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This Week:

Chamber Celebrates Library

The Chamber of Commerce invites members and interested persons to an "After Hours" event, April 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Melody Grove, 38515 Sugar Ridge Rd. to honor the Lorain Public Library System's 100th Anniversary. Library officials will also announce the site of the new North Ridgeville Branch Library.

Reservations are \$10 per person and must be made by April 17. Call 327-3737.

Plum Creek Club Meets April 17

Plum Creek Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Carlisle Visitor Center. Art Meyer of OSU will present Xeriscaping. Dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 440-284-0293.

Reservations by April 18

Get your tickets for the Historical Society's April 25 Swiss Steak Dinner by April 18. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational UCC Church, followed by the Olde Tyme Design. Tickets are \$12. Call 327-8615 or 327-7933 for reservations.

In Brief:

Olesen Hosts Fundraiser

Bob Olesen, Republican candidate Ward 4 Council seat will hold a "Subs and Suds" fundraiser, April 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. Meet the candidate and also learn more about the proposed Family and Senior Center from Marian Stafford Gardner. Other candidates on the May ballot also will be on hand. Tickets are \$10. Call 327-2705 for more information.

Senior Center Presents

Enjoy "A Little Bit of Country" on April 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Education Center, 5490 Mills Creek Lane, sponsored by Center Ridge Nursing Home. The acts include; Terry Lee Goffee, Junior Kerns Bluegrass Band and Gary Dorsey. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 353-0853.

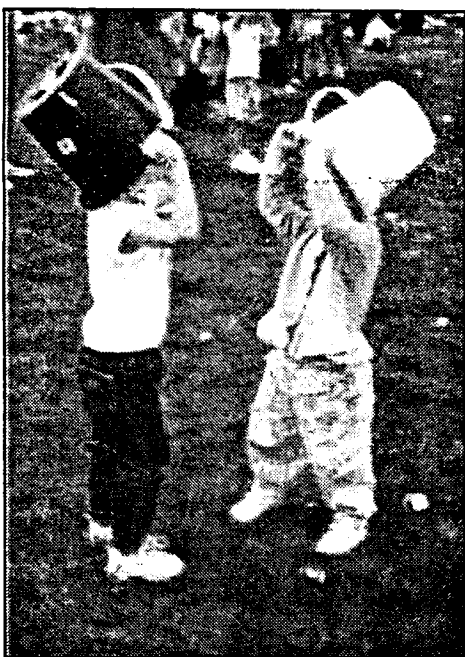
On Top of Spaghetti

The Senior Center will host a spaghetti dinner on April 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner prices are; adults, \$6; seniors, \$5 and children under 10, \$4. Desserts are available for \$1. All proceeds go to the North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults to help maintain senior services in the area. The Senior Center is located at the corner of Avon Belden and Bainbridge Roads. For more information, call 353-0828.

It's Easter Time again



Stephanie Schroth, 18 months, has her basket all ready to collect Easter eggs, during the April 7 Easter Egg Hunt. She is the daughter of Tammy and Ed Schroth.



(Above) The bell rings and the race is on at the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville, last Saturday.

(Right) The Easter Bunny's a busy rabbit, but not too busy for a picture with three North Ridgeville friends, Heather Murray, 8, Amber Gates, 3 1/2 and Craig Gates, 6.

(Left) These little cousins, Hannah Crawshaw, 3 and Brooke Landis, 2, wear their buckets like Easter bonnets, before they start using them to collect Easter eggs.



Beckett requests 10-year, 100 percent abatement

By Carol Klear

Introducing an enterprise zone proposal between the City of North Ridgeville and R.W. Beckett Corporation and Beckett Air, Inc., during the April 2 Council meeting, Mayor Deanna Hill said, "No one likes abatement," then acknowledged that at times the tax break is necessary.

Beckett's abatement request is on a 60,000 square foot addition to a present manufacturing building, with the project to be started June 1 and completed Dec. 31, if the exemption is approved.

Corporation officials have requested a 100 percent 10-year abatement on the \$3.5 million addition. Beckett Air has asked for 100 percent tax abatement on personal property for 10 years, with costs estimated at \$4 million on machinery and equipment, \$200,000 on furniture and fixtures and \$1 million in inventory. For their part, R.W. Beckett has agreed to give the North Ridgeville City Schools \$20,000 per year over the life of the abatement, plus a share of the income tax on new employees.

However, if the income tax levy, which is earmarked for a proposed Family and Senior Center, passes in May, the \$20,000 would go to the Senior Center instead of the school district. Hill said that that provision was negotiated as a way of helping North Ridgeville's seniors stay in their homes and get the help they need, as well as a means of reducing the amount of city funds going to the Senior Center.

Hill said that Council's approval is just the second of four steps Beckett must go through before the tax exemption is finalized, including sending the resolution to the Lorain County Commissioners and then to the state for approval.

Following the meeting Tom Rockwell, superintendent of North Ridgeville City Schools said that presently the district gets \$25,000 a year from Beckett Gas. The district also realizes \$6,000 annually from Beckett Air. In addition the income tax generated from new jobs is split 50-50 between the city and schools, however, the city takes an additional 5 percent from the school for administrative costs, leaving the district

with 45 percent of the new jobs tax.

Rockwell admitted that the schools could use the extra \$20,000 per year, "There are other entities in the community that could use the funds," he said. The decision, however, is not the schools, he said, "It's up to the city."

During a special Board meeting last week, the Superintendent told members, "I don't see and advantage in fighting the senior citizens or Community Care."

Board member Robin Hrabik noted that she had checked into the composition of the Tax Abatement Review Board and found that that in addition to the mayor and the city treasurer, other members of the Review Board include the school superintendent and school treasurer, a Chamber of Commerce representative and a member of Council's Finance Committee.

If the funds go to Community Care, rather than the Senior Center, she said, the organization could do some things that the schools are not able to, including buying shoes and clothing, as well as providing transportation to counseling and paying school book and student fees.

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Painter completes three-volume history of Ridgeville Girl Scouts

By Carol Klear

Dorothy Painter has always loved history, and has spent many hours delving into her family background. The Case Road resident also has a wealth of knowledge about North Ridgeville and has written pieces on various facets of the city, including many on its earliest times.

"I like starting at the beginning of something," she said and recently Painter compiled three volumes of information, news clippings and photographs on the history of Girl Scouts, particularly as it evolved in North Ridgeville and Elyria, chronicling events from the "Lone Ranger" Troop to the Erie Shores Council.

"I realized there was no history," she said, "so I'm making three sets." Painter is hoping to put one collection at the Girl Scout headquarters and another in the North Ridgeville Historical Society Museum. "Maybe when the new library gets built we can put a set in there," she said.

Book I of Painter's compilation spans 1912 to 1960, including the formation of the Girl Scout organization, which had its beginnings in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia with a band of 18 girls and the vision of founder, Juliette Low. In the nearly 90 years since the Girl Scout movement began, the membership has risen to 3.6 million girls, across the country and overseas.

According to a recent timeline provided by the Girl Scouts of Erie Shores, the Oberlin Girl Scout Council was chartered in 1925 and was recognized as the first in Lorain County. In 1927 the Elyria Girl Scout Council was organized and the Lorain Girl Scout Council was chartered.

The first Girl Scout leader in North Ridgeville was Ruth Dunham, who came to Elyria from Connecticut, and graduated from Elyria High School in 1915, said Painter. Though she loved the outdoors and was enthusiastic about scouting, Painter said Dunham was stricken by pneumonia and died on Nov. 7, 1925. A dogwood tree was planted in her honor west of the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

North Ridgeville's first Girl Scout troop of approximately 10 to 15 girls, met at the church, and then, said Painter, they went to the Old Town Hall where the girls gathered regularly and participated in various activities.

At one time, during North Ridgeville's community Christmas tree lighting, "the girls tried a play, and everyone

stood there shivering," she laughed.

Around 1958, the Girl Scouts began selling the still-popular cookies, for just 40 cents a box, featuring four kinds of snacks; sandwich creams, shortbread, mints and savannahs.

Painter devoted Volume II to the years from 1960 to 1969, including the establishment of the first Girl Scout Day Camp on Westwood Road, July 11, 1960. "We had the camp about four or five years," said Painter, and some camps also were held at the Fathers of St. Joseph on Case Road in Avon.

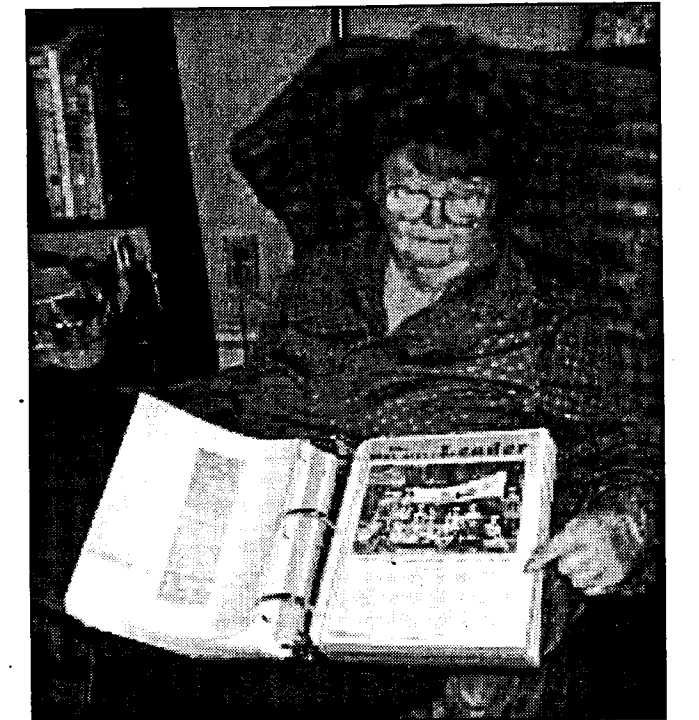
During those early years the number of troops continued to grow in North Ridgeville and activities began to include babysitting clinics and father-daughter banquets.

Dorothy Painter's third book of Girl Scout memorabilia includes the period from 1980 to the present, and includes such items as the annual Bake-Off.

Today, North Ridgeville boasts 29 Girl Scout troops, said Service Unit Director Karen Kulow, who guides all the troops in the city, which includes Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadets and Seniors.

Each school tries to have its own troop, she said, and "for the first time in three years, we have three troops at Lake Ridge Academy."

Kulow said some people have the misconception that Girl Scouts are synonymous with camping and selling cookies, however, the North Ridgeville girls enjoy a variety of things, including skiing, rock climbing, archery and horseback riding. And just in time for Easter, Kulow's own troop at Liberty School will hide 2,000 Easter eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt at St. Julie Billiard Church.



North Ridgeville historian, Dorothy Painter, recently completed a three-volume history of the Girl Scouts organization and is beginning a study on the history of beekeeping. (P&L Klear)

With the completion of her history of Girl Scouts, Painter is ready to begin a new project - the history of beekeeping - which will undoubtedly keep her 'buzzing' for quite a while.

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Hurry, hurry, Easter's almost here

By Carol Klear

EASTER BUNNY'S COMING..... Sunday's Easter, so get busy coloring those eggs and check out all the hiding places the guy with the big ears might be hiding Easter baskets filled with lots of chocolate goodies. And whatever you do, have a good time.

I DON'T THINK SO..... My sister-in-law decided to vacation in sunny Florida for a month, and since Klearly always hosts Easter dinner, along with the traditional Easter egg hunt, she wants me to send her Easter basket south, along with plenty of tasty treats. Now, tell me this, did I tell her to bask in the Florida sun, the very same week as the Easter holiday...I did not. So, do you think I'm gonna bundle a basket and ship it to her? I don't think so...maybe a greeting card...or maybe I can send an SOS to Peter Cottontail. Oh, I'm just being silly.

KEEPING FINGERS CROSSED.....I

Pressline:

Caller: Anyone interested in having a sign in his or her front yard in support of the proposed Family and Senior Center call Dottie Alberto, 327-6346.

Caller: A red flag went up when the Mayor decided to give \$20,000 a year from Beckett Corporation to the Senior Center instead of our city schools if the huge 40 percent income tax increase passes which will also benefit seniors. It doesn't add up, vote no.

Caller: Why is the BP station on Lorain Road at Rt. 83 closed and boarded up?

Response: According to a spokesperson with BP, an independent dealer ran the station. It is now closed and within the next several months BP will pull the tanks out and will be putting it on the market.

Caller: This is for the little babies on Bainbridge Road; I've lived on Lear Nagle for eight years and I've always walked to the curb to get my mail. I think they should thank their stars that they've been handled with kid gloves as long as they have. They ought to get a life, and stop focusing on something that really is a last priority and I'm sorry if it's a little inconvenient, but why don't they just get up like the rest of us and walk out and get their mail.

Caller: Hopefully seniors won't be lured into voting for a huge permanent income tax increase, which will place an unnecessary tax burden on all other taxpayers in the city. Let's wait for a better plan.

Caller: A 2-year resident of North Ridgeville had many questions about why several projects were begun and now appear to be halted, such as the Staubach land on Lorain at Lear Nagle, as well as the Lear Nagle property closer to Center Ridge Road. He presently lives in the Ridgefield Subdivision, in his fourth home built by developer Bob Schmitt. He is retired and is considering moving out of North Ridgeville because of the dissention and the lack of progress.

Klearly Speaking:

sure hope the weather's gonna cooperate for Easter. For the past several years we've had such a case of the dredges I've had to come up with some creative something-or-other for inside fun to replace the first-choice chasing around the yard looking for eggs, and when I last checked the week's forecast, I'm not too optimistic this year.

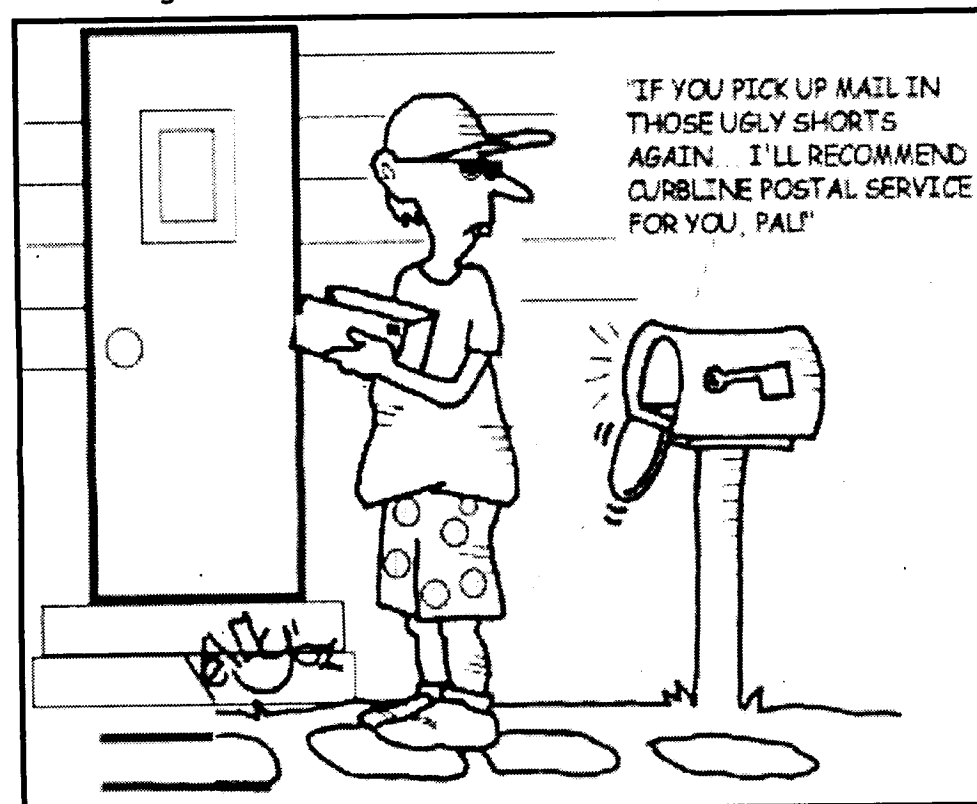
FORGET THE FOG TOO..... Wasn't that some Wednesday last week? As I headed to the post office to pick up the daily batch of P&L stuff, I was sure that the entire shopping strip had picked up and moved. Though I continued to drive the straight and narrow, I hadn't a clue where the car was headed. And then to get back onto Center Ridge...going east, to make things more interesting...well, let me tell you. After all those days of having a cop directing traffic, cruiser lights blinking and all, it sure

would have been nice to have one of the boys in blue that day.

BETTER LATE THAN..... Belated birthday greetings to Millie Imler, North Ridgeville song bird, who turned 91 a couple of weeks ago, and she still works part-time and still sings. Now, just how would all of you like it if I keep keepin' on in Ridgeville for another 20 or 30 years? Watch it! But you know, maybe I could do a series on the rise and fall and rise of the Ridgeview Shopping Center by that time. Whattaya think?

AND ANOTHER..... The Rotary Club of North Ridgeville celebrated its birthday this month, as well. In his column in the Roto News, President Casey O'Connor congratulated the charter members who formed the organization on April 10, 1981 and are still active; Jeff Brown, Chris Costin, Bob Kirkpatrick, Mike Kis, Tom Klear, Dick Noll, Al Retay, George Stokes and Chuck Sword.

Press & Light



Letter to the Editor:

Only in North Ridgeville

To The Editor:

The powers that be in the City of North Ridgeville better wake up. Their idea of making North Ridgeville a better place to live is very misguided. Let me just list a few things.

1) In what other city would it take a citizen approximately 20 minutes to drive less than a mile on a Saturday morning?

Only in North Ridgeville trying to get down Center Ridge Road.

2. In what other city would it take 30 minutes to drive from downtown Cleveland to I-480 and Lorain Rd. and then take an additional 15 minutes to get from Lorain Road to Center Ridge Road via Lear Nagel Road?

Only in North Ridgeville at 5 p.m.

3. In what other city would visitors entering our city limits or the center of our town be greeted by a run down trailer park, closed businesses, gas stations on almost every corner and soon a newly proposed used car lot.

Only in North Ridgeville.

4. In what other city would developers be allowed to add more vacant strip centers to an already growing number of vacant store fronts, abandoned property and a sea of for sale signs.

Only in North Ridgeville.

5. In what other city would voters be

asked to approve a library issue for one location, then pass the levy only to find out the library may not be built on the original site and then be asked to pass an income tax levy to build a community center that's not needed and by the way citizens, we may move the library as well.

Only in North Ridgeville.

My point is this; this city's leadership, from the Mayor, Council, Planning Commission on down should get their priorities in order. When I moved here some 25-plus years ago, the widening of Center Ridge Road was discussed. Here it is 25 years later, Center Ridge is the same except for more traffic lights, Lear Nagle is a joke, and our city leaders allow more businesses and growth on streets that can't handle any more traffic.

When sewers were approved for the Lorain Road area, development and growth was to follow. Where is it? The Master Plan that was adopted must have been written on one of those children's toys that erase anything written on it when you lift the top page.

Maybe the Recall Committee of the Mayor shouldn't stop there. It's time for the leadership of this city to stop all their bickering and get on with the job of making this a First Class City and not a second-class excuse for one.

Dennis Mackewicz
 North Ridgeville

Beckett abatement poorly timed

To the Editor:

As Mark Twain said, "When in doubt, tell the truth". I feel the citizens of North Ridgeville have not been told the entire truth! There are times where tax abatements are necessary, however, not at the cost of taxpayers! A 10-year 100 percent tax abatement was just given to Beckett Corp. This total abatement is \$1,256,133 over 10 years. I feel this is poor timing considering the administration would like the citizens to increase their city tax 40 percent for a Community Center. The burden of this increase will be put only on the working citizens. Most of the working citizens have families and this increase may unduly burden them.

I also find it very interesting that if this abatement goes through three readings of council it will be approved on May 21, 2001. This happens to be one week after the May election. This coincidence is very curious.

Beckett Corp. has generously offered to give \$20,000 a year to our Senior Center. While I admit the center could use the money, what about our schools? Our children are our most precious commodities. All too soon they will be the people sitting on council. These children could be working for Beckett, let's give them the opportunity for a better education. The schools could use this money for new computers, something they missed out on awhile back.

In closing, I would not be so presumptuous to tell citizens what they should vote for. Rather this is just food for thought. There is an old proverb, be careful of what you wish for, it may come true.

Mary Ann Miles
 North Ridgeville

Letters to the Editor:
Sewer project puzzle, less puzzling

To the Editor:

It looks as if the final piece of the West-erly Sewer project puzzle is dropping into place. It has been obvious since the beginning as to why the two housing developers have been such strong proponents of the deal. The PCD ordinance, which is a requirement of their participation in the project, with its allowance of high densities, affords them with the means of making additional millions in profits from their projects. Couple this with the fact that any self-assessments paid by these developers will be passed on to the new residents of our city that buy the homes and one can easily see the developer's interest in seeing the West-erly Sewer project completed as proposed.

The Beckett involvement has always appeared to be more straightforward. They were going to pay part of the cost of the interceptor in order to get sewers and allow for future expansion at their industrial park. It now appears that the industrial version of the PCD ordinance, "tax abatement", has been added to the mix. R.W. Beckett and Beckett Air have applied for a 10-year tax abatement on a 60,000 square foot expansion. Though the final numbers are not yet clear to me, conservatively, this abatement would seem to be in the neighborhood of \$1,200,000 over the course of the agreement. If you subtract the \$200,000 that is to be paid to either the Schools or the Senior Center during the 10 years, we are left with a cool \$1,000,000 addition to their bottom line. This would go a long way to offset any investment made by R.W. Beckett for the construction of the West-erly Interceptor.

I have always believed that tax abatements should be used as a last resort to entice new businesses to one's city, or to prevent existing businesses from leaving. As far

as I'm aware, neither situation exists here. Beckett is already here and, with its already sizable investment in its new facilities (facilities that were originally built with assistance from our taxpayers in the form of an abatement) recently built in our city, doesn't appear to be a candidate for relocation. Tax abatements should not be used to reward a business just for being a good corporate citizen or to allow them to recoup funds expended for another project.

While it is true that the schools will probably not be negatively impacted by this agreement due to the diverting of 45 percent of any new income taxes to them for the life of the abatement, this is not a legitimate argument for granting the abatement. Those are monies lost to the general fund of the city. I find it curious that we are being asked to raise our income tax by 40 percent while at the same time our administration is attempting to give our taxes away in the form of corporate welfare.

I strongly urge Council to vote against this abatement and I also urge my fellow taxpayers to contact their representatives to voice their opinions.

Rick Herman
 North Ridgeville

Former councilman speaks out

To the Editor:

As a landowner, businessman and former city councilman in North Ridgeville it is distressing to me that a golden opportunity for the city to obtain trunk sewer lines through the Western half of the city may be squandered. The location of the main trunk line

to the industrial area is ideal to extend laterals east and west to every resident, business and industry in the future.

Opposition to City Council because of the method used to obtain a service most everyone agrees is needed is like North Ridgeville's first mayor Luke Louman's quote of "Throwing out the baby with the bath water". It should be remembered regardless of how a public utility is financed. It is always eventually paid for by its users.

Many times opponents to the West-erly Sewer Plan speak of developers in a derogatory manner. I feel that is unwarranted. Class warfare is wrong in every sense. Developers are visionaries and provide a needed service to every healthy city. North Ridgeville needs the help of developers to provide trunk sewer lines so as not to overburden city finances. Many reasonable people have worked diligently on how best to finance North Ridgeville's sewer expansion.

City Council and Mayor Hill have demonstrated their ability to get things done, vision to look to the future, fortitude to make tough decisions and boldness to move on important issues when the time is right.

Now is the right time for North Ridgeville citizens to demonstrate that we are an environmentally conscious city that supports progressive representative government.

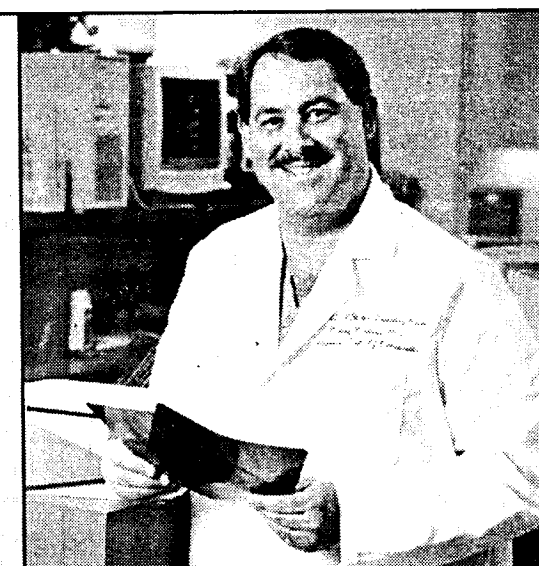
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AT&T Corporate Affairs Manager Joan Lowry, has announced that West of Cleveland is a finalist in the 2000 Beacon Awards competition. Sponsored by the Cable Television Public Affairs Association (CTPAA), the national Beacon Awards competition recognizes excellence in public affairs throughout the cable industry. Lowry commented, "We in Elyria consider this a prestigious honor. To be a finalist for a Beacon Award in the cable industry is like being up for an Oscar in the movies."

The Elyria-based cable company is a finalist in two categories: The Volunteer Telethon is a finalist in the community relation's category and was a telethon asking Lorain County residents to donate volunteer hours to 16 agencies instead of money.

Cultural Diversity: The Native American Tradition, is a finalist in the education category.

The winners of the 2001 Beacon Awards will be announced during the Beacon Awards Gala on April 24, at the J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, D. C. The Beacon Awards Ceremony is one of the highlights of CTPAA's annual conference, "Forum 2001".

Scholarships deadline, April 20

The deadline for applying for scholarships from the Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County is fast approaching. Applications must be received or postmarked by April 20. In 2000, the Community Foundation granted over \$237,000 in scholarships from 20 funds to local students.

This year, the Community Foundation has added two new scholarships available to qualifying Lorain County residents for post-secondary education: The Robert E. Bass Scholarship will aid nontraditional students pursuing medical, nursing, or business degrees, while The John E. Bobel Memorial Scholarship will aid graduates of high schools in the city of Lorain who will attend Lorain County Community College. The Community Foundation also has 20 other scholarships available to qualifying applicants studying anything from creative writing to veterinary medicine.

For more information, contact The Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County at 440-277-0142 or 440-323-445 or visit our website at www.cflgc.org

EASTER SERVICES

Time of sorrow, rejoicing at NR churches

This is Holy Week and many North Ridgeville churches are holding special services to commemorate the events leading to the Good Friday death of Christ, and His resurrection three days later on Easter Sunday.

The following is a list of the churches and the times of their services.

First Congregational United Church of Christ
36363 Center Ridge Rd.

Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m., Potluck Dinner
7:30 p.m., Tenebrae

Good Friday - 7 p.m. at Fields United Methodist Church
10 a.m. Service

Calvary Ridge Church of the Nazarene

Good Friday - 7 p.m., Tenebrae
6 a.m., Sunrise Service
9:30 a.m., Sunday School
10:45 a.m., Regular Service

Field United Methodist Church
34077 Lorain Rd.

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 p.m., Dramatic Presentation of the Last Supper; Communion
Good Friday - 7:30 p.m. Combined Service with First Congregational UCC, including combined choirs

Easter - 9 a.m. with Choir
11 a.m. with Choir

Harvest Ridge Assembly of God
35600 Lorain Rd.

Good Friday - 7 p.m.
Easter - 10:30 a.m., Communion Service

Faith Baptist Temple
34361 Lorain Rd.
6 a.m., Sunrise Service

Sugar Ridge Baptist Church
36600 Sugar Ridge Rd.

Easter - 7 a.m., Sunrise Service
8 a.m., Breakfast
10 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Worship.

St. Julie Billiard Church
5500 Lear Nagle Rd.

Holy Thursday - 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper

9 p.m. to 11 p.m., Private Adoration in the Chapel
Noon, 1 p.m. 2 p.m., Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - Noon, Blessing of the Food in the Chapel

7:30 p.m., Mass of the Resurrection
9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Mass

St. Peter Church
35777 Center Ridge Rd.

Holy Thursday - 8 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 3 p.m., Solemn Liturgy
8 p.m., Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - Noon, 3 p.m., Blessing of the Food

8:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Service
Easter - 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m., Mass (There will be an 11 a.m. Mass in both the church and the gym.)

Water tower stretches up and up

By Carol Klear

Broad pieces of steel wind round and round, one atop the other, as the water tower-in-progress stretches toward the blue sky. Within a few months the mighty hulk will complete its journey upward and peak at a projected 165 feet.

On the ground, workers in hard hats move from section to section of the unfinished structure. Sparks shoot into the atmosphere as they weld the segments together, and a crane stands nearby ready to hoist the pieces into place, when ready.

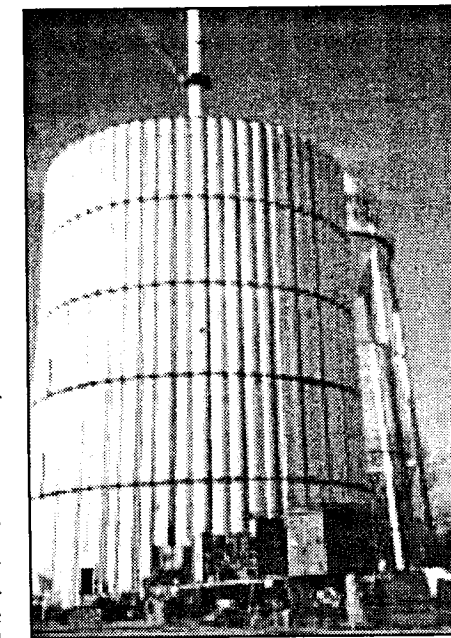
Stepping inside the mammoth structure, it's hard to imagine that some day storage and even office space might fill the overwhelming hollow. Presently the base is nothing more than a dirt floor, where equipment and electrical cords crisscross as work goes on, but overhead steel beams are in place ready to sustain future floors. When completed, the bowl above will hold two million gallons of water. "I personally want to

stand under it when they load the water," said city engineer Stewart Lovece with a laugh.

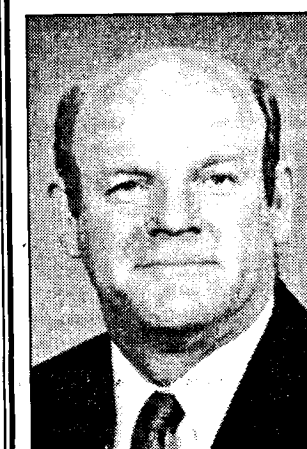
Around the tower's 78-foot diameter 15 spaces have been marked for windows. Lovece noted that they match the arched shape of the windows at the Old Town Hall. In addition to complementing the architecture of North Ridgeville's landmark, Lovece said, "Arches are the strongest geometric shapes." He also pointed to a window that could serve as a drive-through payment station, if needed.

Last year when Lovece asked Council to increase funding for the tower to shore up the structure for potential office space, he explained that it would include stairwells, an elevator and be ADA compliant. He also said it would be more economical to upgrade during construction, rather than to add the offices later.

When the new water tower is completed, which is slated for November, the old tower will be dismantled, said Lovece.



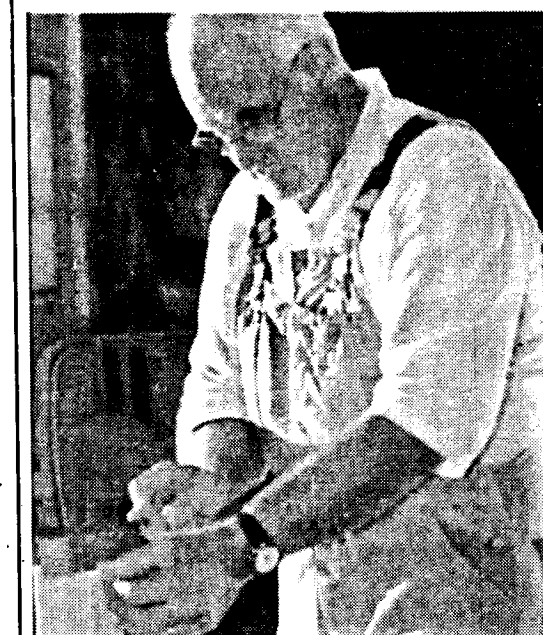
As construction on the water tower continues, City Engineer Stewart Lovece stopped to check out the progress. At right, Lovece points out the large pipes that will carry the water. Above, the present water tower is nearly eclipsed by the new one expected to be completed in November.



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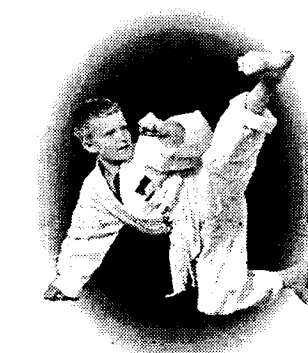
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In fact, if you're looking for a lovely or unusual gift for Mother's Day, May 13, you can't go wrong at LeHoty's Hallmark.

In its special event for Mother's Day, Hallmark will select one of its Mother's Day cards, identifiable by a number above the barcode on the back, as the winning, \$1 million card. The winning number will be announced during a 30-second Hallmark commercial to be aired on May 14 during the Today Show on NBC. The winning number also will be available online at www.hallmark.com and by calling 1-800-HALLMARK.

But that won't be the only opportunity to win your mother \$1 million.

Hallmark is also sponsoring an essay contest with the grand prize a cool million. Customers are invited to tell in 200 words or less why their mother or a mom they know is one in a million. One thousand entries will be chosen at random for judging. Four finalists will then be chosen to have their stories posted online, accessible either through the hallmark website or www.msnc.com. The entry that receives the most votes at both websites will win the grand prize for the mom named in the



Everybody needs a teddy bear, and LeHoty's Hallmark has several delightful lines of teddy bears, including these new Once Upon a Bear dressed-up ladybears.

Entry forms are available where Hallmark cards are sold, including, of course, LeHoty's Hallmark.

A third unusual tribute Hallmark is doing this year to honor Mother's Day is the chocolates game. Buy three Hallmark

cards and get a box of chocolates for \$3.99. There will be a ten-minute prepaid phone card in specially marked boxes. But each box will also contain a chance to win other exciting prizes.

"No matter how you'd like to honor your mother on Mother's Day, I think it's safe to say we have a lovely, appropriate gift for her," says LeHoty. "Mother's Day is one of our favorite holidays. So many times, I've overheard ladies in the store saying to their son or daughter, 'Drop a hint to Dad that this is where he's to come.'"

Bob LeHoty, who has been in business for 20 years, is proud of the variety and beauty of his Hallmark products and other product lines that complement the Hallmark line.

For instance, did you know that LeHoty's Hallmark is also a shoe store?

No, you won't find Adidas or Doc Martens at the colorful, fragrant shop, but if you're a collector of just the Right Shoes, the charming miniatures of women's footwear from the 1800s to the early 1960s, LeHoty's Hallmark is the place for you.

The Just the Right Shoes are fanciful collectibles that look perfect clustered on a table, dresser or nightstand. Made of durable resin, the shoes are heavy enough to resist breaking, yet delicate, colorful and detailed. The footwear includes extravagant high-heeled evening shoes, pumps and boots, many with matching hats and handbags.

"These are flying right out the door. They're replicas of actual shoes. I can't believe how many people have said that they remember their mom or grandma wore

a particular shoe," LeHoty said.

LeHoty's has lines of collectibles for every taste. Also very popular now are Boyd's Bears, a line of huggable, plush teddy bears.

Everyone, it seems, needs a teddy bear. "A lady came in here last year and said she was 90 years old. 'I've never had a teddy bear,' she said, 'and I'm going to buy myself one right now.' And she did," said LeHoty, smiling.

Boyd's Bears is offering a special for Mother's Day too - a dressed mama bear.

Speaking of bears, LeHoty's also has received its first shipment of a collection of Once Upon a Bear ladybears dressed in fancy, extravagant costumes. They are from The Doll Maker of Naples, Fla.

LeHoty's customers are also flocking into the store to buy beautiful works by the famed Swedish artist Marjolein Bastin, whose nature-inspired greeting cards, stationery, pottery, dishes and other housewares began being sold in the U.S. six years ago.

"Her work is exquisite," LeHoty said proudly. "The detail and care on each of her items never fail to impress me."

LeHoty's has hundreds of beautiful gift items, too many, in fact, to mention.

Bob and his staff cordially invite one and all to come in and browse.

"I think you'll find the perfect gift for mom," he said with a smile.

LeHoty's Hallmark is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 440-327-3387.

Police Department Reports:

North Ridgeville High School receives bomb threat

By Mark Maier

Both the police and fire departments reported that a bomb threat occurred at North Ridgeville High School the morning of April 4.

At 7:19 a.m., the main office at the high school received a call from a female advising that she overheard information that there was supposed to be a bomb in the high school on this date. The caller then hung up the telephone without identifying herself.

The high school was evacuated to Wilcox Rd. and the bus garage. The police and fire departments, along with school officials, conducted a room-to-room search of the building. No bomb or suspicious device was located. Classes were resumed as usual.

Superintendent Tom Rockwell said that the high school has a "confidential system" which can track the number of the call. Wednesday's call was traced to the home of a student who had been suspended for 10 days. When police arrived there, said Rockwell, the student wasn't home, but her mother was, and police " nabbed her."

The School Resource Officer Adam Freas said that the suspect's name has not been released because the allegation is still under investigation.

Rockwell noted that the administration is being criticized because the students were allowed to enter the building, despite the alleged bomb threat, however, at that time of the morning students are arriving at school and it was in their best interest to announce the situation after they were all inside, rather than "create a panic."

He said, "We got them all in here and then got them all out."

'X' marks the spot

Six people at Bucky's Bar on March 31 were stopped by police when officers observed one of them consuming alcohol and being underage, by the 'X' on their hand. Instead, one of the others got more than he bargained for.

Patrolmen Lee and Petek were working a plainclothes detail at the bar and checking for underage consumption violations. They observed the group of six individuals drinking at a table. They could clearly see at least one of the individuals having an 'X' stamped on both hands, but were unable to see any marks on the other five people, including the person who turned out to be the defendant.

Lee spoke with four of the individuals as

Petek spoke with the other two. Lee showed them his badge, informing them that he is a police officer. He grabbed the 24-year-old defendant by the arm to get his attention because he was looking away from the officer. When the defendant turned, the officer showed his badge again and reiterated that he was the police. The defendant jerked his arm away and told the officer to get off of him.

Lee asked the four individuals to step to the rear of the bar so he could check their identification. The defendant told Lee to get out of his face. The officer told him to produce identification or he would be arrested for obstructing. Finally, a friend told him to get his identification, and he showed his license.

Lee did not pursue the matter further until he could locate assistance. He found Petek, who had the other two subjects in another part of the bar. Petek said one individual was under arrest for underage consumption. The officers returned inside and escorted the defendant outside.

Patrolman Larkin arrived and he handcuffed the defendant.

The defendant was transported to the police department and charged with disorderly conduct intoxication persist and resisting arrest. He was held on bond.

April fools! Not!

Early in the morning of April 1, the police department received an anonymous telephone complaint that the defendant was under suspension and would be driving either a green Tempo or a blue Bonneville through North Ridgeville to Giant Eagle. The 21-year-old defendant was not fooling around when he led officers on a vehicle chase and then on foot.

Patrolman Jones drove through the Giant Eagle parking lot and observed a green. As he drove toward the vehicle, the lights went on and the car started to drive toward the exit. Jones pulled up behind the vehicle and observed one male occupant. The vehicle turned west onto Center Ridge Rd. Jones ran the license and learned that the car was listed to the defendant's mother.

The vehicle swerved left, crossing into the center turning lane. Jones attempted to stop the vehicle.

The vehicle did not slow down until it approached the intersection of Jaycox Rd. Jones advised the dispatcher of the location of the traffic stop. However, the vehicle did not stop, but turned north on Jaycox and

then west onto Forestwood St. It was on Forestwood St. that the car came to a stop.

The defendant opened the driver's door and placed one foot outside and Jones ordered the defendant back in the vehicle, but the defendant ignored it and stepped out and began running westbound on Forestwood. The officer ordered him to stop and began chasing him on foot.

While running after the defendant, the officer gave two verbal commands that he should stop or that he would deploy his K9 partner, Shadow. Jones released Shadow. The dog ran past the officers and turned north into an open field. Jones ordered Shadow down before giving two more warnings and Shadow went into surveillance position about 30 ft. continued running.

Shadow was then deployed again, this time with instructions to apprehend the defendant.

When Jones arrived at their location, he observed the defendant kneeling on his hands and knees with Shadow on the left arm of his jacket. The subject had an odor of alcohol. Patrolman Trampush arrived at the

scene to handcuff the man.

At the station, the defendant refused to submit to the Datamaster test. A check of his driving record revealed that he had a total of five incidents, on his license in the last six years. Due to that, the DUI is upgraded to a felony of the fourth degree. The defendant was charged with driving in marked lanes, driving under suspension, driving under the influence, and obstructing official business. Jones asked the defendant about not stopping. The man replied, "Man, I thought you were joking. I thought Larkin was the only one with a dog."

Safety check-up

The Lorain County Safety Community Coalition is sponsoring a car seat safety check-up April 24 and April 26 at Elyria Memorial Hospital Center for Health and Fitness. For more information, call the Lorain County Safety Community Coalition at (440) 988-6800 or pick up a brochure at the North Ridgeville Police Department.

Fire Department Reports:

A fire crew arrived at a residence on Avon Belden Rd. after residents advised them of a loud pop heard before the power went out.

The fire crew arrived about 5:15 p.m. on March 30 to find the electrical system at the residence to be in condition of needing repairs. The resident called

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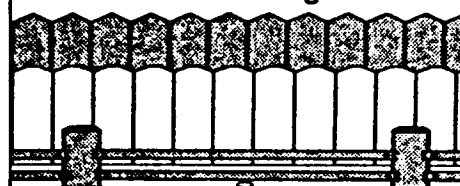
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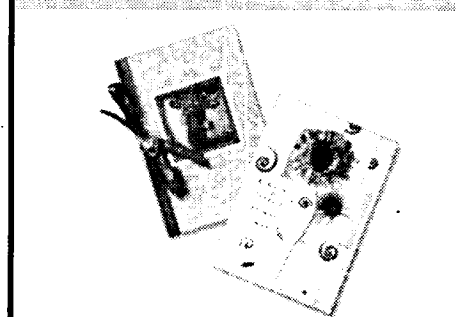
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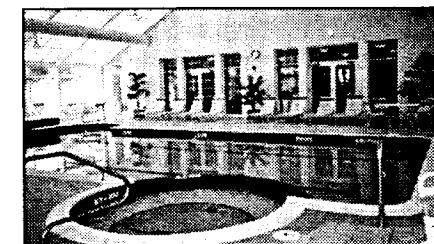
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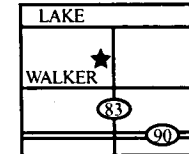


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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

All Hall of Fame for the 'good kids'

By Jerry D. Dudek

There are two kinds of high school athletes that I enjoy watching --- those who excel and those who try.

Recognizing the first kind is easy. Everybody loves a winner and everybody enjoys watching a sport played at a high level, especially in high school, where egos, million dollar contracts and endorsements have not yet infiltrated. Great runners, pitchers, tennis players are fun to watch as they dominate their sports. It is obvious that success is based not only on God-given talent, but hard work, training, dedication, concentration and perhaps most importantly, true love of the sport.

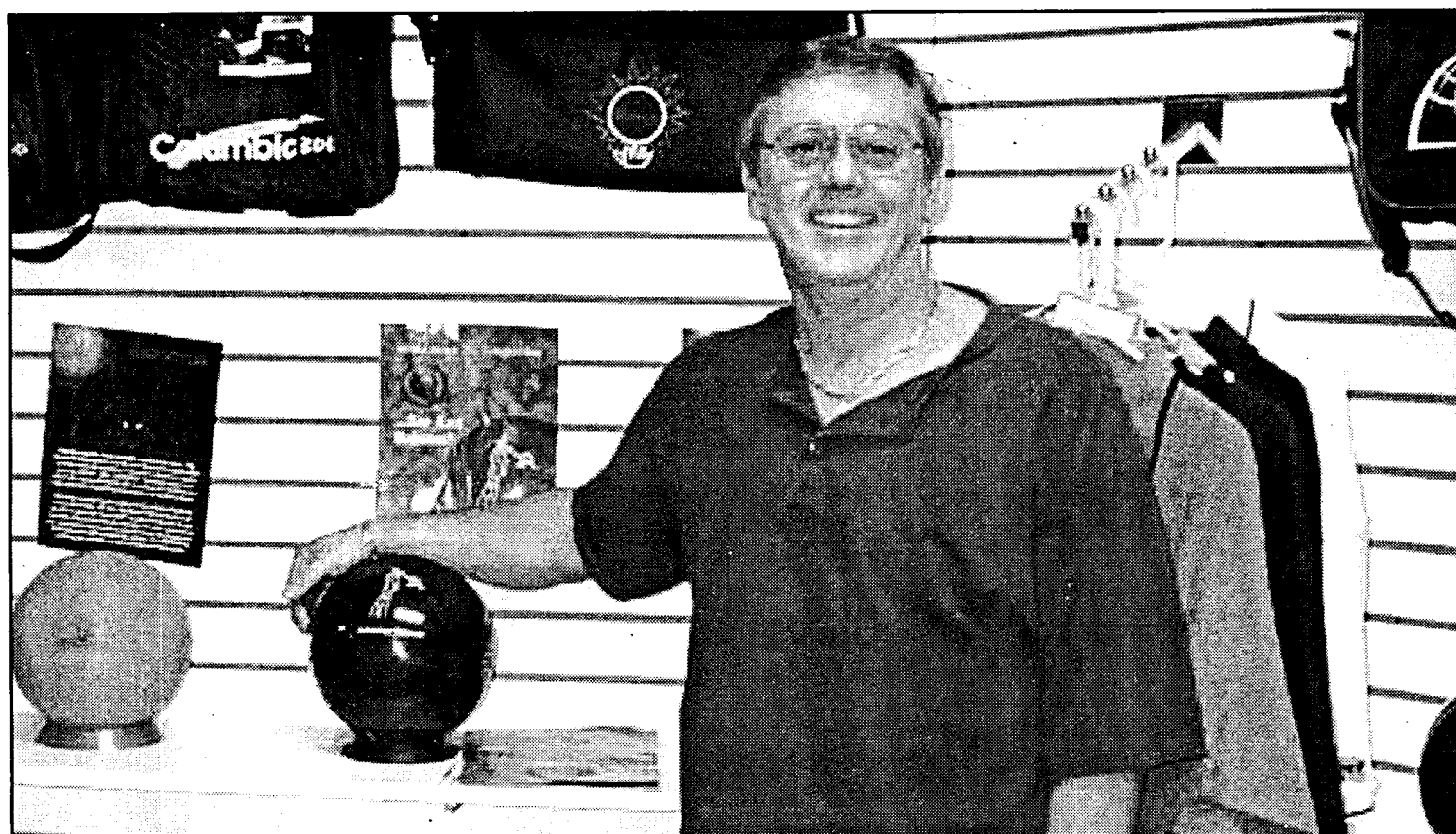
Great high school athletes who achieve great things are rewarded with their photographs hanging near the trophy cases at school, plaques proclaiming their success and at many schools, eventual induction into a sports Hall of Fame. One of the good things about high achievement in high school sports is that it doesn't really matter what sport an athlete is good at. If he or she excels, especially on a state level, it matters very little if it is football, basketball, cross country, volleyball, gymnastics or badminton. There are no high school hallway debates over who is the better athlete --- the state wrestling champion or the state gymnastics champion. They are both equals in the minds of classmates and educators.

If I were to judge high school athletes, it wouldn't be on skill or success, it would be on their character and that's where the athletes who try come in. I would have more respect and admiration for an athlete who tries but does not succeed at a high level than one who is rude and discourteous in victory. Competition on the playing venues of the high school world is one thing, but boastful, impolite attitudes off the courts, mats and fields is quite another.

I read somewhere that parents oftentimes spend more time making sure that their children are succeeding in school grades, but spend very little or no time making sure their children are "good kids." Perhaps sports could take a lesson from that.

"Good kids" are a coach's dream. They practice hard, try to achieve some level of success, get along with their teammates, and are good competitors but also good losers and good winners. They do whatever is asked of them by the coach for the good of the team without thinking about how good it is for them. They would sacrifice playing time if it meant the team would do better. Most often, these are the athletes who try and these are the athletes who are most deserving of some success. Sometimes it comes their way (and that makes a great story) and sometimes it doesn't.

Perhaps there should be a Hall of Fame for these types of athletes as well because most high school teams are built on their resolve. Every team usually has a star player and everybody knows who that is. It would be interesting to identify the real backbone of high school teams --- the "good kids" who love to be part of a team, who make the most out of their athletic ability and enjoying playing sports because it is fun and because they truly love it.



Fit 'N Hit Pro Show proprietor Perry Keplinger offers a variety of bowling equipment to help bowlers improve their game.

As bowling scores rise, so do ball sales

By Jerry D. Dudek

It's a great time to be a bowling pro shop proprietor, Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes' Perry Keplinger says.

The sport of bowling is now fashionable and more popular than ever. Couple that with the latest developments in bowling equipment which have resulted in increased scoring and it is easy to understand why more and more people are trying their luck at it.

For someone who owns a pro shop, these are the best of times. But for a bowling purist like Keplinger, they are also the worst of times.

The 55-year-old recently opened his pro shop Fit 'N Hit at the 46-lane North Ridgeville bowling establishment and business has been brisk. With more than 3,000 league bowlers at the center, Keplinger's shop lies smack dab in a bullish bowling market. His shop sells balls of all colors, weights and composition, a far cry from the variety of equipment that was available when he took up the sport more than three decades ago.

In the late 1960 and early to mid-1970s, there were only three major bowling ball manufacturers, Brunswick, AMF and Ebonite. Although they offered several kinds of balls, every one of them was com-

posed of hard rubber. Eventually, hard rubber balls turned into soft rubber balls. Hard and soft plastic balls soon followed. In the two decades since then, the metamorphosis of equipment has included urethane, resin, reactive resin, weight blocks and particle bowling balls.

Decades ago, bowlers with 195 averages were considered some of the best around. Today, they are in the middle of the pack. Series of 600 were considered the benchmark for a good night of bowling. Today, bowlers who "only" shoot 600 during league play are disappointed.

Back then, 300 games were a rarity and 800 series were considered unachievable. Today, they are common place.

With less skill than in the olden days, bowlers can shoot honors scores, sometimes on a weekly basis.

"Equipment has definitely had an impact on the game of bowling," Keplinger said. "The balls today hook more and hit harder without a bowler having to have a strong wrist. That has contributed more than anything else, to the increase in honor scores. But it has also revitalized interest in the sport. If you do something well, you want to do it more often."

And when a bowler tastes success, he wants every advantage he can get to be even more successful. That's where a pro shop

comes in.

It's been nearly 25 years since there has been a pro shop at Center Ridge Lanes. Manager Rick Short, who bowls with Keplinger, saw the need for the bowling establishment to have one again and asked Keplinger if he would be interested in renting space in the bowling alley for such an enterprise. Keplinger, who was working at the Wellington Post Office at the time, told Short he couldn't start a pro shop until he retired from the post office. Keplinger reached 30 years of service in December and soon opened up Fit 'N Hit.

He hasn't been disappointed. He said that Short and the Center Ridge Lanes have been very accommodating and their promotion of the sport of bowling to all age levels is a big reason for the bowling alley's success.

"I was not disillusioned with the post office. I spent 30 good years there. I was ready to move on, but not retire. The opportunity came up to be a part of something I really enjoy, like bowling and I didn't want to pass it by," he said.

Now there are more than a half-dozen major bowling ball manufacturers and as many as two dozen minor manufacturers. Bowlers have their choice of balls that hit

See Bowling on pg. 11

Royals fourth in tennis tourney

Lake Ridge Academy, the smallest high school in terms of enrollment in Lorain County, finished fourth in the ten-team Lorain County Athletic Administrators Association tennis tournament this past weekend.

The Royals recorded 30 points, and finished behind Elyria Catholic with 48, Avon Lake with 41 and Elyria with 36. Other participants included Amherst, 27, Admiral King, 26, Vermillion, 25, Lorain Catholic, 19, Southview, 18, and Avon 7.

The first doubles team of Omar Al-Jadda and P.J. Corogin finished second in the event, dropping a close finals match to Avon Lake's Ian Wagner and Kyle Kovacs, 6-3 and 7-6 (8-6). Earlier, the team defeated Vermillion in three sets and Elyria in two sets. Corogin and Al-Jadda had entered the tourney as the top seed.

The Royals also got a strong showing from Brian Bitar at second singles who also finished second. He was seeded fourth in the tournament. Bitar defeated Neal Smucker of Admiral King 6-2 and 6-2 before beating second seeded Wes Madara

of Avon Lake in three sets. Bitar lost to top-seeded Mike Herrick of Elyria Catholic, 6-0 and 6-1 in the finals.

First singles Blake Oatey lost his first match to Matt Brinda of Elyria, 6-1 and 6-2, then defeated Adam Decker of Avon 8-4 in the consolation round to finishing ninth.

Third singles player W. Corogin was an opening round winner over Jason Wallace of Avon, 7-5 and 6-3, then lost a three set affair to Nick Brinda of Elyria, 4-6, 6-3 and 6-1 in finishing fifth.

The second doubles team of Ahmed and Flannery dropped a 6-4 and 6-4 decision to Lorain Catholic's Brandon Neal and Chris Cocco, then lost to Avon Lake in the consolation, 8-1 to finish sixth.

A total of 12 teams were slated to compete in the annual tournament, which was held at Avon Lake on April 6 and April 7, but only ten competed. Oberlin doesn't have a tennis team this season and Midwest dropped out of the tournament at the last moment, following the death of a senior in a car accident the day before the tournament started.



Lake Ridge Academy's Blake Oatey serves one up in tennis action. (Photo by Mike Yatcko)

RIDGEVILLE ROUND-UP

Royals battle for 12-10 season-opening victory

By Jerry D. Dudek

Lake Ridge Academy softball coach Sue Bus had hoped that on occasion, her young team could come through with the bats to win some games this season. She just didn't know it would be the opening game of the season.

The Royals have managed to play just one game this season and they made the most of it with a 12-10 decision over Clearview on April 5. Lake Ridge, trailing 10-6, scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning for a come-from-behind 12-10 victory.

It wasn't so much that the girls rallied late in the game, but how they did it that caused Bus to smile.

"I was impressed with the way they hung in there and stuck it out. It was freezing cold and the girls could have just gone back out for one more inning and went home. It would have been easy to pack it in," she said.

But instead the Royals put together, a string of singles, walks and an error in scoring their six runs. There were no extra base hits in the rally, just clutch hitting.

"The freshmen, in their first game, really stepped it up," the coach said.

Rightfielder Simone Benoit had a big game collecting three hits. Katie O'Grady and Stephanie Bus each had two hits as well. Bus picked up the victory allowing 12 hits and two walks. She had ten strike outs. Four Royal errors contributed to

Clearview's scoring.

Lake Ridge has a big week ahead of it as it enters Private School League play including contests with highly-regarded Beaumont, St. Augustine.

"This week will definitely show us where our weaknesses are at," Bus said, especially with the April 11 game versus Beaumont.

Coach Bus had been concerned about her team's play last week because many of her players had just gotten back from a two-week spring break trip, but the inclement weather helped alleviate some of those concerns. Still, Bus would rather be playing more games early to get ready for the league schedule. A core group of four players played winter ball this year and that experience has been a benefit.

Ranger girls sixth at invite

The North Ridgeville girls track team finished sixth, tied with Elyria Catholic, at the Avon Lake Invitational this past weekend. The Lady Rangers had 17 points.

Twelve teams participated in the girls meet.

North Ridgeville got its points from Megan Leighliter, who finished third in the discus with a throw of 92 feet, 7 inches and Amy Davin, who also finished third for the Lady Rangers, running the 1,600 meters in 5:39.7.

The North Ridgeville boys team finished 15th, scoring three points.

Lady Rangers rally for win

The North Ridgeville girls softball team scored nine times in the final two innings to rally past Berea 12-4, in Pioneer Conference action last week.

The Lady Rangers scored three times in the fourth inning to break a scoreless tie, but saw Berea take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fourth. In the sixth, North Ridgeville scored four times and put the game out of reach in the seven by scoring five more times.

Ashley Bier picked up the victory.

The Lady Rangers had 13 hits in the contest, while giving up just three hits to Berea.



North Ridgeville's Ashley Bier fires a strike in action against Berea. (Photo by Mike Yatcko)

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ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults.
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N.R. SCHOOLS, Spring Break.
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WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.
HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.
ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.
N.R. ARTS COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m. First Congregational UCC Church.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

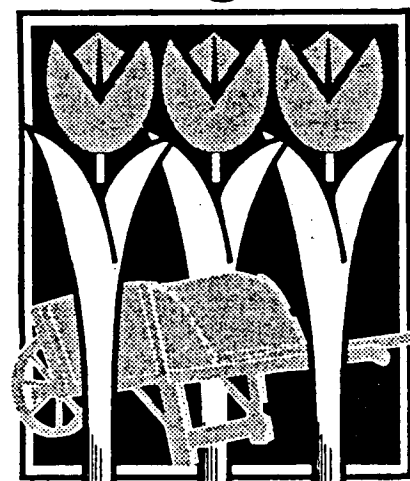
TUESDAY

N.R. SCHOOLS, Spring Break.
BABYSITTING BASICS, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.
N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info.
ADULT CPR and ADULT CPR with FIRST AID BASICS, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.
LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant.
TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd. DADS OF FOREIGN SERVICE VETERANS, 7:30 p.m. at the post.
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Education Center.

WEDNESDAY

N.R. SCHOOLS, Spring Break.
OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. 353-0828/info.
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Third Honors: Melanie Arlow, Kara Herbert, Jeremy Ice, Patrick Valletta, Vanessa Armario, Nicole Davis, Michelle Feierabend, Amanda Gargaro, Chris Ippolito, Rebecca Liskay, Mike Nolan, Eric Wilhelm.

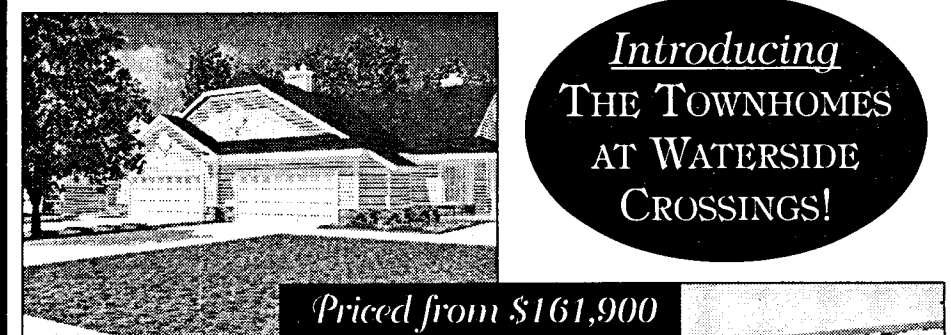
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GARY L. HLYWIAK

Gary L. Hlywiak, 49, of Lorain died April 4 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Avon after a brief illness.

Born in New Kensington, Pa., he had previously lived in Parma and Cleveland before moving to Lorain, where he had lived for one year.

Mr. Hlywiak had worked for 30 years as a machine repairman at the Ford Motor Co. in Cleveland.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Mary (nee Troxell); daughters Laura Spurlock of North Ridgeville, Diane Hlywiak of Cleveland and Beth Ann Krakowiak of Lakewood; two granddaughters; three sisters; four brothers; and his father.

Mr. Hlywiak was preceded in death by his mother.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Church with the Rev. Thomas J. Pajk, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery. The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

RICHARD A. PYLE

Richard A. Pyle, 46, of North

Ridgeville died April 4 at his home.

Born in Cleveland, he had lived in Lakewood before moving to North Ridgeville, where he had lived since 1984.

Mr. Pyle was a 1972 graduate of Lakewood High School. He was studying accounting at Lorain County Community College.

For the past year and a half, he worked in the accounting office of Tri-Com Business Systems in Cleveland.

He was an avid sports fan, and he enjoyed playing golf and softball.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Kathy (nee Spurlock); daughters Toby Pyle of North Ridgeville and Melissa Putt of Bay Village; two grandchildren; three sisters; one brother; his mother and stepmother.

Mr. Pyle was preceded in death by his father.

Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Barbo pastor of Bay Village Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Fields Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 43099 North Ridge Rd., Elyria, 44035.

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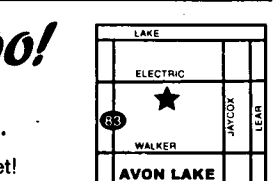
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Through Arts Day, Wilcox students enjoyed a variety of art forms

By Carol Klear

Wilcox School was alive with activities, from the cafeteria to the classrooms that lined the halls.

It was Arts Day and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 26, the children were exposed to various art forms, including visual, interactive and hands-on, designed to help the boys and girls make connections between arts, science and technology, with the aid of 20 artists from every field and thanks to the inspiration of art teacher Megan Felker.

Members of the North Ridgeville Middle School Mime and Drama Club entertained students in the cafeteria and though some of the youngsters were nearly convulsed with laughter at the antics, the mimes said nary a word.

Moving through the cafeteria, one or another of the silent actors stopped at a line of children and passed out colored feathers. The deed done, the mimes began provoking a "sword fight" with their young audi-

ence. There was a lunge here and a lunge there, with no one the worse for wear when the fun ended.

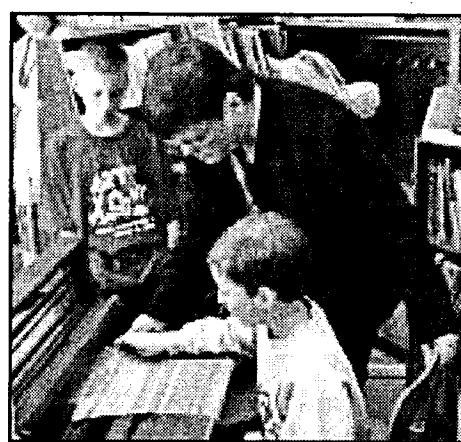
In another part of the lunchroom, a wordless juggler tossed balls into the air, careful to catch them as they fell, only to be sent them skyward again and again.

In one of the classrooms artist Carol Vacca was helping children create a recyclable sculpture using all sorts of things from bright orange Tide boxes to mud-colored empty paper towel rolls hooked together to make one long cylinder. Pop and juice bottles hung from the rolls on strings.

Vacca explained that the room had been divided into several sections for the projects - production, assembly and final production. As she worked on her portion of the art piece, third grader Jasmin Kennet described it as a "big something."

Vacca said she had been doing art structures for about five years and said she is mostly "self-taught."

Down the hall ways, several members of



Hands-on learning was part of the Wilcox Arts Day program as students learned how European cultures used the loom to weave their traditional clothing.

the North Ridgeville High School Spectrum of Sound Show Choir, in red T-shirts with white lettering proclaiming, "Arts Day Wilcox" were practicing for their part of Arts Day.

After the children were seated on the classroom floor, one and then another of the teens explained that they were going to learn to sing and dance.

As "Fame" blasted from a portable stereo in the corner, the teens demonstrated what the little ones would be doing.

"I got more in me and you can set it free," they sang. Someone said, "When you say, 'you can set it free,' make a little sunshine with your hands."

Before long the Wilcox children were on their feet, singing the words to "Fame" and step, step, stepping, obviously having a wonderful time.

A North Ridgeville pottery artist was nearly finished with one class and tearing off pieces of clay from a larger chunk in preparation for the next bunch.

Rachel Martin employs a unique glazing style to make her clay pots stand out, and while in her room, the boys and girls learned to pinch pots and enjoyed Martin's demonstration on the potter's wheel.

The artist said she has been sculpting for about six years, taking some classes at Lorain County Community College. "Basically, I'm self-taught," she said, noting that she practices her art in the basement of her Rt. 83 home.

Woodcarver Barbara Yates fascinated the children as she transformed a piece of wood into a bird. "I didn't plan to make a bird," the Oberlin artist said, "then I decided to make a bird-like thing."

With the basic shape completed, Yates picked up a chisel and mallet to show the boys and girls a technique to shape feathers. As she worked, Yates made fun of herself, and said, "I don't think eagles have necks this long. Let's make this an imaginary bird."

Sensing the youngsters were anxious to see what she could do with a chain saw, Yates pulled out the piece of wood she had been sitting on. "I think this looks like an angel," she said, and began revving up the saw to go to work. "This is how I make my living," she said.

In a quieter part of the school, Cosmos Program Educator Branka Malinar was sharing with the children items representing her Croatian heritage, such as the art of weaving and the pysanky egg decorating.

On a table were several dolls dressed in Croatian costumes. One girl was trying on a brightly decorated skirt and blouse, while the rest of the class looked on.

Through his keyboard, coupled with computer technology, Dave Young demonstrated how the two could be linked. "There's a computer inside the keyboard," he told the children, "and you can put a floppy disc into the keyboard. We're putting sounds and pieces of music onto a disc."

Showing how he could create a new sound, Young asked a little girl to speak into a microphone so he could record her voice. From there he changed the timbre and the rhythm of what she had recorded, causing the rest of the audience to giggle a bit.

It was impossible to visit every artist's room, but it was easy to see that the Wilcox Art Day had been a wonderful success.



Students leaned about Indian culture and heard sitar music performed by Hasu Patel. As part of her program, she answered questions about Indian culture and performed some children's favorites such as "London Bridge" on the sitar.

Surgenor to speak at GOP women's luncheon

Robert R. Surgenor, detective and author, will discuss his book "No Fear," April 17, at the Westshore Republican Women's Club luncheon. The subject of the book is juvenile crime, a problem Surgenor has dealt with for many years in his position as head of the Berea Police Department's Juvenile Crime Unit.

He feels that permissive parenting has resulted in a generation of many children who have no fear of consequences,

authority or God. They are without a conscience. A dynamic speaker and guest on several national television shows, Surgenor will give a professional's insight, not only on his experiences, but also on today's tragic happenings.

The noon luncheon will be held at the Five Season's Sports Country Club, 28105 Clemens Rd., Westlake. For more information and reservations, call Paula Comyns at 892-1893 by April 13. The cost is \$16. Guests welcome.

Lorain County celebrates National County Gov't Week

The Lorain County Commissioners and government leaders will residents a variety of interests in observance of National County Government Week, April 22 through April 28.

Lorain County will kick off this event on April 21 at the Midway Mall. Various county departments will set up informational and educational displays at the Mall; and officials and their representatives will be available to answer any questions or concerns. Join the Commissioners' staff to meet L.C. Cool, the County Mascot, and while there, enter to win grand prizes including Indians tickets, gift certificates and office supplies. Pick up a reward for visiting each county department at the Mall, and enjoy some fun activities. The Veterans Service Commission and the VA Medical Center will provide blood pressure and blood glucose/cholesterol screenings from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mall. Veterans will also be able to enroll with the VA Healthcare System of Ohio and receive additional information about VA care services.

In conjunction with this year's information technology theme, representatives from Lorain County Community College will also be on hand at the Mall to share information

about the recent economic development program, the Great Lakes Incubator for Digital Enterprises (GLIDE), which Lorain County is helping to fund. LCCC also invites citizens to learn more about the GLIDE program at a presentation April 25, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the University Center in Room 325. For more information, contact the LCCC Marketing and Media Relations office at 366-4112.

Informational tours of various county facilities will be conducted throughout the week, and county officials, department heads or their representatives will discuss their duties, responsibilities and any special programs at local schools throughout the county. Anyone interested in a tour or speaker can contact Janice Mokosh at 329-5418.

This special week will provide citizens of Lorain County with an opportunity to see for themselves the wide range of services provided by their county. Most importantly, Lorain County residents will have an opportunity to understand the organization of county government, see how their tax dollars are being spent, and learn how they can get involved in their local county government. For more information, call 329-5418.

'I Can Cope' series for people facing cancer

The American Cancer Society, EMH Regional Medical Center, Community Health Partners, and Lorain County Community College have joined together to present "I Can Cope" a series of educational classes for people facing cancer.

The classes are held on four consecutive Thursday's beginning April 19, from 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at Lorain County Community College, College Center Room 228.

The "I Can Cope" series will provide factual, straightforward cancer information and answers to questions about: human anatomy, how cancer develops, diagnosis and treatment, side effects of treatment and many more practical hints and encouragement for living with cancer. There is no charge for attending these classes but registration is required. Please call the American Cancer Society at 324-2211 or 233-5216 to register.

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My world is, My Thai

By Kathryn M. Seman
United States Peace Corp Volunteer



Kathryn Seman

Can you believe that I've been here a year? Sometimes it feels like forever, sometimes it feels like I just got here yesterday. It has been an amazing year. There have been diseases, viruses, and rashes that I never heard of and am now getting or protecting myself from. Snakes, scorpions and spiders as big as my hand are no longer things in a Red Cross Manual. They are living in my house. The fact that Thai comes out of my mouth and people understand what I am saying, still surprises me. I have seen some of the most beautiful places ever, and some of the worst. The beaches of Ko Samet and the mountains of Chaing Mai are a stark contrast to my very dirty, dog-infested village.

I have met the most wonderful, generous people. How could I ever repay my host family and teachers for all they have done for me during training? And then there are the few really good friends I have who will stop doing whatever, and make my little concern the focus of their attention. It's hard to imagine a principal driving eight hours to buy a good bottle of French wine for a dinner he invited me to at his house, or how about the mailman offering to write to me when I don't get mail for a week. Yesterday, a high school boy saw me waiting for a bus after he knew the last one had left my friend's village. He drove me 25 kilometers on his motorcycle to the next bus stop and waited with me until a bus to my village came. While I was waiting, the local English teacher bought me a Pepsi and cookies.

In contrast, there was the guy at the information desk of the train station who offered to "help" us. He was really a scam artist trying to get us to use his travel agency because "the trains were full" he said. He detained us just long enough to miss the last train of the day.

Jack, the stray dog who "lived" at our hotel in Chainat, was the best, most loyal dog I have ever seen. When I first stepped off of the bus in Chainat and saw him, I was afraid to move any further. Everyone said it would be all right, but no one told us about the dogs. He came over and licked the back of my hand like a kiss then he followed me right into the hotel. There, he continuously slept outside my door and followed me wherever I went. He protected me from all

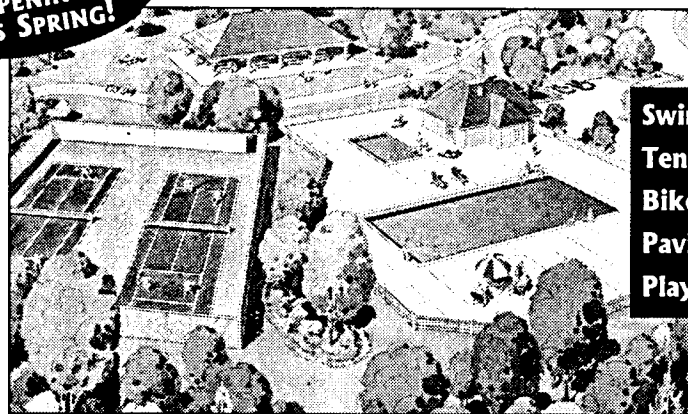
the other dogs in the city too by walking with me. I wish he were here because I can barely leave my house alone, without being chased and almost attacked.

Then there was my co-worker Pi Oy, who was so kind and generous in the beginning, that I thought I couldn't be luckier. Until, she started doing things like stealing things out of my house while I was away at a meeting in Bangkok. She would keep my mail and spread rumors about me. Leaving me five days with little food and no water was the last straw.

Previously, I had tried to shelter you from the "bad" stuff. I only wrote about the interesting, fun adventures. But I am tired now. I spend 80 percent of my energy just surviving, which doesn't leave much left over to accomplish anything. I know that many of you think that what I am doing is so brave. I get letters telling me how proud of me some of you are. But a friend of mine said that sometimes going home is braver than staying. Anyone can stay, but it takes a braver person to get their things together and come home before they become too sour. I hope you all see it that way, because I will be home in about a week.

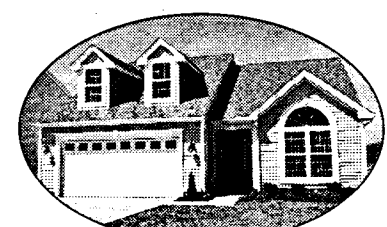
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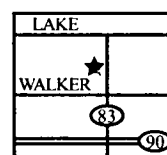
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RHEEL RHEEVIEWS

'Heartbreakers': film noir with heart...and a lot of cleavage

By Scott Rhee

The opening scene of David Mirkin's comedy "Heartbreakers" is an aerial shot, spiraling dizzily toward a church steeple with a Bernard Hermann-like score playing on the soundtrack—an obvious reference to Alfred Hitchcock's classic noir thriller "Vertigo", about a private eye (Jimmy Stewart) whose life is ruined by a seductive femme fatale (Kim Novak).

The reference is an appropriate one. As is requisite in the film noir genre, the noir-comedy "Heartbreakers" features a plot to swindle an unsuspecting dupe out of millions, a slew of unlikely (but strangely sympathetic) characters, and, of course, the femme fatale.

The great Hitchcock (a notorious woman-hater) would have adored this film, simply for the fact that the film features not one but three femme fatale characters.

For those who may not be familiar with the film noir genre, allow me to give you a brief lesson. Popularized in the 1940s and 50s with such classics as "The Big Sleep", "Double Indemnity", and "Kiss of Death", the genre tapped into the dark side of human nature. Evolved from the dime-store pulp novels of the decades preceding World War II, the genre catered to the male fantasies of tough guys with guns and a hot dame at their side. The movies involved shadowy figures with shady morals doing extremely shady things, and audiences ate it up.

People were tired of fake sentiment. They wanted gritty and hard-boiled. Of course, it wasn't until the 60s feminist movement that many critics began questioning (justifiably) the dangerous gender stereotypes and images prevalent in the genre (eg. men were violent pricks and women were heartless whores). Times changed, and the genre changed with it.

Today, film noir is considered a politically incorrect genre, but it has, over the years, undergone quite a facelift. Such recent revisionist films noir—"Payback" and "Get Carter" to name two—have



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been painted a 'kinder, gentler' genre. It's debatable whether the results are an improvement or not.

Personally, I prefer my film noir the old-fashioned way: dark, disturbing, with characters I love to hate (but strangely sympathetic with)—films like Roman Polanski's brilliant "Chinatown", Stephen Frear's excellent "The Grifters", and Curtis Hanson's awesome "L.A. Confidential".

That said, "Heartbreakers" fits in with the pile of revisionist films noir that Hollywood has been dumping into theatres with more frequency.

That's not to say I didn't like the film. I did. It was funny and cute and likeable and sweet...

Everything that film noir shouldn't be. The film starts out with the honeymoon of Dean (Ray Liotta) and Angela (Sigourney Weaver). Dean is hot to trot because Angela is one of those 'no premarital sex' types, a quality in her that he respects but not necessarily agrees with. In any case, he has been unbelievably patient (the things some guys do for love, know what I'm sayin'), but just before he is about to get his dues in the conjugal sense, Angela passes out.

Feeling a bit blue (in more ways than one), Dean checks in the next morning at the auto chop-shop he runs, before setting off on a honeymoon trip with his new wife. His secretary Wendy (Jennifer Love Hewitt), a hot little number in a tight dress, makes a flirtatious move on him (she says 'hi'), and before he knows it, she's pulling a Lewinsky. What's a guy to do, say no?

Unfortunately, Angela makes a surprise visit to his office just then, and the next thing he knows, he's sitting in a divorce attorney's office dishing out a couple million in "emotional damages".

As it turns out, Angela and Wendy are really Max and Page Connors, a mother and daughter con team who have a talent for seducing men and swindling them out of millions. Max (Weaver) is just a single mom, looking out for her daughter's future. Page (Hewitt) wants to go one her own, experiencing the world of the grift in a solo act. Mom doesn't think daughter's ready for the big, bad nasty world. There are too many traps—like falling in love with someone, getting pregnant at a young age, having to raise a child on her own.

As a compromise, Page agrees to one more con, in Palm Beach.

The mark: William Tensy (Gene Hackman), an aging liver-spotted tobacco tycoon with a serious case of smoker's cough.

The plan hits a snag, though, when Page meets Jack (Jason Lee), a local bartender and all-around nice guy—something she's not used to. Before she knows

it, she's head over heels.

Of course, entering the picture again is Dean, who has figured out the mother-daughter scheme and comes seeking revenge.

The ensuing mayhem results in two unlikely romances, a corpse that is difficult to get rid of, and a con within a con—plot twists that unfortunately aren't wholly unpredictable.

What saves the film from being discarded as a feminist "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" knock-off are the performances from Weaver (her attempts at speaking Russian as Tensy's Russian seductress Olga Yevanova are a hoot), Liotta (his 'Goodfellas' Jersey bad-boy schtick is parodied well here), and Hackman (he spends a majority of the film hacking up a lung, while simultaneously defending the tobacco industry; hey, he made me laugh...).

Hewitt is cute, but she's no Kirsten Dunst. I may know what she did last summer, but she didn't do a whole heck of a lot for me here. The chemistry between her and Weaver, though, as mother and daughter, was endearingly believable, but the credit really goes to Weaver.

This is definitely her film. The tall, gorgeous actress who has battled Aliens, lived dangerously with Mel Gibson, helped bust some ghosts with Bill Murray, survived an ice storm with Kevin Kline, and gone on a quest through the galaxy with Tim Allen, is a real-life heartbreaker. She's a terrific actress who knows how to take a mediocre role and shape it into something special. Hewitt can take some acting tips from her.

As a silly romantic comedy, "Heartbreakers" works. As film noir, though, "Heartbreakers" suffers the same fate that "Payback" and "Get Carter" succumbed to: political correctness. Hollywood, get a clue: Film noir is not supposed to be cheerful and warm and fuzzy. It's supposed to be nasty and mean and prickly. So take heed: quit trying to put one of my favorite movie genres on Prozac. It's depressing.

Turn to a loved one for advice if you need it. He or she won't steer you in the wrong direction.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't be shy when you meet an interesting person on Tuesday, Capricorn. Get to know him or her better, because this could be the one. Just relax, and be yourself. Your feelings are sure to be reciprocated. A loved one needs your help with a family matter. Do what you can for him or her.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18
Don't be too aggressive when you meet a new co-worker this week, Aquarius. You don't want to overwhelm this person. Just relax, and try to be helpful and informative. This is how you'll make a good impression and gain a business ally.

PISCES

Feb 19/March 20
While you would like to help loved ones with a difficult problem, your involvement only will make the matter worse. So, try to stay out of it. This is something that they need to take care of themselves. However, your good intentions won't go unnoticed. Gemini plays a key role in all of this.

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CANCER

June 22/July 22
Your sense of humor serves you well this week, Cancer, as things get hectic. Don't become overwhelmed by everything that you need to do. Just try to see the humor in all of this. It will make it a lot easier to get things done. Those closest to you will be impressed with how you handle the situation. Virgo is involved.

LEO

July 23/August 23
A loved one needs your help with a personal problem on Wednesday. While you're not sure what you can do, offer your assistance. This person really just wants someone to bounce ideas off of. Listen, and give your opinion. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Pisces plays a key role.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22
While you would like to be alone this week, you're not going to get your wish. It seems as if everyone wants something from you. Do what you can for these people—even if it means disrupting your plans.

That special someone has a surprise for you on Friday. Enjoy!

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23
Don't cry over spilled milk on Thursday, Libra. The minor setback that you encounter can be overcome easily. Just relax, and try to think clearly. You certainly can come up with a remedy for this problem.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22
While an acquaintance tells you important information in confidence, don't keep it from that special someone. He or she deserves to know what is going on. Besides, this person won't share the news with anyone. You can trust him or her. Capricorn plays an important role.

SAGITTARIUS

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45 For Rent

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Ready for a change?
National Co. seeks carpenters.
10yrs. Handyman experience.
New van, steady work, overtime,
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Call: 440-937-2222

CHEF

Full-time, evening position.
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Best Employer in Cleveland!

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Local Business needs
part time light cleaning
10hrs or less per week

Call

440-327-0419

ask for Laurel

CLERICAL SUPPORT

Full Time
Mid-level position. Computer literate
and detail oriented. Company paid
benefits.

Send resume & salary to:
PO Box 6
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CLERK

CASHIER
Looking for reliable, dependable,
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and lottery machine experience
required. Must be able to lift
15lbs. Full or Part Time, 1:15pm-
9:15pm. Drug free work place.
Apply in person at:

A & C Citygo
39479 Center Ridge
(Across Cleveland St from
Taco Bell Ellyria)

CUSTOMER SERVICE

REPRESENTATIVE
Westside Nationwide agency is look-
ing for full time and/or part time cus-
tomer service representative. Send
or fax resumes to:

Nationwide Insurance
28715 Center Ridge Road
Westlake OH 44145
Fax: 440-899-7755

DAY CARE

Non-profit day care in
No. Olmsted seeks:
Teacher Assist.
Assist with programs for children
18mo.-5yrs. old. Min. requirement
18yrs old plus high school diploma
or equivalent. FT M-F \$2.55/hr. +
benefits.

HORIZON ACTIVITIES CENTER

For interview call
440-779-5536 Ext. 18
EOE

DIRECTOR OF

NURSING
34-bed Nursing Home
12-bed Rest Home

We are seeking an accomplished RN
professional with experience, skills.
Full benefit package offered

Apply in person or send resume to:
The Welsh Home
22199 Center Ridge Rd
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Tents • Tables
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PROCESSOR
Will train candidate with positive
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The Lorain County Board of Mental
Retardation and Developmental Dis-
abilities is seeking individuals inter-
ested in providing foster homes for
adults with disabilities.

For more information,
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IN-HOME ADVOCATE

Part-Time
The Ohio Youth Advocate, a pri-
vate, nonprofit youth and family-
serving agency, is seeking part-
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Lorain County area. Advocates
provide guidance, training in pa-
rental skills, mentoring and sup-
port to youth and their families.
Must have a valid Ohio driver's li-
cense, high school diploma, reli-
able transportation and tele-
phone. AA-EOE. For considera-
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OYAP
Attn: In-home Supervisor
255 E. Cooper Foster Park Rd.
Lorain, Ohio 44053

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is now hiring

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Skills required Microsoft Word, Excel
and PowerPoint. Join our exciting and rapidly growing
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Send resume to or apply in
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9-5 at 33665 Chester Rd., Avon
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EXPERT
Needed to do tasks and teach us.
Setting up new fields, moving fields,
etc. Flexible hours between 10-3.
Must work as an outside contractor.
Resume and references required.

Call Pat at 440-835-3340

OFFICE HELP

Great for students
Afternoon or evening hours
Approx. 10-15 hours per week

Help in our telephone
confirmation department
(5 minutes south of Richville)
Call anytime
440-236-8558

ORTHODONTIC

ASSISTANT
Orthodontic Assistant needed for
West Lake Orthodontic office.
Part time position.
Send resume to:
Orthodontic Assistant
30400 Detroit Rd., Ste 303
Westlake OH 44145

PART-TIME WRITER

Local weekly newspaper
seeking part-time writer.
Some experience
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E-mail
Thepress@bright.net

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PELICANO'S PIZZA

•Kitchen Prep
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•Drivers
Rocky River Area
\$6-\$18 Per Hour

Call Bob
440-333-0510

RETAIL

Part Time
Homemakers and Retirees
Welcome!

Mail Boxes Etc
32818 Walker Road
Avon Lake

PART-TIME

SALES ASSOCIATE
Upscale home store specializing in
Lamps and Lamp Shades is seeking
a mature individual, who is enthu-
siastic, self motivated and has out-
standing retail experience and cus-
tomer skills. A flair for home decorat-
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• Competitive Salary
• Complete Training
• Beautiful Work
• 401K Available
• Employee Discount
• Flexible Hours

To Apply Call:
A Shade Better
26333 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake
Phone: 440-871-0923
Fax: 440-871-2129
M-F: 10-5

SALES

Send resume to or apply in
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9-5 at 33665 Chester Rd., Avon
44011 or e-mail us at
rcosto@jenne.com

SECRETARY

Professional, well dressed, goal
oriented individual needed.

More Than Closets Inc.
440-734-6330

SPECIAL IX CENTER

PROJECT COMING SOON
Work for this well known staffing
service and be a part of our on-
going prestigious trade show
group. Apply now, we will begin
setting up schedules soon. Current-
ly seeking experienced Fork
Lift Drivers \$10.50 an hour, La-
borers \$9.50 an hour, Carpenters
an \$11.50 hours and Electricians
\$12.50 an hour. Don't wait! Apply
today, and join the crew!
Excel Staffing 216-443-0404

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440-327-1098.

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art, furniture, lamps, jewelry, clocks,
figurines, glass & china, toys,
(Whatever). Free consultation. Call
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& bonded with highest references.
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EATON TOWNSHIP
440-327-3362
AVON - (Resid.)

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Financial Services

*****NOTICE*****
It's illegal for companies doing busi-
ness by phone to promise you a loan
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deliver. For more information, call
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A public service message from The
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☐ I would like to place a Classified Ad for personal use. Please run my
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_____ times. I have enclosed payment of \$ _____

WEEKLY RATES:

Personal: \$5.00 for the first 15 words, \$1.00 for each additional word.
\$1.00 extra for bolding
\$1.00 extra for border

Business: \$8.50 per inch, one inch minimum. Includes bolding, extra large
font sizes and centering. (Generally 25-30 words)
\$2.00 per inch for border
\$10.00 additional for Blind Box return addresses

Abbreviations, zip codes, and telephone numbers are one word. Post office box numbers are two words.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

CATEGORY _____

COPY: _____

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ 13 _____ 14 _____ 15 _____

Phone Number _____

Spring Savings Days Start Today!

Go For Low 0.9% Financing or Rebates up to \$4000!

Brand New 2001 F 150 XLT Sport Package

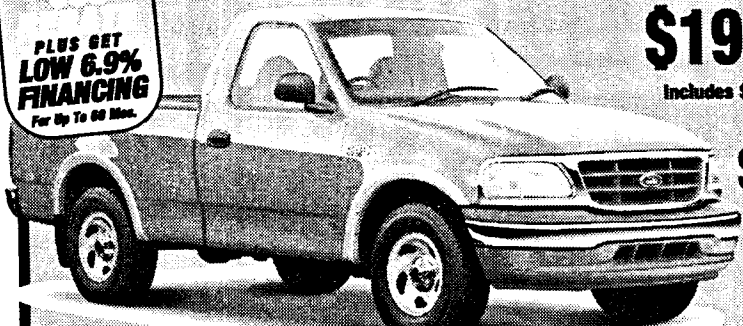
V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, 17" 10 spoke aluminum wheels, sport captain's chairs.

Sale Price

\$19,480

Includes \$500 rebate

SAVE
\$1,000
PLUS GET
LOW 0.9%
FINANCING
For Up To 60 Mos.



\$199

plus tax
24 month
lease

\$2979 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Taurus SE Sedan

V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, Cast Aluminum Wheels, 4 wheel ABS

Sale Price

\$16,480

Includes \$1500 rebate

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\$1,000
PLUS GET
LOW 0.9%
FINANCING
For Up To 60 Mos.



\$199

plus tax
24 month
lease

\$2824 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Ranger Supercab 4x4 Edge

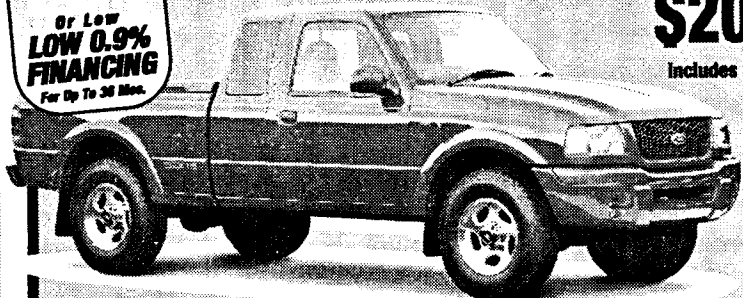
V-6, Automatic, Air conditioner, Power windows, locks, 6CDX Stereo, Remote entry, Edge Plus Group

Sale Price

\$20,480

Includes \$2000 rebate

SAVE
\$1,000
PLUS GET
LOW 0.9%
FINANCING
For Up To 60 Mos.



\$229

plus tax
24 month
lease

\$2759 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 F150 4x4 Supercab XLT

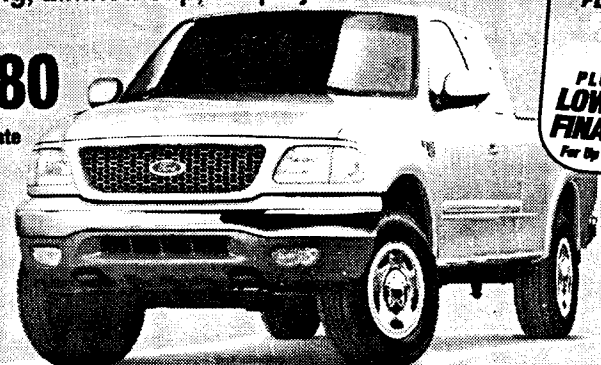
5.4L triton V-8, Automatic, Power windows, locks, Trailer towing, Limited Slip, CD player

Sale Price

\$24,980

Includes \$500 rebate

SAVE
\$1,000
PLUS GET
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\$299

plus tax
24 month
lease

\$2739 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Windstar Wagon

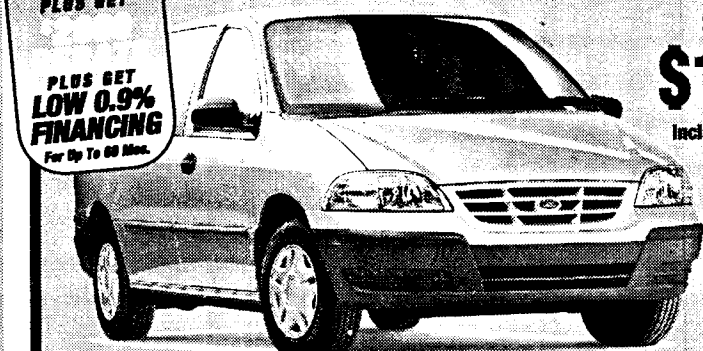
V-6, Automatic, Air Conditioner, Power Windows, Locks, 7 Passenger Seating, Floor Mats

Sale Price

\$19,480

Includes \$2000 rebate

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For Up To 60 Mos.



\$269

plus tax
36 month
lease

\$2069 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Luxury Conversion Van

Quad Captain's Chairs, Illuminated Entry, Fiberglass Running Boards, Power Windows, Locks

Chassis

\$19,955

Conversion

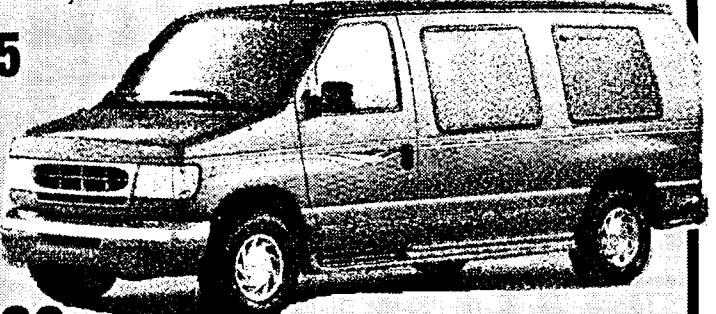
\$5,525

Rebate

\$2,000

Sale Price

\$23,480



\$369

plus tax 36 month lease

\$2993 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Ford Focus ZX3 Sport Coupe

16V Zetec, Automatic (or 5 Speed), Air conditioner, Power Group, Premium Group, Tilt Telescoping Steering Wheel.

Sale Price

\$13,980

SAVE
\$1,000
PLUS GET
LOW 0.9%
FINANCING
For Up To 60 Mos.



\$199

plus tax
36 month
lease

\$1704 plus tax and plates due at lease start

Brand New 2001 Explorer XLT 4 Door 4x4

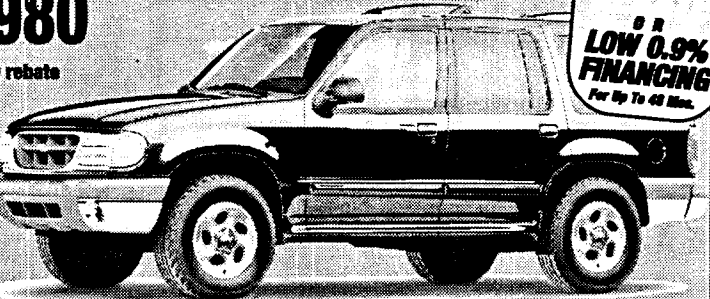
205 HP V-6, Automatic, Air Conditioner, Power Windows, Locks, Keyless Remote Entry, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel.

Sale Price

\$25,980

Includes \$2000 rebate

SAVE
\$1,000
PLUS GET
LOW 0.9%
FINANCING
For Up To 60 Mos.



\$349

plus tax
36 month
lease

\$2724 plus tax and plates due at lease start

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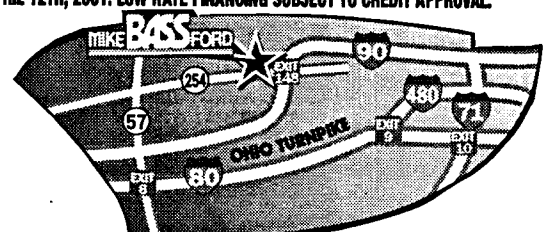
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