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## Santa helps out Rotary



Even Santa (aka Ken Winship) helped the Clarkston Rotary pass out Goodfellows newspapers, printed by *The Clarkston News*, for their annual drive, Dec. 5-6, to help local children in need. The Rotary raised \$12,500 which will go towards the purchase of new shoes for 350 children. Hats, mittens and gloves have also been collected and will be distributed to the children as well. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Suspected child predator arrested locally

Arrest leads to larger network of Internet child pornography spanning six states and one other country

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It's unbelievable," Sgt. Dirk Feneley of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township said of the alleged actions of Guy Robert Lendrum.

The 32-year-old Independence Township resident was charged Thursday, Dec. 4 before Judge Michael Batchik at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston with 12 counts of sexual assault on children, ranging in age from 18 months to 12-years-old and including his son and daughter.

Lendrum's alleged actions have led to a network of other adults from at least six other states and one other country, who exchanged child pornography via computer.

The investigation is being led by the OCSO, FBI and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

Lendrum, who lived in the Clinton Villa Mobile Home Park and was a ticket taker at Star Theaters at Great Lakes Crossing, is the first to be charged.

Two other Michigan men, Michael Jackson, 25, of Grand Blanc, and Brian Urbanawiz, 30, of Midland were arraigned Friday, Dec. 5 in an alleged connection with Lendrum. Jackson is charged with two seven-year felonies of child sexually abusive activity; and Urbanawiz with six 20-year felonies of sexually abusive activity and using the computer to communicate such crimes.

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## Board expels gun-toting student

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Without discussion, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education voted Monday to expel a 14-year-old student who brought a firearm to Clarkston High School Monday, Oct. 27.

While police believed the student had simply showed bad judgment, both the law and school policy are clear about the prohibition of firearms on school property.

School board documents said an administrative hearing was conducted Nov. 6, with the boy's mother waiving the right to a full hearing before the school board. Further, the mother withdrew her son from Clarkston High School Nov. 3, with a request to forward his academic records to another school.

"The hearing officer ruled that the charges were true, full due process had been followed and the recommendation for expulsion was appropriate based both on district policy and on state law," a board memo said.

According to Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation, the student displayed an unloaded .38 caliber revolver to students around 2:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

A fellow student told school officials, who detained the boy and found the weapon in his backpack.

The student's parents are divorced, LaBair previously said, and the boy had visited his father in Auburn Hills, where he found the pistol in a box under a bed. Apparently merely curious, he brought the weapon back to his Independence Township residence, then took it to school.

Sheriff's investigation showed the father had no ammunition at his home, and the mother said there are no firearms in her home, LaBair said.

Detective Darren Offara, the high school liaison officer, had recommended only a charge of carrying a weapon on school property, which is designated as a "weapon-free zone."

Offara said Tuesday the petition has been accepted by Oakland County Probate Court, but no specific court date has been set.

If the student were to be tried as an adult for carrying a concealed weapon, the potential felony penalty would be a maximum of five years imprisonment and \$2,500 fine. LaBair said the weapon-free zone violation is a misdemeanor that in adult court could lead to 93 days in jail, 150 days of community service, and/or an additional \$7,500 fine.



Guy Robert Lendrum

Discolored Paper

# Briefly

## Clarkston News conducts food and toy drive

The Clarkston News will once again be taking donations for the Clarkston Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse asks there be no glass containers or perishable foods and that all food be current. Among the specific food items needed include: canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, pie crust mix, canned soups, noodles, rice, canned fruit and evaporated milk.

The final drop off for Christmas is December 11. Interested individuals can bring their food and toy items to 5 South Main Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Board approved new Commission member

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Jane Boyer to the Independence Township Planning Commission at their Dec. 2 board meeting.

Boyer will replace Robert McGowan who submitted his resignation letter to Supervisor Dale Stuart on Nov. 17. Boyer will fulfill his term which expires on Dec. 31, 2004.

"I am very sorry to see that Mr. McGowan is leaving," Clerk Joan McCrary said. "He was developing into a great commissioner."

## Winners of bake-off announced

The winners of the 1st Annual Clarkston Thanksgiving Cookie Bake-Off were recently announced.

The winners were: Michelle Przybylski, first place; Michael Eding, second place; Pam Rug Girello, third place.

Other contestants included Matt Mathiak, Gerry Mathiak, Karen Austin, JoAnn Groeneveld, Melissa Groeneveld and Beverly Lakse.

The next Holiday Cookie Bake Off will be held on Dec. 21. The cookies baked are going to Lighthouse.

## Toy drive aims for 2,000 donations

It is toy drive season once more. The Empty Stocking Fund, which is the largest toy drive in North Oakland County, needs your help once more.

Last year, the Empty Stocking Fund provided gifts for more than 6,000 children in our area, making the holiday season a special one for them. This year requests for help have been pouring in daily from local families who need a hand up, not a hand out.

The group has gone from collecting 278 toys in 1999 to collecting 1,478 toys in 2002. This year the goal is 2,000 toys. Some items that can be donated are toys, books, games, school supplies, jewelry, watches, alarm clocks, sporting goods, clothes and other supplies for children from infants to 18-year-olds.

Area drop-offs are at Bubble Dragon Toys at 5875 Dixie Highway and Kroger on 6625 Dixie Highway.

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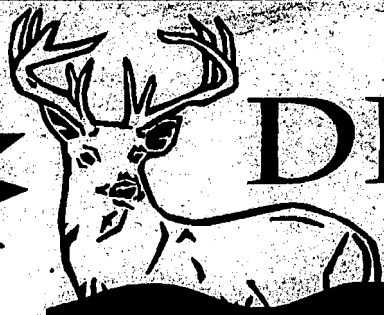
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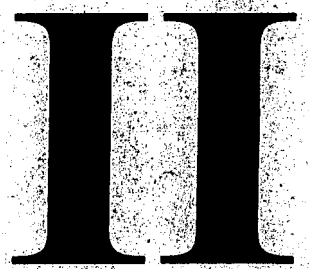
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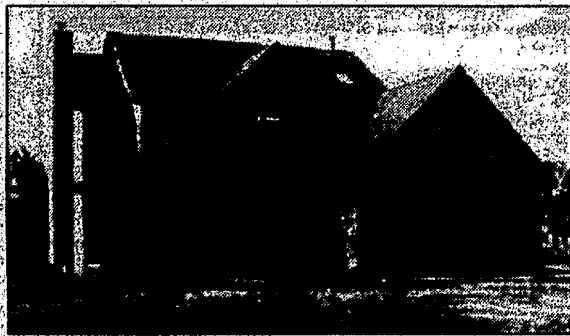
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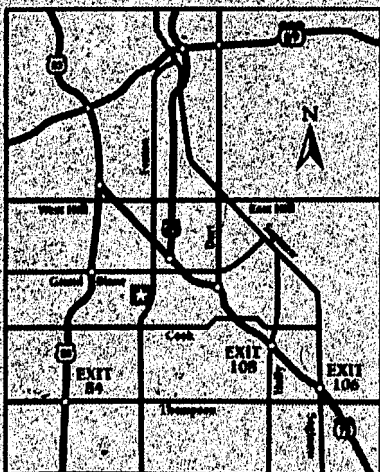
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# The Second Front

## 'Unique' store draws Christmas shoppers downtown

### Intro to series...

The Christmas season is a busy time for all, and that includes local merchants.

Over the next couple weeks, The Clarkston News will feature some of the special things happening at local businesses in their efforts to cater to holiday customers...

**BY DON SCHELSE**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

It's a boast offered by several Clarkston businesses, but Union General has a unique claim on the term "unique," and customers appear to agree.

"Business has been good," owner Ann Stevenson said. "The weekends have been really busy."

The Main Street shop has been open six years, and there is a growing list of regular customers.

"People have been really loyal to us," Stevenson said, noting both the items offered for sale and the interaction between merchant and visitor. "I think it's important to maintain the relationship with the customer."

Stevenson believes that is so important that she still works two days a week, even with a child at home and another on the way. Her sales staff shares that philosophy, working for an atmosphere she describes as "very homey, very comfortable, no pressure."

A key to the store's success is recognizing a diverse clientele, yet striving to be different from traditional retail stores.

"We'd like to be the antithesis of that," Stevenson said. "We want to accommodate all those people, yet give them something they're not going to find at the mall."

While the store works for that special image year-round, the Christmas merchandise is especially diverse.

"We have a lot of stocking stuffers that are unique," Stevenson said, noting a Swedish soap with the inscription, "Either be good or be nice."

Those in the market for Christmas music will find recordings from Canadian singer Michael Buble (who Stevenson said is becoming increasingly popular) and "other holiday music people can't find other places."

Stevenson finds the merchandise in her travels and is willing to go looking for things people want.

"It's important to listen to what people want," she said, and she even asks herself, "What would I want?"

Customer loyalty has also grown to the point where people will call ahead of time and ask for certain items to be available for pickup. While holiday business hours are extended, even that's not a big deal because, "I've been known to stay open later" if a customer has a special need.

Union General is located at 50 S. Main St. in downtown Clarkston. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Telephone is (248) 620-3800.



Carola Huttenlocher and Karin Koch consider Christmas items available at Union General in downtown Clarkston, with guidance from Ann Stevenson. Photo by Don Schelske

## New flower shop caters to Christmas

**BY DON SCHELSE**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

It was not the plan to open a new flower shop just in time for Christmas, but it has worked to the advantage of the staff at Blossoms and Petals Flowers and Gifts.

The shop (which opened near the beginning of December) had already received orders for special floral and decorative arrangements through word-of-mouth. With their doors now open in the new Gateway Plaza shopping center in Independence Township, people are keeping the staff busy.

Co-owner and primary designer Pamela Griffin has a varied career background, having worked as everything from a model in TV commercials to a firefighter in Novi. She was also a general manager at an automotive dealership for 15 years.

It was her love of flowers, however, that led to the new business.

"I've done flowers all my life out of

*Please see Flowers continued on page 8A*



Kathy Fackler, Pamela Griffin and Mary Hubble, along with special friends Max and Roxie, are ready to welcome folks to the new Blossoms and Petals Flowers and Gifts. Photo by Don Schelske

# Committee formed to look at Springfield Hall issue

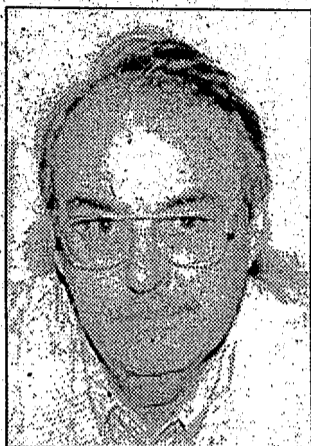
BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

The debate as to what to do with the old Springfield Township Hall continues.

After a meeting between Supervisor Collin Walls and eight local residents, most representing service groups or organizations, a small committee has been formed to look into the possibility of not selling the hall and instead using it for community activities.

The "Save our Hall" meeting was the idea of local resident Diane Wozniak. Wozniak does not like the idea of a historical building like the old hall being sold.

"We need to save the historical building and keep



Collin Walls

it in the hands of the people," Wozniak said. "We can make it into a really cool place."

Wozniak's grand plan is to have the hall turned into a "place dedicated to build community." She hopes local groups can use the building for meetings and other events.

"We could also have shows and teen nights held there. There is really a need in the community for this. It can be a real asset to the community," Wozniak said.

Walls is not quite sure. He believes the issue should not be historical preservation, but instead if there is a need in the community. Walls believes even if the hall is sold, it will be to a group who will historically preserve it.

The Supervisor is skeptical about whether the township needs another government supported meeting place.

"We have three elementary schools who we have a good working relationship with. What I heard at the meeting was that most people did not see the need for a community center but if it was free they might use it," Walls said. "I think we should explore this to make

sure there is a need before we have another facility that is not self-supporting."

The cost of maintenance and bills on the hall is estimated at \$6,000 per year. While there had been some talk about the organizations paying a small fee to cover that cost, Wozniak wants the township to foot the bill.

"I don't think we should have to pay for it. The township has money. We pay taxes and expect to see something from that. I am not into "pay for play" in my own community," Wozniak said.

The Committee will be made up of Walls, Wozniak and Parks and Recreation employee Randy Harless. They have a meeting scheduled for 9 a.m., Jan. 7 at the Springfield Township Civic Center at 1400 Davisburg Road. The public is welcome.

The hall was vacated when the township offices moved to the new Davisburg Road Complex in early 2002. The 3,000-square foot hall was built in 1902. The building was appraised for \$300,000 in December 2001, but has been listed for sale for \$275,000. A couple of offers came in with different terms, but the board rejected them.

## Kaleidoscope has busy season

Four big events for Kaleidoscope Foundation took many volunteers to task the last two months of the year 2003.

"A Polish Evening" was the group's second annual fundraiser dinner held at Highland Senior Center in November. The planning committee volunteers from seven townships, including Independence and Springfield, were able to raise more than \$6,000 for Kaleidoscope Foundation which provides recreational programs weekly for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

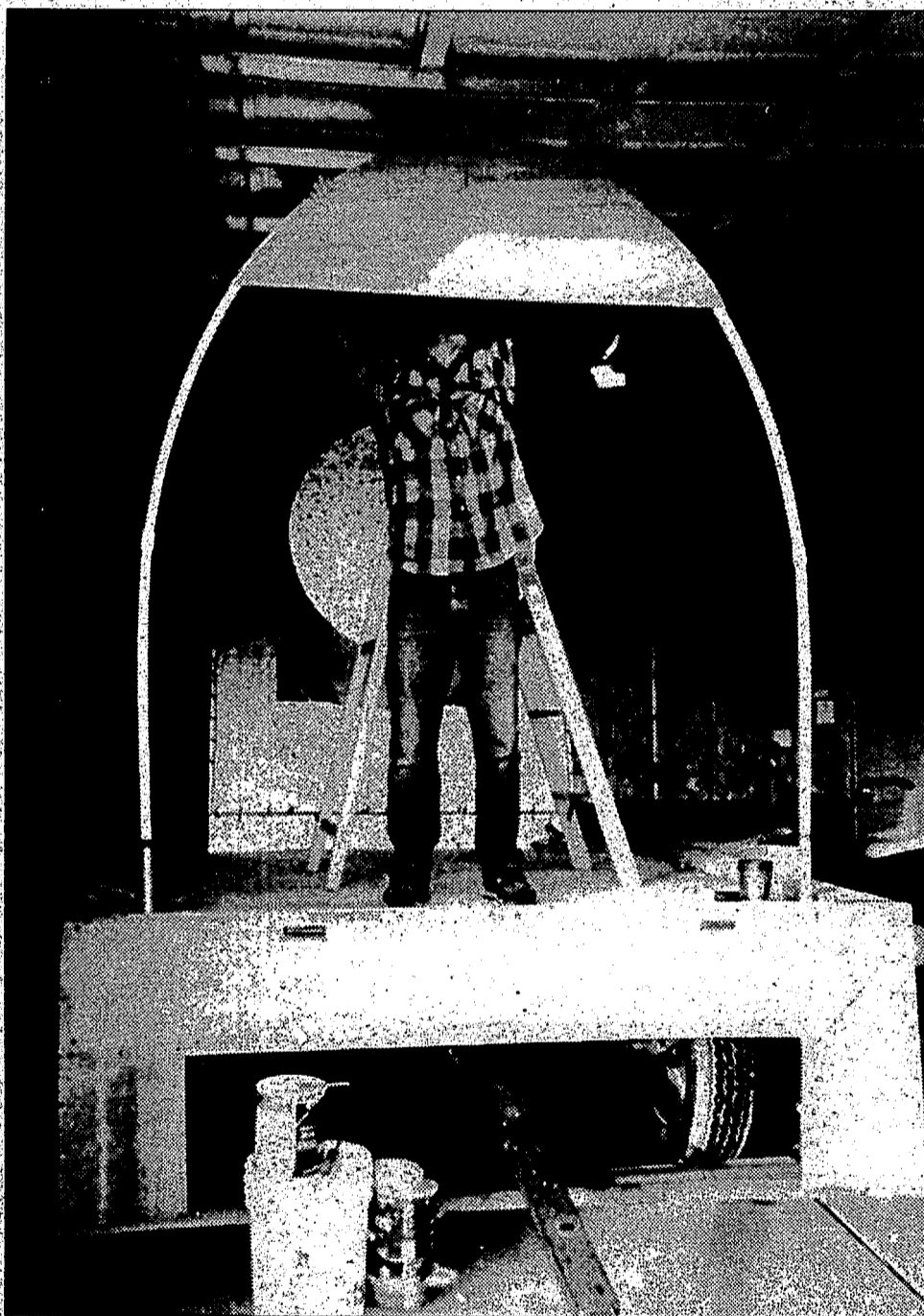
In the middle of November, "The Moveable Feast" began. Dr. James O'Neill and family, with the Kaleidoscope Building Fund Committee, planned a program using local restaurants to provide space for a meal and entertainment for

senior citizens and people with disabilities. The Burger King of Clarkston and the Big Boy of M-59 hosted the first two events.

Also, proceeds from the 16th annual "Holiday Greens Sale" provided Christmas gifts for 96 residents in 19 area group homes.

Finally, Kaleidoscope will enter a float in Clarkston's "Lighted Christmas Parade" set for Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. Float makers for Kaleidoscope were Darwin Baldwin, Bill Schaefer, John Gioitti and Jon Herzfeld.

Darwin Baldwin helps construct a float for the Kaleidoscope Foundation. Photo provided.



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# Opinion

## Some holiday season rules

The Christmas season is officially upon us. While there are some who have complained about how early the season starts, it is now December so we must embrace it.

Despite my family labeling me a Scrooge, I really do in fact enjoy things about Christmas. The problem, as I see it, is for every part of Christmas that is truly enjoyable, there is another aspect that is truly annoying.

So, with that in mind, I thought it was important to set some ground rules this season. If everybody could please adhere by these simple requests, I believe we will all enjoy a truly Merry Christmas.

The rules are as follows:

- Radio stations can play as much Christmas music as they want. The only rule is that the Porky Pig rendition of "Blue Christmas" must be played at least once a day on each radio station in America.

- No more fruitcake. Nobody eats it. My guess is the same fruitcakes just get passed between families from year to year.

- No more preaching about the true meaning of Christmas. We have all heard about the birth of Christ. Some believe it, while others do not. I guess once we die we will individually realize if we put our chips down on the right number.

But for now let's allow those who embrace the religious aspect of the holiday to do so, and those who want to embrace the commercialization can do their thing. It does not make them bad people, just different people.

- Along the same lines, please no human nativity scenes. They are creepy.

- Every person must watch "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" at least once during the month of December. "A Christmas Story" is highly encouraged, but not mandatory.

- While shopping, if you block the aisle by putting your cart right smack, dab in the middle, you will be banned from the store for the holiday season.

- No wishing it will be a white Christmas. Not even Chuck Gaidica has that kind of power. It is either going to snow or it isn't. No amount of discussion on the topic can make it snow.

- Along the same lines, I don't care how low the temperature gets or how far the wind chill dips, never utter the phrase, "Cold enough for ya?" followed by a giggle.

- Somehow color coordinate the parking lots at the mall. It never fails that I will spend a good portion of my day walking around Great Lakes Crossing in a futile attempt to find my automobile. This is especially frustrating since half the people in metro Detroit drive silver Grand Ams like me.

See, now, that was not too hard, was it? I think if we all follow these simple rules we should have an enjoyable holiday season. Now, if only I can get everyone to think like I do for the remaining 11 months of the year.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News. His e-mail is KyleG44@aol.com.)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

## Letters to the Editor

### Rotary thanks those who helped sale

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who gave so generously during our 53rd Annual Goodfellows Newspaper sales this past weekend, December 5 and 6. The weekend activity raised \$12,500 this year and is truly a reflection that the community supports our endeavors.

One hundred percent of all donations collected will be used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. On Dec. 13, the Clarkston Rotary will host 370 children at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road.

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to express its gratitude and appreciation by acknowledging the following for the success of this year's program:

- A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman, Don Rush, Kyle Gargaro and their staffs for preparation and publication of the Goodfellows Edition. *The Clarkston News* has donated the special newspaper for the last 14 years.

- Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Pastor Galey and church members for joining us for the first time. Their extra help was greatly appreciated.

- Cub Scout Pack No. 314, Boy Scout Troop No. 199 and their leaders for braving the cold and selling Goodfellow papers in front of local grocery stores. Their enthusiasm for selling is something to behold.

- Employees and friends of Machine Engineering for their efforts in selling papers. They have continued to support this program and its success for the past 14

years.

- Clarkston Interact Club members for participating and selling in front of local groceries.

- Sashabaw Middle School Student Council for their generous donation.

- City of the Village of Clarkston DPW for providing a warm space for the Goodfellows headquarters.

- To the many friends and family members of the Clarkston Rotary Club who so generously gave of their time and energy in selling newspapers.

- Oakland Woods Baptist Church for hosting this year's Shoes for Kids distribution.

- Mr. Alan's Sportswear and Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, store manager, and its store volunteers for their commitment in bringing the shoes and boots to Clarkston for distribution.

- To the local elementary schools and area churches for hosting hat, mittens and glove collection Christmas trees.

This has truly become a community activity, and the Clarkston Rotary is truly grateful for having so many people committed to supporting our projects.

Finally, thanks again to all who gave donations for the 'Shoes for Kids' program and especially to those who gave so generously.

Joel DeLong, Lu Hewko, Mary Sloan  
Goodfellows Co-Chairs  
Clarkston Rotary Club

## Farm and Garden Club offers thanks

The Clarkston Farm & Garden Club would like to extend an enormous THANK YOU to the entire Clarkston Community for their generous support at our 12th Annual Greens Market. By decking your halls with our wreaths, roping and fresh greenery arrangements you allow us to continue to Help Clarkston Bloom!

Thank you to the following businesses that are adorned in our Greenery this year: Village Apparel, Clarkston Café, Clarkston State Bank, Clarkston Travel, Clarkston Union, Contemporary Computer Concepts, Dr. Stevenson D.D.S., Giacomos, Hi-Tech Environments, Liberty Golf and Banquet Center and Morgan's Service Station.

Thanks, also, to the Clarkston Chamber of Com-

merce who continually include us in the Heart of Clarkston Holiday Festivities, as well as to this newspaper for publicizing our efforts. Special thanks goes to The Church of the Resurrection for providing us a venue for our sale. Your facilities and hospitality are outstanding.

Last of all, to our members, your hard work and commitment throughout the year benefit the community in so many ways.

With Gratitude,  
Cathy Grogan and Michele Bondy  
Clarkston Farm and Garden Club  
Green Market Co-Chairs

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# Character building with the Lions

Folks who know me, know I worry about my parenting skills. When I have time to myself, I wonder, what am I doing to these two young souls under my care?

What am I molding them into? What shape will they take? Will they grow up to be fine young men, wise gents or kooky and quirky geeks? Do Shamus and Sean have a chance at normalcy?

At the end of the day, I come to the conclusion they'll be okay. They have their mother to keep them on the straight and narrow. She'll make sure they're normal.

But, then Sunday rolls around and I gear up the boys to watch some good old-fashioned American barbarism. We've gotten up early, completed lots of chores around the house and now it's time to kick back and watch those boys in Honolulu Blue and Silver.

I am making my sons Detroit Lions fans.

Now, before you start acting like one of the 60,000 fans at Ford Field, watching QB Joey Harrington complete another three yard pass over the middle to set up a nice fourth and seven punt, when they're down by two touchdowns with three minutes left in the game, stop. Just stop. Being an Detroit Lions fan is actually a positive thing. A good thing.

To be a fan of the Detroit Lions is to be the eternal optimist. After all, as all Lions fans know, "There is always next year."

There's always a silver-lining out there, somewhere. We just have to be observant enough to find it, because next year always brings with it new hopes of the same old dreams: Maybe the Detroit Lions will make it to the playoffs.

You see, I believe this, even after looking at the Lions' recent history. I believe.

Hmmm, let's see. In 2000, the Lions were a respectable 9-7. They scored 307 points and only allowed 295 to be scored against them. Then the Lions lost their fangs. In 2001 they won two and lost 14. They only scored 270 points, while giving up 425. In 2002 they won three games and lost 13. They scored

more points (a reason for optimism), 310, but they gave up more points too, 455.

But, things are looking up.

They got a new coach this year and they have won four games, only losing nine (so far). Their second year quarterback is getting better. Their defense is getting better. Next year their Number One Draft Pick this year, Charles Rogers, will be back. And, if we keep on losing this year, we can have another top draft.

Hey, things ain't all that bad.

Lions fans, however, don't just walk around with their heads in the clouds, oblivious to the world around them. They are a practical bunch. Lions fans believe a playoff win or two is possible. The SuperBowl, however, is way out of our league.

To be a Lions fan is to be, as Detroit rocker Bob Seger sings, a "beautiful loser." Learning how to lose "good" is to be well liked. Nobody wants a sore loser around.

Watching the Lions find new ways to shoot themselves in the foot, snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, game after game, year after year you think would make a Lions fan depressed. Hogwash! Watching the Lions self-destruct on broadcast TV is actually an exercise in character building.

Lions fans have lots of character.

Lions fans are also loyal. Name me one other professional team that can sell 60,000 tickets a week, week in and week out, without winning. The last time the Lions won anything Bobby Layne was still up and kicking and drinking and raising hell. In 2007, I plan on a big 50 year anniversary of the Lions' last championship. (Let me know if you want to be in charge of the parade down Woodward Avenue.) Being loyal is a good thing.

Having lots of character is a good thing.

Being practical is good.

Being optimistic is swell.

These are the things Lions fans keep telling themselves, over and over. It's a form of meditation. That and medication keeps us from jumping off the Pontiac Silverdome.

Maybe I should start the boys watching the Detroit Tigers...

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Don Rush

## Just jotting

Last year I hired a window washer. When he was finished he asked if I knew our house needed a paint job. I hired a painter. When he was finished he asked if I knew we needed a new roof. When the roofer was finished he asked if I knew we needed a new roof on our support building. When that was about to be finished I left town.

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A couple decades ago our state highway road-guards had wooden posts with a metal shield that rusted. We were told rusting improved strength. Then the steel lobbyist, or someone, convinced our road engineers/politicians that steel posts with galvanized railings are better. The only thing the wood people got out of it was the spacing blocks between the rail and post. I suppose it was a compromise, but why is the spacing needed at all?

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Our Governor Jennifer went on a two week tour of our glorious state to get Michiganders' ideas on rearranging the state budget. She wanted to hear how \$920 million could be cut. Does anyone other than President Bush, his cabinet and other DC'ers know how much money \$920 million is? Lost in my reading was the figure for the total budget. If we need to cut nearly a billion dollars... what is it cut from? Not that many of us can even imagine what \$1 million is, but Miz Granholm probably got a lot of great ideas on her visits to Ishpeming and the Soo.

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Hardware stores should brace for a big run on plumber's pipe wrenches this holiday season. That trade has obviously attracted a great many young women in

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

recent years. Our 15-year-old granddaughter appears headed for that field, or so it seems with the ever-lower belt-line in back.

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Columnist Dave Barry (*Miami Herald* and *Freep*) writes, "Men -- because of a tragic genetic flaw -- cannot see dirt until there is enough of it to support agriculture. This puts men at a huge disadvantage against women, who can detect a single dirt molecule 20 feet away." Boy, can I relate to that. Hazel could spot dust mites in the upstairs bedroom while vacuuming the basement. She went after them the same way she'd go after an indoor mouse. With killer determination. Though I'd never seen one, I believe Hazel thought both were food seeking depositors, whose intent was to drive her crazy. Well, a few months after Hazel passed away I wondered to daughter Luan what those fuzzy things were on our bedroom floor. She hired a couple lady cleaners to save me from having to decide which was more frightening, a mite or mouse.

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John Patrell, while on his way to having his second annual going out of business sale, said, "Show me a clean newspaper and I'll show you a parakeet with a problem."

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Here's some things I learned while watching too much tv:

To sell Woolite you need to have m'lady's skirt blowing up, though cartoonish style.

There's such a thing as a fertility check instrument. I almost wish I had an allergy -- there are so many things I can take to cure it - Allevert, Allegra and Clarinex to name three.

Clorox makes a non-stick toilet bowl cleaner. Why? Someone is offering reruns of football games for \$99. Some marketer is taking advantage of our Jock Society.

John Basedow, the semi-nude promoter of bodybuilding and Bowflex, needs a bra.

## A look back

in  
The Clarkston News

### 15 YEARS AGO (1988)

- Supervisor Collin Walls and newly elected Trustee Dennis Vallad were named Springfield Township board representatives to the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals, respectively, December 8. Walls agreed to be the board representative on the planning commission at least until July of 1989, when some of the staggered planning commission terms expire. Other members of the planning commission are Marge Reuter, new chairman of the planning commission, Don Holmes, Lee Ann Oliver and David Field.

- Labeling their computer system indispensable, the Independence Township Board proved Nov. 16 that they are indeed part of "The Computer Age." The board voted unanimously to spend \$12,552 to double the capacity of their current computer system and to ensure that all departments within the township can access the system. "The computer system has proven very, very useful. We couldn't live without it," Supervisor Frank Ronk said.

- Residents may not notice any difference with a new solid waste ordinance in Independence Township, but garbage carriers serving the area will be busy during the next few weeks. Adopted by the township board Dec. 6, the ordinance requires all garbage haulers within the township to be licensed through the Clerk's office.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1978)

- The new year will bring transportation relief for local handicapped and elderly residents. Beginning Jan. 2, the Oakland County Advance Reservation Transit System (OCART) will expand its mini-bus service to Northwest Oakland County. Developed by the Oakland County executive's office and the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority, OCART has been providing door-to-door minibus service for the handicapped living in heavily populated portions of Southern Oakland County since early November.

- Michael Thayer, member of the Clarkston Village Council and recently elected to the Independence Township Board, remains uncertain whether he'll continue to serve on both bodies. Asked when his decision will be made, Thayer said, "Definitely by the end of the year. It's just wait and see, seeing what comes up for the township." Thayer has one year remaining in his term as council trustee. He was elected to a two-year term on the township board Nov. 7.

- More public input is needed on ways to spend the approximately \$100,000 in Community Development Act funds for the next fiscal year. The first public hearing was held at the Independence Township Board meeting last week. The second, and final, public hearing for ideas on how to use the money will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Independence Township Hall, 90 N. Main, Clarkston.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1953)

- On Saturday, December 12, the Clarkston Rotarians will be on the streets to sell the Goodfellow papers, The Clarkston News. This sale is carried on annually to raise money for the Community Christmas Party and for other charitable gestures at this time of year.

- The senior class of Clarkston High School will present a hillbilly comedy in three acts, A-Feudin' Over Yonder, by LeRoma Rose, on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 11-12.

# Flowers

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my home," Griffin said. "I just want to make the world beautiful."

People are already taking advantage of her mission. The new business has helped bring the Christmas spirit to the Clarkston State Bank with a tree and holiday decorations.

In addition to offering classes for adults and children in various skills of decorating, centerpieces and crafts, Griffin will come to homes to provide custom-designed decorations. The holiday theme includes a good selection of poinsettias and almost anything green.

"We've been pretty busy," she said, and they have been even before the shop opened. "We didn't even have a floor yet and we were already taking orders."

There will be a year-round dedication to beauty. Griffin offers roses from Ecuador, and guarantees them to last at least a week.

"I do not buy cheap roses," she said. "Nothing's going to be ordinary here."

Other out-of-the-ordinary items include special bath petals (just coincidental to the business name) and a special "get-me-out-of-the-doghouse" bouquet. The latter came about when a customer came in after the first couple days of being open and yelled, "Get me out of the doghouse!"

Griffin said such special service has already earned her the nickname, "Dr. Love."

The Gateway Plaza location was a good choice, she said, because of new residential development in the area and the need for a full-service florist in the community.

Griffin is bold and outgoing, and said her staff's friendly attitude is no accident, and will be evident, "the minute you walk in that door."

Blossoms and Petals Flowers and Gifts is located at 9090 Gateway Drive, in the Gateway Plaza at White Lake and Andersonville roads in Independence Township. Holiday hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Telephone is (248) 922-1200

# Parade participants



Clarkston High School students (from left) Eric Gauthier, John Lynch, Megan Garrett, Gina Scogietti and Robert Heber participated in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit. The students were part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Parade Honor Corp. Photo provided.

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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Dec. 7,** malicious destruction of property on Lancaster Lake Court. The complainant suspects an ex-boyfriend broke out the windows of her car.

Malicious destruction to a vehicle on White Lake.

**Saturday, Dec. 6,** malicious destruction of property and harassment on Highland Court. Obscenities were spraypainted onto a playground set on the complainant's property.

A 49-year-old man was arrested on Dixie for operating while intoxicated. A preliminary breath test registered .13 percent.

Six people were cited for under 21 consumption of alcohol and disorderly person at a party on N.

Marshbank.

A woman on Lingor reported her incarcerated husband has been harassing her with several written letters a week.

**Friday, Dec. 5,** larceny of hubcaps from a vehicle on Fox Creek.

**Thursday, Dec. 4,** a woman reported someone stole her purse out of her shopping cart at a grocery store on Dixie.

A woman on Sashabaw stated she has been harassed by a 40-year-old woman who believes to be the grandmother of the complainant's son.

Malicious destruction to a vehicle at the Park and Ride on Sashabaw.

A 19-year-old woman was cited for under 21 consumption of alcohol during a traffic stop on Dixie. She had a blood alcohol level of .059 percent. The male

driver was cited for having no operator's license on his person.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3,** burglary on Hill Top Estates Drive. A woman reported someone entered a home she was house sitting while the owners were away on vacation and stole a laptop computer. Entry was gained through an unlocked basement door.

A 34-year-old woman on Church was arrested for a domestic assault against her boyfriend.

Larceny of four area rugs from two model homes on Oakhurst Ridge Drive.

Malicious destruction to a vehicle parked on Sunnyside.

Larceny of a satellite radio receiver from a vehicle on Ashford.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2,** a 41-year-old woman was arrested on Clintonville for operating under the influence of liquor, a first offense, and open intoxicants in the vehicle. A preliminary breath test registered .21 percent.

**Monday, Dec. 1,** larceny from an unlocked vehicle on Mann. A briefcase was stolen.

A 42-year-old man admitted to and was arrested for getting two fraudulent checks cashed at a store on Maybee to get money to support a heroin addiction. He also admitted to other cashings around the Clarkston area.

A 24-year-old man was arrested on Clintonville for driving with a suspended license, a second offense. He was cited and released.

Larceny of cash, perfume and jewelry from a new home on Foxfire Circle. The complainant suspects construction workers or cleaners that were in the house.

Assault and battery between a 14-year-old and 16-year-old on Mustang.

Home invasion on Woodview. A snowboard was taken from an open garage.

## Springfield Township

**Sunday, Dec. 7,** an employee at a group home on Walnut Hill reported receiving a threatening phone call from an unknown male.

**Thursday, Dec. 4,** mysterious disappearance of a vehicle placed in storage at a garage on Dixie.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2,** a woman on Ridge Valley Drive alleges her former boyfriend has been harassing her with phone calls.

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Or you may want to relate why you are particularly thankful this time of year or share your spiritual and secular thoughts.

Not to mention special picture possibilities, Christmas recipes or how you utilize hobbies to make toys for the kids.

Getting your stories or suggestions in print is as easy as stuffing a stocking. Just jot down your story and mail it to: *The Clarkston News*, 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, 48016; fax it to (248) 625-0706 or e-mail us at [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com).

But you better not wait, since our deadline is Dec. 18.

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Fourth grader Katie Mileski gets some help from teacher Jill Santola. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## STELA a success at North Sashabaw Elementary

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

To the students, they just love the nifty gadgets they get to use.

From computers to something as simple as a pencil grip or sticky note, the kids love it all.

But most importantly, the tools are helping them learn in the meantime.

The program of curriculum is new to selected classes at North Sashabaw Elementary, and is proving

to be a success with students and instructors.

It's called STELA (Strategies and Tools to Enhance Learning for All) and North Sashabaw was chosen a year ago to participate in what is a three-year study by the Region IV Assistive Technology Consortium, a group that includes assistive technology consultants from eight counties in southeastern Michigan.

STELA's original purpose was to explore ways in which assistive technology can help students with mild disabilities within the general education curriculum as

well as be helpful to at risk learners, particularly in reading and writing across the curriculum.

For \$1,500, covered by Oakland Schools grants, STELA provides training, materials and classroom support for teachers and students.

As a result, the consortium expects there will be improved student achievement in the state benchmarks for language arts as well as increased teacher aware-

*Please see STELA continued on page 19A*

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# A few of our favorite things

The first urge was to lament about the many things causing annoyance and extensive stress during a season supposedly devoted to "Peace on Earth."

Editor Kyle has already covered some of that ground (go ahead and read it — he needs at least two or three more readers), so it's up to your humble reporter to try a different tack.

Here's a thought: How 'bout a list of nice, cheery, positive things about the Christmas season? Let's see how many might make your list:

• Christmas lights and decorations are always welcome. There are varied tastes and preferences, and it is possible to go too far. The older I get, the more I appreciate the physical effort it requires to string those lights, so thanks to those who do it.

• Holiday entertainment is a joy (assuming one has time to enjoy it). Lots of contemporary efforts have been made, but in the Schelske household we love classics like "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (the animated version).

• At this writing we have yet to see the new Peanuts Christmas special, but we're looking forward to it.

• On the music front, we enjoy the variety of music on our favorite Christian radio station. When motivated to play a CD or tape, I vote for Mannheim Steamroller (their version of "Angels We Have Heard On High" is tops).

• There's room for novelty songs on my list, and here's a tip for the uninitiated: Do whatever you have to do (legally) to obtain a copy of Stan Freberg's

"Green Christmas." It's an oldie but still apropos.

• Finally on the music list is our church Christmas musical. It's always hard work, but it always brings joy that lasts well after the holiday is finished.

• Local holiday activity is always uplifting, and the Clarkston area is better than many communities.

It was impressive to see how many people came out to the Greens Market last Saturday, for example, and we're looking forward to the parade this Saturday.

All the school concerts and other community events offer something for everyone (so why are you still at home watching television?).

• If you have to celebrate with Santa Claus, a fun way to do it is on the Internet at [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org). Yes, it's that NORAD, and they lend their super technology to track the jolly old elf around the world.

• It's an encouragement when people are courteous on the roads (no passing on the right, stopping behind the white line when you're in the left turn lane so those in the right lane can see if it's safe to turn on red, etc.).

It also promotes a belief in miracles when people practice such courtesies in store parking lots. You know who you are.

• How could we forget holiday food? In a way, I wish I could forget holiday food, for the sake of blood sugar, cholesterol, calories, etc. We know of some experts, however, who say the extra stress of dieting can counteract the benefits of behaving oneself.

So just don't go overboard, and I'll try not to either.

• In this business, readers are definitely among the favorite things of the season.

With everything being so busy, your decision to read these words is a big encouragement. So, thanks!

Reporter At Large



Don Schelske

# Predator

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Both remain in custody in lieu of cash bonds.

Lendrum was arrested Friday, Nov. 14, though Feneley said he is not giving details of how authorities were led to the suspect, since the case is ongoing.

He is officially charged with seven counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct involving various types of penetration, four second degree counts of criminal sexual conduct involving contact, and one count of child abusive activity involving a computer.

Charges stem from attacks on six child victims. Two of the alleged victims are his own children, an 18-month-old girl and a five-year-old boy, though Feneley said Lendrum is not being charged with any assaults on his daughter because she is not old enough to give a testimony of what occurred. The other victims are three seven-year-old neighbor girls as well as a 19-year-old man, who alleges three sexual attacks in 1992. The rest of the crimes allegedly occurred in the current year.

"He's a predator," Feneley said, baffled how someone could take advantage of young people, let alone his own kids.

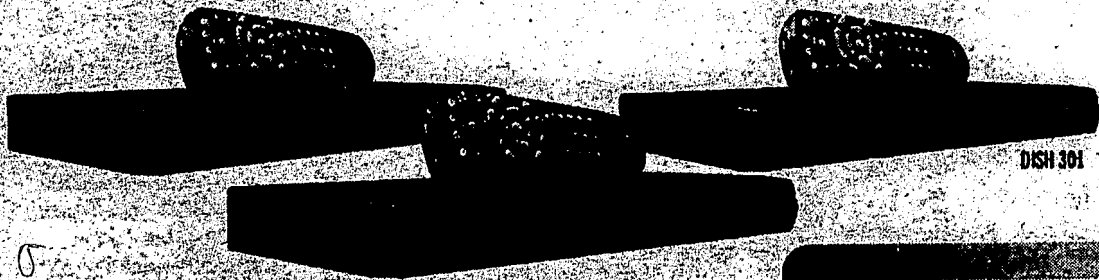
Lendrum is in custody under bonds totaling \$2.7 million. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. If convicted he could face life in prison.

Want to know what is happening Around Town? Turn to page two of the Millstream section.

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# Clarkston High School teachers take on new role

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

By day they're Clarkston High School teachers. But after that last school bell rings they step into the role of thespian and take the stage. Well, at least for the past six weeks they have, since rehearsal began.

For nearly 20 years, CHS faculty have presented an annual play for all to enjoy, with proceeds from performances going towards student scholarships, the purchase of items for use by faculty that district funds do not cover, and miscellaneous goods for the theatre department.

Reasons vary for why the teachers would take on such a task amidst their already hectic schedules.

For first-year teacher Aaron Dobson, who dons a dress and makeup to play Ann Boleyn in the faculty production of "That's The Spirit," said he is participating because, "I'm always looking for ways to incorporate my two loves: education and dressing like a woman. I'm getting paid for it too. That's sweet."

Seriously, teacher Deb Therriault admits the commitment is challenging, however said, "I think it's important for the kids to see you in a different light."

Noah Sharrow, who has been teaching at CHS for three years, said the play allows him to see and get to know other staff members he normally wouldn't see in such a large school building.

Whatever their reasoning, Therriault said, "We also have fun."

This year the faculty are presenting, "That's The Spirit," which takes place in a supposedly haunted mansion where a series of murders take place. Psychics, along with a couple of inept police detectives, are called in to try and sort things out.

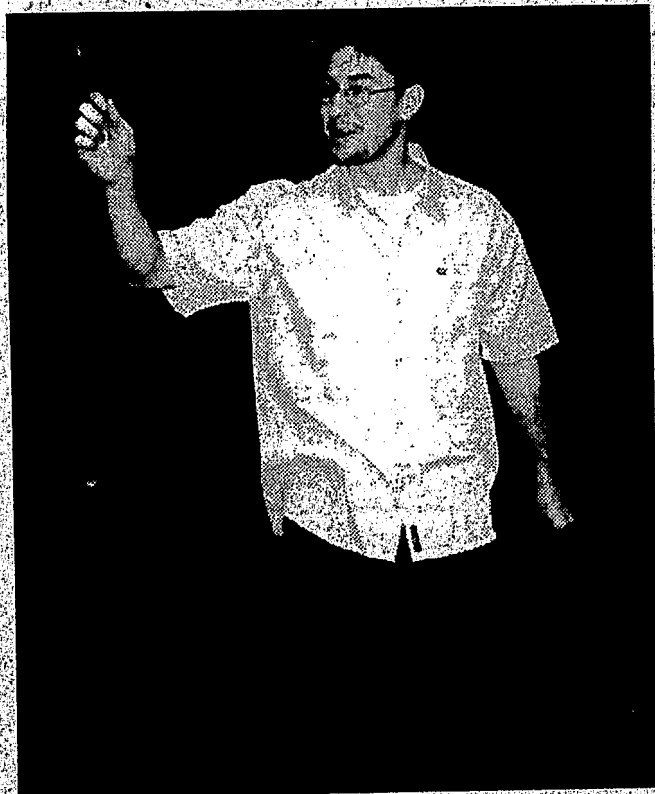
Performances will be held Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call (248) 623-3725 for more information.



Sandra Grider looks on as Rich Erhart as Charlie Prindle sets the dummy straight. Deb Therriault holds the puppet. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



Deb Therriault, Aaron Dobson and Noah Sharrow.



Nick Hagewood as Bud Frazer.



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# Sports

## Wolves put 2 more wins on ice

The Clarkston Wolves hockey team posted two wins last week as they defeated Waterford Mott, 8-1, on Thursday, Dec. 4 and Royal Oak, 9-4, on Saturday, Dec. 6. Going into this week's action, the Wolves were 3-0 in the league (4-1-0) overall.

Clarkston's four-line depth was too much for Mott's short bench, which skated only two lines because of injuries. Late in the first period, the Wolves scored three times in a 48-second span to head into the first intermission with a 3-0 lead.

Kyle Cummings scored on a shot from between the circles at 11:52 on assists from Mike Medonis and Kyle Buzzo. On the same shift, Buzzo stuffed a wrap-around inside the post with Medonis assisting. Twenty-four seconds later, Bryan Morin banged in a wrist shot on a pass from Trevor Johns.

Midway through the second period, Cummings scored his second goal of the game on a shot from the right circle, but Mott answered 24 seconds later to make it a 4-1 game. But soon it was 5-1, as Steven Morin went end-to-end.

Clarkston added three more goals in the third period. Adam Peters and Mike Fogg scored on assists from Chris Degen, Dan Mutz and Matt Prasil. Bryan Morin finished the Wolves' scoring with his second goal of the game on assists from Johns and Peters. Clarkston outshot their opponents 34-10 with Aaron Catanese in net.

The win over Royal Oak began as a seesaw battle, with

the score tied 4-4 after two periods. The Wolves outshot their opponents 25-10 in that span.

"It was a sloppy game," coach Bryan Krygier said. "We controlled the play in the first period. However, in the second we let them back in."

Royal Oak drew first blood on a power play three minutes into the game, but the Wolves' Adam Peters responded two minutes later with a power play goal of his own to tie the game at 1-1. Johns and Griffin Cummings assisted.

Royal Oak scored again at 12:01 to take a 2-1 lead and, with Clarkston at their heels, Catanese made a good save on a point-blank shot to keep Royal Oak from taking a two-goal advantage. Senior Steven Morin then came alive and scored his first of five goals on a two-one that tied the score at 2-2. Degen and Prasil assisted.

Clarkston and Royal Oak again matched goals in the second period. Johns started the scoring by deking around goaltender Mike Tatchio's pokecheck to give Clarkston their first lead, 3-2. At the 7:48 mark, Tatchio made a great save on a Peters breakaway, but Johns drew a high-sticking penalty on the play that led to Morin's second power play goal. Fogg and Scott Cooley assisted, giving Clarkston a 4-2 lead.

But Royal Oak came back with two goals to tie the score once again.

The Wolves came out in the third period on a mission, as they scored five even-strength goals in a six-minute span. Morin tallied three more goals, and Johns and Fogg also turned on the light. Degen and Cooley had two assists each, while Fogg, Morin, Peters and Alex Handley each added one.

"We came out in the third period and took control of the game like we should have from the start," Krygier said. "I was happy to see some of the guys who should be scoring put the puck in the net for us. Trevor Johns got his first goal of the season and added a second. If we counted only Steven Morin's goals, we would have still won, 5-4."

"I didn't score all week in practice, so this felt good," Morin said.

What caused the third period attack by the Wolves? "We just told ourselves in the locker room to put everything behind us, control our emotions and just work hard," captain Buzzo said. "We knew we had 15 minutes left to put some good hockey together."

The Wolves are scheduled to face Birmingham at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Detroit Sports Center.

## Clarkston wrestlers drop debut match to rival Davison

BY HARRY KNITTER  
Clarkston News  
Staff Writer

One of the area's premier wrestling teams, Davison High School, swept through town last Thursday night, dominating the Wolves squad along the way as the Cardinals recorded a lopsided 40 to 20 victory over Clarkston High School in dual competition.

But the competition was just what Coach Joe DeGain was looking for, because he needed a benchmark - a target that identified the distance his team has to travel to become an elite team in state rankings.

The Cardinals are among the top five teams in the state of Michigan.

The Davison team, coached by Roy Hall, demonstrated why they are rated among the best in the state rankings. They were strong, quick, and clever, recording multiple pins.

Results by weight class for the varsity matches were

led by Paul Donahoe (19 lbs.), Zak Burns (125 lbs.), Jason Williams (135 lbs.) and Jon Reader (135 lbs.).

Donahoe, a runnerup at the state level last year, pinned Josh Henger at 1:41 of his mismatch; Burns defeated Elliott May, 9-4; Whitman (130 lbs.) Beat Bryan Webb, 13-8;

Brent Metcalf (145 lbs.) pinned Josh McCallister at 1:07; and Nate Bundy (152 lbs.) defeated Tom Ellsworth, 21-9.

The Clarkston Wolves standouts were Braden L'Amoreaux (140 lbs.), who won by 13-7 over Corey Rogers; Sean Turner (160 lbs.), winner on a technical fall; Steve Smiley, who bested Joey Kimosh in a fall at :51 and Matt Herron (112), who defeated Ben Warner, 12-7.

Kevin Austin of Davison pinned Brian Klein at :49 and Travis Perry defeated Jason Talbot by a score of 6-4.

The Clarkston squad now travels to Troy for a match on Dec. 10.

## Hail to the Chiefs...



The 2003 Clarkston Chiefs varsity football team consists of Justin Zirwes, Randy Norman, John McMillion, Zachary Barrett, Jeffery Kuhl, Owen Smith, P.J. Lannon, Luke Osborn, Tim Turnbull, Patrick Williams, Stephen Phillips, Cole Clees, Matthew McCord, John Fenningham, Matthew Galvano, Matthew Kasper, Spencer Karrick, Shane Normand, Billy Williams, Bryce Schuppach, Greg Plants, Daniel Moffit, Kyle Brown, Nathan Smith, Kristian Johnson, Tony Lesperance, Tyler Cantley, Nick Mackie, Zachery Kline, Marcus Simpson, Jordan Garza. Coaches were Brian Kreilach, Joe Preston, John Barrett, Bob Keller, Mark Mackie, Ron Passmore, John Rzepka, Greg Simpson, Wade Williams. Photos provided.

## Local earns wrestling title

In an event with more than 300 wrestlers and several top teams from the Big 10 and Big 12, a local wrestler came out on top.

Pat DeGain of Clarkston, a junior at the University of Indiana, won the title in the 197-pound division at the Northern Iowa Open.

DeGain earned the top spot after defeating third-seeded Josh Jandusek from Minnesota State, 7-4.

DeGain won four matches, and currently rides a five-game winning streak and a 7-2 overall record as a Hoosier.

Faded Ink

# Veteran hoops squad prepares for new season

BY HARRY KNITTER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With only two players gone from last year's 17-9 team, Clarkston High School Athletic Director and Varsity Basketball Coach Dan Fife has an experienced squad of players who have been well-educated in the "Fife System."

Somewhat like West Coast offense in football, the Fife System is a pattern of playing basketball that generates points once it is executed effectively. That's why experience counts. In addition, the Fife System includes some human traits which are not developed on the hardwood court. Take attitude, for example. Fife prefers a combo of players who exhibit a positive approach to the game, players who aggressively pursue the ball, who don't back down when the going gets sticky.

Fife says his 2004 Wolves are smart, well-schooled athletes who are basically "good kids" and make ex-

cellent role models. "We know we lack body strength, but we will make up for this deficiency in other ways," Fife said.

The tallest player back from last year's team is 6'6" Chris Johnston, a senior this year who plays center and forward and posts-up effectively.

"Johnson is already committed to attend Lincoln Memorial college in Tennessee next season," Fife said.

The starting guard for this year's Wolves are Senior Mark Thornberry, a 6'2" wing player, and Senior Wingman Ryan Kaltz, also 6'2". Fife predicts that Joe Moran, John Kast, and Kyle Radamacher, along with Freshman Bren Berquist, will comprise a strong bench

and will see plenty of action.

Other players coming off the bench include Juniors Adam Briceland, Brad Goodman, Jack Meissnest, Chris Miller, Scott Lyons, Chris Brookes, and senior Stan Zielinski.

Fife feels that Pontiac Northern, Pontiac Central, and Southfield Lathrup will pose the most serious challenges in league play, pointing out that "in Oakland County, there are 28 schools who compete in basketball, and that the league realigns itself every two years."

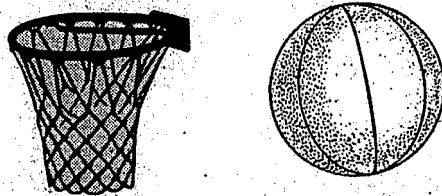
The Wolves were scheduled to launch their season with an appearance at Flint Northern this week.

## Wolves Varsity Basketball

No.	Name	Grade	Height
02	Adam Briceland	11	5'11"
03	Ryan Kaltz	12	6'2"
04	Brad Goodman	11	6'1"
05	Kyle Radamacher	12	5'10"
13	Jake Meissnest	11	6'3"
14	Robbie Clark	11	6'1"
21	John Kast	10	6'3"
23	Joe Moran	10	6'2"
24	Chris Johnston	12	6'6"
25	Scott Lyons	11	5'6"
31	Mark Thornberry	12	6'4"
32	Chris Miller	11	6'2"
35	Chris Brookes	12	6'2"
42	Chad Zielinski	12	6'2"



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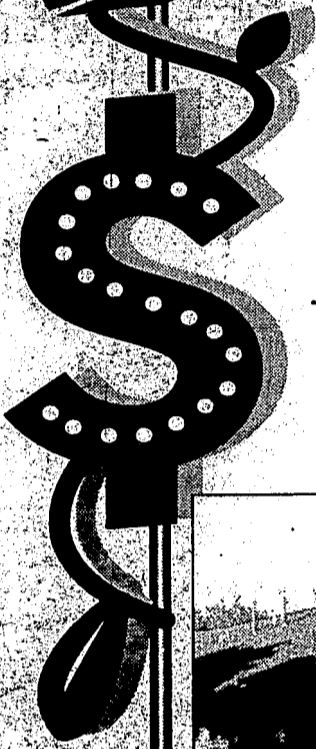
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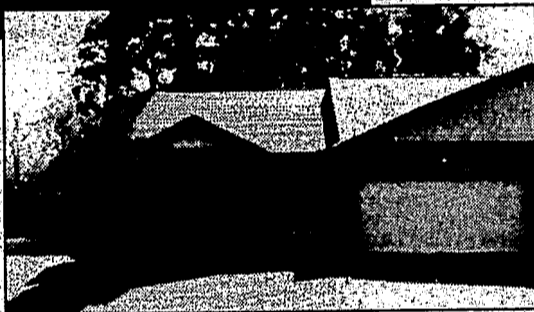
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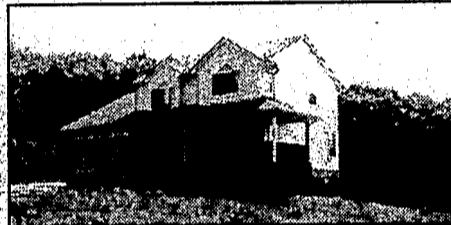
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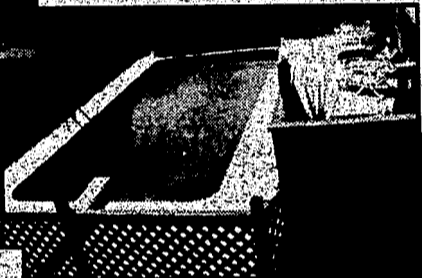


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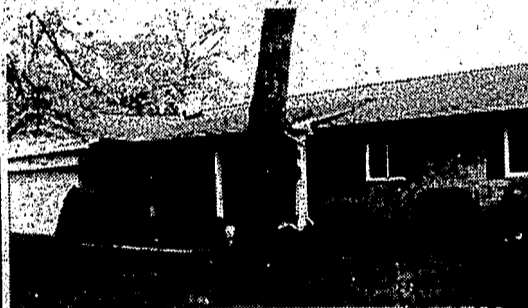
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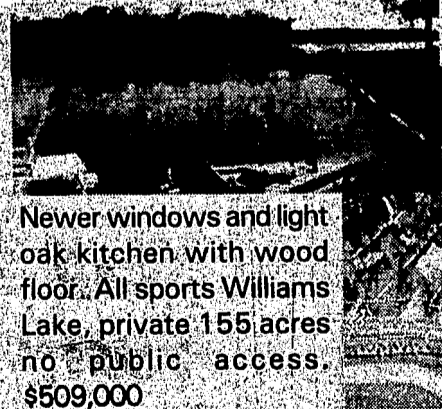


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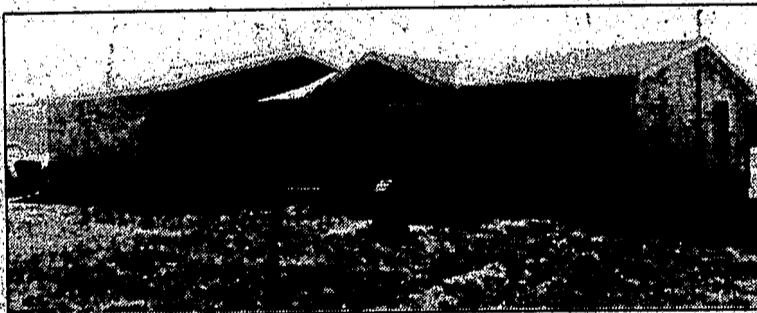
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As we scurry to and fro during the hectic holiday season, buying everything in sight for our family members and friends, let's not forget the winter sports luminaries of Clarkston High School who appear on Santa's gift buying scorecard this year.

Start with Athletic Director and Basketball Coach Dan Fife, who would like a conference championship for his Wolves hoopsters, who begin the long and challenging journey this week at Flint Northern. Wrap it in blue and gold.

Dan's secretary, Linda Walker, deserves a special place on Santa's list for keeping everyone informed and maintaining order when chaos would be the rule in other programs.

Doug Colling, the JV basketball coach, is confident that his junior Wolves will record a good won-lost total and they are ready to howl when the initial tip takes place at Flint Northern.

Joe DeGain, the varsity wrestling coach, knows what it takes to lead the state rankings -- a team performance along the lines of Davison's Cardinals, who defeated the Clarkston wrestlers decisively by a score of 40 to 20 last week, giving the coaching staff a pretty good idea of what it will take to be Number One in the state. Joe has hinted that he would like a huge box of pins from Santa.

Kelly Avenall, the varsity volleyball coach, has asked the bearded one for a case of spikes and some coordinated team play. Some well-placed serves would be high on her shopping list.

Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier would like to exchange a few icings and offsidings for a few dozen one-ones and an occasional breakaways. Santa has reserved a book on "headmanning the puck" for the skating Wolves. A good stocking stuffer would be a puck in the net.

The Ski Coach, Bruce Rosengren, would like to see some white stuff fall from the sky, while Boys'

Swimming Coach is looking for a few record performances from his pool crew.

Finally, Trainer Gail McClellan would like a year's supply of tape and no serious need for the tape for at least 366 days.

When Santa checks his list twice for the people who are unusually nice, he'll find the Wolves gym and pools the places to be during this upcoming season of

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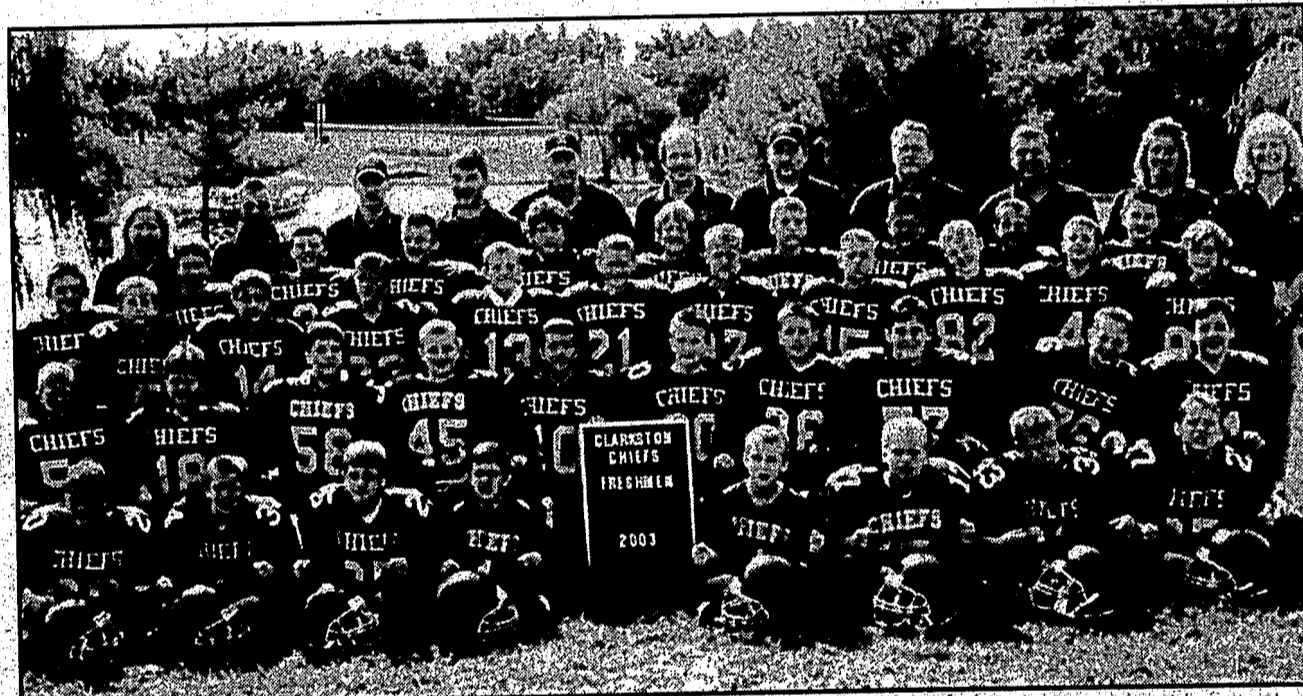
## Sports Talk



Harry Knitter



The 2003 Clarkston Chiefs junior varsity football team consists of Greg Keller, Ethan Seery, Hunter Preston, Matthew Vandermeer, Jefferson Richards, Seth Kraft, Ty Foltz, John Wilks, Nathan Larkins, Connor Morris, Tom Nedler, Matt Wright, Kyle Torpey, Zachary Comos, Evan King, Zachary Drumb, Dakota Bender, Devon Seery, Scott Malvich, Tyler Scarlett, Connor Hall, Wesley Vaughn, Alex Topham, Michael Williams, Jarett Coy, Andrew Schram, Brian Benway, Michael Henige, Robert Kugler, Bradley Nedler, Garret Normand, Dan Davis, Larry Malace, Bryan Haslinger, Matt Rolka, Juan Reyes, Robert Petersen, Sam Waddell, Ian Marchbank, Sean Hoffman, Jack Durkan, Steven Farrell. Coaches were Lloyd Seery, David Coy, Dan Davis, Mike Henige, Steve Hoffman and Larry Malace.



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# District plans asbestos removal from Renaissance building

BY DON SCHELSKE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools will pay \$34,450 to remove asbestos from portions of the Community Education/Renaissance High School building before planned renovations are done.

The school board Monday voted to pay \$24,450 to the low bidder, Dependent Environmental Services, and up to \$10,000 for Michigan Environmental Auditors, the firm which developed specifications for the asbestos removal.

"It's our responsibility to remove it," separate from the building renovation contract, according to Bruce Beamer, executive director for business and financial services.

Building and Grounds Director Wes Goodman, who is serving as the district's "owner representative" for bond construction projects, said the potentially "friable" asbestos is located primarily in the upper level of the 1929 addition to the building, in the glue that secures some floor tile, in some pipe insulation and even in some old blackboards.

None of the areas in question are being used at present, except for one "office" near the gym currently being used for storage.

"Mostly they're in closets," Goodman said. "Most of the old part of the building they're not using."

While asbestos has been a concern, the law says it can remain in buildings if not disturbed. The district has aggressive plans to renovate the historic building

## Knitter

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tough competition.

As for payment for the long list of gifts, Santa, just lay it on our Visa card. January is a long way away, and we won't leave home without it.

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What do you say to those local folks who contend that the athletic program overwhelms academics? Is it true that only a small percentage of kids participate in sports, while the remaining youngsters are relegated to bleacher duty?

Are most students spectators and not active participants in the sports world of Clarkston High School?

Dan Fife, Clarkston High School Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, responds aggressively to those questions by pointing out that his gyms are open every Saturday for "McGrathletes", kids who just enjoy physical activity.

The program is named after Fife's high school basketball coach. Among the "McGrathletes" are about 250 active youngsters from third to 8th grade.

The kids are supervised and taught by high school basketball players, and the sessions begin in December and run through February. The opportunity to run and jump in the open gyms is now in its 22nd year, and the participants have a great time.

for more efficient use, however, thus requiring the asbestos removal.

"As long as it's not disturbed, asbestos is fine," Goodman said, and air testing will be conducted before that section of the building is reopened. "We'll definitely have that resolved before we let anybody else without protective clothing back in."

Beamer said the work is scheduled over the Christmas break, so no "stoppage" is anticipated for classes and other programs in the building.

Officials also said there is a \$5,000 per day penalty if the firm fails to meet its deadline to complete the asbestos removal.

On the other hand, officials said the cost to the bond fund could be less if the work proceeds faster than anticipated.

In other bond construction, Goodman said most of the followup details for this past summer and fall's roofing projects have been settled, with negotiations continuing concerning costs related to problems with the roof project at North Sashabaw Elementary School.

The next big step in the overall building process will come at the Jan. 12, 2004 board meeting, at which will be presented more detailed schematic designs for the various building renovations.

## It's lunch time



(Foreground) Ally Albright, Brandon Terry, Zack McClesky, Larson Angelis, Keaton Mantz and Brent Gildner enjoy their lunch at Independence Elementary on Thursday, Dec. 4. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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# STELLA

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ness and use of technology. The published results of the STELA project will be used exclusively for educational purposes.

North Sashabaw Principal Debra Latozas has been pleased with the STELA program thus far.

The program started last year with only two classrooms, in first and second grade, and has expanded to three more and into third and fourth grade as well.

"We hope to go down to kindergarten and up to fifth grade," Latozas said, adding North Sashabaw plans to keep the program alive and well past the three-year study, since the equipment belongs officially to the school now.

Latozas said STELA "makes a big impact on engaging children. They stay involved in a lesson. They take more responsibility for their learning. They are in charge of what they are learning."

That's because each child utilizes equipment such as "AlphaSmarts" and the "Speaking Homework Wiz." Each is a mini computer which can hold up to eight students' data.

According to fourth grader Adam Thorp the computers "helps with spelling."

Peer Alex Dice said, "it can talk back to you."

The equipment assists in many ways including speaking a word a student types, displaying how to spell a word they attempt to write, defining words and much more.

"I like having it if you need help spelling a word," second grader Holly Wetzel said.

Second grader Elaina Braunschweig said, "I like the Homework Wiz. If you type a word it will tell you what it means. If you get it wrong, you have to correct it. It helps you learn better. And it's easy to use."

Students can also carry their "durable" equipment home in carrying cases, which Latozas said helps keep a strong connection between school and home and promotes interaction with parents.

The great thing about STELA is the collaboration

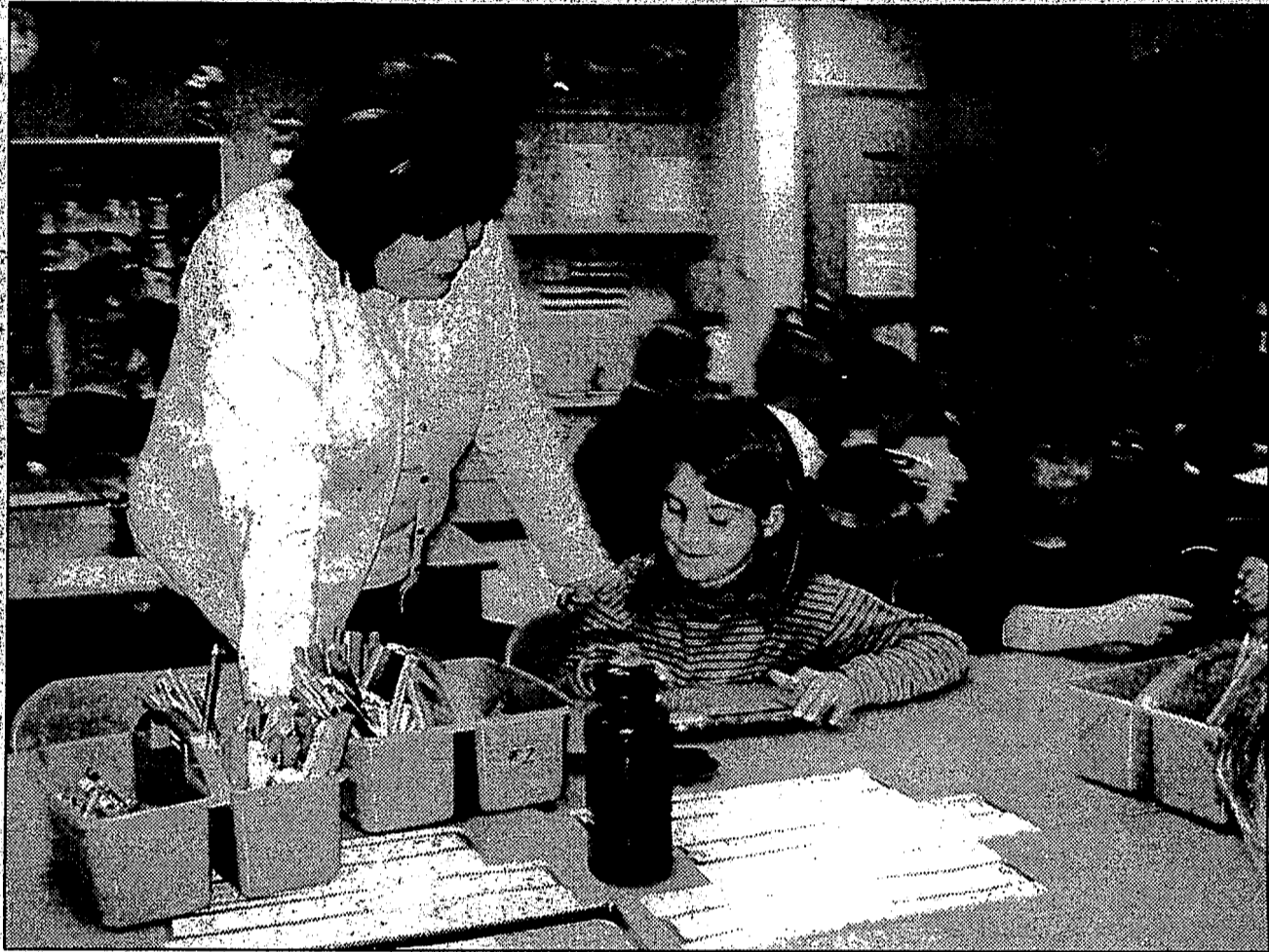
between general and special education," special education teacher Michelle Rice said. "It allows students to work at different levels, but without the embarrassment of being pulled out of a classroom. They feel part of one classroom."

Latozas agrees and feels this is the most important aspect of STELA "It levels the playing field. Stu-

dents who are academically high take the tools and really expand with them. And it is a help to those at lower levels of learning. But they are all working together on the same equipment."

She added, "It doesn't take too long to see the results and that's the neat part."

For more information on STELA, visit [www.resa.net/regioniv/stela\\_project.htm](http://www.resa.net/regioniv/stela_project.htm).



Second grader Holly Wetzel Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



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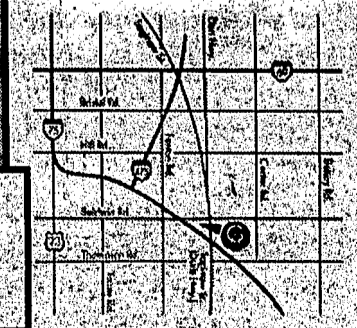
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## People Poll

What do you hope Santa brings you for Christmas?



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--Taylor Tomei



"I want a book or a toy."  
--Courtney Cochran



"I'm asking for either a Game Cube, a Gameboy Advance with a few games, or money."  
--Christopher Isaac



"A Gameboy Advance, PlayStation 2 games, and some money."  
--Alec Gildner

By Jennifer Nemer

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing all the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



Vince Belevender, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, has been a member of the Clarkston Knights of Columbus for 10 years and a Clarkston resident for 14 years. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Charity, family priority with Knights

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Vince Belevender is proud of the work the Knights of Columbus in Clarkston have accomplished.

The current Grand Knight has been with the Catholic organization for 10 years, and has seen thousands of dollars go towards people in need.

"We are a family organization. Our main function is to be family-oriented and give to charity."

The Clarkston Knights of Columbus, which is Council #5436 Pope John XXIII, is 40-years-old and 350 members strong.

Belevender's role as grand knight means overseeing the complete operation of the council and running it as best it can.

He was introduced to the Knights of Columbus by fellow members, through church, who persuaded him to join. The 67-year-old first visited the organization on a Friday night Fish Fry.

"I liked what I saw and I joined it," he

said.

It didn't take long before Belevender was right in the middle of the action starting out as secretary, moving on to chancellor, deputy grand knight and into his current position. (Each is a two-year term. After this term, up in June, he will become a trustee for three years.)

"I didn't realize that in our own commu-

**'It's very gratifying to know you are doing something for somebody because they may not be as fortunate as you or I.'**

Vince Belevender  
Knights of Columbus

nity of Clarkston we have so many young people that are either retarded or handicapped and you really don't see it until you join an organization like this and get involved."

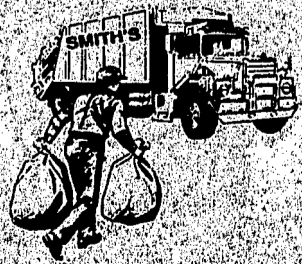
The 14-year Clarkston resident considers himself fortunate and wants to give something back to show his appreciation.

"Prior to coming to the Knights of Columbus, I had a pretty decent job," Belevender said, who worked more than 30 years indirectly with Chrysler Corporation, never missing a day of work, and retiring five years ago as director of damage prevention and claims.

"You have to give something back if you're so fortunate," also noting wife of 42 years, Jean, their three children and six grandchildren have enjoyed good health. "That's one reason why I do this."

"Seeing these people they are as happy as can be. When you give them a gift,

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# Around Town



Garrett Dees and Jay Walkowski compete in a sumo wrestling match at last year's CHS Post Grad party. Plans are already underway for the 2004 event and your help is needed. See below for more information. *File photo*

The Springfield Township Business Association is looking for other local business owners to join. The group meets at 1400 Davisburg Rd. every last Tuesday of the month from 5-6 p.m. Recent ongoing topics of discussion include Main Street revitalization and parade planning. Call Diane Wozniak at (248) 882-3180 for more information.

Plans are underway for the 2004 CHS Post Grad Party. This year, seniors will enjoy a "Tiki Island Getaway" immediately following the commencement ceremony. The party is sponsored by parents and community members who volunteer their time to assure a safe graduation celebration for students. How-

ever, more help is needed. To make a cash or prize donation, contact Colleen Emerick at (248) 393-8343 or mail it to CHS Post Grad Party, Attn. Colleen Emerick, 5465 Waldon Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348. To donate your time, contact Susan Schulte at (248) 394-0934. General questions may be directed to this year's co-chairs Kay Beech at (248) 625-6442 or Penny Bennett at (248) 623-4941.

The Clarkston High School Choir is sponsoring a "Day at the Spa," Thursday, Dec. 11 from 6-9 p.m. featuring Jafra Cosmetics International. Come to destress and relax before the holiday rush. There will be hand, face and feet spa treatments, holiday shopping, and raffles. Proceeds go to the Clarkston High School Choir. Tickets are \$25 and available through Michael Peterson at (248) 623-3519 or [petermsp@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:petermsp@clarkston.k12.mi.us), or Linda Kenny at (248) 766-5984 and [kennylack@yahoo.com](mailto:kennylack@yahoo.com).

Come to Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. for Coffeehouse Ministry and hear the Flint Gospel Choir. Enjoy flavored coffees, tea and desserts. Also, it's "Moovie Night" for the kids, complete with popcorn and tons of fun. Calvary is located at 6805 Bluegrass Dr. Call the church office at (248) 625-3288 for more details.

"That's The Spirit," a Clarkston Community Schools faculty play, will be held Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The story takes place in a supposedly haunted mansion where a series of murders take place. Psychics, along with a couple of inept police detectives, are called in to try and sort things out. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call (248) 623-3725 for more information.

The Clarkston Eagles #3373, 5640 Maybee Rd., will hold a benefit for Brian Roach, 24, who is unable to work because of a brain tumor. Your support is needed to help cover his medical expenses. Brian had surgery in July 2002, in which doctor's removed eight percent of the tumor and began radiation treatment. Eighty percent of the tumor was removed in a second surgery. Brian is currently going through therapy to develop his speech and certain motor skills that were affected by the surgeries. The Brian Roach Benefit will

be held Saturday, Dec. 13. A music jamboree begins at 1 p.m., followed by a spaghetti dinner (\$10 donation) from 3-7 p.m., and auction at 5:30 p.m. There will also be raffles. Make donations payable to "Brain Roach Benefit" Tax ID #56-239-8401. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at the Eagles lodge. Call (248) 625-9838 for more information.

Stop by the Clarkston Masonic Temple for a Christmas Open House and Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 13 from 4-7 p.m. Fill a bag with cookies and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa or coffee to warm up before or during the lighted parade in downtown. The temple is located at the corner of Main and Washington.

Join Santa Claus and Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg on Saturday, Dec. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$4/child for Springfield Township residents and \$6/nonresident child. Pictures with Santa can also be taken for a small fee. Children will receive a snack, juice and a present from Santa. Preregistration is strongly encouraged but will be accepted at the door. For more information, call (248) 634-0412.

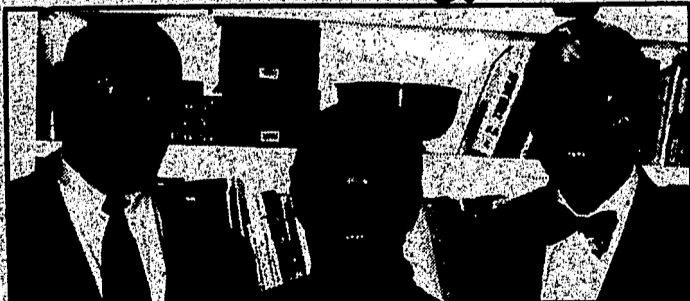
The Clarkston Community Band will hold their annual Christmas concert at Clarkston Middle School on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. On the set list is a performance by the Clarkston Brass, before the band takes over with songs like "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Amazing Grace." There is no cost to attend. For more information, call (248) 625-8013.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) will be collecting Coats for the Cold now through Monday, Dec. 15. New or clean, used coats collected will be given to several different charitable organizations who will then distribute the coats to those most in need at no cost. Nearest drop-off locations include OCSD substations Independence Township (Citation Drive) and Springfield Township (Big Lake Road, inside the Colombiere Center), and Damman's Hardware at 6669 Dixie Hwy. For more information, visit [www.oaklandsheriff.com](http://www.oaklandsheriff.com).

The Davisburg Rotary is looking for volunteers to fill Christmas baskets with nonperishable food items for those in need. Help is needed at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 and 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Oaks Activity Center on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The Rotary is also looking for money donation for charity, which can be sent to PO Box 96, Davisburg, MI 48350. For more information visit [www.davisburgrotary.org](http://www.davisburgrotary.org).

Club 5529 is featuring Son of Adam (alt/pop/rock) in concert on Friday, Dec. 19. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 at the door. General admission seating. For more information, call (248) 620-4900 or visit [www.5529music.com](http://www.5529music.com).

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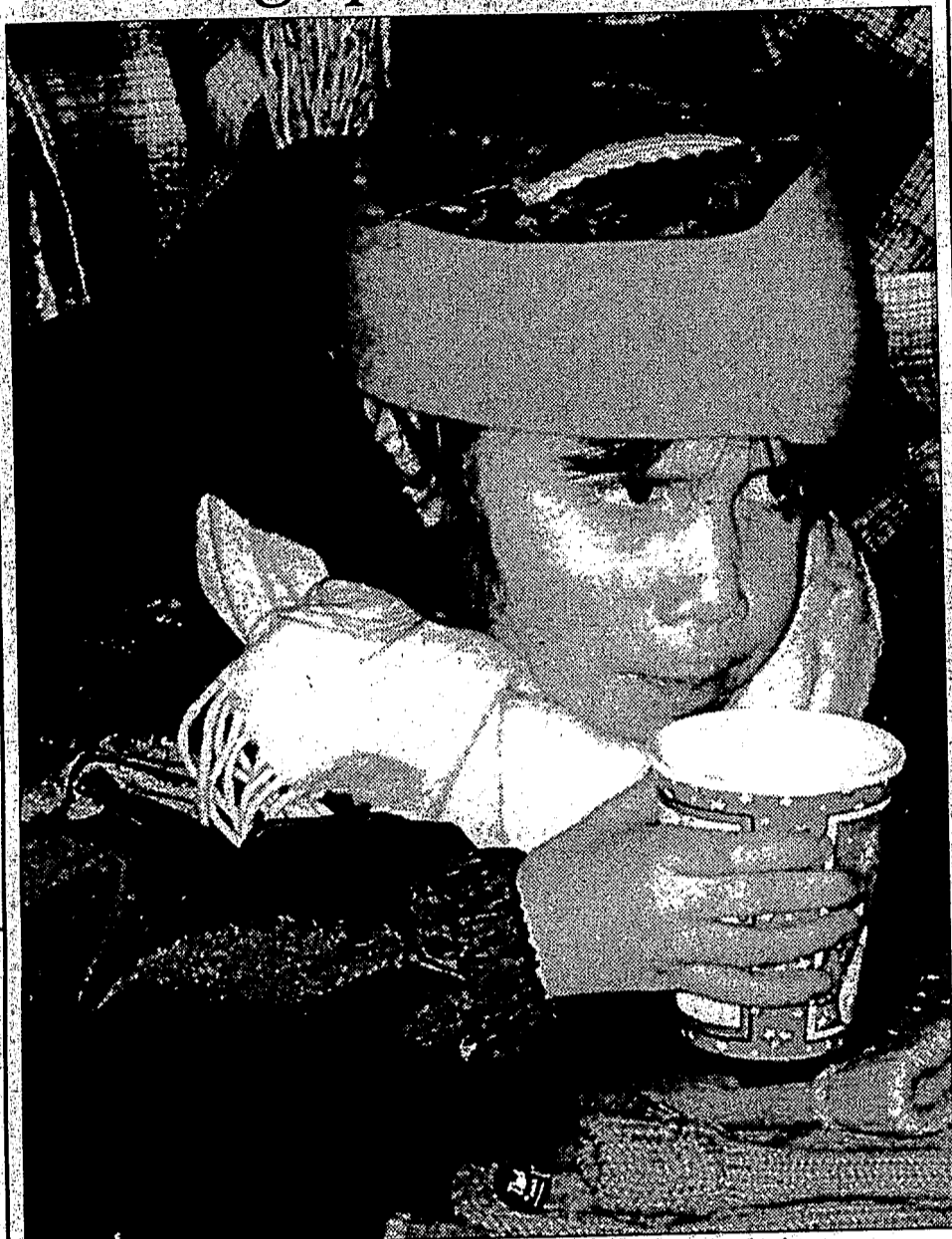
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### Warming up!



Megan Hibbard warms up at the Family Holiday Festival by enjoying a beverage. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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# Milestones



Kimberly Fisher and Joseph Dakroub Jr.

**Kimberly Fisher and Joseph Dakroub Jr.** have announced their engagement.

The couple will marry Sept. 25, 2004 at Cranbrook House & Gardens in Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Marvin and Judith Fisher of Holly. She is a graphic designer at Exhibit Enter-

prises Inc.

The future bridegroom is the son of Joseph and Lynn Dakroub of Clarkston. He is employed at LDM Technologies as a web developer.

The two have a house in Indian Village-Pontiac, where they also do freelance work together.



Bill and Sally Jackson then and now

**Bill and Sally (Green) Jackson** of Clarkston will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4, 2004.

Bill and Sally met on a blind date and were married in Lake Orion. Bill retired from Boice Builder Supply in 1992 where he worked for 33 years. Sally

was a homemaker. They have three daughters, Judy (Paul) McKinney of Ada, Jane (Ralph) Hettich of Bellevue, and Janice (Carl) Mertins of Pensacola, Fla. Bill and Sally are blessed with seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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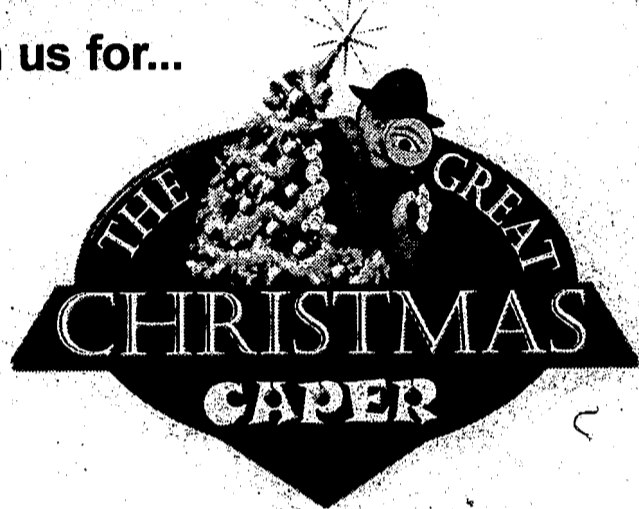
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# Religion

## Celebrating the real meaning of Christmas

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

You've been invited to a party at Clarkston Community Church, and it takes place on stage this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Worship Pastor Michael Anderson, and his wife, Dawn, wrote the program, inspired by music and narration from "A Christmas Invitation: Come Just As You Are," written by David T. Clydesdale and published by Word Music.

"We wanted to dramatize it. So my wife and I took the basic principle that was there and created

some characters. We've used a little of what they actually wrote for narration, but a lot of the dialogue we came up with."

This isn't the first time the Andersons have done this. They did the same for last Easter's program. "When we've got something like this, we say, 'This needs something, so let's write it.'"

The hour-long musical features six characters -- two adult couples, the Courtmans and the Winships. Each have one child.

The Courtmans are hosting their annual big to-do. "Mrs. Winship realizes this is 'the' Christmas party

of the year," Anderson said, who has been with the church for two years. "She's heard all about it and she's wanted to go. Now she's invited and she's so excited. She wants to say the right things, wear the right things and bring the right gift. She's really nervous about it. But before the night is over, she and Mr. Winship will have another invitation -- an invitation to God. Will they accept that invitation when they are both presented with the Gospel?"

Anderson said the musical's theme is peace. "Will you accept God's peace that He gives to you amidst the chaos of Christmas? Because God offers you peace."

There are close to 70 people involved in the production from dramatic roles to children's and adult choirs to a dance team and support.

"We try to bring these extra little things in to make it special -- to reach people in a whole number of ways. Some people really connect with drama, some people prefer music, some people want to see something."

Anderson is expecting a large audience for both performances.

"I have people telling me they've invited friends and neighbors. People have been contacting the church, asking 'When is your musical? We want to come and see it.' So that's good. We're excited about that."

Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Rd. Nursery will be provided. For more information, call (248) 625-1323 or visit [www.clarkstonchurch.com](http://www.clarkstonchurch.com).



Clarkston Community Church Worship Pastor Michael Anderson stands by the stage of "A Christmas Invitation." Performances will be Sunday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

### Christmas programs wanted

Churches, publicize your Christmas program in *The Clarkston News*. Send information by fax to (248) 625-0706, email at [shermanpub@aol.com](mailto:shermanpub@aol.com) or drop off at 5 S. Main. Deadline is Monday before 5 p.m. Any questions, call (248) 625-3370.

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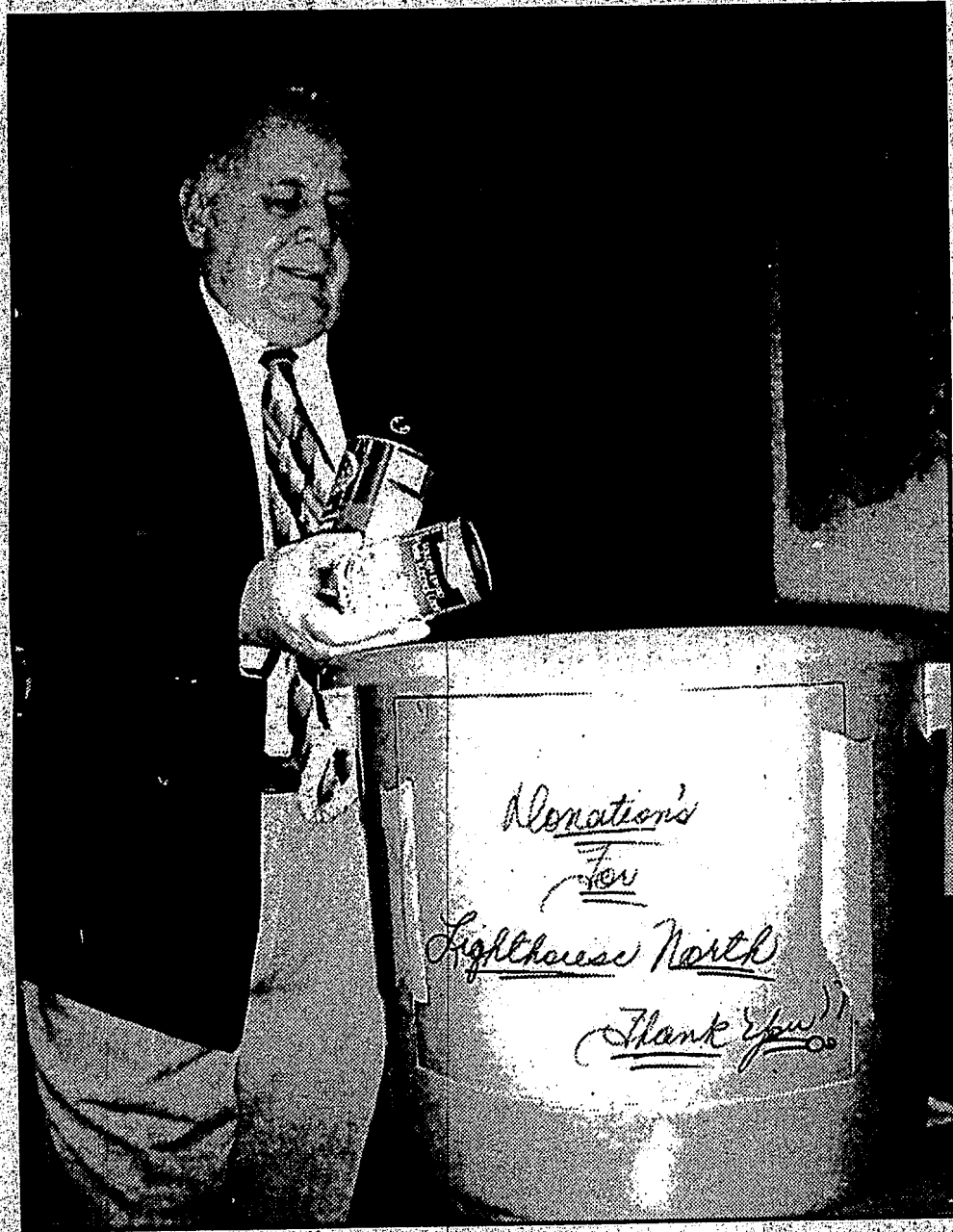
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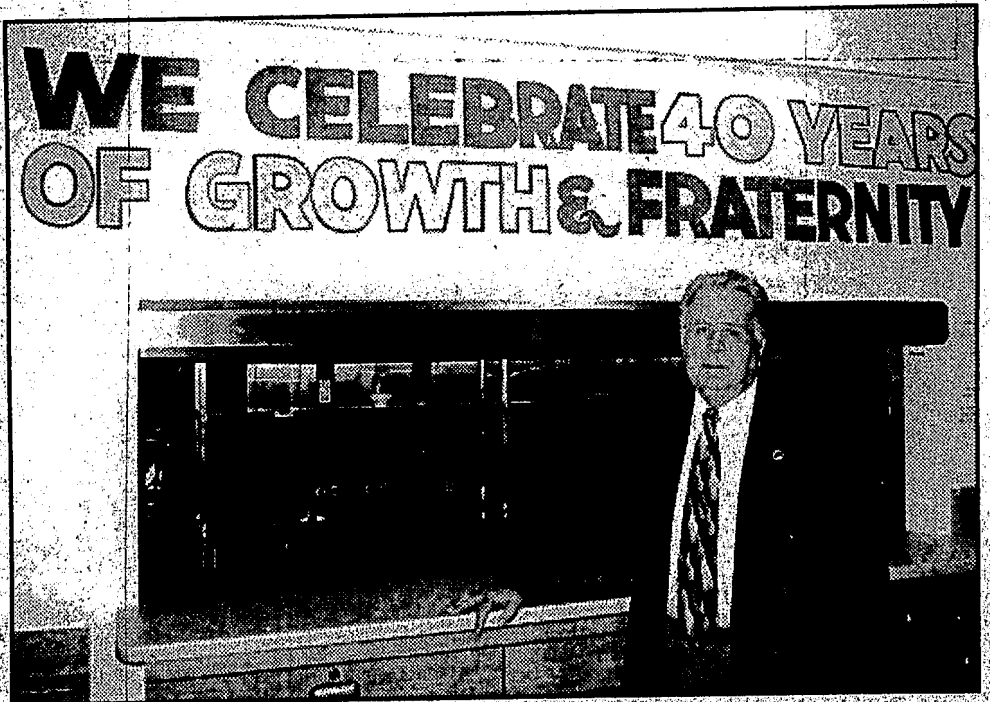
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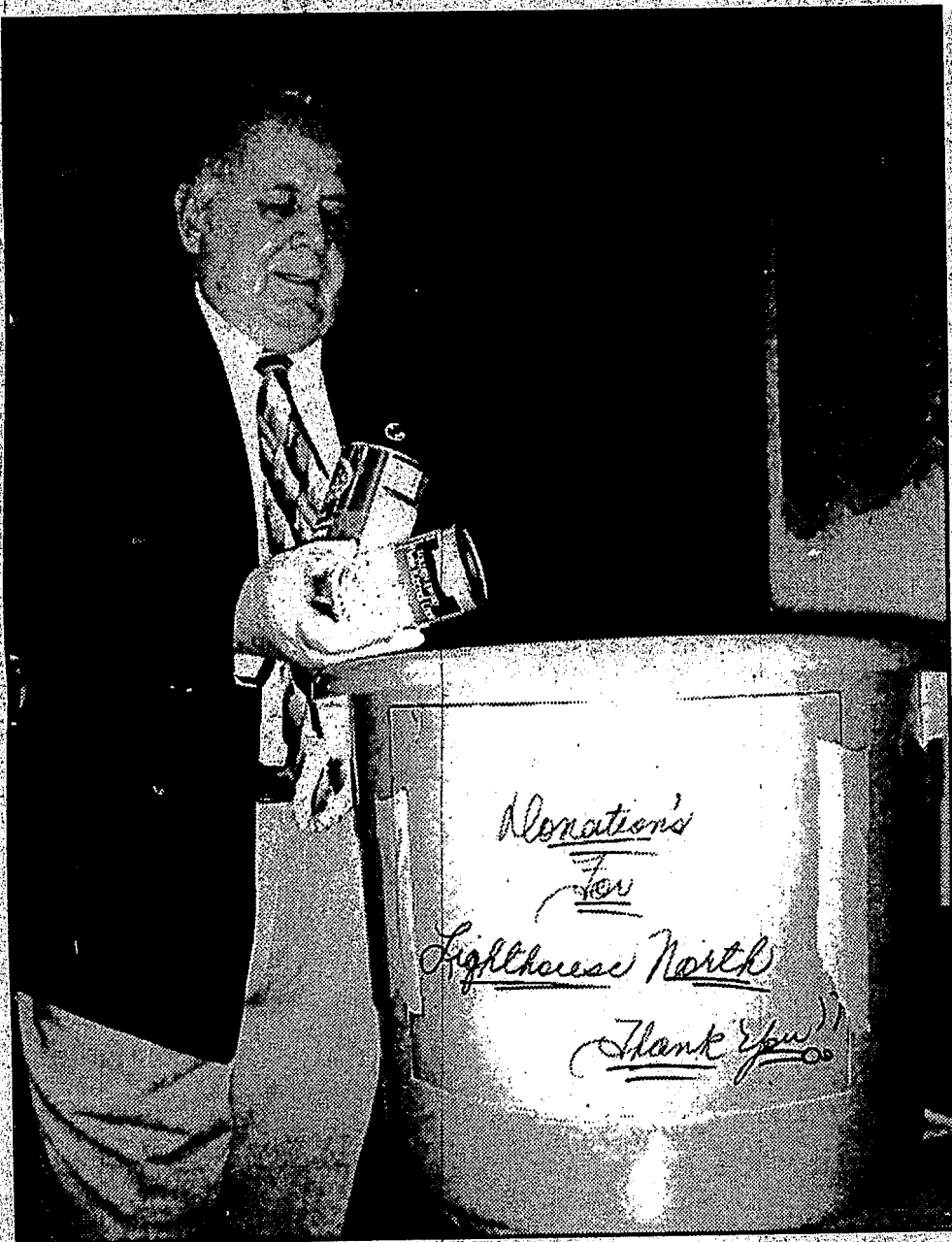
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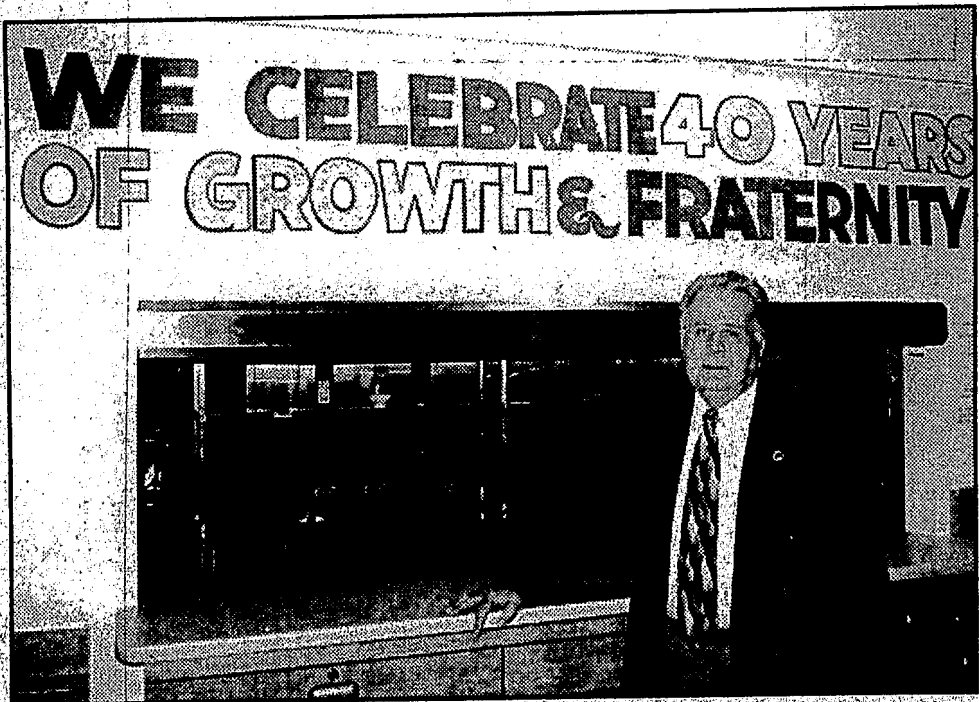
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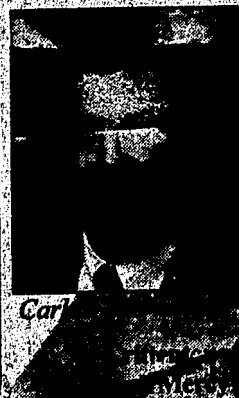
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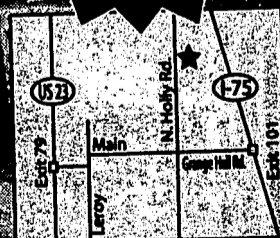
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Top, left, Mrs. Claus made sure everyone had a candy cane. Above, Malcolm and Veronica Hill tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Bottom, left, area children watch a magic show. Photos by Kyle Gargaro.

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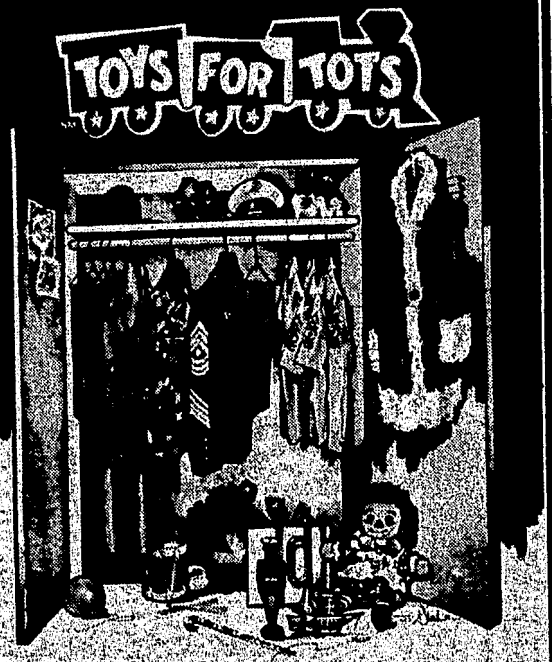
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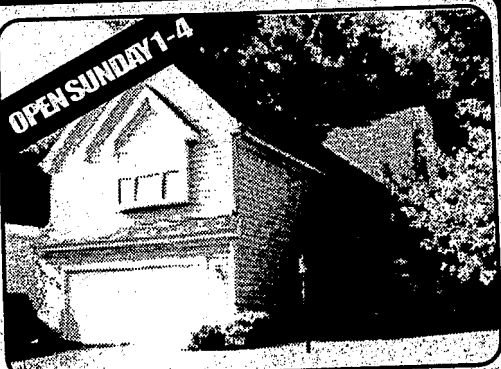


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# Obituary

## Lester E. Highlen

Lester E. Highlen, of Holly and formerly of Waterford, died December 2, 2003 at age 85.

He was preceded in death by his wife Millie, great-grandson Jacob and brothers Clyde, Keith, Verle and Lloyd; father of Myrtle Oatze of Vassar, Ernie (Cheryl) of Bay City, David (Diane) of Holly and Nancy of Auburn Hills, grandpa of Zachary, Jenny, Kimberly, Jason, Kim, Todd, the late Brian, Ronald and Bethany; also survived by seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; brother of Harold, Clair (Betty) and Hazel Highlen; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Lester retired from Fisher Body in 1979 after completing more than 30 years of service and he served as a veteran in the US Army during WWII. Memorial service was held at Spirit Life Temple Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son

TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association of Michigan.

## Madeline M. Helms

Madeline M. Helms, of Traverse City and formerly of Pontiac and Clarkston, died November 29, 2003 at age 93 in Traverse City.

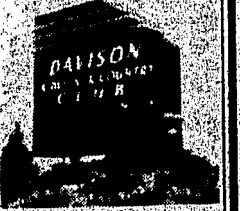
She was born April 30, 1910 in Lansing. She was the daughter of Carl R. and Blanche M. (Keyes) Alger. On Aug. 30, 1929, in Mount Clemens, she married Melvin C. Helms, who died in 1994. Also preceding her in death were her parents, Carl and Blanche Alger of Pontiac and sister Edna Turmell. Surviving is daughter Carlene A. (John) Sherk of Benzonia.

Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc. Arrangements have been handled by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

Obits can also be found online at [www.clarkstonnews.com](http://www.clarkstonnews.com).



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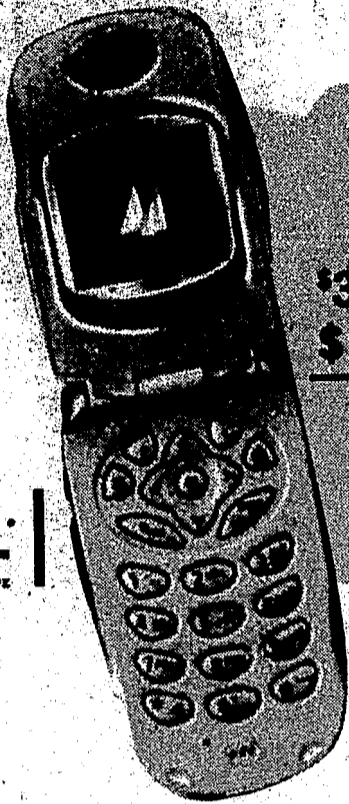


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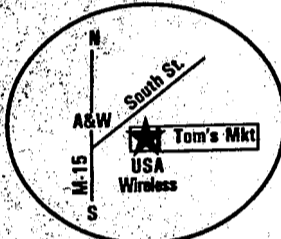
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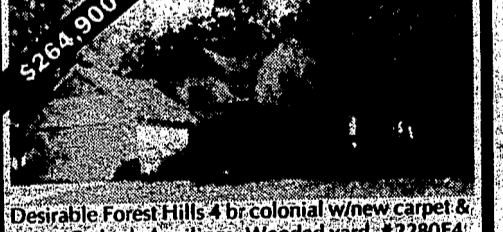
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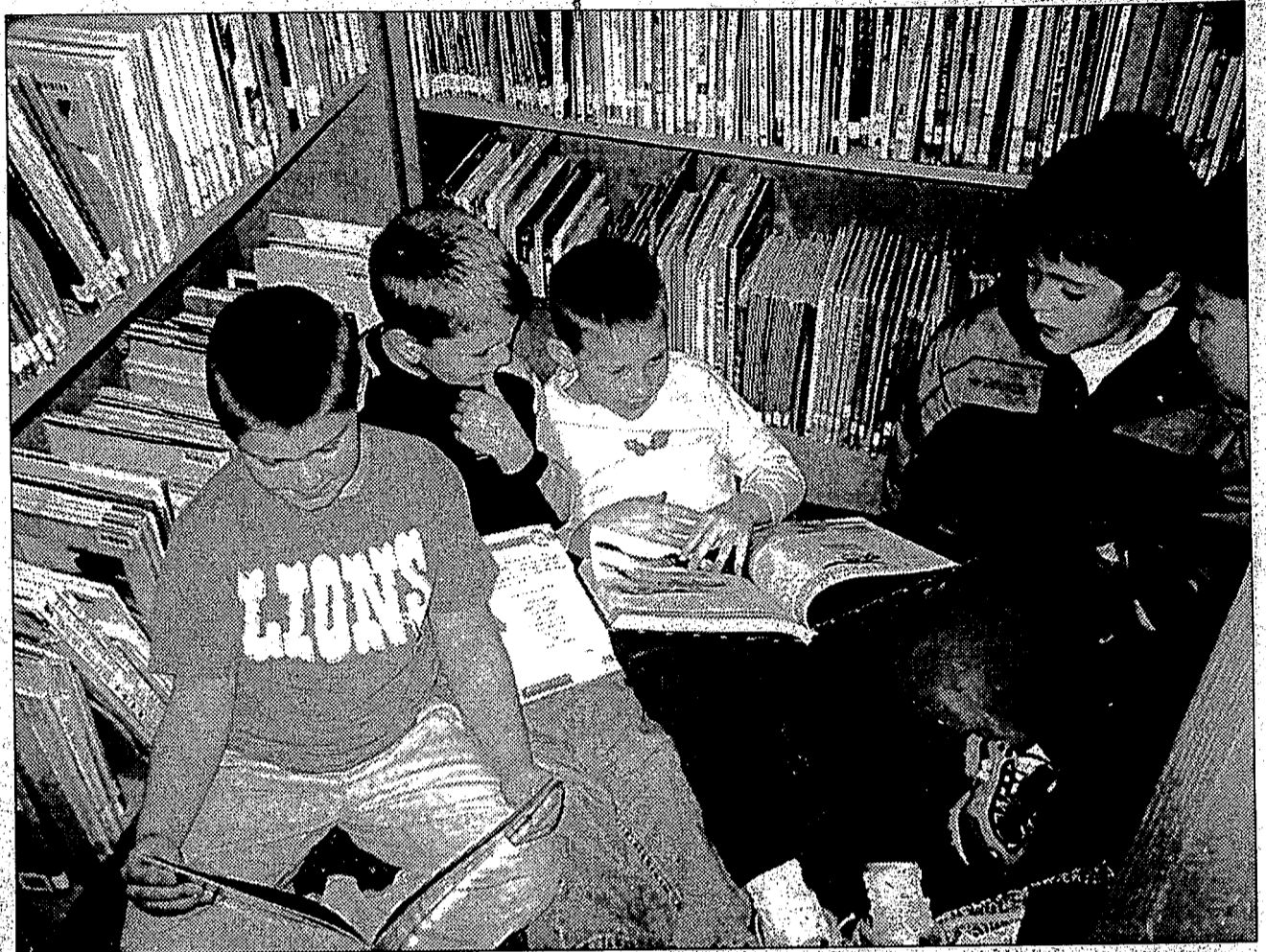
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Above, Romy Shubitowski reads with daughter Romy.



Above on right, (from left) Eric Shubitowski, Andrew Jorgenson, Gregory Miller, Adam Jacobini and Jacob Sim picked their private corner of the library to read together.

On right, Edward Arner, fourth grade, enjoys his book, "Froggy Goes to School." Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



Picture Page from last weekend's Greens Market on the backpage of Millstream.



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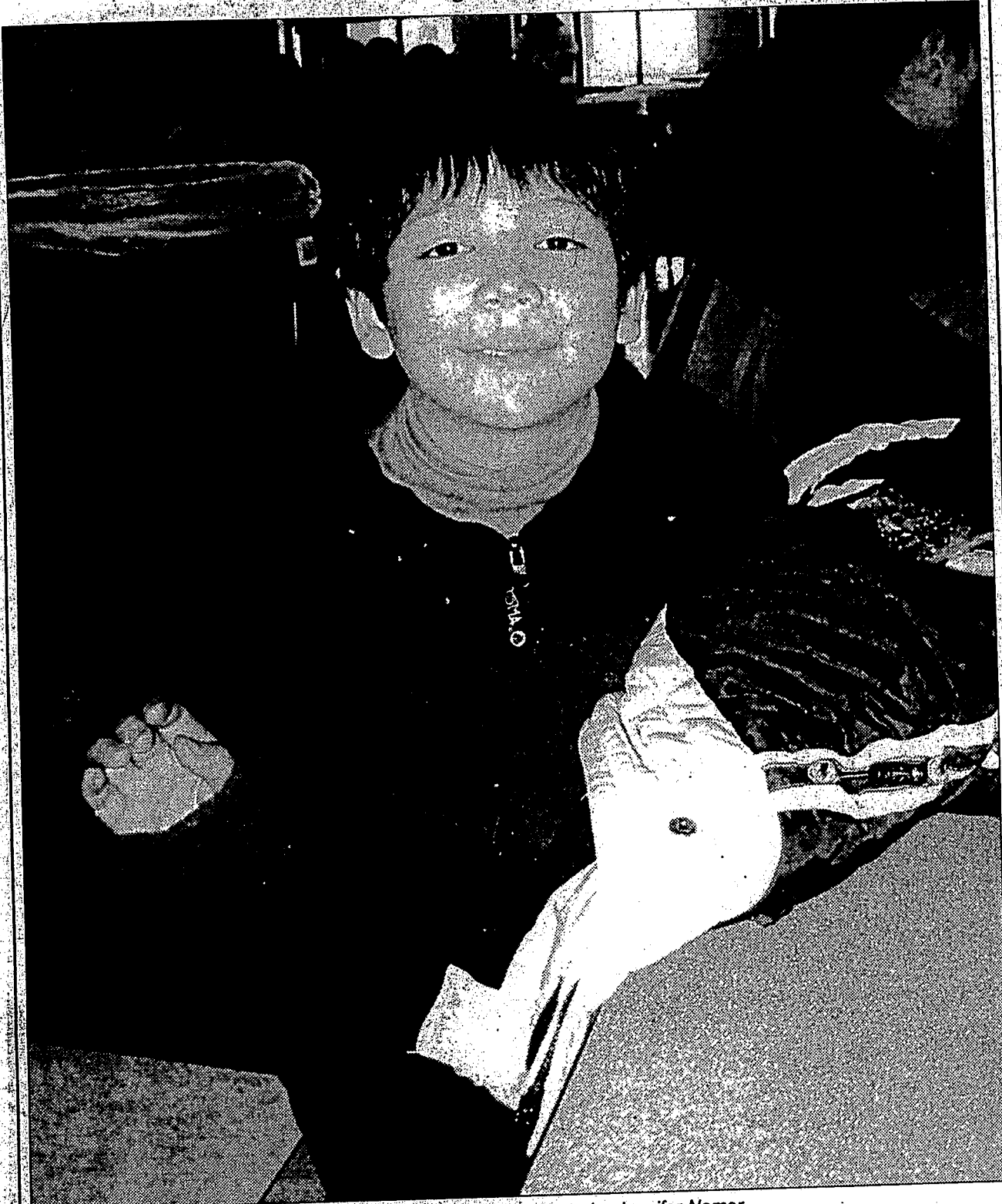
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## Smile of the week



Independence Elementary fifth grader Jonathan Kennedy. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Clarkston High School Academic Achiever



Name: Amanda Kathryn Nichols

GPA: 3.82

Plans after graduation: undecided: University of Michigan or Yale University to study history

Athletics: varsity swimming for four years, 2003 team captain

Special recognition: Operation Bentley Participant at Albion College; Clarkston High School Student of the Month; Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Leadership Award; Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Society of High School Scholars; Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Recipient; National Merit Scholarship semifinalist; Academic All-American in swimming, 2000 Rookie of the Year, 2002 Coach's Award recipient, two time Swimmer of the Meet

Clubs/organizations: Student Council (chair of various committees including Chaperones, Holiday Baskets and Student Relations), National Honor Society (president of the Henry Ford chapter), representative on the class executive board,

Community involvement: executive board member of Clarkston Coalition for Youth, Sunday school teacher at Clarkston Community Church, lifeguard, missions trip to Jamaica, volunteered on the campaign of Magistrate Kelley Kostin for District Judge, administrative assistant with Heart International

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Playback Schedule**

- Monday**  
 1 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 4 p.m. - H2Oakland  
 4:30 p.m. - It's a Woman's World  
 5 p.m. - Synergy Show  
 5:30 p.m. - Institute of World Politics  
 6 p.m. - Team Reptile Adventures  
 6:30 p.m. - Healthy Living  
 7 p.m. - Perspectives (replay)  
 7:30 p.m. - Along Came a Movie  
 8 p.m. - Bob's Music Time  
 8:30 p.m. - Country Countdown  
 9 p.m. - The Beat Goes On  
 10 p.m. - Michigan Spotlight  
 10:30 p.m. - Science of Financial Health  
 11 p.m. - OFF THE AIR

- Tuesday**  
 1 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 4 p.m. - Herb's Musical Entertainment  
 5 p.m. - Streets of Oakland County  
 5:30 p.m. - Frontline Police TV  
 6 p.m. - Science of Financial Health  
 6:30 p.m. - Michigan Spotlight  
 7 p.m. - Healthy Living  
 7:30 p.m. - Ballroom Dancing  
 8 p.m. - Heart of the Hills Church  
 9 p.m. - It's a Woman's World  
 9:30 p.m. - Team Reptile Adventures  
 10 p.m. - The Center For New Thinking  
 Midnight - OFF THE AIR

- Wednesday**  
 1 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 4 p.m. - Frontline Police TV  
 4:30 p.m. - Streets of Oakland County  
 5 p.m. - Team Reptile Adventures  
 5:30 p.m. - H2Oakland  
 6 p.m. - It's a Woman's World  
 6:30 p.m. - Army News Watch  
 7 p.m. - Perspectives (LIVE)  
 7:30 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 10 p.m. - OFF THE AIR

- Thursday**  
 1 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 2:30 p.m. - In the Beginning  
 3 p.m. - Hymn Sing  
 4 p.m. - Praise Ministry  
 4:30 p.m. - Passing On the Praise  
 5 p.m. - The Way, the Truth, the Life  
 5:30 p.m. - Waterford Church of Christ  
 6 p.m. - Christ Lutheran Church  
 7 p.m. - Teach My People  
 7:30 p.m. - Praise Praise Praise  
 8 p.m. - Bethlehem Temple Presents  
 9 p.m. - Heart of the Hills Church  
 10 p.m. - The Prophetic Word  
 OFF THE AIR

- Friday**  
 1 p.m. - Independence Twp. Board Meeting  
 4 p.m. - Herb's Musical Entertainment  
 5 p.m. - H2Oakland  
 5:30 p.m. - Healthy Living

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
 TOWNSHIP BOARD  
 AGENDA  
 7:30 p.m.  
 TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
 DATE: December 16, 2003

1. Call to Order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Roll Call
  4. Opening Statements and Correspondence
  5. Approval of Agenda
  6. Public Forum - Individuals in the audience have the opportunity to address the Township Board on an issue that is not on the agenda limiting their comments to not more than three minutes.
  7. Consent Agenda
    - a. Minutes - December 2, 2003
    - b. Approval of Purchase Orders
    - c. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
  - New Business
    1. Project Plan - Bid Award Test Production Wells
    2. Request Final Plat Approval - Hidden Acres
 Items removed from Consent Agenda for action or discussion will be moved to the last item under Unfinished Business.
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

- 6 p.m. - Country Countdown  
 6:30 p.m. - Collect This  
 7 p.m. - Ballroom Dancing  
 7:30 p.m. - Team Reptile Adventures  
 8 p.m. - Bob's Music Time  
 8:30 p.m. - Along Came a Movie  
 9 p.m. - The Beat Goes On  
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 SYNOPSIS  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
 OF INDEPENDENCE**

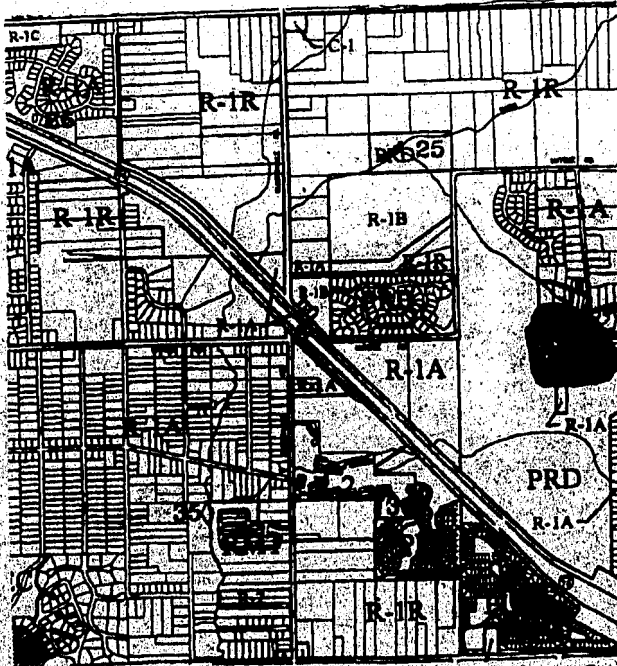
Supervisor Stuart called the December 2, 2003 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library.  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger  
 Absent: None  
 There is a quorum.  
 1. Approval of the agenda as amended.  
 2. Approved the Consent Agenda as amended.  
 - Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 18, 2003.  
 - Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$21,297.12.  
 - Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$715,585.77.  
 - Second Reading and Adoption of Rezoning Request from R-1R to R-1A: Mann Road, East of Clintonville, approximately 20 acres, 08-36-300-020,021,025,026.  
 3. Approval motion awarding bid - Pressure Tank Repair, Deerwood to Dave Cole Decorators.  
 4. Approved motion for MDOT Annual Application/Permit for ROW.  
 5. Approval of Appointment to Planning Commission.  
 6. Approved motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Joan E. McCrary  
 Township Clerk

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board held on December 2, 2003 the Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of a Rezoning Request from R1R to R1A, Mann Rd., East of Clintonville Rd., @ 20 acres, 08-36-300-020,021,025,026 as follows:  
 The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis, supported by Rosso, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.  
 The ordinance amendment is effective immediately upon publication.



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Joan E. McCrary  
 Township Clerk

**Midnight - OFF THE AIR  
 Saturday-Sunday**

- 8:30 p.m. - Along Came a Movie  
 9 p.m. - The Beat Goes On  
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**SUMMARY  
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 NOVEMBER 24, 2003**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Catalo.  
 Roll Present: Catalo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.  
 Absent: None.

Minutes of November 10, 2003, accepted as presented.  
 Agenda accepted as presented.

Clifton asked about the cleanup at Middle Lake Road and Overlook. Gary Tressel stated that this would be taken care of soon.

Gamble expressed his wish that the Council would join him in thanking Gary Tressel of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc., for the outstanding job that Tressel has been doing in the Paving and Water projects. Gamble stated that he believes Tressel did more than what was required and wanted to acknowledge Tressel's work and the Council's appreciation.

Chief Combs gave the October statistics which included the following: Traffic Violations 52, down from 69; Warnings, 22 down from 30; 1 Drunk Driving arrest; Parking Tickets, 29 down from 63; 233 PBTs; 35 Finger Printings; 7 Home Checks. Revenues: Parking Fines \$300; PBTs \$1,165; Finger Printing \$350; Miscellaneous Reports \$9. The "Clicket-or-Ticket" program has been reinstated and the motorcycles have been used for this program. There were 29 tickets for seat belt violations and additional citations for 16 violations after stopping for seat belt violations.

In November there were four arrests for drunk driving. Drunk driving arrests were all well over the legal limits for blood-alcohol tests.

Chief Combs reported that officers have been trained by S.T.O.R.M. (Sobriety Trained Officers Representing Michigan). Combs reported that he is using reserve officers on parades, and using regular officers on midnight patrols in order to stay within budgeted wages.

Trucks have been ticketed on Holcomb. Radar on North Holcomb resulted in one violation during a four-hour period. Radar on North Main Street resulted in one violation during a one-hour period.

Pappas reported on the report from the Michigan Municipal League Pool and Fund Loss Control Service. Council was informed that the damaged swing seat will be repaired as a new seat has been ordered. Bob Pursley, D.P.W. supervisor will investigate costs of a fire detection system as well as a burglary alarm.

Resolved That the City Council adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution for Governmental Bodies (copy attached to the official Minutes) for the Annual Permit for Work on State Highways (Banners and Parades)

Steve Wylie was present to congratulate Gamble, Colombo, and Savage for winning the election. Wylie also was pleased to see the interest by City residents in the voting turnout.

Mr. Wylie also expressed his concern about the City budget as revenue sharing will be cut and the new front end loader will have payments due in the next fiscal year. Clifton responded that the old loader had been sold for just over \$10,000 which will assist in making the first payment.

Mr. Broock was present to discuss the Agreement of Lease for the property on the north side of Depot Road, specifically the ice cutters to be placed on the roof of the building.

Moved That the City Council have a copy of Mr. Broock's letter of November 5, 2003, attached to the Minutes of the November 24, 2003, meeting to clarify the Council's meaning with regards to the Agreement pertaining to Depot Street adjacent to the Broock Realty building.

Gary Tressel briefed the Council on the walk-through inspection of the water construction and street paving. Middle Lake Road will be completed in the Spring.

Tressel reported that a "punch list" has been started. Seven hours were spent on Holcomb, Robertson Court, Clarkston Road, Washington, and Madison. Another four or five hours will be spent on Tuesday, November 25.

Savage asked about the cobra lighting at East Washington and Main Street. Tressel said that pole will be removed when new traffic signal is installed.

Gamble was concerned about the sidewalk on Miller and how close it was to the street. Fog line striping will be done on Miller to define the edge of the road and the sidewalk edge.

There needs some correction in the upper parking lot to eliminate "bird bathing" effect, and the contractor will be correcting this at his expense.

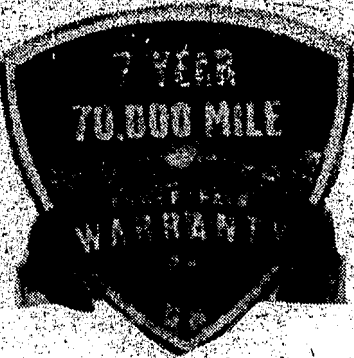
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

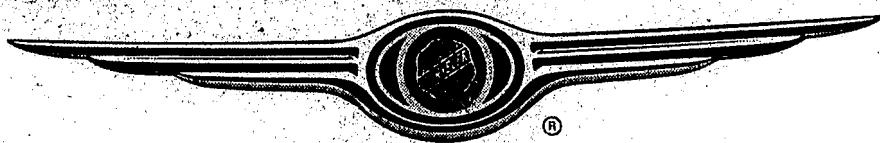
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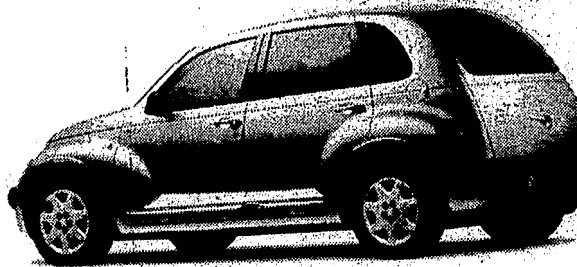
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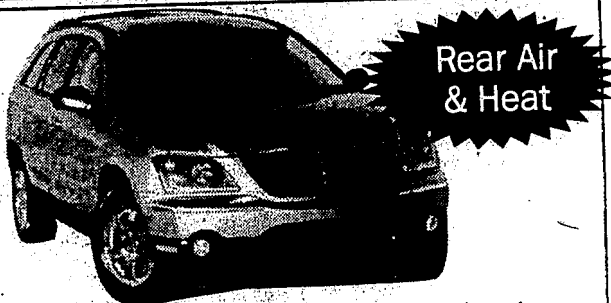
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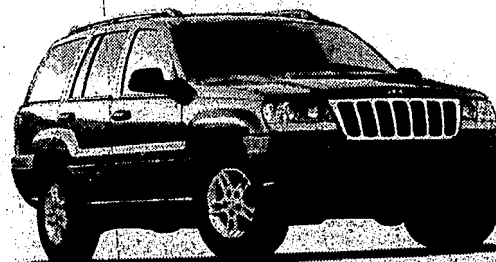
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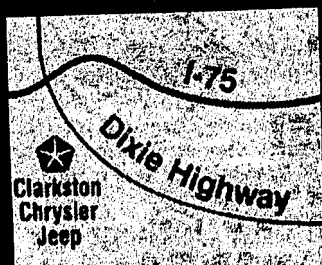
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# Seeing green...

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club promoted the natural beauty of the holiday season with their annual Greens Market Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Church of the Resurrection.

Wreaths, roping and hand-crafted evergreen arrangements offered a green welcome to visitors, with many garden club members available to help folks with their selections.

Proceeds from the sale go to the club's wide variety of service and scholarship programs.



Lloyd and Becky Mincy conclude their purchase of natural holiday decorations, with the help of Sheila Partington and Joyce Figa. Photos by Don Schelske

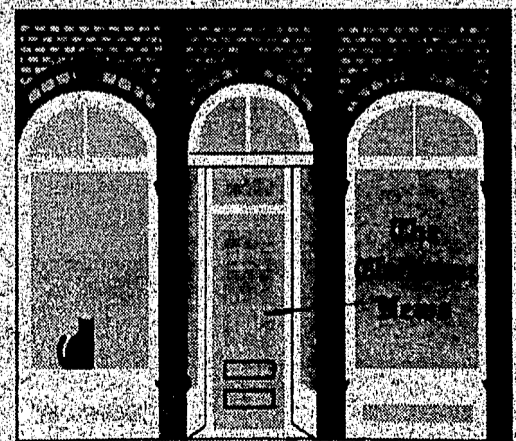


Garden club member Mary Himburg admires the choices made by Madison Myers at the Green's Market.



The Church of the Resurrection plays host to lots of natural holiday arrangements, interested buyers and helpful members of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

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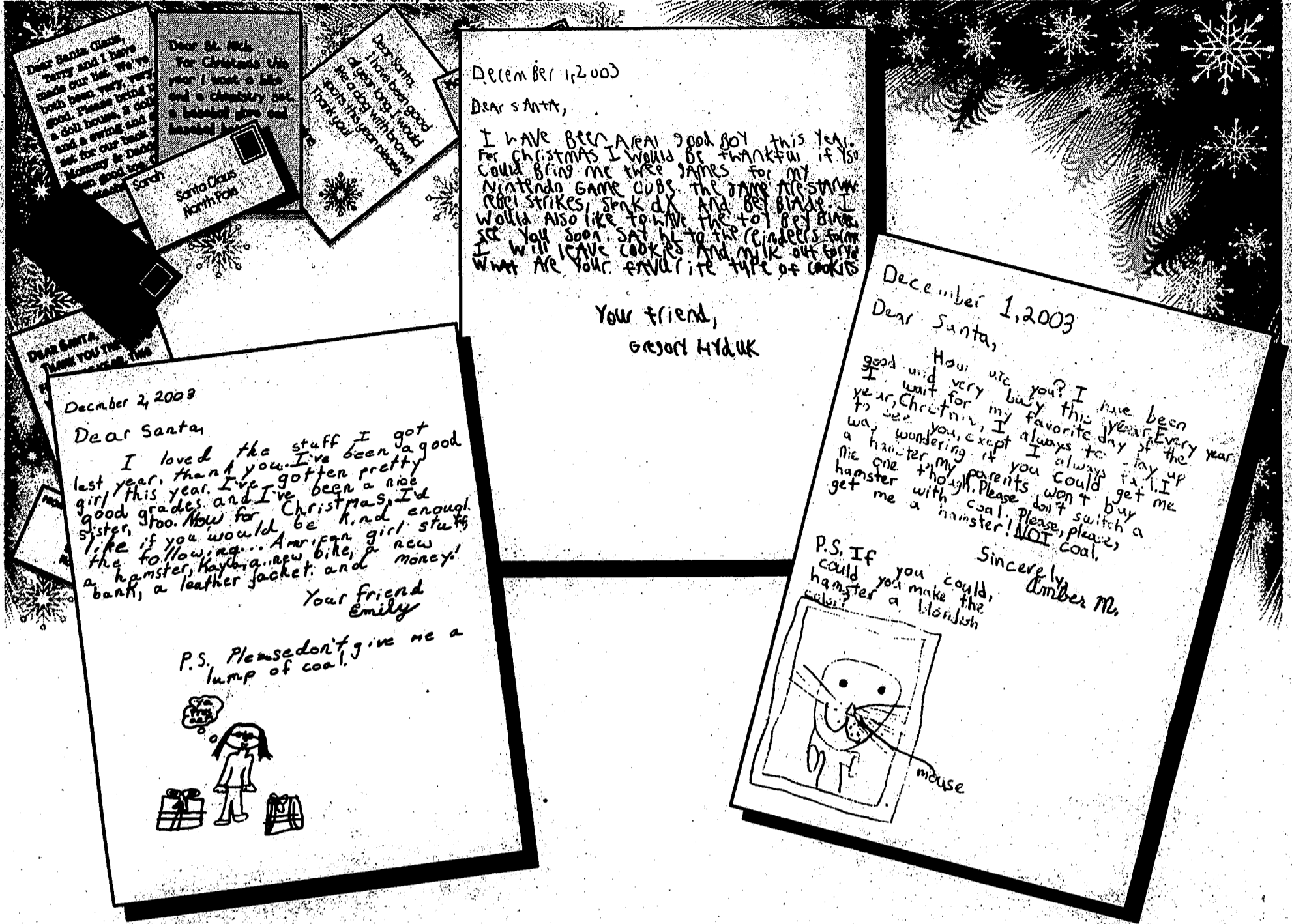
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December 1, 2003  
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 Your friend,  
 GREGORY HYDUK

December 1, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I have been good and very busy this year. Every year I wait for my favorite day of the year, Christmas. I always say up to see you, except I always say up a way wondering if you could get me a hamster. My parents won't buy me one though. Please don't switch a hamster with coal. Please, please, get me a hamster! NOT coal.  
 Sincerely,  
 Amber M.  
 P.S. If you could, could you make the hamster a blondish color?  


December 2, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 I loved the stuff I got last year, thank you. I've been a good girl this year. I've gotten pretty good grades and I've been a nice sister. Now for Christmas, I'd like if you would be kind enough to bring me the following... American girl stuff, a hamster, kayak, a new bike, a new bank, a leather jacket, and money!  
 Your friend  
 Emily  
 P.S. Please don't give me a lump of coal.  


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puppy and a ice skate.  
I feel that I have been a good  
boy most of the year. I hope  
you are getting ready for Christmas.  
How do you know when kids are  
naughty or nice? How many Elfs  
do you have at the North Pole?  
Your friend,  
Andy

December 1, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Gage Allen Arndt  
remember when I was five and I  
left you Milk and Cheese. Thank  
you for everything you have got me  
in the past years. This year I'm  
giving you a jambo glass of milk  
and 15 Cookies. What are the three  
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Your friend,  
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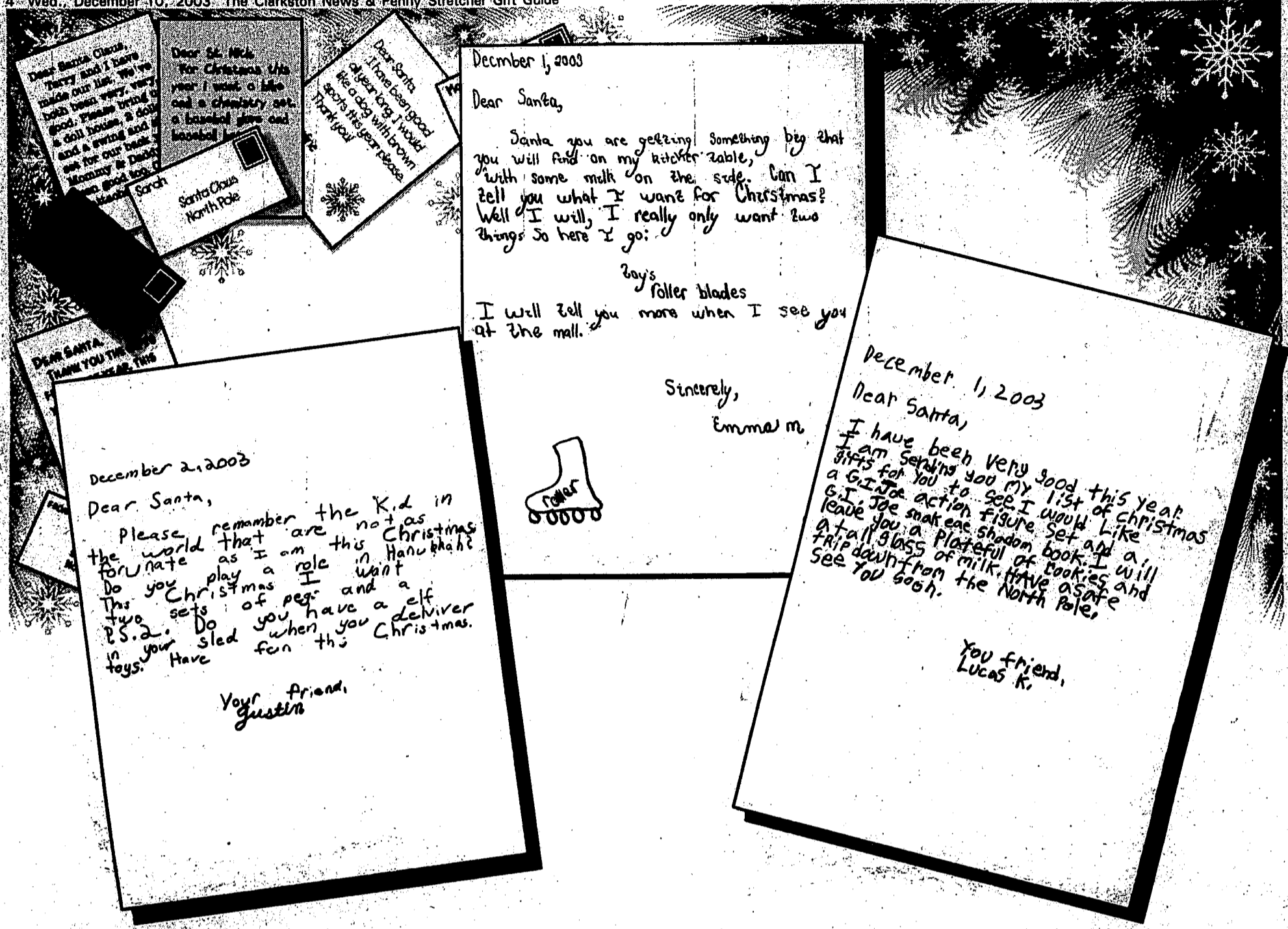
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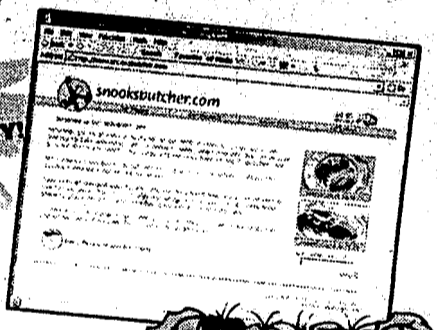




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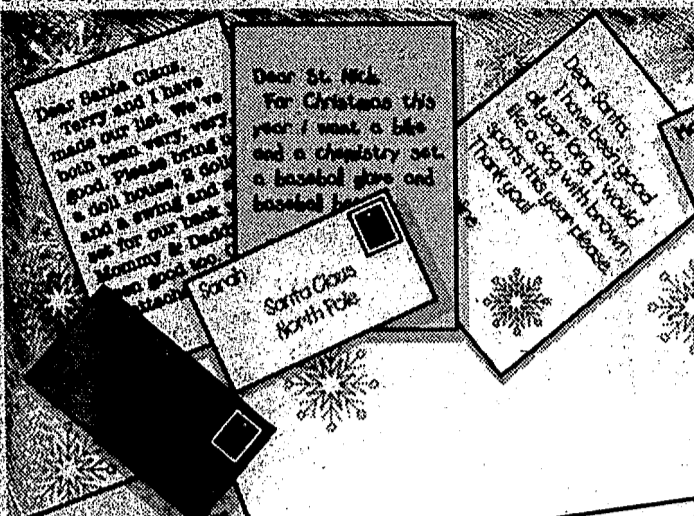
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December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003  
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Warmly,  
 Wally J.



December 2, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 My behavior was good for 2003. Thank you for all the things you have done for the kids across the nation. I would like a few CD's, a few movies, and a bunk-bed. People much are so thankful for you kids around the world. And I get all DVD please get my sister you cool toys and I clothes. Thanks for all the stuff you have done for me!  
 From,  
 Samantha

December 2, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 My behavior was good but not wonderful in 2003 because I made my mom and dad mad because I was talking back with the game Marie and Luigi. The Superstar Saga and one more thing, a Master Draciel. Just for my dad, you could maybe get him a Shelti, a miniature collie. For my mom a diamond earrings out a diamond ring.  
 Just in case, which kind of candy do you want? Please respond!  
 Your pal,  
 Jy  
 P.S.: Can you sure the Gameboy SP is red?

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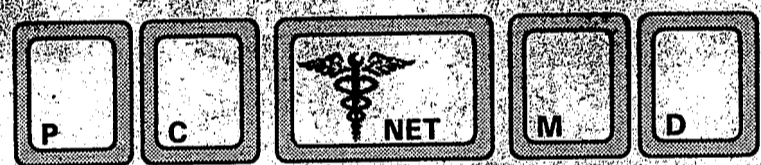


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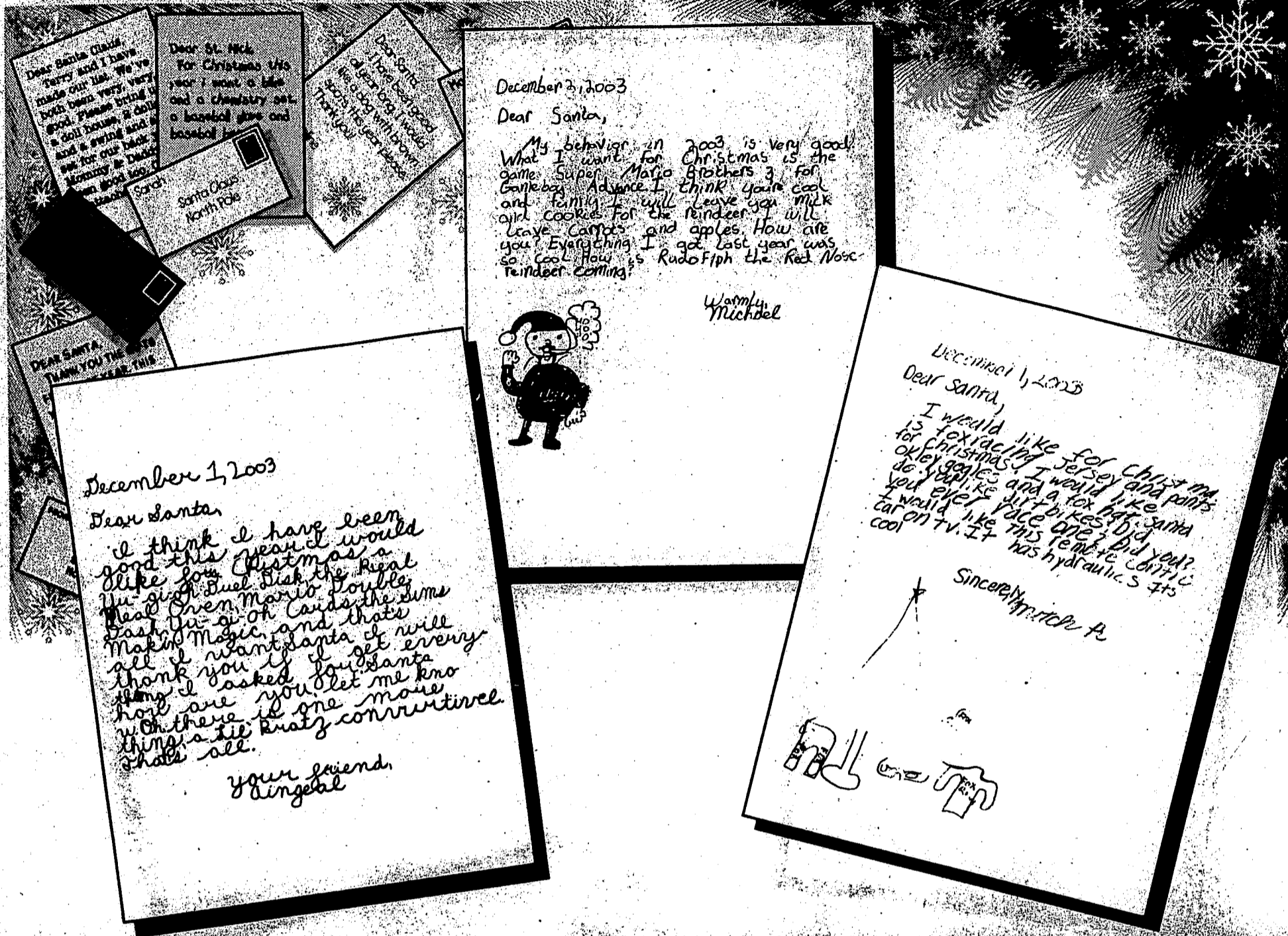
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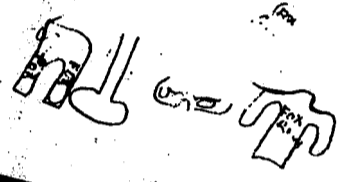
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December 7, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 My behavior in 2003 is very good. What I want for Christmas is the game Super Mario Brothers 3 for Game Boy Advance. I think you're cool and family. I will leave you milk and cookies for the reindeer. Will you leave carrots and apples. How are you? Everything I got last year was so cool. How is Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer coming?  
 Warmly,  
 Michael



December 1, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 I would like for Christmas is for Christmas. I would like a pair of sneakers and a pair of pants. I would like a car. I would like a car on TV. It has hydraulic 5 7's.  
 Sincerely,  
 Mitch R.



December 1, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 I think I have been good this year. I would like for Christmas a Real Deal Duel Disk the Real Deal Chess. I would like the same. Making Magic and that's all I want. Santa I will thank you if you get every thing I asked for. Let me know how are you. Let me know if there is one more thing I still want. I will be grateful.  
 your friend,  
 Dingel

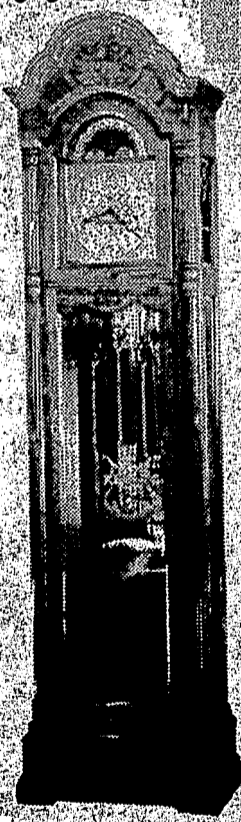
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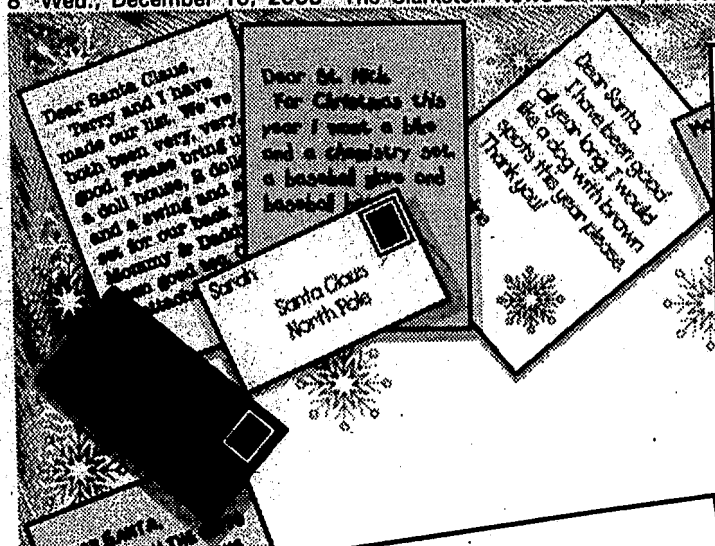
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 Your friend,  
 Kaitlyn

December 2, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Do you like sports? How are the elves? I'd like a Call of Duty for my PS2. What's your favorite video game? How are the reindeer? What's your favorite movie? I like what I got last year. Thanks  
 From Jacob  
 P.S. You know what else I want



December 2, 2003  
 Dear Santa Claus,  
 How are you? My behavior was not very good this year. But here are some of the presents I would like:  
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 • Xbox  
 • Ratchet and clank going Commando  
 • beyblades  
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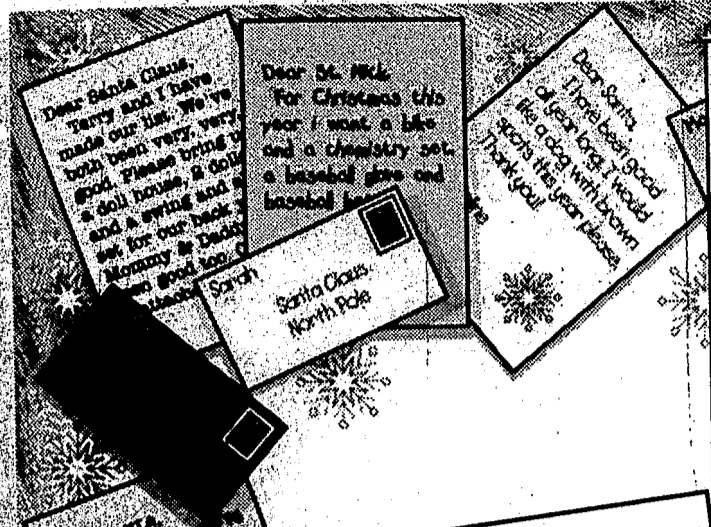
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December 2, 2003

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, Thank you for everything you do for us! I will lay out chocolate chip cookies just for you. I was good this year right? If I was I would like a keyboard for Christmas please. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Is it yours? Can I have more things for Christmas?

Your friend,  
Kaitlyn

P.S. Thank you

December 2, 2003

Dear Santa,

How are you? Do you like park? How are the elves? Also, I like to play PS2 would you like to play with me? What's your favorite video game? How are the reindeer? What's your favorite movie? What I don't like is... Thanks

Francis Jacob

P.S. You know what else I want

December 2, 2003

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? My behavior was not very good this year. But hear are some of the presents I would like:  
 • Xbox boy set  
 • Ratchet and clank going commando  
 • Beyblades  
 • A happy Christmas  
 • A one hundred dollar bill  
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December 1, 2003

Dear Santa,  
My behavior was good so I have a few suggestions on what I would like for Christmas! I enjoy crafts, crossword puzzles, on word searches. I would like a puzzle of a bowling ball. Even though I will like anything you give me these are some ideas. Thank you for what ever you give me.  
Warmly,  
Megan W.

Dear Santa,

December 1, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
I want to have a lot of things I don't want to leave you for Christmas. I am not telling you yet I am leaving a glass plate of Oreos on the table. This year I have so many lights on my house that I can't put them down. I have a main present and I always put it on my list. I hope you and your elves were able to get it. Last year you and your reindeer and elves. I hope you ever get a chance to tell me.  
Sincerely,  
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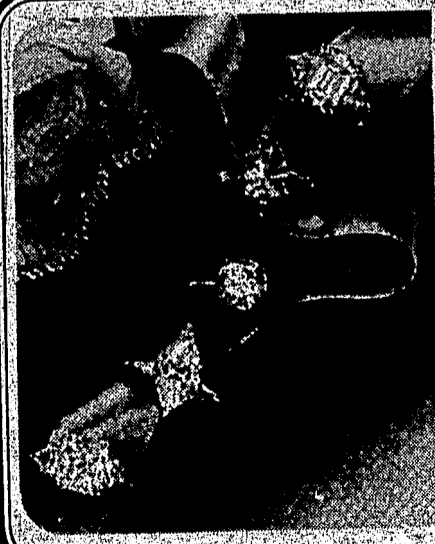
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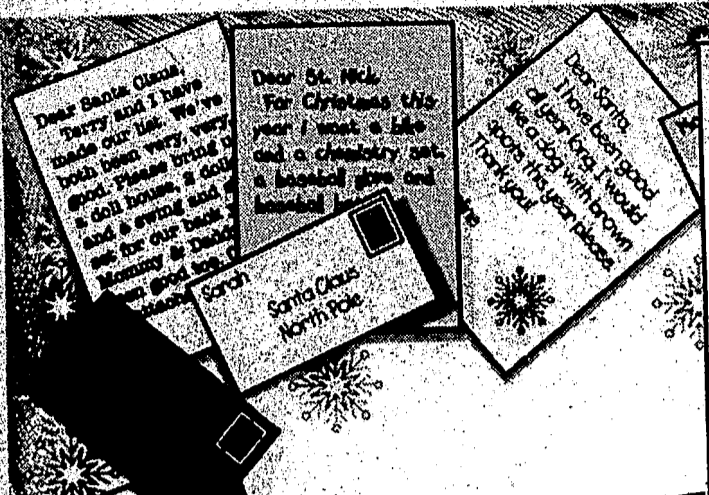


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December 2, 2003

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, Thank you for everything you do for us! I will lay out chocolate chip cookies just for you. I was good this year right? If I was, I would like a keyboard for Christmas, please. Christmas is my favorite holiday. Is it yours? Can I have more things for Christmas?

Your friend,  
Kaitlyn

P.S. Thank you

December 2, 2003

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? My behavior was not very good this year. But hear are some of the presents I would like.  
 • Xbox  
 • Game boy SP  
 • Ratchet and clank  
 • beyblades  
 • A happy Christmas  
 • A one hundred dollar bill  
 • Specialty Humer H 2  
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 That's really all I can think of rite now.

Sincerely,  
Nichola

December 2, 2003

Dear Santa,

How are you? Do you like parties? How are the elves? I like a C.D. of Park please. Also, do you like PS2? What's your favorite video game? How are the reindeer? What's your favorite movie? What's your favorite reindeer? I like what I see. Thanks.

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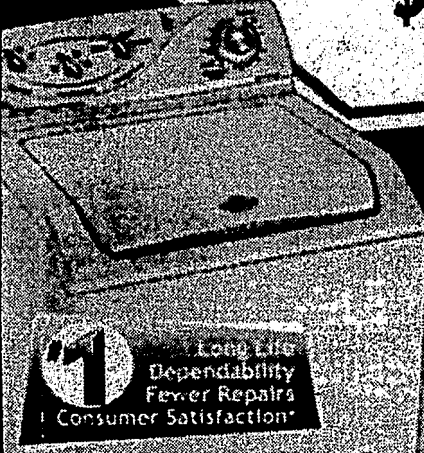
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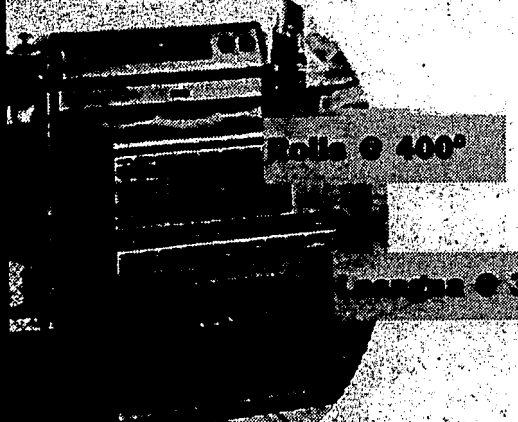
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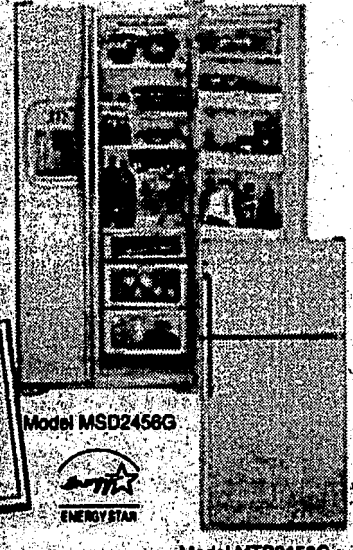
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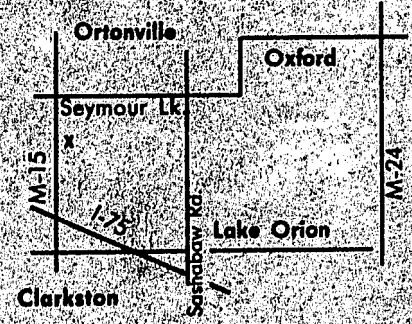
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