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## This Week:

### Arts & Antiques Tour

The Growing Arts and Antiques Tour will be May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with special demonstrations, discounts and give-aways at many of the businesses. Take home special treasures and ideas. The participating businesses are: J.P. Diederich Sons, Inc., The Elms, Schulz's Flowerhouse, North Ridgeville Antique and Collectible Shoppe, Sandy Ridge Reservation, Garden Village, R.B. Minute Green house, Bulk-N-Bushel, Blue Barn Interiors Antiques, Candy's Weathervane Antiques, Schrauf Landscaping, Don Mould's Plantation and Worcester's Sales and Service.

### Memories of Mom

Mother's Day can be difficult for a child whose mother has died. To help, The Phoenix Center for Grieving Children will hold a Grief Workshop for Children, May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children five and older are invited to come and begin a memory scrapbook of their mother to help preserve precious memories. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. The workshop will be held at New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. The cost is \$10 per children. Call 934-1482 to register.

## In Brief:

### Food collection, May 13

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service will be collection nonperishable food items on May 13 for distribution to local food banks.

Place a food donation by your mailbox, May 13 and your North Ridgeville letter carrier will deliver it to Community Care.

### Show your pride

May 20 is the day all of North Ridgeville will get out and pick up, clean up and spruce up the city. If you want to volunteer for a Pride Day project, call Sonja Walden, program supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department at 353-0880, and she'll line you up for a job. If you have a project of your own, still give Sonja a buzz so she can help you coordinate your effort.

### Play it safe!

St. John West Shore Hospital's Emergency Services will host its annual Play it Safe! Family fair on May 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital, 29000 Center Ridge Rd. Parents and children can enjoy a day of games and activities that center on safety themes.

### Attention lifeguards

The Lorain County Red Cross is sponsoring CPR for the professional rescuer recertification classes on May 18, 25, 30 and June 1 from 3:30p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter at 2929 W. River Rd. N., Elyria. Call 324-2929 for details.

## Bainbridge Road to open between Rt. 83 and R

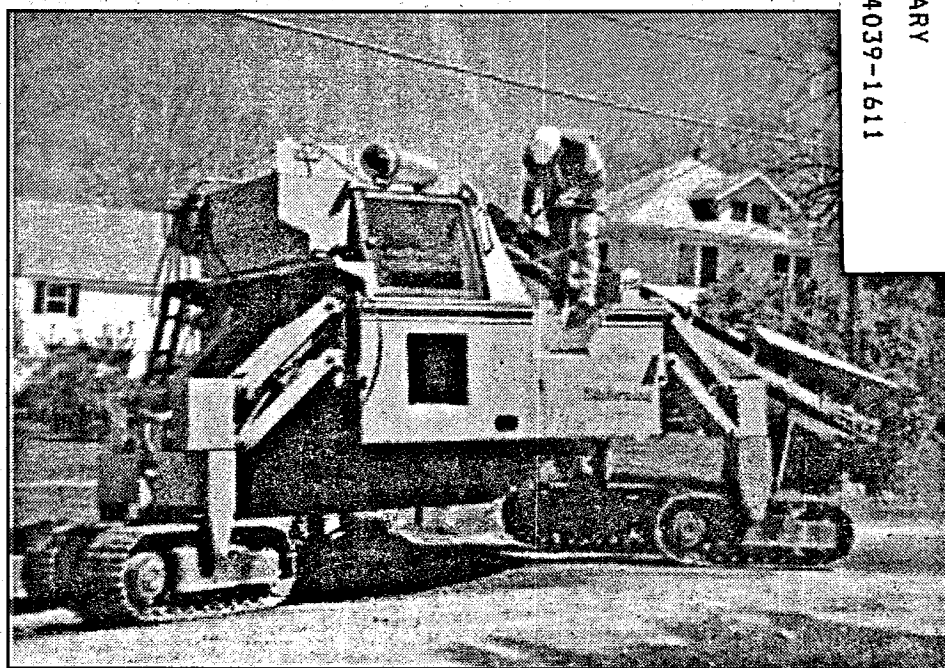
By Carol Klear

If the schedule holds, by the end of the week motorists will again be cruising along Bainbridge Road between Rt. 83 and Root Road, after detouring the construction site for the past 30 days.

City Engineer Stewart Lovece is pleased with the progress of the work, and as he walked the intersection at Root and Bainbridge, he explained the work being completed, including the slipform machine that shapes the cement along the edge of the road. If there were no slipform apparatus, said Lovece, the entire curbing process would have to be done by hand. After the machine pours the concrete into place, workers, using steel trowels, apply the finishing touches and level the stone.

Where driveways empty into the new road, they are enhanced and built to conform with the constructed elevation. "The driveways must match the road," said Lovece, noting that the drives vary in length. Pointing to a driveway on Root Road, just south of Bainbridge, he said it runs 150 feet and will be completely redone at no cost to the homeowner.

Some homeowners, he said, have expressed concern about work being done on their driveways, however, the drives must be tapered to match the new road. When it is necessary to elevate a driveway, a yard drain is installed to alleviate standing water. "Each drive is individual," said Lovece, adding sympatheti-

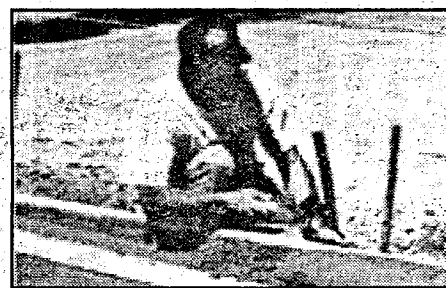


A construction worker cleans up the slipform machine after a full day of work on the Bainbridge Road rehabilitation project. (P&L Klear)

cally, "but everyone is afraid of change."

Designing a road is no small project, said Lovece. "We have to work out the new elevation, but the major consideration is the drainage," he said. The storm sewer must be well below the road, and when construction workers began excavating the old road, they unearthed a number of interesting items, including some old hot water tanks.

See Bainbridge on pg. 6



A worker smooths the surface with a steel trowel along Bainbridge Road.

### MUSSON'S PHILOSOPHY

## 'You work with me, and I'll work with you'

By Carol Klear

He dons a black robe, takes a minute to adjust the fit, before walking the few steps from his office to the adjoining room, attractive with its dark wood and blue carpet. Rows of chairs line the rear half of the room and against the right wall nine chairs, padded with black leather

stand side by side. A large bulletin board faces the four dozen seats, while a table and chairs take up the center of the room and in a front corner is a television monitor. It has been turned on, but initially there is no movement on the screen, and it appears that the camera has focused on the walls of a room somewhere.

From the direction of the outer office a

woman in navy enters the room. For a few seconds she seems to be arranging papers and completing a mental checklist of duties. Another woman seems to position herself at a computer near the monitor. A tall man, and a young visitor take their places at the center table, and a uniformed male appears on the monitor.

The man in the black robe steps out of his office, while the woman in blue announces, "all rise."

The court of Judge John R. Musson is in session.

For the next 40 or 50 minutes, the North Ridgeville resident, who has been a Municipal Court Judge for a little more than two years, arraigns persons held in either the county or city jail, via closed circuit television, which affords security for the judge, and saves the time and cost of transporting persons from the confinements to the chambers.

One by one the prisoners appear before Musson, each case presented by bailiff Roseanne Johnson, who had been a North Ridgeville councilwoman prior to being hired as Musson's bailiff. At the conclusion of each introduction, the judge greets the accused with a "good morning." Each person charged with a crime is offered the opportunity to



In his Elyria office, North Ridgeville resident, Judge John Musson discusses his role in the Municipal Court System. (P&L Klear)

See Musson on pg. 16



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# P.C.D.—“The Ultimate Control”

## Planned Community Development

by Bob Schmitt, BSH, Inc.

It's simple. A 6 mile sewer trunk extended in western North Ridgeville at no cost to residents and 20% of the projects remain undeveloped, open and natural. Planned Development is the primary and repeated principle of the city's Master Plan. It took two administrations, one Republican, one Democrat, and the input of hundreds of residents over four years to create the Master Plan. It remains “the people's plan.”

P.C.D.'s are the best, most logical, citizen sensitive and cost effective way for North Ridgeville to dictate what its future will be and what it will look like. I write to ask...no beg...every thinking person in our city to say “yes” to sound, proven, pro-active planning that will provide tremendous advantage for our city's tomorrow. I quote from the Master Plan: “Traditional zoning tends to undermine the community's efforts to shape the city's growth according to our needs and desires.”

News coverage must inform people about what they stand to lose if the forces of illogic and fear win out. People have not been made aware of the benefits, the control that planning gives us and the consequences of refusing to plan and prepare for development that will inevitably happen.

North Ridgeville is a desirable place. You know it. So do others. Now, right now, is the only window of opportunity we have to make certain that we don't allow the kind of outdated, sprawling, patchwork development that now makes other cities undesirable and pushes people to seek a better quality of life elsewhere...like here.

P.C.D. preserves our way of life, conserves land and will provide a no-cost sewer trunk system. That, and what follows, is the story that must be told.

The Master Plan is clear. We have two alternatives.

1. “We can let development run its own course and eventually seeing our quality of life destroyed.”
2. “We can guide development...improving our quality of life.”

Existing rules, regulations and zoning ordinances are antiquated and actually hurt the city. The concept of planned community development, a demand made by the mayor and the people of the city through the Master Plan, is now, thank heaven, on the books. Planned Community Development (P.C.D.) is the only way to ensure that a city can demand that land remain open and become park area, demand amenities, and demand road and infrastructure improvements that address the needs of the city as a whole at no cost to taxpayers. All of this happens when a plan is submitted.

P.C.D. provides a place for people starting out, having families and retirees. You could, if you wanted, spend your whole life in the same P.C.D.

With P.C.D.'s we can finally get the westerly trunk sewer system we've talked about for decades...and have somebody else pay for it. Improving the sanitary health of our city, saving ourselves millions of dollars in construction expense, avoiding assessments and, at the same time, saving one-fifth of

North Ridgeville as open space is a good idea. Don't you think so?

P.C.D. is the only way I know of avoiding the undesirable, boring, uncreative development we now call “urban sprawl.” P.C.D. is the only way I know to decide today what our tomorrow will look like and the legacy we will leave our children. I pray our legacy will be one of conservation and planned land use...not land abuse.

There is a move afoot in North Ridgeville that plays on people's fear of development. As long as there are property owners willing to sell their land or build on it themselves then development will go on. The law, from the city charter to the U.S. Constitution, makes it a right. The only question for the people of this city or any other city is: will development be done well or poorly?

Let me be clear and as open as possible. I am a developer. I have no financial interest in any project on the west side of our city. At age 82, with 60 years of development experience including Mills Creek and Ridgefield, my only selfish interest is quality and sound financial growth for North Ridgeville. It's where I live, too. Both projects are essentially P.C.D.'s. They were carefully planned, provide family-friendly housing and recreation. They are environmentally integrated, conserve land and provide streets, water, and sewer service extension at no cost to taxpayers. They are communities that are a tax bonanza for our city, provide a quality of life for residents and there is no burden on our school system. That's because we plan and offer homes for seniors, singles and professionals as well as families with school age children.

That brings us to today. There is a 203 acre project proposed just off Case Road near our border with Avon. It is called Kingston. It is a planned community development. It saves 20% of the land for open space, provides for recreation areas, walking trails. Kingston will be built by one of the most respected homebuilders nation-wide and will put in the start of a north-south road and provide an east-west link from Case Road to Stoney Ridge Road.

The city of Avon has said it will not allow Mills Road to be extended so that east-west link is the best and only way to connect to Mills Road.

If the Kingston project does not go through as a P.C.D. the developer has to do none of the things I just mentioned. He can simply build homes and cluster homes, side by side, on lots as small as 76 1/2 feet. No open space. No recreation areas. No walking trails. No traffic improvements.

If the people trying to stop P.C.D.'s win then we, as a city, lose and we lose big.

Kingston will be followed by planned developments by F.J.D., Inc., the Beckett Corporation and Forest City. Beckett will provide light industrial development. That means jobs, an expanded tax base for North Ridgeville and less tax burden on the city's homeowners.

These planned developments will also mean sewers in the western part of the city at no cost to any existing resident or property owner.

Kingston is at the end of a 36 inch sewer trunk line that goes to French Creek Wastewater Treatment plant in Sheffield. The irony is that North Ridgeville owns the treatment plant but the sewer stops when it gets to our city.

The French Creek plant was bought from the federal and state government by North Ridgeville at a bargain price. It serves North Ridgeville, Avon and Sheffield Village and has the capacity to serve the growth expected in all of these communities and more. This plant has great profit potential for the city providing our regulations and policies are pro-active and protective of people, their land and our ability to grow the future we want.

Kingston will extend the 36" trunk South to FJD, Inc., R.W. Beckett, and Forest City who together currently own or have options on approximately 1,600 contiguous acres. The western sewer district is about 6,200 acres to the southern boundary of the city.

The estimated cost to build 6 miles of trunk sewer is 8 million dollars. The above 3 landowners have agreed to contribute 84% or approximately 7 million dollars. They have also agreed that they will pay all assessments and fees for any person forced by law to tap into that 6 mile trunk line.

The mayor and a council majority have demanded and the landowners have agreed to apply for and abide by the requirements of P.C.D. zoning including 20% open space, many amenities and improvements that are not required by our present R-1 or R-2 zoning. We need laws and zoning that guides developers to do the things we want and will benefit our city. It's better land use, conservation at its best and someone else pays for sewers, not you.

It appears that an illogical minority on the City Council and a small group of dissidents are challenging everything that is proposed by the administration and the majority of Council. In a recent newspaper account, Gail Minnick, Ward 4 Councilwoman, criticizes supporters of the P.C.D. including members of her own party. Mrs. Minnick may be well intended but she could not be more wrong. She also was a major factor in a poorly thought out

referendum attempt. In the article Minnick makes a point that the Mills Road continuation to Case Road “will be lost forever”. Avon has already said “no” to extending Mills Road. What “will be lost forever” is an offer to have private business - not residents - pay an \$8 million sewer construction cost and put aside a huge portion of the city as open and green space.

P.C.D. gives the city more control and more opportunities to say “NO” to a plan. With our present zoning, if a developer meets codes and specs, the city must accept the plan. P.C.D. gives the city power to require comprehensive land use planning.

Without it there may not be another Mills Creek, Ridgefield or Muirwood Village.

P.C.D. is not a new idea. Shaker Heights, which was nationally recognized when it was conceived, is an entirely planned community in every respect. Let's do the same.

Because a P.C.D. provides for different housing types and needs in the same neighborhood, it is a more socially diverse community and produces far higher real estate and income tax revenues. It will produce far more school revenue than it will cost. In other words, a P.C.D. will attract a broader representation of our current society which gives it better long term marketability than narrow market neighborhoods.

What is ironic - Ridgefield is a P.C.D. for which a limited P.C.D. zoning classification was adopted just a few years ago. There was no unusual public interest. No fear, No furor, No petitions circulated. Through 1999, Ridgefield is 20% complete and generates \$15,000 per month in property tax, income tax and fees to the city and gives more than \$20,000 per month in taxes to the schools. Today Ridgefield has fewer than 15 school-age children.

There are many economic and social reasons for us all to actively support P.C.D. zoning and expand the principles it embodies. North Ridgeville can become financially and socially rich through this principle of land use, save 20% open space, demand improvements, demand recreation and other amenities and not have to pay for the sewers we've wanted for 20 years.

The people against P.C.D. have yet to offer anything positive or any substitute solution. They only oppose any and all efforts to encourage developers to be creative, do what we need and what will benefit the city.

Please call me. I will be glad to talk to anyone who is interested and provide more data and economic facts to prove that P.C.D.'s, development controls and creativity are the way to guarantee that we “keep the country in the city” of North Ridgeville. My number is 327-9495.



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## Thursday is the big day for senior Noll

By Carol Klear

NOMINATED AND WON.....Congratulations to Dick Noll, former North Ridgeville mayor and present chairman of the Senior Center Advisory Board, who will be inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in Columbus on Thursday. The Hall of Fame honors older Ohioans by recognizing their vital role in society as well as promoting the productivity and enjoyment that should be part of retirement years.

SPEAKING OF DICK NOLL.....There's a little anecdote about him in this month's newsletter from the Senior Center. It seems that when he and his wife, Janice, were raising their children, they tried to make the young Nolls understand the value of doing the right thing, just because it's right, or because it will help someone. According to the item, Dick told them, "Chores should be done because they need to be, not because you kids get paid for doing them." Unwilling to leave well enough alone, he went on, "When I was your age, I was good for nothing."

## New state motto for Ohio: 'Get a Life'!

By Josh Cable

Finally, the 6th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals has confirmed what we all, at one time or another, have suspected:

Some people in this country have WAY too much time on their hands.

Apparently, it's politically correct now to file a lawsuit in the name of just about anything that offends, upsets or inconveniences us. It all started when some knucklehead won millions of dollars because he spilled coffee on his crotch.

This time, the object of some knucklehead's boredom was the state motto: "With God, all things are possible."

God (or the deity/higher power/force-field/ Yoda of your choice) forbid that we may alienate one cow-worshipping pagan holed up in a woodshed somewhere in the state.

You'd think that a Presbyterian minister would be one of the last people on earth to challenge the constitutionality of the word "God" in Ohio's state motto. That's like William "The Refrigerator" Perry suing the NFL to hire more skinny players. Isn't he shooting himself in the foot here?

I respect Governor Bob Taft for defending our 41-year-old motto. If frivolous lawsuits like this continue, it's only a matter of time before the ACLU goes after Jimmy Mastronardo, the author of the state motto, because his name sounds too much like "masturbation."

Word is that the other ACLU, the "Advocates for Cereal Lovers who are Under-appreciated", is filing a lawsuit, too. They say that the ACLU should change its name because it favors people that don't have a CLU.

I plan to file a lawsuit against the motion picture studio that produced "The Blues Brothers." In case you haven't noticed, there are several scenes in that movie in which Dan Akroyd says, "We're on a mission from God."

What were they thinking?

In fact, that's the whole premise of the movie: a deity (of your choice) from a higher spiritual and/or geographical plane in an ambiguous, transcendent and/or consciousness-elevating moment of time at a non-denominational place of worship and/or public facility for people who believe and/or do not believe in said deity (of your choice) makes contact, inspires, interfaces and/or does not influence one of the movie's protagonists at all to take a certain course of action in the film.  
 To me, that's offensive!

## Klearly Speaking:

PERFORMING AT LCCC.....North Ridgeville's Spencer Myer, accomplished pianist, will perform in concert with the Lorain County Community College Civic Orchestra, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the Stocker Center. In keeping with his constantly busy performance schedule, the evening concert will be Spencer's second that day. At 3 p.m. he'll perform with the Parma Symphony Orchestra. Tickets for the concert at Stocker are \$5 each for the general public and \$4 for students and older adults and can be obtained from the Stocker Center box office. Call 1-800-995-LCCC (ext. 4040).

NR MADE WTAM.....While driving home Thursday afternoon, I was listening to the Mike Trivisanno show (yeah, gotta admit I do that sometimes) and heard Reggie Langhorne puttin' in a plug for McNamara's Grill and Pub, which he and partner Kevin McNamara are opening in Mills Creek Plaza. The former Browns' player

even invited Triv to stop by when the new spot opens.

MORE ON SPENCER.....The NRHS graduate is completing a bachelor of arts in piano performance at Oberlin Conservatory of Music and will begin studying for his master's degree in the fall at the prestigious Juilliard School in New York.

AND MORE ON MUSIC.....For another musical treat, plan to enjoy The Singing Angels in Concert on May 21 at 2 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Education Center. Tickets are just \$5 and proceeds will go to benefit the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

OF COURSE.....See, it didn't even matter that Easter was late this year, the weather was still not as Easterish as it should have been and we had to go to Plan B for the Easter egg hunt. Now that I've gotten the whining out of the way, I will have to say that this Easter brought lots of lilies and other Easter blooms - some I can even plant in the yard. They are BEAUTIFUL and the fragrance...ummmmm.

## Just Joshin':

Anyway, my lawsuit, which seeks damages of \$7.14 billion, seeks to have Akroyd's line changed to this: "We're on a mission from a deity (of your choice) or a non-spiritual entity (of your choice) that has contact, inspired, interfaced and/or not influenced us at all to get the band back together."

Now that's non-offensive to the whole family, single person, married and/or unmarried couple and/or any other household/apartment or other dwelling's inhabitants and/or any homeless family or any other aggregation of gender mixed or same sex individuals in any setting whatsoever. What is this world coming to?

Well folks, I guess there's not much we can do about it. Just like with Elian Gonzalez, it's best just to watch it all happen from the comfort of our living rooms on our big-screen TV's.

Of course, being that I am a columnist and a very important person (at least my mom tells me I am), I've already made a list of numerous suggestions for Ohio's next state motto. Yesterday, I fired off this list to Governor Taft and Senator Voinovich, as well as the mayors of every city in Ohio, Ken Griffey, Jr. and Batman and Robin. Here are a couple ideas I want to run by you:

"Ohio---the heart of it all."  
 "Ohio---home of a bunch of people who do some stuff."

"Ohio---we're for anything tha doesn't tick you off and make you want to sue us."  
 "Ohio---where you don't have to believe anything about anything to feel right at home."

"Ohio---just do it."  
 "Ohio---all Elian, all the time."

"Ohio---the only state in the naion that starts with a vowel and ends with that same vowel other than A."

Here are a few others that didn't make the final cut, but deserve honorable mention. They still need to be fleshed out a little bit (for obvious reasons).

"I'm like, so sure."  
 "Do you want a piece of me? I didn't think so, you big weenie!"

"I'm a doctor Jim, not a paleontologist and/or occupation of your choice."  
 "Squeal like a pig, boy!"

"I'm OK, you're OK---but I wouldn't say what you're about to say."  
 Those are just a few of the ideas I've

been kicking around. The other ideas all have to do with my plans for world domination---but that's for another time.

You know, political correctness can be a good thing if it's done for the right reasons. Not telling your wife how big she really looks in her new jeans definitely qualifies as the right reason. Actually, just about anything that will get you out of an argument with your wife and/or significant other is advisable.

Staying political correct is also advisable in any situation where it might help you avoid a beating. However, telling the neighborhood bully that his acne doesn't look as bad as usual is a judgment call on your part.

Aside from that, I say poop on political correctness. Are we really that offended by the word "God" in our state motto? Or is this just another case of (insert name of some activist who's offended by something here) having way too much time on their hands? I thought Presbyterian ministers had to write sermons and stuff.

But seriously, this culture's newfound knee-jerk sensitivity has an uglier side to it. In the end, it tends to be just as or more oppressive to the people it supposedly seeks to liberate in the first place. In this case, something like 98 percent of all people in this country believe in God---whether it's the Christian, Jewish, Buddhist or Muslim versions, or any other faith I'm leaving out. Taking away "God" from the state motto only gives people one less reminder of their spiritual faith.

And for a lot of people, that's the only thing that gets them through this anal, commercialized, upside-down, pain-in-the-neck world that we live in.

There are really very few times when people should legitimately be offended. Those times can be divided into two categories: 1) when somebody tells you how stupid and/or ugly you are; and 2) when somebody tells you how stupid and/or ugly your wife and/or significant other is.

That's about it.  
 America, it's time to move on and deal with more important stuff.

## Press Line:

Caller: Today (Thursday) the Street Department came out to do some work and Jerry Krueger and the others did such a nice job on the front of my property. They have been so good and I appreciate it.

## Minnick just doesn't understand

To the Editor:

Someone please explain to Gail Minnick that we, the residents and voters of North Ridgeville, elected people to represent us in our government. She is one of those representatives but not for long, I hope. She is like "Chicken Little" who runs around yelling that the "sky is falling."

Our republic form of government does not intend for every issue to be voted on by all of the people. It is government of, by and for the people. Let's get on with it and do some right things as we move ahead.

Minnick fails to understand that planning is good and it is her duty, if not moral responsibility, to support ideas and projects that embody the recommendations of public officials and agencies on every level of government who have studied the mistakes made by other cities that developed in the past. Let's learn from the mistakes of others and not make the biggest, most devastating mistake of all...doing nothing...nothing innovative and expecting our city to look any different than Parma or Levittown.

Mrs. Minnick has shown that she can create havoc and carry a petition. Her personal and professional challenge now is to show that she can create positive change and carry out a plan that will make our city unique and different than all those other tacky suburbs.

Vicky Fink  
 North Ridgeville

## Kudos from state superintendent

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the City of North Ridgeville and the North Ridgeville City Schools for hosting a unique and successful community education forum. You have set the bar high for other communities to reach.

More than 200 people made history by attending the first community education forum the Ohio Department of Education has sponsored in Lorain County, and their participation and comments afterwards spoke well of everyone's efforts.

I want to especially acknowledge the hard work of Superintendent Thomas Rockwell. He and his staff all exhibit an

## Letters to the Editor:

incredible commitment to improving educational opportunities for the community.

In reviewing the evaluation forms turned in by those in attendance that evening, I was pleased to find that more than 75 percent of the attendees rated the forum helpful in generating solutions to issues facing local schools. Even more exciting, more than 95 percent of the people who turned in an evaluation form said they want to continue working through forums like this.

The forum generated many useful and innovative ideas and concerns including:

- School standards. Two discussion groups met to form recommendations regarding standards and testing. Both groups agreed that accountability and standards are necessary. Participants recommended that the department should pursue issues of validity and reliability regarding proficiency testing. A common theme for both discussion groups was that of local input and controls.

- School accountability. The group reported that the State should set broad goals for school accountability, and the implementation of the accountability system should be the responsibility of the local community. Some participants recommended that Ohio schools return to the Iowa test, or any such similar test, and eliminate proficiency tests.

- Character education. This group thought that treating others with respect should be a universal principle taught throughout the schools, but that learning to respect others begins at home with parents. Although the group felt the State should establish values to be taught in the schools, they felt that the learning of values should not be assessed or graded.

- Fourth-grade reading guarantee. The participants recommended an improved and expanded reading instruction curriculum in Ohio's schools. They thought teachers should begin reading instruction at an age appropriate level, as early as pre-school. There was a strong recommendation to implement remediation strategies for fifth graders who are not performing.

- State funding. Similar to concerns raised in other forums, participants feel more should be done about the level of state funding. Work should continue on this issue, regardless of the outcome of the pending Ohio Supreme

Court case.

An insightful comment I read on a participant evaluation was appreciation for "the chance to be heard and share information." Several others felt the small group discussion format was very helpful and the topics were good.

"As the evening concluded, people asked, 'What happens next?' The answer lies within the community. Solutions to key issues of school accountability, standards and testing, character education and other topics discussed don't spring forth from just one session. I hope that the forum kindled enough interest in the quality of education in the community to keep the discussions going.

For our part, we in the Ohio Department of Education are reviewing many of your thoughtful ideas and considering how best to implement them. We are providing community education leaders with a summary and analysis of the forum. And we will make sure state lawmakers and policy makers receive the information from all the forums that we are conducting around the state to guide them in their decisions regarding education.

Based on my own experience, I am confident that the best solutions can be found growing in your own backyard. Indeed the only true solutions must begin with you.

As superintendent of public instruction for the state of Ohio, you can count on the department's willingness to support and listen and to be an advocate on behalf of the best education possible for your community.

Susan Tave Zelman  
 Superintendent of Public Instruction  
 State of Ohio

## Straight talk about PCDs

To the Editor:

I have been listening to all the discussions about PCDs and petitions, and feel that I have to write to set the record straight.

PCDs make sense, not only to me but to professional planners, experts in and out of government, and just about everyone I have talked to about this. PCDs make sense, if you have the complete facts. I will ask you to read the finished copy of the Master Plan to understand what I mean.

See Letter on pg. 14

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## Flowers seem to have a language of their own

By Carol Klear

"Say it with flowers," can be more than just a catchy phrase florists employ to hawk posies. In fact, with a little thoughtful research, you can say just about anything you'd like, using the language of flowers.

Nearly everyone knows that roses signify love, and perhaps you've heard that daisies mean innocence, but did you know that hyacinths signal sorrow and jasmine, grace and elegance.

Recently Jan Manke presented a program at the North Ridgeville Branch Library, entitled, "The Language and Meaning of Flowers," an idea that flourished during Victorian times, but was rooted in some cultures, long before that.

"The Victorians liked flowers," she said, and considered them "regal." And young ladies at that time enjoyed the art of communicating through blooms - singly or gathered together in a bouquet. "Every young lady was well versed in the art of florography," said Manke.

As an example, she said, "pansies mean pleasant thoughts of you," so if someone presents you with a bunch of pansies, you have a right to be pleased. Daffodils mean "best regards."

In the 1800 and 1900s, said Manke, small glass lapel pins became popular. They were shaped into miniature vases and after filled with tiny flowers, could be held in



Jan Manke explains the language of flowers and how the blooms aid the art of conversation. (P&L Klear)

See Manke on pg. 15

## Bainbridge from pg. 1

The engineer said that three years went into designing the entire rehabilitation. "I have over 300 drawings," he said, motioning with his thumb and forefinger. "This is a state-approved project and the state must approve every nut and bolt," he said.

"Elevations are set at the beginning of the project," said Lovece, and pointing to Bainbridge, he said it is not completely flat, but rather an "undulating road...it goes up and down three-tenths of a percent."

The portion of the Bainbridge Road rehabilitation project at Root, posed an added design complexity created by the curving of Root as it crosses Bainbridge from north to south. "We want the curve straightened," said Lovece. A traffic signal at the intersection will replace the four-way stop, he said, adding, "when the light turns green, drivers should be able to drive through here safely."

In describing the contour of the new road, Lovece explained that the construction design ensures proper drainage. Where Bainbridge curves a bit between Root and Rt. 83, he said that the south side of the road has been elevated slightly to allow the water to run to the drain on the opposite side. Some pipes in the storm sewer are as large as four feet in diameter, said the engineer. In some instances, the city had to purchase easements to legally install the drains, he said.

When workers began breaking up the old road to begin the rehabilitation project, they found that some of the underlay could be ground up and reused. The road, which is 15 inches deep, consists of nine inches of asphalt and six inches of stone, said Lovece.

When the present work is completed, he said, the entire north side of Bainbridge Road will be torn out, all the way to Chestnut Ridge Road. However, the south side will be accessible to traffic, thanks to the temporary road that has been installed on the south half. "It's five inches thick all the way to Chestnut," he said.

The portion of Bainbridge Road between Root and Chestnut Ridge must be done one-half at a time, said Lovece, and drains and driveway aprons must be installed during the construction period.

The entire project is encompassed in seven phases, and is expected to be completed by fall, said the engineer. The price tag is \$4 million, but a grant is covering \$3.2 million. The top asphalt will be applied when everything else is finished, said Lovece, and that part "will be a piece of cake. It's more expensive to do it phases," he said, "but we can't shut everyone down."

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## LAST IN A SERIES

# North Ridgeville's community of churches keeps on growing

By Carol Klear

For more than 100 years, St. Peter Church was the only Catholic house of worship in the area now known as North Ridgeville, and it wasn't until 1978 that Father Richard Gonser said his first Mass as pastor of a new Catholic congregation, establishing St. Julie Billiart.

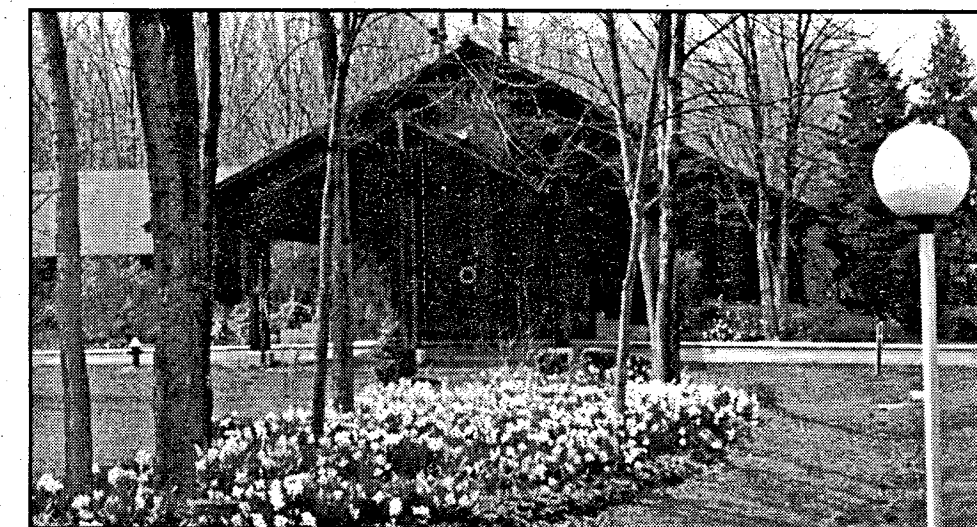
While the congregation was being formed and the church structure was under construction, the pastor lived at Holy Trinity Church in Avon and services were held in Lear North School. In June of 1980, the administration building was built and on Christmas Eve, 1981, Mass was celebrated in the new church, located on Lear Nagle Road.

A story in The Press & Light detailing the church's 20th anniversary, quoted Gonser as telling church members that the

two decades had not always been easy and that parishioners were like those who walked with Jesus, "...blind, disabled and lame, beggars for Christ..."

"We walked haltingly, carefully. We were blind and did not always have a clear

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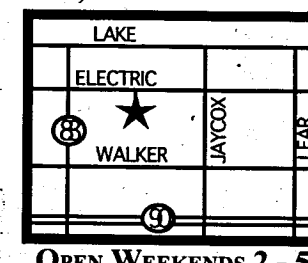
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STANDARD FIRST AID, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N. Elyria. 324-2929.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$40/month. 353-0860/info.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. 934-1482/info.

RECOVERY, INC., 7:30 p.m. Self-help for people dealing with fears, phobias, panics and depression. Meets weekly at Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Room CC114 (faculty lounge), Elyria. Call Bob MacIntyre, 440-236-8841/info.

ALANON, 8-9 p.m. at New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd., N.R. 277-6969/info.

## FRIDAY

ST. JOHN WEST SHORE HOSPITAL, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Low cost immunizations at Community Outreach Dept., Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.

ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office for Older Adults.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED, 1 p.m. Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

## SATURDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Ongoing Karate class for children and adults. \$20/4 lessons. Both classes held in the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.

N.R. LIBRARY, N.R. during open hours-Mother's Day Craft Fun.

## SUNDAY

N.R. LIBRARY, during open hours-Mother's Day Craft Fun.

## 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 screenings. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Free hearing screenings. Both held at Community Outreach Center, Bldg. #2, Westlake. Sponsored by CSA/St. John Ministries.

HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.

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

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.

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

N.R. LIBRARY, during open hours-Mother's Day Craft Fun.

## TUESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.

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## Campus Notes:

■ Rachel D. Kelley, daughter of Michael Kelley of North Ridgeville and Nancy Kelley of Havelock, N.C. was the production stage manager for the Kenyon College Dramatic Club's recent production of "Othello." Kelly is a senior majoring in drama at Kenyon, a private liberal arts college in central Ohio.

■ Rebecca Proper, a senior music and business administration major, held her senior piano recital April 1. Her program included "Air and Variations" from Handel's Suite No. 5, Mozart's "Fantasia in d minor," and Debussy's "Reverie and Morning Song."

Proper, a graduate of Cranberry Area High School, is the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Ronald Proper, Forest Hill Road.

■ Two North Ridgeville residents received degrees from Youngstown State University, March 25 at the Beechey Garden, Heidi Buckley of Highland Drive and Tracy Gift of Center Ridge Road.

■ Caroline Noga of Avon Belden Road, a student at Ashland University, completed her student teaching in elementary education.

■ Maren Worley, a sophomore at Hebron Academy, was named to the honor roll for the second trimester of the 1999-2000 school year.

■ Elizabeth Henderson, of Lorain Road, a student at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, participated in a 17-day cross-cultural psychology tour of Hawaii in January.

■ Ned W. Lauver, a freshman at Baldwin-Wallace College, performed in "The Reluctant Hero" at B-W recently.

## 'S'wa dee ka' to all my friends in the west...

By Kathryn Seman  
United States Peace Corp Volunteer

## MARCH

My life is really moving at a fast pace right now. Let me start by telling you some of the fun stuff.

The family I live with is the best, and I am extremely lucky and spoiled. I call the parents my pi sow (big sister) and pi chai (big brother) because they are only a few years older than me. They have a very nice house and they treat me so well.

They take me places like beautiful temples, a crocodile farm, and some religious and social celebrations. Last Saturday was a Buddhist holiday. There was dancing in the streets which, of course, I joined in.

Later that evening, I went to a huge party of several hundred people. It was catered and there were pop bands singing. The event was for two brothers who were joining the monastery. (Every man in Thailand must become a monk for at least two weeks-usually longer.) I learned tra-

ditional Thai dancing. The food was excellent. Unfortunately, they do not cut the heads off of any meat though, so eyes are always staring at you during dinner!

I am picking up Thai very well and am having no problem communicating or making friends. I had a dream that I forgot how to use a Western toilet, but other than that, I'm adjusting well. I lost 12 pounds already-probably in sweat alone!

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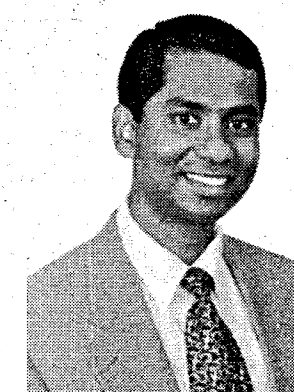
There is no work yet, I'm still in training, but I do have a story to tell. Tuesday, I had to travel by myself north to

the province of Lam Pang. Everyone except three of us had partners. Getting there was no problem. Getting back was difficult.

I stayed with a current volunteer named Lenni, who is a sixty-five year-old woman. She used to perform in Second City in Chicago. She has an apartment in a building that also houses university students. I had a great time there.

I was able to visit several schools in the province and help teach a little. On Friday, we went to the capitol city,

See Peace Corps on pg. 17



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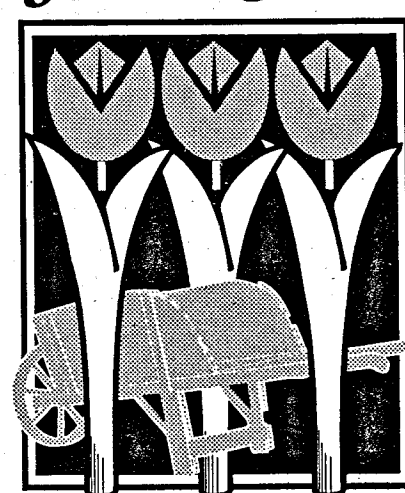


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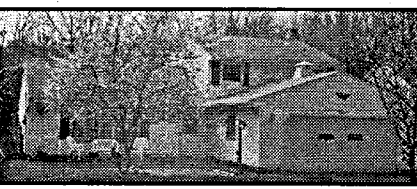
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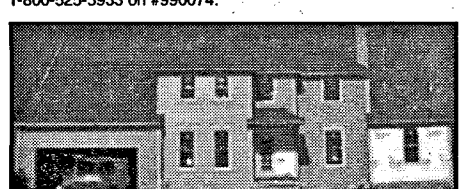
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# Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms gearing up for Mother's Day

Now that the Easter rush is over, Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms is clearing the decks for Mothers Day.

Mothers Day is one of the biggest days on the calendars for florists, and Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms, at 35498 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, is no exception.

Owner Lisa Morsett and family members will be working practically round the clock, as the holiday approaches, to fill orders for seasonal plants, hanging baskets, bouquets, bud vases, balloon arrangements and specialty baskets for Auntie's growing customer base.

Morsett is proud to offer two arrangements in keepsake containers from Teleflora, the floral wire service. One container is a lovely silver-plate vase, the other a pink and cream ceramic basket. Either can be filled with an arrangement of seasonal blooms, such as pink spray roses, pink carnations, lavender and white cushion pom-poms.

The silver vase arrangement sells for \$42.50, the ceramic basket arrangement for \$45, and can be wired to mom almost anywhere. Or picked up at Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms if your mom lives here.

"The nice thing about these Teleflora arrangements is that you have the silver vase or ceramic basket as a keepsake. The ceramic basket would make a nice planter or candy dish," she said.

As a subscriber not only to Teleflora but to American Floral Service, Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms can wire flowers and floral arrangements practically anywhere.

"We can wire balloons, plants, fruit baskets, balloon arrangements, gourmet baskets, stuffed animals in addition to flowers, plants or a dozen red roses," said Morsett.



Lisa Morsett, proprietor of Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms, has the ideal gift for Mothers Day.

Another new feature at Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms is the specialty, custom-made basket. Recently Morsett has been getting requests to create fat-free baskets, or gift baskets containing only fat-free goodies.

She is equally adept at creating a gourmet gift basket of specialty coffees, jellies, breads, nuts, cheeses and meat treats. Fruit baskets of luscious, juicy apples, citrus fruits and other natural treats are popular too.

With Mothers Day (May 14) less than

two weeks off, Morsett advises to begin thinking about what to surprise Mom with. Few things delight the feminine heart as much as a floral gift, she says.

"Blooming plants and floral arrangements, anything pretty that says 'Mom.' This is what most people want for Mothers Day. We have products in all price ranges, from a single stem to the sky's the limit. We try to work within people's budgets," said Morsett.

Bud vases, at only \$10, are popular. This is a glass bud vase containing three to five

stemmed flowers, such as roses, carnations, mini-carnations, tulips, irises or lilies.

For those who can spend a little more, Auntie's has a wide variety of baskets, vases and novelty containers into which can be put any kind of arrangement. Many customers like to top off an arrangement with a colorful helium-filled mylar balloon.

With Mothers Day fast approaching, Morsett is enlisting the help of family members. Her daughter, Nicole, 14, a student at North Ridgeville Middle School, has been helping her mother and learning the business. Nicole not only waits on customers, but designs and creates floral arrangements. "She's very artistic. She's got a knack for it," said Morsett.

Husband Frank, mom Betty Singell, and brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members pitch in by helping customers, preparing flowers, assembling boxes and making deliveries as any big holiday approaches.

Auntie's normal business hours are Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extended hours are planned through Mothers Day. The shop is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. or later on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mothers Day itself.

"And weather depending, we'll even be selling flowers and plants outside on Mothers Day and we will deliver on Mothers Day till we're done," said Morsett.

"If you want to call ahead, we will have your order ready. We'll also have a selection of premade arrangements and flowers in our cooler."

Auntie's Ballons & Blossoms can be reached at 440-327-3223.

## Police Dept. Reports:

# Family feud ends in arrest of man damaging cars at trailer park

By Mary Swindell

A family feud ended in the arrest April 23 of a man accused of vandalizing a trailer and cars at the trailer park on Lorain Road. Among other things, he reportedly smashed a car window, possibly with his bare fist.

Officers arrived at 7:40 p.m. to find a resident, a 26-year-old man, with blood dripping from his right hand. He smelled of alcohol, according to reports. Firefighter-paramedics took the man to a hospital.

Another resident, a 30-year-old man, said he's been having problems lately with the suspect, who is his girlfriend's brother-in-law. He said that only that day as he and his girlfriend, 28, were sitting in his trailer, the suspect came along, kicked the trailer, ripped his shirt off and demanded the 30-year-old come out and fight. Then he began kicking cars in the driveway and smashed a passenger window of the 30-year-old's 1987 Sprint with a beer bottle or his fist.

The victim said the unpleasantness apparently stemmed from the fact that he had told the accused: "You should get your priorities straight."

The 26-year-old was charged with criminal damaging.

## More window treatments

Two officers patrolling the Ridgeville Shopping Center in the wee hours of April 23 heard the crash and tinkle of breaking glass as the front window of the teen nightclub, the Tunnel, was being smashed out. Then six guys ran out of the club and jumped into a car.

They didn't get far, though. The club's bouncer dashed out and pointed out to officers which one of the six he said had smashed the window. The bouncer said this was in retaliation for being told to leave when a fight broke out near the dance floor between the suspect, 17, and another youth.

As he left, he punched the window, the guard said. The glass broke outward, cascading onto the pavement.

The 17-year-old denied busting the window and claimed the fellow he was fighting with had thrown him through the window. He could not, however, provide a clear description of his foe.

The boy, apparently uninjured, was taken to the station and charged with criminal damaging. He was released to a family friend.

## Harass thy neighbor?

A husband and wife who live on West Point Drive

accused a neighbor of telephone harassment in recent days.

The couple said they've been at odds with their neighbor for five years over the boundary lines separating their properties. The complainants said they had their land surveyed, and when they found out where the property lines lay, put in a fence.

After this, they said, the man next door began to harass them, including threatening to kick the husband in his backside. After they planted shrubs along the fence, they found one smashed, they said. Since this, they've been getting hang-up calls.

A phone trap request was faxed to Altell.

## They weren't his pants

The arrest of four men and a woman for receiving stolen property - police arrested them in a stolen car April 24 - led to another charge against one of the men.

After he arrived at the county jail, a jailer patted him down and reportedly found a baggie containing nine chunks of crack cocaine.

"These aren't my pants," protested the prisoner.

Raymond J. Horton, 20, of Elyria, was charged with felony possession of drugs.

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# NORTH RIDGEVILLE COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**WEDNESDAY 3**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch \$3.25, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. - Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
1 p.m. SHHH Group - Ohio Edison Bldg., West River Rd., Elyria.  
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.  
8 p.m. Hot Stove Baseball - Palmer Field.

**THURSDAY 4**

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.  
1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Sr. Center - Grief to Hope Group.  
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Standard First Aid - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd., N Elyria. 324-2929.  
6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.  
8-9 p.m. Al Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.

**FRIDAY 5**

Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.  
1 p.m. Support Group for Visually Impaired - Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge Rd.

**SATURDAY 6**

9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.  
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**SUNDAY 7**

N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**MONDAY 8**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch 35 cents, Computer Classes.  
7 p.m. Baseball-Softball Boosters - Park & Rec. Office.  
7 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group - Gaes Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.  
7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - At the post.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**Tuesday 9**

1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.  
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
7:30 p.m. Pre-School PTA - Middle School Cafeteria.  
7:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's County Council - at the post.  
7:30 p.m. Garden Club  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**WEDNESDAY 10**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch \$3.25, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. - Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
5:30 p.m. CPR Recertification - American

Red Cross, Lorain Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. 324-2929.  
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.  
7:30 p.m. Baseball/Softball League - Park & Rec. Office.  
7:30 p.m. Band Boosters - Middle School Band Room.  
7:30 p.m. Historical Society - Old Town Hall.  
8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**THURSDAY 11**

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Women's Breakfast.  
1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinochle Club.  
7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.  
8-9 p.m. Al-Anon - New Life Community Church, 34100 Center Ridge Rd.  
8 p.m. NRASL - Sr. Center.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**FRIDAY 12**

Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Mother's Day Craft Fun.

**SATURDAY 13**

9 p.m.-4 p.m. Standard First Aid and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Adult CPR- American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd., N Elyria. 324-2929.  
9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.  
4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**SUNDAY 14**

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VFW #9871 Aux. - Country Breakfast Buffet.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**MONDAY 15**

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch 35 cents, Computer Classes.  
7 p.m. Alzheimers Support Group - Gages Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.  
7:30 p.m. NR Arts Council - First Congregational UCC Church.  
7:30 p.m. City Council Meeting - Council Chambers.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**TUESDAY 16**

1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Community CPR and Adult CPR - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. 324-2929.  
6:30 p.m. Lions Club - Webster's Restaurant.  
6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting class.  
7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
7:30 p.m. Dads of Foreign Service Veterans - at the post.  
7:30 p.m. School Board Meeting - Education Center.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**WEDNESDAY 17**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch \$3.25, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
Blood pressure check.  
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. - Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
6:30 p.m. Civil Service Commission - Council Chambers.  
6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.  
7 p.m. Mini Rangers Football Boosters - South Central Park Community Cabin.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**THURSDAY 18**

9 a.m. Sr. Center - Men's Breakfast.  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Lorain Cty. Gen. Health Dist. - Free blood pressure screening at Rite Aid Pharmacy, 34321 Center Ridge Rd.  
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Community CPR - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. 324-2929.  
6:15 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies Aux. - Visit to Brecksville Hospital.  
7 p.m. NRFL - Sr. Center.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**FRIDAY 19**

Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.  
N.R. Library Open Hours - Friends of the Library Book Sale.

**Saturday 20**

9 a.m. Babysitting Basic - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. For more information, call 324-2929.  
9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.

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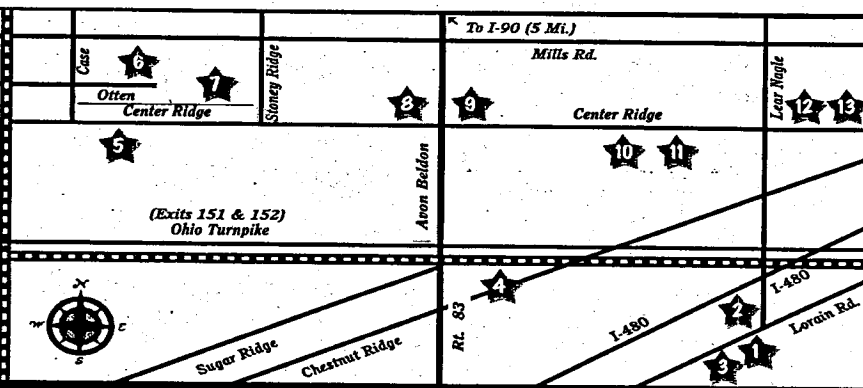
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## Calendar from pg. 12

4 p.m. N.R. Parks &amp; Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

## SUNDAY 21

9 a.m.-1 p.m. VFW #9871 Retirees/Honor Guard - Pancake Breakfast at the post.  
 2 p.m. N.R. Education Center - The Singing Angels. Tickets available at Sr. Center, cost \$5. 353-0828.

## MONDAY 22

8 a.m.-9 a.m. Midway Mall - Free Blood Pressure Checks.  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch 35 cents, Computer Classes.  
 7 p.m. Football Boosters Club - High School Cafeteria.  
 7 p.m. VFW #9871 Ladies County Council

## TUESDAY 23

1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sr. Center - Book Club.  
 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.  
 7 p.m. Survivors of Suicide and Attempted Suicide - EMH Conference Room A (8th floor).  
 7 p.m. Planning Commission - Council Chambers.

## Wednesday 24

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch \$3.25, Bingo, Watercolor class. Fishing Club.  
 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. - Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.  
 7:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission - Multi-Purpose Room.  
 8 p.m. VFW #9871 Men's Meeting - at the post.

## THURSDAY 25

8 a.m. Visitor's Bureau Committee - 34845 Lorain Rd.  
 12 p.m., Sr. Club - Sr. Center.

1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Pinochle Club.  
 6:30 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Body Sculpting.  
 7 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting - Council Chambers.

## FRIDAY 26

9 p.m. CPR Recertification - American Red Cross, Lorain Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. 324-2929.  
 Noon, Rotary Club - Sr. Center.

## SATURDAY 27

9 a.m. Babysitting Basic - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. For more information, call 324-2929.  
 9 a.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Fencing class.  
 4 p.m. N.R. Parks & Rec. Dept. - Karate class.

## MONDAY 29

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sr. Center - Crafts, Quilting, Lunch 35 cents, Computer Classes.

## TUESDAY 30

1-4 p.m. Sr. Center - Watercolor class.  
 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Standard First Aid and Adult CPR - American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N, Elyria. 324-2929.  
 7 p.m. Tops Club #656 - Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

## WEDNESDAY 31

9 a.m.-p.m. Sr. Center - Quilting, Cards, Lunch \$3.25, Bingo, Watercolor class.  
 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. - Westlake Toastmasters #497 - Webster's Place.  
 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers - First Congreg. Church, 36363 Center Ridge.  
 7 p.m. Lorain County Asthma Support Group - "Asthma Awareness Month", 1005 Abbe Rd. N, Elyria.

## Fire Dept. Reports:

## Bird's nest ignited by light bulb damages home

By Mary Swindell

A bird's nest nestled behind an exterior light was ignited by the light bulb, the resulting fire causing \$1,200 in damages to a home on Olive Street April 24.

Firefighters arrived at about 9:30 p.m. and found flames licking up one side of the house.

About eight sections of siding had melted, according to reports.

There was no fire inside the house.  
 The householder had gone into the kitchen and smelled smoke, whereupon she called the fire department.

Firemen said after the nest caught fire, the fire spread to the siding.

## Hot car

It may've been a hot car in more ways than one.

Firemen used 300 gallons of water to extinguish an automobile fire in the eastbound lanes of the Turnpike April 28.

They arrived at about 5:50 p.m. to find a 1984 Ford Bronco II fully ablaze.

After they put the fire out, the Ohio State Patrol took control of the scene.

The Bronco's driver could not be located. Moreover, the vehicle had no license plates.

## Calling all anglers!

The Fire Department will hold a trout-fishing derby May 13 at South Central Park for children ages 3 to 18. Co-sponsor is the city Parks Department.

The event is a fund-raiser for Aluminum Cans for Burned Children, a program that turns the proceeds from collecting aluminum cans over to hospital burn units.

Registration will start at 8 a.m., with fishing from 8:30 to 11. Fee is \$5.

Prizes will be distributed after the derby. Prizes have been donated by several businesses and sporting goods stores, including South Bend Sporting Goods, Shakespeare, Berkley Outdoor Technologies Group, Eppinger Manufacturing, Mepps, Mr. Twister, Consolidated Plastics Co., and Outdoor Communications.

Refreshments will be donated by Coca-Cola of Elyria and the Oscar Meyer Co.

For further information, call the Fire Department at 327-5311.

## Letter from pg. 5

The people who formed the Master Plan Committee worked countless hours to realize the vision of a community we can all be proud of. I was one of those people, and I worked many rewarding hours with this vision in mind.

When I read the Master Plan, it refers to preserving open space, improving public services and utilities, providing attractive residential areas, and developing a unique community identity. When the citizens were surveyed about what they wanted for their city, 59 percent favored more growth but with zoning controls. The Master Plan also states that we must "determine the character of North Ridgeville, so that our 'sense of place' will not be overwhelmed by successive waves of conventional highway commercial strips and 'cookie cutter' subdivision development". PCDs are the very best way for our government, and our citizens, to maintain control over this growth. With Planned Community Development, WE can insist on 20 percent open space, walking trails, lakes, dense plantings of new and existing trees, and logical traffic patterns. Without PCDs, we are open to houses being squeezed onto 76-foot lots in straight rows, with NO trees, lakes, walking trails, etc.

The Kingston Place PCD will actually begin the process of providing a sewer trunk to western North Ridgeville, and provide an east-west link between Case and Stoney Ridge Roads, at no expense to the citizens.

Please take the time to reconsider your position on PCDs, and realize how good they will be for the future of our city.

Robin Hrabik  
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## St. Julie's from pg. 7

vision...we overcame impossible odds," he said.

According to a church spokesperson, presently there are 500 families in the parish.

On May 19, 1982, the North Ridgeville community welcomed the Cathedral of Life Church, 5375 Jaycox Rd.

According to Pastor John Helms' wife, members first congregated in the middle school, then for a little more than a year, they held worship services in a building at Barton and Lorain Road.

Though admittedly there have some growing pains since the church began, "it has been very satisfying," she said, and today more than 100 persons call the Cathedral of Life Church their spiritual home.

Although the church family of Northridge Christian Life Church was established 15 years ago, services have been held in facilities belonging to others.

But soon that will change.

On April 16, members of the congregation, along with Pastor William Falk, broke ground for a church of their own, on 5.7 acres of land just north of Teska's Food and Beverage Store on Avon Belden Road, near Chestnut Ridge.

At long last the 55 members will worship in a new church - a one-story structure, that includes not only a sanctuary, but a classroom and offices, as well.

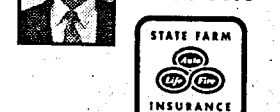
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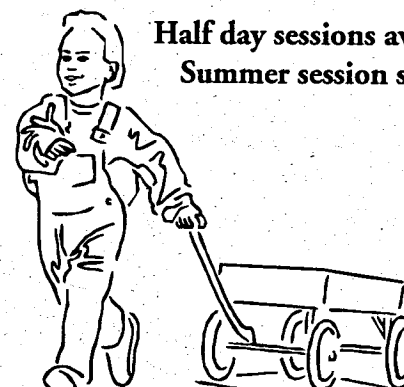
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## Manke from pg. 6

the hands or attached to a lapel. In addition to transmitting a message the posies had another purpose, she explained. In those days, sanitary conditions were not what they are today, and persons may not have bathed for some time, so to milady, the flowers offered an opportunity "to refresh herself."

At that time if a young man wanted to communicate his feelings for a member of the opposite sex, he might do well to have some knowledge of the language of flowers.

"True love could be presented in forget-me-nots," said Manke, while lilies of the valley meant a return of happiness.

However, if the object of his affection did not return his sentiments, she might give him some dandelions, which expressed, "your presumptions are laughable." But if she returned his feelings, she could carry pansies to let her suitor know, "you occupy my thoughts."

Even the way a bouquet was carried had

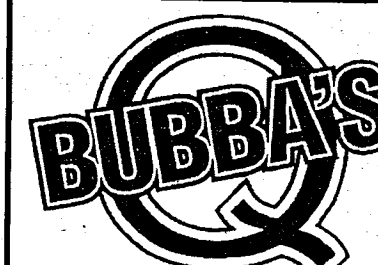
a special meaning - if upright, the beau had reason to be optimistic, but cast downward, well...

Even particular colors carried messages, said Manke. For example, she said, "yellow is not very thoughtful." The blue hydrangea signified devotion, while the white one means remembrance, she said.

Herbs sent their tidings, as well. "Lavender is the herb of devotion," said Manke.

While Manke enjoyed sharing the language of flowers with her library audience, she shared as well, some tips for presenting flowers to friends. Sometimes, she said, she buys teacups at garage sales or resale shops, fills them with delightful little flowers and gives them to a friend, who, of course, is thrilled.

Even at her home Manke uses her knowledge of flowers, and has a basket of ivy and flowers at the front door to welcome guests. Ivy, she said, represents a growing friendship.



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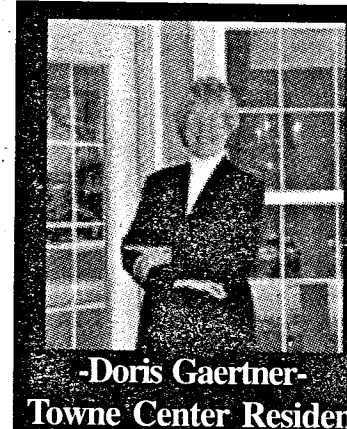
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## Musson from pg. 1

explain the circumstances surrounding the allegations against him and select one of three pleas — guilty, not guilty or no contest. Prior to hearing the accused's version, Musson patiently details the options available, including the prisoner's right to legal counsel, which the court will provide, if he or she is able to hire one.

The cases on the particular morning last week ranged from misdemeanors to felonies; from theft to possession of drugs, to underage consumption, to carrying concealed weapons and the improper handling of firearms. Before each case concluded, Musson deferred to prosecutor, Jay Grunda, seated at the center table, who recommended bond.

One man, who was being held on contempt of court, explained that he had been hospitalized at the time of his court date. He also told Musson he was out of work, suffered from amnesia and had no transportation. Consulting records, Musson reminded the man that he also had a history of alcoholism and owed the courts a considerable amount of money for previous offenses.

As Musson listened to the man's litany of excuses, it was obvious this was the type of case that would try even Solomon's wisdom. Finally the judge said, "Our goal is not to bury you (with financial indebtedness). We want you to see some light at the end of the tunnel," and handed down a sentence which included suspending a portion of both jail time and fines, stressing to the prisoner that his decision was "unusual."

The case concluded, Musson offered a wish of "good luck," with the admonition, "Heaven help you if you come before my court again." The man promised, "You won't be seeing my face again."

Though the time had been set for cases from the jails, two young men appeared in the courtroom, charged with criminal mischief, after pouring barbecue sauce and mustard on a victim's vehicle! Both were alleged to have been intoxicated at the time of the incident, and one of the two, who was underage, also was found to have half-smoked roaches in his wallet.

A portion of their 60-day jail sentences were suspended, on the condition that they performed community service within a set timeline.

That part of his day complete, Musson returned to his office, puts away the black robe and relaxed at his desk to discuss his role in the municipal court system.

"We run the whole gamut here," he said. Municipal court is like a hospital emergency room, he said, "We have the highest volume, the fastest pace and we try to patch-up the easy cases." The intensive care cases are the felonies, which can be moved up to the common pleas court, he said.

"We're the busiest court in the county," he said, "last year we heard 24,000 cases, from speeding up to the more serious."

The judge said that in a typical day, he begins at 8 a.m. and for an hour does necessary paperwork, including assem-

bling files. From 9 a.m. to 10, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Musson hears the jail cases by means of video cameras, and Tuesdays there is also a night court for persons given police summons.

The afternoon, he said, is spent in pre-trial conferences, however he will take no pleas after 4 p.m. because of the paperwork involved and the personnel to handle it. Working hours end at 4:30 p.m.

Asked why he spends so much time explaining procedure to those charged, Musson said, "Our goal is not just to put people in jail and make money for the jail," but also to help those in need.

An extension of that philosophy led to the initiation of a License Intervention Program, in which once a month classes are held to help persons who have lost their driver's license learn, step-by-step, the way to become reinstated. The class averages 12 to 16 people, said Musson, with one-half hour devoted to explaining the class, and the remaining two or three hours to one-on-one help. According to a 1999 report from the court, the License Intervention Program serves as a "local and direct link to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to assist offenders in their efforts to restore their driving privileges."

Other initiatives Musson implemented last year include warrant blocks, which prevents a defendant from renewing his or her car plates and driver's license until a warrant has been served and the court business completed. Stiffer security measures, which includes a 13-station alarm/durress systems, a jury room to separate jurors from witnesses and defendants in the hallways and radios for the bailiffs, all financed through a \$23,000 grant from the Ohio Supreme Court. A second grant of \$4,800 enabled the purchase of a walk through a metal detector. T part-time security bailiffs were hired and paid from a new Security Fund.

Musson recalled a time prior to installing the new system when a prisoner escaped by climbing over a cell block and on to freedom through a hole in a wall. He was later apprehended.

Last year, the public hallways were painted and decorated with framed photos of old Elyria and plans are underway for an information center near the front entrance, and a Facility Construction/Improvement Fund was also created with a \$6 per case increase in court costs. An experimental summer intern program, computerized criminal history and increased juror fees were also initiated in 1999.

Musson is a firm believer in the positive effect of community service and offers some defendants the opportunity to "give something back" to the community whose standards they violated.

"We reach a point where we don't want to bury these people," he said, and tells them, "I'll throw a life preserver, but you have to catch it. Some people wrestle with demons, we can't imagine." So the court often works with social workers.

"I like community service," said the judge. "The goal is to make a conscious connection with the community." Musson maintains a list of community services such as the animal shelter, Camp Firelands, Salvation Army and Good Will, among others, from which the person may choose where he or she would like to perform the service.

"We give them the list and tell them it's their responsibility. You take it, you work the hours and you document it," he said, adding, "For some people, it's their first responsibility in years." In 1999, 2,000 hours of community service were served, said the judge.

In deciding on a particular type of service, a person's job must be considered, so perhaps they'll do the work on the weekends. "I don't believe in cookie cutter justice," he said.

With the constant decision-making, and the need to mete justice with compassion, why did Musson decide to run for judge?

Smiling, he said slowly, "I enjoyed private practice, and I know it sounds corny, but I truly feel this is much more rewarding. I enjoy trying to help people at a crucial time in their lives...there are the jail-and-fine judges," said Musson, "but I feel there's more to it," however, he was quick to add, "I have no problem putting people in jail for six months...or 90 days." He also suggests that while the prisoner is serving the sentence he might like to write the judge about his plans to change his life. "I have no problem with a letter," he said, "I spend a lot of time reviewing letters and sometimes I change my mind."

It has been "two years and four months," since John Musson put on the robe of municipal court judge, but he hasn't forgotten the first year when he was still getting his feet on the ground. Judge George Ferguson was a great help in learning what to do, he said, "He is a delight to work with."

His staff too, is a "blessing," said Musson. One employee formerly worked with Judge Howard, which was an advantage. "Everyone works well together," he said, "all of them like helping people," including JoAnne Klinger, who said, "can be as tough as nails, and expects a lot," and Johnson, his bailiff, "who has the biggest heart in the world."

But, to paraphrase a popular television show, in "Judging Musson," it's easy to see he sets the philosophy, "If you work with me, I'll work with you."

## Peace Corps from pg. 9

ate at Pizza Hut, shopped, and got a hotel room with HBO in English. It was an awesome day!

On Saturday, when I came home to Chai Nat, a seven hour bus trip, I was dropped off in the middle of a highway in the dark. The driver insisted it was Chai Nat. I had no clue where I was. A "taxi driver" then came by and offered me a ride for 100 baht, which could buy me five meals or a nice pair of pants. I said, "Point me in the right direction and I will walk." But, he wouldn't. He just kept pestering me. Finally, I said, "OK" which was a good thing because we were about 20 kilometers from my house. The Peace Corps is reimbursing me for the taxi.

Peace & Love, Maow  
(Thai for Cat)

## APRIL

This past Sunday I had the best time with my family. Every Sunday (my only day off) they take me on a day trip. Each one is better than the last. This past Sunday they took me to the most beautiful city I have seen yet. Anyone who visits me will be going there, too! It's called Ayutthaya. The whole city looks like a park with lush green grass and beautiful trees. There are many Ruins throughout this park-like setting. The Thais think they are ugly because Burma bombed their temples; so when I say they're beautiful they don't understand. We went to a temple that took my breath away. On the outside it looked like a normal, smaller one, but was surprised when I went in. I didn't notice anything right away until I looked up. On a pedestal way over my head was the third largest bronze statue of a sitting Buddha in Thailand. It was amaz-

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While walking around the city it was hard not to notice the elephants everywhere. People were riding them on the roads. I told my family that I wanted to get a picture. So they drove me to an elephant camp right in a park where people were picnicking and children were playing, baby elephants were drinking from a stream and big elephants were walking around with their trainers. The elephants are so friendly they even reach out to people. Before I knew it my family had paid for me and my little brother Op to ride one. We rode it throughout the city-no short jaunt. It was the most exciting thing I have done so far.

At "work" we have been extremely busy. On Monday nights we all sleep over in the hotel and have classes there all day Monday and Tuesday. That is the only time we get mail. This past Monday night they decided that we would have a "Thai" night. The ajans wanted us to perform. We ate a big Thai feast and then everyone had something to do.

The Thais did two traditional dances and a popular song. It was really good. We split up into groups and tried to represent our country. The first group was funny. They did a game show and the winner won a trip through America. The second group did music and dance through the past ten decades. The next group sang "Roll Out the Barrel" and rolled out a huge barrel of water and passed out cups for it. My group was the only serious one but we were good. One did the "I Have a Dream" speech, Lincoln, FDR, JFK, Thoreau (that, of course, was me), Neil Armstrong and more. We all quoted the Constitution. Everyone seemed touched. Uthai wanted to tell us how sad Thailand was when JFK was shot. Then we all sang the National Anthem. The Thais have never heard it, but they thought it was beautiful. I have to admit we really sang it well.

That night no one wanted to sleep so we had a party in one of the 2nd year volunteer's room. We just sang and danced like crazy. We did a sing-a-long to Me and Bobby McGee and I sang like I had it in me. It was fun!

## WHO'S ON FIRST?

The best thing I've done for work is hold a baseball camp at the school in my village. We got equipment from Bangkok. These kids had never seen baseball and I think they're addicted already. Some are naturals!

The first day four of us introduced baseball to the kids. I was the batting coach. The next day we played. These kids hit home runs left and right. I had a right fielder who never missed a ball. I got to keep all the equipment so now in the early evening we can play in the field. I noticed already the baseball players were edging out the soccer players. Unfortunately, we may have to postpone baseball for a while because it has been unbearably hot. I was actually sick with heat exhaustion and dehydration. April is supposed to be hotter so we may not pick up until late summer or fall. Jennifer, Allison and I are taking the equipment to Chaiyaphum with us for the next two years. We're going to start leagues.

That's all for now...

Peace & Love, Maow

## Honor Roll:

The following students at North Ridgeville High School were named to the Honor Roll for the third grading period:

## GRADE 12

High Honor Roll: Lauren Bartolozzi, Michael Bowles, Amy Cameron, Jessica Carter, Judy Che, Sarah Chemi, Megan Clark, Michele Cruzado, Thomas Drake II, Raymond Didonato, Erin Doering, Robert Dunham, Matthew Engelhardt, Carla Fingerhut, Emily Gillock, Richard Hallman, Jessica Hill, Anthony Hospodavis, Joseph Hroncz, Jessica Kearney, Kelli Knox, Lindsay Krone, Lisa Langood, Angela Lash, Christopher Lavery, Sarah Kiptak, Carl Mandley, Joshua Martinez, Harris Mason, Rick Miller, Robert Ortosky, Stephanie Perry, Jennifer Pollarine, Rebecca Price, Melissa Ramaley, Nicholas Tanski, Rachel Taubler, Stephanie Tuck, Melani Thomas, Emily Traut, Brian Ulsay, Jacqueline Walters, Sarah Woods, Danielle Wrase, Nicole Wright.

Honor Roll: Timothy Allen, Jennifer Artim, Erica Baughman, Matthew Betzel, Kenneth Campana, Cassandra Caraballo, Molly Casper, Kimberly Cheon, David Corrigall Jr., Sarah Dean, Christine Dunson, Kristine Fulton, Jennifer Gill, Eric Glynn, Megan Goode, Thomas Hudson, Jacqueline Jackson, Michael Kurianowicz, Jaclyn Light, Kevin McGreevy, David Palange, Jamie Qualkinbush, Lorien Reese, Samantha Rozar, Stephanie Schigel, Melissa Semock, Erin Shaffer, Stephanie Shepherd, Vincent Skrzypek, Tisha Smith, Erick Von Hoch, Melissa Williams, Amanda Winkle.

Merit Roll: Chrystal Behan, Sarah Campbell, Scott Cassidy, Kendall Correll, Rachael Cummings, Jennifer Czerwinski, Paul Dunbar, Krista Dye, Amanda Gough, Michelle Hager, Jennifer Ice, Amanda Koenig, Kyle Krane, Ronald Kubacki Jr., Brian Lamoda, Kelly Lowrie, Nathan Manning, Richelle Martinez, Julie McCostlin, Sarah Meyer, Todd Mitchell, Matthew Mogilnicki, Brad Myers, Stephanie Nosal, Tracy Oster, Steven Parker, Josie Qualkinbush, Ryan Reynolds, Joann Rogers, Lana Schiffbauer, Sarah Scholl, Jessica Sharaba, Andrew Skoviac, Seth Sprague, Karoline Stambaugh, Robert Stoll, Aaron Swenk, Sarah Szczepanski, Stephanie Thome, Peter Tiefenthaler, Brian Wanchick, Nathan Weekley, Jennifer Whiteaker, Jessica Wilhelm, Jonathon Wysochanski, Megan Yarosh, Mandy Young.

## GRADE 11

High Honor Roll: Gregory Boron, Elizabeth Calamante, Crystal Corey, Donald Dennis, James Downey, Kathryn Fagan, Adrienne Fedor, Joanna Grimes, Kathleen Hansen, Philip Hayes, Kristen Hicks, Bridget Jones, Erika Klinger, Erin Krueger, Kristin Krueger, Nancy Lamuth, Christine Lewton, Eric Livingston, Rachel Mangan, Gregory Manke II, Ian McLinn, Chester Nabus, Natalie Neuschaefer, Mark Palaima, Sara Perry, Matthew Fischel, Alexandria Quinones, Traci Rabung, Jason Reynolds, Kristen Rigby, Jeremy Rudy, Diana Singleton, Jennifer Stewart, George Tiller, Brianne Vanek, Michael Vanoverbeke, Jennifer Wilson, Kimberly Winslow.

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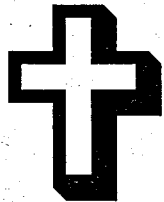
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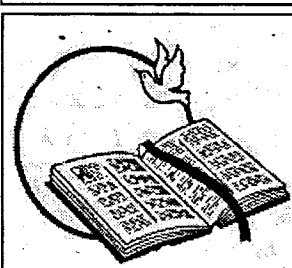
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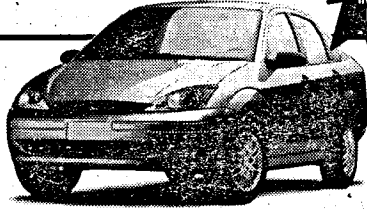
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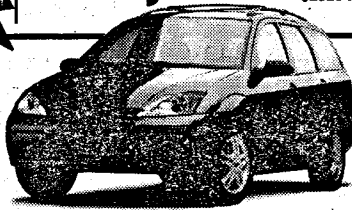
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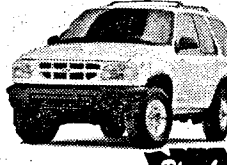
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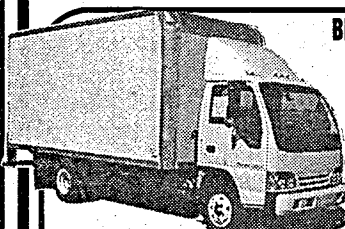


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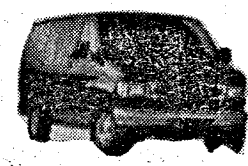
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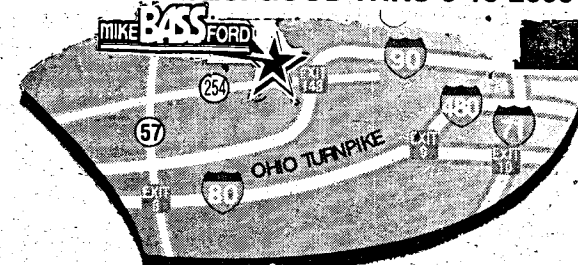
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