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This Week:

Chamber Celebrates 25 Years

The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 25th anniversary, March 24, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Ridgefield Center. The evening will feature dining and dancing along with a program honoring past presidents and charter members. The guest speaker will be Dr. Roy Church, president of Lorain County Community College.

Reservations are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and must be made by today (March 21). Call the Chamber office at 327-3737.

Republican Club Meets

The North Ridgeville Republican Club will meet March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of FirstMerit Bank, 35621 Center Ridge Rd. Citizens with an interest in Republican politics are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Roseanne Johnson, 327-3099.

In Brief:

Board of Elections Adds Hours

The Lorain County Board of Elections, 115 Cedar St., Elyria, will be open additional hours to accommodate address/name change and voter registration for the May 8 Primary Election, as follows: the Elyria office will be open March 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; March 31 from 8:30 a.m. until noon; April 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; April 7, 8:30 a.m. until noon and April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dinner Is Served

The annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held April 7 at Fields United Methodist Church, 34077 Lorain Rd. Serving times are 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children eight to 12; \$2 for children four to seven and children under four, free. Call 327-8753 for tickets and reservations.

Wilcox School mourns loss of a mate

By Carol Klear

"We'll miss you. You are in our hearts."
"You were a good friend."
"Even if I hardly knew you, I'm sorry forever."
"Sorry, I never met you. I'm sure you were a great and talented person."
"I'm a new person, I wish I had known you better."
"You were always the bright one in the school, we all will miss you no matter what..."
"I didn't even say good-bye."

These are just a few of the poignant messages Wilcox students wrote on a memorial wall for their classmate, 10-year-old Shannon Edwards, who died March 12, following complications from a chronic illness.

The wall, not far from the school's front door, was filled with photos of Shannon in happier times, like the one in which she stands in a garden surrounded by sunflowers. Her friends' drawings also decorated the wall, as well as certificates Shannon had won while in school, including her honor with the 2000 Young Authors Book of the Year award, for which she was featured in The Press & Light.

Wilcox Principal Chris McCully said that when he learned of Shannon's death, he announced to the children "that we all lost someone very special...from an illness that she has been battling for several years." McCully told the students that in the five years Shannon had been at Wilcox, she had been an excellent student. "She will be missed by all of us," he said.

He also asked the youngsters for a moment of silence and "to look back and remember the various things that made Shannon special and look positively forward for Shannon's family."

McCully said that to help the children with the difficult situation, the Lorain County Crisis Team was contacted and 16 volunteers, including staff members from other schools, arrived at Wilcox to offer comfort to the students. Focusing on the fourth and fifth grades, the counselors went into the classrooms to talk to the boys and girls, and subsequently set up stations throughout the school where the children could confide their fears and concerns about Shannon's death.

The Principal said that approximately 20



Wilcox third-grader, Alex Counts, adds her message for Shannon Edwards to the others that are on the wall at Wilcox.

students talked to counselors about Shannon and also about deaths they had experienced in their own families.

Shannon was born in Cleveland and had lived in North Ridgeville for the past nine years, moving from North Olmsted.

She was in fifth grade at Wilcox and played percussion for the band. Shannon was a member of the COSMOS program and was very creative.

She is survived by her parents, Daryl and Karen Edwards; her brother, Ryan at home; maternal grandparents, Betty and Steve Satko of Brooklyn; several aunts, uncles and cousins. Her paternal grandparents preceded her in death.

Services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Bill Shomo, pastor of Sugar Ridge Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Fields Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shannon Edwards Memorial Fund for Gifted Children, c/o North Ridgeville City Schools, 5490 Mills Creek Lane, North Ridgeville.

Chris McCully summed up the school's feelings about Shannon, "She was a neat kid who went way too early."

Thank you everyone

Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to those special people who helped us cope with the sudden death of our beautiful 10-year-old daughter, Shannon.

To the three paramedics who rushed to our house shortly after midnight on March 12: Even though your valiant efforts were not successful, it will be forever comforting to know that you were there. You had the training and equipment to do what you could to try and save our beloved child on the scene. We watched you through our window desperately trying to revive her. We can find solace in the knowledge that everything possible was done for her.

To the staff of the St. John West Shore emergency room: We were strangers at your hospital, yet you opened your arms to us with compassion and support. We don't even remember

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Without sewers, some businesses may leave city

By Carol Klear

Businesspeople on the western end of North Ridgeville are angry about apparent attempts to quash construction of the Western Sewer and they're no longer remaining silent.

Jerry Canterbury, a realtor with Realty One said that many businesses on the west side would like to expand, however there is no way without sewers. Canterbury decries the movement to stop sewers, noting, "one way or the other sewers are coming."

John O'Neill, administrator of Center Ridge Nursing Home, 38600 Center Ridge Rd., said that without sewers, "there is no further expansion" at his facility. O'Neill said that he's applied to the EPA to expand, and for years has been told that sewers are coming.

O'Neill applauds developer Bob Schmitt's effort and energy on behalf of sewer the west side. The nursing home

administrator said that he was sure that during a meeting of businesspeople at Schmitt's office last week, the developer "got a baptism by fire" when he heard the concerns of the west side business owners.

"As the city grows, we should grow," said O'Neill, adding, "there's a big difference between the east side and the west side."

Gilbert Byers, owner of Fun-in-the-Sun, 38784 Center Ridge Rd., said that he has been in North Ridgeville for more than 30 years and he has been told, "you're going to get sewers." He's still waiting.

"The Ridgeview Ditch," said Byers, "is one of the most polluted creeks in the city." Byers' home is on Case Road and he said he can't sit in his backyard because of the stench.

"This end of town will not grow without sewers," he said, "and the economic impact is millions of dollars."

Dial Boehmer, owner of Northridge Supply Co., 7385 Race Rd., said, "without sew-

ers my business is at a standstill." Boehmer bought the property in 1987, opened the business in '89 and added on six years ago.

He is angry about STAMP's attempt to shut down the sewer project, and said, "If they keep screwing around, we'll pick up and leave the city." And Boehmer's not the only one who may take his business elsewhere. He said that the owners of Retay Welding and Gilles Property Management are having similar thoughts. If too many businesses leave, said Boehmer, "it will cost the city a ton of money."

Boehmer said he can't understand the thinking of the opposition, stressing that city officials are elected to make decisions for the city. "If you don't like them," he said, "then vote them out."

The business owner has a suggestion for those who are against constructing the sewer, "These people who are opposed ought to hook themselves up to a septic system and see how they like it."

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Rockwell retires June 30, agrees to new contract

By Carol Klear

North Ridgeville School Superintendent Tom Rockwell, 52, will retire June 30, but he is not leaving the district. Tuesday night, School Board President members rehired Rockwell under a one-year contract and he will continue in his role until June 30, 2002.

The action stems from a state law that went into effect Sept. 15, that provides for administrative retirement and reemployment, and offers a financial saving to the district.

In discussing the contract with Rockwell, the superintendent explained that based on the new law, the School Board adopted a policy Feb. 20, governing the retirement and rehiring of the District's administrative personnel, "if they have demonstrated a record of effective educational leadership and management." A provision of the law is a "sit out" period between the retiring and rehiring, however, Rockwell said he plans to take July off but return to his position on August 1, which means he will forfeit a month's retirement for two months," he said, however, there is much to be done in August before the new school year begins.

Board President Tom Dake said, "Dr. Rockwell has a five-year track record of proven leadership and management performance. He has assembled a quality leadership team that has worked well with the community to enhance education in North Ridgeville.

"Our job," said Dake "is to keep a good team in place and guard against people taking advantage of the District."

The Board President said that with the

Board's agreement with Rockwell, the Superintendent loses his longevity pay. He also goes back to step one. "He's not changing his job, he's just making less money," said Dake.

Since joining North Ridgeville City Schools, Rockwell has worked with resident, administrators and staff to restore financial stability and maintain a balanced budget, as well as initiating a systematic program of facilities planning and maintenance, enhancing communication and creating an academic improvement plan.

The rehiring will be "cost-saving for the District," said Rockwell because, in returning to his position, he will receive his retirement package, based on 30 years in education, but as Dake said, he'll be placed on step one of the superintendent salary schedule. If he did not retire, he would be at step six next year. In the retiring-rehiring process, Rockwell said, he will no longer receive his previous benefits, including health care, which will save the District approximately \$7,000. The Superintendent's present salary is \$95,000 per year. His annual wage at step one will be \$86,000. The new contract will mean an overall compensation reduction of approximately 27 percent for the District.

Rockwell said there is "real shortage" of school superintendents today, noting that after advertising for a superintendent, one district received just 21 applications, whereas in past years there would have been 100 qualified candidates.

"No one wants to be a superintendent anymore," said Rockwell, due to the heavy responsibilities that go with the job. "You're pulled so many ways," he said. If he does not

take advantage of the new policy, the District will have to hire a new superintendent at increased costs.

"I like North Ridgeville," said Rockwell. "I like the people, so what's the alternative." He said he was candid with Board members and told them that if they like what he has done, he has agreed to be rehired, however, he said, "If you don't like what I do, I won't feel bad if you don't want to use me for this." During last night's meeting, the Board accepted Rockwell's resignation, and also entered into a one-year contract with him to continue as Superintendent.

Rockwell acknowledged that the Superintendents Organization isn't happy with the policy, and insist it degrades the position. "It's difficult," he said, "but at best I plan to work four more years," adding that his wife has just four years left before she's eligible for retirement.

According to the contract stipulations, the administrative contract length can be one or two years or as negotiated by the Board. Rockwell said that if the Board is not happy with his performance, he can find a position elsewhere, however presently the North Ridgeville City Schools has a solid leadership team made up of the Board, the principals and the staff. "The Board of Education has graciously provided me an opportunity to continue to move forward as the leader of a collaborative effort to improve public education in North Ridgeville," he said.

"Things are running as smooth as they have in a long, long time," said Dake. "Dr. Rockwell has a good rapport with people. We've got a really good team," he said.

JVS Adult Career Center hosts Career Showcase, March 26

The Lorain County JVS will host a Career Showcase for individuals interested in learning more about the job training programs available through the Adult Career Center. The event will be held March 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at JVS, located on the corner of State Rtes. 58 and 20 in Oberlin.

This event is designed to show interested adults how the Adult Career Center can help them learn new skills, improve existing skills and increase their employment potential.

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Counselors will be available to discuss career opportunities, training objectives, financial aid, the GED exam and employment opportunities.

Refreshments and door prizes will be a part of the Career Showcase experience.

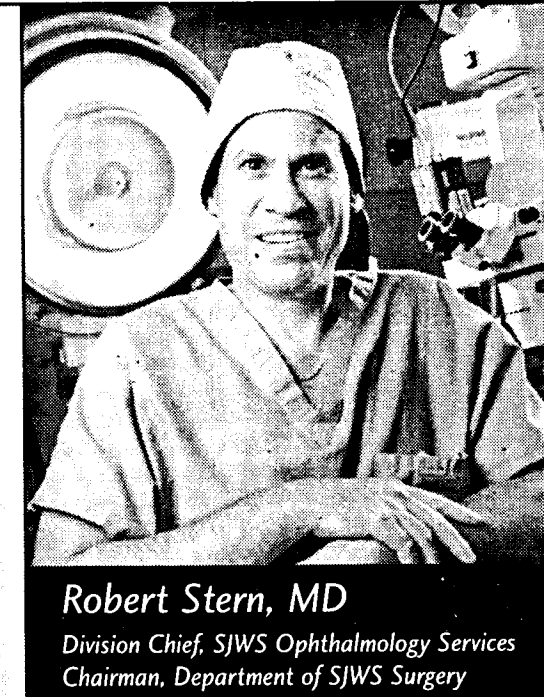
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You can make a difference by giving new life

By Carol Klear

GIVE NEW LIFE.....Did you know that there are 1,221 patients in Northeast Ohio waiting for organs and more than 70,000 in the United States. Anyone can be a potential donor, there's no age limit and almost no medical rule-outs. Find out how you can make a difference and attend a program sponsored by LifeBanc at the Northridge Health Center, 35990 Westminster Ave., March 28, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TEACHERS, ARE YOU RETIRING?.....A Retirement Planning Seminar for all educators, sponsored by the Lorain County Retired Teachers Assoc. will be held at Melody Grove, March 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info call 327-0971.

NOT RETIRED, JUST TIRED.....Yep, the Klear Klan had one heck of a time on St. Patrick's Day, parade and all, despite 20 degrees and snow (Thanks, Mother Nature). It was green fun all the way, wind-

Klearly Speaking:

ing up (make that down) with the traditional corned beef and cabbage. Of course we got to gabbing with Inga Helmetz on the way back from downtown and missed our stop...no problem, we hopped off the Rapid going one way and hopped on another going the other way.

WHOOOPS!.....Somehow I added an 'e' to St. Colman's name last week...sorry, sir, AND my Irish neighbor informed me you don't get lucky from kissing the Blarney Stone, you get the gift o' gab. Well, that has never been a problem for me, so I guess I coulda skipped the Blarney Stone thing in Ireland and shopped at the Blarney Woolen Mills instead. Oh, well.

SPEAKING OF IRELAND.....Thanks to all you nice people out there who told me you enjoyed coming along on our trip to the Emerald Isle, via last week's story. You

seemed to enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed doing it.

NOT THIS MONTH.....Listen up you NR Visitors Bureau members, you got out of a meeting last month, but not this one. Get over to the NRVB office tomorrow morn at 8 for your regular monthly session.

COUPLE OF DAYS LEFT.....Get those daffodils from the American Cancer Society until March 24. A minimum donation is \$6 for a bouquet of 10 daffs.

NEWS FLASH.....Dorothy Mazurowski sent this along. Senior Citizens are found to be the leading carriers of aids — hearing aids, Band-Aids, Roloids, walking aids, medical aids and most of all monetary aids to their children.

AMEN TO THAT.....A reader reported seeing this on a sign at the Performance Clinic on Lorain Road, "Please pray for peace in our city."

Pressline:

Caller: I thoroughly enjoyed Carol Klear's article on Ireland. I just finished reading it for the second time. I want to go.

Caller: It seems to me that about three years ago they stopped officers from taking their cars home, about the past year a certain patrol car parks in a driveway on Reed Road and it seems for long periods of time, and most recently I'd say for the past three or four weeks, it's continuously parked on the drive on Reed Road. I just wondered if the officers have permission to use cars for own purposes.

Response: Police Chief Ron Bauer said that approximately three years ago, North Ridgeville police officers were given permission to drive their cruisers back and forth to work within the city.

Caller: Bob Schmitt's barracks-style Ridgefield homes sure look like cookie-cutter to the casual observer even though he refers to the development as a PCD.

Caller: Why does Mr. Miles question Mr. Kessel's loyalty to his daughter when he has no respect for the U.S. flag at Council meetings, as he has to be asked to remove his cap at times.

Caller: It is irresponsible for citizens to declare that we elect government officials to make decisions unchallenged. History has shown over and over again the result of this naive line of thinking.

Caller: I enjoyed Carol Klear's story on Ireland. It was so personal.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

She said, she said, she said...we say

By Carol Klear

For several years The Press & Light has printed the Press Line column, and it's been a great vehicle for snippets of information or answers to questions that do not require lengthy letters. Callers' identities have not been required because the comments or queries have been of the general-interest variety, and who asked what, no consequence.

Over the past several months however, some of the questions posed have become unnecessarily effusive and the comments unnecessarily offensive. To send readers to the woodshed and discontinue the column seemed extreme, so instead we attempted to limit the number of words allowed in a Press Line call.

That worked...for a while. But last week we received a "rumor" comment that required tracking to get to the root of the "she said, she said, she said." And three words told the tale — insolence, impropriety and insult.

Again, the principal characters are Mayor Deanna Hill and Councilwoman Gail Minnick, with the Councilwoman's sister, who allegedly called the Mayor "a b...." thrown into the fray.

According to the Mayor, the Councilwoman came to her office demanding copies of anything on former talks with LORCO concerning sewers. The file, it seems is voluminous, and the Mayor said Minnick would have to pay three cents per page, because she was sure the Councilwoman wanted them for STAMP. The total cost, said Hill, was something like \$4 and some odd change.

As the story goes, Minnick said that as a

Councilwoman she should not have to pay and pulled out her personal copier and insisted she'd copy it herself. But she needed an extension cord. The Mayor said "no," and that if Minnick would tab the pages she needed, they'd be copied in City Hall and the Councilwoman called when they were ready.

Minnick's side is that she has been asking for the copies for a long time and through the proper channels, but has been put off. In fact, she claims the Law Director took the file and said that he would send it out to be copied and charge her \$125.

When the Councilwoman opted to do the copying herself on her own machine, she took her sister along to help, but when she asked for the extension cord, the Mayor reportedly yelled "no, no, no." Owning up to her part in yet another drama entitled "The Mayor and the Councilwoman," Minnick's sister said she was shocked by the Mayor's attitude and did utter "b...." under her breath.

The Mayor admits she didn't actually "hear" the insult, but her administrative assistant reported the comment to her and warned the speaker about her language.

And so you have it. You won't find that rumor in today's Press Line, in fact if man's (and woman's) inhumanity to one another continues to cross the Press Line wire, the once-informative-turned-cheap-shot column will be handled with one strike of a computer key — delete.

With the city besieged by lawsuit after lawsuit, and the most recent allegations of first amendment violations being investigated by the ACLU, perhaps the entire batch of North Ridgeville's present administrators and legislators should be replaced.

believe they really know the consequences. Those consequences are as follows.

First of all, this could have been all said and done years ago with the LORCO deal. However, the Mayor decided that wasn't the plan for us, and was mesmerized by the developers and their magic. It would have served existing residents immediately.

Secondly, some residents do not realize the amount of time and turmoil the Westerly Sewer Scheme will create for all of North Ridgeville — not just the western portion — for the next 10 years or better. What should be

told is exactly what the consequences will be once the Westerly Sewer Scheme is allowed to begin: 3,000 or more homes; 12,000 or more residents; 6,000 or more cars, trucks and equipment.

This leads me to believe the need will be greatly increased for the following services: police, fire, paramedics, councilpersons, council wards, schools, buses, streets, maintenance and more taxes to afford all of these "mores." (You can't tell me there will be "no

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new taxes!" - we Americans fell for that one!

And don't assume these future residents' taxes will pay for all these "mores" - because when you assume something...well, you know the answer to that. Just put it all out on the table for all eyes to see and all ears to hear.

Third, in this scheme there is no talk of existing homes to be tied into the trunk line or of laterals to be made to these existing homes. If our creeks, ditches and the like are so contaminated why are they not top priority? Why should priority go to future residents? Why are the current residents afterthoughts? After the developers get their developments built, then the existing residents get sewers. This is absurd! Why should the people have to wait to get sewers to Dyke Road, to Case Road, to the shopping center, to Beckett and east on Center Ridge? These people shouldn't have to wait 10 years until the developers are done with their schemes!

Fourth, comes inspection or lack thereof. North Ridgeville lacks adequate inspection service and should probably hire an outside inspection firm for these kinds of deals. In all actuality they should be hired permanently to inspect even the smaller developments.

Finally and this may be of utmost importance is that North Ridgeville needs to look into an ordinance, as is Elyria City Council, that they would require builders, contractors etc. to submit a memo stating that they have a clean record with OSHA and have no prevailing wage infractions. North Ridgeville could expound on that basis to include and require proof that the builder/contractor etc. are financially fit, with the intent being that we expect quality work from quality builders, contractors, etc.

Since the sewers technically belong to the City of North Ridgeville the administration has the right to require such knowledge of the builders and contractors who do business here, especially when they are doing business expressly for the city itself. Taking this measure may calm the residents knowing that the city knows all it can about a builder/contractor etc. before the work is awarded or begins.

In closing, I am not against the sewers, I'm against the way they've been schemed and forced upon the residents with emergency and urgency, without a second thought to the consequences. I am greatly concerned for those residents in dire need of sewers that will have to wait 10 years or more for the sewers to reach them and for the increase in services the city will need. It also concerns me the way this administration has run the respect right out of its residents.

If nothing else, I've given you food for thought, opened some eyes and provided some remedies to a couple of problems I foresee happening.

Ron Hawke
 North Ridgeville

Non-STAMP member supports efforts

To the Editor:

After reading the Feb. 28 edition of the Press & Light and watching the Council meeting of Feb. 20, a couple of thoughts have crossed my mind. First, let me state that I am not a member of STAMP. I do support their efforts as they pertain to preserving our right to vote on the controversial development of the Western part of our city under the PCD ordinance. While I have not agreed with all of their methods and tactics, they are the only people that have been willing to take a stand against the developers and the Administration. As such, they are the only other game in town and I will continue to support their efforts.

Once again, I find myself agreeing with a large portion of Mr. Schmitt's letter to the editor and his offering during the lobby portion of the council meeting. Yes, Ridgefield development is "PCD like" and is definitely an asset to the city. Yes, development is inevitable and desirable. Yes, the additional tax revenue from both residential and industrial development is required for our city to move ahead. In fact, if our PCD ordinance resulted in the building of additional Ridgefields in the western part of our city, I believe most of the present controversy would have been avoided entirely. Unfortunately, our PCD ordinance increases the allowable dwelling density per acre from the R-1 figure of 2.4 to the PCD ordinance figure of 3.14. This increase in density would result in a total of 3768 dwellings on the 1200 acres quoted by Mr. Schmitt as compared to 2880 under R-1 densities. I don't believe an increase of almost 31 percent dwellings (888) is a non-issue as stated by Mr. Schmitt. The addition of up to 120 acres of retail development allowed under PCD zoning is another difference between the "PCD like" Ridgefield and the proposed western developments.

On another issue, our Law Director's attempt to put the Westerly Sewer myths to bed has raised a question in my mind. On two occasions Mr. Zagrans has stated that it would be illegal for the "landowners" to pay any more than their self-assessment towards the cost of the sewer interceptor. During the same reports he made an issue about the Mayor demanding the same entities pay for the tap-in fees for the people on Race Road. Being affected by the interceptor. How can they pay for these tap-ins if it is illegal? If they are legally allowed to pay for these tap-ins, then why not the city's cost of the interceptor? Maybe the Mayor's negotiating skills are not quite what the Law Director has led us to believe.

And finally, would someone please explain to the person who repeatedly stood in front of the camera recording the council meeting that the important portion of the

telecast to us watching at home is the audio portion. Whether we are looking at a long shot of the back of the speaker's head, or a close-up of the back of his head really makes no difference. As long as we can hear what is being said, his efforts remain nothing more than an annoyance to us watching and an embarrassment to him and our city.

Rick Herman
 North Ridgeville

Karate program a treasure in NR

To the Editor:

Something goes on every Wednesday night and Saturday morning at the Safetyville Building that's a definite asset to the community of North Ridgeville. What I'm speaking of is Isshinryu Karate. Not only does it teach self-defense, discipline and self-control it also teaches respect, which there is a lack of in the world.

Karate teaches a person that with hard work and practicing come a reward, which is the black belt. The only competition that takes place here is against oneself. The harder one works at it the better one gets. They key to this program working so well is not only its students but also to the fantastic head teachers, Sensei Ed and Melissa Powers. They make learning the art of karate interesting and fun. Ed and Melissa Powers are understanding, very kind and also very patient. They, along with the many other students, make this program a treasure to the community.

Barb Ackerman
 North Ridgeville

How long does it take to finish a road?

To the Editor:

What is the deal with the Bainbridge Road project? I would think 1 1/2 years is sufficient time to finish a road that does not even span two miles. This project is ridicu-

lous and I cannot believe Mayor Hill has not gotten on the contractors to get it done.

Does anyone realize that Island Road in Eaton Township had sewage lines run and the road repaved within a month? One month. Residents' yards were even leveled and new grass was planted as well. We were inconvenienced for maybe three weeks and in that time not once was the road closed to thru traffic. Bainbridge has been closed to thru traffic since October 2000. The sign on the corner of Root Road and Bainbridge says "Road Closed for 60 Days"; last time I checked 60 day was two months, not four! It should say "Road Closed Indefinitely", that would be more realistic.

People have been inconvenienced for over four months now, if not the entire 1 1/2 years, and that includes the buses at North Ridgeville High School. I've been by the area almost every day in the last month and there seems to be no work going on there, the equipment is in the same place sometimes for days. Remember the bridge on Lorain Road (Rt. 10) that was repaved and widened by the Autorama? That project took three years to complete and it got completed right before the elections. Doesn't that seem strange? How can it take three years to complete a road that isn't even a half-mile long? I think I remember someone videotaping that area on a nice sunny day and there was no one working on that site. That camera footage was later turned into one of the news channels.

Do you realize that the Empire State Building took one year and 48 days to build to completion? And that was in 1931 when heavy equipment was just a dream. Something is not right here.

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By Jordan M Fitzgerald

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ACLU looks into alleged free speech violations

By Carol Klear

The North Central Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has recommended that the legal staff of the ACLU investigate allegations that free speech rights were violated during the Feb. 20 City Council meeting.

Rev. Steve Behr, chapter chair, said that he was given a copy of the video of the meeting. What he saw was "truly amazing," he said.

"I looked at the whole garbage thing," said Behr, "and the lady with the gavel was not impartial." Referring to Council President Jean Brown, Behr said that she stifled speakers during the lobby.

Behr said, "I am appalled to see such gross violations of the first amendment free speech." He alleged that Brown gave added time to those persons who supported her views, and suppressed the views of those who did not. The chairman said he was also appalled that Law Director Eric Zagrans sat next to Brown and said nothing.

Behr also takes issue with the recently adopted Rules of Council. "They say that their rules forbid anyone to impugn the motives, character or integrity of any person," I question the motive of the City Council - it is obviously

involved in the suppression of citizens trying to be involved in their government and exercise their rights."

The chairman said, "We are forwarding a copy of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution to the North Ridgeville Law Department, because, obviously they have never seen it. We also trust that the ACLU will make an aggressive stand against this kind of un-American behavior."

When contacted, Brown said she was not permitted to comment and referred questions to City Law Director Eric Zagrans.

Discussing Behr, Zagrans characterized the chairman as "in an unofficial volunteer position and not part of the official organization. He's a Lutheran minister," said Zagrans, "and he's decided he knows what the First Amendment is all about."

"There is no First Amendment violation and never has been," he said. "My God, lobby sometimes lasts 45 minutes, it does not stifle speech," said Zagrans, adding, "No one is silenced as for content."

The Law Director noted that when a resident began criticizing Councilwoman Gail Minnick, Minnick called, "point of order," and Brown insisted that speaker sit down. He said that attorney Gerald Phillips started making personal

attacks on the Mayor. "The point is," said Zagrans, "that there are no restrictions on opinions, however civility and decorum must be maintained. It's right there in Robert's Rules." He also said that anyone may criticize the Mayor "for not doing what a Mayor needs to do, but no one is permitted to call the Mayor a liar, cheat and crook."

Zagrans said that in North Ridgeville, persons do have an opportunity to speak. Some communities do not have a lobby during their City Council meetings, including Elyria. "North Ridgeville could do it that way. North Ridgeville has the right to do it that way. North Ridgeville has the right to be civil and decent."

Behr said he sent his recommendation to the ACLU attorneys, who have until April 21 to decide whether or not to file a lawsuit against the city.

Zagrans said that after reviewing Behr's concerns, he is sure the board will agree that they are a "whole lot of stuff and nonsense," adding, "I was a member of that committee for many years."

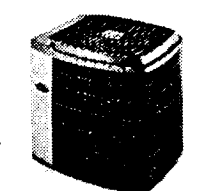
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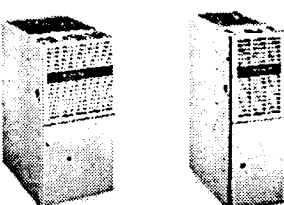
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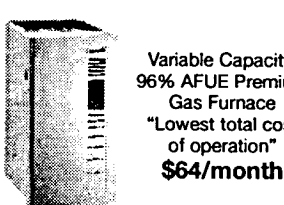
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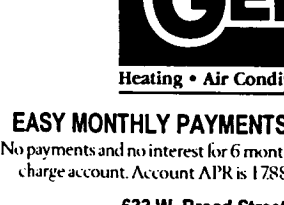
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all your names. You hugged us as we mourned our beautiful child lying still and cold on the bed. You comforted us with the knowledge that what happened was out of our hands and that no matter what action we might have taken, the outcome would have been the same.

To the North Ridgeville City Schools, to the teachers, librarians, band directors, playground and other staff, school board members, administration and so many others who shared our grief: Your outpouring of love and support was incredible. Together we mourned our loss and also celebrated the incredible life of Shannon and all that she accomplished in her short time on earth.

You were always so supportive of Shannon and her special needs. She was afraid to ride a school bus for the first time, but you made sure there was a bus assigned to her line with a low step that she could climb. Just a few weeks ago she was telling us how much she loved riding the school bus - how wonderful it was to be up so high. There are so

many other wonderful examples.

To all Shannon's friends and classmates who came to bid her godspeed on her final journey: We know how hard it was for you. We know how much you loved Shannon and enjoyed being with her. Each one of you was special to Shannon. She talked about you all the time. You saw her as a friend and a person rather than someone with physical problems. You laughed with her, played with her, and learned with her. We are thankful for your relatives and supporters who brought you to be with Shannon. We know how hard it was for them too. We are sure that Shannon will be smiling down from Heaven on April 5 when you celebrate her 11th birthday.

To the Crisis Intervention Teams who mobilized to help the children of Wilcox and the Middle School: In recent times, we have often heard of such teams being mobilized to help students cope with unthinkable violence. How wonderful it was to have this special group of people on hand to help the

students deal with this tragic loss. That their effort was successful could be seen in the wonderful messages written by the students in memory of Shannon's life.

To the staffs of the daycare and latchkey programs that Shannon attended throughout her life - Lewis Little Folks at NASA, Horizons in North Olmsted, and Kiddie Kollege in North Ridgeville: You took care of our little girl. You nurtured her and protected her and loved her, and in the end, you were there for her as well as her family.

To our 4-H friends from the North Ridgeville Ridge Kids Club: You are all part of our family. We are so thrilled to be involved with such a wonderful group of dedicated, caring, good kids, and terrific parents and advisors. You were there for us sharing our grief while celebrating all the special memories and good times.

To all our co-workers at NASA Glenn Research Center: You were all there when we needed you most.

To our neighbors, our friends, and our

families - those who lived near and those who traveled hundreds of miles to comfort us and share our deepest loss: Your hugs meant more to us than any words could say.

To our son, Ryan: What a thing to happen just as you are about to embark on your teenage years. We know how hard this was for you. We are proud of you and love you.

There is a tremendous void in our lives and a pain that will just not go away. Shannon was a special child. We must take comfort in the fact that she is now free of the physical challenges and illnesses that she had to live with. She dealt with adversity with such grace and dignity. She touched so many people. We only had her with us for a few short years, but what wonderful years they were. Thank you for sharing them with us and for being with us at this most difficult time.

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Our Future Based on Facts Not Fraud.

In a Gail Minnick Letter in the March 14th edition of the PRESS & LIGHT, she said, "It is proven that residential developments are not economically feasible for cities." This cannot be further from the truth.

Note 2 graphs showing:
1. North Ridgeville assessed tax value, which is 35% of market value for 14 years.
2. North Ridgeville school population and residential building permits over a 17 year period.

Graph #1 shows a 237% (2.37 x the '87/'88 value) increase in tax value of which 79% was residential.

At the same time over 17 years, the school population fell by 1,366 students or almost 30% of the 1984 enrollment.

Ridgefield, our current 500 acre neighborhood, at the end of 2000, had completed 213 homes. These homes had only 14 school-age children whose average per pupil cost of North Ridgeville's share was \$4,221. For 14 children this comes to \$59,094. Ridgefield will pay in school taxes at the current rates- \$547,810 per year or \$45,651 per month. In 1.3 months, Ridgefield's schooltax will pay for all of its school children for the whole year.

Cities share of taxes and utility revenue is \$23,124 per month or \$277,486 per year. One time fees to the city amounted to \$983,977.

The county share is \$11,396 per month or \$136,764 per year.

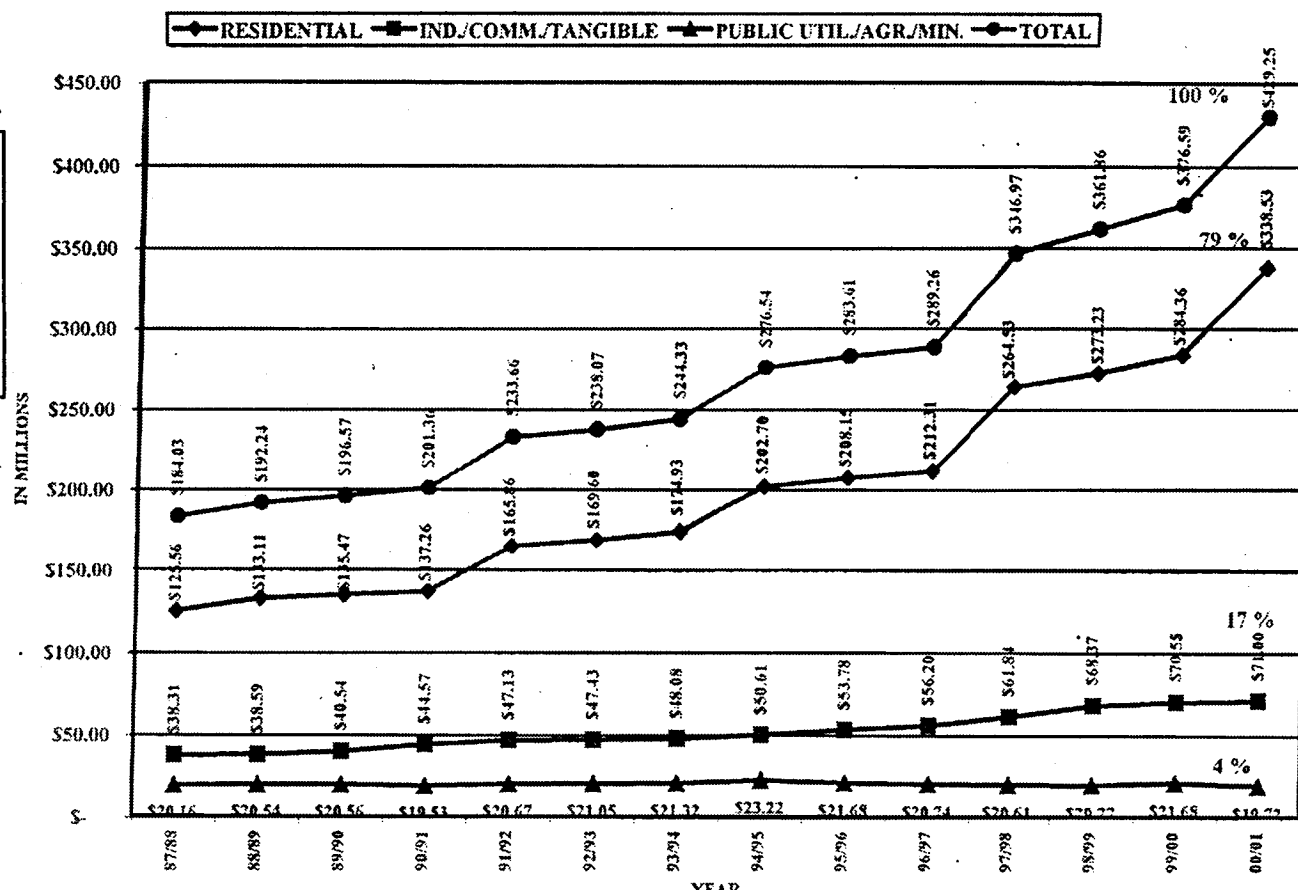
Another way of looking at it is since World War II, the population of the U.S. has more than doubled. Its housing inventory has almost tripled, mostly in large city suburbs, our Gross Domestic Product has multiplied 94 times, and our standard of living has increased in that time more than it has in the history of mankind.

According to Gail, we should be broke. Most of her other allegations are wrong.

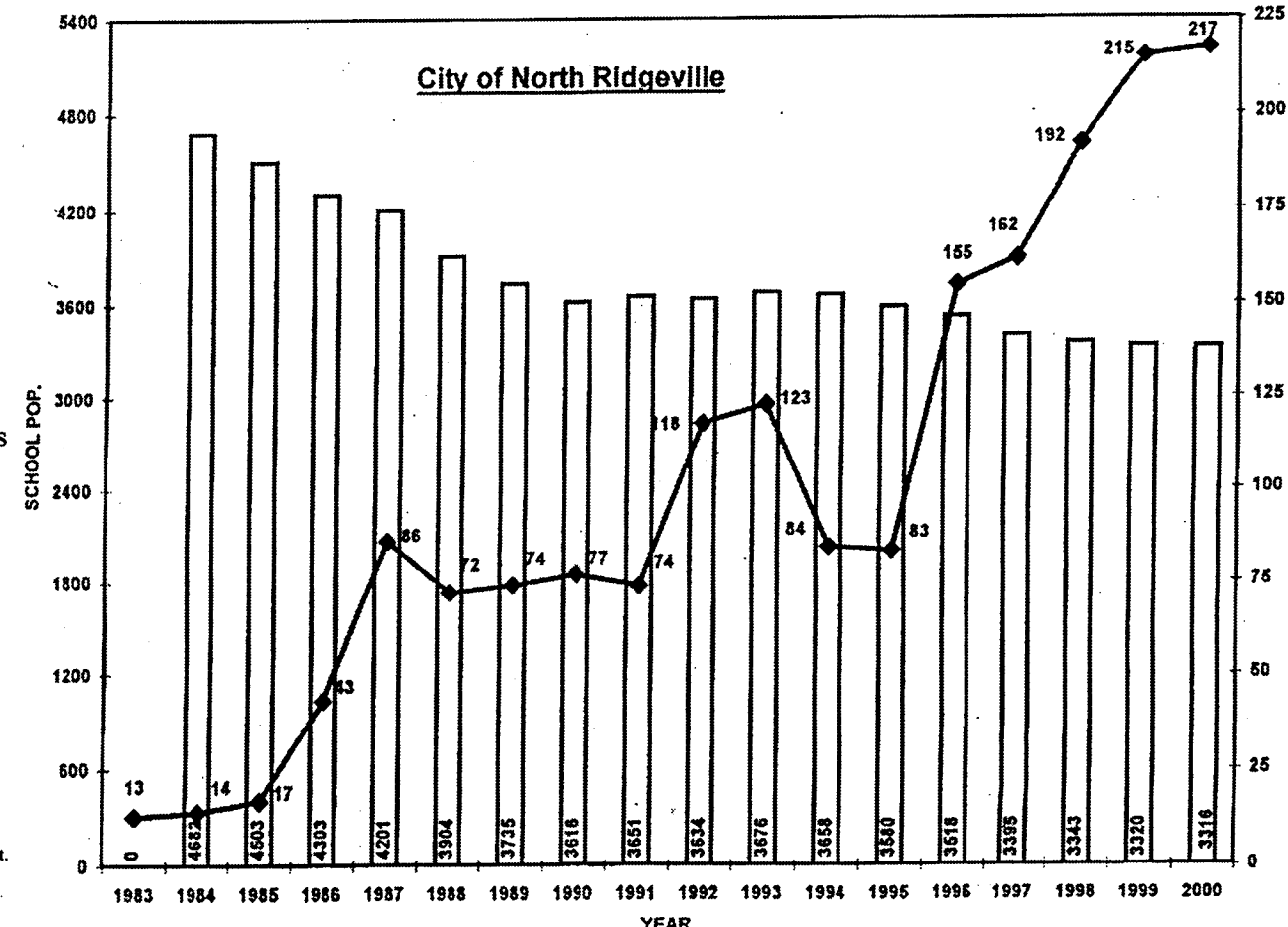
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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

New rec center would promote community pride

By Jerry D. Dudek

Nothing brings a community together like success in athletics. Perhaps it is a continuation of a parent's pride for his child, or perhaps it is just that we want to be associated with a winner.

Have you ever looked at the corporation limit signs when entering a different community? If the local high school has won a state title in any sport—soccer, softball or even lacrosse—motorists passing through will know it. And the community wants visitors to know it as well.

In the short month that I have been writing sports for the Press & Light, the subject of a community/recreation has come up indirectly in three stories that I have penned. The first was about a swimmer at the high school, Sara Anders, who this year was the only member of the Ranger swim team, boys or girls. Anders had to practice at the Elyria YMCA and had a hard time convincing potential swimmers to join the team, in part, because of the travel and because of the regimented practice times. If an indoor pool is built as part of the recreation center, it is certain that the Rangers swimming team would grow as a result. Children could learn to swim and compete at a very early age right here in North Ridgeville, and down the road, that interest should lead to a competitive swimming program at the high school.

Last weekend I was at Wilcox Elementary School to cover a guest appearance by Merlakia Jones, a Cleveland Rocker. She was speaking to two girls' teams, which share practice time with each other at the school. Because the youth league is not affiliated with the school system, the teams have to pay a stipend to use the gym to practice in order to cover liability and insurance costs. With a recreation center, not only could youth teams (both boys and girls) practice for free, but also the city could take over operation of the league, thereby encouraging greater participation and a better age breakdown. Currently, ten-year-olds compete with 15-year-olds in the girls' league.

In a story this week about the North Ridgeville Senior Fishing Club, a member noted that one of the great things about fishing is that you can take your grandchildren along and teach them the sport. Many communities have separate senior centers and youth centers, but true community/recreation centers bring together the generations. Youngsters learning from our senior community, and seniors remembering what it was like to be young, would help bridge an ever-widening generation gap. A community/recreation center would be that bridge.

Recreation center detractors have already begun a campaign to make it seem as if the additional income tax to pay for the center would be so dramatic that it couldn't be afforded. Forty percent, they write in letters to the editor. It sounds like a lot of money, but in reality, 40 percent means \$120 per year for someone who makes \$30,000. I don't know about you, but I don't mind paying additional taxes if it will provide me with something additional and there is little question that with a recreation center, North Ridgeville residents will be getting something for their money. It is paying additional taxes to maintain current services that gets me down.

With a little 'Faith', Hamilton is back on the lanes

By Jerry D. Dudek

Samantha Hamilton has a little more "Faith" in her bowling game these days.

The North Ridgeville native, considered one of the best bowlers in the area, has gotten back into the swing of things after a year away from the sport. A new bowling ball, a new attitude and a new daughter have done wonders for her game, it seems.

In the 1990s, Hamilton won four Elyria Bowler of Year awards, including three straight during one stretch. She has bowled three perfect games and one 800 series, an 806 set at Elyria Bowling Center in 1993. Her career has spanned more than 20 years. Her father, Tom Dubroy, introduced her to the game when she was an eight-year-old attending Wilcox Elementary School. She continued to bowl in junior leagues at Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes until she graduated from North Ridgeville High School in 1989. Then she got serious about the game.

"When I started to bowl in adult leagues after high school, I tried much harder and got better at it," she said.

Hamilton was serious enough about bowling to consider a career on the ladies professional tour. In the early 1990s, she did quite well on the regional circuit, placing as high as fourth in one tournament and regularly cashing in at tournaments as far away as New York and New Jersey.

But those days are over. Hamilton, with nine-month-old daughter Faith at home, isn't interested in a profession that takes her away from her family.

"You have to really love the game to do it professionally," she said. "There was a time when I dreamed about being a professional bowler, but it's not in my heart now. It's a tough profession when you're married and have a child. But I wouldn't change what I have now for the world."

Hamilton was forced to take the 1999-2000 season off because she was pregnant. Doctors told her not to bowl, fearing it may complicate the pregnancy. A little over a year ago, Hamilton gave birth to a daughter,

Mackenzie, who died shortly after birth. Both mother and daughter had been life-flighted to MetroHealth. When they got there, the baby's heart stopped beating and attempts at reviving her were unsuccessful. Both Samantha and her husband Tom, were devastated.

"I guess the doctors had to blame something, so they blamed bowling. That's why the doctors wouldn't let me bowl when I became pregnant with Faith about four months later," Hamilton said.

The popular image of a bowler usually doesn't include the adjectives "kind", "supportive" or "caring". But one of the reasons that Hamilton loves the game so much is the people in and around it.

"After I lost the baby, I had a lot of support from my friends in bowling," she said. "I

those years, much more than her average has gone up. The Hamiltons now live in Elyria.

Bowling has always been a family affair for Samantha. Her father still bowls and her mother Nancy was an avid bowler. Her paternal grandparents also were avid bowlers. Samantha figures that her daughter Faith will probably be a bowler, too.

"If she shows an interest in it and if she wants to bowl, yes, I would encourage her to take up the sport. I'm sure she will be around it enough growing up," Samantha said. "Bowling is a family sport. Not only that, I think it is good for kids. Unlike other sports, everybody gets their turn."

Hamilton has her share of Elyria city titles in singles, doubles and team events and still enjoys the thrill of competition, even though she doesn't want to be a professional.

"Over the years, I think women have gotten more competitive, but there are not that many in this area," she said, admitting that bowling in men's leagues has made her better, and more competitive.

Hamilton chuckles every time someone tells her she should be bowling on the professional tour. She admits her practice habits are not very good.

"I guess I enjoy bowling because I'm good at it, but it is almost all natural because I don't spend any time practicing. Bowling is a difficult sport. Out on the tour, what those bowlers shoot, they deserve. The shot is so much more demanding than in league play. You really have to be tough mentally," the 29-year-old right-



Samantha Hamilton is back in action after a year away from the game.

think what I like most about bowling is the people. I enjoy being around people who bowl."

After a year off, Hamilton is back on the lanes, twice a week, bowling Wednesday nights in a men's league in Grafton and a mixed league with her husband on Friday nights at Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes.

Her composite average is about 210, which is higher than her husband's. The couple has been together for nine years and been married for four years. Samantha says that Tom's average has improved 20 to 30 pins over

handers said.

A new bowling ball (a Columbia Rock On) in February has helped Hamilton increase her average. She said that since using it, she has averaged 228. Getting more into the swing of things after a year off has also helped her timing, as well as her game.

While most bowlers have visions of shooting a 300 game or an 800 series each year, Hamilton isn't one of them. Samantha said that coming home to a smiling, healthy daughter is better than setting or achieving any goal in bowling.

Girls can have basketball role models too, just ask Jones

By Jerry D. Dudek

In a girls' youth basketball league which uses the nicknames of the Women's National Basketball Association teams, it was only appropriate that a Cleveland Rocker would show up at a practice session of the Storm and the Rockers at Wilcox School last Saturday.

WNBA veteran Merlakia Jones, a second round draft choice of Cleveland in 1997, spoke to nearly two dozen girls, ranging in age from eight to 13, about using basketball as a means of getting an education and perhaps, a career. It was a dream that Jones, 27, had when she was a youth back in

Montgomery, Alabama.

Jones' presence at the hour-long practice was arranged by Storm coach Brad Judson, who wanted to give his girls an opportunity to meet a female professional athlete.

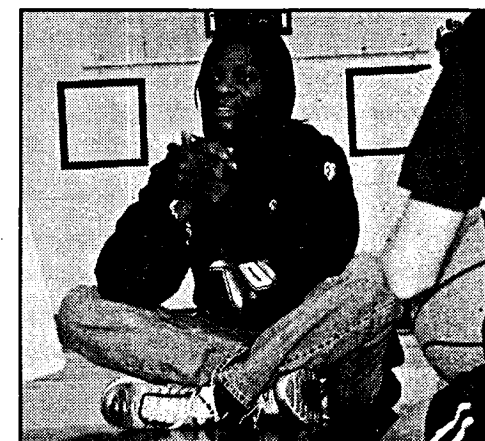
"Who does a female child have as a role model?" Judson asked. "Who do they have to look up to? Perhaps a gymnast, an ice skater or a lacrosse player. Boys can look up to baseball, basketball and football players. I wanted to show these girls that there are opportunities for them in the field of basketball."

Jones is the all-time leading scorer at the University of Florida, where she graduated, earning a degree in exercise science. She is

one of just three Cleveland Rockers who have been with the team since its inception, five years ago. For two months during the off season, Jones makes at least four to five appearances in front of youths, either for school reading programs or for sporting programs.

Jones averaged more than 12 points a game for the Rockers last season playing the No. 2 guard, but told the North Ridgeville girls that she is working to be a back-up point guard this season. She spoke more than 20 minutes with the girls about in-

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Cleveland Rockers star Merlakia Jones speaks to two Youth League teams practicing at Wilcox School last Saturday. (Photos by Mike Yatchko)

GIRLS' TRACK PREVIEW

Lady Rangers strength will be in distance events, not in numbers this season

By Jerry D. Dudek

In track there is strength in numbers. Barring that, a team must settle for a group of dedicated, hardworking athletes willing to make major sacrifices without the promise of recognition or reward. It is the latter that best describes the North Ridgeville girls track team.

Head coach Dan Rademaker has just 25 girls out for the team this season, and of that total, nearly 40 percent are freshmen. The success of the team falls squarely on the shoulders of eight returning letter winners, including Amy Davin, Nancy LaMuth, Joy Kearney, Erica Klingler, Beth Krone, Jenny Corley, April Frederick and Megan Leigh-liter.

The most talented is Davin, a senior who will specialize in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs. Davin missed the cross country season last fall with a stress fracture, but is back

running again.

"She's our best coming back. She's got good legs and has a good shot of getting to the Regionals this year. She is one of the hardest working girls I've ever had," said Rademaker, now in his tenth year as head coach.

The Lady Rangers coach has high hopes for LaMuth, another senior, this season. LaMuth specializes in the 800 and has a personal best time of 2:27. Rademaker feels she can improve on that time if she can stay healthy.

Kearney is a junior who runs everything from the 800 meters to the 3200 meters. Klingler, a senior, specializes in the 800 meters and Krone, a junior, should score her share of points in the 800 meters and the high jump. She had a 4'10" jump last year.

Admittedly, the Lady Rangers strength is in the distance events, Rademaker said.

In the sprints, Corley, a junior, should do

well in the 200 and 400 meters if she avoids nagging injuries. A basketball injury has forced her to miss the first two weeks of practice this spring. Frederick, a sophomore, is expected to win points in the long jump and 200 meters. Leighliter, a junior, is the only experience Lady Ranger in the field events. She will throw the discus and shot.

Rademaker said that the numbers are so low this year that he is considering not running any relays. Of course, if enough of his inexperienced runners show promise, that may change.

"We've got a lot of freshmen who ran track last year, but it is a big step from eighth grade one year to running varsity the next. It depends on how quickly they can come along," the coach said.

North Ridgeville will be without the running services of junior Jenny Miller, who blew out her knee in a soccer game last fall and won't be playing any sports until next

year. Rademaker also lost several girls to graduation, girls who were entered in multiple events.

The Pioneer Conference is a very competitive league when it comes to girls track, with Strongsville and Medina usually having the edge over the rest. The Lady Rangers not only have to battle their talent, but also their numbers.

"There are track teams in our league that have 70, 80, even 90 girls. It's tough going against that with just 25. I really don't know why our numbers are low. I guess it's that track is not a glamour sport. It's hard work, there's not a lot of publicity and we have to go against softball, which gets its share of good athletes. It takes a dedicated person willing to sacrifice a lot. There are no short cuts, you have to put your time in. And you're doing it without a lot of recognition. You have to be well-disciplined and have a lot of guts to run track," Rademaker said.

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school and on-court practice habits, as well as staying away from drugs.

"What a better way to plant the seed than at an early age," Judson said of Jones' message. "She did everything we wanted her to do. She talked to the girls, worked with them on the court and signed autographs."

No doubt the group of 60 or more parents and their children will be cheering for Jones when they make the trek to Gund Arena in June to watch a Rocker basketball game. There was no appearance fee paid to Jones. It was arranged in exchange for a group promising to attend a Rockers game this season.

The girls were awestruck by Jones, listening attentively and asking her questions, both about basketball and life.

Twelve-year-old Veronica Francu, the point guard for the Storm team, was particularly impressed.

"It was really cool to talk to someone like that. You see them play on television, but it's neat to meet them in person and figure out what they do," Francu said. "She told us to never give up and if you stumble once, get up and do it again."

Jones remembers being a 12-year-old in Montgomery and dreaming about playing professional basketball just like the North Ridgeville girls. Back then, there wasn't a WNBA to look forward to, but Jones kept improving through high school and college, getting better every year.

"I knew they had (professional) sports overseas, but after college I figured I'd just get a job in my field and make money," she said.

Then the WNBA was born. Now it is Jones' full-time job.

The North Ridgeville girls each brought a basketball that Jones signed, and were handed Rocker pennants and wristbands.

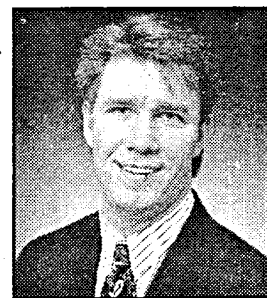
"I can't wait to play in our league again," Francu said after meeting and listening to Jones.

Travel team looking for players

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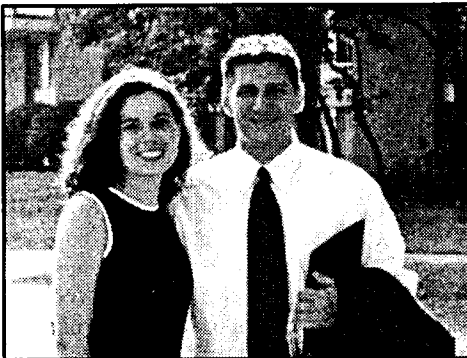
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Engagement



Lori Beth Finley and Michael Starkey

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James and Rebecca Finley of North Ridgeville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Beth, to Michael Phillip Starkey. He is the son of Larry and Donna Starkey of Ashland, Ohio.

Miss Finley is a medical student at Wright State University School of Medicine, Dayton. She is a 2000 graduate of Ohio University.

Her fiancé, a graduate of The Ohio State University, is an audiology graduate student at OSU.

A June wedding is planned.

Service News:

Marine Corps Pvt. Christopher S. Belcher, son of Janice H. Chappell of North Ridgeville, OH and Billy Belcher of 3745 W. 14th St., Cleveland, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Belcher successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Belcher and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles

and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Belcher spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Belcher is a 1996 graduate of North Ridgeville High School of North Ridgeville.

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Rolling Thunder petitions for POWs, MIAs

Rolling Thunder Inc. Ohio Chapters, across the state are initiating a petition drive requesting the State Legislature enact a resolution recommending that the Attorney General file a suit against the United States government regarding the civil rights of those Ohio residents listed as prisoners of war and missing in action. The organization is asking citizens and other clubs statewide, both veterans and community, to become involved in the petition drive to bring awareness to the fact that there are still many missing servicemen.

A press release recalled that in 1986 then CIA Director William Casey said, "Look, the nation knows they (POWs) are there, everybody knows they are there, but there's no ground swell of support for getting them out. Certainly, you are not suggesting we pay for them, surely you're not saying we

could do anything like that with no public support."

Presently there are 14 other states that have initiated similar resolutions with a number of others pending. Rolling Thunder Inc. Ohio Chapter intends to use its influence with the many other Rolling Thunder Chapters across the United States to ensure all pass a resolution of this nature. Presently there are more than 88,000 men and women who are still unaccounted for from all other past wars with 2,000 from Southeast Asia. Attached to the proposed resolution is a list of names of 100 Ohio citizens.

More information can be obtained by contacting:

Sean V. Devilla, president; Rolling Thunder Inc. Ohio Chapter 4; P.O. Box 161; Youngstown, Ohio 44501-0161 or call 330-744-9073.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reasons Westerly Sewer should go to a vote

To the Editor:

1. Mayor Hill has negotiated an agreement with the landowners. This agreement is contingent upon the Planned Community Development (PCD) ordinance, which allows as many as six dwellings per acre. In FJD Properties it allows a private golf course to be counted as green space.

2. Attorney Gerald W. Phillips has been in contact with Fred Alspach, director of LORCO, a not for profit regional wastewater utility. Mr. Alspach says North Ridgeville appears eligible for a low cost loan through the "Water Pollution Control Loan Fund" year 2000 Project Priority List \$17,315,776.

3. Mayor Hill claimed that if the City did not accept the Westerly Sewers Agreement negotiated with the developers, that the taxpayers would have to pay the cost to sewer the west side of town. 1. Why didn't the mayor want to pursue the LORCO alternative? 2. Why did the mayor push the deal with the developers?

4. North Ridgeville has already rejected, by a vote of 2 to 1 the concept of the present PCD ordinance containing up to six homes per acre.

5. There is another way, which the mayor has continued to ignore. LORCO has not yet committed to a sewer construction route - but time is running out on their options. An agreement could still be reached with LORCO to construct a sewer line through the western half of North Ridgeville allowing tap-ins along the way and without being bound by an agreement that will allow more than six dwellings per acre, placing a burden on the taxpayers, or incurring bond debt on behalf of the developers. The only way this can be done is to nullify the Ordinance approving the Westerly Sewer Agreement through referendum and have the issue placed on the November ballot, allowing voters to make the decision.

Petitions are presently being circulated in this matter. These must be filed on March 22. Call any STAMP committee member.

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Police Department Reports:

By Mark Maier

Tale of the stolen pickup truck

It was shortly after 1:30 a.m. on March 9 when Patrolman Jones found a black Ford Ranger in new condition parked on Chesterfield. It was obvious to Jones that the vehicle had not been parked in this location for very long because it had been snowing and there was no snow on the truck.

He noticed a fresh set of footprints in the snow on the roadway leading away from the vehicle towards a residence on the north side of the road. Jones followed the footprints to see what he could find. The officer found himself at the rear gate of a residence on Manning Circle.

Immediately, Jones notified the dispatcher to check the Ohio registration on the vehicle. The dispatcher notified the officer that the registration belonged on a 1997 GMC station wagon. A further check revealed that the registration had expired in July of 2000.

Jones then checked the VIN on the truck and learned that the 2000 Ford pickup truck was already registered to someone in another town. At that time, the officer noticed the expiration sticker on the registration was valid until September of 2001.

Due to the suspicious circumstances, Patrolman Jones contacted the dispatcher and requested that the Grafton and Parma police departments be contacted to determine if either the vehicle or the registration had been reported as stolen. After speaking with the dispatcher, Jones circled the block with the intention of watching the vehicle until the unknown subject driving it returned.

When the officer drove around Manchester Circle and returned, the truck was gone. Immediately, he dispatched other

units in the area to be on the lookout for the mystery truck. With the assistance of two other police units, the officer were unable to locate the truck.

After searching several surrounding streets, Jones returned to Manning Circle where he located a fresh set of footprints, similar to those he observed outside the truck earlier, heading from north to south at the end of Manning. He began backtracking and discovered that the footprints crossed Mills Rd. into Avon and went north between two residences. The officer then discovered the footprints came back out onto Jaycox Rd. and went east across the road. Jones observed fresh tire tracks leading to the rear of a business on Jaycox Rd. He followed the tracks and located the truck parked behind the business. The vehicle was parked behind a fence in an obvious attempt to hide it.

Patrolman Jones is appearing to become a main character in a Sir Arthur Conan Doyle mystery novel.

Jones radioed for a tow truck and then began checking the vehicle. The truck was locked and no keys were found. The interior of the truck was very clean with no obvious signs of the steering column being tampered with. In the snow beside the truck were more footprints that matched the ones he had observed earlier. Jones requested that Downing respond to the north end of Manning Circle where the footprints had been observed earlier in this mysterious situation.

Downing returned to the area and began following the tracks leading to the rear of a residence on Manning Circle. The footprints stopped by a window of the residence. The tracks then went back out to the front of the residence, turned south. The officer continued to follow the footprints around

the residence to the rear where they were observed to enter into a sliding door.

At this time, Downing, along with Patrolman Cross, made contact with the resident, who advised them that she had been sleeping. After being informed of the suspicious circumstances, she advised that she was unaware of anyone coming or going from her house. She also advised the officers that her 17-year-old son was last seen in his bedroom at about 11:45 p.m. the evening before, just prior to when she went to bed.

She gave the officers permission to check the house to ensure that no one was hiding inside. The officers checked the residence and were unable to locate her son or anyone else who did not belong. Following the search, the man's mother advised the officers that she was not aware of his location and that he did not have permission to leave the residence. Insert Dragnet riff here.

Meanwhile, Patrolman Jones completed the impound paperwork on the truck and it was towed to Witherell's Automotive. The vehicle was held pending further investigation into its use and the improper registration and validation sticker.

Shortly after 8:30 a.m. on March 9, the police station was notified by the owner of The Final Inspection, located on Mills Industrial Parkway, in reference to the business having been broken into. Patrolman Adams responded to the call and spoke with the owner.

The owner advised the officer he does automotive detailing work for John Lance Ford, the business that is the actual owner of the truck. Adams reported the vehicle information to the NRPD, who advised the officer that Jones had impounded the vehicle earlier that morning.

After confirming that the towed vehicle

was the vehicle stolen from the business, Adams and Detective Freeman responded to the residence where Downing and Cross had spoken with the woman. The officer and detective spoke with the woman, who advised them that her son had returned to the residence around 4:45 a.m. Then at 8 a.m. she went outside to start her vehicle because her and her son were to report to the Lorain County Juvenile Court for his court appearance. When she came back inside, he had fled the residence through a back door. Lorain County Juvenile Court was contacted and advised of the status the fleeing man. He was then entered as a missing juvenile and a bench warrant was issued for his non-appearance.

Two days later, the mother contacted the police department informing them that her son had just called form his girlfriend's house in Concord, Ohio. She stated that he claimed the family was attempting to keep him at the residence. A short time later, he was taken into custody by the Lake County Sheriff's department.

On March 12, Patrolman Jones contacted by the department and advised that the 17-year-old was incarcerated at the Lorain County Detention Home. At 12:25 p.m. Jones requested permission from the young man's mother to be able to interview him. She agreed and she also advised the officer that she would meet them at the detention home.

At 1 p.m. Jones met with the mother and informed her of the incidents and the evidence leading to the suspicion of the involvement of her son in this case. Again, she agreed to let the officer interview her son. The mother accompanied Jones into the interview room of the detention home,

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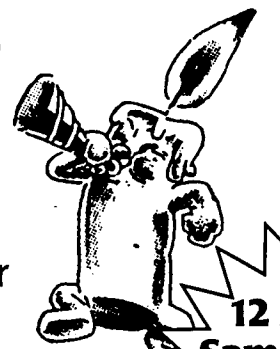
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Used car sales lot planned for Rt. 83

By Carol Klear

An old house on Avon Belden Road, just south of Center Ridge Road, that was demolished recently, is slated to be replaced by a used car lot.

Kenneth Hasick, who owns Convenient Car Sales, Inc., requested the Planning Commission approve his plans for a 2,000 square foot building to be used as a used car sales site and service facility at 7054 Avon Belden Rd. Although some city officials and business people are not enthused about the proposal, Hasick said that the B-2 zoning permits the business.

There have been concerns that the property at the corner of Avon Belden and Center Ridge, the site of a former gas station, may contain contaminated soil, which may have leaked to Hasick's property. However, he said an environmental study was done. "Minute traces of diesel fuel were found," he said, "but nothing to concern BUSTR (Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks) though he said he would be traveling to Columbus to get the BUSTR report for the former station. Hoping to

allay the Commission's concerns, Hasick, who will also be the general contractor on project, said that he plans to operate a respectable business and "conduct business in an honorable way."

The planned building will be Western Reserve architecture, with vinyl siding, Hasick said, and will include a showroom, a kitchen and a two-bay service operation in the rear.

Assistant Law Director Toni Morgan said there has been a history of concern about contamination in that location, and before the Planning Commission gives its approval, members want their concerns to be satisfied.

Commission Chairman Ron Schwachenwald suggested that the Commission postpone taking action until the next meeting; however, Hasick asked that it be done in a short time. "I'm out of business," he said, "I'd like not to have to wait."

A special Planning Commission meeting will be held March 27 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider the application. Hasick must pay a \$100 fee for the special session.

Rainforest created in school hall

Love the rainforest, but hate the humidity and the cost of travel? Then the upstairs hallway of St. Peter School's intermediate wing is the place to be.

Mrs. Morrison's fourth grade class and Mrs. Costanzo's fifth graders combined their creative talent and research abilities to individually report on a rainforest animal and plant. The culmination resulted in a jungle environment from floor to ceiling (or "canopy" in rainforest terms). Each animal and plant comes with a small synopsis of facts and traits.

"The things hanging from the ceiling really give it a touch," said student Kimberly Morgan. "I especially like the animals and plants that were made in 3-D. It was a great opportunity to express artwork and creativity, while learning about what lives in three rainforest," she said.

Dick Gardner feels that the project lets people realize that there are many different species in a rainforest. "With both grades working together," he said, "we were able to make it bigger than on our own. My favorites were the alligator and orchids."

"Walking through the hallway made me feel like I'm in a real rainforest. I like how colorful it is," said Tim DeVor.

"Even though it was a group project, it's



This exotic bird is just one of the animals you can find in the rainforest at St. Peter School.

nice to say I was a little part of the rainforest," Rickie Baker stated.

So if you're looking for a winter getaway, the rainforest isn't far.

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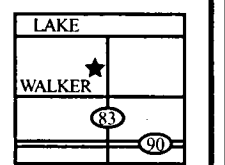
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where the officer read, showed, and explained the pre-interview form to the young man. He advised the officer that he understood his rights, then signed the form and agreed to discuss the incidents.

At the beginning of the interview, the young man denied any involvement with the break in at the business or the stolen truck. He gave detailed locations for his whereabouts and explained that he had left his house because he feared going to his court appearance on March 9. When the officer began to point out obvious errors in the 17-year-old's story, the mother requested that she have a few minutes alone with her son. The officer agreed and left the room.

After a few minutes, the mother asked Jones to return to the room. At this point, the young man apologized for lying and began to tell the truth, and nothing but.

He stated that sometime during the evening of March 8, he received a call from his juvenile caseworker. At that time, she had advised him that he would have to appear on March 9 to answer for breaking the terms of his juvenile program. He advised the officer that his caseworker implied that he would not be returning to the house after the court appearance.

Following the interview, Jones drove to the area and Freeman processed the vehicle. It was released to the owner.

The 17-year-old defendant was referred to Lorain County Juvenile Court for breaking and entering, a felony of the fifth degree, and grand theft, a felony of the fourth degree. He was incarcerated at the Lorain County Detention Home until his March 15 hearing.

When questioned about the damage done to the business, he denied any knowledge of it. He continued with his admittance by stating he drove the truck to Chesterfield, parked it near the bridge by his house, and then went into his residence to get his belongings. At that time, he returned to the

truck and then drove east on Downing before turning north onto Jaycox Rd. He then drove north on Jaycox Rd. into Avon, where he parked it behind a business on the east side of the road. He hid the vehicle keys in the tree north of the business and walked toward his residence.

Seeing all the police in the neighborhood, he decided not to go home and he stayed in a neighbor's tree house. At approximately 5 a.m. on March 9, he decided that he would go to court and returned home. He spoke to his mother and then went to sleep for a few hours. His mother woke him around 8 a.m. and his mother told him it was time to get ready for his court appearance. He stated that he again became very scared that he was going to be committed to "DYS" and that he fled the house when his mother went outside to start the vehicle.

After telling his story to the officer, he agreed to make a written statement in reference to the incident. When he completed the written statement, Jones asked the mother to come in and review it. When this was completed, the officer conducted a short question and answer session during which the young man wrote out his own answers. His mother then reviewed his answers and both signed the statement. The young man had also included a rugged map of where he had hidden the keys to the pickup truck.

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Want fries with that?

Patrolman Jones is becoming a popular a police officer in North Ridgeville as Steve from the Jerry Springer Show is in Chicago.

Jones had taken a stationary position in the parking lot of the Ridgeview Shopping Center near the closed McDonald's restaurant. The parking lot was crowded with parked vehicles and there was a steady flow of traffic moving in and out of the lot.

At approximately 2 a.m., Jones observed

the defendant staggering through the parking lot in a northwest direction. He was coming from the second row of parked vehicles and appeared to be talking on the telephone. If doing this is anything like attempting to walk and chew gum at the same time, of course he'd be staggering.

As the defendant moved closer to near where the officer was parked, it became obvious just how badly he was staggering.

The officer pulled out of his parking place when the defendant began traveling north on the west drive. At that time, a Jeep Wrangler drove in front of the cruiser. Patrolman Jones was driving, pulled up beside the defendant, and stopped. The defendant spoke briefly to the occupants of the vehicle. Then the passenger door opened and the defendant acted as if he was going to enter the vehicle. During this time, the defendant continuously looked back at the officer's cruiser, which Jones had stopped directly behind the Jeep. Also during this time, the officer observed the 19-year-old defendant having difficulty getting into the Jeep.

The defendant just gave up on attempting to get into the vehicle. He closed the door and walked north away from the Jeep while still talking on the telephone.

Jones activated his emergency lights and drove to the defendant's location as the Jeep drove away. The defendant ignored the oncoming officer and continued to walk north for about 10 or 15 steps. Jones exited the cruiser and began walking toward the defendant while directing him to stop. The defendant briefly looked over his shoulder at the officer, which caused the young man to lose his balance. The defendant stumbled for a couple steps, walked off the pavement and onto the grass, where he was able to regain his balance. See, it is like trying to walk and chew gum at the same time.

Jones walked up to the defendant, he observed the eyes of the 19-year-old to be very glassy. The defendant was still talking on his phone and the officer could hear that his speech was slurred. Jones instructed him to hang up the telephone, which he quickly did. The officer immediately noticed a strong odor of alcohol on the defendant's

breath.

Jones began questioning the defendant about why he did not get into the Jeep. The defendant stated something about a cheating girlfriend, but the officer had trouble understanding him because his speech was too thick and slurred.

The officer observed an "X" on the back of the defendant's hand, which indicated he had been inside Bucky's Niteclub. Jones asked the defendant for identification, but he attempted to hand the officer his entire wallet instead. The officer refused to take the wallet to allow the defendant to pull out the necessary identification. It took several tries for the defendant to pull out the identification from his wallet. This is when the officer learned the age of the defendant.

Jones asked the 19-year-old man where he had been drinking, but he refused to answer where, but would only state that his uncle is a sergeant with the Cleveland police department. The defendant was placed under arrest, patted down, and placed into Downing's cruiser. While in the cruiser, the defendant produced an FOP card and explained that his uncle is a Cleveland police officer.

At the station, the defendant refused to take an alcohol-sensor test. He was permitted to make a telephone call in an attempt to secure a sober ride home. While waiting for his ride home, the defendant went through mood swings, which ranged from cooperative to joking to argumentative. At one point, the defendant advised the officers that he was confused and questioned if they were going to allow him a telephone call. When Patrolman Jones informed the defendant that he had already made several, he advised that he did not remember making those phone calls.

The defendant then began arguing with Jones. The defendant stated, "I don't drink very often and when I do, you guys arrest me." That would be one good reason to stop drinking.

The defendant was photographed and cited for underage consumption. He was advised of his mandatory court date in the Mayor's Court, issued a copy of the citation, and then was released when his ride arrived.

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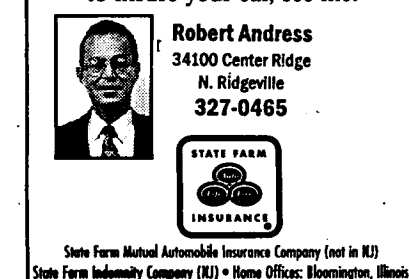
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Obituaries:

DAVID W. "BIG DAVE" KINTOP

David W. "Big Dave" Kintop, 47, of North Ridgeville died March 6 at his home after a long illness.

Mr. Kintop was born in Medina, but he had lived in Brunswick and Cleveland before moving to North Ridgeville in 1984.

He was a 1971 graduate of Brunswick High School. For the past 11 years, he worked as a laborer for Abram Construction Inc. in North Royalton. He had previously worked as railroad engineer for Conrail in Cleveland and as a police officer in Olmsted Falls and Canton.

Mr. Kintop was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Avon.

He also was a member of the Construction Workers Union Local 310 in Cleveland.

He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, restoring his 1956 Chevy. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Susan (nee Zader); a son Steven at Beale Air Force Base in California; three sisters and one brother.

His parents and a brother preceded him in death.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church in Avon with the Rev. John Misenko, pastor, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

The Busch-Bogner Family Chapel handled arrangements.

DENNIS H. SHERMAK

Dennis H. Shermak, 58, of North Ridgeville died March 7 at the Cleveland Clinic following a sudden illness.

He was born in Elyria and had been a North Ridgeville resident his entire life.

Mr. Shermak had been a manager of several local businesses.

He was a member of St. Julie Billiart Church.

He enjoyed boating, canning, gardening and traveling.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Christine (nee Michalko); sons, Rick of North Ridgeville and Carl of Avon; daughter Tina Shermak of North Ridgeville; four grandchildren; one brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Julie Billiart Church, with the Rev. Richard A. Gonser, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ridgeville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039; Cleveland Zoological Society, P.O. Box 609281, Cleveland, Ohio 44109 or Life Banc Organ Donation, 20600 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 350, Cleveland, Ohio 44122-5343.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

WALTER F. HOFFSTETTER

Walter F. Hoffstetter, 82, of North Ridgeville, died March 9 at EMH Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was born in Cleveland. He was a resident of North Ridgeville the past 50 years, moving from Lakewood.

Mr. Hoffstetter was a plumber employed by Bundas Plumbing & Heating, Fairview Park. He retired in 1980 after 45 years. He was a member of the Plumbers Union Local 55.

He was a member of St. Peter Church, North Ridgeville and several antique car clubs.

Survivors include a son, Walter "Skip" Hoffstetter of North Ridgeville; a daughter, Mary Lee Hoffstetter of Elyria; a grandson and a sister.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosella M. (nee Krieger) in 1985 and his parents.

Funeral services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas J. Pajk, associate pastor of St. Peter Church officiating. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

CAROL LEE WENK

Carol Lee Wenk (nee Lausch), 58, of North Ridgeville, died March 9 at Center Ridge Nursing Home, North Ridgeville following a short illness.

She was born in Cleveland. She was a resident of Lakewood for more than 34 years, moving to North Ridgeville in October.

She was a member of St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Lakewood.

Mrs. Wenk was very active in the dollhouse miniature industry. She was founder of CIMTA, Inc. and founder of Cleveland Miniaturia Society.

She enjoyed crafts, reading and traveling.

She is survived by her daughter Mrs. Louis (Mary) Catalucci Jr. of North Ridgeville; son, Michael Wenk of Sacramento, CA; a grandson; a brother; and a sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Julius Wenk in 1994; a brother; and her parents.

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

Private burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

ALICE M. McKEON

Alice M. McKeon (nee Hanley), 79, of North Ridgeville died March 6 at her home following a sudden illness.

She was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for 30 years.

Mrs. McKeon served in the U.S. Naval Wave Corps during WWII.

She was a member of St. Clarence Catholic Church, North Olmsted; North Ridgeville Senior Citizens; North Ridgeville VFW Post 9871 and St. John West Shore Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include sons, Thomas of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Timothy of Louisville, Kentucky, Terry of Hubbard, Ohio, Matthew of St. Simmon Island, Georgia; daughter, Molly McKeon of Atlanta, Georgia, Megan Squire of Berkeley, California; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otis in 1985; brother and her parents.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Clarence Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Flynn officiating.

Memorial may be made to Bill McKeon Scholarship Fund in care of Notre Dame/Cathedral Latin High School, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, Ohio 44024 or Parma Special Olympics, 6285 West 54th St., Parma, Ohio 44129.

The David Bogner Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

VIRGINIA 'JUNE' SLOAN

Virginia "June" Sloan (nee Garrison), 77, of North Ridgeville, died March 11 at Center Ridge Nursing Home in North Ridgeville following a long illness.

Born in Booneville, Ind., she had been a resident of North Ridgeville since moving from Rainelle, W.Va., in 1989. She lived in West Virginia from 1983 to 1989. Before that, she lived in the western suburbs of Cleveland for most of her life.

Mrs. Sloan worked as a meat packer for the Swift Co., in Cleveland from 1947 until 1960.

She enjoyed crocheting, stain glass painting, word puzzles, cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, William of Hanover, Pa.; daughter, Virginia Thompson of North Ridgeville; son, LeRoy John Scharf Jr. of Sandusky; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Jean Scharf and her parents.

Services were held at Sugar Ridge Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Shomo officiating.

Burial was in Belden Cemetery, Belden.

Memorials may be made to Sugar Ridge Baptist Church, 36600 Sugar Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039.

The David Bogner Family Funeral home handled arrangements.

HILDA J. JONES

Hilda J. Jones (nee Cooper), 67, of North Ridgeville died at her home March 13, after a long illness.

Mrs. Jones was born in Tennessee and had lived in Lakewood before moving to North Ridgeville 31 years ago.

She was a 1951 graduate of Big Sandy High School in Tennessee.

She was for many years the owner-operator of Preferred Placements Temporary Employment Agency in Rocky River before retiring in 1996.

Mrs. Jones was a member of North Ridgeville Senior Citizens. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Denise Gosciejew of Sheffield Lake; a son, Edward Gregg of Mansfield; three grandchildren; and two sisters.

Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Reynolds "Reya" in 1996 and a son.

Services were held at Busch-Bogner Family Chapel, with the Father Joe McNulty, pastor of St. Augustine Church in Cleveland, officiating.

Burial was at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Avon.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 330 East 185th St., Cleveland, 44119.

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VISITOR'S BUREAU COMMITTEE, 8 a.m. 34845 Lorain Rd.

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, noon. Senior Club. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Pinochle Club.

ADULT CPR WITH FIRST AID BASICS, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

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.

ZONING BOARD MEETING, 7 p.m. Council Chambers. 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

ADULT CPR RECERTIFICATION, 9 a.m. The American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. North, Elyria. 324-2929.

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.

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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.

WOMEN'S OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL, 6:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Wilcox Elementary School. \$2 per night.

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

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

FOOTBALL BOOSTERS CLUB, 7 p.m. High School Cafeteria. VFW #9871, 7 p.m. Ladies Cnt. Council.

TUESDAY

SHARED GRIEF, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Westlake Sr. Center, 29694 Center Ridge. 216-741-7700 to register.

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Book Club. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class. \$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info.

TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd. SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, 7 p.m. EMH Conference Room A (8th floor).

PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

WEDNESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Quilting, Cards, Bingo. Lunch \$3.25 by reservation. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Watercolor class. 353-0828/info.

WESTLAKE TOASTMASTERS #497, 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Webster's Place.

WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6p.m.-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 7:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Room.

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More Letters from pg. 5

Does Mayor Hill think that just because Bainbridge is getting done and one road through the Mills Creek development was repaved last fall that this is what the residents' tax dollars are paying for? Has Mayor Hill traveled on Island Road to the Eaton border recently? Do you know, Mayor Hill, that you cannot even drive the speed limit down that road without losing a car part or two? That road is not even a road anymore and doing sporadic "patches" just is not the answer. And this is only one example of the roads in North Ridgeville, there are so many more that are in this condition it would take me all day to list them. We can look on the brighter side, however, if it takes two years to pave one road and three years to open the bridge on Rd. 10, then within maybe 50 years all the roads should be done.

I'm glad I'm not a resident of North Ridgeville anymore; I think I would be fed up with the politics and the waste of tax money, your tax money that goes on in the city.

I applaud Gerald W. Phillips from Avon who sent a letter to the editor in the Feb. 25 Chronicle Telegram. I couldn't agree more.

Debbie Hunt
Columbia Station

STAMP continues to malign Council

To the Editor:
Being a relatively new resident of North Ridgeville for four years, I find it difficult to ignore the erroneous propaganda circulated by a group call STAMP. The slogan for the group is "the tyranny of the majority" to advance their issues and be identified as true Americans and call their targets in the city "communists." One can only guess that because Council members, being elected officials who have followed their consciences and voted yes on certain issues that STAMP does not endorse, qualifies them as a tyrannical mob. After labeling our elected officials a mob, the members of the splinter group STAMP continue to malign Council with more propaganda techniques and derogatory innuendoes which appear in the editorials of the local newspapers.

The members of STAMP believe that they are an oppressed minority. They are so burdened with this oppression complex that a yes vote by Council is looked upon as further antagonism. Members of STAMP believe that their oppression can only be relieved by forcing the majority of taxpayers in North Ridgeville to accept their proposals. These proposals are voted on with one referendum after another, which the city must pay for each time it is used. Following the guidelines of the Master Plan apparently means nothing to this group. Public hearings degenerate into personal attacks by this group and later into innuendoes against every elected public official. It makes this taxpayer wonder if they will ever come to the realization that it is the will of the majority that is the foundation of this country whether you like it or not. Not the will of the minority group called STAMP.

I am amazed at the character assassination perpetrated against anyone who owns large tracts of lands. These landowners are portrayed as the worst type of villain who walks in this city. Developers are always portrayed as raping the City of North Ridgeville and its citizens with their new ideas of sewers, industrial parks and taxes for the city to collect and funnel into growth of the city. North Ridgeville stands to become a jewel in Lorain County with prudent thought and forward thinking. Propaganda, innuendoes and personal attacks have no business in these discussions. As a taxpayer I do not want to vote on every issue that comes before council, and I resent the position and attitude taken by a smaller group of people. That is exactly why we have

council members elected to do this for the citizens. If citizens have a problem with an issue, they should go to their councilman, bring up the issue, and discuss it without name-calling and personal attacks: Voters and citizens should be mature enough to go forward rather than backward which is where some people are.

As a citizen who wants to know and understand city issues such as these, I will confer with people who have risen above the fray and state their positions clearly based on facts. Bob Schmitt and Dave Gilcock both strike me as people who have done this. I have met Bob Schmitt twice, and he states his position clearly and articulately. He knows that sewers, industrial parks and taxes improve not hinder communities. Listen to what he says and writes, he's been in business for many years, and he continues to be a leader in Lorain County. Dave Gilcock also has risen above this fray because he too can see what will help this community and what will hinder it because of his lifelong involvement in city activities. Read the Council minutes from the last meeting and digest what we, as a city will be missing by not having a PCD. Talk to him and listen to a voice of restraint and thought, not innuendoes.

Finally, I praise Council for taking a stance on such an important issue and trying to make the city go forward, for the betterment of the entire city, not just some developers, as some would have you think. These radical ideas of sewers, industrial parks and taxes for the city can make this city that gateway for Lorain County, even if it does cost the city 27 percent of the price of the project, a bargain in my book with today's inflation. As for the recall petition, look carefully at the charges; they are absolutely "frivolous" and none are worthy of merit or consideration because the innuendo tactics show right through. I do not wish to pay for another election that an innuendo-slinging minority wishes the citizens of this city to pay for. Holding this city hostage is not the way to enact change. Having someone from another city as the ringleader is even more of a slap to the face of the citizens and voters in this city. It's time for these people to grow up and constructively try to enact change, not drag the city down with them.

Norman I. Frindt
North Ridgeville

Safety for all is No. 1

In the Feb. 21 edition of the Press and Light there was an article about mail delivery on Bainbridge Road. Living in a condo and having a central area for mailboxes was the only drawback at that time. But I do understand why this is the case.

I delivered The Cleveland Plain Dealer in Cleveland for almost 17 years before moving to North Ridgeville six years ago. Walking was not only healthy but safer as well. Walking from house to house to deliver mail is much, much more safe than curbside delivery.

A parked or stopped truck, whether it is a delivery truck or a mail truck makes, as Jim Foster says, traffic is impeded or becomes very congested as to make it very difficult to move around a moving or stopped mail delivery truck especially on a main road or a busy highway. House to house mail delivery may take longer than curbside delivery but much more safer.

Safety for all concerned, mail delivery, drivers of vehicles should be number one always.

Gerald Mayer
North Ridgeville

Way Hill does things is problem

To the Editor:
In the Feb. 23 Chronicle Ms. Hill, the Mayor of North Ridgeville wrote a letter and in reading it, she hit the nail on the head and I quote, "It's not what you do, but the way you do it that counts."

There you go, by gosh, I think she might be getting it. That's exactly the problem, it's the way she is doing her mayoral duties!

The way ordinances are passed with the so-called emergencies is not the way it should be done. Why are she and her majority puppet council so opposed to listening to the people and putting important issues to the vote of the residents? Could it be they wouldn't get it all their way, as the spoiled children they are acting like?

If these issues would be discussed in public and put to the vote of the people who pay them, none of this controversy, unrest and apathy would be taking place.

The way the Council meetings have been packed should signal that the residents have many concerns, but once again, as it was with the PCDs, no one is listening. So, here we go again with the sewer issue.

The STAMP Committee was formed so as to inform residents, not just about PCDs, but issues that are major concerns to all the residents.

We residents are not opposed to sewers, we realize the need, "It's the way it's being done", Ms. Hill, to quote your words once again.

Council isn't allowing us to voice our opinions within two minutes, much less over two minutes, nor giving us logical answers, as was demonstrated with all the gaveling of citizens with concerns at the Feb. 20 council meeting. As Ms. Hill also stated in her Feb. 23 letter, I quote, "I need help", as I see it, the residents are asking and trying to help, but she continues to ignore and turn a deaf ear to us citizens as it appears only the developers are her main source of help.

In closing read, read, read, papers, articles, campaign literature, letters to the editors and even "between" the lines. Listen, get informed, attend Council meetings or watch it on Channel 12, providing the camera isn't blocked.

For the sake of North Ridgeville and its future, go to the voting booth for the primary and November elections and vote your conscience. Remember it's your tax dollars. No one can gavel and stifle your vote there, even if it's longer than two minutes.

Marian Hawke
North Ridgeville

Vote for Rec and Senior Center

To the Editor:
It's about time North Ridgeville is thinking about us young people. After all we are your future! We are paying taxes the same as all of you.

I am 20 years old and have lived in North Ridgeville all of my life. My parents and sisters are all residents of this community since 1974. Growing up here we have had to go to other communities to enjoy any activities, which we all enjoy. The proposed Rec Center will be there for all of us and also for all future generations to come.

If you want North Ridgeville to become the city with a great community center I am asking you to vote for the new Recreation and Senior Center.

Sarah Alberto
North Ridgeville

Weak and cowardly hide behind anonymity

To the Editor:
In response to your Press Line column, I think it only fair when someone calls, the name be listed. Last week an unnamed caller or callers leveled accusations that are completely false and misleading. It is unfortunate that this newspaper affords those who are so weak and cowardly the opportunity to hide behind anonymity.

Fact: I never opposed the sewers on Bagley Road - ask any of my neighbors. My septic tank along with 10 other homeowners on Bagley Road had failed mainly because those systems were over 30 years old. Our systems were polluting the ground water and our waterways. I went door-to-door to inform my neighbors that the city was holding an informational meeting and invited them to attend. I further informed them of the opportunity to defray the cost of the tap-in fees if they filled out an application form. I'm appalled that the unnamed caller would think that I would side against an obvious benefit to my neighborhood's health and safety and can only assume that the caller only intended to smear my name.

In addition, another item attributed my words at a recent City Council meeting to be those of someone else. I know that those who know me realize that I have never had a problem finding my own voice to address any issues. Those who do not know me will learn this as well. My thoughts and words are my own and they are focused on the betterment of this city for its present and future.

In closing, I do hope people will believe the facts and not lies by people who are afraid to give their names.

Linda Dunham
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\$400.00

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The average household contains as many as 250 "poisons." They include common household items such as detergents, bleaches, birth control pills, insecticides, polishes, solvents and disinfectants.

By taking the proper precautions, the tragedy of an estimated 2 million annual accidental poisonings can be avoided. Children between the ages of 1 and 3 years are the most frequent victims of the catastrophe, which may result in permanent damage or death.

The easiest, and sometime most effective, method of preventing accidental poisoning is to keep hazardous items locked up and out of the reach of children. Sometimes drawing attention to the items only serves to provoke a child's curiosity. When dealing with older children, who are capable of understanding the danger, designate an area to be "Off Limits."

- Identify the suspected poison & the amount taken.
- Immediately contact the Poison Control Center.
- If necessary, take the child to the nearest hospital emergency room.
- Bring the package or container of suspected poison with you.

POISON PREVENTION TIPS:

- Obtain one ounce of Syrup of Ipecac from your pharmacist and keep it in your home.
- Lock up all medicines and always purchase products that are packaged in child-resistant containers.
- Do not take medicines in front of the children.
- Do not take medicine candy.
- Clean out old medicine bottles and flush contents down the drain.
- Read and heed directions and cautionary labels.
- Store cleaning supplies out of sight & out of the reach of children.
- Do not store medicines, cleaning agents or pesticides near food.
- Keep all products in their original containers.
- Rinse out containers thoroughly before disposing of them.

HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
READY WHEN YOU CONTACT THE
POISON CONTROL CENTER:

- Age and weight of person
- Name and amount of substance ingested
- Symptoms
- Time of ingestion
- Location of person.

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Days and/or Evenings
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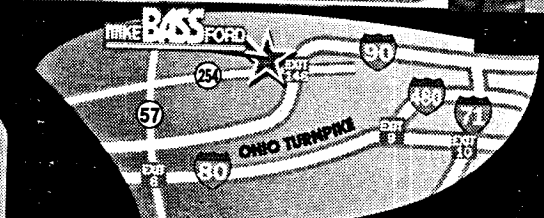
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