, Jay K. (Karen), Carol (Gordon) Ostrom, David and John (Cheryl). She also was survived by 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of Donald (Lorna) VanWagoner, Berneda Gould and Mary Ellen (Mort) Patton.

Mrs. Tindall was preceded in death by her husband Jay and her grandson John Chamberlain Tindall Jr. She was a member of the Holly Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Funeral service was Dec. 30 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, with Gary Marsh officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Helene M. Lang

Helene M. Lang of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, died Jan. 3, 2000 at age 66, due to complications from pneumonia.

She was the mother of Corky (Vicky) of Holly and Denise (Mark) Moultrup of Clarkston, and the grandma

of Rhonda (Tony) Hool, Jessica Lang (Scott Truschon), Charlie Lang, Erick Lang, Ian Lang, Patrick Moultrup, Jeff Moultrup and Mark Moultrup.

Mrs. Lang was the great-grandma of Olivia, Victoria and Cecilia. She was the sister of Nancy (Ray) Kriss of Washington, Mich., and Cindy (Bob) Pastrick of Clinton Township.

She was survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lang was a member and Trustee of Waterford Eagles, and was a bowling instructor at Airway Lanes for many years. She formerly worked at Kmart in Waterford.

Funeral Mass will take place at 10 a.m. Jan. 7 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East.

Scripture service is at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, where friends may visit from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 5, and between 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Jan. 6. Visitation also will take place at the church Jan. 7 from 9 a.m. until the time of mass.

Any donations made to the family will be used towards a marker in her memory. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Wilbur Woodrow Walton

Wilbur Woodrow Walton, 83, died Dec. 23, 1999 in the presence of his children and grandchildren at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington. He died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident Nov. 20, 1999.

He was the husband of Betty Jean Clark, formerly of Clarkston, for 57 years. Mr. Walton was the father of William Walton (Sally) of Moses Lake, Wash., Barbara Jackson (Charles) of Tacoma, Wash., Maret Walton of Tacoma, and Richard Walton (Sandy) of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Walton also was survived by 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was the brother of Betty Graham of Sun City, Fla., and Eloise Manker of San Diego, Calif.

He served in the Army Air Corp in the 1930s and the U.S. Air Force in 1955. Mr. Walton served as a supervisory committee member for the Employment Security Commission for 28 years.

Interment was Dec. 28 at The Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash. Arrangements made by the Tuell-McKee Funeral Home in Tacoma, Wash.

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Sharon R. (Daugherty) Fugitt

Sharon R. (Daugherty) Fugitt of Clarkston died suddenly Dec. 29, 1999 at age 57. The heavens welcomed Sharon began her new role as eternal guardian angel to her family and friends.

She was survived by her husband of 37 years, Thomas. Mrs. Fugitt was the devoted mother of Glenn of Clarkston, Susan (John) Green of Waterford, Denise (fiance Paul Rose) Fugitt of Florida, and Kenny (Kelly) of Waterford.

Mrs. Fugitt was the grandmother of Zachery and Nicholas Green and Dylan Fugitt. She also was survived by her close-knit family; brother Jim (Sylvia) Daugherty of Colorado; and sisters Kathleen (Bernard) Berr of Ireland, Evelyn (John) Clark of Clarkston,

Maureen Daugherty of Colorado and Debbie (Dennis) Wisser of Clarkston.

She was survived by many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Fugitt was a member of the St. Daniel Parish Catholic community. Until recently, she worked as a pharmacy technician for the RiteAid Corporation, subsequent to her 30 years at the former Perry Drug Corp.

She will be most remembered for her devoted dedication to God, her family and her friends. While courageously battling cancer over recent months, she continued to always put others first and led by example. She will be missed.

Funeral Mass was Jan. 3 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. Arrangements by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Foundation or St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Cancer Care and Treatment.

At School...

(At right) Gregory Bradford Paddison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Paddison of Clarkston, was awarded a Silver Star during an academic recognition ceremony Nov. 10.

Paddison, a cadet at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wisc., was awarded the Silver Star for having earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the quarter. The academy enrolls students from throughout the United States and a dozen foreign nations.



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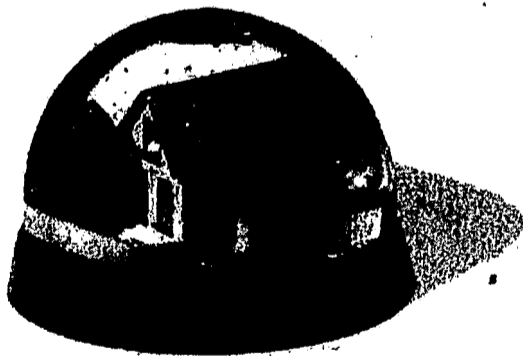
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The First Commandment

Editor's note: This week begins a series on the Ten Commandments by area pastors.

By Rev. Steve I. Brown
North Oaks Community Church

The Ten Commandments are found in two places in the English Bible: Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21.

The Decalogue, or the Ten Words, as it is sometimes called, is generally viewed as having two parts. Commandments one through four refer to man's relationship to God, while commandments five through ten refer to man's relationships with other people.

Let's take a brief look at the first commandment. "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:2-3, NIV).

God's desire has always been to be with his people. He also has their best interest in mind. He wants his people to know that he is the one who has delivered them from slavery.

God must be recognized and acknowledged as the only Lord, only Creator, and the only one worthy to receive worship from his people.

Here lies the problem for both men and women alike. God knows that grateful obedience to his commandments will bring to his people their highest happiness. However, all people are born with a sinful nature which results in their rebellion

against God and his commands.

Our hearts are quick to run after other things in order to satisfy our desires. This misdirected human affection is what God calls idolatry. The bible reveals that although God is a God of love, he is also a very jealous God. He is jealous for our affection and devotion. He will not stand for divided loyalties. Ultimately, God will judge and punish all who refuse to acknowledge and follow him.



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North Oaks Community Church

The solution to our problem is revealed to us in the New Testament teaching about Jesus Christ. God so loved his creation that he provided a way for people to escape judgment so that they could be with him forever. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth in order to suffer the punishment that our idolatry deserved. He obeyed the Ten Commandments perfectly during his life and then was executed to pay for the sins of every person that believes that he

died for them.

Therefore, the first commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me" is God's call for us to live a life of gratitude for his great mercy and compassion shown to us through his Son, Jesus Christ.

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Around Town

Widowed Support Group meeting is at 7 p.m. Jan. 6 at Independence Township Senior Center, in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Rd. The meeting will be facilitated by Christine Spencer, director of bereavement services at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. For more information call 625-5231.

Kids and parents can learn more about man's impact on animals since the beginning of the millenium at the **Animalenium** program Jan. 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

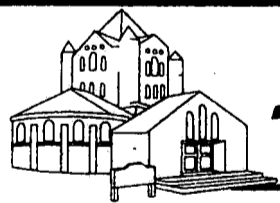
Also at the center, located in Independence Oaks County park west of Sashabaw Rd., "**Sunday Snowshoes**" excursions will take place Jan. 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. Call 625-6473 for more information.

First Millennium We Unite meeting Jan. 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Elder guest George Steel will share his experience and talk on self esteem and self confidence. Meetings will be the fourth Wed. of each month beginning in February. They are held at St. Daniel Church, 7010 Valley Park Dr. Call Maria Rotondo Mark at 625-9154 or 623-9348 for more information.

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Men's Annual Fish Fry, at Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway Sat., Jan. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for ages 13 to adult; \$4 for kids 5 to 12; \$1 for kids 4 and under. Call (248)634-3373 for more information. All proceeds go to community projects.



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For the love of the game

Clarkston's O'Ryan netminder on top women's college hockey team

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Sports Editor

As a child, Kelly O'Ryan played the nurse in the day-long army games her brother's friends would play in the summer. She knew her healing powers were the only way the boys would return to their fictional field of battle and have a chance to win.

As a goaltender for the St. Lawrence University women's hockey team, she has a similar role as her team's last line of defense.

No matter what her role may be, Kelly has the rare chance to actually live her dream, and she's having the time of her life doing it.

O'Ryan, a Clarkston native, is a freshman goaltender for St. Lawrence University, located in upstate New York. She occupies the number-two goaltending position on the team, which is currently ranked sixth in the country.

"I absolutely love the game," O'Ryan, 19, said. "I even look forward to practice. Just every time I step out on the ice it's such a neat feeling."

Playing hockey isn't something most five year old girls consider. At that age, girls tend to get excited

over the latest Barbie outfit. But for Kelly, all the excitement came on the 200 by 80 sheet of ice.

"I was a tomboy when I was little, and when I saw my brother David play, I knew it was something I wanted to do," she said. "I noticed the goalies right away. I like the goalie mentality of being the last line of defense."

For Kelly to play hockey, it meant more than just lacing up a pair of skates and feeling the cool breeze on her face. Her first year playing through the Lakeland Hockey Association, her team went winless.

A tough experience at such a young age may have understandably deterred others from playing the game. After all, Kelly was the only girl on her team, and none of her female friends were joining her on the rink. But she pressed on.

"I just loved the game," she said. "Even though we lost, all that mattered to me was playing. I even went to all of my brother's practices. I begged my dad to sign me up, and after a year, he finally did."

In addition to her team's struggles, Kelly had



Kelly O'Ryan

others to overcome. She was diagnosed with asthma as a young girl, and discovered playing a regular position would not be possible. So one day, her coach put her in at goaltender, a position that doesn't require as much speed and starting and stopping as other positions. She hasn't left since.

After a couple years playing at Lakeland Arena, Kelly was picked to play for a midget girls team out of Trenton at age 12. She played with girls who averaged 17 years old, but she quickly proved she belonged.

Playing well in Trenton led her to a spot on the prestigious Little Caesar's travel team when she was 13. She saw many of her older teammates get chances to play hockey at the college level, and she knew it was something she wanted to do.

"I went to some goalie camps, a couple out east and one in London, Ontario called Puck Stoppers," she said. "That's where I got noticed by some coaches for the first time."

Kelly returned to boys teams as she entered high school. She played on the Cranbrook "B" team in her freshman and sophomore years. In her second season, she got to play against her brother David, the captain of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. She still calls it her favorite game.

But Kelly's best chance to play in college would be to play for a prep school in New England. While she was playing for Cranbrook, the colleges in the east did very little recruiting outside of their backyard.

So two years before most of her peers did, Kelly left home to attend Hotchkiss in New York to play goaltender. Then, the fruits of her labor began to grow.

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Trio wins medals at Goodrich tourney

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Some members of the Clarkston wrestling team stood tall at the toughest tournament of the state.

The Wolves boasted three champions at the Goodrich Tournament of Champions Wednesday, held at Goodrich High School.

Seniors Jon Robinson (heavyweight) and Pat DeGain (215) and freshman Clint DeGain (152) all won championships at the meet, which features only the elite programs in the state in all four state divisions.

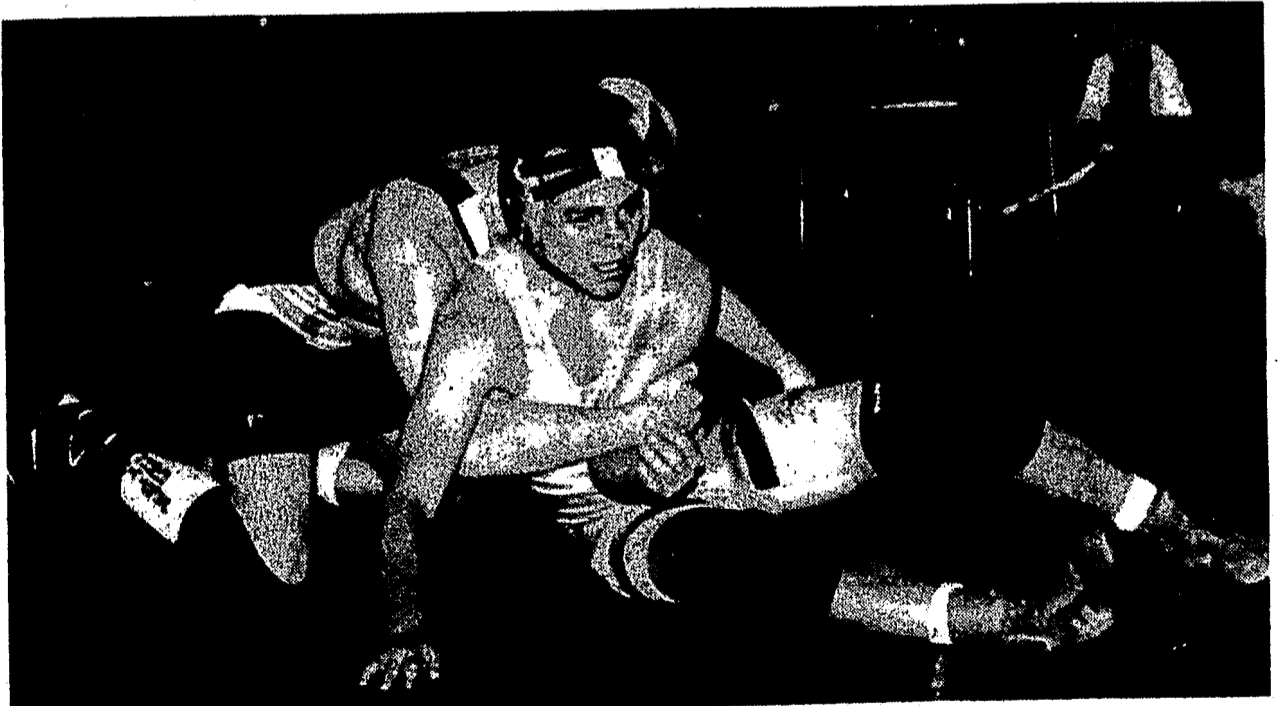
Clarkston finished seventh overall at the meet with 94 points. Davison served notice that it is a team to beat with a dominating performance, taking first place with a team score of 208.5. Rounding out the top seven were Temperance Bedford (second, 176 points), Lapeer West (third, 148.5 points), Williamston (fourth, 130.5 points), Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (fifth, 127 points), and Dundee (sixth 117.5 points).

Coach Mike DeGain said the seventh place finish at a tournament of that caliber is something he is very happy with.

"We finished ahead of some ranked teams, and finished behind nothing but ranked teams," he said. "You have to see the best to understand where the best is, and Goodrich does that for you."

Pat DeGain again went through the field unchallenged, pinning all of his opponents. He defeated Bryan Schilb of Bay City Western in 3:16.

His younger brother Clint won his first tourna-



Junior Derek Sheets maneuvers on the mat in the Goodrich Tournament of Champions.

ment, making up for a tough loss in the semifinals of the Oakland County Tournament. Clint defeated Tim Polidan of Davison 7-2 in the finals.

Robinson, the area's most dominant heavyweight, added another medal to his trophy case with a 2-1 win over his longtime rival Nick LaFear of Davison. Those two figure to meet again in the individual re-

gional and state meets.

Senior Dave Welanko finished fourth in the 135-pound weight class, losing to Justin Sinclair of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central in the semifinals.

Nate May took seventh, while Kevin Jenks finished eighth overall.

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2000 CLARKSTON BOYS AND GIRLS SKI PREVIEW

Ski teams ready to rule Pine Knob again

Girls look to improve on fourth-place state finish

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Sports Editor

For most of this decade, the Clarkston boys and girls ski teams have been the unquestioned kings of the Pine Knob hill.

Thanks to a big and talented freshman class entering the new season, expect that trend to carry over into the new millennium.

Despite losing six senior boys and Kristen Atkinson to graduation, perhaps the best female skier in school history, the Wolves enter the 1999-2000 season as one of the strongest programs south of the 45th parallel in Michigan.

The girls team could be better than ever this season. The girls finished fourth in the state last year, and every stater except Atkinson returns. Coach Bruce Rosengren said he is excited about the depth the girls team will have.

"We have tremendous depth," he said. "Last year, we won everything until the state meet, and we want to set our goals higher this year."

Several quality skiers return for the girls, including co-captains Katie Kennedy and Megan Whipp. Becky Shermerhorn, Nicole Villiere, Lauren Benner and Kelli Morton round out a terrific lineup which one through six, might be the best anywhere.

"Last year with Kristen, she would win every race by five seconds. This year, we should have a girl still winning most races, but maybe by only two seconds."

Rosengren said the girls are so evenly matched, he doesn't see one consistent number one skier in the bunch. And that could be a very good thing for the team.

"The kids keep leapfrogging each other, and I think that helps make everyone better," he said. "With more quality skiers, we can have specialists at the larger meets, and not many teams can do that. Plus, we've got five junior girls who have improved a lot since last year."

The boys team comes into the season from a much different perspective, but still expects to compete with the top teams in the area.

"We have 18 freshman boys out for the team, and that's a great sign for the future," Rosengren said. "Losing six guys is tough, and four of them skied for four years, so we're losing a lot of experience too."

The top two freshmen entering the season are Brandon Rosengren - Bruce's son - and Mark Sitko. Both have raced at high levels on a national level in the past, and should step in and be competitive with the top varsity skiers in the area.

Juniors Matt Evans and Ryan Wisner were two of the top JV skiers last year, and were named to the All-Don Thomas Cup Team. The co-captains are seniors Brent Schermerhorn and Erik Kennerson, both members of the regional-champion varsity football



The 2000 Clarkston boys and girls ski team.

team.

Juniors Bobby Olson and Mike Atkinson are other top returnees who contributed to last year's Pine Knob champs.

"Sure, there is a carry over from the football

team," Rosengren said. "The athletes who played, and the students who watched, they all learned how to win and know how it feels to win. It's something Clarkston has a reputation for doing, and we hope to continue it."

2000 CLARKSTON BOYS AND GIRLS SKI SCHEDULE

Jan. 5	vs. Rochester
Jan. 6	JV vs. Rochester
Jan. 10	vs. Waterford Kettering
Jan. 11	JV vs. Waterford Kettering
Jan. 12	vs. Cranbrook
Jan. 24	vs. B.H. Andover
Jan. 25	JV vs. Cranbrook
Jan. 28	Don Thomas Cup
Jan. 31	tournament at Pine Knob
Feb. 3	JV tournament
Feb. 7	vs. Lake Orion
Feb. 9	JV Divisional
Feb. 10	SEMSL Finals
Feb. 14	OAA Tournament
Feb. 17	Regionals
Feb. 22	Varsity Divisionals
Feb. 28	State Meet

Wrestling

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Coach DeGain said Clint's victory was a good start, but tougher tests await.

"Clint has a lot of ability, but there's still a long road in front of him," he said. "Everything we do is in preparation for the state meet."

This week, the Wolves begin the meat of their schedule, starting with a dual meet against Troy Athens Wednesday. Clarkston will also welcome Brian Chism back into the lineup. Chism missed the first month of the season because of a suspension, but he will start in the 140-pound range, and should solidify the team's lineup.

"The young guys are progressing, some faster than others," coach DeGain said. "We might change some things around as we get more into the season. But I like our chances to compete."

The Athens meet will be at CHS, with action starting at 6 p.m.

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Wolves sunk at buzzer by Redford

BY BRAD MONASTIERE

Clarkston News Sports Editor

Two years ago, Clarkston's Mike Maitrott won a game for the Wolves with a 3-pointer at the buzzer at Cobo Arena.

Wednesday night, Clarkston had the tables turned on them when Gerald Williams of Detroit Redford sank an improbable 35-foot shot as time expired to lead the Huskies to a 60-57 win over the Wolves. It was the first game in the annual Superintendent's Tipoff Classic at Cobo, a tournament that pairs a Detroit team against a suburban team for two days each year between Christmas and New Year's.

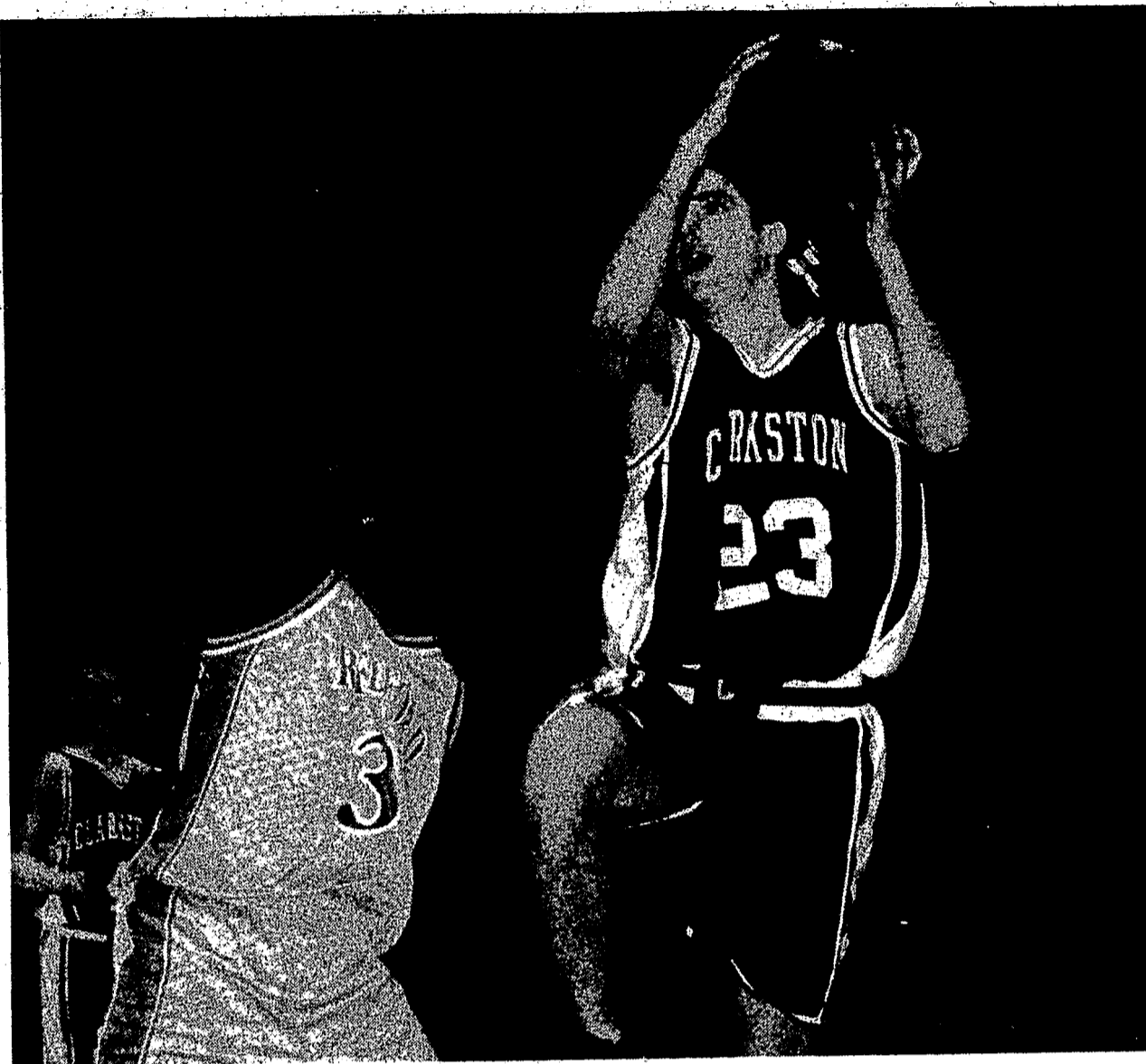
Clarkston, 3-2 overall, next sees action Friday night when it travels to Pontiac Central.

The Wolves were outscored 19-7 in the fourth quarter, losing a nine-point lead and being held without a field goal in the entire quarter. After the game, coach Dan Fife credited Redford's defense for the win.

"Their coach did a nice job," he said. "They defended us well, and we couldn't make a field goal in the fourth quarter."

Redford made two 3-pointers and 6-of-8 free throws in the fourth that slowly trimmed Clarkston's 50-41 lead to tie the game at 57-57 with 6.8 seconds left. Williams took the inbounds pass behind the halfcourt stripe, and dribbled in before launching his prayer, which was answered.

The Wolves have played some excellent basketball at Cobo the past few years. In 1996, they erased a 21-point deficit to beat Detroit Cody. The following year, Maitrott's buzzer beater helped to defeat the eventual state champions, Detroit Central. Last year, the



Senior Ryan Marino drives to the basket against Detroit Redford. He scored 28 points.

Wolves upended Detroit Denby, who went to the state semifinals.

Against Redford, Clarkston displayed that kind of quality play in the third quarter, when it held a 26-

12 scoring advantage. Seniors Ryan Marino, Adam Schapman and Andy North keyed the run with excellent passing and good shooting

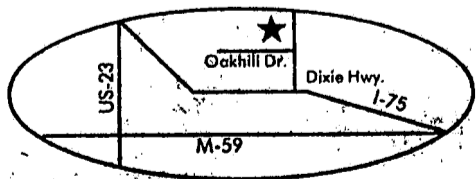
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Clarkston girl is between the pipes for college hockey team

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While at Hotchkiss, Kelly came into her own as an elite goaltender. She was named Most Valuable Player of the team her junior and senior seasons and holds school records for career shutouts (32) and career goals against average (1.50). She was captain of the hockey and field hockey teams, and was named to the All-Founders League First Team.

The transition to Hotchkiss was not as tough for Kelly.

"I've always been older than my age, and I think I've been a little more independent," she said. "From the moment I stepped onto the campus out there, I knew that's where I wanted to be, so it wasn't a hard transition at all."

Kelly led Hotchkiss to an undefeated season her senior year and the New England semifinals. Her success there, and an abundance of St. Lawrence graduates that taught at Hotchkiss led her to college.

At St. Lawrence, Kelly entered a crowded goaltending situation. She is one of four players at the position for the team, competing against two juniors and another freshman. She has seen the ice in one of the team's first 12 games. Yet, she has worked her way into the top backup role and feels poised to take over the starting position in the near future.

"The intensity level at college is mind boggling,"

she said. "Only a third of practice is on the ice. There is so much weight lifting and off-ice conditioning. But the players there are so good. The captain of the Canadian national team is our captain, and she is so amazing. We have a lot of talent."

That talent has shown itself several times in the early part of the season. St. Lawrence was an also-ran in the East Coast Athletic Conference last year, winning only six games. Despite having a team with no seniors, this year's team has flown out of the gates, defeating number-one ranked Harvard and third-ranked Princeton already this season. With a young and improving roster, St. Lawrence is a team to watch in the women's college hockey scene.

Kelly, who hopes to major in child psychology, says she has no regrets about any decision she's made. But she still misses the trappings of home.

"My little brother Charlie just started playing, and I don't get to see him. He looks up to my brother David and I," she said. "I'm sure it has been tough on my family, but they knew that's where I wanted to be."

With a possible scholarship and more team success in her future, Kelly's dreams are taking shape. From the battlefields of her youth to the roaring crowds and flying pucks of her present, Kelly O'Ryan is just getting started.

JV basketball

Somehow, Doug Colling-coached teams keep finding ways to win games, even in the most improbable fashion.

Another win for the ages was recorded by the JV boys basketball team Dec. 17, as the Wolves rallied to defeat Ferndale 76-71 in double overtime.

Clarkston seemed to have the game lost, down three with .8 of a second left on the clock. Then, fortune smiled.

A Ferndale player threw the inbounds pass over the gym's girders, which is considered out of bounds. Clarkston got the ball back down three with no time expiring off the clock. Sophomore Matt Mahrle nailed a 3-pointer from the right corner that tied the game on a catch-and-shoot play that rarely works, tying the game at 62-62.

The two teams dueled in the first overtime to another tie before clutch Clarkston free throws won the game in the second overtime.

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Correction

In last week's 1999 Year in Review, a cutline under one of the photos was incorrect. The cutline, under a photo of ballet dancer Karen Weil on page 20A, should have said there were 800 people at each of the two public performances of "The Nutcracker."

Orchestra hits the high notes

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faces he was making were so cool," she said with a laugh. "I thought -- that must be fun."

Both students have also studied privately, and are considering making music a major or at least part of their college curriculum someday.

"There's a lot they can do nowadays," Stuart said. "There can be double degrees for musicians and engineers. There are a lot of opportunities for musicians at just about any college you go to -- even if you only minor in music."

U of M, for instance, has several music groups for non-music majors, although you must audition. Stuart agrees with the theory that music can enhance a person's other interests, and that it has a positive effect on the brain.

"Just to have an interest outside your education is a good thing," she said. For example, Joel loves music, but he's also very involved with sports.

"There's a lot of research done to show what music does for children as they're developing," she said. She believes "it opens more pathways to the brain, so it's easier to learn other things."

Plus, it's just so darn fun. "Kids (and adults) can get a lot of enjoyment," Stuart said.

A key example is the Clarkston Community Schools Chamber Orchestra she started after school. A group of dedicated and motivated middle school string students meets once a week. They play music "for personal enjoyment and sharing with the community." The group has performed at a local church and is interested in finding more opportunities within the community.

Stuart jokes they even like to "fiddle around" with fiddle tunes. She also likes to incorporate pieces dear to kids like "The (You're a Mean One, Mr.) Grinch" and other holiday songs, which were played at the winter concert.

"I could even see (the group) turn into a fiddle jazz club," she said. "It all depends on the kinds of students involved. We play different kinds of music."

Summing up the string program, Stuart said, "We hope to see it grow. I'm taking as many students that come. We're having a great time. They're really great kids."

For more information on Clarkston's string program, call Wendy Stuart at CMS (922-3782) or SMS (625-5361).

Capital projects eyed for 2000

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for. It can be renovated for many uses in the township," she said.

However, Trustee Neil Wallace wondered if the architectural study might be "premature," as the township is already involved in a costly study for the new township hall.

"I don't think it's unreasonable to get a plan in place, and then explore means to get additional funds," said Supervisor Dale Stuart. "I think it's appropriate we do that this year."

Clerk Joan McCrary said she agreed. "(This) shows good planning and it's part of our plan to get Bay Court developed," she said, pointing to the previous phase -- the new beach house. "It is a progressive step."

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Wolves lose one at the buzzer

From Page 20

Schapman kicked off the second half with a 3-pointer that sparked Clarkston on a 19-8 run over the next six minutes. Marino capped the run with an NBA-range 3-pointer and a slick pass to North for a layup that gave Clarkston a nine-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Huskies responded quickly, with a 7-0 run in the first two minutes of the fourth that turned it into a nip-and-tuck game once again.

The Wolves made 7-of-8 free throws in the fourth, but could not score a field goal.

Despite the tough loss, Fife said he feels the game was a good experience for his team.

"This was a good game for our team to play in," he said. "It's a great environment for our kids, and it's the kind of game that will make us better. But it's one we should have won."

Marino had another huge offensive game for Clarkston, leading all scorers with 28 points. He is averaging 27.4 points per game this season, and hasn't scored fewer than 24 in any of the team's first five contests.

North had his best game of the season, with 12 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. His career high scoring game also came at Cobo, when he tossed in 15 in last year's win over Detroit Denby.

Schapman had a huge game in the paint, scoring nine points and blocking a career-high five shots. Senior Rocky Lund had five points, six rebounds and seven assists.



The thermos bottle was invented by Sir James Dewar, a British chemist, in 1892.

Reflections on the good times

See? That wasn't so bad. All the doom and gloom predictions over Y2K turned out to be more of a dud than the ill-fated Dennis Rodman-Jean Claude VanDamme action flick.

The year 2000 promises many new things in our lives, and a fresh perspective on the world. But before we go sprinting ahead into the 21st Century, I'd like to take a moment to look back for a bit.

That's because this is the last time I will be appearing in this space. After three terrific years, I will be moving on from The Clarkston News, the only place I have been able to call a professional home in my short life.

There have been so many people that I have had the joy of meeting in my time here, and so many events that I will always remember bringing to our readers. I'd like to share some of the most memorable ones with you now.

■ **Dane Fife, everyone's All American.**

No matter what day of the week, no matter who the opponent, there was always a buzz in the air when Dane Fife and his basketball teammates jogged onto the court. When I arrived here, he was the marquee attraction for Clarkston sports, drawing media attention from near and far for his excellence on the court.

But what I'll remember most is the way Dane handled himself with his peers and his elders. He always showed class and character whether his team won or lost. There were games where he wasn't challenged by anyone on the court, and there were games where he struggled. But through it all, he never placed himself above anyone else and made you feel like his good friend. Thanks for the memories, Dane.

■ **Overtime football.**

In The Penalty Box



with Brad Monastiere

There are a few games that people in Clarkston will always remember and talk about. The regional final football game two months ago has to be one of those legendary battles.

The Clarkston varsity football team defeated Macomb Dakota 57-56 in a magnificent four-overtime war that put the Wolves in the state semifinals for the first time. It was such a treat to watch a battle of wills, of skills and of thrills to be played out right before my eyes. It was a game I'll never forget.

■ **Softball chants.**

In some sports, there is an entire subculture beyond the game played on the field. One of the most fun subcultures is the chants compiled by the softball teams.

The volume, enthusiasm and originality of the chants lend softball a unique atmosphere all its own. It's easier to get caught up in the game, because the players bring you along. Covering sports is fun when softball games are going on.

■ **The people.**

I'm a fan of Clarkston people. I have been fortunate to have met so many good people through this job. From them, I have learned how to conduct myself in an adult setting, the sacrifices it takes to be successful, and a way to keep getting better, while becoming more humble.

I'd like to thank Jack Leech, Jim Evans, Ray Neubeck, Carol McIntyre, Tammy Honey, Chuck Senkyr, Melissa Hardenburgh, Cheri Nelles, Steve Facione, George Drallos, Keith Clement, Ed Adler, Debi Hool, the folks at Mr. B's, Nancy Hanna, Dave Mitchell, Peggy North, Mike Prudhomme, Tom Tippen, and all the CHS coaches, kids and parents who have made my job so much fun.

Special thanks are owed to Jim Sherman, Annette Kingsbury and Maralee Cook for giving me the opportunity to be here. They took a chance on me, and I will forever be grateful to them. I won't be too far away, and I hope to see you all soon.

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January 13, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township, Clintonwood Park/Carriage House, 5980 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48348, to consider the following:

FILE #99-1-044
Carl Roberts, Petitioner
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Parcel Identification Number: 06-15-428-013
Common Description: NW Corner Clarkston Road & Pine Knob Road

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Notice is hereby given that the Lake Improvement Board for Clarkston Mill Ponds, in the City of Clarkston and Township of Independence, County of Oakland, will meet in the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, at 7:00 P.M. on January 20, 2000 to review, to hear any objections to, and to confirm a one year Special Assessment Roll for the purposes of implementing an engineering feasibility study for the improvement of the Clarkston Mill Ponds. The total assessment is estimated at \$11,500.00 with individual assessments to be presented at the Hearing. The Special Assessment Roll will be on file at the City of Clarkston and Independence Township Offices for public examination.

Any person may appeal and be heard at the said hearing which is called pursuant to the provisions of Section 30913 Part 309 of Public Act No. 59 of 1995. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the Hearing held for the purpose of confirming the Special Assessment Roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any special assessment dispute. Appearance and protest of the special assessment at the time and place of review is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, No. 1 Public Works Drive, Waterford, Michigan 48328 at or prior to the time of review, in which case personal appearance is not required. If the special assessment is protested as provided above, the owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation.

LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR CLARKSTON MILL PONDS

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she said. "We had tons of people earlier" but "we fed our last table at around 11 o'clock."

On Monday, hardware and grocery stores said customers weren't running in piles of returns.

"We expected a lot of returns, but we didn't get them," said Damman's store manager Marg Quesnell, who reported pre-New Year's sales of kerosene cans, gas cans, lamp oil, batteries, oil lamps and candles. "It came as a surprise to us."

Clarkston True Value Hardware manager Dave Sherk, Jr. said the store sold over 12 kerosene heaters and 30 kerosene cans in two days — "more than usual."

"We're still set on batteries, although the big C's and D's were pretty much sold out. We also sold lots of gallons of water the 31st, just before closing."

Steve Weiss, manager of the Farmer Jack store on Dixie Highway, reported "no returns, basically. We were just busy New Year's Eve because it was New Year's Eve. We sold a lot of batteries and water. People were taking pre-

cautions."

Like other Oakland County school systems, computers were functioning and ready for business Monday morning, said Matt McCarty, director of technology services for Clarkston schools.

"Everything was working normally. We're continuing our deployment of technology purchases from the bond issue. So it's full speed ahead," McCarty said, adding the AS400 "mission-critical" systems had been checked.

Craig Bryson, public information officer for Road Commission for Oakland County, said none of the emergency generators or stop signs were needed for

major roads. "There were also extra salt trucks on hand, and staff ready to fix traffic signals," Bryson said.

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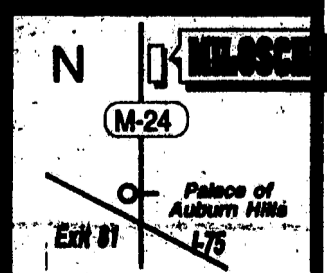
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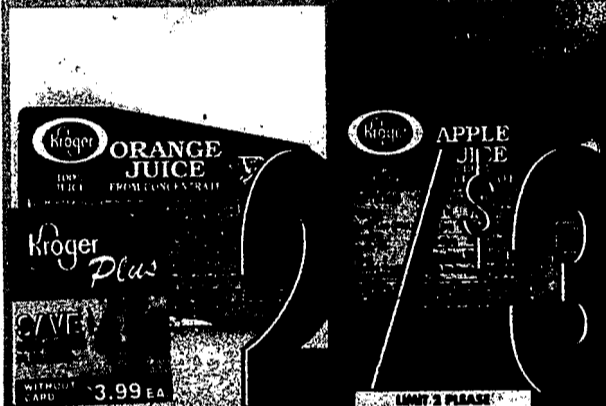
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Lean Cuisine
 Baked Chicken with Green Stuffing and Whipped Potatoes

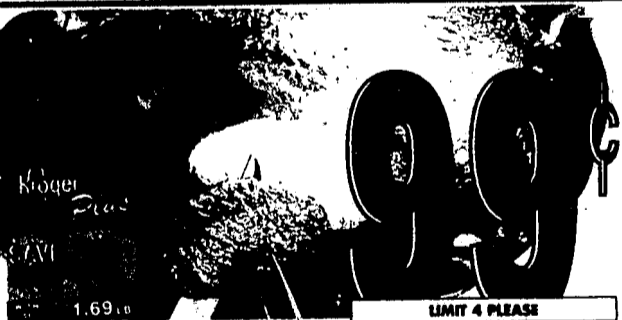
Lean Cuisine
 Lasagna with Seasoned Meat Sauce

Lean Cuisine
 Macaroni and Cheese Tenderloin in a Creamy Cheddar Cheese Sauce

57¢

LEAN CUISINE ENTREES
 Full Line Sale, 8-11.5oz Pkg
 LIMIT 3 PLEASE

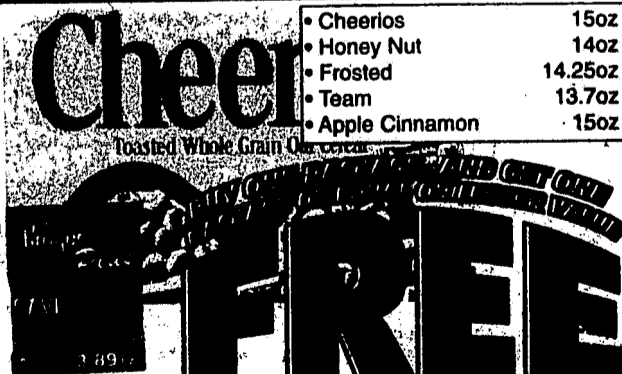
DIET RIOT 2000



TURKEY BREAST
 All White Meat, Frozen, 5-7lb Avg, Pound
 99¢
 LIMIT 4 PLEASE



YOPLAIT YOGURT
 Assorted, 6oz Cup
 ORIGINAL 99% FAT FREE
 83¢ EA
 LIMIT 8 PLEASE



CHEERIOS
 Your Choice, Box
 1.49

- Cheerios 15oz
- Honey Nut 14oz
- Frosted 14.25oz
- Team 13.7oz
- Apple Cinnamon 15oz



ULTRA SLIM FAST
 Strawberry, Chocolate, Cappuccino or Vanilla, 6pk 8oz Cans
 2.99
 LIMIT 4 PLEASE

DOUBLE UP TO
Manufacturers 50¢
COUPONS
 SEE STORE FOR DETAILS

PHONE TIME EXPRESS
 4-7PM WEEKDAYS
 12-3PM WEEKENDS

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