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This Week:

Music team leads worship

Proclamation, a Judson College youth musical team, will lead the morning worship at Calvary Baptist Church, 11 Hope Ct., Elyria, April 9 at 11 a.m. Composed of eight young adults, Proclamation will tell about their personal faith experiences. Their vocalists will be accompanied by drums and guitars. For more information, call 458-5200.

Planet conjunction

See Mars, Jupiter and Saturn within degrees of each other in a program at Sandy Ridge Wetland Center, Otten Road, April 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program is co-sponsored by the Black River Astronomical Society. An alternate program will be presented, if

What's up with walleye?

Learn how, when and where to catch Lake Erie walleye, including the Central Basin and the Islands regions, during Ohio Sea Grant's Lake Erie Update and Angling Seminar to be held at the Take Erië Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village, April 11 from 7 to 10-p.m. Call 440-871-2900 for more information and to register for the semi-

Seeing better pictures

The Erie Shore Photography Club meeting, April 12, at the Avon Lake Library, will feature Lois Wheeler, a member of the Lakewood Photographic Society, presenting "Seeing Better Pictures." Wheeler will help the photographer to see what is around him, then photograph it in the best way.

The library is located at 32649 Electric Blvd. Guests are welcome. Meetings are held the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of the month through May. For further information, call 440-933-9608.

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Stepped up schedule

City Engineer Stewart Lovece said the Ohio Department of Transportation has approved an accelerated work schedule for the Bainbridge Road rehabilitation project. Beginning April 6, crews will work six days a week, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Before heading down Bainbridge check out the signs that have been set up stating the dates the road will be closed. Lovece said that Root Road also will be closed to through traffic from Center Ridge to Chestnut Ridge Road and crews will be working 500 feet north of Bainbridge and 500 feet south of it.

The completion date for the Bainbridge Road project is Oct. 11, however Lovece said that with the added manpower, it may be as early as Oct. 1. The original date for work to be finished was Aug. 31.

What a difference a day makes in the price of gas

By Carol Klear

Dire predictions of gasoline prices bombing out at around \$2.50 per gallon by summer, may have been premature. Though customers have watched pump prices skyrocket over the past few months, recent news reports stated that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to raise oil production over the next three months, which could mean that gas prices could begin to drop, though there is no guarantee.

In checking with service stations early last week, The Press & Light found the price of unleaded gasoline hovering around \$1.36 per gallon, but by the end of the week, they had jumped several cents. So we also checked on why those digits seem to change on a daily basis.

An employee at Exit 9 Sunoco on Lorain Road said last week that the station was charging \$1.36 per gallon of unleaded regular, but expected to see it increase to between \$1.50 and \$1.75.

And are their customers complaining about the hiked cost of transportation? The spokesman said, "When they pay \$3.10 for a pack of cigarettes, how can they complain?"

The Speedway Gas Station was charging \$1.34 for regular, \$1.44 for premium and \$1.52 for plus, an employee said, adding that the price "varies daily." At Speedway, she said, the manager does a survey of prices at area stations each day, then she relays the information to the company and they dictate what to charge. "Everybody's complaining," said the employee.

At Mills Creek Marathon, a spokesperson said the price is \$1.39. "It's the highest in the city, but we have the best gas," he cracked, however, prices have been stable for two weeks. "It's not like it was three weeks ago," he said.

Competition among service stations is keen and it's necessary to keep the margin at four or five cents per gallon, he said, "we're the only product that has to display our prices."

The price at Teska's on Rt. 83 last week were; \$1.39 for regular, \$1.49 and \$1.59 for premium. An employee at Teska's said that the price is determined by the price they pay the supplier. "Whenever we get a load, we

See *Gas Prices* on pg. 11



David Gillock



It's been an interesting first 100 days for Gillock, Borocz

By Carol Klear

It has been just about 100 days since freshment Councilpersons, David Gillock and Karen Borocz, took office. Are they sad or glad they opted to serve their city as public officials? Have the first 100 days been rough, tough or a piece of cake? Have they encountered any surprises in the weeks since they raised their right hands and promised to uphold the laws of the land and the city?

Last week The Press & Light contacted Gillock, the Republican at-large legislator and Borocz, the Democrat representing Ward 3 and discussed their experiences thus far.

Looking back, did you think you'd win

Gillock: Yes, I always thought I'd win, because I thought I'd get more support

The first time (I ran) against Al (Swindig), I only lost by 17 votes. The second time I lost by a few more. The third time I wanted to run at-large, but the Party wanted me to run in War This time I ran at-large.

Borocz: I was never allowed to be confident, I was told to be always on my toes. I was constantly walking, talking and shaking hands. I didn't allow myself to be too confident.

Do you feel settled in...comfortable in

the position?

Gillock: I'm still not entirely comfortable. I'm not comfortable walking up the stairs (to Council Chambers). There's a lot to absorb quickly. We get a lot of information Friday afternoon and I've got to try to assimilate it over the weekend before the Council meeting.

There's no chance to talk to people before the meeting. Afterward, I really like to talk to the people. They stop me at Movie Mart or the store everyday. Sometimes they disagree with me or I disagree with them.

Borocz: I feel I have a lot to learn. Every day I learn a little more, have a new question, and a new challenge.

So far, what do you like best about serving on Council?

Gillock: The interaction with the people. Every so often someone will say, 'I was watching Council on TV.

Borocz: Learning the things that were always left to officials. You get a little different twist (from perspective of serving on Council). It leads to more questions. It have given me an opportunity to listen to the concerns of the people and funnel their concerns. I'm trying hard to stay true to myself and to my constituents.

What do you least about serving on

See *100 Days* on pg. 11

'Rest in peace, Sarah and Angela'

By Carol Klear

The mid-morning air was almost bone-chilling, though the calendar insisted it was spring.

Clouds hung heavily overhead, clustering so closely that the sun could provide not even a sliver of brightness.

It seemed that all of nature was in mourning, Thursday, sad beyond belief that two of North Ridgeville's own - two young women barely within reach of adulthood - were being buried.

The funeral Mass for Sarah Semmens, 19, was in the morning at St. Peter Church, while services for her best friend, Angela Francway, 18, were scheduled for early afternoon at St. Julie Billiart.

The two had died four days earlier on a bright Sunday afternoon, when as they drove along Sugar Ridge Road, probably laughing and chattering as girls often do, they reportedly attempted to pass another vehicle.



Sarah Semmens



Angela Francway

The car crashed and the girls died. Cars poured into the parking lot at St. Peter's Church and friends and relatives

See Accident on pg. 6

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Cleaning lady... song bird... and 90 years old

By Carol Klear

Visit the second floor of the North Ridgeville Police Department on just the right day and you'll find Millie Imler swishing a dust cloth, running the vacuum cleaner, and maybe trading some one-liners with a cop or two, just like she's done for the past

And if you happen on a performance of the Lorain County Banjo Band, don't be surprised to see that that same lady has traded her cleaning stuff for a microphone and is belting out a throaty version of "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey," the audience loving every note.

Millie Imler is quite a gal. She stands just 4-feet-ll-inches (but says she used to be 5 feet), her shining silver-white hair is like a halo around her smiling face, and her eyes...oh, my...say something to tickle her fancy and they snap in impish delight.

But the most amazing part of Millie is that on March 28 she turned 90 years old, and still puts in 20 hours a week keeping the. second floor of the police station spit-spot

While everyone around her oohs and ahs, and asks how she feels about enjoying life for nine decades, Millie is apt to say, "I never thought about it... I just got older." But Millie's friends at City Hall obvious-

ly think quite a bit about it... and about her...and on March 24 they hosted a birthday luncheon in an upstairs room of the police station. The feast was more than fit for a queen, but the best part were the balloons that festooned the celebration. Not only did they add a touch of color, but each one was filled with green stuff, and with each prick of a pin, another balloon popped and the money fell out.

Millie was born in Cleveland and when she graduated from high school, she went into photography processing, working for three different photographers, before retiring in 1972. She doubts she'd ever try pho-



When Millie Imler turned 90 last week, City Hall employees filled balloons with greenbacks, but Millie had to pop the balloons to get it. The way she's stuffing bucks into that bag, "Millie Poppins" must have gotten the

tography again, especially with today's digital cameras. "It wasn't like it is now," she said, "we had to mix the solutions."

Millie and her husband moved to North Ridgeville in 1964 to a little house on David Drive. Ten years later, the construction of I-480 forced the couple to relocate and they moved to Paula Drive, where Millie, now a widow, lives still.

When we got married I earned \$12.50 a week and my husband got \$90 a month on the WPA. We survived. We paid \$28 a month for rent," she said.

Though the Imlers never had children, Millie has had no problem finding things to do. "I belong to the auxiliary of the VFW," she said, "I'm the chaplain." And of course she sings with the Banjo Band, as well in the choir at her church, Fields United Methodist Church, and she's also part of a

Rutledge offers overview of proficiency intervention

By Carol Klear

During a recent School Board meeting, James Rutledge, assistant principal at North Ridgeville High School, provided an overview of the district's proficiency test intervention at the high school over the past

During the 1998-1999 school year all students were offered an opportunity to work with teachers in an intervention room. "Every period during the day teachers were in rooms to help with proficiency tests," he said, stressing that math and science teachers were on hand to help students needing the extra boost in math and science.

After school intervention was offered to in two after-school review sessions. all students in the weeks prior to the 9th grade proficiency tests, as well.

"In January," said Rutledge, "we analyzed the students who didn't pass," and established guidelines that would lead to improving scores. The students were required to attend intervention during the day. "We told the kids we would do our part" in giving the achievement tests which indicated the students' strengths and weaknesses, he said.

Teachers wrote 504 Plans for certain students, he said. A 504 Plan refers to Section 504 of a Rehabilitation Ordinance established in the early 1970s, said Rutledge, that determines that students cannot be discrim: speak different languages, and the questions the 12th grade test.

asked in the test must be clarified for those

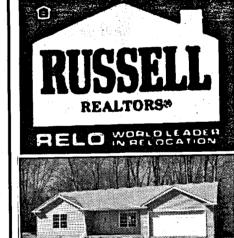
"Our goal," he said, "is that no senior should have to worry about proficiency tests.' According to Rutledge, the 1999-2000 school year saw improvements in the previ-

ous year's program in several ways. The seniors needing intervention were identified in September before the fall testing period. Juniors and sophomores were reviewed in January, with 35 being given achievement tests, with seven requiring a full multi-factored evaluation and qualifying for special education, while 18 students were put on 504 Plans.

Students were also allowed to participate

As the result of upgrading the intervention process, the class of 1999 had no students fail to graduate due to proficiency testing. The May test was administered to just one student, and by last month, only seven seniors needed to pass one or more of the tests to graduate.

Until every student passes the proficiency tests, said Rutledge, concerns remain, and the district plans to identify and monitor at-risk students at an earlier age; increase the number of students participating in the summer proficiency program and summer testing; increase participation in early intervention program; educate stuinated against and "allows written plans to dents and parents on the importance of takaccommodate them." Language comprehening tests; educate college option students sion must be provided for students who and their parents on the important of taking





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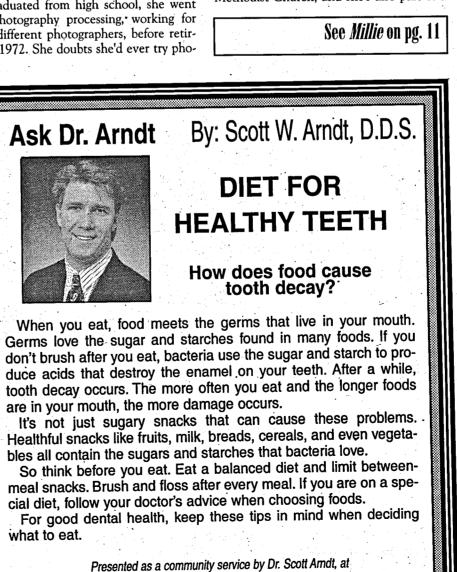
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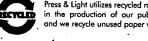
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Still reporting on people, places and things

By Carol Klear

Who'd a thunk it.

Who would have believed that when I answered an ad in The Light newspaper in 1980, that by 2000 I'd still be covering and reporting on persons, places, things and happenings in North Ridgeville.

Certainly not me.

But as the old cliché would have you believe, "how time flies when you're having

And what fun it has been.

You know though, if there's one lesson this former school teacher has learned (20 years late), it's "be careful of those classified ads." Take the one I answered in The Light. That weekly newspaper was a long-standing Ridgeville staple (around 35 years, I think) and it would figure, it was a firm to be counted on, right?

Well, let me tell about that class ad ('class ad' that's newspaper jargon and means don't use a 10-letter word, if one with. five letters will do). It said, "If you have a flair for writing and enjoy government, we want you" (or some reasonable facsimile...or should I say 'fax'). Of course, in the newspaper's hunger for brevity and other copious issues of import were omitted from that supplication.

It neglected to include that the pay would be notoriously low, the hours indefinite, and the spelling of names of some of the city's prime players impossible to remember without looking them up from one story to the next (you know you know who you are and I REFUSE to research your monikers for this story).

So with much naiveté, I wrote my first news story, which appeared in The Light, April 2, 1980.

It was titled, "Concerned parents hear about 9th grade school."

Bring back memories? Um-hm, I thought so. And for all you North Ridgeville newcomers, it was a school board story (and how many of those have I written, typed or input into my computer, since then). And everybody was up in arms (and how many of THOSE stories have I written, typed or input into my computer, since then) because 9th graders were going to be shuttled out to their very own school on Rt. 82, where they would learn reading, writing, and arithmetic, far away from the masses. The crux of the whole thing was that Ridgeville schools were overcrowded and, the building that now houses Ross Environmental Services, Inc., was available for

The whole thing was a brouhaha of the

Call it job security if you will.

But with the newspaper industry as

unstable as it is, and more and more people

getting their news from other sources

(Internet, crystal balls, ouija boards, rectal

thermometers, the smoldering ashes of a

dead calf, etc.), it just plain makes sense to

have something to fall back in case of an

Or a long and drawn out termination

Either way you slice it, I'd like to think

as-a-bum-at-the-bus-station, gut-spilling-

By Josh Cable

abrupt termination.

followed by a lawsuit.

Klearly Speaking:

first order, believe me, and although I can't quite remember every sordid detail, I'm sure it was the source of many, many stories after.

But, as to be expected, the furor settled down, and the freshmen went to school on Rt. 82 -- including at least one of the Klear

I have to admit I was so enamoured with actually being published, that I framed that 12-inch story and hung it on the wall -where I also must own up to, it remains (how do ya think I remembered the headline so well). Had I waited to get the wallpapering bug, I could have covered every wall in every room with Ridgeville report-

After 61/2 years with The Light, (during which Klearly Speaking was initiated) I sort of jumped-ship and moved over to The North Ridgeville Press. Timing is everything, they say, and the timing of my switching papers was so interesting that when the next Wednesday rolled around, I had stories in each paper. I'm sure The Light editor wasn't too happy, but my wicked sense of humor loved it.

When this whole reporting gig started Daughter No. 7 was just a little-bitty 3-yearold, but of course I neglected to inform Dave Gaede, The Light's editor at the time, that I could only go on interviews, meetings, ribbon-cuttings etc. when I had a babysitter. and you know news happens when it happens -- who cares that the timing is sometimes darned inconvenient.

So, when I was assigned to interview then-mayor Dick Noll, the 3-year-old went along, coloring book, crayons and all. I doubt that that sort of thing would be included in the Barbara Walters manual on professional interviewing techniques, but Dick (note that first-name basis, have I come a long way, or what?), kind of enjoyed having her there and after a dip into his candy jar, she climbed onto a chair and colored till I was finished.

I was still running around the city, clutching my notebook and pen, when Floyd Peaco became mayor (somehow I could never bring myself to call him 'Skeet')...and when now-senator Jeffry Armbruster (sometimes I forget myself and call him 'Jeff') was mayor...and now continue under Mayor Deanna Hill. Hmm, with all this running, I wonder if there's a senior reporter/news editor class in the Corn Run.

Of course government meetings sent me to City Hall so often, morning, noon and night, that Floyd Peaco once said, "You

should have your own key." He was JUST KIDDING!!!

And, I'm sure I wrote just as many stories about school superintendents, over the 20 years, including Ken DeLuca, Paul Murphy, Jim Levero and presently Tom Rockwell. And, the interaction was good, with them. as well (although I doubt Paul Murphy would ever invite me to tea). And the district's teachers never run out of projects. I often wonder where they get so many ideas. Creative, creative, creative.

Of course Ridgeville's many, many churches have been wonderful sources of spirituality which I have been happy to share. I'll never forget a quote from a former pastor who admonished me that "a dancing foot don't go with a bended knee." I have never danced in church since that inter-

And the organizations and clubs in this city - oh, my. It has got to be the busiest place in Northeast Ohio, resulting in a glut of meeting notices. I am totally in awe of the number of volunteers that put on pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, roast beef dinners, Swiss steak dinners...whew! I am exhausted thinking about it all (to say nothing of the 20 pounds I've probably collected in 20 years, eating my way through a story).

I've seen businesses come and go - coming, I loved, going was and still is sad. I remember when the Ridgeview Shopping Center was a hustling-bustling place. I shopped at Murphy's and Daughter No. 2 and Daughter No. 4 each worked at the Ridgeview Cinema and reeked with the smell of pop corn when they arrived home. What a difference 20 years makes, but today...good news, the city seems to be on the move again.

And of course over years, the "pink fuzzy robe" shtick sorta stuck. In fact I even did a program for Rotary Club and another for the Women's Senior breakfast in my pink fuzzy robe. And if you happen to be driving along Rt. 83, near South Central Park around 6 a.m., you're apt to see me pad out to the paper box to collect my PD (I really have no shame, despite advancing age.) I could go on and on.

But, goofiness aside, what has made this job so much more than a job are the readers. I have made more acquaintances than I could ever have imagined. You call, you write, you commend, you criticize, you laugh, you cry, you smile, you scold - and I try to share it all. We run the gamut of emotions, you and I. And what a run it has

Thank you and keep those cards, letters

Infrastructure before Community Center

Minnick says her constituents want infrastructure repaired first

By Carol Klear

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Parks and Recreation Commission approved nearly \$70,000 to be spent on several items throughout the city's parks, with funds to be taken from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, however one proposal did not receive unanimous support from the panel.

According to figures presented, \$14,500 will be expended for a professional architect to prepare preliminary plans for a community center. Gail Minnick, Council's liaison to the Commission said that since the idea was proposed, she has received "feedback" from residents, who are not in favor of the center.

"Before more money is put on the ballot," she said, "we need to get our infrastructure in order. I am against

Commission member Chuck Krepop said that before undertaking this

discussions with focus groups and learn \$30,000. "what people are willing to pay for." Krepop said there is a difference between what people want and what they will pay for.

Parks Director Jim Spaulding said the architect will facilitate town meetings, and other informational sessions.

Commission Chairman Lou Vasi agreed that North Ridgeville needs a community center, however, he said, "taxes are high, it will be hard to push through."

Minnick said that the city is not yet. at a "juncture" to expend \$14,000 for a project like a community center. The commission voted 3-1 to hire an architect to prepare preliminary drawings, with Minnick dissenting.

Plans are being made for the installation of a septic system at the Shady Drive complex, with \$30,000.approved for the project -- \$15,000 in 1999 and another \$15,000 this year. Spaulding said the work must be bid out and he type of project, architects often have hopes that the cost will be under 14 at North Ridgeville High School.

The parking lot at the baseball complex will be asphalted, from the main drive to the concession stand, said Spaulding. Krepop said that he would like to see a plan for the remainder of the drive. The present gravel is "an accident waiting to happen," he

Other expenditures approved include \$3,500 for security lights at South Central Park, \$7,000 to asphalt the entrance road at the Soccer Complex, as well as \$10,000 to grade and seed the playing field at the complex and \$4,600 to install underground electrical service at Frontier Park.

In other action:

Spaulding announced that he and the maintenance supervisor will attend an athletic field/sport turf workshop on April 10 at the Westlake Community Center.

The annual NYSCA Baseball/Softball Coaches Clinic will be held April



Mickio Akagi and Robert Esterle, appear as Jay and Uncle Louie in the Olde Towne Hall Theatre production of "Lost in Yonkers," April 13 to 29.

Middle school investigation continues Lake Ridge holds open house, April 12

The investigation continues into an incident at the North Ridgeville Middle School in which one student allegedly poked another student with a needle or pin.

According to North Ridgeville Patrolman Adam Freas, the object used was not a needle or pin, but the clip from the top of a pen, and was discovered after the reported inci-

The mother of the boy alleged to have been poked, previously said that the skin on her son's arm had been punctured and she took him to the hospital for testing for HIV and hepatitis.

Freas told The Press & Light that when he examined the victim, he did not notice blood, however Freas said that he is awaiting an official report from the doctor.

Freas also said that another student had witnessed the action and told police the item was a pen clip.

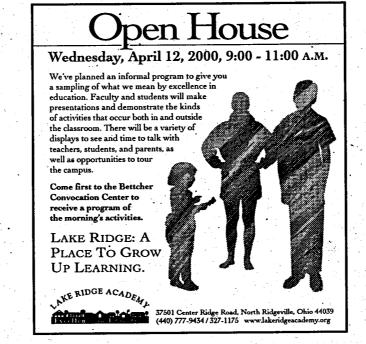
PERC honors Travise as 'Teaacher of the Month'

Professional Excellence Recognition Committee of North Ridgeville High School honored Doreen Travise as Teacher of the Month for February.

Travise teaches French I, II, III and IV at NRHS. She' received her bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace College and her master's from Ashland University. She has been teaching for the past 23 years. She is the French Club Advisor and is a member of Oho Foreign Language Association.

Travise and her husband, Ralph Travise have a daughter, Christy Charvat, a son-in-law, Chris Charvat and a grandson, Collin Charvat, and one son, Ralph and a daughter-inlaw Shannon Travise.

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Lake Ridge Academy, will hold an open house, April

12 beginning at 9 a.m. Students, parents, faculty and administrators will be on hand to give interested families a tour of the campus and answer any questions. Demonstrations of various school and classroom activities will also occur through the morning. The starting point will be Bettcher Convocation Center, a 10,000 square-foot facility with auditorium and classroom space, plus theater and work areas.

Lake Ridge Academy enrolls some 435 students in kindergarten through grade 12. Class size is limited to 18 students with the student/teacher ratio at 8:1. All Lake Ridge graduates matriculate at four-year college and universities.

Lake Ridge Academy is located at 37501 Center Ridge Rd. Admission testing for grades 6 to 12 will be held April 15 at 9:30 a.m. For further information regarding the school, open house or to register for testing, contact Rebecca Mercer, director of admissions, 327-1175, ext. 103. You may visit the web site at www.lakeridgeacademy.org.

Neil Simon play at Old Town Hall

Neil Simon's Pulitzer-Prize winning play "Lost in Yonkers" will be performed in Lanning Auditorium of the Old Town Hall. Set in Yonkers in 1942, the play involves a family of all

sorts, including Grandma and Bella, her 35-year old daughter. As the play opens, son Eddie deposits his two young sons on Grandma's doorstep. The boys must contend with Grandma, Aunt Bella and her secret romance, and with Uncle Louie, who may or may not have mob connections. Gradually, the mood deepens and darkens as the boys endure life with a family emotionally crippled people. While the children are only temporarily exiled in Yonkers, the rest of their sad, funny family is truly lost.

Performances of "Lost in Yonkers" are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., April 13 through April 29. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors. Call the box office at 327-2909 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. or visit the web site at www.oldetownehalltheatre.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The Press & Light welcomes Letters to

I'm doing the right thing by gettting some experience as a big league manager. As a matter of fact, I was downright flabbergasted when I was asked to join a Fantasy Baseball League with some college alums. I always thought that meant something perverted. Fantasy baseball, not alums. Now I know it's something much Starting tomorrow, I'll be a card-carrying, tobacco spitting, pants hiking, crusty-

Just Joshin':

over- my-belt-so-it-makes-it-hard-to-seewhere-I'm-urinating, dugout-dwelling major league manager. Move over Grover, let Joshman take over.

Columnist gets his feet wet as big league manager

In my book, big league baseball managers rank right up there with rock stars and rock stars who date supermodels when it comes to cool. These guys are on my Alist of people I'd like to eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with. Heaven is a place where I hang out with a bunch of big league managers after the game (without the booze and dancing girls, of course).

You take a guy like Sparky Anderson for instance. You can bet your beer vendor that his parents knew he would be a big league manager when he was born. Anybody named "Sparky Anderson" is required by law to be one. That, and the fact that he came out of his mother's uterus with alcohol on his breath, a week's worth of stubble on his mug and a wad of chaw in his mouth. made it a dead giveaway.

Seriously though, Sparky was always my favorite. Growing up near Toledo, you had to either root for the Tigers or the Indians, and I'm sorry folks, the Indians were about as competent as the Mud Hens in the 1980's (no offense to the Mud Hens).

So I spent many a summer night after my little league games listening to the Tigers on WJR radio in Detroit.

Inevitably, the voice of Sparky Anderson would come on after the game for the post-game interview. This guy just oozed baseball from his raspy voice, talking about strategy, offering anecdotes from his 10,000 years of baseball, and serving up yet another explanation for Kirk Gibson's sophomoric behavior.

"I'm not sure why he stripped naked in the outfield during the warm-ups and guzzled all that nail polish," I can hear Sparky explain. "Maybe he had a fever or something. I'm no doctor. I'm a baseball guy, Ernie. I'm here to win games."

See *Just Joshin'* on pg. 10

Obituaries:

SARAH MARIA SEMMENS

Sarah Maria Semment, 19, of North Ridgeville died Sunday at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland after injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Cleveland, she had been a resident

of North Ridgeville for the past 17 years. Ms. Semmens graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 1999.

She worked at the North Ridge Health Center, formerly Altercare, in North Ridgeville for the past two-and-a half years. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic

She enjoyed helping others, especially the elderly and the handicapped. She had volunteered at St. Peter Catholic Church PSR classes, helping handicapped children.

She enjoyed playing the piano and spending time with her friends. She also enjoyed animals and loved her dog, Molly.

Survivors include her parents, Timothy Sr. and Nati of North Ridgeville; brothers Tim Jr. and Bob, both at home; her paternal grandfather, James J. Semmens of Rocky River; her maternal grandmother, Eulalia Aguino of Campbell; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and her boyfriend, Tim Hollingsworth.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother; and her maternal grandfather. A Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church, with the Rev. Thomas J.

Hyland, pastor, officiating. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, 44039.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

by Dr. Geoffrey L. Stefko

It's Wise to Take Care of Your Wisdom Teeth

ne last of a person's permanent teeth to appear. This takes place around ages 17 to 25. Modern dental science

lictates that wisdom teeth should be left alone unless they are causing problems. One such problem could be

Wisdom teeth, also referred to as third molars, are the last molars on each side of both jaws. They are also

what is known as an "impacted" wisdom tooth. This means that the tooth is growing sideways instead of straight up in the normal

manner. If wisdom teeth are growing out but in a crooked manner, they may put pressure on other teeth, causing pain and damage

from the overcrowding. Even if wisdom teeth grow out straight and healthy, their position at the back of the mouth makes it difficult to

reach them for effective brushing and flossing, thereby increasing the chances of gum disease and cavities. When pain is experienced

from an impacted wisdom tooth or one that is trying to emerge in a normal manner, warm salt water rinses may be helpful. The only

practical method of determining the condition of your four wisdom teeth is to have an X-ray of your back jaws performed by your der

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ist. This will reveal the position of the problem tooth or teeth and allow the dentist to determine what course of action should be

taken, including the possibility of extraction. If you are experiencing wisdom tooth problems, we invite you to call us.

Angela C.Francway Angela Christine Francway, 18, of North Ridgeville died Sunday at EMH Regional

an automobile accident. Born in Parma, she had resided in North Ridgeville for the past 11 years.

Medical Center from injuries sustained in

She was a 1999 graduate of North Ridgeville High School.

Ms. Francway was a state-tested nursing assistant and was employed by Altercare Nursing Home in North Ridgeville, now known as North Ridge Health Center. She left recently with plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

She was a certified scuba diver.

She loved sports, roller coasters, animals, Mickey Mouse, caring for others, her best friend Sarah Semmens and her family.

Survivors include her parents, Robert Sr.; and Nancy of North Ridgeville; brothers Robert Jr. of North Ridgeville and David of Elyria; a sister, Christel of North Ridgeville: maternal grandmother Pauline Vitko of Cleveland; several aunts and uncles and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather; paternal grandparents; and

A Mass was celebrated at St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church, with the Rev. Richard Gonser, the celebrant.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Arrangements were handled by the

David Bogner Family Funeral Home. HELEN P. FITZGERALD

Helen Patricia Fitzgerald (nee Olhava),

75, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, died

March 28 at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake after being ill for three months. She was an inspector at TRW in Euclid before retiring in 1990.

She was an avid Cleveland Indians fan and a talented artist.

Survivors include daughters Joan Fitzgerald of North Ridgeville, Rosalie Jones of Meadville, Pa., and Joyce Faust of Illinois; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter; and two brothers.

Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ned Weist, a member of the pastoral staff at Our Lady of Help of Christians in Litchfield, officiating.

Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeast Ohio Affiliate Inc., 1689 E. 115th St., Cleveland 44106-3988.

DORIS H. LEASE

Doris H. Lease (nee Hall), 65, of North Ridgeville, died March 30 at the Cleveland Clinic following a six-month illness.

Born in Booth, W.Va., she lived in North Ridgeville since 1973, moving from Olmsted Township. Previously, she had lived in Cleveland for many years.

Mrs. Lease retired from the American Greetings Corp. in Cleveland in 1991 after 11 years of service in the government sales

She attended Fields United Methodist Church in North Ridgeville.

She enjoyed flower gardening, bird watching, crossword puzzles and traveling in Amish country.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Glenn; a daughter, Virdie D. Cropp of Wellington; sons, Glenn Jr. of Cleveland, Norman D. of North Ridgeville, William E. of LaGrange and James A. of Fairview Park; four grandsons; two brothers; two sisters;

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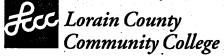
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and a sister-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; three sisters; and a grandson..

Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, with the Rev. Michael Gibson, pastor of Fields United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Eaton Township.

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filed into the church pews, as the strains of "Be Not Afraid" floated through the church, coming from the organ, somewhere in the choir loft.

Though the hymn admonished the congregation not to be afraid, the direction was difficult, as difficult as it was not to be overwhelmingly sad on that day, and at that

In his homily, Pastor Thomas Hyland said, "You have suffered a great and tragic loss. Prayers are said for her soul and prayers are said for your strength."

At times like this, he said, we cry out to God asking why this has happened and why to us. "That is part of the mystery of life itself," he said. The answer, Hyland said, will come at the end of time, when there is no more sorrow and no more pain.

It is at this time that our faith and trust must be in God, he said.

He then spoke of Angela and Sarah, characterizing them as "generous," exemplified by their volunteer service to the elderly and the handicapped. "Due to their generosity," he said, "they would have had a wonderful life. Their future is now safe in the hands of God."

Mimi Burnett, Sarah's sponsor, shared her thoughts with the congregation, calling Sarah "filled with grace...strongwilled...spiritual."

Each person has a personal memory of Sarah, she said, and her parents can hold tight to "her first word, her first step, her first tooth..."

· She concluded, "Sarah, you are in our hearts, our loss is profound."

Though the day's mood continued to be somber as vehicles entered the driveway at St. Julie's Church, the air had warmed and sun shone on the plants and flowers that seemed to be awakening from the winter's slumber, in what might be a celebration of eternal life.

Father Richard Gonser, pastor, told the family and friends of Angela Francway, "Our hearts are filled with sorrow, you have our prayers, love and support."

He said that daily on television, images of children dying throughout places such as Bosnia and Kosovo, flash before our eyes. "It seems so far away," he said, but death can happen suddenly, without warning. And with death "expectations are gone."

He asked God to help everyone bear the loss. "There are no answers, just questions...no meaning, just emptiness," he said, but there is no truth except through the Lord and no life except through Jesus.

At 18, said Gonser, "we are invincible." But it is a false image, he said, "it is not the real world." The real world is living in God.

Angela was preparing to be confirmed on Palm Sunday, said the Pastor, and she was ready, as evidenced by some writings on her computer. "Jesus is in my life every day...I do my best each day to love Him, my family...," she wrote.

She also said, "I see my relationship with God as a covenant...I am a loyal follower," said Gonser.

Angela was caring, said the priest, she had an enthusiasm for sports and a love for animals. "Angela's life was short but meaningful," he said, "her dreams are not lost, they are in the Kingdom..."

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Five old friends provide hair care at Village Shears

They're experienced beauticians and cosmetologists, but more important, they're the best of friends.

They are the five women who staff Village Shears, 6490 Pitts Blvd., just south of Center Ridge Road.

It's a business based on friendship, but Candy Wolfe, Diana Moskalsky, Tina Parfitt, Gay Reed and Gloria Noormaa have found that Village Shears has reaped the benefits of their warmth and sociability.

"One of the best things is that we've been together so long," said Moskalsky.

The five women have been together for 12 years at Village Shears and before that, at other area salons. Candy and Diana have worked together even longer, for 14 years. Village Shears was established seven years ago.

"We have a really good relationship. We're all like sisters. We do things for each other and can always rely on each other. Gay, for example, baked cupcakes for my son's birthday party," said Candy.

The owner of Village Shears is Candy's father, John Radolec, who had to be convinced the women have what it takes to operate a successful beauty salon.

"I asked Dad for years if he would open a shop, and when he saw how devoted we are to one another and how well we work together, he decided to do it," says Candy. "We work on problems and figure things out together."

"One opinion is good but five are even better," nods

The women believe their close friendship has made Village Shears as welcoming and neighborly as a beauty parlor can be.

"A lot of our clients have really become our friends," said

"I think we make people feel very welcome when they come in. We make newcomers as welcome as clients we've had for years," said Diana.

Village Shears is a beauty salon for the entire family, the women emphasize. And about 40 percent of the clientele

"Men today not only want their hair cut but styled. We



Dorothy Miller, of North Ridgeville, is getting a lot of attention from the staff of Village Shears. They are (from left) Candy Wolfe, Diana Moskalsky, Tina Parfitt and Gay Reed. Not pictured is Gloria Noormaa

can do clipper cuts but we also style. This is important to a lot of men, especially the younger generation," said

"We do a lot of highlighting of men's hair," said Diana. "It's the up and coming rave. All the guys are getting color!" Village Shears is devoted primarily to hair and hair care. The women offer all the standard services - cuts, perms, col-

oring, bleaching, foil highlighting, formal updos and waxing. But their prices are more than competitive. As an example, they charge only \$13 for an adult style, cut and finish, and \$9 for a child's (age 11 and under) style, cut and finish.

'We are here for the whole family, from grandmas to infants," said Candy. "We are very well-experienced hairdressers, geared towards the entire family.'

It isn't unusual, in fact, for the beauticians at Village Shears to cut and style babies' hair. Diana once trimmed the hair of a four-day-old baby boy who was born with a full head of long hair.

These wee customers get a postcard-size certificate (blue for boys, pink for girls), with space for a lock of hair, to mark the date of their first haircut.

Village Shears is a favorite with North Ridgeville High School students who want that special look for the prom, homecoming or the winter formal. As these special events in the high school calendar near, Village Shears finds itself booked solid with girls wanting the perfect 'do to complement their prom dress or homecoming formal.

The staff of Village Shears are loyal to their customers and vice-versa. They offer gift certificates. Ten-percent discounts are available every day, not just as specials, for senior citizens. As a result of this dedication to customer service, each beautician can claim not only longstanding clients but some long-distance ones as well.

A former North Ridgeville resident comes back once a year from her current home in South Carolina to have Gay

do her hair. A man who used to live in Ridgeville drives up regularly from Columbus to have Diana cut and style his hair.

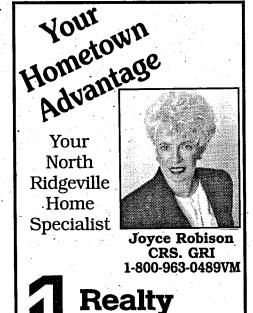
While most of their steady customers are from the North Ridgeville area, others come from as far afield as East Cleveland and Medina.

"With our experience, our clients are getting a deal. We're not just out of school. We want the average person and family to feel they can come here for professional ser-

"We'd rather do a whole family at a lower cost than give one person a \$50 haircut. That's what some higher-priced salons do and why our prices are lower."

Village Shears is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 440-327-5332.





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There's no family feud among bus drivers in Westlake

By Mary Swindell

What do Marcia Krucek and Laurie Whiting have in common? Not to mention Linda Clemons and Lorrie Knapp? And while we're on the subject, how about Diane Christian and Jennifer Weaver?

They're all bus drivers for the Westlake's public schools.

But they have a lot more in common

They are mothers and daughters.

"We used to have some husband and wife teams, in fact, we have two now, but three mom-daughter sets is pretty unusual," said David Plucinsky, transportation director for the schools.

The six women are among the system's 62 drivers. Krucek and Whiting live in Westlake; Knapp, Clemons, Weaver and Christian in North Ridgeville.

The veteran mom driver is Diane Christian, who has been piloting schoolbuses for 26 years. Her daughter, Jennifer Weaver, is a relative rookie with three years under her

In fact, Christian was pregnant with Weaver while she drove a bus, and as a toddler. Weaver was the mascot in the bus

Marcia Krucek has 19 years, daughter Laurie Whiting, 11. In a bit of a switch, Lorrie Knapp, with 22 years, has more time on the job than her mom, Linda Clemons, who

The women are friends of longstanding. Knapp used to drive Krucek's four children, including future bus driver Whiting, toschool. Clemons is Weaver's godmother, and Knapp babysat for her. Weaver is one of several bus drivers in the family. Her dad, uncle and aunt drove for the Westlake sys-

It takes a steady hand and an even temperament to drive a bus full of schoolchildren, most of whom, the women say, are good kids. But there are a few who like to "test"



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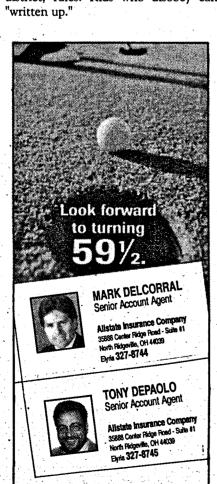
It's all in the family for these Westlake School District bus drivers. They are (from left) Laurie Whiting and her mother Marcia Krucek; Lorrie Knapp and her mother, Linda Clemons; Jennifer Weaver and her mother, Diane Christian. (Photo by Larry Bennet)

"They try to test your authority. Some kids don't like to follow rules. And if you make them, they think you're a mean bus driver," said Clemons.

"But they respect you if you can be stern," said Christian. "Kids who've ridden my bus know what

to expect. They know they have to follow the rules," said Knapp. "Obviously not everybody can be a bus driver," smiled Plucinsky. "You have to have

the right disposition." Some rules, strictly enforced, include no eating on the bus and no standing when it's in motion. These, by the way, are state, not district, rules. Kids who disobey can be



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Driving a schoolbus requires special training. Driving a schoolbus is not like driving a car or even a truck. Former truck drivers who apply for jobs as schoolbus drivers sometimes are under the impression that if they can handle an 18-wheeler, they won't have: any trouble driving a bus full got schoolkids.

"They have to unlearn a lot of bad habits, such as driving with one hand or palming the steering wheel when you're making a turn. That's a no-no. You have to keep both hands on the wheel all the time, and when you turn a corner, you go hand over hand,"

Clemons and daughter Knapp, by the way, are trainers of new drivers.

It takes up to three months to become a certified schoolbus driver, says Plucinsky. Applicants must pass a five-part written test to get their temporary commercial driver's license. Then they attend a drivers' school run by the state Department of Education. That done, they return to the district to pass a training course, which, depending on

behemoths. When they pass the test, they receive their commercial driver's license. Even then they don't take a bus out on the road solo until they've driven with a trainer for two weeks. Driving a schoolbus can be stressful,

the individual, can run from 15 to 25 hours.

Then they must take a state driving test to

prove they can maneuver the big yellow

even when the kids behave, the drivers say. Nothing infuriates the drivers more than motorists who ignore the stop signs at the side of a stopped bus as children are getting on or off. Blowing past a stop sign on a stopped schoolbus is a criminal offense, but people do it all the time, the women glumly admit. Schoolbus drivers will, if they can, write down the offender's license plate number and description of the car, but this isn't always possible when they're keeping a careful eye on kids getting on and off.

Motorists are supposed to stop when a schoolbus is stopped, even if the red lights aren't flashing and the stop signs aren't out.

"The red lights and signs are a courtesy to other drivers," said Whiting. "But if a schoolbus is stopped, you're supposed to

Even with the occasional hazard and the frustrations and stress of their job, the women say they enjoy it.

"This is a job for somebody who really likes kids," said Clemons. "You're not going to make a lot of money at it. And there are benefits. We get a summer vacation and the same holidays off as the kids. This has worked out very well for me."

K of C sponsors pancake breakfast

The North Ridgeville Knights of Columbus, Council 7970 is sponsoring an "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" on April 9. The breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat, two sausages, coffee and juice, and will be served after the morning masses starting at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until 12:30 p.m. in St. Peter's gymnasium, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. Adults pay only \$3.50, children under age six, just \$2.50.

K of C Council 7970 will hold its monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Center, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. The scheduled dates are April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.



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SUNDAY

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #7970, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pancake Breakfast at St. Peter's gymnasium.

MONDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Craft Club, Quilting, Computer Classes. Soup for 35 cents. 353-0828/info. ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. Free blood pressure VFW #9871, 8 p.m. Men's Meeting at the

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ing screenings. Both held at Community

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ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyr-

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL BOOSTERS, 7 p.m. Park & Rec. Office.

VFW #9871, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Aux.-at the

TUESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, Noon-4 p.m. Tax Time. Appointment required. 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-

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PRE-SCHOOL PTA, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Cafeteria.

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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. N.R. LIBRARY, 1 p.m. Adult Book Discus-

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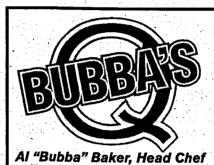
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me three or four weeks ago and I went there

(to the resident's house) and he was very

around the oath is put in our faces.

Borocz: The fact that every time I turn

Do the standing-room-only crowds bother

Gillock: I'd rather see people there. The

last meeting (March 20) there were not

many people and it was boring. Being on

Council gives you a certain amount of

Borocz: I'm thrilled to death that people

are taking an interest. We notify the public

and they come for issue that are really

Do you have any predictions for North

Gillock: I'm learning more, and there's

still some things I want to look at. I'd like to

introduce some things. I'd like to do some-

thing about the tax credit for people work-

Borocz: I'm serving one month at a time

ing out of town and some things at state.

one day at a time, one issue at a time. I

always want to have my people's thoughts.

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Just Joshin' from pg. 4

Ernie being Ernie Harwell, of course. Hearing him and his partner, Al Kaline, call the games felt like a warm cup of cocoa on a November evening. If there's such a thing as reincarnation, these guys will come back as human baseballs (or a plastic tray full of nachos and cheese dip).

So needless to say, it is with great pride that I strap on the stirrups and cotton pants and take my seat in the dugout for the 2000 season. Cue up the organist, re-heat the \$10 hot dogs, get the all-in-one cell phone/e-mail/pager ready to call the bullpen. It's time to play ball!

I'm so excited I just have to share my opening day lineup for "The Buzzcut Mamas."

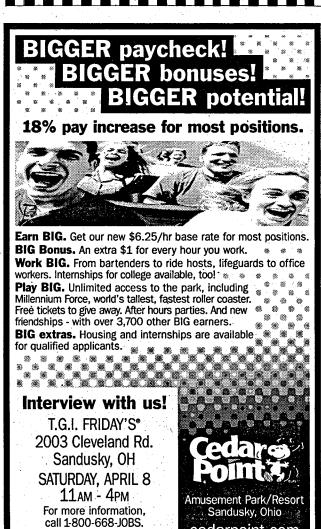
What? That's no good? Were you expecting me to name my team after a native American tribe or some mammal native to the African continent? Sorry, I don't need any llamas or hippopotamuses picketing outside the West Life office (or writing nasty letters to the editor).

I think the name is indicative of the character of my team. I'd like to think of my guys as a ragtag bunch that fall somewhere between the ensemble from "Major League" and the "Bad News Bears" squad. Probably more the latter now that I think about it. I'm much more partial to Walter Matthau's managerial style.

Anyway, here's my lineup.

I'm proud to say that Tribe slugger Jim Thome is my starting first baseman. I expect great things from Jim, once he gets over that nasty habit of constantly fondling his genitals. I think we'd all like to see that chapter of his life come





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Police Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

With the help of a man police dubbed a "Good Samaritan," an officer captured an Elyria man who struck and injured another motorist with his car during a chase March 29.

Phillip E. Schindler, 31, of Mansfield, was charged with aggravated vehicular assault, reckless operation and fleeing. An officer was westbound on Lorain Road shortly after 2

p.m. when he spotted a 1984 Oldsmobile Omega speeding east, doing 54 mph in a 35 zone.

The officer turned around and activated his siren in an attempt to stop the car. Instead, the driver picked up speed and pulled away, continuing east on Lorain.

At the intersection of Root Road, where several vehicles were stopped or slowing down for a red light, the fugitive car careened into the westbound lane to swerve around the cars at the red light. As he plunged through the intersection, Schindler struck a 1992 Ford Escort, headed south, just as it entered the intersection, police said. This car was being driven by a 36-year-old Columbia Station woman.

The impact of the crash forced the woman's car into a field. Schindler's car went airborne, hit a utility pole and

Schindler reportedly kicked a rear door out and ran into a field, with the officer in pursuit. Following him was a 41year-old man who decided to help the officer. Schindler vaulted over a ditch and paused to look at the officer.

The officer drew his revolver and told Schindler to drop to the ground. Instead, Schindler sprinted off again. The officer jumped the ditch and pursued Schindler, again ordering him to the ground. At one point, Schindler reached into the waistband of his pants as if drawing a gun and assumed a shooting stance, according to reports.

Told again to get to the ground, Schindler allegedly

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reached into the back of his pants as if drawing a gun and again assumed a shooting stance. The officer told him to get to the ground. But Schindler turned and ran, jumping into a ditch. The officer followed him, but the civilian tackled Schindler after he fell into a creek and held him down until the officer handcuffed him. The foot chase went on for about a half-mile.

Schindler was not armed. He later told police he believed he was not in his "right mind" during the incident.

The Columbia Station woman was taken to St. John West Shore Hospital with facial injuries. Schindler also was treated at St. John for minor injuries.

Phony cop entices boy

Police are seeking a man who displayed what looked like a police badge to a 13-year-old boy in an attempt to get the boy to come to his car, this on March 24 at about 10:30 a.m.

The boy was rollerblading on Mills Creek Road just north of the North Ridge Racquet Club when a boxy-looking vehicle stopped and the driver told the boy to approach.

The driver reportedly asked the boy where he goes to school and why he wasn't in school. The boy replied that he was on spring break. The man pulled into a driveway and told the boy to come over. When the boy complied, the man pulled a wallet from the center console and flipped it open to display a badge, apparently fake. He told the boy he was a police officer. The boy asked if he had done anything wrong and pointed to the racquet club where he said his parents were.

At that, the man pulled out of the driveway and headed towards Center Ridge Road.

The man was described as white, in his late fifties, with brown hair with a grey streak down the middle. He also was said to be skinny, unshaven, big-eared and wearing a plain blue teeshirt. His vehicle was white with a red stripe on the bottom and a rusty streak on the driver-side door. It was said to be in poor condition.

The boy's mother called the police. Officers searched unsuccessfully for the suspect.

Burglary beat

A Manning Circle man said his home was burgled for the fourth time in recent days.

The victim said he discovered a quantity of loose change taken from an office in his home on Feb. 28. He decided not to report this to the police.

On March 25, a Sony videocamera and a Ricoh digital camera disappeared from the home although there were no signs of forced entry. The homeowner surmised that an intruder might have taken a spare key during a previous burglary.



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"little combo," that performs here and there, including some nursing homes. "I socialize," said Millie, "and I don't sit

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Millie from pg. 3

home on my pants." At the police station she enjoys the

camaraderie of the officers. "Everyone of them is very good," she said, "they treat me like I'm their mother." But Millie obviously has a special place in her heart for one of North Ridgeville's men in blue and said, "The chief (Chief Ron Bauer) is my buddy."

Millie said, "I came in under Peaco (former mayor Floyd Peaco). I used to clean houses in North Ridgeville, and one day Karen Skinner (one-time director of the Office for Older Adults) said she had a job for me. 'You'll like this, she said," Millie recalled.

She decided to give it a try, and she's

"They're all good," she said, again referring to the police officers. As for the other side of the City Hall Complex, Millie said, "I'm not into politics," but that doesn't keep her from walking over there once in a while

"I've got oodles and oodles of friends," she said. "I feel sorry for people that don't." One of those friends sent her a dozen red roses for her birthday, and another took her out for dinner, and there was a party at her church. "I did have a nice birthday," she

"Everybody asks when I'm going to retire," said Millie, "but as long as I'm able, I'll be around. I just take it one day at a

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Gas Prices from pg. 1

decide on whatever they charge," she said. By last Thursday, prices had gone up, including at BP Express located at the intersection of Routes 83 and 20, where prices were \$1.49, \$1.59 and \$1.69. The manager at the station said all pricing decisions come from the corporate headquarters. "I have

nothing to do with prices," she laughed.

Individuals are not the only ones feeling the money crunch at the pumps, city officials have seen gasoline tabs for city vehicles increase since last year. According to information from the auditor's office, the bill for gasoline in February, 1999 was \$3,712.89, while in February, 2000, it was \$4,932.95.

Safety Service Director Dan Zirzow acknowledged that the city is spending more this year for gasoline, but the city's budget has some "elastic" built into it, he

"It hits us harder," said Zirzow, "but it's Jike road salt, we have no idea how much

The city has approximately 50 vehicles, however five or 10 of them are out of service, while being upgraded, he said.

Police officers fill gas tanks on their cruisers at the local BP station and the company sends the city a monthly statement, said Zirzow. The Fire Department uses diesel fuel in their vehicles. But again, Zirzow stressed, there are

other items used by the city, such as electricity, natural gas and the telephone, that cannot be pinpointed specifically for the budget. "We just try to guesstimate," he said.

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100 Days from pg. 1

Gillock: I can't answer that.

weeks since you were sworn in?

sonable and willing to listen.

Borocz: That's a hard question. Several

things have left me shaking my head. There are

a few things that have me questioning the

whole aspect. Right now so many things are

happening that are causing a bit of turmoil.

Debate is good, but repetitive debate is drain-

What has been the biggest surprise in the

Gillock: The tremendous amount of

paper and information to go through in two

weeks. I was on the library board and I

always interesting. There was a letter there

today that was real interesting. It was from a

man that knew we were reviving (discus-

sions) on home occupation permits. He has

a business and he gave me some informa-

tion. I get a lot of e-mail too. I get it on both

sides of an issue and most people are rea-

When I was on the Zoning Board a cou-

ple stormed out of the meeting and said they

would never vote for me, but he talked to

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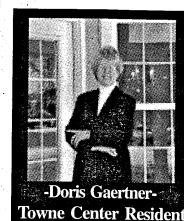
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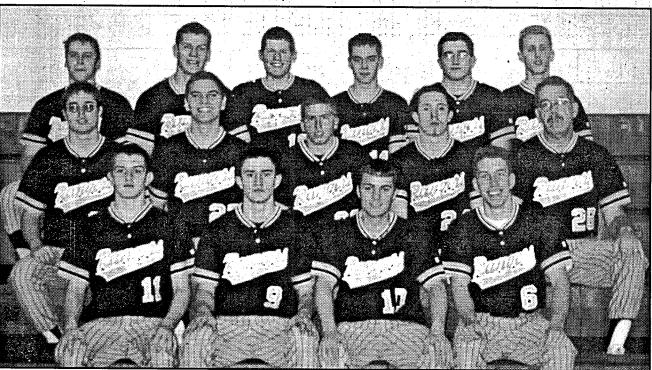
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Administrators at North Ridgeville Middle School are investigating allegations that a student threatened a 6-year-old girl, while both were riding the school

On March 27, the girl's mother told police that the boy told her daughter that he was going to shoot her and her friend with a gun that he had in his pocket. She said that he also said that he planned to go to a local day care center and shoot the other children.

The alleged threats occurred during the afternoon school bus run. According to the report the bus picks up students at St. Peter School and students at the middle school

When contacted, middle school Principal John Komperda confirmed that the boy had been taken off the bus last Tuesday, but denied threats were made. Komperda said, "We're investigating. She was not threatened, she just heard something.





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Press Light

Fire Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A fire, believed to be electrical in origin, destroyed part of a home on Westfield Drive March 31.

Fire officials said the fire might have started between the first and second floors when electrical wires began arcing. Firefighters responded to the blaze in the early afternoon hours.

On arrival, the second floor was engulfed in flames, said Asst. Fire Chief Andy Wagn-

"It was an intense fire," he said.

The flames were fed by possessions, such as Christmas ornaments, stored in a secondfloor bedroom. No one was home when the fire started

water and smoke damage. Wagner estimated might have started it.

the loss at more than \$100,000.

Battery trouble

The engine of a 1987 Dodge 150 pickup truck caught fire March 29 at 8 p.m. when the owner, who lives on Avon Belden Road, tried to start it. The damage was estimated

Building fire

A vacant building at 39465 Center Ridge Rd. sustained \$4,000 in damages after a fire

Firefighters responded at about 5 p.m. to find a pile of tires and some large hollow logs at the side of the building on fire.

Cause of the fire was undetermined The rest of the home sustained some although investigators surmised a vagrant

Engagements:

Doug Grote and Candy Dudik

Dudik, Grote to wed this fall

Cynthia Sawinski and David Dudik of North Ridgeville announce the engagement of their daughter, Candy Dudik of Cincinnati, Ohio to Doug Grote, of Cincinnati. He is the son of JoAnne and Terry Grote of Cincinnati.

Miss Dudik is a graduate of North Ridgeville High School and earned an associate degree in arts and science from Cuvahoga Community College. She presently is a veterinary assistant and a student.

Her finance graduated from Cincinnati Elder High School. He is a barber with Grote Barber and Styling Salon.

An Oct. 21 wedding is planned for St. Teresa of Avila in Cincinnati, with Father Tharp and Joe Crote officiating.

Time to sign-up for Safetyville

North Ridgeville Safetyville is sponsored but is not a pre-requisite for kindergarten. It by the North Ridgeville Police Department is open to North Ridgeville residents, nonas a community service program. It provides an educational setting in which children are Ridgeville and non-resident children who exposed to various safety concerns.

Safetyville instructors, Anna Kanis and Linda Zbydnowski, are qualified teachers who work in the North Ridgeville City case basis. Classes are set up as one week Schools and have years of experience working with young children. The program is coordinated by Det. Larry Swenk, the youth officer for the Police Department.

In Safetyville, children are taught crucial safety skills regarding traffic, school bus and pedestrian activity. Using toy vehicles in a new and unique miniature village, they are a.m. Cost is \$20 per child which covers all taught the basic, but vital safety skills, in an enjoyable and realistic environment. The children are also given classes in a brand new classroom, which is adjacent to the village, on stranger danger and other personal safety topics, plus they get to meet their local police officers and firefighters and see the emergency vehicles and equipment up close, as well as ride on a school bus.

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residents who attend school in North have a parent or relative who lives or works in North Ridgeville. Other non-resident admission will be considered on a case-bysessions, Monday through Friday, for one and a half hours each day.

Safetyville will be held the weeks of June 12-16, June 19-23, and June 26-30 of 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. daily except for the final week, which will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 classroom material, instruction and a Safetyville t-shirt. Payment is due upon regis-

Registration will be held at the Police Department, 7307 Avon Belden Rd., (State Rt. 83) from 9 a.m. to noon on April 15 and April 22. All registrations are on a firstcome, first-serve basis. This will be the only open registration for 2000 classes.

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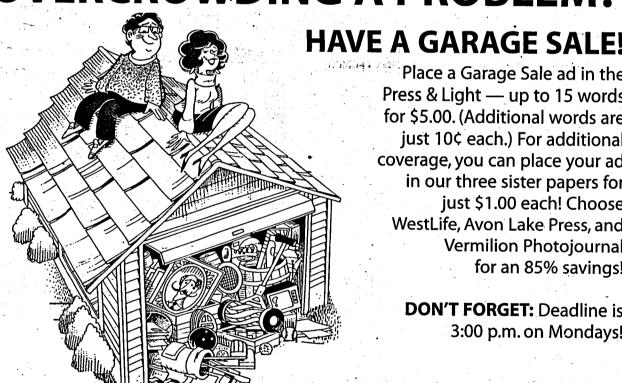
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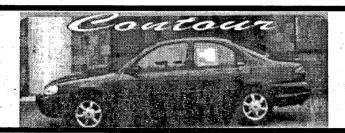
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- **CHROME WHEELS**
- CD CHANGER
- STK#F1240, RED, 30,004 MILES

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- **SE PACKAGE** A/C
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