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This Week:

Telethon tonight

Lorain County's first telethon will be tonight (Wednesday) from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the MediaOne studio on Ternes Avenue in Elyria. MediaOne will work hand in hand with the Volunteer Action Center of Lorain County. The public may volunteer for any of the non-profit agencies represented on Channel 32 which include Elyria Salvation Army, Easter Seals, El Centro, Catholic Charities, Red Cross and others.

Antiques, antiques

The annual Antiques Show and Sale will be held at the Blue Barn, 33060 Center Ridge Rd., on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and free parking. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday.

Powder-Puff Car Care

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services, 800 Middle Ave., will host a Car Care for Women Seminar on June 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. presented by Jim Johnson, of North Ridgeville Tire Center. The program is one offered under the umbrella of the Mothers' Club giving ongoing support in areas of need. Child care will be provided.

In Brief:

Winners, winners, winners

Judged the best floats in this year's Memorial Day parade were Dave Cook, ABC miniature horses, NR Football Team Boosters, NR Lions and Kuchenrithers. The winning cars were Classic Car, Pete Skalba for his 1970 Dodge Hornet RT; Antique Car, Herb Wood and his 1930 Model A Ford; Crowd Pleaser, Henry Jalowiec and his 1954 Kaiser Darrin. The best-decorated bikes belonged to Rebecca Sas (1st prize), Taylor Comerford (2nd prize), Michelle Bing (3rd prize).

Kindergarten registration?

If you have not previously registered your children for kindergarten for the 2000-2001 school year, call the North Ridgeville Education Center at 353-1100 for an appointment. Late registration will be June 20, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

It's time for VBS at First Congregational UCC. Sign up for the Outback Expedition, July 17 to July 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child, ages three to 12. Registration is due by June 30.



Smile and say, 'good-bye, NRHS'

Rebecca Price, president of the National Honor Society (left) and Erin Shaffer, NRHS class president, join Class Treasurer Tim Allen in one last picture before graduation. (P&L Klear)

Hey, sports fans, there's a new grill and pub for you

By Carol Klear

Are you ready for some football?

How about baseball?
Maybe tennis?
Or what about golf?
Um-hmmm.

Well, get geared up because in less than three months you'll watch your favorite televised sport, savor a thick, juicy steak and swig your favorite beverage in North Ridgeville's new sports bar - McNamara's Grill and Pub.

By Sept. 1, Kevin McNamara and his partner and former member of the Cleveland Browns, Reggie Langhorne, will open the sports bar in Mills Creek Plaza on Center Ridge Road.

McNamara and Langhorne who have been friends for 15 years, promise their new place to be just what sports fans (or anyone who just enjoys a good meal) ordered.

Memorabilia from the Browns, Indians and other athletes will give the spot the

ambiance for an evening of fun and food.

As McNamara explained that a full-serve restaurant will be to the right of the entrance, Langhorne jumped in with some ideas of what the menu will offer. "It's not just going to be a bar," said Langhorne, "there'll be grilled, fried and steamed food...did you ever have sweet corn grilled?"

"We're going to fly in a chef from Virginia to get things going," said McNamara, "It's important to have a consistency of good food," in the restaurant that is expected to seat around 100.

Left of the front door, he said, will be an L-shaped bar with 12 to 15 TVs and the same tempting menu that's served in the restaurant will be available for the 110 people on that side.

"There'll be a stage and dance floor, and maybe some local bands one night a week," he said.

The restrooms will be located in the middle of the facility and

act as a divider between the bar and restaurant to help maintain a family atmosphere in the dining room.

Langhorne is quick to stress that McNamara's Pub and Grill is going to be family-oriented, with food to suit everybody's taste, "a variety," including a



Everybody was on hand to announce North Ridgeville's new sports bar, McNamara's Pub and Grill. From left; co-owner, Kevin McNamara holding his son, Colin, 3, wife Jackie McNamara, Mayor Deanna Hill, who couldn't resist giving Brittany McNamara, 5, a kiss on the cheek, co-owner, Reggie Langhorne, manager Phil Lowell, kitchen supervisor, John Liston, and big supporter and former member of the Browns, Herman Fontenot. (P&L Klear)

By Carol Klear

Well North Ridgeville, stand tall and be proud. For the first time Cleveland Magazine has listed this 25-square miles as one of its top 15 suburbs, ranking it No. 8 — ahead of Strongsville, Bay Village, Shaker Heights, Hudson, North Royalton, Orange Village and North Olmsted. That's not all, North Ridgeville is the only Lorain County city that made this year's top 15.

"I am so excited," said Mayor Deanna Hill, who admitted she hadn't known of the honor in advance.

"It's wonderful," she said, "and a surprise."

Hill said she was unaware of the report until North Ridgeville Schools Superintendent Thomas Rockwell called to congratulate her. The Mayor attributes making the list to "the positive publicity (about the city) moving in a positive way. It works," she said.

Rockwell said, "We were thrilled, especially to be in such good company — the creme de creme." According to the listing, North Ridgeville ranked behind only seven other communities — Highland Heights, Brecksville, Moreland Hills, Broadview Heights, Westlake, Pepper Pike and Rocky River.

The Superintendent said that he was especially pleased that "what we've been saying for the past six months, is being reflected in the way others see it."

Although North Ridgeville is rated 31st in education, well behind such other communities such as its neighbor, Westlake, listed as No. 6, Rockwell said, "Avon is 32, Avon Lake is the only one in Lorain County ahead of us...we're working to make it better."

In rating the suburbs, various aspects of the school districts were considered, including such areas as pupil-teacher ratios, the number of students in first, 8th and 12th grades, proficiencies, attendance, foreign languages, gifted and talented programs and the cost per pupil.

Dayle Noll, executive director of the North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce called North Ridgeville's inclusion in the top-ranking suburbs, "terrific."

"I am very pleased," she said, "and it will definitely be part of my promotional pieces. It gives credence to what I have been telling people."

Noll said Chamber Board members were very surprised about the news, and everyone finds it "very positive."

In addition to education, the magazine also checked the cities for crime ratings, housing — median sale price, six-year housing appreciation, property tax per \$100,000 valuation, percentage of housing units occupied by owners — environment, fire services, recreation and demographics, which included population, the percentage of persons below the poverty level and diversity.

See Grill and Pub on pg. 6

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Representatives of the organizations that spearheaded the recent drive to purchase American flags for North Ridgeville's main highways, present to Mayor Deanna Hill, flags to be displayed at City Hall, as well as a plaque listing the names of those who contributed \$50 or more. From left to right: Chuck Sword of the Rotary Club; Jeff Hutka, Post Commander of the VFW, and his son Jeff, 5; David Bogner, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Mark Page, president of the Lions Club. (P&L Klear)

New flags flying in North Ridgeville

By Carol Klear

Though Mother Nature had seemed determined to drub the holiday weekend a washout, by Memorial Day itself, it was obvious she had had second thoughts, replacing Sunday's downpour, with streams of sunshine, which highlighted the banners of red, white and blue that billowed in the breeze along North Ridgeville's main thoroughfares.

Two hundred thirty new flags were hoisted onto poles running north and south on Rt. 83 and east and west on Rt. 20, thanks to the efforts of the city's four largest service clubs - the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville, the Lions Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9871.

In 1988 The Press & Light initiated the idea of lining Center Ridge Road with American flags, following the example of other communities across the country. With a generous amount of seed money from the city's VFW, followed by donations from businesses, organizations and residents, flags were purchased and attached to utility poles by members of the Service Department.

Dollars remaining from that first effort were turned over to the city to be used for replacement flags. But time took its toll and those initial flags became tattered and worn and this year, the drive to purchase new flags was revitalized, with the Chamber, Rotary and Lions Clubs

and the VFW making a joint contribution of \$2,000 to kick-off the project, followed by private donations of \$6,660 and \$2,500 from the city.

Recently, representatives from the four groups spearheading the project, presented several flags to Mayor Deanna Hill to be placed in City Hall, as well as a plaque listing the names of donors of \$50 or more, which will also have a place of prominence in Council Chambers.

Hill said that since Flag Day, June 14, and 4th of July follow quickly after Memorial Day, the flags will continue to fly until after the July holiday.

The following are the names of those who contributed \$50 or more to the fund: AFSCME Local 3442, Dotty Alberto, Robert Address Insurance, Beckett Gas, Donald Berland, Bioplastics Company, Bob Cutler Signs, Bob Schmitt Homes, David Bogner Family Funeral Home, Kathleen & Harold Bogner, Branham Fastening systems, Inc., Brandt Construction, Bruck Mfg., Kenneth & Nancy Buescher, Jerry Canterbury, auctioneer, Jerry and Patsy Canterbury, Realty One, Cathedral of Life, Center Cleaning Services, Center Ridge Dental Professionals, Center Ridge Nursing Home, Dr. Douglas Charboneau, Cleveland Power Wash, Craftmaster Restoration, Dairy Queen

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It's Time . . . North Ridgeville for a Town Hall Meeting

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Deanna Hill, Mayor

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American flags strike patriotic note in NR

By Carol Klear

PROUDLY THEY FLY....You can't help notice the American flags lining North Ridgeville's main thoroughfares. The new banners of red, white and blue complemented the blue sky on Memorial Day and will continue to fly proudly through Flag Day on June 14 and 4th of July. The flags were purchased through the joint efforts of several of the city's service clubs. If you have not yet contributed to the Flag Fund, you may want to send a donation for future flag replacements. Send your check to: The North Ridgeville Chamber of Commerce, 34845 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville, 44039.

PERSONAL THANKS....I received a note from Commander Jim Hull of the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland who said he noticed the flags on his way to speak the Rotary Club recently. He wrote, "I want to give you my thanks for 'remembering.'"

UNITY DAY IS COMING....Save June 17

Hanging on to the old, the search for a new hat

By Josh Cable

The search for a new hat began today. For those of you who aren't intimately acquainted with my fashion sensibilities, you should know that the baseball cap is an integral part of my wardrobe—in much the same vein as earrings and necklaces are for women. Probably even more important than that.

So it goes without saying that the selection of a new hat is an important, agonizing process not to be taken lightly.

This is more than just a routine retail transaction. This is a bookmark in yet another pathetic chapter in my life (or another chapter in my pathetic life).

Ever since I can remember, my hats have been with me for every milestone event. From my first beating at the hands of the neighborhood bully to my first bicycle fall, my baseball hats were always there.

As a child I had a raggedy blue hat with the word "Sluggo" on the front of it. I suppose that was appropriate. After all, the highlight of my adolescent experience was playing little league baseball in the summers; to this day I'll never forget the feel of those 50-50 polyester-cotton pants in 100 percent humidity; the smell of my oversized leather glove as I tried to pick my nose discreetly in left field; the joy of hearing somebody's liquored-up parents really give it the umpire.

Once that hat finally disintegrated into anti-matter (much like my security blanket, which I finally threw away last week), there was a period where I endured a series of short, rocky relationships with my hats.

The progression from acquisition to eventual break-up followed a typical pattern. Hats looked terrific when I first tried them on at the store. After that there was a period of constant craving for the hats, which was inevitably satiated by wearing the hat almost every minute of every day. This slowly segued into an overall apathy towards the hat to disgust for the very sight of the hat to feelings of sheer loathing for the hat to an inexorable desire to destroy all living things within a 10-mile radius of the

Klearly Speaking:

for the 4th annual Unity Day, featuring an Exhibition Basketball Game between the Cavs Legend and invited Lorain County All Stars at NRHS at 1 p.m. There will be an autograph session by the Legends. Tickets are available for \$5 at Parks and Rec. And for craftier folk, there will be a Craft Fair at the high school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and feature handmade and handcrafted items for sale. Get together and have a good time.

THERE THEY GO....Pastor Jim Neece of Hosanna Christian Fellowship and member David Rodriguez will be off and running, jogging and walking to the State Capitol, leaving at 8 a.m. on June 9 from North Ridgeville Middle School for Youth Awareness 2000, and expected to return on June 16. They'll be holding a youth rally on the concerns of youth, at the end of each day. Maybe they'll tell the P&L about their experiences when

they get back. We'll let you know.

WE'RE GOING....Klearly and fam are headed to Wright State University this weekend to see Daughter No. 7 receive her degree. So, don't call me on Friday, cuz I'm heading south, but you can always call Thursday or Monday. You know how it is.

WE WENT....Got some freebies last week and headed to the Jake to see the Indians win another one, last week. Perfect weather and a win besides. Go-o-o-o, Dave Burba!

THIS IS INTERESTING....Groceries on line??? Giant Eagle and Priceline Webhouse Club have announced that customers can name their own price for groceries and other household products at up to half off by logging into www.priceline.com before going to the store. When you join the WebHouse Club, you can select from hundred of grocery items. In 60 seconds you'll find out if your price has been accepted. This sounds interesting, hmmm.

Just Joshin':

hat. Finally, aspirations of world domination began to manifest themselves in an uncanny interest in all things paramilitary and a bizarre tendency to conduct mock nuclear tests using nothing more than a plate of Chinese food.

Actually, I just got sick of the hat after a couple months.

Like most high school boys, my fashion sensibilities became ultra-sophisticated in my late teens. As I began to measure my self-awareness and self-esteem in relation to the opinions of members of the opposite sex, it became crucial to wear a headpiece that would at once exude confidence and yet express a certain air of vulnerability and sensitivity; one that would accurately serve as an extension of my individuality; and most importantly, a hat that would once and for all send this subtle yet unmistakable message: I'M THE MAN.

I settled on a blue adjustable Reebok hat that I wore for several years.

Somewhere in college, shopping for clothes became less a necessary evil than a giant pain in the neck that only meant less money for booze and drugs.

I picked out the first hat that struck my fancy: a white baseball cap with the New York Mets logo on it. I had never seen a New York Mets game in my life; in between hangovers I was vaguely aware that a professional sports franchise of that moniker existed.

However, being the industrious college guy that I was, I milked it for everything it was worth. Are you from New York? Sure I am. I grew up next to (Madison Square Garden/The Statue of Liberty/Radio City Music Hall). Are you a New York Mets fan? Sure I am, if that means that you'll go out with me.

Of course, that hat often was the source of problems. Every once in a while, I'd get comments like, "You know, I hate New York and I'm majoring in 'Beating up People that Wear New York Mets Hats in Public.'" Or, "You know, I was diagnosed with a rare condition in which the very sight of a New York

Mets hat causes spontaneous projectile vomiting on you. What do you think of that?"

Well, that only happened once.

Twice now that I think about it.

Anyway, that hat and I became very close over the years (Cue the Herman's Hermits song "Something Tells Me I'm into Something Good" and roll tape of Josh and his hat walking out of "Platoon" laughing hysterically). In fact, that hat and I were inseparable.

Only one thing could come between that hat and I. If you guessed a freak accident with a Juiceman and a bushel of rotten bananas, you win a Ringo Starr blow-up doll.

The real story on the Mets hat is pathetic and it goes as follows: It was my fifth year in college and I was in a bar on a Saturday night with a few friends when an attractive young lass accosted me on the obviously phony pretext that she just got married and she was on a scavenger hunt and ...

... You can guess what the last item on her list was: a smelly, sweaty, disgusting New York Mets hat that would Mike Piazza blush.

Being a man of scruples, I told her no. Despite my intoxication, I managed to convey the sentimental value held in the worn fibers of that hat. The things that hat had seen. The times when that hat was the only friend I had. The many sleepless nights when I poured out my heart and soul to that blessed hat—and the other nights when somehow the hat talked back. And the walls were melting. And a paperweight was singing in the voice of Ethyl Merman.

Then she started to flirt with me. She ran her fingers through my hair ...

Hat gone.

The legacy of my current hat—with the faded visage of Chief Wahoo on the front—is still smoldering in the annals of the history of Josh. But it's coming to an end.

Now the long arduous process of finding a new hat is underway. And a new chapter in my life is about to begin. If it's half as weird as the first chapter has been, it should be alright.

making pick-up on Wednesday. If a resident's garbage was not picked up either Tuesday or Wednesday, the resident should call the Utilities Department, and BFI will be contacted.

Whitlock said he had not had complaints from other residents, so the caller may just have been missed.

Caller: Quote: "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Thank you Councilwoman Gail Minnick for your adamant refusal to do nothing.

Letters to the Editor:

Just a thought or two

To the Editor:

Just some thoughts that have accrued over the past several weeks and months ...

To whoever (whomever) is writing the virtual torrent of letters to many of the local newspapers castigating Gail Minnick and placing halos on Deanna Hill's head and the heads of her fellow schemers—WHOOOPS - I meant to say her team at city hall - at least mix up your grammatical makeup and syntax once in a while so it isn't so obvious that the same person or small committee is writing all those letters. It really is pretty obvious. ...

I particularly remember a letter in one of the local papers from Ron Schwachenwald, now chair of the Planning Commission, once a high muckety-muck in the latest and greatest Master Plan Committee — in spite of his recent letter regarding the Master Plan and how honestly it was developed, I'm still waiting, as I have been for over two years, for the "three hundred pages of minutes" of meetings at which master plan changes were made; I was promised them "within a week" at a public meeting held upstairs in the [then] new police station.

I charged then, and I charge now, that the Master Plan was a sham. ... those good people who DID go to meetings were hoodwinked. The plan that eventually came out was put together by Schwachenwald, Deanna Hill, and Tom Sweeney, and more than likely, a few local developers. The meetings were obviously held in secret, because no minutes ever surfaced, and the changes in the map kept appearing as if by divine inter-

vention; it was funny, and widely noted at the time, that at each public meeting, the map had changed, but THERE HAD BEEN NO PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECOGNIZED SUBCOMMITTEE SINCE THE LAST MEETING. How strange ... those with the authority to make the changes had not met ... yet, who changed the map? The mayor and safety-service director had custody of it. I have no answer ... but I've asked the question(s) for the last several years, and never HAVE gotten an answer.

The current issue of this paper, May 31 2000, includes, in addition to one of the letters I reference above, the return of "View From the Hill." In it, mayor Deanna Hill still attempts to clear up what she terms "misunderstandings" about Planned Community Developments (PCDs).

The MAIN misunderstanding to date involving PCDs is that the mayor and her henchmen underestimated the intelligence and awareness of many of the citizens of the city. They firmly believed that with a wave of the hand and a couple of speeches at a council meeting they could shove this legislation through. (Ain't it funny that the FIRST time we heard of these was at a meeting in AUGUST 99 ... August is SUPPOSED to be the month WITHOUT meetings, except for dire emergencies. HMMM-MM. ... In any case, many of the residents were not buying this pig in a poke, which is an apt description of PCDs, and they fought back.

All of the mayor's and the law director's double talk won't change this ... now that lots of people have been looking into what's

going on, they find it's like chasing rot in a boat - the deeper you go, the more you find.

Bottom line? PCDs look a lot like "spot zoning"; the administration can put in ANYTHING IT WANTS to. Remember, zoning laws put binders on BOTH SIDES - the government and the developers. PCDs would remove the binders. As an aside - I have read the current PCD ordinance several times over, and I fail to find an upper limit on density in the ordinance ... state law might kick in at something around eight per acre or so, but that's approaching Leavitt Homes or Wilkes Villa. Check on it ... read it for yourselves, or ask the mayor or law director, or the new safety-service director. Scratch that last - just ask the mayor.

It's interesting that the mayor referenced traffic lights in the city ... call and ask her about the unlawful lights still operating at Case and Center Ridge and Dyke Road and Center Ridge. A traffic study WAS done on both those, and they "flunked." The NOACA study noted that they don't have a legal basis to exist, and the city's own engineer, Stewart Lovece, did his duty and notified the mayor in writing that the lights needed to be removed. The mayor is holding the city up to the very real possibility of legal liability in continuing to operate lights that are not authorized by law. Unfortunately, it's not HER money that will end up going bye-bye if the city is found liable ... it's YOUR money. And she gets to tell people that she stood up to me. I wonder how she finds the risk for the city worth it.

Christopher J. Crobaugh
 North Ridgeville

PCDs, Ionaanza to city

To the Editor:

Mr. Antush's letter to the editor on PCD neighborhoods was ridden with errors and misinformation. I will not stoop to respond to his insults, but the distortion and errors in regard to Planned Community Developments (PCD) cannot go unchallenged. North Ridgeville citizens need a straightforward and accurate presentation of what is at stake. It is the future economic and physical quality of the city.

The city will develop and sewers will be mandated regardless of what we do or do not do in respect to the regulations affecting new developments. With existing regulations some good developments may occur. However, there will be much less control, few improvements and no amenities in developments that conform to existing minimum standards. These would allow 76.5-foot lots with no open space, no road improvements, no trails, no recreation area, no pool, no designed commercial convenience services and no association to care for the common property. Kingston has all of this and has agreed to extend the 36-inch trunk sewer from Avon to and through their property; to its southern boundary, where it will be picked up to continue south to serve the entire sewer district of 6,500 acres. This \$8 million sewer will go through the land of three developers who will pay 83 percent or \$7 million dollars of its cost.

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Letters to the Editor from pg. 5

What Mr. Antush doesn't understand is that the principal cost of a trunk sewer is its size and depth. Because of this depth, the trunk will have few if any connections, but rather serves as a collector for tributaries that will be paid for by the users. If this extraordinarily beneficial offer is not accepted by the city at some time in the near future, the offer could be withdrawn. Then the trunk must be built without the \$7 million and will be paid for by all the property owners in the district by assessment or increased sewer rates. Every year sewer construction is put off increases the cost.

The largest land area of the three \$7 million-participants, is the approximately 650-acre, single-owner parcel just south of Kingston. This owner could choose not to participate and not pay his portion of the \$7 million deal. Right now he has the right to run a local trunk whose capacity and depth will serve only his acres, at a considerable saving to him and that would also force 26 existing home on Case Road to tap in individually. The landowner could also develop it under current regulation which could be a substantial loss of economic and quality benefit to the city. He could also drop his current plan to build an 18-hole golf course and build homes on that property instead.

Mr. Antush predicted 5,500 homes on the three trunk sewer participants on 1,600 acres. Of this area, 310 acres belong to Beckett and will be industrial with no housing. At the most, the 1,300 acres remaining will produce 3,900 houses.

Mr. Antush, in defining open space, obviously does not understand the PCD requirements for open space. The 20 percent for 200 acres is 40 acres. Kingston actually has a new of 48.5 acres of open space not including all lots and street areas, or 24 percent of the total area.

In Kingston alone, the initial investment or obligation for land and the first phase of development will be at least \$12 million. This is by seasoned and respected developers. This incentive is to succeed in selling quality homes. That is more protection of the city's interest than all the regulations in the world. No regulation can substitute for the incentives of

an experienced developer and his ability to market his product.

Kingston when complete, based on today's tax rates, will produce a minimum of \$137,000 per month in real estate taxes of which 82.5 percent goes to the city and schools. In addition, the city will collect in one-time fees \$13,000 per acre for a total of \$2.7 million. Ninety-one thousand dollars per month or \$1.1 million will go to the schools. The school-age children will come to a maximum of 217 children which will, at today's North Ridgeville costs, come to \$868,000 per year leaving a comfortable margin. (My Ridgefield neighborhood at the end of 1999 contained 154 completed homes which contained only 615 school-age children which is less than 0.1 school-age child per home.)

Add to this income tax of the residents and the local business they generate and even Mr. Antush can see that PCDs are a bonanza to the city.

The quality and capacity of the roads he is worrying about is valid. The one thing that can improve them is money. It should be plain that the only thing that will produce the money is sound economic growth. The alternative is less lucrative standard, uncreative development and the full sewer and road cost will fall to the city. That means we, the taxpayers, pick up the tab.

If the opponents of PCDs and the sewer project win then we, the city and its taxpayers, lose. The loss will be big and it will be in dollars...our tax dollars.

Bob Shmitt
North Ridgeville

Thanks to all

To the Editor:

The North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871 want to thank everyone who participated in and who attended the Memorial Day Parade and the services at the football stadium.

This year's event was an excellent example of what organizations like the Lions and the VFW can do when they

work together toward a common goal. I believe everyone who attended felt the parade and the service were very well done and I congratulate all the people who worked behind the scenes to make it happen.

Mark Page

North Ridgeville Lions Club President

Where did he get his info?

To the Editor:

I read with interest one of the letters regarding the Planning Commission report of Jan. 12. I wonder how this individual knows so much (or so little). That Planning Commission's report consisted of a one-sentence paragraph, less than four lines long, with no reference or evaluation (in my opinion) to design standards and criteria prescribed by the PCD Zoning Code. (This is posted on my website <http://www.maxpages.com/minnickwrd4>.) The 45-page "report" referred to contains attachments from the city engineer (two pages) the city planner (six pages), building department (one page) fire chief (four pages) assistant law director (one page), Donald G. Bohning & Assoc. (nine pages), H&W Environmental consultants (14 pages), the Dept. of Army (two pages), and a Traffic Impact Study (two pages).

The city planner's report has been posted on my site for several months now and I have referred to it often. The reports are public record and available at the Clerk of Council's office. The accusations made that I have been "too busy with my attacks" to read this report is an insult. I'd like to know how posting public records from City Hall on my website is misleading.

How did the reader know I sent an e-mail to Dan Zirzow requesting the remains of the barn at Lear and Center Ridge be removed after it had been lying in a heap for months? Did City Hall give this man twisted information which he used in his scathing attack on me? Did this man always say "yes" when he was on council? Why is there a movement to discredit me and all the accurate information I am giving to the community? Why was the developer permitted to write his own rezoning ordinance for Kingston? Why is this administration and council ignoring our people and the laws they helped write? The PCDs will have a profound effect on people living in this city and someone needs to be sensitive to their needs and not the developers' desire to fill up the west side with cluster development and spot zoning with nowhere for the traffic to flow.

The thing that my critics refuse to acknowledge is that debate and difference of opinion is healthy and leads to compromise and solutions to problems. For me not to question, not to do research, would be a dereliction of duty and I would be turning my back on the good people I have been elected to represent. Of course, it makes it much easier for an administration to run a city without any conflict, but attempts to demonize me in lieu of open, honest, intelligent debate, demonstrates the inadequacy of those at the top who are making the decisions that will profoundly affect our lives.

Gail Minnick
Ward 4 Councilwoman

Grill and Pub from pg. 1

cial. The partners are looking forward to offering some surf and turf or a flown-in, like clams and oysters. McNamara said the restaurant has no corporate ties so the prices can be scaled down somewhat.

Langhorne said they're hoping to get high school athletes in for a pre-game meal, paid in part by donations from the community. He said, "kids need to learn a few things," including decorum off the field and in a restaurant.

McNamara also said they hope to "focus on kids," by featuring a "Student of the Month."

"We want to be part of the community," said McNamara, "and with Reggie's connections, we may not be able to quite match the Canton Hall of Fame," but they'll have stuff from athletes like Sammy Sosa, Ted Williams and more.

Langhorne said he's contacting every Browns backer. "I'm asking them to send us one piece, and we'll put the memorabilia on one wall. When they come in they can get a picture with their stuff," he said.

"The vestibule will have a local flavor," said McNamara, filled with photos of friends in their younger and more athletic days, like someone in his high school football uniform.

Obviously excited about the new venture, McNamara said the new place is going to be a combination Sports Bar, Hard Rock and Planet Hollywood.

"Everything's on schedule," he said, but he and Langhorne want to make sure everything is done correctly. "We're not going to cut corners," he said.

Langhorne owned a small restaurant in Virginia for a few years and knows what it takes to make it run smoothly, including an experienced manager, which they have in Phil Lowell, who spent eight years with TGI Fridays.

Again stressing their desire to become part of North Ridgeville, Langhorne said they hope to play in golf tournaments, sponsor a softball team and be involved in other community-oriented events.



Valedictorian
Jessica Kearney.

Vice-President National Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa Award. Member of youth group. Awarded Lee University Centennial Scholarship. Daughter of Richard and Leonila Kearney.



Salutatorian
Judy Che

President of sophomore and junior class, Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted. Member of choir, French Club, student council, student forum. Awarded University Scholarship at Boston University. Daughter of Peter and Annie Che.

Meet North Ridgeville High School Class of 2000

Amidst laughter and tears, hugs and kisses, leis and banners, the North Ridgeville High School Class of 2000 graduated Tuesday night, leaving high school behind to head to the ranks of higher education, employment, military service or marriage.

Class President, Erin Shaffer, along with Vice President Melani Thomas, Secretary, Jon Kost and Treasurer, Tim Allen, led their senior class to end of their long journey and to the beginning of adulthood.

In the days just before commencement, Shaffer recalled the many things the Class of 2000 had accomplished. She said, "Ninety seniors passed all senior proficiency tests and were awarded the \$500 scholarship."

Lee Gehring won the water tower design contest, she said.

Some of the fun stuff the senior class did was hold barbecues and other picnics throughout the year, and also were awarded the first three rows in the student parking lot "For Seniors Only."

Not forgetting the support they have had, Shaffer said, "We have had a group of parents called 'The Secret Senior Society' leaving us decorated lockers, small gifts and other treats to surprise us during the year."

Those students who graduated in the NRHS Class of 2000 are:

Timothy John Allen, Antonio Ariel Andrade, Stephanie Lynn Arena, Jennifer Ann Artim, Gregory William Ashton, Justin Chad Baker, Ryan Donald Baker, Amber Lynn Bales, Louise Marie Barbera, Neal George Barrett, Lauren Danielle Bartolozzi, Michael William Bastock, Elissa Lea Baughman, Keith Robert Beaver, Melissa Sue Bechtel, Chrystal Joy Behan, Michael John Berish, Christian James Berry, Matthew Charles Betzel, Jennifer Nicole Bias, Christopher Lee Borges, Michael James Bowles, David James Bridgeland, Janet Lynn Bright, Robert Keith Bright, III, Amy Katherine Cameron, Kenneth Ross Campana, Robert Patrick Campbell, Sarah Elizabeth Campbell, Cassandra Nicole Caraballo, John Paul Carriere, Jessica Lynn Carter, Molly Catherine Casper, Scott Michael Cassidy.

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Jeremy Mitchell, Heather Lynn Mogilnicki, Matthew James Mogilnicki, Michael Aron Moyes, Brad Marshall Myers, Chad Michael Nelson, Frederick Ralph Neumann II, Ilmo Veli Juhani Niittymaki (He is a foreign exchange student and will receive a certificate, but will not graduate from NRHS), Stephanie Lynne Nosal, Kristie Ann O'Connor, Leah Jane Olsieski, Robert Michael Ortosky, Tracy Anne Oster, Jeffrey Gregory Pajer, David Allen Palange, Jason Michael Paris, Steven Loren Parker, Rebecca Ann Perkins, Stephanie Ann Perry, Misty Pinter, Jennifer Michelle Pollarine, Rebecca Jo Price, Jamie Lee Qualkinbush, Jodie Ann Qualkinbush, Melissa Lynn Ramaley, Lorian Leigh Reese, James Aaron Reichle, Julie Arwen Reinke, Ryan Anthony Reynolds, Brandon Robert Rogers, Joann Elaine Rogers, Kevin Michael Roman.

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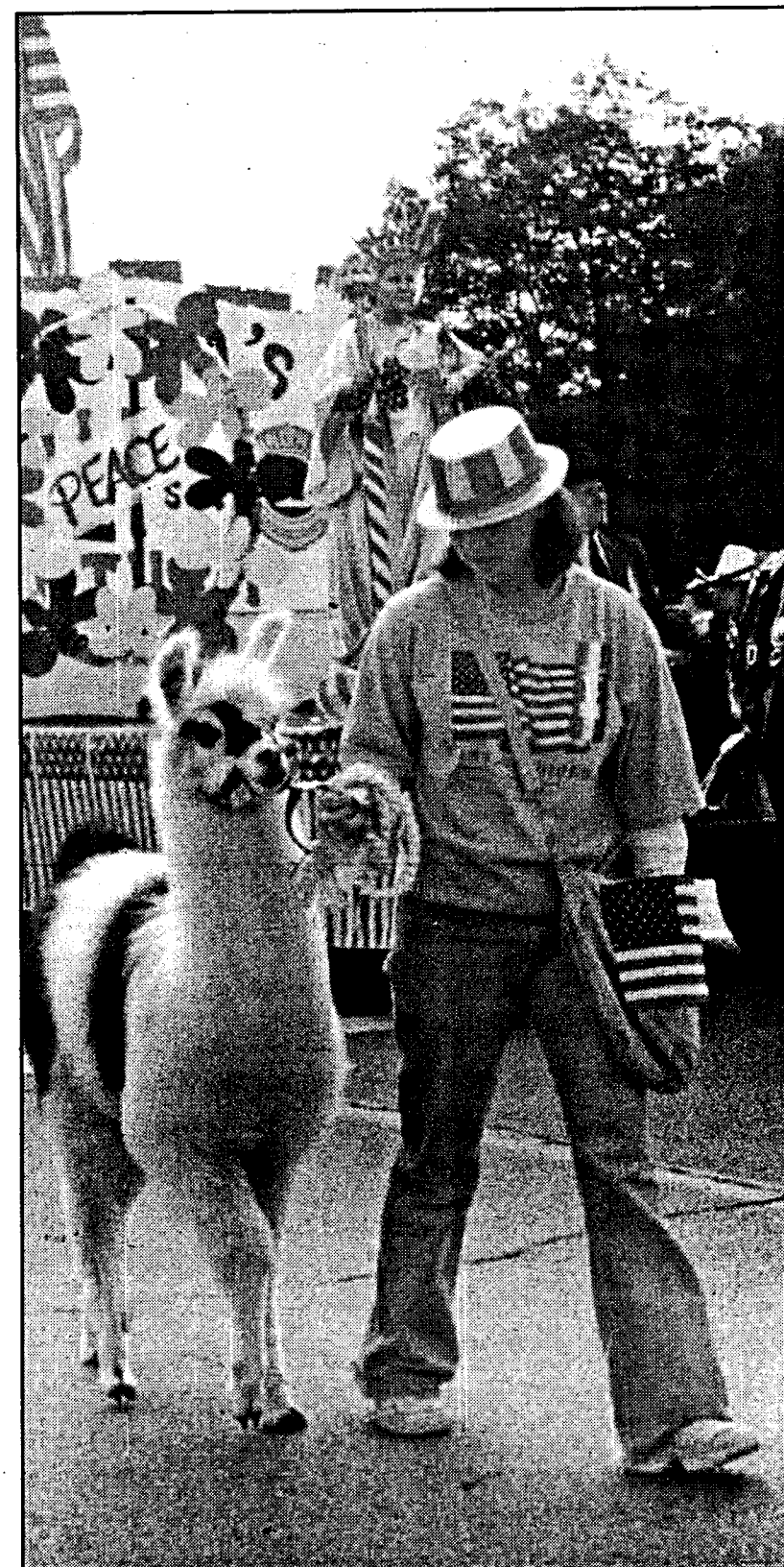
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Lions Club float pulled by the Kuchenrither horses, wins 3rd place in the Memorial Day parade.



These girls were the winners in this year's decorated bike contest on Memorial Day; Taylor Comerford, Rebecca Sas and Michelle Bing.



The North Ridgeville High School Rangerettes high-step along Center Ridge Road in the parade.



Members of the VFW remember the war dead in a ceremony at the Old Town Hall.

County sponsors hazardous waste collection

June 10 is Lorain County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, a free program, sponsored by the Lorain County Commissioners and the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District, to help Lorain County residents dispose of hazardous materials that may have accumulated at their homes.

Between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. certain materials may be taken to Lorain County Community College, 1005 North Abbe Rd., Elyria or to Lorain County Joint Vocational School, 15181 State Rt. 58, Oberlin.

The materials should be in original packaging, if possible, and lids tightened securely. Items should be labeled, if known. Leaking containers should be packed in boxes surrounded by cat litter or sawdust.

Those items that will be accepted at the sites are:

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Toxins: Rat poison, smoke detectors, mercury, roofing tar, antifreeze, flares,

medications, driveway sealer, weed killers, insect killers, fluorescent bulbs.

Items that are not acceptable are: ammunition, tires, trash, biomedical waste (blood, needles), explosives, light bulbs, recyclables, business waste or materials.

Next month the Ohio Appliance Recycling Round-Up will be held for five days - July 10 to July 15 - at North Ridgeville's service garage, 35010 Bainbridge Rd.

July 10 to July 14, the hours for drop-off will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on July 15 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The collection is free to Lorain County residents, but participants must provide proof of Lorain County residency. CFCs need not be removed for the special collection week only.

The acceptable items for drop-off are: washing machines, dryers, stoves, ranges, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, microwave ovens, dehumidifiers, trash compactors, bikes, storm doors, miscellaneous small appliances and scrap items.

For more information on either the Hazardous Waste Collection or the Recycling Round-Up, call 1-800-HHW-LINE.

Lawton named NRHS Teacher of the Month

The Professional Excellence Recognition Committee of North Ridgeville High School has selected Carol Lawton as Teacher of the Month for April.

Lawton teaches dimensional geometry 2 and 3, as well as integrated math 2 at NRHS.

She has a bachelor's degree from Wittenberg University along with math certification from Baldwin Wallace College, and has been teaching for the past 12 years.

Lawton enjoys reading, and she is on the

State Board of PEO, an International Women's Organization that raises money to go to college. She also helps in the children's education department at Bay Presbyterian Church.

She and her husband, Doug, have two children, Brent, 18 and Bill, 16.

PERC is a committee made up of teachers on the NRHS staff who would like to recognize other teachers in the building who are doing an outstanding job in their classroom.

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Homeowners scoff at engineer's approval

By Carol Klear

Eleven months after Ron and Sara Siemientkowski moved into their new home on Gloria Avenue, City Engineer Stewart Lovece has approved the grade.

"I approved the grade last night," he said on Friday, "the builder has complied with grading. The drain was moved and they backfilled the top soil around the foundation."

But the Siemientkowskis aren't impressed. In fact, they say the drain that was moved "left little chuckholes around," which could be dangerous. They also take issue with Lovece's claim of backfilling, saying a few shovels full of dirt were spread around, but not enough to say it was graded.

This is just one incident in an 11-month battle the Siemientkowskis have been having with the city, the Lorain County Health Department and Moreland Homes.

It began with Siemientkowski learning that a high level of radon was seeping into their home. They also discovered cracks in the basement walls and floor and that their sump wasn't covered, as well as other things they felt should have been corrected. They also insist that raw sewage from a neighbor's damaged septic line was allowed to leech to their lot and the house constructed over it, creating a health hazard. When it seemed their demands were being ignored, they took to the street with picket signs.

Over the past few weeks, they have

begun their street protests again, stating that they are being ignored by the city, the builder and the Health Department. Recently their lot was seeded, but since the grade had not been approved, they said they would not cut the grass. "It can grow up to the gutters," Ron Siemientkowski told The Press & Light recently. "We didn't plant it and we're not going to cut it."

On May 19, they said a message was left on their answering machine, notifying them that a complaint had been filed about the tall grass.

Building Inspector Paul Blanchette said that the couple stopped at the Building Department on May 22 and he gave them a copy of the complaint, but he also sent them a written complaint, notifying them that according to city ordinance they must cut their grass. A sign was also posted in front of their home.

According to Blanchette, the Siemientkowskis have 10 days from the day he receives their receipt of the written notice from the Council Clerk, to cut the grass, or the city will hire someone to cut it and put a lien on their house for cost.

"I have not received back from the Clerk of Council either receipt or non-receipt," said Blanchette.

But Ron Siemientkowski said he never received the notice.

He also said he and his wife would continue to picket.



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Middle school track

Lady Rangers go undefeated

The middle school Lady Ranger track team had another fantastic season. They went undefeated in the dual portion of their schedule with a record of 7-0. The team also won a plaque in the New London Relays and a trophy at the 7th grade Pioneer Conference Invitational. The highlight of the season was Amy Stermole's school record shot-put throw of 31 feet, 7 inches.

The top 10 scorers on the team were: Jenny Hanchosky, 117 points; Alana Grant, 112 points; Heather Miller, 110 points; Crystal Matjastic, 107 points; Tina Koenig, 104 points; Britney Kichurchak, 90 points; Kelly Hughes, 88 points; Alison Zupancic, 87 points; Amy Stermole, 84 points; Michelle Lopez 78 points.

Moxey Lady of the Meet honors were awarded to Tina Koenig (three times), Amy Stermole (twice), Jenny Hanchosky (twice), Sarah Perrier, Kelly Hughes, Heather Miller, Erika Swanson and Amanda Bly.

Team captains were Mandy Fitzgerald, Alana Grant, Britney Kichurchak, Tina Koenig and Alison Zupancic.

Plaques were awarded to: Tina Koenig, 8th grade MVP; Jenny Hanchosky, 7th grade MVP; Britney Kichurchak and Alison Zupancic, 8th grade Sportsmanship; Erika Swanson, 7th Grade sportsmanship; Heather Miller, 8th Grade Most Improved; Stacie Peters, 7th grade Most Improved; Alana Grant, 8th grade Top Runner; Michelle Lopez, 7th grade Top Runner; Amy Stermole, 8th grade Top Field Eventer; Kelly Hughes, 7th grade Top Field Eventer.

Coaches Jim Hase and Pati Habenicht thank their managers Kristin Bianca, Char Harrington, Mallory Manke, Colleen Walker and Courtney Zupancic for their help. The team thanks the parents who rooted them on to victory.

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Hospice: offering positive care and comfort

By Carol Klear

Part 1

Judy Flickinger has been a nurse for 38 years, but she looks on the last 11 as the best of her career.

Sitting in her favorite room — glass-enclosed and overlooking the wooded yard of her Mills Creek home — Flickinger looks very much the professional in a soft-colored suit and hair that curls gently around her face.

The entire presentation, especially the warm smile, that displays deep dimples from time to time, belies her 59 years, making her appear too young to have nurtured others for more than three decades. But Flickinger insists she earned her RN in Pennsylvania nearly 40 years ago, and has worked in nearly every phase of nursing, including the emergency room, medical surgical, orthopedics, private service and at one time she assisted an ear surgeon, which proved a most exciting experience.

The surgeon's special technique which helped those denied the gift of hearing, to enjoy conversation, music, the warbling of birds and other audibles, was in such demand, that "physicians would fly in from all over the world," she said, and she would help in their training.

"It was really interesting," said Flickinger, especially watching the face of someone whose hearing was restored within 15 minutes after being unable to hear for 25 years.

In 1973 she came to Ohio and with three young children, she put her nursing on hold and went to work as manager of the North Ridge Racquet Club, which is where she met Roger Flickinger, her husband of 15 years.

Although she sidelined her profession for a few years, she never lost her love of caring for people, and as she enthuses about her experiences, there is no doubt that Flickinger was born to be a nurse. But 11 years ago, she began a part of her career that has turned the RN from being excited about her work, to being "passionate."

Judy Flickinger became a hospice nurse.

Hospice. Some say the word in hushed tones, seeming to fear the utterance. And the hospice nurse is often looked on as a merciful angel of death.

But Flickinger said the perception is inaccurate. Rather than sounding the death knell, she said, the hospice team provides positive comfort and care for a patient who acknowledges, "I know there is no cure for my disease," while asking, "help me to be comfortable and help my family; and let me go on living as long as I can."

Another misconception about the philosophy of hospice is that it is for cancer patients. "When I first started," said Flickinger, "85 to 90 percent were cancer patients," but today cancer accounts for only 60 percent of those who enlist hospice. The remainder are persons who have heart, lung, and kidney diseases, or ALS, AIDS, Parkinson's or Alzheimer's.

"We keep them living at home," she said.

Hospice nurses do not stand alone in helping those with incurable diseases, there is an entire team that provides support and comfort to both the individual and to the family, though all the hospice nurses are RNs, said Judy, and the care is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Flickinger presently is the Coordinator of Professional and Community Services for the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice of Cleveland. "My area is western Cuyahoga County, and all of Lorain County," she said. Professionals and community service are coordinated, and Flickinger's role is that of education, which includes teaching classes at Cleveland State University, as well as Cuyahoga Community College and Ashland University.

Her past involvement includes working as a hospice case manager, hospital clinical liaison, development coordinator, initiating and developing a long-term care and bridge program for hospice.

In VNA "We do system management," she said. There are home health aides, physical and occupational therapists, as well as dietitians. Social workers are also part of the team and sometimes must help family members face the realities of life. "Some women have never written a check," said Flickinger, "and they look at the piles of bills and their husband is lying there dying. The social worker takes them through it."

There is advice concerning Medicare and Medicaid, as well as private insurance, she explained. Medicare helps pay for hospice care, said Flickinger, in the event of a life-limiting illness of usually six months or less duration, if the disease progresses, as expected. However, she recalled one patient who, through the care he received from hospice, lived a quality life for two years. When Medicare balked at paying, "we went to court," said Flickinger, "and won."

A chaplain, as well as a medical director is also part of the hospice program, as are a very special part of the group — the volunteers. The hospice chaplain, she said, does not offer religion, but rather spirituality, "which can be different," she said.

Hospice can also provide physical equipment such as

beds, tables, commodes. Flickinger remembered one instance in which the individual was lying in a waterbed. Crawling across the waterbed "wasn't pretty," she said, but that is where the person felt comfortable and that is where care was given.

The hospice team is not restricted to home care, but very often serve people in nursing homes, said Flickinger.

"Anyone can call the hospice program," she said and request information. "Just tell me what's going on and we'll talk about it," she said.

With the hospice program, there is no cure for the patient's disease, and "there are not a lot of invasive procedures," said Flickinger, adding, "why put someone through that...we're experts at pain management."

At the colleges, Flickinger teaches end of life care, something in which physicians have not been trained, she said. "The time to learn is before you get sick."

In her 11 years of caring for hospice patients, Judy Flickinger said she has never had a family tell her they were sorry they had entered the program, usually she said she receives letters from families saying, "we couldn't have done it without you."

A woman, whose mother died in 1996, wrote, "...my only regret is that I did not realize sooner that hospice existed and could make the end of life a peaceful and pain-free time..."

Another family wrote, "Words can never express how much we appreciate what you did for Donna during her ill-

ness, and for steering us to hospice..."

An important part of the program, is "honesty," she said, "we must deal with things as they are. The bottom line is that 50 percent of hospice patients die within 14 days." Previously, patients could expect to die in the sterility of a hospital, with hospice they can be in their own homes, comforted by the familiarity of their surroundings and in the midst of their families.



Judy Flickinger

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A Better Future - America's Role in the 21st Century

By Ryan Lucas

Editor's Note: Ryan Lucas, a 9th grade student at Lake Ridge Academy, is this year's winner in the annual Voice of Democracy Contest, sponsored by the VFW.

It has been a long time since America was but a small territory, claiming its independence from the might of England. Along the way America and its people have faced many joys and pains. From the guilt we felt when we saw the Jewish prisoners that we could not save, to the pride we felt knowing that we helped end World Wars I and II. The tears of sadness we cried when JFK was murdered and the tears of joy we shed when Neil Armstrong took his first step on the lunar surface. Now is the turn of the century. What will be our role in the coming future?

Around us, other countries of the world are in turmoil. Some are held down by the crushing weight of debt and economic problems. Some have their freedom stripped from them by corrupt governments and their rulers. Others have enormous populations, and not enough food, water and medicine to supply them with. Whatever their problem is, these countries call out for help. This will be the role of America, to help other countries in turmoil. Many of their troubles are all too familiar to America. Now we have the opportunity to provide our experience to assist our neighbors, and make the world a little better, a little happier

and a little safer for the future.

A van bounces up and down as it rides down a narrow dirt path. Thick jungle surrounds the path on both sides. In the passenger seat sits a young woman. Around her neck is a stethoscope. It took her nine years of college to earn the right to carry it. The van approaches a clearing in the jungle. A group of small huts are clustered together inside the clearing. Children stop the games they were playing and stare at the van as it slows to a stop in the center of the village. The woman unbuckles her seat belt and pulls out her medical bag. As she gets out she sees a tiny young girl that looks about 5 years old. The little girl stares at the woman and then her eyes shift to the side of the van where she sees a white block, behind a large red cross. The girl's eyes light up, and a grin spreads across her face at the sight.

In another part of the world a group of rag-tag freedom fighters hold out desperately. Around them are the explosions of mortars, and the scream of machine gun fire. The men realize that their situation is hopeless. Their attempt to overthrow the government that had been oppressing them has failed. Then, the beleaguered warriors hear a new sound. It is a dull rumbling on the horizon like thunder. Then one of the soldiers holding binoculars screams, "Airplanes, airplanes!" From those planes stream out American paratroopers. They fill the sky like snowflakes dropping onto the battlefield. Soon the men can hear the echo-

ing roar, followed by the brilliant explosions coming from the guns of American naval ships. The revolutionaries smile and charge out of their positions with renewed vigor and hope. Their situation has changed in an instant, and now they know that they can win.

Elsewhere two powerful and influential men step out of a building in Washington DC. Just a year ago these two men would wish the other were dead. These two men are the leaders of countries that have been rivals for years. These men have fought political and real wars again each other for a long time. Recently, their mutual friend, the President of the United States, had been encouraging them to make a plan for peace. At first they stubbornly declined. But after a while, the President wore them down and convinced them to hold peace meetings. With a little encouragement, they began to compromise and start seeing eye to eye. Soon they had agreed on a plan to resolve their differences, and were now about to announce this plan to the world.

This is the future. A future where the problems the world faces now can be resolved. America will play a role in this future. Now America can share the values and ideals that it has with the other countries of the world. We can share our experiences and help others through their turmoil. This will not only strengthen our neighbors, but it will strengthen us. It will also strengthen the world, and make the new millennium a better one.



Ryan Lucas

Remember the fat, but don't forget to count calories

By Brenda Adderly, M.H.A.

High Tech Health Comes Home
Experts are constantly reminding us that we are getting heavier and, as a result, less healthy. The latest such study comes from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Their findings show that although two-thirds of 36,000 overweight individuals polled say they exercise to lose weight, they are falling far short of the recommended 30 minutes per day, five days a week. Among the reasons given for the lack of activity: not understanding the benefits of exercise and insufficient motivation.

Personally, I've also noticed that many people are simply confused and/or overwhelmed by the idea of taking control of their own health. With such a wealth of information, it's hard to tell where to begin, and even harder to find the time to sort it all out. Most of us don't even have time to make dinner, let alone figure out how many calories it should contain or how many

we've burned off during the day. Fortunately, technology is about to come to our rescue.

Imagine turning on your computer and measuring the number of calories you burned during the day, or monitoring your body composition or hydration level. Wouldn't that make life easier? I was very excited to learn that devices that can do all these things - and much more - are becoming available soon. And they're not only easy to use but quick and accurate, too. With tools like these simplifying health and fitness, it's going to be harder than ever to find an excuse for not shaping up. For more information about these developments, visit www.stayhealthy.com.

Less Fat, More Fab

It seems Americans have taken the "fat is bad" message to heart. Unfortunately, along the way, they've forgotten the sister phrase - "calories count." Results of an ongoing government study, announced at the

Experimental Biology 2000 Conference, show that people are shunning obvious high-fat foods, like butter and steak. But at the same time, they're loading up on high-calorie, fat-free fare. And the misconception that fat-free foods don't cause weight gain is at the heart of the national obesity crisis.

Researchers at the USDA, FDA, and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge found that the total average calorie intake for Americans soared nearly 10 percent between 1991 and 1995, with foods high in sugar leading the way. Pasta, bread, and muffins were cited as some examples of foods people believed they could eat in large quantities because they were low in fat or fat-free. The truth is, the only foods that are low in fat and calories are fruits and vegetables. Load up on those first and you won't have to worry about getting too much fat or sugar.

Got Juice?

Many people who have suffered from uri-

nary tract infections have found relief with cranberry juice. But did you know it also has antibacterial abilities? According to a new study reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, bacteria cultures containing cranberry concentrate grew far less than cultures without cranberry. These findings suggest that drinking cranberry juice might help keep a number of unhealthy bacteria at bay.

Meanwhile, researchers in Canada say that flavonoids, the naturally occurring substances in orange and tangerine juice, cut the growth of certain types of cancer cells in laboratory studies by 50 percent. The best results come from juice itself. Flavonoid supplements did not provide the same cancer fighting benefits as actual juice, possibly because juice contains other compounds that enhance the flavonoid activity.

Brenda Adderly is the author of 14 books about health. If you have questions, visit Brenda at www.stayhealthy.com.

Horoscopes:

Aries - March 21/April 20

You have some big ambitions this week, Aries. However, you have to put them on hold until Friday, because a loved one needs your help with a family matter. Don't resent the fact that you have to get involved. You know that this is an important matter. Do everything that you can to improve the situation.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Keep your temper under control early in the week when an acquaintance disagrees with you about a financial matter. He or she purposely is trying to upset you. Don't give him or her the satisfaction of seeing you get angry. A loved one asks you for romantic advice. Be honest with this person - even if what you have to say won't be appreciated.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

You have a lot to do this week, Gemini. So, stay focused. Don't let a good friend distract you on Tuesday; there's too much to be done. However, don't get discouraged. If you work diligently Monday through Friday, you'll have plenty of time to relax and enjoy yourself during the weekend.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Your hectic lifestyle of late gives you a break this week, Cancer. Enjoy it! Take the time to contact a close friend with whom you haven't spoken to in a while. He or she will be glad to hear from you, and you're sure to learn some interesting information. A loved one needs a shoulder to cry on this weekend. Be there for him or her.

Leo - July 23/August 23

You find yourself a new hobby early in the week, Leo. Have fun with it, and don't feel guilty about putting too much energy into it. It's a worthwhile endeavor. A business associate wants to get to know you better. Don't become involved with this person. It's sure to strain your working relationship.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

A close friend gets into financial trouble and asks to borrow money. While you definitely should help him or her, don't be overly generous. You're sure to run into your own dif-

ficulties later in the week. Sagittarius plays an important role on Friday.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

A loved one shares an important piece of information with you. Listen carefully to what is said, and give this person your opinion. However, once the conversation is over, keep your mouth shut. This is your one-and-only opportunity to talk about the situation. Leo plays a key role.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Be honest when a business associate asks you an important question. This person may not appreciate what you have to say, but he or she needs to hear the truth. That special someone has a surprise for you late in the week. Enjoy yourself, because you certainly deserve it.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

Try to look on the bright side of things when you have a personal problem late in the week. It really isn't as bad as it seems. If you take the time to examine the situation, you're sure to realize this. A loved one introduces you to an interesting person on Saturday. Get to know him or her better.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

Don't be shy when it comes to defending yourself against an acquaintance who tries to make you look bad. Just tell the truth, and this person doesn't stand a chance. However, if you stoop to his or her level, you're just asking for trouble. A close friend offers you some constructive criticism late in the week. Take it.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

You have an important decision to make this week, Aquarius. Don't fly by the seat of your pants. Look at all of the pros and cons of the situation, and make a rational choice. Turn to that special someone for advice if you need it. He or she won't steer you in the wrong direction.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

While you would like to help a loved one in need early in the week, Pisces, be careful about getting involved. There is more going on here than you realize. A close friend takes you out on Thursday. Enjoy yourself.

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The bride is the daughter of Richard and Terri Lanser of North Ridgeville.

The groom is the son of Ron and Sandy Utterback of North Ridgeville.

The matron of honor was Terri Lanser, mother of the bride.

The best man was Tom Tench of Lakewood, friend of the groom.

Mrs. Lamb graduated from Elyria Catholic High School in 1996. She is employed as an assistant manager at Gym-boree in North Olmsted.

Her husband is a 1989 graduate of Lakewood High School. He is employed as a Cleveland policeman.

The couple reside in Cleveland.

Campus Notes:

Jonathon Arlen Masica of Bay Berry Circle, received a BA degree from Miami University in Oxford on May 7.

Kim Cheon, a senior at North Ridgeville High School, has received a Dean's Award scholarship to attend the Columbus college of Art & Design (CCAD). The merit scholarship was awarded as a result of an art portfolio competition held at the college which was judged by a team of CCAD faculty members.

She will begin her studies this fall. She is the daughter of Michael and Celeste Cheon, Sugar Ridge Road.

Megan McNamara of Dorchester Avenue was named to the winter's dean list at the University of Cincinnati.

Daniel John Klingshirn, a freshman majoring in civil engineering, was named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of South Carolina.

Julia Musson, a graduate of Magnificat High School, received a BA degree in biology, with honors, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, from the College of Wooster on May 15.

At Wooster, Musson served as a resident assistant and was a member of the Newman Catholic Student Association and the Inter-faith Council.

Musson's senior Independent Study project was titled, "The Persistence of Sporidial Microbotryum violaceum Populations within Silene alba."

Carolina Noga of Avon Belden Road has been a tutor in the America Reads Program at Ashland University.

Obituaries:

LILLIAN I. POWELL

Lillian I. Powell (nee LaViers), 90 of North Ridgeville died May 25 at Center Ridge Nursing Home after a short illness.

Born in Manchester, Ohio, she moved from Phoenix, Ariz., to North Ridgeville in 1985. She lived in Phoenix for 30 years. At one time, she lived in Lakewood.

She was a volunteer with the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

Mrs. Powell enjoyed doing crafts, sewing and cooking.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Donaldson of North Ridgeville; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and a sister.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard T. in 1980; a daughter, Patricia L. Seibel; her parents and a brother.

A memorial service was held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home, with Mrs. Ruth Campbell, of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in Elyria, officiating.

Memorials may be made to the North Ridgeville Office for Older Adults, 7307 Avon Belden Rd., North Ridgeville 44039.

JAMES RALPH HERRON

James Ralph Herron, 80, of North Ridgeville, died May 29 at his home following a short illness.

He was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1959 moving from Cleveland.

He worked as an RTA bus driver, retiring in 1981, after 20 years of service.

He served as a lieutenant in the Merchant Marines during WW II.

Mr. Herron was a member of St.

Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville and also the North Ridgeville Senior Center.

He enjoyed wood crafting, bowling and dancing.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Lorraine D. (nee Thomas); one son, James of North Ridgeville; four daughters, Carol Gray of Cleveland, Terri Gest of North Ridgeville, Susan Davis of North Ridgeville Dona Sewell of Cleveland; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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

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

Burial was in Resthaven Memory Gardens, Avon.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Hospice, 5255 North Abbe Rd., Elyria, 44035.

Sport Shorts:

At the May 2 Pioneer Conference meeting, high school principals authorized an investigation into the possible expansion of the league, and directed the membership committee, chaired by Medina High School Principal, Dr. Linda Ocepke, to continue the work of the ad hoc Improvement Committee.

Ocepke will invite schools to meet with the committee to discuss expanding the league, with the discussion process to begin in the fall. A recommendation is expected to be made to high school principals by the spring of 2001.

Banruptcies:

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

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The Cleveland Botanical Garden Flower Show is memory

By Thea Steinmetz

The opening day of the Cleveland Botanical Garden Flower Show by all accounts was a huge success. The weather cooperated as visitors in great numbers flooded to see this premier event.

The preview crowd the previous evening did not fare as well. The festive gathering had to scramble to stay dry as the dining tents had not been constructed for the heavy rains that marred the sponsors and supporters evening.

The next morning the sun was out and the horticulture exhibits gardens and ven-

dor's tents filled all of Wade Park Oval. The hot and muggy weather did not wipe the smile off all that had come in anticipation. Since this is a generous venue, one could not say that it was crowded.

Cleveland deserves a first class summer outdoor event such as this. All those coming from near and far were not disappointed. Buses rolled in from many cities and since the Cleveland Museum of Art currently is featuring a major exhibit on the Faces of Impressionism, Portraits from American

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Fire Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

Two residents of the North Ridge Apartments, 35900 Westminster Rd., got stuck in the elevator when it stalled at the second floor May 26.

Firemen unlocked the door with a drop key and pulled the doors open. Management was to advise the Otis Elevator Co. of the malfunction.

Home fires burning

A Gregory Street man was admonished about open burning May 27 when firefighters answered a complaint of smoke pouring from a pile of burning pine trees in his backyard. Firefighters doused the blaze and issued him a written warning.

A Creekside Lane man discovered a pile of burning leaves at the rear of his property May 26. He surmised that the fire was started by kids in the neighborhood. Firemen used two water cans to extinguish the blaze.

Good Samaritan

A passing truck driver helped a Berea man put out a fire under the hood of his 1986 Chevy Blazer on the turnpike westbound May 25 at about 10 p.m.

The fire, which apparently started in the oil pan, was out when firefighters arrived. The Ohio State Patrol was also on the scene.

Don't melt the ice cream

Oil in a deep-fat fryer caught fire at the Dairy Grove, 35455 Center Ridge Rd., May 20, but a sprinkler in the stove hood put the fire before firefighters arrived. Nevertheless, the fire caused \$500 in damage.

The heating element was still hot when the owner was in the process of changing the oil, according to reports. Oil on the element caught fire and flared up.

Puddle puzzle

A mysterious bubbling puddle at the Mills Creek Marathon gas station, 32700 Center Ridge Rd., drew firemen over for a looksee on May 19 at about 6:30 p.m.

The bubbling puddle was also giving off vapor, firemen found. They drained the puddle to reveal a capped test well. This they uncapped and found vapor escaping from an underground vertical pipe. At the base of this pipe was water which appeared to be boiling.

They determined there was no apparent hazard and left the station owner to investigate further.

Propane alert

A propane alarm went off in a mobile home in a trailer park on Bradley Road May 24. On arrival, firemen traced the escaping gas to a side storage shed where several tanks of propane were stored. The reading in the shed was 14 parts per million. The residents were advised to leave the trailer and call their propane supplier about the tanks, one or more of which may have been leaking.

Line low

Firefighters had to lift a telephone line on

Ridgeview Avenue May 24 so a schoolbus picking children up for morning classes could get by. The line was hanging low over the street, preventing the bus from passing. Alltel was informed of the droopy line.

No permit

A police officer on patrol blew the whistle on residents of a Center Ridge Road home who had a recreational bonfire going on May 20 approaching midnight. Firemen used one water can to put the fire, which measured three feet by three feet, out. The residents had no open burning permit.

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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.
N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
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

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

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

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.
SANDY RIDGE WETLAND CENTER, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. "Breeding Birds" (HSP).

SUNDAY

VFW #9871, 8 p.m. Meeting at the post.

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.
N.R. LIBRARY, 1 p.m. "Out of This World Magic" by Magician Jim Kleefeld.
HARVEST LIFE BEREAVEMENT CENTER, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. "Mourning Hearts" support group for parents who have lost a child to death. 6:30 p.m. "Harvest Hope" support group for people who have experienced the death of someone close. 5255 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria 934-1482/info.
BASEBALL-SOFTBALL BOOSTERS, 7 p.m. Park & Rec. Office.
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m. Gates Medical Bldg. 125 E. Broad St., Elyria.
N.R. LIBRARY, 7 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
VFW #9871, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Aux. at the post.

TUESDAY

N.R. LIBRARY, 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Preschool Story Time.
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.
TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.
PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m. Council Chambers.
PRE-SCHOOL PTA, 7:30 p.m. Middle School cafeteria.
VFW #9871, 7:30 p.m. Men's County Council at the post.
GARDEN CLUB, 7:30 p.m.

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.
N.R. LIBRARY, 1 p.m. Adult Book Discussion Group. 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. Crafts for Grades 1-5.
WEIGHT WATCHERS, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. First Congregational Church, 36363 Center Ridge Rd. 1-800-487-4777/info.
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE, 7:30 p.m. Park & Rec. Office.
BAND BOOSTERS, 7:30 p.m. Middle School Band Room.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m. Old Town Hall.
VFW #9871, 8 p.m. Men's Meeting at the post.

Garden Show from pg. 14

Collections, University Circle and Cleveland looked like a city that has a lot to offer.

This flower show was billed as a Chelsea type event and for a first effort all the planning, organizing and implementation was well executed. The army of volunteers as always handled the tasks at hand with great care. I have seldom seen so many happy smiles on people's faces.

Folks came to look, learn and oh and ah. The ahs certainly were heard at the marvelous rose covered arch that leads into the rose garden. The terrible storm the day before did not seem to damage glory of the roses. The Japanese Garden, the Wildflower Garden, the Rose Garden and the Herb Garden are all permanent installations at the Cleveland Botanical Garden and may be visited and enjoyed throughout the year. The Children's Garden is the newest addition and at this time is simply gloriously planted.

The landscaper's gardens were designed for the lawn and one could stroll around at leisure. There were some wonderful ideas one could transfer to a home setting. Regal delphiniums and stately foxglove always delight a gardener's heart.

The mixture of plants was admirable. The colors sprung out at you. Many of the new Proven Winner varieties, such as the self-cleaning petunia and bacopa filled the spaces. Hostas also were in some of the gardens as they are almost a must for shady areas in today's landscape.

Visitors had come to see the signature plant of the show, the strikingly blue Himalayan poppy, featured in all the show's publicity. This plant is so new to the American market that few people know anything about it. Yes, there were Himalayan poppy plants for sale but they were all sold within the first hour of the show. None were in bloom and now one could guarantee that they would bloom in our climate. It demonstrates how hungry we all are for something new and unusual and are willing to pay a premium for the pleasure of having a plant few, if any other gardeners have.

Plant Societies were also on hand to give advice on their particular specialties. The Dahlia Society was a busy place as this flower is enjoying a renaissance.

The vendor's tents, all arranged along one walk, were neatly arranged and the array of merchandise was most pleasing. It was difficult not to go on a buying spree. There was a stone bench I had my eye on but managed to resist the temptation.

Police Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A 5-year-old boy was killed in a two-vehicle collision on State Rte. 10 May 28.

The boy was riding in a westbound 1994 Ford Explorer driven by his mother, Jennifer Hunter, 24, of LaGrange, when she apparently lost control of the vehicle on the wet roadway during heavy rain, according to police.

The SUV spun 180 degrees and went backwards onto the grass median, continued traveling backwards through the median, drove off the median into the eastbound lanes, spun another 180 degrees and collided head-on with a 1983 Buick driven by Fredrick Berg, 56, of Oberlin.

Hunter, her sons, 6 and 5, and Berg were taken to Elyria Memorial Hospital. But Tyler, 5, was transferred by Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital where he died of injuries, police said. Cause of death was extensive head trauma, according to the Cuyahoga County Coroner's office.

None of the victims was wearing a seat belt, police said. The accident remains under investigation.

Bouncers really bounce

Police are investigating a Columbia Station man's complaint that bouncers at the Boot Scoot'n Saloon, 38929 Center Ridge Rd., choked him until he passed out, dragged his limp body to the door and threw him out.

The man, 23, said he was at the bar on May 19 when, at about 2 a.m., another man grabbed his girlfriend's buttocks. When the alleged victim told the man not to touch her, the man punched him in the jaw and both fell to the floor.

At this, he said, bouncers grabbed him and smashed his face into the floor, then choked him until he lost consciousness. When he came to, he was outside in the rain and wearing only one shoe, he said.

His story was corroborated by a witness who said he was upstairs in the karaoke room when his sister ran up and told him that the Columbia Station man was in a fight. When they got downstairs, he said, three bouncers were on top of the alleged victim. He said he did not see any of the bouncers strike the Columbia Station man, but did see them pick him up by his throat, put him in a headlock and walk towards the door. The alleged victim was not resisting, but the bouncers slammed his head into the door four times and threw him outside, the witness said.

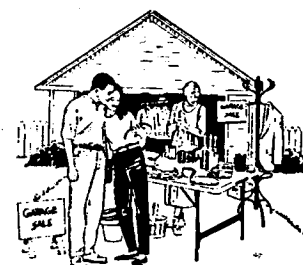
Police took photos of the man's injuries. They include a swelling and scrape on the bridge of the nose, bruised mouth inside and out, and scrapes and bumps on his knees, head and neck.

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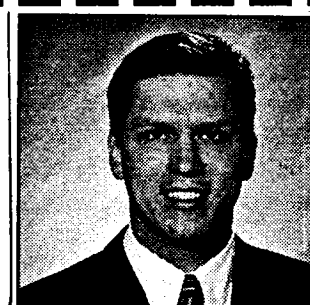
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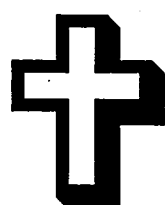
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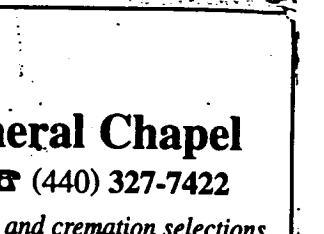
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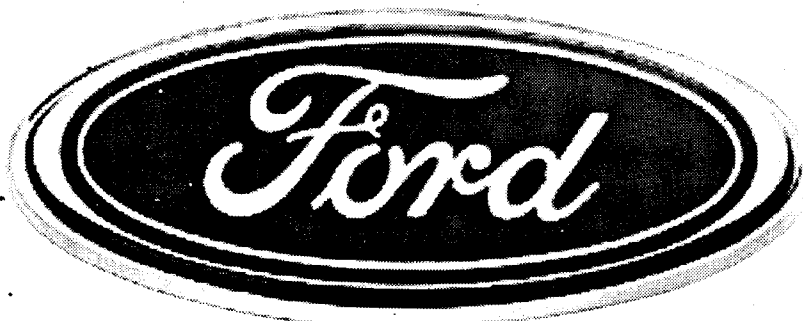
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