This Week:

Community Forum at Ed Center

On Feb. 22 the North Ridgeville City Schools will sponsor the second community forum at the Education Center on Mills Creek Lane between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Putting the Public in Public Education will feature question and answer sessions and small group ses-

Spring Concert Series Begins

Classic guitarist Benjamin Cantu will perform a variety of musical selections beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24 in the sanctuary of Fields U.M church, 34077 Lorain Rd. Cantu has just returned from a series of performances in China at the Shanghai conservatory and is finishing his undergraduate degree at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music.

Future concerts will include Nannette Canfield, a vocal professor at Baldwin-Wallace College and harpists, Nuiko Wadden and Yinio Mu.

All concerts are free and open to the public and a reception follows each event in Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering is collected.

Gathering of Presbyterians

On Feb. 25 an informal gathering of Presbyterians and other interested persons will be held at the Ridgefield Community Center at 4 p.m. to share information concerning the possibility of establishing a new Presbyterian fellowship in Lorain County. This would be an outreach of the presbytery of the Western Reserve (Presbyterian Church

For more information, call Rev. L. Gordon Blasius at 440-777-3412.

Naturalist II

Who Wants to be a Naturalist II will on Feb.-25 from 1 p.m. to 2;30 p.m. at Sandy Ridge Wetland Center. There will be hands-on activities.

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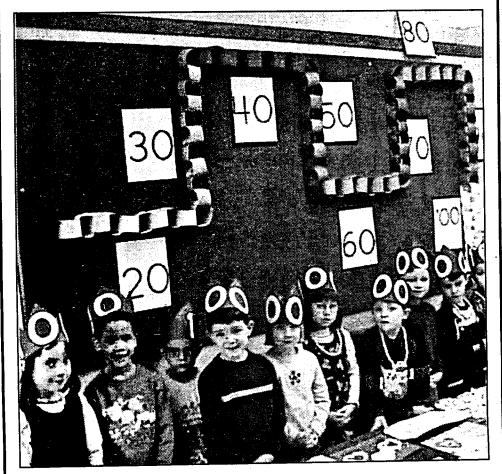
Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Rd., will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Donor drive on March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For an appointment, call Carol Miller at 748-3150 or 327-8753.

Catch of the Season

Don't forget Lent is just around the corner, which means people will be lining up for those oh-so-popular fish dinners at St. Peter Church. The first fish fry is scheduled for March 2.

Place Your Bets

St. Peter PTU is sponsoring a Night at the Races, March 3. Pre-sale tickets are \$13 per person. Food and beverages will be served.



Celebrating 100 days

Students, teachers and parents at North Ridgeville Education Center marked the 100th day of school with a variety of projects that allowed students to see the different ways 100 is used in math, art and money.

Bainbridge Road residents protest curbline mail delivery

By Carol Klear

When Bainbridge Road resident Jim Foster, along with 42 of his neighbors learned they would have to collect their mail from boxes located along the road, rather than at their doors, he sent a letter to the Postmaster General, along with signed petitions ask- difference. Both are unsafe since traffic is ing the decision be reconsidered and with-

In a 1999 letter sent to Bainbridge Road residents, Joe Whitely, supervisor with the United States Postal Service stated that "effective two weeks after the completion of the road project, all Bainbridge Road residents will be required to have their mail receptacle mounted 4 inches high and within reachable distance of the curb."

Whitely stated the Bainbridge Road project included adding curbs along the entire length, which would make it "unsafe to your carrier and to the general public traveling Bainbridge Road," to continue pulling off the side of the road to deliver mail as had

The Postal Service official also noted that in new developments, delivery boxes are placed at the end of the entire street. He also stated, "All residents on the north side of Bainbridge Road and southeast end receive their mail in this manner."

In his letter to the Postmaster General requesting the decision be changed, Foster stated that the mail delivery service had been in place for 40 years in that area and

called the move by the Postal Service "selfserving and lacked input from residents."

Foster also took issue with the reason of "safety," given for the new method of mail delivery. In his letter he stated, "Whether the postal vehicle is blocking traffic because it is parked or because it is stopped makes no impeded in either circumstance."

Mark Reynolds, communication specialist with the Postal Service in the Cleveland District, said safety was the prime factor in deciding to require "curbline" delivery.

We understand the residents' concerns," said Reynolds, but opting to go with the curbline delivery means that letter carriers will be both safer and more efficient.

Though Reynolds said the residents could take their concerns to Elyria Postmaster Mike Elek, he was unsure if the position would be reversed.

Mayor Deanna Hill told The Press & Light she had discussed the situation with Rick Hogan, supervisor of the North Ridgeville branch Post Office, who said the change in service was in part "economics." Hill noted that BFI formerly had collected trash cans from residents' yards, but today, homeowners must place the receptacles at

Hill said that Hogan told her that doorto-door delivery is "time-consuming." She also said that he told her some residents in the West Point area have already purchased the necessary boxes for curbline delivery.

Rec and iter unveiled;

Income tax hike on May ballot

By Carol Klear

For more than 30 years, city officials have talked of constructing a community center on the wooded land behind City Hall. Now it's up to North Ridgeville voters to approve a 0.04 percent income tax hike to turn a vision into reality.

During the Feb. 12 meeting in Council Chambers, Mayor Deanna Hill and representatives from Richard L. Bowen & Associates and The Sports Management Group unveiled plans for a proposed Community Recreation and Senior Center. Hill said that children can no longer be expected to play in open fields, "The time is now for a Community Center as a gathering place for all

"You designed this," she told the standing-room-only crowd, referring to the workshops, surveys, meetings and conversations that took place prior to last Monday. Council was expected to vote last night to place the issue on the May ballot, said Hill. From there it's up to voters.

The Mayor stressed that the tax will be on income, "retirees do not pay income." Hill also noted the income tax of other cities. With the additional 0.04 percent, "we'll still be under surrounding communities," she said.

Allan L. Renzi, of Bowen detailed the 101,000 square-foot complex that is proposed for the 17 acres on the north side of Bainbridge Road, and is expected to include such recreation facilities as indoor and outdoor leisure swimming pools, a gymnasium, fitness center, walking and jogging track, an aerobics studio, climbing wall and youth game area.

The proposed Senior Center would house a social lounge, game room, arts and crafts room, as well as a dining room, health screening and exam room, computer room, workshop and kitchen. Community rooms, Renzi said, could be used for special events, meeting rooms and classrooms.

The cost of the Community Recreation Room and Senior Center is approximately \$20,284,376, he said. Fees to use the complex were broken down into daily, monthly and annual charges with a family membership to be around \$295 for persons living in North Ridgeville and \$550 for families living outside of the city. Persons working in the city would pay a "middle fee," said Renzi.

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A book for children has a lesson for everyone

By Carol Klear

For most of her life Annie was a sprightly English Springer Spaniel, running, jumping and playing the way dogs do. But when she seemed to be having some difficulty walking, her owner, Sandra J. Philipson, took Annie to the veterinarian, who told her sadly that Annie had cancer and would have to have her leg amputated.

Watching 11-year-old Annie trying to keep up with her 4-year-old buddy, Max, also a Springer Spaniel, was tough for Philipson, but the day finally came for the

"I thought I'd have to carry her to the car," said Philipson, but struggling as she might on just three legs, Annie walked to the car and jumped onto the seat for the

Recalling that day, Philipson said, "She could walk, but it took a while for Annie to get her spirit back."

Recently Philipson, along with Max and Annie, paid a visit to Wilcox Elementary School where the Chagrin Falls resident discussed the books she's written about her dogs, including, "Annie Loses her Leg but Finds a Way," and "Max's Wild Goose Chase." Formerly a medical writer. Philipson seems to have discovered a new niche for her talents.

As she introduced Annie to the children, she explained that writing about Annie's loss made her think about people who at times lose an ability. But she also began mulling "all the things we can do, not just what we cannot," noting that despitehaving just three legs, one of Annie's greatest joys still is a jaunt in the metro park.

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Sandra Philipson, who authored the book, "Annie Lost her Leg but Found her Way," signs the pencil drawing Mark Sowokowski did of Annie, while the real Annie lies contentedly on the floor. (P&L

Writers, said Philipson, are always ooking for ideas, such as the idea she got from Annie's illness. Pulling out what she

called a "writing box," the author told the

children that some of them would be pulling items from the box and discuss how they can help in creativity.

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One child reached deeply into the box and pulled out a wig. "In a wig we can pretend to be somebody else," said Philipson.

As someone else withdrew a scarf with a Matisse design, she said, "art can inspire us to write...sometimes non-fiction stories can inspire us to write fiction."

Withdrawing a German toy from her writing box, Philipson said it may have served to begin a German folk tale, and sometimes pictures of other places, such as China, can plant the seed of a story.

A small boot and cowboy hat might be the beginning of a tale of "Max and Annie in Arizona," she said.

Pulling what looked like a large wooden spoon from the box, Philipson said that in reality it is "noops" - a word she made up, showing "you can create something," of other things.

Philipson's new life as a children's author included using artist, Robert Takatch, to illustrate the stories. Though she did not do the artwork in her book, Philipson helped the boys and girls, stepby-step to make a pencil drawing of Annie, using just three basic shapes.

Explaining how things and situations can affect our lives, Philipson told the youngsters, "Annie may have lost her leg but she found her way back to a new life."

Philipson's book, "Annie Loses a Leg, but Finds a Way," is available at Borders. as well as independent book stores and sells for \$17.95. A stuffed animal resembling Annie and with just three legs, can also be purchased for \$14.95.

Escaped inmate returned to Grafton Camp

By Carol Klear

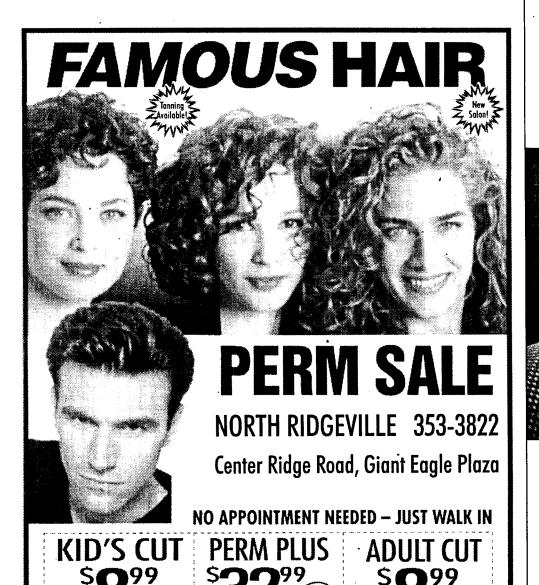
Two days before Valentine's Day, Richard B. Graves apparently thought he had a sweetheart plan — to escape from the Grafton Correctional Camp — however a few hours after the inmate left the facility, two North Ridgeville Police officers apprehended the 38-year-old man and took him to the Police Department and later released him to Grafton correctional officers.

According to a police report, North Ridgeville was notified around 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 12, that Graves, who was serving a sentence for a felonious assault conviction. had walked away from the Grafton camp. At approximately 3:55 p.m., Mercy Morales, an off-duty corrections officer, spotted Graves walking northbound on Rt. 83, and notified police.

Ptlm. Jim Larkin and Ptlm. Dean Mraz located Graves, who was dressed in a dark colored sweatshirt and sweat pants and told them that he had been walking along streams and in the woods. On seeing the police Graves headed back into the woods, but cold, wet and tired, he surrendered to the officers, when confronted.

When the patrolmen asked Graves where he was going he said, "Back to jail,

When the officers questioned the inmate about why he had escaped from the Grafton facility, he told them there had been some racial conflicts at the camp and he wanted to get a pizza and a beer.



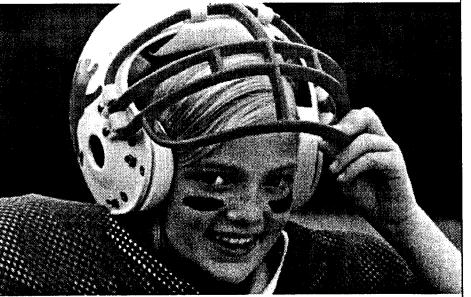
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Girls send their thanks for support

By Carol Klear

YOU GUYS ARE GREAT.....In the past few weeks we've had stories on two very ambitious young ladies - Leah Olsieski, who is hoping to travel to Australia to participate in the Coast to Coast Amateur Softball Series and Mallory Yager who wants to attend the National Youth leadership Forum on Medicine. Both girls requested financial support for their trips, and you responded. On their behalf, a big thank you to you all, and oh yes, I'm sure both are still accepting donations, if you haven't gotten around to it

WELL, GOSH.....Just heard that Police Chief Ron Bauer is planning to retire in a few months. Wait a minute, Ron's only been with the department for 33 years, he can spare Ridgeville a few more years now, don't you think...yeah, Ron, how 'bout going for

Klearly Speaking:

40? No? Aw shucks.

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COULDN'T AGREE MORE.....During last week's meeting about the proposed Community Recreation and Senior Center, Mayor Deanna Hill was very enthused about the SRO crowd that showed up to discuss something positive for the city. The throngs that often fill the Chambers seem only to come when they're madder-than-hell-and-aren'tgoing-to-take-it-any-more. It was great to see the room packed for another reason.

HAVE YOU SEEN?.....Frank Dettore came into town from Florida last week and with a new look. He's got some facial growth and strongly resembles an old sea captain. A real different look for Ridgeville's most wellknown Italian, and not too bad.

LOVE THA' STORE I am still thrilled that Marc's ame to North Ridgeville and love saving II that money, however one problem, I'mafraid the money I'm saving will soon go nto tires that I'm losing in the craters in theparking lot. Help!!!

SPEAKING OF BAD DRIVES The driveway along the City Hall Complex needs some work. I imagine city officials want to spend the road money on residents' roads, but perhaps this is one time that charity should begin at home.

WHOOPS, MY FAULT.....Two letters to the editor last week caused some comment - not necessarily about content, but about addresses. No, Gerald Phillips does not live in North Ridgeville (at least not that I know of) and neither does Jim Foor. Mr. Phillips is from Avon and Mr. Foor now resides in Huron.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Good news almost always has a price

around the room to mirror Mayor Deanna Hill's excitement over plans for a Community Recreation and Senior Center that were unveiled last week. But even if no one fes- school and city officials, and the amount of tooned the place with color, the Mayor was money needed to add such a pool, the district buoyed by the number of residents who felt it could not justify the \$120,000. Accordcrammed Council Chambers to get a look at the design.

the 17 acres of land behind City Hall have . spective, he said, "we decided not to take stood almost as though protecting the ground that may become, as Hill described it a "gathering place" for residents young and old.

It was hard not to share the Mayor's excitement as detail by detail the standingroom-only crowd was treated to proposals for swimming pools, gymnasiums, an exercise room, a walking track, a lounge, meeting library officials the city's welcome mat has rooms and even more...a wing specifically for seniors, with everything from a kitchen, to craft and woodworking rooms, to spaces that plans. require nothing more than conviviality. Portions of the complex have been designated for conference or meeting rooms, while others could be used as rentals for parties or even wedding receptions.

Almost as the icing on the cake, Hill announced that the city has invited the Lorain Public Library System to share the land and construct the new North Ridgeville Branch adjacent to the Center. The Mayor phoning their displeasure. stressed that that decision rests with the Library Board

of people huddled around the design plans, chatting about the proposal and pointing out specific favorites.

It seemed just the type of plan needed to re-affirm the city's confidence and worth, following months of wrangling over planned community developments.

But in the days that followed, the first blush of residents' enthusiasm for the proposal gave way to more realistic and thoughtful discussion, particularly from a financial viewpoint.

Constructing a new center would not be a freebie for residents. As discussed, the money would come from an increase in the income tax — four-tenths of one percent, explained Hill, adding that despite that increase North Ridgeville would still rank below neighboring communities in the amount of income tax paid. However, numbers at times, can be like a game and there were those in Ridgeville who immediately took issue with the proposed tax hike, stressing that the extra money needed for a new Center amounted to a 40

And here we go again.

Still others complained about the school district's seeming lack of support for the pro-

There should have been balloons bobbing ject, since an Olympic swimming pool has been omitted from the plans because the schools cannot partner with the city for it.

In truth, after several meetings between ing to Superintendent Thomas Rockwell, that is the approximate sum necessary to adopt For years the trees that cluster together on new texts from K through 12. From that peradvantage of the opportunity."

> The last-minute introduction of the library into the planning mix at first seemed to be a real clincher, completing a campus-like setting in which families could enjoy playtime in the recreation complex or quiet time at the library — all for one-spot parking. But for done nothing to simplify their project, but rather has added to their already complex

> When plans for the proposed library were unveiled for the public, it didn't receive the rave notices hoped for. The interior was more than appealing, but the exterior was not as many had hoped, though the architect explained up front that money had been a factor in the design. But the excuse for the toomodern appearance was unacceptable to many and several people wasted no time in

It was back to the drawing board.

To consider relocating the new library has Following the 70-minute meeting, groups added a new mental burden and last week Head Librarian Karen Sigsworth said no decisions have been made about possibly moving the plans to Bainbridge Road, and she is waiting to receive input from the community. However, not only is the library architect faced with redoing the facade of the building in view of the public's lackluster response to the original plan, but he may have to rework it once again if Library officials decide to accept the city's offer of a space-share.

Traffic is another concern that has been raised since last week's meeting. Congestion could be a problem if the traffic pattern is not carefully thought out.

And one more question that surfaced was; what if, a few years from now, the city needs the space to expand City Hall, will the library be asked to find still another home? Good question. And the answer is...? North Ridgeville needs both a Community

Recreation and Senior Center and a new library, but for now the concentration must be on community support for a Center. The public gave its approval for funding the library, will it now dig deeper for a Center, that's the question, but keep two things in mind, the request is for an income tax hike and retirees will not be impacted.

Pressline:

Caller: If voters approve the 1.4 percent municipal income tax rate for the complex and other park and recreational facilities, taxpayers will be paying 40 per-

Caller: The North Ridgeville Police Department has one machine gun already, what do they need more automatic weapons and para-military training for?

Response: According to North Ridgeville Police Chief Ron Bauer, the department will be getting four of the M16A2 semi-automatics. "They're basically government surplus," said Bauer, "and will be kept in the armory." The Police Chief said the North Ridgeville Police Department has a locked armory, and just three members of the department have keys to it.

Before the weapons can be put in use, the department's trained armorer, will have, to learn how to use then. He will then train the rest of the police officers. Bauer said he expects the process to take at last a year.

To persons who are critical of the Nath Ridgeville Police Department acquiring the guns, Bauer said, "It's another tool you'll have and hope you'll never

Caller: For what logical purpose did the Mayor introduce legislation which did away with the payment plan to assist homeowners in tapping into sewers. Why did City Council pass it into law, now seniors and young families are forced to pay thousands of dollars up front. This news is shocking and revealing!

Caller: Regarding the letter from Gerald Phillips in the Feb. 14 issue in which he complains of the agreement between developers and the city as the "biggest taxpayer rip-off in the city's history." I think the biggest rip-off is having to pay him.

The caller also asked if Mr. Phillips has shown Chris Crobaugh where the goose is that lays the golden egg.

Letters to the Editor:

Wednesday, February 21, 2001

Does the Mayor protest too much

To the editor:

It seems like the Mayor protests too much. In a recent news story in regards to accepting campaign contributions from developers, Mayor Deanna Hill stated that "she would not sell her soul for \$200" in campaign contributions. I believe that nobody would for that insignificant amount.

But let's look at the whole picture. According to campaign finance reports filed with the board of elections, Mayor Hill has received a lot more than \$200 from developers over the past four years. From 1997 through 2000, Mayor Hill has received just under \$12,000 in campaign contributions from developers and their representatives. This is an amount that can't just be overlooked or swept under the rug.

With the PCD issue as well as the westerly sewers being rushed through, it's easy to see that the Mayor is not doing this for the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of North Ridgeville. But rather to fulfill closed-door negotiations with the developers to maximize their profits at the expense of the taxpayers of North Ridgeville.

Is this a quid pro quo? Well I'll let you be the judge of that.

> John C. Prajzner Chairman STAMP North Ridgeville

Help promote the proposed Center

In May our community will have the opportunity to vote on a Community Recreation and Senior Center. This new center will provide an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, meeting rooms for social events. recreation and wellness facilities, as well as

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programming and opportunities for all ages and abilities. In addition it will house a much-needed senior citizens facility. If you have time, please stop by city hall and look at the plans. You will be amazed!

As with any ballot issue, help is needed to get information out to the voters. Anyone wishing to help promote the Community Recreation and Senior Center is asked to contact Click Davis 748-3141, Dottie Alberto 327-6346 or 327-1334, or Bev Gillock 327-0451.

North Ridgeville

Let's stop blaming STAMP To the Editor:

This letter is in response to comments that place blame for North Ridgeville's housing woes on the STAMP (Stop Abusing The Master Plan) committee.

Let's not place the blame on STAMP.

People who do not get involved in their city's issues should bear responsibility. STAMP does not purport to have all the answers nor do they make the decisions. As I see it, this group is a watchdog group, bringing attention to what is happening in our city government. One may not agree with STAMP and all its issues and methods, nor should we have to agree, but if we wish to effect change in this community then we should heed the call to be aware and to be involved.

STAMP and PCDs and "row" housing.

STAMP merely brought some questionable issues about PCDs to the public eye and the residents voted, not just STAMP members. I believe STAMP members search, just as you and I search, for the goal of finding the best solutions to problematic issues.

Housing does not have to be all in a row

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to which it is often referred). North Ridgeville could work towards the enactment of legislation to encourage other design avenues such as curving streets, treed yards, neighborhood parks, etc. And PCDs could be vastly improved so that these are attributes to our city and acceptable to the majority of residents. Some aspects of Kingston Place, as well as other PCDs, continue to be troublesome to many people. The following is not a comprehensive list, but I hope it provides enough to help one to understand there are too many areas of con-

Kingston Place. * Traffic impacts upon roads that are

cern and questions without clear answers

and this is why the residents voted against

country lane-like. * Expansion and costs of provision of city

* Commercial areas on these already busy

* Increased congestion and concerns about safety issues. * Commercial areas in current residential

neighborhoods. * Sewers - benefiting new residents coming into the PCDs but not benefiting current

un-sewered residents.

* Open space/green space - not only confusion of terminology but also low percentage of land area allotted for "open" space has no provision for a percentage to be "green"

* Error of thinking that more houses and more taxes is always better for the city.

* Problems encountered by other PCDs

or checkerboard or "cookie cutter" type (as and preventing those disasters in our own

* Destruction of wildlife habitats, displacement of the wildlife and the resulting damage wildlife has on private property.

So please don't place the blame on STAMP. Instead, be thankful there are people with the courage to bring questionable practices and legislation to our attention so that we all become more informed and, hopefully, work together to resolve any problems. Talk to your mayor, to your councilperson, to a STAMP member, to your neighbors. Come to City Council meetings, listen to what is going on, share your thoughts. Write a letter. Search for ideas and solutions, and practice the art of compromise. This city is the people — each and every one of us.

> Carol Shroyer North Ridgeville

Feels ticket was unfair

To the Editor:

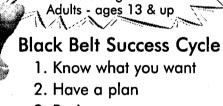
I am a resident of North Ridgeville and had a very upsetting interaction with the North Ridgeville Police Department recently that I would like to share with my fellow

My car slid on black ice on a Monday morning when we had an ice storm and a ton of accidents happened all over the Cleveland area. This is my first accident ever, after driving for over 13 years! Shortly after my car slid off of Case Road and collid-

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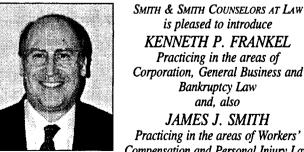
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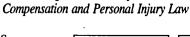
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Time to choose a King and Queen for NRHS Winter Formal

The North Ridgeville High School Student Council will sponsor "Winter Wonderland," this year's Winter Formal, Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the high school. The King and Queen and attendants will be announced at the dance. Candidates are pictured. At left, front row, from left to right: sophomores, Mary Heathcoat, Crysdowna Black, Jill Woodard; freshmen, Brittany Cioffletti, Stephanie Chismar, Allison Bartolozzi; back row, sophomores, Andrew Rothacker, Adam Franczak, Andrew Tyson; freshmen, Scott Palanges, Jason Kaczur, Jon Topeka.

At right, seated from left to right; seniors, Allison Jacobs, Sheri Workman, Jane Blasius, Alicia Payne, Jenny Wilson; middle row, juniors, Brooke Bender, Nikki Haag, Jenny Miller; back row, seniors Dave Mustar, Fred O'Neal, Suhail Atassi, Zack Hodson, Chad McKenzie, juniors, Steve Potting, Derek Mikoski, Josh Daniels. (P&L Klear)

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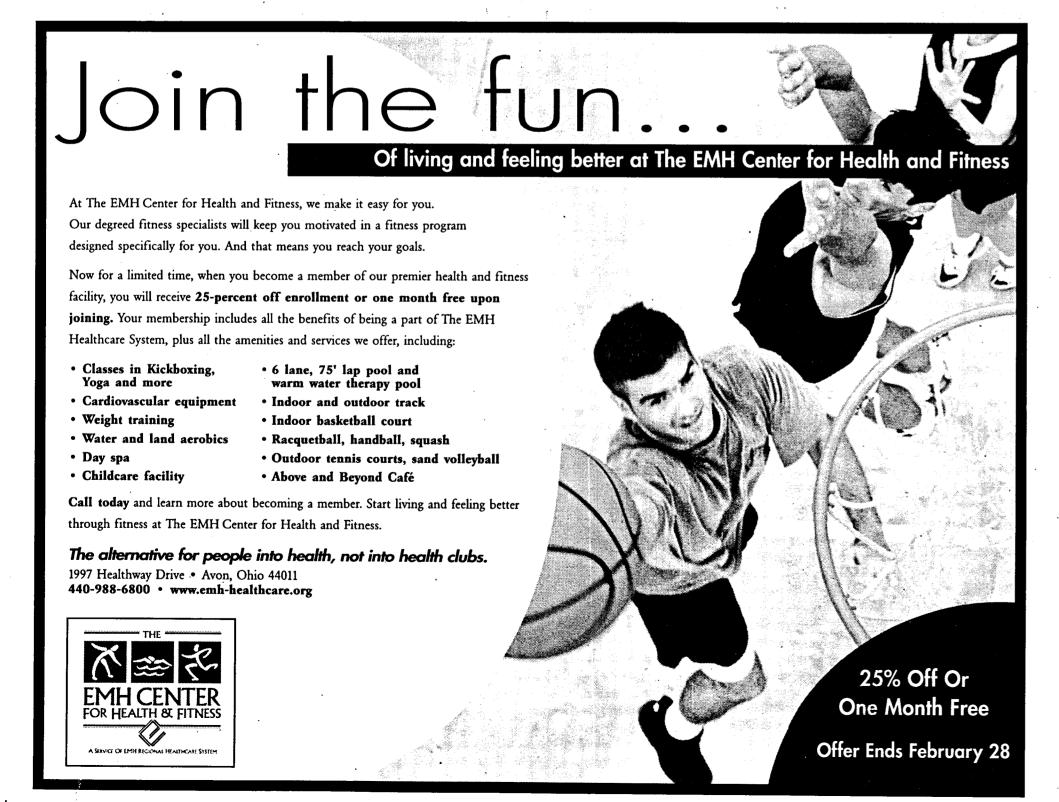
The Easter Bunny-Gram fundraiser is being sponsored by Junior Achievement of Lorain County. The package includes a personalized letter from the Easter Bunny, a coloring book, crayons, funny-bunny ears or visor, stickers, and other Easter games and before March 26, 2001.

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Police Department Reports

By Mark Maier

Wednesday, February 21, 2001

Totally disheveled, needing a holiday

A report was made on Valentine's Day regarding an incident that occurred a few days before Christmas Day. In the afternoon of Dec. 21, Patrolman Young was dispatched to Ridge Trailer Park to investigate the report of a male subject who was outside in the wintry weather without a shirt on and yelling at people.

Upon arrival, Young found the man in his front driveway near to having it completely shoveled. The man was wearing a hooded

Young approached the male subject and advised him of the complaint. The man stated he had made a bet with his wife that he could shovel the driveway without needing to wear a shirt despite the fact that it was snowing at the time. According the man, he had been outside without a shirt only long enough to prove his point to his wife before he went inside to put on the coat he was wearing when the officer approached him.

However, the man denied yelling at anyone, though he acknowledge turning down help shoveling the driveway from some of the neighborhood kids. He admitted that he demanded they leave him alone when they asked questions about him being outside without a shirt.

The man stated he was going to finish clearing his driveway before returning inside his trailer. No further action was taken.

Michigan's boulder defendants

Patrolman Lee had been advised by Patrolman Larkin early in their shift on Feb. 10 that a blue Honda Accord bearing Michigan plates was being driven by a 17-year-old

male without a driver's license. In addic- as son as possible to make one. When she tion, the driver had been noticed at the Mills Creek Marathon where he had previously been warned not to be by the owner due to an ongoing investigation.

On the above date, Lee observed the defendant exit the Giant Eagle Shopping Center and head eastbound on Rt. 20. When the defendant turned into the parking lot at Arby's, Lee made the stop. Upon making contact with the defendant, Lee asked why the young man from Michigan was driving without a license. The male subject stated he was not sure why and also stated that he had not been licensed in Michigan or Ohio. Lee then placed the defendant into his cruiser.

Patrolman Larkin then arrived and made contact with the 18-year-old and 21-yearold passengers of the vehicle. Larkin noticed the odor of burnt marijuana within the vehicle. The officer had the passengers exit the vehicle and wait in Patrolman Wilkshire's cruiser.

Upon searching the vehicle, Larkin found 1.5 grams of marijuana and a diamond sapphire ring under the rear of the passenger 47 pills of prescription drug under the rear seat behind the arm rest.

Lee asked the 17-year-old male subject about the items. The young man informed the officer that the marijuana was his but the pills and ring were stolen by the 18-yearold from a Boulder Dr. residence. All three subjects were then transported to the sta-

At the station, Lee made contact with the mother of the prescription holder regarding the stolen items. She advised she had not made a report but she would be in

arrived at the station, she made a written

She advised the officers that the three defendants were at her house visiting her daughter on Feb. 8 around 9 a.m. She stated that she went to give her son his medication the next morning but was unable to find his medicine. Even after searching the house thoroughly, she stated the medication did not turn up. She suspect that one of the three defendants had stolen the medicine.

She also stated that she checked her jewelry box after Lee contacted her at her house because the officer had inquired about a the ring. She noticed she was missing a diamond sapphire ring as well as a gold necklace and cross, but those were the only items

Lee then mirandized the 21-year-old male subject and he made the statement that the 18-year-old had taken the pills, the ring, and the necklace from the house on Boulder Dr. The older defendant stated he had the necklace in his coat pocket because the 18-year-old gave it to him on Feb. 10. Lee found the necklace in one of the pockside seat. He also found bottle containing ets of the coat owned by the older defen-

Patrolman Gorski brought the 18-yearold subject to the police department where he was then mirandized. Lee interviewed the young man who initially told the officer that the youngest of the three defendants had taken the property from the residence. However, a little while later, he spoke with the older defendant and realized he had been caught. He then confessed to stealing the pills and ring, but advised officers that

The 18-year-old was charged with a tigation will follow.

felony in the theft of the drugs and petty theft of the other property. The 21-year-old was charged with receiving stolen property.

The jewelry was booked into evidence and the pills were returned to the woman so she would have the pills for her son.

Targeting an identity crisis

A 58-year-old woman stopped into the police station on Feb. 5 to file a report regarding someone else using her identity.

In December of 2000, the woman had received a notice from Target stores requesting that she make contact with them in reference to a credit application and a purchase she had allegedly made via the Internet. She contacted Target and stated she had not filled out any credit applications or had she made any purchases.

Target gave the victim a list of phone numbers to several credit reporting agencies and advised her to make a fraud alert. In her contact with the agencies, she learned that two other companies, Victoria's Secret and Providian, had tried to obtain her cred-

The woman sent letters to all the companies involved informing them of possible fraudulent charges that were being made with her credit. The credit companies have been instructed by the woman to personally contact her before issuing any credit to anybody using her name or social security number.

Attached to the police report was a copy of the woman's credit report showing two addresses in the area of Miami, Florida where credit checks were requested.

There are currently no suspects at this time. The report that was made was for the older defendant had taken the necklace. informational purposes and no further inves-

City gets low interest loan for water tower

By Carol Klear

"It's official," said City Engineer Stewart Lovece, "we got the water tower loan of \$3.1 million, with an interest rate of 4.14 percent for 20 years.

Lovece made the announcement Wednesday afternoon and said work toward obtaining the loan from the Ohio Water Development Authority and the Ohio Environment Protection Agency began three years ago.

The engineer said the city had to meet technical criteria including reports on a contingency plan, as well as a consumer confidence report. Officials also had to show managerial expertise, such as how to handle water line breaks. "We had to show the ability to repay the loan," he said,

adding that the entire report was several inches thick. Lovece was excited about the interest rate for the loan, noting that at one time it had been 4.28 percent, and then dropped to the present 4.14 percent.

"They came from Columbus to give us the papers and to start processing them" he said.

With this project underway, Lovece said that city officials are beginning to plant seeds for other projects..

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Fire Department Reports

Mystery smoke

Firefighters arrived at Rt. 83 near the turnpike shortly after 10 p.m. on Feb. 13 expecting to find smoke, but instead found nothing.

The call that came in gave the warning that there was the smell and sight of smoke in the area of Rt. 83 and the turnpike. The caller claimed that the smell was like that of burning tires. Firefighters drove through the area two times and were not able to find any tires.

The conclusion was that, with the possibility of the weather at the time, a chimney was smoking up the area.

Mystery child

Firefighters arrived at a pond behind Akin and Akin in regards to a report of a child that had supposed walked out

Upon arriving at 35205 Center Ridge Rd. at 5:47 p.m.

on Feb. 12, firefighters found no child on the ice and the ice had not been broken.

The caller, who lives nearby, was then interviewed by firefighters. She stated she saw the child go near the ice, not on the ice.

Shortly after 6 a.m. on Feb. 12, firefighters arrived at the Center Ridge Nursing Home in response to a call regarding a slight gas odor in the kitchen.

Firefighters noticed the slight odor upon entering the kitchen and immediately checked all the appliances as well as the pilot lights. They also checked for CO2 level on their meters, but nothing registered.

The kitchen was then aired out. The underneath the burners of several appliances were found to be very greasy and dusty. The employees were advised to have the cooking equipment cleaned and serviced.



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'Are-You O.K.?' offers assurance for those alone

By Carol Klear

Fire Chief Rick Miller is considering the purchase of a software program designed to check on senior citizens, people who live alone, the disabled or anyone who needs to be checked on daily.

In a presentation to the board of North Ridgeville Seniors Inc., the Chief explained the workings of the system and said that at a designated time each day, a computer calls the person, and a computer-generated voice will ask, "Are you O.K.?"

If the individual is all right, he will simply hang up the phone. If there is a problem, such as a fall and the subscriber does not answer after several calls, or if there is a busy shock. signal on several consecutive times, a member of the Fire or Police Department will be dispatched to the home to check on the person. "There won't be any lights and sirens," said Miller, "it's a service call to investigate."

If the person plans to be away for a period of time, the Fire Department is informed and the calls will be halted for that period. Sometimes the call isn't answered simply because the subscriber has forgotten to notify the department that he will be out of



"It's geared toward the person who doesn't have family," said Miller, and the service would be provided at no charge.

According to information provided by Northland Innovation Corporation the system is being used in more than 180 cities and towns throughout the United States and Canada and has saved many lives and helped alleviate worry for many families.

Miller said he talked to a dispatcher in Parma Heights who said the service has been used by 200 or 300 people in that community and is "outstanding."

"Since she (dispatcher) has been on duty it has saved several lives," said the Chief, including a woman who had suffered insulin

"It's telephone assurance," said Sally Balog, director of the Senior Center, "It's something worthwhile, and we can offer it free to residents.

Miller noted that the Are You O.K. program is not to replace such services as Lifeline, but rather used as an additional aid.

Persons who want to use the service will be expected to complete an application and determine when they are to be called, as well as providing the name of someone who would have a key to the their residence in case of emergency.

Miller said the software is approximately \$3,500 and he is hoping to purchase it from his department's budget. If he is successful, he said, "I can have residents online in a month in our community."





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ed with a guard rail, two other cars collided after another car slid and went left of center. This was about 500 ft. or so before where I had slid.

A kind man who lives nearby came out to help people. He informed me that five minutes before I had hit that guard rail, so had someone else, however that individual had been able to drive away. If it had not been for that guard rail pinning my car underneath it, I would have gone over a fairly large ravine into water and could have died or been seriously injured! I was fortunate not to have been harmed in my accident, but I did fall and sprain my wrist while crossing the street to make my way to the patrolman's vehicle to make out a report. The roads were very treacherous and even the tow truck driver almost fell when he stepped put of his vehicle to converse with the patrolman.

the accidents and the city had NOT salted the roads, this was the reason for my accident as well as the other accidents that occurred that morning. I realize that the storm came on suddenly, but didn't the weather forecast forewarn of its possible arrival? My car was seriously damaged and now have to somehow come up with a \$500 deductible for my insurance company to repair my vehicle.

To add insult to injury, the North Ridgeville patrolman called me THREE days after the accident to issue me a ticket for "reasonable control," allegedly because his lieutenant had told him to do so. I asked him if all of the other people involved in the numerous fender benders throughout the Cleveland area that morning would be having tickets issued to them also. He stated that it was all up to the city's police department. Everyone I have told my story to has been dumbfounded that the city would issue me a ticket when the roads were so bad. I pay taxes to reside in North Ridgeville

and part of those taxes are to have my roads properly kept up. I feel that since I have been driving down Case Road at least twice per day for the past two years on my way to Lorain County Community College and have never had any prior accidents that the WHOLE reason I had my accident that The patrolman closed off the road due to morning was due to the city NOT salting the roads. It is an injustice and I am going to fight my ticket so that I do not get undeserved points put onto my driver's license. Up until this incident, I loved residing in North Ridgeville and was seriously consider ing purchasing a home here after I graduate and gain employment in my new profession. has resulted in an estimated \$5000 worth of . However, this whole experience has ruined damage. I am a poor college student and my opinion of the city and I will now move

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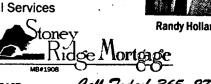
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by Dr. Geoffrey L. Stefko

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ern Reserve style, but with enough windows to allow natural light. If supported by voters in the May Primary, the design for the Center could begin in June, with construction beginning in March of 2002. The opening would be in May, 2003, said Renzi.

Resident Dell Bethel questioned the lack of an Olympic-size swimming pool, but Renzi told him that the aquatic portion of the center is the most expensive, and it appeared there is no need for a competition

Hill explained that she had met with school officials to determine the district's interest in having a pool for a swim team, which would escalate the cost. "They said 'no, we're really not interested," she said.

Renzi said that, as designed, the Center will have three swim lanes, each 25 yards

Responding to another question about the possibility of future expansion in the aquatic area, Renzi agreed there is room for

Physically, the building will have a West- a separate building which could be connected to the main facility.

> There will be no space allotted for racquetball or handball, because the cost cannot be recoured, said Renzi. Cyril Nalty, project manager for The

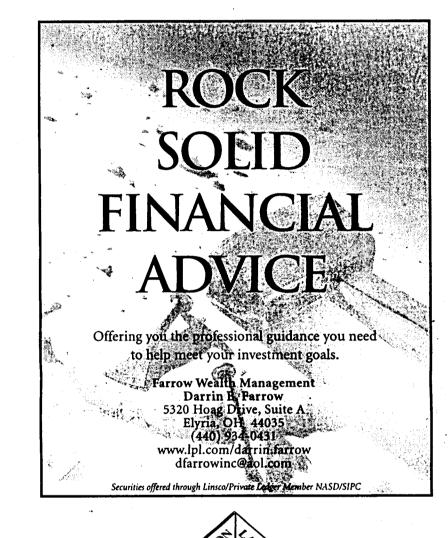
Sports Management Group said, "racquetball is dying, tennis, as well.' Answering a question from Warren Blakely about the feasibility of expanding the facility in order to keep pace with the growing population, Renzi said that the

extensive multi-use spaces offer flexibility. Bethel asked about including an ice hockey rink, however, Renzi said there is no great need. "If you build ice, people will come, but the cost is too high. One sheet is

\$5 million," he said.

Returning to the need for a Senior Center. Hill said that one wing will be for seniors. It's necessary to limit the number of people using the present center, she said, "This past week we had 63 (women's breakfast), we can't accommodate any more. It's a growing population, they deserve to be served.'

As the meeting concluded, Hill said that officials of the Lorain Public Library System are considering the possibility of relocating the new library from the planned Jaycox Road site to land adjacent to the proposed Community Recreation and Senior Center. The proposal would have to be approved by the library board, as well as City Council.





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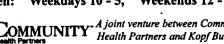
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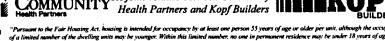
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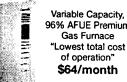
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rious in the DECA District 8 Competitions held Feb. 2 at Lorain County Community College. When the school year began, advisor JoAnn Dudik instructed the senior class to set goals for their last year of high school. The students responded in several very worthwhile goals. The most ambitious, however, was that every senior would win at district competitions and go on to state DECA competitions. On Feb. 2 they did exactly that! All 19 seniors qualified for state competition at the Ohio DECA Career Development Conference, March 23 through March 25. In addition, 11 juniors earned trophies. Seven juniors will also be attending state.

All first and second place winners will be moving to the next level of competition in more - Financial Services Team Columbus along with third place series winners. Senior Angela Toich, although a qualifier, is performing in our high school play, Campaign "Romeo and Juliet...and Hamlet Too" the

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* Junior: Natalie Bartolozzi - Marketing Management Series Third Place Winners:

* Senior: Kelly King - Full Service Restaurant Management Series * Senior: Somer Spyak - Food Marketing

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* Junior: Jason Milam - Vehicle & Petro-

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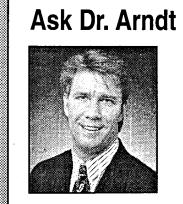


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KATHIE A. KALO

Kathie A. Kalo (nee Hamilton), 46, of Lorain died Feb. 10 at her residence following a four-year battle with cancer. Born in Martin, Ky., she had been a resident of Lorain

A graduate of Lorain High School, she was employed as a medical secretary and receptionist for Anesthesia Associates of Northern Ohio in Lorain.

Mrs. Kalo had previously been employed by the former Lorain Community Hospital. She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in Lorain and was a member of St. Ann Fraternal Lodge Branch 114. An accomplished cook, she was also an avid reader and collector of angels.

Survivors include her husband of 21 years, George D.; a son, Ryan at home; her mother, Liza A. Ladikos of North Ridgeville; paternal grandmother, Sarah Hamilton of South Amherst; a sister, Connie Beecher of Whitehouse; and brothers Randy and Tony, both of North Ridgeville. She was preceded in death by her father.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church in Lorain with the Rev. G. Michael Williamson, associate pastor officiating. Burial was at Ridge Hill Memoral sister. ial Park, Amherst Township.

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Born in Elyria, he had been a resident of North Ridgeville most of his life.

He worked as a chief air traffic controller for the U.S. Navy for 20 years, before retiring in 1970. He then worked at the GM Fisher Guide Plant in Elyria for 15 years until it

Mr. Barnes was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville. He enjoyed playing on the computer and also loved playing cards.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Barbara (nee Yarsa); a daughter, Kathy Dempsey of North Ridgeville; sons John and Jim, both of Elyria and Bob and Tim, both of North Ridgeville; two grandsons; sisters Winifred Beckloff of North Ridgeville, Sister Kathleen Barnes of Columbia, S.C. and Genevieve Pataky of North Ridgeville; and a brother, Jim, of

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother; and

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery.

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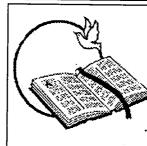
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Bessie W. Ziegman, 90, of North Ridgeville died Feb. 9 at Anchor lodge Nursing Home in Lorain.

Born in Toledo, she lived in North Ridgeville for 55 years, before moving to the Anchor Lodge Nursing Home five

She graduated from Woodward High School in Toledo in 1928. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Ziegman was a longtime member of St. Peter Catholic Church and the church's Altar Society. She was formerly an active member of the North Ridgeville Senior

She enjoyed knitting, traveling and cooking. Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Miller of Perrysburg; a son Robert of Xenia; three grandchildren; and two

great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver, in 1980; a son, Richard, in 1969; and grandson, in 1963.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Church. Burial was at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter Catholic Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. or to the North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults, 7327 Avon Belden Rd., North Ridgeville,

Arrangements were by the Busch-Bogner Family Funeral Chapel.

CLARA L. RAY

Clara L. Ray (nee Cook), 59, of Elyria, died Feb. 14 at EMH Regional Medical Center following along illness.

She was born in Camp Dix, Kentucky. She lived in North Ridgeville from 1951 until moving to Elyria in 1963.

Mrs. Ray worked at R.W. Beckett Corp. in North Ridgeville from 1978 until 1994. She enjoyed babysitting and taking care of her grandchildren, crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and playing cards.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin, one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Debra) Bristow of Elyria, two sons, Gerald Ray of Elyria and Ronald Ray of Olmsted falls. Four granddaughters, two brothers, Clayton Cook of LaGrange and Ernest Cook of North Ridgeville.

She is preceded in death by her brother, Donald Cook in 1993, one sister; and her parents.

Funeral service were held in the David Bogner Family Funeral home, with the Rev. Bill Shomo, pastor of Sugar

Ridge Baptist Church officiating. Entombment was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.



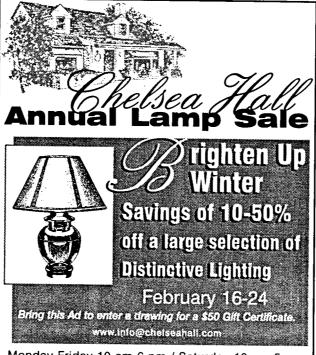
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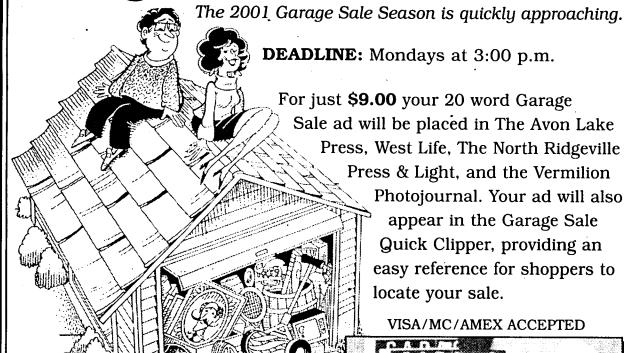
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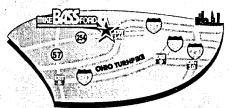
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