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This Week:

The Lorain Public Library System newsletter is included in today's issue.

Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the Lions Club, will step off at 9:45 a.m., May 29, from the post office parking lot. The parade will continue west on Center Ridge Road to Ranger Stadium, behind the middle school, where Memorial Day ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m.

Martha Kitchel Breakfast

The annual all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast will be held on Memorial Day, May 29 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church, 34555 Center Ridge Rd., in memory of Martha Kitchel. Adults are \$4 and children, \$2. A family rate of \$20 is offered for immediate family members only. Jerry Ganterbury is the chairman and Bob Miscuda, the chef. For more information, call 327-9394.

Asthma Support meeting

The Lorain County Asthma Support group will meet on May 31 at 7 p.m. at Lorain County Community College (faculty/staff dining room) on the first floor. The focus of the session will be summer allergies and asthma symptoms. Dr. Amy Chuang, medical advisor, will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call Judy at 440-926-2179.

In Brief:

Up those Bowling Balls

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Family Fun Bowling Night, June 14, at Brunswick Center Ridge Lanes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 per person for three games of bowling, with shoes and balls included if you don't have them.

Celebrating the Orchestra

More than 70 Lear North fifth graders, parents and teachers attended the Celebration Concert of the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall recently. The event which was a special educational presentation for students in grades four through six to celebrate the grand re-opening of Severance following a \$37 million renovation, and featured selections by Tchaikovsky, Smetanan, as well as various contemporary composers.

County Rib & Music Festival

The second annual Lorain County Rib & Music Festival, co-sponsored by Lorain County Regional Airport and Lorain County Chamber of Commerce is set for June 9, 10 and 11 at the Lorain County Regional Airport. The festival will feature food, live music, airplane displays, antique cars and special activities for kids. Admission at the gate is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. Parking is \$2.

Overby sworn in as Ward 1 Councilm

By Carol Klear

After a five-year absence, former councilman Larry Overby once again has joined the North Ridgeville legislators as the Ward 1 representative.

The First Ward spot was vacated recently, when Jim Johnson resigned from Council and moved into the Safety Service Director's post. During the May 15 Council meeting, Overby, a Democrat, was elected unanimously to succeed Johnson in Ward 1. Council President Jean Brown assigned Overby to chair the Buildings and Lands Committee and to take Councilwoman Gail Minnick's R-4, place as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The day after the Council meeting, Overby said it "felt good" to be back on board. The transition was made easier by the fact that Overby previously had served on Council as the Ward 1 representative from January, 1990 to May 1995, when he resigned the post.

Overby had opted not to run for re-election to Council in 1995, but had been tapped by the late Ray McLaughlin to be his safety service director, if McLaughlin won his bid for mayor. However, allegations of soil contamination forced McLaughlin out of the race and Overby stepped in, hoping to represent the Democrats in the November mayoral contest.

Overby lost his bid for the city's top spot in the May primary election, but said it had nothing to do with his decision at that time to resign from Council. Following his return to the legislative branch last week, Overby stood by his '95 stance that losing the primary was not the reason he quit as Councilman.



City Law Director Eric Zagrans (right), administers the oath of office to Councilman Larry Overby, D-1, while Council President Jean Brown and Council Clerk Jim White look on. Overby replaces Jim Johnson, who vacated the seat to become Safety Service Director. (P&L Klear)

"Honest-to-God," he said, "it was for personal reasons."

In the May 24, 1995 issue of The Press & Light, Overby said that he had to leave the Ward 1 seat because of a new job in Akron, which meant working nights. He also expected to be involved in a construction job in Cleveland, which would create problems attending Council meetings. In the story he acknowledged difficulty in adjusting to no longer being on Council, however he was quoted as saying, "I'm stepping down

for something really important - my job - I've gotta pay the bills."

In the months before his '95 resignation, Overby had been embroiled in a dispute with then-Law Director, Jeff Manning, over an alleged conflict between Overby's service on Council and his volunteer work with the North Ridgeville Police Auxiliary. He even had accepted an emeritus status with the Auxiliary in order to remain on Council. After resigning from Council he returned to active duty. Overby said he is no longer a member of the Auxiliary.

'I can't save my child; maybe I can save yours'

By Carol Klear

A week ago yesterday I received a call.
A parent's worst nightmare comes true.
Our 14-year-old son had been shot!
All I knew at that point was that my son was shot in the head with a high-powered rifle and was to be life-flighted to a trauma center.
My baby never made it there, or anywhere else.
Our blue-eyed, blond-haired, loving, caring boy had been taken from us...

It's been three months since Kimberly Adkins wrote these lines about her son, Jeremy — a son, that was killed by a 13-year-old classmate on Valentine's Day in Nova.

Since that day in February, Adkins has run the gamut of emotions from horror to hatred to gut-wrenching loss. But unwilling to let Jeremy's death be in vain, Adkins wrote, "...I feel I have to put on my strongest armor and fight the good fight." And that passion, to help right a wrong that took her son's life, led her to Washington, DC last week where Adkins, her mother, daughter and a friend joined tens of thousands of women calling for tighter handgun control, in the May 14 "Million Mom March."

Back in North Ridgeville, Adkins talked about the three months since her son was killed, a strength of purpose in her voice that belies the overwhelming grief she still carries and will always carry over her son's senseless death.

"I will fight until there are more con-



Ridgeview Boulevard resident, Kim Adkins places an angel bear statue at the grave of her son, Jeremy, who was killed, Feb. 14, after being shot by a 13-year-old boy. (P&L Klear)

trols," she said. "I'm not against the NRA (National Rifle Association), they have a lot of good ideas."

The young mother also understands the argument of the Second Amendment Sisters, who countered the convictions of the Million Mom marchers with their own belief that the constitutional right to bear arms,

tempered with the necessity of gun safety education and stricter enforcement of gun regulations, would stave the killing of youngsters with guns.

Adkins estimated that between 500,000 and 700,000 participants marched to the Capitol on Sunday, and termed it "quite a success" particularly since the idea had been formed just nine months before.

"We can't keep butting heads with the NRA," said Adkins, "we must work together."

Adkins feels that one way to de-escalate the children-killing-children syndrome that seems to be on the rise, is the mandating of trigger locks on assault rifles. She feels that if a trigger lock had been on the gun used to kill Jeremy, her son would be alive today.

Obviously sharing Adkins' belief in the power of trigger locks, last Thursday Lorain National Bank began giving away 1,000 of the devices to Lorain County residents, as part of the KidsSafe Program.

Adkins' anguish deepened the day of the pre-trial, when she came face-to-face with the boy who allegedly killed her son. "The kid showed no remorse," she said, "there was nothing from the parents. If I had been on the other end, I would have been on my hands and knees, begging for forgiveness."

"I could have forgiven him that day," she said, if he had shown some remorse, but after looking into his eyes, Adkins is convinced that the boy who pulled the trigger

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Governor's commission to review Ohio schools' proficiency tests

By Sen. Jeffry Armbruster

School districts across the state have begun to place a stronger emphasis on preparing children for taking and successfully passing Ohio's proficiency tests. With the 2002 implementation for the Fourth Grade Reading Guarantee requiring that fourth graders must pass the reading section of the proficiency test before advancing to the fifth grade, more questions and concerns have been raised about proficiency tests.

Many of the concerns may result from incomplete information about what state law requires, or pertain to the manner in which school personnel are emphasizing to school students the importance of the test. In order to address the questions and concerns raised as a result of proficiency tests, the Governor has created the Commission on Student Success to address four key issues regarding proficiency tests.

The Governor's Commission on Student Success was outlined in Governor Taft's State of the State Address in January. The main purpose of the



Senator Jeffry Armbruster

commission is to focus on four key areas: (1) what students should know and be able to do in each grade and before graduation; (2) how to measure student performance in each grade; (3) how to hold students and adults responsible for academic achievement; (4) and how to make sure all parts of the educational system work together in complete alignment.

The Governor selected members of the commission to represent a cross-section of Ohio employers, colleges and universities, educators, school board members, legislators, and parents of school age children. Last month the 33 member commission held its first meeting on the campus of Ohio State University. The commission is expected to receive public comment and conclude its work by December to deliver recommendations to Governor Taft, the Ohio General Assembly and the Ohio Board of Education.

Taking a critical look at the fourth grade proficiency test before the 2001-2002 school year will help ensure that the test accurately reflects what a fourth grader should know before the Fourth Grade Guarantee begins. The fourth Grade Guarantee ensures that after July 1, 2001 fourth graders who do not pass the reading portion of the test, and therefore, are not reading at a fourth grade level, will not be promoted to the fifth grade unless their teacher and principal agree that the student is academically prepared for fifth grade work.

One of the areas the commission will closely examine is how we can ensure that children in kindergarten through the fourth grade are learning the basics. This body of knowledge is supposed to be reflected in the fourth grade proficiency tests, the purpose of which is to determine whether, in fact, these academic fundamentals have been learned.

Statistics already have shown that more fourth graders are passing the reading section of the fourth grade proficiency test. In 1999, there was a 12 percent increase in the number of fourth graders passing the reading portion from 1998. As more schools concentrate on making sure that each fourth grader is up to his or her reading potential, these statistics will increase.

Today's workplace is far more sophisticated and competitive than ever before. According to the Nation Manufacturers' Association, 60 percent of the new jobs in the new century will require skills only 20 percent of the current workforce has. Proficiency tests are needed to make sure that each school district and individual school is responsible and accountable for teaching students the skills and knowledge required to succeed in today's workplace.

To maintain our present quality of life and standard of living, it is essential that our children have the knowledge necessary to become successful in the workforce. The Governor's Commission on Student Success is an important step in our efforts to make sure our children are receiving the education and skills they need to achieve.

I welcome your questions, comments, and input on state government issues. Please feel free to contact me by mail (State Senator Jeffry Armbruster, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, OH 43215), or by phone (614-644-7613).

2000 Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

RICHARD J. NOLL

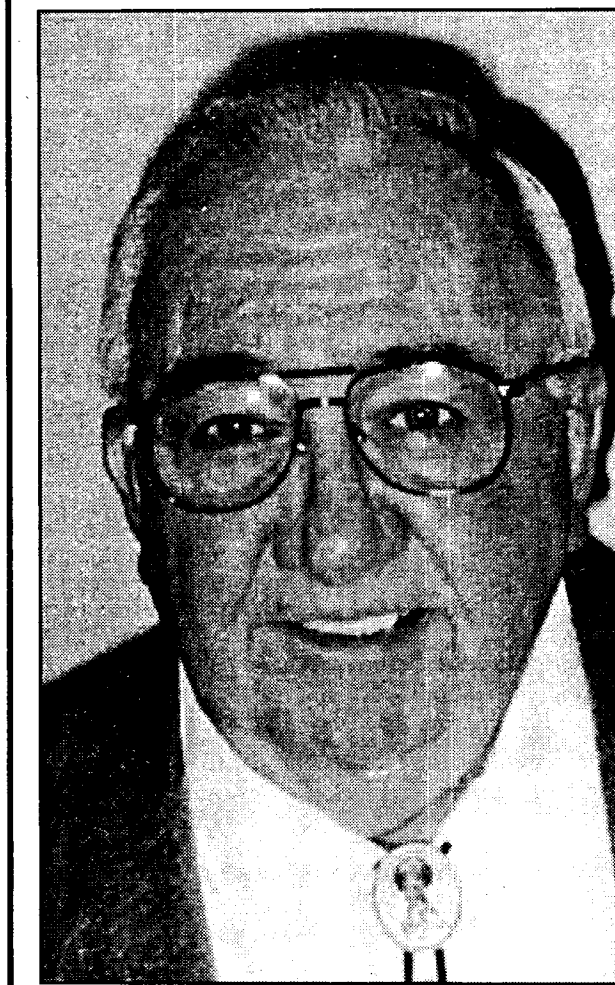
Businessman. Politician and public servant. U.S. Navy veteran. Father and family man. Community volunteer. Put it all together and you've got Richard Noll - humanitarian.

The former four-term mayor of North Ridgeville has spent a lifetime fighting for the good of his community and his fellow citizens. He is best known there for his persistent efforts in obtaining a water and sewer system for his city as well as developing its first public park to include a swimming area.

And the avid community activist has always had a special soft spot for the older population. He initiated North Ridgeville's first senior center, implemented a program allowing older persons to receive tax breaks on their utility bills, and helped create the Community Improvement Corporation, which served to keep a lid on residential real estate taxes.

Fighting on behalf of others served Richard well when it came to a fight for his own life after breaking his neck at age 66. He won this one, too, and has come back with more energy than before. In spite of severely limited movement of his neck related to his injuries, Richard continues to fill his day with a schedule every bit as full as when he was mayor.

At 72, he's still in the workforce as a part-time building inspector and is the current treasurer of the Lorain County Office on Aging. Additionally, Richard is a fixture at the North Ridgeville Senior Center, where he serves as chairman of the advisory board and as a volunteer for frequent fund-raisers. A devoted father and grandfather, he finds time to visit his older sister, helping her get to appointments and assisting her with any problems that might arise. For Richard Noll, such charity has always started at home, but he's never, for a second, let it end there. Thanks, mayor.



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Follow the blue and gold to NRHS

By Carol Klear

AT LAST....The next time you pass the
 intersection of Center Ridge and Pitts,
 check out the new blue and gold sign point-
 ing the way to North Ridgeville High
 School. It is really sharp even if it did take a
 tad longer than expected to get there.

YOU MIGHT KNOW....Just about the
 time The Tribe gets hot, three pitchers go
 down with ailments. Cheeeeee! And last
 week was a personal battle when the Indians
 met Detroit. My mother-in-law, a.k.a., "The
 Queen Mother" is a die-hard Tigers' fan and
 never misses a chance to rag on us about the
 Indians. Sooooo, I was not unhappy when
 Thursday's downpour stopped the game at
 Detroit 5, Cleveland, 0.

AT THE HELM....The Chamber of Com-
 merce announces its officers and board of
 directors for 2000-2001. The new officers
 are Bob Liston, president; Claire Ibosh, first
 vice-president; Todd Schrader, second vice-
 president; Bill Gardner, third vice-president;
 Toni Musgrove, assistant treasurer and Jack

Klearly Speaking:

Smith, treasurer. CC board members are
 Lisa Morsett, Jo-Ell Jacobson, Bill Gardner,
 Claire Ibosh, Dr. Carol Novak, Toni Mus-
 grove, Dr. Tom Rockwell, David Bogner,
 Todd Schrader, Tom Klear, Jack Smith,
 Carol Webb, Pam Stultz, Bob Liston and
 Mark Giaco.

HOW DARE THEY....After the com-
 mittee (or whoever was designated) named
 Dick Noll to the Senior Hall of Fame, they
 misspelled his name in the program. Instead
 of N-o-l-l, it was spelled K-n-o-l-l. Can you
 believe it? Oh well Dick, we're still proud as
 punch of you. Like the old saying goes, "a
 rose by any other name...."

MUSICAL CHAIRS....In case you
 haven't noticed, Jim Johnson is the new
 SSD and Larry Overby slid into Johnson's
 chair as Ward 1 Councilman, which of
 course has changed the complexion of some
 of the Council committees, as well as some
 other panels.

YOU JUST NEVER KNOW....I had
 heard that the game plan for getting Larry
 back into the Councilmatic fold was NOT
 the way it played out May 15. I was told that
 there'd be two contenders for the Ward 1
 seat - Overby and Nancy Buescher. And, of
 course there'd be a mini-squabble between
 the Dems and GOP with Dave Gillock final-
 ly tossing his vote to Overby, rather than
 waiting 30 days to have the Mayor appoint
 him anyway. I'm glad they did the 6-0 thing,
 instead. Why waste time with the silly stuff.
 Congratulations, Mr. Overby.

LOG ON TO QUIT....If you really want
 to quit smoking, check out,
 www.lungusa.org/ffs.

AND THE WINNERS ARE....Here are
 the winners of the drawings held during the
 Growing Arts and Antiques Tour: Melva
 Snyder (NR), a "Mouldster Tree" from Don
 Mould's; Ken Proboski (NR), gift basket,
 Don Mould's; Marcia Greene (Oberlin), \$25
 gift certificate, Don Mould's; Christine Ran-
 dolph (NR) 25 geraniums, J.P. Diederich's.

Nine months is a long time when you're Just Joshin

By Josh Cable

Nine months ago, I was hired on at the
 West Life/Press & Light.

I left a cushy corporate job behind so I
 could pursue my dream of becoming a
 writer. I came in nine months ago all hopped
 on youthful enthusiasm and various
 painkillers and today, well I'm just hopped
 on various painkillers.

For the various physical conditions that I
 suffer from.

... Like, for instance, low pay with-
 draws. If you're not familiar with this mal-
 ady, the symptoms are nervous twitches, 3-5
 bad hair days a week and a constant exteri-
 or monologue that takes place during work
 hours.

Atleast, that's what my online physician
 tells me.

With this a quasi-milestone in our midst,
 I thought it would be fun to take a look back
 the past nine months—a 3/4 of a year in
 review, if you will.

After all, Americans love "Years in
 Review."

Actually, I can't really speak for Ameri-
 cans about anything. I mean, some Ameri-
 cans like to spend their weekends cavorting
 around in upstate Michigan shooting at
 furry, woodland creatures. Others like to
 crochet. Others enjoy leaving their gum on
 the floor at movie theaters.

I'm well aware of the incongruous juxta-
 position of those examples.

Anyway, let's take a look back, shall we?
 September saw this column debut with a
 whimper. Highlights included an editorial
 about the pathetic, embarrassing, humiliat-
 ing and totally degrading franchise debut of
 the Cleveland Browns.

Editor's Note: those of you who despise
 this column won't feel any more compelled
 to like it when we tell you that Josh is a
 diehard Steelers fan. Actually, all of us here
 at West Life love the Pittsburgh Steelers and
 all of their teams. Hey, stop it, Josh! You
 can't make changes to the Editor's note
 without my permission! Look, it's called
 artistic license, OK?

Press Line:

Caller: During the City Council meeting
 May 15 a recommendation to discuss
 drawing up legislation to repeal the
 remaining Kingston Place ordinance was

Just Joshin':

Lowlights in September included exten-
 sive hazing and lots of wedgies from the
 senior staff. By the way, if anyone owns a
 cherry picker or a helicopter, there's a soiled
 pair of BVD's on the flagpole and a milk-
 shake in it for you.

November was a huge month for the Just
 Joshin think tank. Well, not really—but
 I've always wanted to use that word.

There was, of course, the premature
 announcement that I was leaving the news-
 paper after I received a letter congratulating
 me for winning the Publishers' Clearing-
 house Sweepstakes. Well, obviously that all
 fell through.

Apparently I put the gold sticker on the
 wrong envelope.

Then there was my failed mayoral candi-
 dacy in North Ridgeville. What a letdown. I
 lost big at the polls that day, even after the
 11th hour announcement that I had finally
 sought treatment for my habitual nose pick-
 ing.

December can be summed up in one
 word: thesearchforMartinMull. See what
 happens when you restrict yourself to a one-
 word answer?

Yes, December was a fateful month, for I
 began a three-part series on my ill-fated
 search for North Ridgeville native/celebrity/
 Red Roof Inn pitchman/outspoken advoca-
 te for people with clubbed-foot/creator of
 the Internet ... Martin Mull.

Although I never got my in-depth inter-
 view with Mr. Mull, I did get to sit with him
 at the Achievement in Radio Awards. And
 by the way—he has decided to drop those
 stalking charges.

January was an exciting month for all of
 us. The Y2K computer meltdown/holocaust
 left all of us holed up in our basements eat-
 ing dried pineapples and reading Esquire
 Magazine for several months. I decided to
 include a Top Ten Most Important People of
 the Millennium in one of my columns, and
 Bill Cosby ranked lower than my cat due to
 a personal vendetta that I have against him.

referred to the Buildings and Lands Com-
 mittee. Gail Minnick 4th Ward Council-
 woman who's been a member of the
 Building and Lands Committee for over
 two years was abruptly dismissed from
 that committee by President of Council
 Jean Brown, after the Council meeting
 therefore Mrs. Minnick will not have the

Just kidding. Actually, my cat just hap-
 pened to crawl on top of me when I was
 writing the column.

Speaking of furry things that crawl on top
 of me, my cat was the guest columnist in
 January. He wrote an eloquent, inspiring
 "Year in Review" that he later cut into
 shreds with his claws and used as litter box
 liner.

Which I'm sure many of you have tried in
 the past.

February's highlights included a deft col-
 umn on the art of being dateless on Valen-
 tine's Day. In it, I chronicled my adventures
 at the grocery store with all of the other
 lonely, pathetic single people who go the
 grocery store on Valentine's Day to get
 things like toothpaste and various oint-
 ments.

Editor's Note: Look for future columns
 from the dateless loser Josh Cable, includ-
 ing, "Etiquette Tips for the Dateless Person
 at Memorial Day Cookouts" and "Ten rea-
 sons why Blow-up Dolls are Really Under-
 rated."

Columnist's Note: Look for future
 columns including, "Slashing an Editor's
 Tires Made Easy" and "Hemorrhoids and
 the Best Ways to Share Them."

March was Election month, and included
 a column on the presidential candidates that
 actually inspired someone to picket. Until
 that point, my nose was the only one on
 strike at the West Life office.

Highlights in April and May included a
 preview of my Fantasy Baseball Team and a
 scathing editorial on ace/idiot/relief pitcher
 John Rocker, as he faced allegations that he
 runs really funny.

My Just Joshin exclusive revealed a doc-
 tor's report that described "an accident with
 a rectal thermometer" several years ago as
 the culprit for Rocker's unusual running
 habits.

It's been a wild ride, with plenty of peaks
 and valleys along the way. There's been
 some hate mail, some fan mail and some
 mail that had been checked by the bomb squad
 when it came in.

Of course, I'm kidding about the fan mail
 part.

opportunity to vote at committee to
 repeal the ordinance. The people of
 North Ridgeville have again been denied
 their right of representation.

John Prajzner; We now have a name for
 our (referendum) committee - STAMP,
 Stop Abusing the Master Plan.

Letters to the Editor:

Put PCD on ballot

To the Editor:

I helped circulate a petition down the
 road I have lived on for 39 years - Case
 Road. This petition would put the Kingston
 Place project on the ballot. I didn't think
 anything I did would have any effect on
 North Ridgeville politics - but I was deter-
 mined to try.

My neighbors literally pulled me inside
 their homes to sign the petition. Only one
 man was for the PCD, and I think he is a city
 employee. The petition got enough signa-
 tures and succeeded, only to be maneuvered
 around by the administration.

Would it really hurt anything if the resi-
 dents of North Ridgeville were allowed to
 vote on this important community issue?
 Wouldn't it be better for Mayor Hill and cer-
 tain council members to listen to the voters
 and not to developers? Please Mayor Hill
 give the voters an opportunity to vote on
 this issue - put it on the ballot. You will
 please many potential supporters and not be
 subject to voter weapons such as recall pro-
 cedures.

Robert Lewis
 North Ridgeville

Pitch by developer

To the Editor:

I read the full-page article by Bob
 Schmitt, the developer who says he has no
 selfish interest in promoting PCDs on North
 Ridgeville's west side, but he didn't mention
 what his PCD interests are in the rest of the
 city. He is presently in the process of build-
 ing 900 homes. So his article is just a sales
 pitch by a developer.

Let's take each part of his letter and see if
 we can find any logic.

He stated that 20 percent of the PCD
 will be green space and that this is good.
 When compared to a normal home in our
 area that has green space from 70 to 95 per-
 cent that's not so good; in fact, it is terrible.
 The majority of the PCD green space is

made of land that can't be built on anyway,
 such as wetlands and retention basins. So
 the PCD is proving maybe 5 percent, if that.
 I asked for the exact figure and have yet to
 receive an answer.

Schmitt stated that a PCD preserves our
 way of life and avoids urban sprawl. I cannot
 see how our rural way of life can be pre-
 served by wall-to-wall houses. This PCD is
 the ultimate urban sprawl. The way our
 community was being developed in the past
 is what our citizens want. The statement
 that I heard the most when circulating the
 petition to put the PCD development on the
 ballot was: "The reason I moved to North
 Ridgeville was to get away from PCDs and
 cluster homes." The statement from long-
 time residents was: "The reason I have
 stayed in N. Ridgeville is because we don't
 have them," and adding, "If they start build-
 ing them I will sell and move." Not one re-
 sident said they wanted the inner-city atmo-
 sphere the PCDs will bring.

Schmitt stated that a six-mile sewer
 trunk line would be extended in western N.
 Ridgeville at no cost to residents; not so,
 and he didn't tell you the rest of the story.
 The trunk line would be built through the
 proposed PCD's so the people buying them
 would pay for 84 percent of that portion of
 the line, and we will pay the rest. Then the
 sewer lines that come off of that trunk line
 that will go to our homes will be paid for by
 you, the property owners. And you will be
 obligated to hook up to that sewer line at
 your cost.

He says that there are another 1,600
 acres waiting to be developed. It doesn't
 take a mathematician to figure that if they
 also build PCDs at the same density then we
 will have an additional 5,500 homes where
 we now have around 300. This increase in
 homes, he says, will not place a burden on
 our schools. Try to figure the logic in that
 statement. That is why we citizens are shak-
 ing in our boots. If it can happen in our area,
 it can happen anywhere in the city where
 there is open land over 200 acres.

The issue Schmitt didn't address was the

condition of the roads in N. Ridgeville, in
 particular Case Road, on which the traffic
 from these PCDs will have a dire effect.
 Case Road is in poor condition, is narrow,
 and the amount of traffic now is more than
 the road can handle. Can you imagine what
 it will be like when you increase that traffic
 18 times if the 5,500 homes are allowed to
 be built? It is no wonder that the city plan-
 ner wrote that traffic would be a critical
 issue in North Ridgeville's future. There is
 no plan to deal with that problem and it is
 citywide.

The only thing the article stated that has
 logic is that a PCD is cost-effective, which
 means the developer will make a lot more
 money on a PCD than he would on a normal
 home. A developer in LaGrange said the
 reason he wanted to build PCDs there was
 because he made \$13,000 more on each
 unit. The wise city leaders there turned him
 down. But at least he was honest.

Sheffield has or is in the process of out-
 lawing PCDs because of the problems they
 cause. PCDs are being proposed all over
 because of their profitability to developers.
 But when they are studied and understood
 by the citizens they are being stopped.

The article states the city can demand
 concessions from the developer to allow
 PCDs. I have not heard about any conces-
 sions that they have gotten that would ben-
 efit the city. They would have to be humongous
 concessions to pay for the humongous
 problems the PCDs will cause.

It has been suggested that maybe this
 PCD issue is political. Let me assure you it is
 not. It has to do with common sense. Oth-
 ers say, "Leave it be and then vote the peo-
 ple who support PCDs out in the next elec-
 tion." We cannot afford to do that because
 the PCDs will do too much irreversible
 harm to the community if we wait that long.

We must act now.

Joseph Antush
 North Ridgeville

Thank you all

To the Editor:

I know this is a late thank you, but I
 believe late is better than not at all.

We received some beautiful cards as a
 result of the story Carol Klear did about our
 50th Anniversary a little while back. I'd like
 to thank everyone in order as they came.

First of all Mrs. Klear for a tasteful story!
 Second, Mayor Deanne Hill for the very
 lovely card. Third, Mr. And Mrs. Gillock for
 their nice card and fourth, a beautiful
 proclamation honoring my husband and
 myself from Senator Jeff Armbruster and
 President of the Ohio Senate, Richard H.
 Finan.

God Bless you all. It was so wonderful. You
 all really made our day - we could hardly
 believe it. Thank you all from the bottom of
 our hearts. I'm still on cloud nine. Again
 God bless you all and God bless American.
 He has been the foundation of our country
 from day one. Without God we'll fall apart.
 So let's not ever let anyone take that away.

PS. Last but certainly not least, God bless
 North Ridgeville, the lovely community in
 which we live!

Herb and Dorothy Rimmer
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Be calm and truthful

To the Editor:

Let's talk calmly and truthfully about our
 tomorrow.

Letters from pg. 7

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Historical Museum to hold open house, May 28

The public is invited to the free open house at the Community Historical Museum on May 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, located at 36119 Center Ridge Rd. in North Ridgeville.

North Ridgeville is 190 years old this year, being settled by a group of men who first arrived here on May 10, 1810 from Waterbury, Connecticut. Celebrate our history by visiting the museum to learn about our days as a farm community, how "North" came to be added to our name, how we became a city 40 years ago in 1960, and much more.

Current displays in the museum include calendars and almanacs from earlier years and school pictures from North Ridgeville graduating classes during the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Learn about the 10 one-room schools that were in use in North Ridgeville until 1923, and look at the scrapbook of pictures showing progress on the restoration work at the one-room school on Jaycox Road. Members of the Historical Society will be available during the open house to answer questions.

Donations of historical pictures and artifacts are always welcome additions to the museum. If you have any pictures that could be loaned for use on our 2001 Historical Calendar, they could be dropped off at the museum open house. Pictures can be returned to people after a copy is made.

Bring your family and friends to the museum to see some of the city's past.

Mom from pg. 1

that killed Jeremy, will one day take another life.

She holds the boy's parents as responsible as the youngster for the death of her son, by neglecting to teach him responsibility. Adkins refuses to term her son's death "an accident," and said, the boy who will stand trial loaded the chamber and shot my child." Jeremy's mother said she is determined to make a difference in the gun issue and hangs tight to her tenet, "I can't save my child, but maybe I can save yours."

Adkins is angry with the justice system that postponed the teenager's trial from May 8 to June 15. When she questioned the reason for the delay, Adkins said she was told that school officials didn't want the publicity at the school, and requested a delay until the school year ended.

To what does Kim Adkins attribute her obvious strength of purpose, with the wounds of loss so new?

"I'm a hospice nurse," she said, "I teach others to grieve," but now she must turn her own teachings inward. "It's totally different," she said.

One of the deepest sorrows, "was not being able to hold my child at the hospital," she said. The shooting death was a coroner's case and she recalls knowing, on her drive to Cleveland, where Jeremy had been life-flighted, that he was gone.

To aid her suffering, she asked that she be contacted as soon as Jeremy's body arrived at the funeral home. "Call me when my baby gets there," she insisted. Though the funeral director advised her that her son's body had been autopsied, and requested she sign a release, Adkins needed to hold her son one more time.

"We hugged him," she said. Then she and her daughter, Nikkole, 17, dressed him. "I cut his hair and his sister did the way he liked to wear it," she said, "I did my grieving then."

Returning to the issue of strength, Adkins said, "God chooses strong people to be nurses and maybe He wants me to be a catalyst (in the gun issue) and put me in the forefront of this in this county. I won't shut up," she said. "I'm

going to continue this fight along with a grassroots bell campaign in North Ridgeville," which includes a memorial service, while those participating hold brass bells.

Adkins is adamant in her stance that "as parents we must teach children to have love and respect for others." She discounts the notion that working mothers is one of the prime reasons children get into trouble. "I worked, I went to school and I was a full-time parent," she said, "and I had loving, caring children. Working is not an excuse."

"The bottom line is, children are not born violent or evil, we create that," she said.

Adkins paid a special visit to Jeremy's grave in Fields Cemetery last Wednesday afternoon. She was pleased that the marker, with his photo, the phrase, "Our angel in heaven," and the etching of a boy catching a fish, was in place. While on her trip to Washington, DC, she had found a statue of a teddy bear angel that she wanted to place on his grave. "He would have loved it," she said.

As she stooped to affix the little figure, you could see the words denoting the Million Mom March printed on her T-shirt. Around her neck was a sterling silver heart-shaped locket containing some of her son's ashes. Fingering the small heart, Adkins said having it around her neck is comforting.

In writing about Jeremy, his sister, Nikkole, handles in her own way the overwhelming grief she feels in her brother's absence.

She tells of the blue eyes that she will never see again, and of whisperings from Jeremy telling her that he will always watch over her, and of her replies to him.

Nikkole writes, "How I miss your smiling face, you left this world without a trace. Pictures remind me, memories bind me. Please hold me tight and keep me near. For if you do I'll never fear, really loving you..."

"For Heaven is home for you now sweet Jeremy, yet you still live on in my heart and forever you will be. Eternally my brother, forever my best friend."

As a mother, Kim Adkins said, "Six...16...36...86...age is irrelevant, you shouldn't lose your babies."

Kim Adkins thanks the businesses in North Ridgeville for the help they have provided during this difficult time.

MediaOne snags seven awards

Elyria - The Ohio Telecommunications Association announced winners of its 2000 IMAGE Awards competition at the association's annual meeting in Columbus. ESPN Sports Center anchor Bob Stevens, formerly of Channel 5-WEWS, served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, held at the Hyatt on Capitol Square, Columbus, OH.

The IMAGE Awards honor the work of Ohio cable operators in video productions, education outreach, community service and public relations. More than 160 entries were submitted in this year's competition.

MediaOne, West of Cleveland won awards in seven categories, including Excellence in Local Programming. West of Cleveland won awards in the following categories:

Excellence in Local Programming, Community Service/ongoing project for MediaOne Ambassadors; Education outreach/single event for Celebrate America; Education outreach/ongoing project for MediaOne Cub Reporters; Sports programming for High School Football Game of the Week; Community affairs programming for North Coast Connection, and Entertainment programming for The Cub Reporters.



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Letters from pg. 5

Holding public office, whether elected or appointed, is a sacred trust bestowed by the people. In over 40 years of public service I have not seen anything more destructive to a community and its future than the attack on our current administration in North Ridgeville, the Master Plan, and the concept that is now law called Planned Community Development. Half-truths, innuendo and bitterness have no place in what should be a mature discussion.

Planned development is a sane, logical approach to protecting the essence of a city as it naturally matures. It demands sound and proper land use and keeps 20 percent of our land in its undeveloped, natural state.

Given the resounding support and endorsement of planned development on every level of government, by experts in both the public and private sector and the advocated of conversation, I fear that the leaders of the opposition to Planned Community Development, and the Kingston project in particular, have some other personal or political sub-agenda. It is clear that they are not working in the best interest of the city and are willing to let developers do whatever they want as long as it meets the minimum standards outlined in North Ridgeville ordinances that are more than 30 years old. It should be also be noted that Lorain County's Comprehensive Plan advocates sound planning based on the same principles of Planned Community Development adopted by North Ridgeville.

The Master Plan itself is not law, charter provision, ordinance or regulation. It is a resolution and serves as a guide. On December 7, 1998 the City Council accepted the Master Plan as Resolution 857-98. The dictionary defines a resolution as "a formal expression of will, opinion, or intent, voted on by an official body." In other words the Council recognized the plan as a valuable, flexible tool as our city develops.

There was much discussion on whether it should be introduced as an ordinance (law) or resolution. The recommendation of the Master Plan Committee was to adopt it as a resolution so that the city's leadership could have the flexibility to change the plan through a process of continuous review and improvement based on the best interest of the city and us, its citizens.

In no way is the Master Plan violated by Planned Community Development, which is now law in North Ridgeville. The ordinance was passed on September 20, 1999 creating the PCD as a new zoning classification for the city. Within the contents of the ordi-

nance are the procedures and processes that must be followed in establishing a PCD.

In no way does Kingston Place violate the intent of the ordinance. Two open hearings were held by the Planning Commission. The first was on November 9, 1999 at the commission's regular meeting, where the NRP Group held an information briefing for the public and the commission. The second was at the commission's regular meeting on January 11, 2000, when the commission approved the preliminary plan for rezoning and sent it on to city council. It should be also noted that before council approved the Kingston PCD, there were open hearings held by the Buildings and Lands Committee. The developer made changes that were requested and agreed to implement and pay for many expensive recommendations made by city officials on behalf of citizens. And remember there were three readings and a hearing by council before it adopted and approved the Kingston Place project on March 6, 2000. Per the ordinance the final development application shall be solely administrative in nature.

As Chairman of the Planning Commission I took it upon myself to call the mayor of Avon, Jim Smith. He was plainspoken as he told me that the city of Avon has no interest in pursuing and would oppose the extension of Mills Road. Mayor Smith is backed up by Avon's Planning Commission and the president of the Avon city council. Their stand is based on cost, fairness to new homeowners in the Camelot subdivision and the fact that Camelot Way will be extended as an east-west road through the Camelot Development.

If North Ridgeville were to pursue the Mills Road extension the cost would be approximately three million dollars. Those are dollars provided by you and me. They are taxpayer dollars. It should also be noted that the proposed Kingston Place will provide a road at the developer's expense, allowing traffic to flow in the east-west direction connecting Case Road to Stoney Ridge very close to Mills Road.

The developer will also provide a water main loop from Case to Stoney Ridge dramatically improving our water distribution system in the north/west quadrant of the city. Cost approximately \$400,000 to the developer.

Addressing open space, density, infrastructure improvements and amenities, Kingston Place meets all requirements. In fact they will only use seven acres for commercial space, not the 20 acres they are allowed by law.



Let us entertain you

Members of the North Ridgeville Middle School Choir provided the entertainment for the May 11 Senior Women's Breakfast. From left to right: Sarah Parrier, Joe Downey, Josh Klimkowicz, Mandy Nass, Heather Weisert, Dustina Markle. The group is directed by Pamela Ignatz-Nowell. (P&L Klear)

When the Master Plan was being developed the committees reviewed three alternatives for sewers on the west side of town, the most cost effective and citizen sensitive was through the open land east of Case Road. That alternative makes sewers available but won't force any existing homeowners to immediately tap in. In other words, it will let existing residents decide when they are ready for sewers. Currently the city supports the idea of a consortium of landowners in North Ridgeville agreeing to assess the property to pay \$7 million of the estimated \$8 million construction cost. The alternative that recommends a 36 inch pipe down Case Road would cost about \$20 million, taxpayers would pay for it. Case Road would be torn up for months on end and existing residents would be forced by law to tap in immediately.

Clearly, an interceptor through open land that makes sewers available and paid for by private dollars is more logical and desirable. Kingston Place will be a part of the group that will make sewers available

when existing homeowners decide they want them.

On January 12, 2000 the Planning Commission forwarded its evaluation of the Kingston project to city council with input from all administrative offices for the council's consideration. After three readings and much healthy discussion council approved the project. All this information is on hand at the office of the Council Clerk and available for public viewing.

I served 30 years in the military. Since retiring I have spent hundreds of hours as a volunteer in North Ridgeville. It has been, for the most part, a pleasure. The part that is not only unpleasant but deeply discouraging is when the "loyal opposition" becomes disloyal to the fundamental mission of calmly discussing, carefully planning and crafting policy and law designed to protect our city, our citizens and our pocketbooks.

Ron Schwachenwald, Chairman
North Ridgeville Planning Commission

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North Ridgeville DECA travels Louisville, Kentucky

Three students from North Ridgeville DECA and their advisor traveled to Louisville, Kentucky last week to compete at the 54th National DECA Career Development Conference. DECA Advisor, Mrs. JoAnn Dudik and three junior students, Christine King, Crystal Patton, and Allison Quinn were part of the 15,000 students and advisors to attend. Over the four days of the conference, from April 29 to May 2, students were scheduled non-stop.

This national conference received coverage and acknowledgements from all over the nation. Reviewing the program guide before attending the opening session, students found a good luck message from President Clinton and another from DECA's Con-

gressional Advisory Board, which includes Representatives, John Boehner and Paul Gilmore from Ohio. On May 1, USA Today featured the conference in a special cover page. Every night on the news, DECA activities were reported, right after Derby news of course.

A Churchill Downs trumpeter heralded the beginning of the conference and competitions, speakers, workshops, and the election of national DECA officers began. One of the highlights of the conference was keynote speaker, Kerri Strug, 1996 Gold Medal Olympic champion, who spoke to students about "trusting their dreams...not their fears." At the opening session, over \$150,000 in scholarships were awarded to worthy graduat-

ing seniors. Representatives from over 40 nationally known companies, pledged their support of Marketing Education and DECA with donations from \$5000 to \$25,000 for scholarships and operating expenses for the conference. FIDM (The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) presented fashions designed by their students at a runway fashion show created just for the conference. Ninety exhibitors promoted their products, services, and educational programs to students and advisors. Some businesses were recruiting students for employment; some were advertising their fundraising products; and others offered scholarships and college information.

The most exciting part of the conference was the people. Our

students had the opportunity to meet other DECA members from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and several Canadian provinces. Students were encouraged to interact by trading pins from their home state for pins from other locations. In sessions, while sight-seeing, and even on the elevator, students were trading and collecting pins while making new friends.

Louisville was a hospitable city to DECA, while preparing for the Kentucky Derby to be run just four days after hosting the conference. Students spent their free time cruising the Ohio River on the Star of Louisville, a sternwheel riverboat, watching the Louisville Riverbats (a Triple A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds) beat the Toledo Mudhens, and touring

Churchill Downs, the site of the Kentucky Derby, and touring the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory.

The most exciting event at the conference, of course, was the Awards Ceremony. After days and nights of competing the National DECA winners were finally announced. Christine King was recognized as a National DECA semi-finalist, scoring in the top twenty students in the nation, in the Apparel and Accessories Comprehensive Exam. Christine, along with our Financial Team of Crystal Patton and Allison Quinn vow to return to National's next year to compete again. The 55th National DECA Career Development Conference will be held in Anaheim, California in April of 2001.

PCDs continue to dominate center stage at council meeting

By Carol Klear

The issue of PCDs in North Ridgeville, in particular the proposed Kingston Place, continued to take center stage during the May 15 Council meeting.

The hub of the lobby was a demand by attorney Gerald Phillips that Council repeal approval of Kingston Place. Phillips represents a citizens' group that opposes the development. Phillips based his argument for rescinding the legislation on Ohio Revised Code. The issue was referred to Council's Building and Lands Committee.

Earlier in the meeting Councilwoman Bernadine Butkowsky, R at-large, hammered Law Director Eric Zagrans with questions about his role in producing two pieces of legislation concerning Kingston Place — an ordinance and a resolution — asking which one rezoned the property to a Planning Community Development.

Despite Zagrans' attempt to explain the two items, Butkowsky insisted that it created confusion to residents and violated the Charter.

See Council on pg. 10

Office space in water tower means more \$\$\$

By Carol Klear

Construction of North Ridgeville's new water tower may begin late next month, although City Engineer Stewart Lovece is hoping to persuade Council to set aside a little more money for the structure than originally requested.

Lovece said that when he asked the legislators for \$2.8 million, he thought it would be "plenty of money," but when the bids were opened on April 27, the low bid from PDM of Pittsburgh was \$2.7 million and the only other proposal was from CBI in Illinois for \$3.8 million. After discussing the specifications for the city's new water tower, Lovece said that it was decided that windows and two elevated floors would be added to the structure, hiking the price, but providing the city with much-needed additional office space.

The engineer said that when City Hall was renovated several years ago, the size stayed the same. Adding two floors to the

water tower would provide an area "six or seven times as large as Council Chambers," said Lovece. Including the office space, means shoring up the structure to hold the additional weight, he said.

Though it means an increase of \$500,000, Lovece said he has discussed the idea with City Auditor Chris Costin, and Costin "is comfortable with that."

With the bids higher than expected, there had been some suggestions that the project be re-bid, said the engineer, "but that's like a poker game." With the bids out. The prices would be pushed even higher, said Lovece, because presently there is a heavy demand for water towers. "We can't control that," he said, "I wish we had built it several years ago."

Before the city can give PDM the go-ahead, Lovece said, he will go to Council to request the added funds, which he plans to do at the June 5 Council meeting. PDM is the company that constructed the present tower in 1958, said Lovece. The water tower

A door opened; a business began

By Carol Klear

"It started with a door," said Renee Suich - and that door unexpectedly opened a vista of decorative furniture design for Renee and her daughter-in-law, Jeannie Suich.

The portal that inspired "A Turned Around Treasure," the business shared by the two Suich women, was the front door to Renee's Wallace Boulevard home, which she transformed from an ordinary entrance to a work of art, through the creativity of her paint brush.

That was four years ago and ever since Renee and Jeannie have been visiting potential clients' homes to offer advice on adding a hand-decorated piece to brighten a corner in a living room, a niche in a bedroom, or to complement a den.

"Last week we did a bedroom for a 16-year-old," said Renee. The room was in black and white, and after borrowing a tie-back from one of the curtains, the two women designed a night stand to pull the whole room together.

Renee acknowledged being the catalyst in the business, drawing on the innate artistic talent she honed as a child, which included art lessons at the Cleveland Institute of Art. However, she is quick to add that the decorative furniture business has evolved through "trial and error."

To understand the desires of customers, Renee and Jeannie visit the home to see where the furniture piece will be used. Along with a portfolio of ideas for a client's perusal, they also carry sample boards, or pieces of wood showing a variety of designs and colors.

The actual work is done at Jeannie Suich's home in Grafton, where the two women take a stand, small table, large chest or whatever and begin to transform the piece-in-the-rough to a thing of unique beauty.

Renee said, "We strip it, sand it and prime it."

Than a latex base coat is applied, and perhaps a faux finish. Acrylic accents are added and the piece is sealed. Jeannie credits her mother-in-law with the artistry that sets each item apart from any others made. "I have no art training," she said, adding "but I'm learning."

Renee apparently loves nature and many of her pieces, with their vines and blooms, reflect the joy she finds in plants and flowers. The designs are original, and again spring from Renee's natural talent. Recently, she said she did a piece for a child's bedroom that featured dragonflies.

The business partners can't pinpoint the length of time it takes them to complete one item, but Renee guesstimates that a small table takes "a week to 10 days." When she once starts, she is energized to get finished.

"It's good to see them done," Jeannie agreed. In addition to furniture, A Turned Around Treasure can be a bowl, a picture frame, a mirror...any number of things designed with Jeannie and Renee's special touch. "Everything is custom," said Jeannie, though it can be a personal piece restored, or something purchased from the Suiches.

Before beginning to do faux finishes, Renee did a great deal of research at the library and to her surprise discovered that what today is considered a new idea, really dates back to Pioneer times.

Taking their ideas a step farther, Renee and Jeannie have begun to do walls in the faux finish look, though they are both quick to add that the walls must be in small rooms - forget cathedral ceilings.

A sample of the women's work can be seen in Auntie's Balloons and Blossoms on Center Ridge Road, as well as in the Flower Gallery in Avon Lake. Anyone who wants A Turned Around Treasure in their home can make an appointment and soon enjoy one of the unique items created just for them by Renee and Jeannie Suich.



Jeannie Suich, left, and her mother-in-law, Renee Suich, display some of the one-of-a-kind accent pieces they create. (P&L Klear)

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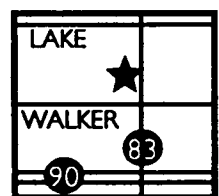
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Winners of the Young Authors Conference announced

More than 550 young authors wrote and published books this year as part of the North Ridgeville Young Authors Conference.

Their day of celebration was May 11, when they gathered in the gym at Wilcox Elementary School to accept awards for best of class, special literary awards and to hear the announcement of the Book of the Year winner, which was Shannon Edwards for her book, "The Millennium Wars." The award for the best group book went to Mrs. Hengst's class for "Mrs. Hengst's Home Tour."

The winners in the 2000 North Ridgeville Young Authors are:

Jill Holava, "Home Free" (Best Diary); Ashley Szabo, "Three Little Words"; Ryan Edwards, "2007: A Space Adventure"; Jacquelyn Zeller, "Steph's Diary"; Joel Grant, "Alien Abduction"; Amy Marino, "One Last Dance" (Best Sci Fi); John Boylan, "A Scientist's Journal"; Tarik Atassi, "Road to a Better Life" (Realistic Fiction); Matt Wilson, "Howe" (Historical Fiction); Gayle Scanlon, "Sheena Rodgers" (Fantasy); Brit Swanson, "The Summer of the Divorce"; Jared Stermole, "Freedom Ride" (Historical Fiction); Ashley Tyson, "Hope's Diary"; Andrea Nyberg, "Susan Confusion"; Alycia Sandercock, "My Secret Horse"; Jessica Sas, "Just Say, No"; Kevin Wilson, "The Trip to Mars"; Victoria Burdette, "Karen's Recital"; Tatiana Taleff, "Love and the Treasure" (Adventure); Allison Henderson, "The Monkey"; Caitlin Bender, "Misty"; Kistson Hules (Tall Tale); "My Name Is Eric. I Went To School Without Any Pants"; Jaclyn Cassidy, "Aliens on Earth"; Diana Baugh, "The Journey to Willomby"; Veronica Francu, "Back in Time"; Melanie Erickson, "The Halloween Caper" (Mystery); Kristina Smeriecki, "Maze of Dreams" (Fantasy);



Shannon Edwards' work, "Millennium Wars," won the Book of the Year award in this year's Young Authors Conference.

Melissa Penkava, "The Haunting of the Black Lagoon"; Michael Bacskey, "The Portal Inside"; Roger Young, "The Jurassic Tree"; Jason Case, "The Greatest Frig War" (Humor); Rachael Sandidge, "Rachel's Travels" (Computer Tech); Corey Grand, "The Lost Nation on Mars"; Omar Atassi, "Capture the Flag"; Stephanie Zeller, "The Elephant from Space"; Aaron Waryk, "A Disturbance in Space: The Return of Ego";

Lauren Lopez, "The Time I Went to Georgia"; Shannon Edwards, "Millennium Wars" (Fantasy/Book of the Year); Kei Neidra, "My Travel in Our Solar System"; Travis Bowers, "The Alien that Came from Mars"; Nick McGinty, "The Alien Invasion"; Katie Sayre, "Pigs"; Emily Shubert, "The Vacation Disaster"; Hanna Carrick, "Soccer Trouble" (Sports); Kristen Zauner, "The Horror Mysteries of San Francisco"; Nick Jones, "The

Test"; Shane Germain, "Adventure Island"; Nicole Andre, "The Big Trip" (Travel/Fantasy); Brittanie Borges, "The Birthday"; Mike Karkoska, "The Crazy Looking Boy"; Jordan Mowrer, "A Dream Come True"; Danielle Le Blanc, "The Journey" (Adventure); Lauren Gessup, "My Precious Surprise" (Biography); Anna Horvath, "One Day With the Unicorn"; Allyssa Bertram, "Greek Bread"; Brittany Wilhelms, "The Day My Pet Gerbil Got Loose"; Jessica James, "There is Something Under My Bed"; Kristen Rohrer, "Summer Memories" (Travel); Megan Stone, "A Tough Day at the Mall"; Jennifer Deccia, "Duck" (Pop-Up); Cassie Firak, "The Telepathic Dragon Dog Fantasy" (Fantasy); Alexander Palka, "The Amazing Lizard"; Megan Keller, "My Trip to Alaska" (Travel); Andrea Wright, "The Secret Admirer"; Shawn Waryk, "Mission to Mars"; Brenden Vanover, "How I Got My Snake"; Jasmine Shaver, "Valentines Day"; Kyle Wright, "Stingrays Vs. Lasers"; Alexandria Lakota, "The Little Lost Leopard" (Illustrator); Tabatha Hill, "A Collection of Poetry" (Poetry); Cari Stefanik, "Bug Town"; Nicole Depolo, "Cavey Goes to School"; Jessica Kidd, "How I Got My Cat Casper"; Kelsey Rogers, "Going to the Zoo"; Eric Parziale, "I Want That Car"; Matthew Rasanow, "My Dog Ran Away" (Animal); Cassandra Jerman, "Angel Gets Lost"; Mitch Clark, "My Day Off" (Best Texture); Chelsea Filbin, "Winter"; Crystal Pickett, "Crystal's Bug Book".

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cil, reprimanded city officials for complaining about "bad press," noting that the apathy level in North Ridgeville has dropped in recent months. Regula reminded them that "the only press that's bad is no press at all." She said that the more people talk, the more issues are resolved. "I'm looking forward to the Town Hall meetings," she said. Mayor Deanna Hill has promised to hold Town Hall meetings to explain the PCDs.

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When Center Ridge Road resident Nancy Buescher continued the argument against Zagrans, during lobby, blaming him for failing to clearly define which piece of legislation determined the rezoning, the Law Director corrected her. "The Law Director did not prepare either piece of legislation," he said.

Otten Road resident Joseph Antush asked who drafted the PCD legislation, stressing, "In the business world, you don't give away a position of power. Someone should look after the welfare of the city," he said, adding, "I believe it's your job."

Renée Regula, an outspoken critic of the administration and Coun-

16, said Kanis, "made progress."

Reading specialist Terry Grills worked with the children and his one-on-one instruction helped some of them achieve reading skills at a second grade level. Responding to a question by Board President Thomas Duke on the basis for the success of the program, Grills said, "choosing the right students." He said that some children need an extra boost to adjust.

Larry Bowersox, director of curriculum for the school district said that in most cases, it was not that the child could not meet the expectations, but rather "they are not ready to do it." In the transitional first grade, that child could experience success in a "nurturing atmosphere."

To enroll a child in the transitional first grade required a partnership between the schools, the parents and the child. As the first year of the program comes to an end, Kanis reported that most parents are pleased with the results.

Some children need that extra boost

By Carol Klear

Though a child may be the right age to begin school, he or she may not be developmentally skilled to take on the challenges of first grade in preparation for moving on to second at the end of the year.

To give those youngsters the added boost they need, through working at a lower pace to achieve the same result as other first-graders, the North Ridgeville City Schools this year, offered a transitional first grade program.

Veteran teacher, Anna Kanis, reported to the Board of Education that 13 of the 16 children enrolled in the program, will go into second grade in September.

"As physical development varies from child to child," said Kanis, "so does cognitive development. The transitional first grade helps children whose development is delayed."

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Lake Erie Battle puts Perry in history books

By Carol Klear

Gerard Altoff, a chief park ranger with the National Park Service, treated guests at the North Ridgeville Historical Society's annual dinner, to a glimpse into the military career of Oliver Hazard Perry, best known for his success on Lake Erie in the War of 1812. Aided by an array of slides and a gift for narrative, Altoff chronicled the war, prefacing his account with a caution to the audience that he would not be painting a glory picture of the battle.

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many being massacred, and a little over 30 escaping. That is how the phrase "Remember the Raisin," came to be, said Altoff.

The war strategies continued, including construction of Fort Meigs, and in July of 1813, the British decided "to go after Ft. Stephenson, which is now Fremont," he said. It was certain to both sides that controlling Lake Erie was crucial.

Building ships, with which to resist the British, began in Erie, Pennsylvania. Initially just four small gun boats were readied, but President James Madison authorized the building of more brigands, when an even larger problem loomed. "There was no one to lead them," said Altoff.

Oliver Hazard Perry had begun going to sea with his father when just 13, and so, through a recommendation, the young man was put in charge of the small gun boats. "It was not a distinguished command," said Altoff, and Perry requested a larger role, but was turned down. "He was desperate," said the park ranger, "he wanted into the war."

He then wrote another letter and this time he was accepted by Commodore Isaac Chauncey, however, with little war activity in progress, he was sent back to Pennsylvania where more ships were being constructed. Though the wood should have been allowed to cure for a year before being used for building, explained Altoff, "there was no time," and it was necessary that a fleet be built in just eight months. By late July, they were ready to sail. Though Perry needed 740 men, he had but 120. Problems mounting, Perry attempted to resign his post on Aug. 10, 1813, but the letter had not reached its destination by the time he had recruited 400 more men.

Finally the crew sailed onto Lake Erie and with final reinforcements, sailed to Put-

in-Bay, forcing the British to take action. As the days went on problems increased and by September, Perry's original 11 ships were reduced to two. There was also the problem of the type of weaponry, said Altoff. The British used long guns that could fire a cannonball a mile. Perry's ships, on the other hand, were smaller and outfitted with cannonades, with a firing range of less than half that of the British weapons.

The wind also was a prime factor, said Altoff. "Perry had to have the wind behind him, but it was blowing in Perry's face." Suddenly the wind died a 90-degree turn, he said, which gave Perry a critical advantage.

Initially Perry's ships sustained the most damage, including The Lawrence, which was named for Capt. James Lawrence, the originator of the phrase, "Don't give up the ship," which ultimately became Perry's battle slogan, said Altoff.

When the cannonballs began to fly, "Perry couldn't answer with his short-ranged cannonades," said Altoff, but Perry knew how many ships the British had, and as the ships began to engage in a complicated battle dance on the lake, he planned the strategy that eventually forced the British to lower their flags in defeat. The surrender gave Perry his place in history as the man who defeated the British Squadron, signaling the end of the War of 1812. In his final report on the British surrender, Perry wrote, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

In honor of Perry's victory, an International Peace Memorial was erected on a 25-acre site on South Bass Island in Lake Erie, which can be reached and visited by public ferries, or private boats.

For more information, call 1-419-285-2184 or visit the website, www.nps.gov/pevi/.

Engagement:

Tussing, Winslow to wed

Cheri and Carl Cumber of Bryan, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bridgette Tussing, to Michael D. Winslow. He is the son of Mary and Dean Winslow of North Ridgeville.

Miss Tussing is a graduate of Bryan High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toledo. She is an academic adviser in the College of Education and cheerleading coach at Bowling Green State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Ridgeville High School and received a bachelor's degree in accounting/business/pre-law from Ohio University. He is a financial analyst for the FBI.

A wedding is planned for Aug. 19 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sylvania, Ohio.



Bridgette Tussing, Michael Winslow

North Ridgeville Middle School- 3rd grading period Honor Roll:

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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. Community 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

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.
CPR RECERTIFICATION, 9 a.m. American Red Cross, Lorain chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N., Elyria. 324-2929.
N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. \$7/class. 353-0860/info.
ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults.

SATURDAY

N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 4 p.m.-6 p.m. Ongoing Karate class for children and adults. \$20/4 lessons. Both classes held in the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 353-0860/info.
BABYSITTING BASIC, 9 a.m. American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929

West River Rd. N., Elyria. For more information, call 324-2929.
SANDY RIDGE WETLAND CENTER, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Bringing Back the Bluebird".

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COMMUNITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Free Open House. Old Town Hall, 36119 Center Ridge Rd.

MONDAY

Memorial Day - Holiday
SHEPHERD OF THE RIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, 34555 Center Ridge Rd.

TUESDAY

OFFICE FOR OLDER ADULTS, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Watercolor Classes.
N.R. PARKS & REC. DEPT., 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults. \$7/class. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ongoing Body Sculpting class.

\$40/month. Both classes held at the Sr. Center Multi-Purpose Room. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Ongoing Fencing class for children and adults at the Middle School. 353-0860/info.
STANDARD FIRST AID AND ADULT CPR, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. American Red Cross, Lorain County Chapter, 2929 West River Rd. N., Elyria. 324-2929.
LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant.
TOPS CLUB #656, 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.
LORAIN COUNTY ASTHMA SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. "Asthma Awareness Month", 1005 Abbe Rd. N., Elyria.

Police Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

Hooligans stoned cars at Sports Luxury Motors, 35944 Center Ridge Rd., on two nights last week.

A damage estimate was unavailable, but several used pickup trucks and SUVs sustained broken windshields, chipped paint and dented chassis, according to reports.

On the morning of May 12, an employee summoned police when he discovered the vandalism. Seven vehicles had been damaged.

The employee said he had worked until 8:15 the previous evening and that when he had walked the lot several times all the vehicles were unmo- lested.

The perpetrators evidently used stones from the unpaved lot to wreak the damage, police said.

Two more vandalized vehicles were found on the morning of May 15. The windshield of a Mazda B2200 was chipped. Stones were lying on the hood. A window and front marker light of a Ford panel truck were smashed. In addition, fresh damage - more smashed windows - was found on the previous seven vehicles that had been targeted earlier.

There were no witnesses that police know of and no suspects so far.

Possibly related?

Other officers took a similar van-

dalism report, again on the morning of the 15th, from a contractor building the Cottages at Savannah develop- ment at Center Ridge and Stoney Ridge Roads.

When the crew reported to work at around 6:30, they found a John Deere backhoe loader with a smashed window.

Again, no witnesses and no sus- pects.

It wasn't Gatorade

An officer working off-duty as a security guard at the Brunswick Lanes the evening of May 12 arrested a 14-year-old boy who reportedly had been drinking whiskey.

The boy, as he entered the bowl- ing alley at about 10:45 p.m., was tipsy and exuded an aroma of alcohol, according to reports. As he walked by the officer, the latter noticed a small plastic bottle in the youth's pants pockets.

Asked what was in the bottle, the youth said it was orange juice. When the officer twisted the cap off, though, the contents smelled overpoweringly of alcohol, according to reports. The boy then admitted it was Jack Daniel's whiskey. The boy also carried another bottle in his pants pockets. This was a Gatorade bottle with several ounces of straight Jack Daniel's.

The boy said he was drinking to "loosen up" and that his sister's ex-

boyfriend, 21, had bought the hooch for him. He admitted to drinking about five ounces of whiskey before leaving home for the bowling alley.

The boy has been charged with underage consumption and possession of alcohol. Police are looking for his alleged supplier. The boy's mother picked him up at the bowling alley and took him home, whereupon she found an almost empty bottle of Jack Daniel's in his room. She returned to the bowling alley and gave it to the officer as evidence.

In the dumpster

A clerk at the Smokers' Outlet, 6480 Pitts Blvd., found a young boy rummaging around in the dumpster behind the business, this on May 12, and asked him what he was doing.

The lad said he was trying to get at a purse which was in the bottom of the otherwise empty dumpster. The clerk looked in and sure enough, there was a handbag and two sets of keys. She hocked it out and called the police.

The purse, which contained a wal- let, driver's license and other identi- fication, belonged to an Elyria woman, a teacher at the Lorain County Acad- emy in Oberlin, who said it had been stolen at the school earlier that day. She said a student who lives in North Ridgeville might have taken it.

Fire Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A resident of West Point Drive went into her laundry room May 15 to find a pair of blue jeans in her dryer not just dry but on fire.

When firefighters arrived, a small fire was blazing in the dryer. They put it out with a fire extinguisher and aired the house out with an exhaust fan. Apparently the dryer's gasket caught fire somehow and ignited the pair of jeans.

Fence afire

When another West Pointer heard his dog barking May 14, he looked outside to descry his fence on fire.

The fire started in a compost heap next to the fence. Fire- men laid down 100 feet of hose and used 50 gallons of water to put the fire out.

The homeowner said he intended to file a police report on the incident.

Burning bush

Residents of Greenwich Avenue called the department to a neighbor's home May 13 when they spotted his shrubbery in flames.

But before firemen arrived, the neighbors took action them- selves by dragging a garden hose over and dousing the fire.

There was no damage to the house. Cause of the fire is unknown and may have been the result of a discarded ciga- rette, according to reports.

Campfire

Children getting an early start on summer built a pretty good size bonfire on Barton Road May 14.

A police officer on patrol summoned firefighters shortly after 4 a.m. They arrived to find a five eight feet by eight feet and three feet high.

The homeowner said the kids were camping out and had put too much wood on the fire. The fire was contained in a bed of rocks. He was given a written warning.

Bankruptcies:

Filed April 10, 2000

00-12587 - Marks, Ronald J. and Marks, Dorothy A., 4910 Lear Nagle Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 7.

Filed April 11, 2000

00-12623 - Mangus, Brian D. and Man- gus, Christian, 5696 Pleasant Ave., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 7.

Filed April 12, 2000

00-12684 - Vilberg, James Edward Sr. and Vilberg, Kate, 6020 Paula Blvd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 7.

Filed April 17, 2000

00-12815 - Cover Joseph R., 37-78 Sugar

Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039.

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Filed April 18, 2000

00-12872 - Wright, Richard A. and Wright, Anita L., 36238 Westfield, North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 13.

Filed May 1, 2000

00-13190 - Berlovan, Jonel and Berlovan, Joan, 6082 Avon Beldon Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 13.

Filed May 2, 2000

00-13209 - Jeit, Chloie Jean, 5875 Ridgeview Blvd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039. Chapter 13.

Summer is 4-H camp time

School will soon be out, summer will soon be here...and that means it's time to register for 4-H Camp. Registrations are now available from the Ohio State University Extension - Lorain County for four different camping experiences.

4-H Horse Camp: June 27 through June 29 - \$50 - Camp is open to 4-H members enrolled in horse projects. Campers bring their horse. The camp is held at Lorain County Fair- grounds in Wellington.

Teen Challenge 4-H Camp: June 30 through July 3 - Cost not confirmed yet - Teen Camp is open to 4-H members ages 13 to 16 years old as of Jan. 1, 2000. Campers register for challenge experiences, which they will be involved in during camp. The challenge experiences include activities such as: Canoeing, Personal Watercraft, Air Rifles, Charter Boat Fishing, Introduction to Scuba, Snorkeling, Sailing, Powerboats, Shoreline Fishing, Outdoor Cooking, Dramatics, Island History, and more. This camp is conducted at the 4-H Campsite on Kelleys Island.

Junior 4-H Camp: July 17 through July 21 - \$120 - This camp is open to any youth from third to seventh grade in the 1999-2000 school year. However, registration accepted only from current 4-H members through May 31. Beginning June 1 registration opens to all youth. Registrations received prior to June 1 at Extension Office from non 4-H members will be returned. Campers will be involved in a variety of sessions and activities such as canoeing, swimming, archery, recreational games, nature sessions, creative arts, campfires, and nutrition activities. Campsite is also the 4-H Camp on Kelleys Island.

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp: July 31 through August 1 - Tentatively \$15. This day camp is conducted for children enrolled in the 4-H Cloverbud program. Campers must be age five or in kindergarten through second grade as of January 1, 2000. The day camp will be held at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.

For more information and registration forms, contact a 4-H advisor or County 4-H Agents, Eva Weber or Debby Lewis at 440-326-5851. Registration forms are available at the Ohio State University Extension Office, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH 44035.

Liberty announces April Students of Month

Mrs. Bennett - Jerry Kilby; Mrs. Fassett - Lauren Hutka and Collin Oliva; Mrs. Gienopie - Katherine Gordon and Ryan Johnson; Miss Sisson - John Flesher; Mrs. Carnahan - Cory Kisel; Mrs. DeYo - L. B. Harrison; Mrs. Heuser - Anna Hor-

vath and Allison Willis; Mrs. Ives - Jordan Akdogan; Mrs. Buckosh - Becky Ressler; Mrs. Carr - Adam Miller; Mrs. Dill - George Slaman; Mrs. Solt - Jevon Panagaris; Mr. Dettmer - Melissa Lazarek; Mrs. Post - Bill Garver; Mrs. Ventimiglia - Justin Griffith; Mrs. Donnelly - Jamie Ashcraft (5) and Lizette Rueda (4); Mrs. Rancu - Joey Wright.

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North Ridgeville High School graduate, Lisa Belcher, a senior catcher/outfielder with the Colgate University soft- ball team recently received her fourth varsity letter. She also received the team's Coaches Award.

Belcher, who started all 48 games for the Red Raiders, played 26 games behind the plate and 22 in centerfield. She finished with a .203 batting average and was fifth on the team in RBI with 15. She had 27 hits, scored six runs and drilled two doubles. In addition, she posted the second best fielding percentage (.971) and had five multiple hit games and three multiple RBI games.

Belcher, who played in 137 career games, finished her collegiate career ranked 12th in RBI at Colgate with 45 and tied for first in sacrifice bunts with 33.

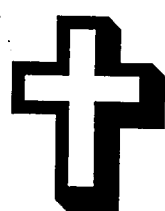
Kent State University will hold summer fastpitch clinics for girls, six to 17 on May 24 and May 31. Beginning pitch- ing is from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. and intermediate and advanced pitching is from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. or 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

Hitting and bunting clinics will be June 6 or June 12 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per date. For more information, call 330-672-2162, ext. 23.

The College of Wooster will hold four sessions of boys basketball camp this summer. This is the fourth year Camp Fighting Scot is being held. There will be four sessions: June 11-15, for grades 4-10 following by June 25-29, July 16-20, July 23-27, which be offered to grades 5-12.

There are also some openings for the Big Man/Point Guard Camp, a specialty camp for boys entering grades 10-12, which runs from July 5-6.

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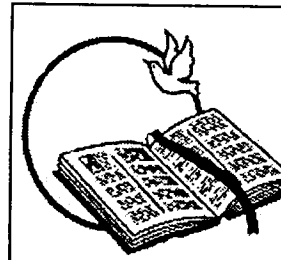
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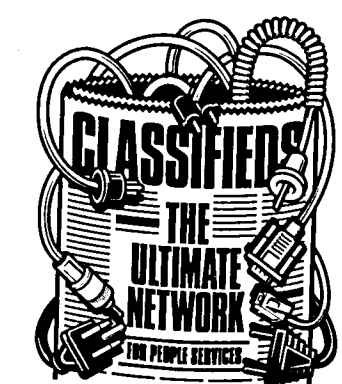
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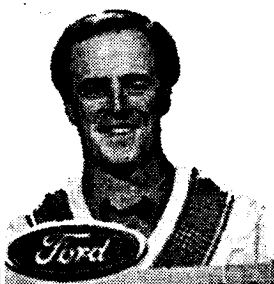
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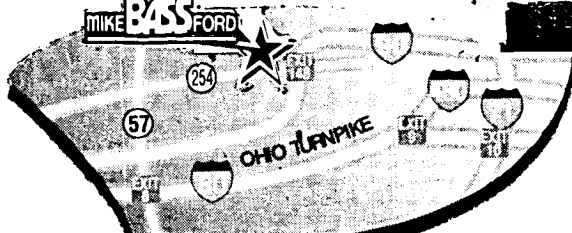


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