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Get your reservations in today for the Historical Society's annual Swiss Steak Dinner to be held May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Congregational UCC. Tickets are \$12. Call 327-8615 or 322-9669.

Lions Club fundraiser

The North Ridgeville Lions Club is sponsoring a Night at the Races, Friday at Tom's Country Place in Avon. Doors open at 6:15. A light buffet will be served after the races. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call Julie Teel, 327-6877.

Sandy Ridge happenings

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, learn Gary Gerrone's steps to bird identification. Start at the Wetland Center, then venture outside to polish your skills.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, there will be a brief slide show at the Center followed by a hike.

Share the Care

Watch for 4-H members with colorful balloons out and about at businesses and shopping centers on Saturday, as the "Share the Care" for the Easter Seal Society. In exchange for a donation, 4-H members will give you a balloon with all donations going to Easter Seals to benefit disabled people. Last year 4-H collected \$4,087.25 for Easter Seals.

Don't forget to join 4-H before May 1 to enjoy full membership benefits. For more information, call 326-5851.

In Brief:

Honors for MediaOne

Corporate Affairs Manager Joan Lowry announced that West of Cleveland was the recipient of a Beacon Award in the 2000 competition sponsored by the Cable Television Public Affairs Association. The National Beacon Awards competitions recognizes excellence in public affairs throughout the cable industry.

Seventh Generation kudos

The board of Trustees of the Stocker Foundation recently awarded Seventh Generation a one-year grant of \$15,000 to support its 2000 Beautification Program. Beautification Projects include: The Community Flower Gardens Project, the Native Plant Salvage/Recovery/Landscaping Project and the Lorain County Beautiful Awards Project.

Golf tourney, June 17

The 14th annual American Cancer Society Women's Golf Championship will be held June 17 at Brentwood Golf Course in Grafton. For more information, call 1-888-227-0446.

Despite Council's vote, PCD zoning still intact

By Carol Klear

Following the April 17 Council meeting, the referendum committee was ready to break out the champagne and celebrate its victory over the city's first PCD - Kingston Place.

Not so fast, things may not be as petitioners had thought, and big machines still might begin chewing up the soil for a planned community development proposed for 200 acres of land between Case Road and Stoney Ridge.

The problem? The 526 valid signatures collected by the committee were aimed at overturning an ordinance that would rezone the property from R-1 residential to PCD. However, still on the books is a March 6 resolution granting preliminary approval for the PCD, which according to Law Director Eric Zagrans, means the rezoning is "automatic."

In mid-March a referendum committee

headed by Vince Loparo, along with John Prajzner and Jeff Madisen, as well as several other residents, including Councilwomen Gail Minnick R-4 and Bernadine Butkowski, R at-large, began collecting petitions to put the issue of the PCD before voters in November. Within two weeks, the group had gathered more than double the number of signatures needed based on the stipulation by the Charter that required 10 percent of the number that voted in the November 1999 General Election.

Two weeks later Council Clerk Jim White certified the 526 valid signatures, which meant Council had 30 days to either rescind the ordinance or allow it to go on the ballot. However, within minutes Jim Johnson, D-1 made a motion to rescind, followed quickly by a second by Minnick. With the exception of Councilman Dave Gillock,

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Board gives Rockwell five-year contract, hires new principal

By Carol Klear

Superintendent Thomas Rockwell received a standing ovation from the audience, as the School Board approved his five-year contract during the April 18 meeting.

Prior to the vote, Board President Thomas Dake said, "This is an exciting time for North Ridgeville schools. In the past money was a problem and education suffered. We're back on track with good leadership. We've put Dr. Rockwell in our palm for another five years..."

Rockwell thanked board members for their support, and said that the good things that have been happening "has to do with the staff and the people (of the community)."

Rockwell's contract is effective Aug. 1, 2001 through July 31, 2006.

His base salary for the school year 2000 to 2001 will be \$82,523.

The Board also approved a two-year administrative contract for Karen Frimel, as

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First grade teacher, Cindy Traut, and two of her students, Michael O'Sullivan, 7½ and Kathryn James, 6, show off the treats they made on "Read to Eat" day at Lear North Elementary School. See story on Page 10. (P&L Klear)

Marc's is coming to North Ridgeville

By Carol Klear

Marc's Discount Store is coming to North Ridgeville.

Plans were submitted to the Building Department last Wednesday and call for 44,468 square feet of space in the North Ridge Plaza, where Caldor is presently located. Merchandise in the new store will include retail, as well as a pharmacy and light grocery items.

Neither anyone at Marc Glassman Inc. in Parma, or at the Plaza headquarters could provide an opening date for the discount store. No timeline has been established for beginning the alterations needed for the discount store, and there apparently are a handful of persons still working at Caldor.

Mayor Deanna Hill said she is "very happy" about the news, and said she has

been fielding telephone calls from residents about the possibility of the discount store coming to the community ever since she took office.

She said that the store's decision to locate in North Ridgeville apparently means that the company "sees growth and opportunity here."

"And that's the way I see it too," she said.

Though some people complain about empty buildings, there are a number of new buildings being constructed, said Hill, "and it takes time to fill them."

Dayle Noll, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce said the news about Marc's "is wonderful." She also said, "It's good news for the shopping center. Merchants will benefit from the retail operation."



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Fencing: a way to have fun and relieve stress at the same time

By Carol Klear

In days of yore, men often settled differences through the art of dueling and sometimes the swishing and swashing of swordplay ended in the demise of one of the duelers.

Like the old-time knights and buccaneers, Tom Nagy is adept at maneuvering sabres, but unlike them, he uses the flexible blades to further his skill in fencing, and to teach others to share his love of the sport, as well.

Nagy said his two dozen years of fencing began in college, when as a freshman at Cleveland State University, he took an orientation tour. The jaunt led him to many areas of the campus, where he observed a number of activities, including fencing.

"It caught my eye," he said, "I was looking for something individual."

Nagy acknowledged that there is "some comfort in being on team," however, he prefers an individual sport.

His interest in fencing developed so quickly that by the time he was a college sophomore he was teaching it. As a novice, Nagy said that while teaching he always stayed "one lesson ahead of the students." So, while in school, he was simultaneously a student and a teacher. "I've always liked teaching," he said, "I like to share."

Instructing others helped Nagy to fine-tune his fencing prowess and about six years ago, he gave up his career in telecommunication and turned to teaching fencing full-

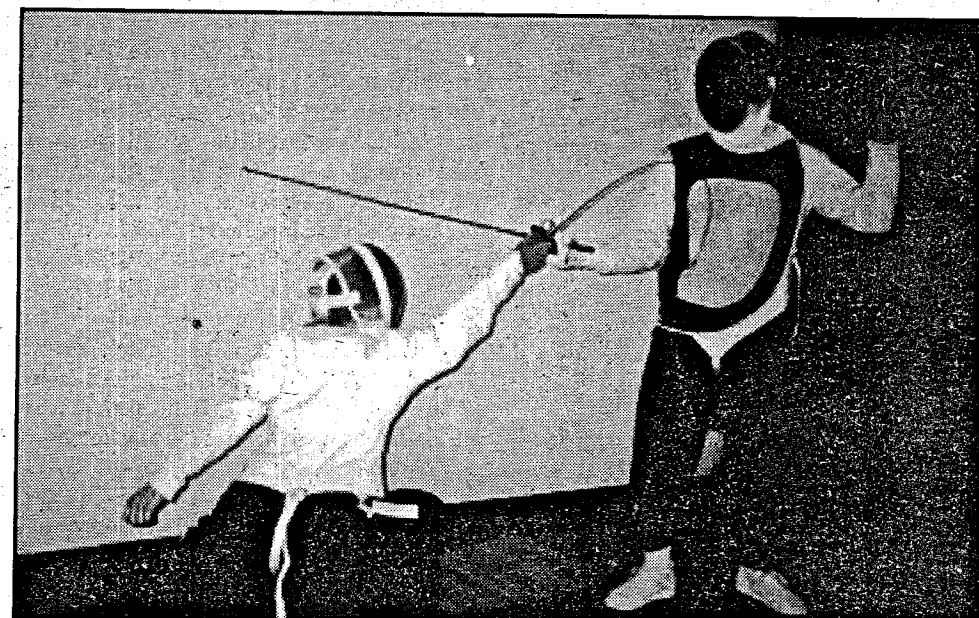
time, and also formed the On Target Fencing Team. Presently he has 16 classes, comprising approximately 180 people, from Sandusky to Wyckliffe to North Olmsted and Rocky River. In addition, he has classes at Lorain County Community College and Case Western Reserve, as well as three at the middle school and one at the Senior Center. Mondays, for the fencing instructor, are none-stop, with five classes scheduled throughout the day.

There are those who hedge at including fencing under the heading of "sports," but Nagy said "it's the most coordinate sport," and those participating have to be in shape. His students range in age from six to around 55, he said.

The lessons last 1 1/2 hours, said the instructor, and he provides masks, jackets, gloves and foils. The foil is Nagy's weapon of choice, though there are two additional—the epee and the sabre.

"The foil is the lightest of the weapons," he said, "and the point is used against the torso and the blade bends. With the epee, the blade is stiffer," and the whole body is involved. "The sabre," he said, "is used for the fastest hit," using a slashing motion. "It's easy to make a mistake," he said.

At the beginning of each class, students stretch and then learn how to move, as well as advancing and retreating. The sport also includes squatting, he said, which is difficult for some people. "It's a very aerobic sport," he said, and includes lunges.



Tom Nagy teaches Cathryn Sicker, 12, of Avon Lake, the correct way to lunge during a fencing lesson at the North Ridgeville Middle School. (P&L Klear)

In fencing practice, students pair off, said Nagy, and practice with each other. "One will become the target; one will become the hitter."

Team members participate in many competitions. Not only does he prepare students to compete, but Nagy enters the contests, as well, and dubs himself, "a pretty good local fencer," who made it to national competition in 1982. But, he said, it's difficult to reach the level of nationals, due to the

regional qualifiers needed.

Though he has a trophy case of awards to prove his skill at what he loves, and he competes at least twice a month, Nagy said, "I'm not in this to get glory," but would rather have 50 students who excel, than take top honors himself. However, he said, "I like to compete, it keeps me sharp."

People try fencing because it looks like fun, said Nagy, "and it is fun. It's a great way to relieve stress."

James S. Gemelas

Attorney at Law

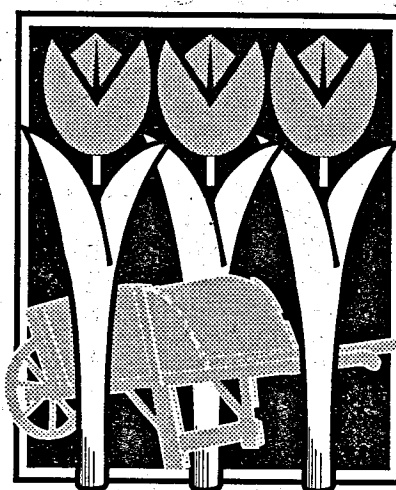


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Now you can pay without paying at North Ridgeville

By Carol Klear

GOOD NEWS.....North Ridgeville's School Board voted to drop the Pay-to-Participate fees for middle school and high school students. Looks like we'll have a lot more youngsters getting involved in the activities. Let's hear it for the BOE. Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!

MORE GOOD NEWS.....Although school materials and supplies are bound to go up next school year, the increase will NOT...one more time, NOT be passed on to parents for the 2000-2001 year. Student fees will be frozen at their present rate for next year. And let's hear it again for the BOE. Hip, hip hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! OK, we can stop now, I never was a cheerleader and I'm way too old to start such strenuous stuff now. Anyway, you get the idea.

MUST SAY.....Klearly was very glad to hear that Superintendent Tom Rockwell

Braves' ace/idiot reliever back on the Atlanta roster

Rocker's return a relief/source of anxiety for columnist/manager
 By Josh Cable

If this place is a-Rockerin', don't bother knocking.

That pretty much sums up my feelings on the return of Braves' ace/idiot reliever John Rocker, who pitched a scoreless inning in Atlanta's 4-3 win over Philadelphia Tuesday night.

As his Fantasy Baseball manager, I'm glad to see it.

Sure, I'm a little worried about team chemistry. Of course, then I realized that most of my players are Caucasian (and not afraid to let the racial/ethnic/religious/social/gender epithets fly in the dugout, believe you me).

In fact, I think he'll fit right in.

To make sure of that, I've reserved a spot on the bench for Rocker right next to my starting first baseman Jim Thome. And to insure that their side of the bench doesn't degenerate into an entire summer of Hee-Haw reviews and who had the prettiest prom date comparisons, I've assigned cosmopolitan New York Mets third baseman Robin Ventura to sit next to them. Rocker adds a lot to my bullpen. He is:

- A bona fide closer capable of 30-40 saves.

- A guy who makes us all a little less self-conscious when we go running.

- A moral barometer for the clubhouse (when he agrees with me on an issue I know it's time to rethink my position).

That's the scouting report on Rocker. My only concern now is how he'll be received by some of the minority players in the clubhouse.

Marquis Grissom approached me the other day after practice and told me that I shouldn't be surprised if Rocker finds a whole mess of shaving cream in his locker and a banana in his tailpipe, and that he didn't know who was going to do it.

Hmm.

I also happened upon Jose Vidro's locker the other day and found something strange: a chubby, Caucasian voodoo doll with a vacuous expression on its face like an 18-year-old soybean farmer on an LSD trip. It was adorned in a little Braves uniform, and next to it there was a little thermos with a piece of masking tape around it that had these words written in magic marker: "Special Toxic Dipping Sauce (superfluous buttock-growing recipe)".

Intriguing.

Consider this. Tampa Bay Devil Rays' outfielder Gerald Williams, who I just picked up on waivers, told me in confidence some of the other guys on the team—both black and white—were just itching to give somebody a big wedgie. He said he couldn't tell me exactly who it would be, but that the

Klearly Speaking:

will be around for another five years. He's doing a great job.

RAY'S ARE GONE.....The Man in the Moon musta pulled in those full moon rays for another month, and I am sooooo glad. In fact, just before the big rounder showed up in the sky, a lucky streak passed my way and I won a beautiful handmade quilt that was raffled off by St. Peter's Right to Life group. They were selling tickets at the Lenten fish fries, so of course I bought a few and low and behold, I WON!!! Wonder how my luck would be on that Ford Ranger the NRHS Football Boosters are raffling. Hmmmm.

A LAST NOTE ON EASTER.....Warren Blakely of the city's Rotary Club reported that nearly 2,500 kids enjoyed this year's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the service

club. The number is well above last week's count, he said.

DIDN'T SEE YOU.....Missed seeing lots of you at the open house at the Northridge. It was very nice and the facility has really become very brightly decorated. (By the way, they served some wonderful tidbits - in fact, they were more than tidbits, they were supper.)

HOPE TO SEE YOU.....You'd have to be almost blind not to notice the new signs that just popped up noting the various sites for this year's Growing Arts and Antiques Tour. The annual May event always was special, but with the addition of the antiques shops this year, WOW. I can't wait, though I sure would be nice if the wet stuff would quit for a while to allow for some gardening.

WELL.....Hope you and yours had an enjoyable Easter weekend, and with Easter so late this year, you'd better start thinking about Mother's Day, it's not far off.

Just Joshin':

name rhymed with Juan Mocker. That's as much detail as he could give me.

I sure hope it isn't me.

As manager of this diverse group, I have to maintain some continuity with my players. We're in last place as it—any disharmony might make the team even worse (if that's humanly possible). Therefore, my plan is this.

I'm going to publicly make some offensive and totally insensitive remarks to take the heat off Mr. Rocker. Why? Because this guy needs to be spending more time on his game and less time responding to the media. More time perfecting his fastball than perfecting the fastest way to set back racial relations 100 years. He's a ballplayer, not a role model for heaven's sake.

So let me just get a few things off my chest publicly:

- Brian Giles' wife wears combat boots.

She really does. She served in the Marines and now she swears by them. Says they offer way more support than those gaudy yellow slippers that she used to wear when she was having an affair with me last year.

- Darrin Fletcher couldn't catch a baseball if it was the size of watermelon and it was electronically guided to land in his mitt. I'm thinking of replacing him with a young prospect down in Double A (Alcoholics Anonymous). Oh yeah, and he's got a drinking problem, too. In fact, he gets the shakes if he doesn't have a swipe off the old whiskey bottle by the third inning. And even that can't kill his bad breath.

- I discovered some women's lingerie in Mike Remlinger's locker the other day (as part of my daily routine of rifling through my players' personal belongings during practice). For a moment I thought maybe he had a hot young vixen in the locker room for a little hanky panky, but everybody knows he's gay.

- Adrian Beltre sure can't keep a marriage together. I'm sure it has nothing to do with the fact that he's less than virile, if you know what I mean. Being a lousy third baseman with a weak arm and no taste at all in cars is bad enough. Of course, Adrian will find somebody else. After all, he's a big league ballplayer making lots of money. That's about the only reason anybody would put up with his explosive flatulents.

- There's a trade in the works for has-been Curt Schilling, who is currently on the disabled list after undergoing shoulder surgery. It will send Schilling to the Los Angeles Dodgers for: one member of the ground crew (with the broken rake); a ticket attendant who was recently suspended for shouting obscenities at a stadium hot

dog; four bags of resin; three jars of spoiled pickles; two overflowing toilets and a stack of All-Star Game fan ballots to be named later. Personally, I think we got away with one this time.

- Last but not least, Greg Maddux still refers to sex as "makin' whoopee," Jim Thome still eats "supper" on the "davenport" and Aaron Sele said yesterday, "Aww crud, we gotta play Pixburgh this year."

If that's not enough to get the attention off Rocker, I just want everyone on the team to know that they're being traded to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays next year!

This is "The Mysterious Voice in Italics" saying: baseball's just not the same without multi-million dollar contracts and racial intolerance. See you next time!

Letter to the Editor:

Now is the time to put in Mills Road

To the Editor:

I want to thank everyone who circulated, or signed the petition to stop the PCD between Stoney Ridge and Case Road.

Hopefully we will now be able to formulate a plan to extend Mills Road to Case Road. The Mills Road extension is extremely necessary to the future growth and efficient movement of traffic in our city. At this time there is no East-West thoroughfare between Center Ridge and Detroit Road (in Avon). If Mills Road is not extended, there will never be another straight East-West thoroughfare through the city.

Now is the time to put Mills Road in. You will have plenty of time to think about why this should have been done, while you are sitting in gridlock traffic in town.

The Case and Stoney Ridge area is the perfect place for Estate Zoning with large lots, that will give every home their own large green space and plenty of room for walking trails and lakes. It will blend very well with the park that is on the border of this area. It will enhance the Northwest side of town.

All you have to do is a little math, and add some common sense to figure out how this PCD will adversely impact that area.

Now that spring is here take a drive over to the west side and see what is there. Then stop in and visit the new park. You will understand better what this is all about.

Bernadine Butkowski
 Council at Large
 North Ridgeville

The city trumped us

To the Editor:
 PCD Rescinded?

Yes, the PCD was rescinded at the Council meeting on 4-17-00!! Unbelievable wasn't it? It was amazing government in action. That's the way it is supposed to work, right? NOT!

The citizens of this city wanted to vote on the PCD. However, the city trumped us - Yes, they had the right to do that - it was an option, an option we as residents, never thought they'd take. In a few words we have been trumped, duped and set up like a king in check.

Not to worry, they already have Plan B in the works. It was there before any of us knew whether the petitions would stick. Watch out, dirty politics are still at play. They are going to come up with their Plan B and it will be ugly, nasty and not monetarily sound.

They will hope it will be nasty enough for us to beg them and the developers of Kingston Place to please put the PCD in on Stoney and Case. What they will try is what we residents would call SCARE TACTICS - a.k.a. DIRTY POLITICS. This was pointed out to me by a person close to the situation, only two days after the petitions were presented to council. I knew this was going to come into play, and now I am sharing it with all of you.

Here is the gig. If Kingston Place does not go in... all the other PCDs planned in the northwest and southwest quadrants will not be able to go forward. The reason is because of the sewers. The interceptor is off Case Road at the North Ridgeville/Avon border. It cannot come north from Center Ridge Road. It must go south from the interceptor at the North Ridgeville/Avon border. This puts a huge damper on development in North Ridgeville. (Remember the "You scratch my back I scratch yours" deal I mentioned in a previous letter? Remember the deal with LORCO they let get away, which would have helped sewer the western portion of the city and give us revenue as well?)

Plan B will threaten us with slab homes or doublewide trailers with additional threats of low-income housing thrown in like salt into soup. This plan, my friends, will not even recoup their monies spent on the legal fees to purchase the land, much less, recoup the monies spent to put in the sewers. We all know they must install sewers, because installing a septic system in that kind of development won't fly.

So, residents of North Ridgeville don't be alarmed - be armed... with the facts. Pay attention to council's meetings public and private, read between the threats and scare tactics. Be aware of your rights. Become more informed, more intelligent and more in-tune to the fact that the taxpayers should run this city, contrary to what the Mayor and council believe.

Sooner or later the Mayor and some members of council will have to pay the piper, maybe by being served pink slips from their employers - the voters.

Renee L. Regula
 North Ridgeville

Looking for research on Ohio

To the Editor:

We are doing research reports in my fifth grade class, and I will be reporting on Ohio. The reports are due in May and cover topics such as Tourism, Geographical Features, and the History of Ohio. The reason I am writing to you is to ask if you could publish my letter in your paper. I am hoping that some of the readers in your community will write to me and tell me about their experiences, local traditions, and some stories about what it is like to live in

Ohio. I was born in 1989 and am in fifth grade and I live in Southern California, and I am sure many things about Ohio are different from where I live. Also, if any of the readers find time to reply, it would be great if they would enclose a copy of my "published" letter.

Thank you so much for taking the time for my request and any information would be most appreciated.

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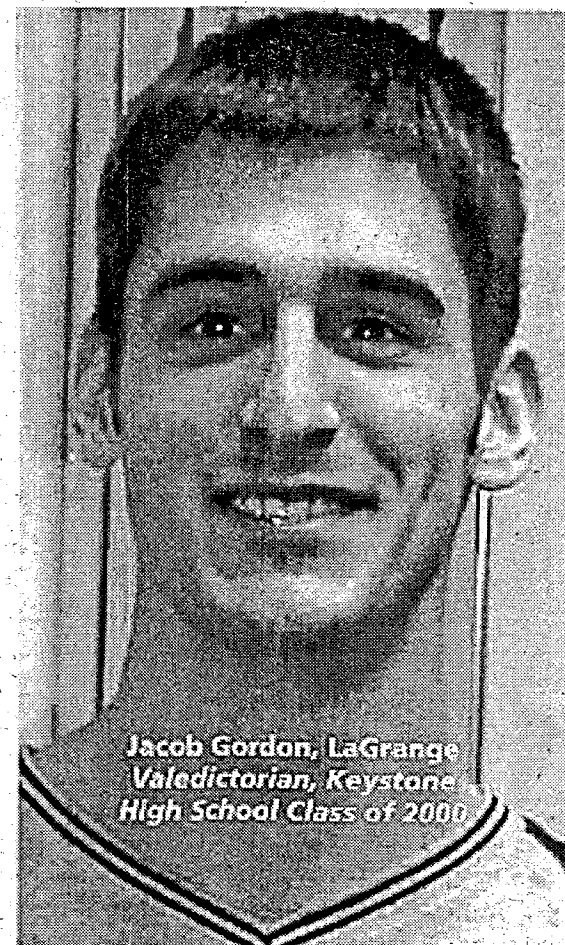
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Obituaries:

ELIZABETH GATIAN-NIEDERST

Elizabeth Jean Gatian-Niederst, 69, of North Ridgeville died April 13 at Holy Family Cancer Home in Parma following long illness.

She was born and raised in West Virginia. She had been a resident of North Ridgeville since 1957 moving from Elyria.

She was a school bus driver for Lake Ridge Academy in North Ridgeville for 30 years retiring in 1998.

She helped with North Ridgeville Community Care, North Ridgeville PTA and was a Cub Scout Den Mother.

She enjoyed collecting clocks, going to garage sales and watching baseball. She loved the children that were on her bus and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her two sons, Charles L. Gatian III (wife Karen) of North Ridgeville and David R. Gatian (wife Linda of Cleveland); four grandchildren, Chaz, Sherry, Drew and Nicki; one brother; one sister; and close friend, Michael Pundzak of Sheffield Lake.

She was preceded in death by her first

husband, Charles L. Gatian II in 1974; second husband, Howard Niederst in 1987; a daughter and her parents.

Funeral services were held at the David Bogner Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Gibson, pastor of Fields United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Cancer Home, 6707 State Rd., Parma, Ohio 44129.

SALVATORE E. FERRARA

Salvatore E. "Sal" Ferrara, 80, of Elyria died April 19 at the Cleveland Clinic from complications of an aneurysm.

Born in Darraugh, Pa., which now is called Madison, he grew up in Grapeville, Pa., and moved to Elyria in 1947.

He graduated from Jeannette High School in Grapeville in 1937, where he was a member of the football, fencing and wrestling teams.

Mr. Ferrara served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a Flying Cadet at the San Antonio Aviation Center in 1942 and later served as a staff

sergeant with the 493rd Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Group a part of the 10th Air Force. He earned three Bronze Stars while serving in the China-India-Burma Theatre.

After the war, he attended linotype school in New York City. He worked throughout his life as a printer and had his own specialty printing company since 1947. He continued doing some work until his death.

He also had served as a member of the Grapeville Volunteer Fire Department for many years.

Mr. Ferrara was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Elyria.

He also was a member of the VFW Post 1079 and the American Legion Post 12 both in Elyria.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Helen (nee Veronie); daughters, Linda Schneider of North Ridgeville and Lorie Wilber of Oberlin and grandchildren, David, Eric and Lora Schneider, all of North Ridgeville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were held at the Bauer-Lauben-

thal Funeral Home, Elyria, with the Rev. Joseph C. Weigand, pastor of St. Mary's Church officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Grafton.

LEONARDA 'CURLY' ROFE

Leonarda Mary "Curly" Rofe, 71, a lifelong resident of North Ridgeville died April 20 at EMH Regional Medical Center after a long illness.

She was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church in North Ridgeville.

She enjoyed gardening and bird watching. Survivors include a son, Richard of Avon; daughters Linda Erswell and Judy Rofe, both of North Ridgeville; three grandchildren; and six sisters.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, in 1992; her parents; and four brothers.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church, with the Rev. Thomas J. Pajk, associate pastor of St. Peter. Burial was in St. Peter Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by the David Bogner Family Funeral Home.

General Health District to provide immunizations at no charge

The Lorain County General Health District provides a Child Health Clinic for any well child, birth to six years of age, who lives in the General Health District. The General Health District includes all of Lorain County except the cities of Lorain, Elyria, Avon Lake and Vermilion.

The Clinic offers regular physical assessment, developmental testing and immunizations. The assessments are performed by pediatric nurse practitioners at no charge; the assessments satisfy pre-

school, school and Head Start requirements. There is a \$5 charge for immunizations, although no one is refused because of an inability to pay; ADC medical cards are accepted.

There are several Clinic sites throughout Lorain County, including a new North Ridgeville location at Sugar Ridge Baptist Church, 36600 Sugar Ridge Road. For an appointment at the site closest to you, call the Lorain County General Health District at 244-3418 or 322-6367.

What's New at North Ridgeville Branch Library

Here are a pair of programs that are taking place at the North Ridgeville Branch Library:

Mother's Day Craft

Children of all ages may make and take home a Mother's Day craft. The free craft making is offered at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Come into the library during library open hours, May 6 through

May 12. Supplies and instructions will be available to make the craft.

Upcoming Adult Book Discussion

The next book discussion for adults will be held, May 10 at 1 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch Library. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members are welcome to attend. For details, call the library at 327-8326.

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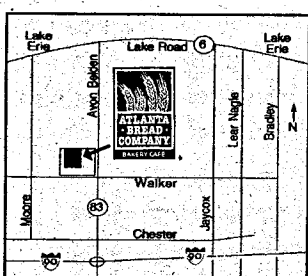
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**THIRD IN A SERIES****Community's religious faith keeps growing stronger**

By Carol Klear

The first two parts of the series on churches in North Ridgeville considered the earliest houses of worship, which even today continue to serve congregations of faithful.

As the community grew, so did the number of churches and in the past 50 years, several new religious assemblies established roots in North Ridgeville, such as the Church of God on Lear Nagle Road. It seems the church had its beginnings around 1950, or perhaps a bit earlier and it actually began in a streetcar across the road from the present structure.

According to Louise Smith, a charter member of the church, a Green Line streetcar set on property across the street from the present church. It was sort of like a

mobile home, she said, and was divided into living space, and after getting married, she and her husband lived there. They began prayer meetings and people of all denominations attended, she said.

The numbers increased so that the church members purchased property and a new building was constructed nearly 30 years ago. Today there are approximately 125 members who are guided by Pastor Larry Shreffler.

From that early band of members, Smith said six churches have been established in communities nearby. The congregation also produced 19 pastors who have gone out to preach the word of God to others.

Sugar Ridge Baptist Church first started in Grafton in 1955, and was pastored by Pastor Kirby. Pastor Bill Shomo said Kirby built a sanctuary in North Ridgeville, and

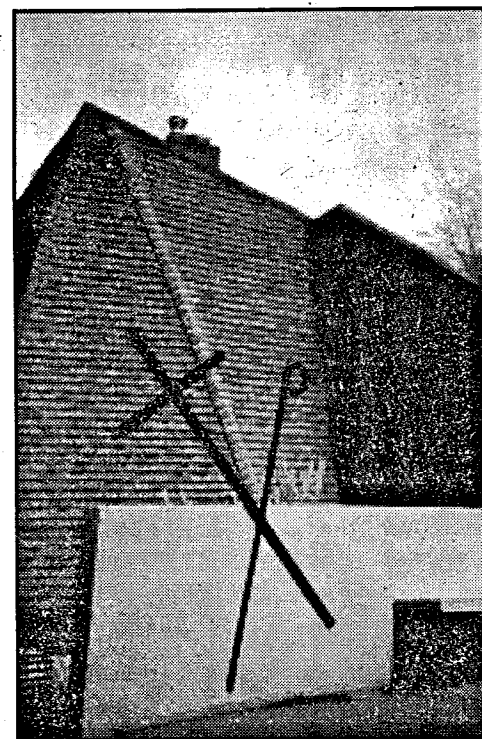
Shomo began as pastor in 1984. However, when Kirby left, nothing remained to detail the church's beginnings.

Shomo said, "there was no history and no pictures." Two years after Shomo arrived, a fellowship hall was constructed, which is used extensively by the church's very active members.

Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church, 34555 Center Ridge Rd. will celebrate its 35th anniversary in January.

According to Pastor Paul Oberhaus, the congregation first began meeting in Fields School, located on Root Road, near Lorain. Around 1969, the present church was established, and today there are nearly 360 members who answer the call to worship.

See *Shepherd* on pg. 13



Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church

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Police Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A patrolman's suspicion of fictitious license plates led to the arrest of a 43-year-old Parma man and a 39-year-old Cleveland woman on a charge of stealing almost 150 cans of infant formula April 20.

An officer on patrol, spotting an Olds Caprice, mid-80s vintage, on Lorain Road, ran a check of the license plate number through the LEADS computer and learned that the plates belonged to a 1992 Olds. Moreover, the plates had expired last December.

The officer pulled the car over and asked the driver for his license, to which the driver replied that he didn't have one and that he was a mechanic "test-driving" the car. His passenger, he said, was the actual owner. Asked for her license, she forked it over but was mum when the officer asked if she knew the registration had expired.

A search of the car turned up a trove of baby formula in several boxes in the trunk and on the back seat. Two of the boxes still bore shipping labels.

Asked about this, the woman claimed the formula was for her companion's sister who has a baby. The man, though, admitted his sister's child is now 3, beyond the infant formula stage. He declared he knew nothing about the boxes of baby formula taking up considerable space in the car.

The pair were taken to the station and interviewed separately. The woman said that when they were stopped, the man told

her he didn't have a license, that the plates didn't belong on the car and that she was to say the Olds was hers and that he was helping her repair it. She insisted she too knew nothing about the 150 cans of baby formula.

Officers traced the invoice numbers from one of the boxes of Similac to the Water Tower Giant Eagle store in North Olmsted. The manager confirmed that the 143 cans of liquid formula and six cans of powdered formula indeed had been stolen from the store's inventory.

Still the woman denied ever having darkened the doors of the Giant Eagle in North Olmsted. The man, though, said she had called him earlier and asked him for a ride to a supermarket where she was to pick up some boxes that she needed because she was moving. He took her to the Giant Eagle in North Olmsted, he said, and waited in the fire lane while she was in the store. In

short order, she emerged with a shopping cart full of boxes which she began loading into the back seat. He stowed two of the boxes, loaded with cans of formula, into the trunk. The man said he didn't know what she was up to until "she started putting this stuff in the car."

They were charged with receiving stolen property. The man also was cited for driving under suspension and having fictitious plates.

Door to door

A man selling magazine subscriptions door to door prompted complaints from residents of Ridge Plaza Drive who said he was wandering around the neighborhood and acting suspiciously, this on April 18 shortly after 5:30 p.m.

The man, 18, of Winchester, O., said he was selling subscriptions for Tower of Power Sales and that a company employee had dropped him off at Ridge Plaza and Center Ridge Roads about a half an hour earlier.

Although he carried a sales-and-receipt booklet, the man seemed unable to provide much information about the company he was selling for. He said he was staying at a motel in Richfield while working for the company.

He was charged with violating the city's anti-solicitation law.

Boom ba-ba-boom!!

A deep booming bass heralded the appearance of a Pontiac Grand-Am on Emerald Street April 18. The hideous thudding could be heard hundreds of feet before the car hove into view, according to reports.

The driver, an 18-year-old Westlake man, turned down the volume when he spotted the cops, but no matter. He was cited for violating the anti-noise ordinance.

Fire Dept. Reports:

By Mary Swindell

A Gloria Avenue resident sounded the alarm April 20 at 2:45 a.m. when he nervously beheld a pile of rubble burning at a nearby home which is under construction.

Firemen arrived to find the bonfire ablaze not ten feet from the house. Worse, planks from the fire to the side of the house soon would have provided "a fire path" to the home, according to reports.

The blaze apparently was started earlier by workers trying to dispose of construction debris.

Firemen used 100 feet of hose and 250 gallons of water to put the fire out.

Assist

Firemen helped out a motorist whose minivan developed mechanical problems near Fire Station No. One April 19.

The 1993 Ford Aerostar van was broken down at Center Ridge Road and Rte. 83. Firemen helped the owner, a Seven Hills man, push the vehicle off to the side of the road. There was no fire.

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Firefighters issued a written warning to a Rosebelle Avenue resident who was burning leaves April 15. They put the fire out with two pails of water.

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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.

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.

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ROTARY CLUB, noon at the Office For Older Adults. SPAGHETTI DINNER, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. At the Senior Center (corner of Bainbridge and Rt 83) \$6/adults; \$5/seniors;

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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.-noon Bird I.D. Course and 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Spring Wildflowers (HSP).

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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.

NORTH RIDGEVILLE SCHOOLS, 9th Gr. Proficiency Tests, Kindergarten Testing.

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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers.

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LIONS CLUB, 6:30 p.m. Webster's Restaurant.

TOPS CLUB #656, 7 p.m. Fields UM Church, Lorain Rd.

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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.

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Read for fun; read for your life

By Carol Klear

Reading can be fun, but reading is also an important part of life, just ask students at Lear North Elementary. During a recent celebration of Right to Read Week, the boys and girls learned just how valuable the ability to read is to day-to-day living, and they had lots of fun doing it.

During the five days specially set aside to hail the art of reading, the entire school was decorated with brightly colored signs, and a yellow crepe papered-street that led the children to sites, such as Sports Way which pointed to the gym, Library Lane, and Office Boulevard.

At the intersection where the main hall connects with another hall leading to classrooms, a stop sign stated, "Stop for Reading."

According to Principal Mark Millar, each of the five days focused on another way to show reading is important. Monday was "Read to Know," day and students were instructed to find information by reading or to make something which required reading instructions.

The next day youngsters were to "Read to Go," which meant they had to use a map and follow the street signs set up throughout the school to reach their destination.

On Wednesday, guest readers visited the school to

demonstrate how to "Read on the Job." Millar said that one of the readers was Superintendent Tom Rockwell who told the class that like the many keys he carries to open many doors, reading also opens a variety of opportunities.

A favorite was Thursday's "Read to Eat," when students followed a recipe to make something to eat, and lunch students received the lunch they ordered previously from a menu.

Cindy Traut's first grade classroom smelled especially yummy on Thursday, as the boys and girls mixed up some Muddy Buddies, using Crispix cereal and melted chocolate. "All the classes did a special recipe," said Traut, adding, "if you want to eat you have to read."

Of course everyone can "Read for Fun," which is what the children did the last day of Right to Read Week. Besides taking a favorite book to school, they wore shirts and hats with words on them.

Millar credited Traut with spearheading this year's idea for Right to Read Week, along with teachers Christy DiCiccio and Marry Anne Alexander, who helped pull things together.

"We tried to make this very visual," said Millar, adding that he was very proud of the staff's effort in the weeklong event. "We have a little gold mine here," he said.

Rummage sale to support missions

The Missions Committee of Fields UM Church is sponsoring its annual Rummage Sale April 28 and April 29 in the Fellowship Hall, 34077 Lorain Rd., North Ridgeville. The sale is open to the public on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are being accepted, and pick up can be arranged by calling the church office at 327-8753. No major appliances will be accepted for donation (refrigerators, stoves, water bed, washers, dryers, etc.).

The Missions Committee sponsors work projects for youth and adults in our local area, our country, and abroad. Projects have been supported in Kentucky, South Carolina, Southern Ohio, Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, the Caribbean, Elyria, North Ridgeville and Cleveland. The purpose of the Missions Committee is to strive to make "missions" more personal to our congregation and our community.

For more information on the Rummage Sale, the Missions Committee, or Fields United Methodist Church, feel free to call the church office at 327-8753 or visit our church web page at: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/FieldsUMOH>.

SPORTS SHORTS

Openings in girls softball

The North Ridgeville teams of the Ohio Girls Softball Organization has immediate opening in its 13- and 14-year-old division. This league plays teams from other communities in Lorain and Medina counties using high school (fast-pitch) rules. For further information call 327-2527. Information on registration dates for the 15-year-old and over division is also available. This league is often called the Hot Stove League.

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On Target's head coach Tom Nagy took 1st place in men's foil at the Northern Ohio Sectional Cup Tournament at Kent State University, April 1. Nagy also won the gold medal in men's sabre, defeating his three opponents.

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GRADE 4

Straight A's: Jeremy Jenkins, Teague Simonic, Theresa Hrutka, Allison Smith, Jamie Wright, Kristy Zauner.

Honor Roll: Cassie Bevington, Samantha Bistline, Summer Bogami, Justin Fletcher, Julia Gorning, Cody Herman, Jon Jozefkiewicz, Adam Miller, Matt Murphy, Katie Reynolds, Matt Schmidt, Alice Shoemaker, George Slaman, Markus Spielhaupter.

Merit Roll: Kyle Beaune, Lindsey Bobich, Trenton Branch, Ashley Carpenter, Nicole Gramatikos, Spencer Grimes, Nick Grissinger, Lauren Lopez, Shannon McClintock, Drew McGhee, Craig Miller, Amber Naylor, Danielle Owen, Jevon Panagaris, Eric Proszek, Hannah Sedar, Stephen Toth, Chrissy Wilson, Mike Wilson.

GRADE 5

Straight A's: Ashley Horvath, Ashley Judson, Richard Lenz, Tony Russo, Kelly Wright. Honor Roll: Matthew Austin, Tyler Bender, Melanie Erickson, Bill Garver, Jamie Gionfriddo, Traci Hoffman, Jessica Kresak, Nicole Kresak, David Lewton, Cassie Lutheran, Kristin Mullins, Lyndie Rabung, Derek Roode, Rachale Sandidge.

Merit Roll: Jamie Ashcraft, Ashley

Black, Sarah Bonness, Ashley Duebel, Corey Grand, Shannon Grief, Kevin Grissinger, Mary Ireland, Kyle Kubal, Monica Kulo, Matt Lance, John McGraw, Nicole Mitchell, Matt Priebe, Amanda Quintana, Tina Sandercock, Cynthia Smart, Jessica Striebing, Kelly Wilson, Irina Yashchisin.

The following students were named to the Lear North Elementary Honor Roll for the third grading period:

GRADE 3

Straight A's: Jennifer Beccia, Hayley Fitz, Jessica Jackson, Gwen Poe, Kristen Rohrer, Briana St. John.

Honor Roll: Brandon Heck, Jessica James, Amanda Mangus, Cara Melcher, Morgan Rodasti, Nick Rogerson, Megan Stone, Annika Tranter, Donnivan Vanover, Brandon Wissel.

Merit Roll: Mercedes Albietz, Ashley Anderson, Rebecca Angeline, Hannah Haase, Michael Haase, Tricia Hart, Courtney Hokeah, Julie Houliis, John Howells, Stephen Hujo, Joshua Kovacs, Bobby McKenzie, Ashley Prevett, Danielle Reisher, Amy Rothschild, Daniel Smith, Kelsey Swindell.

GRADE 4

Straight A's: Nicole Andre', Maggie Byrne, Emily Schubert.

Honor Roll: Jessica Ambs, Nicole Bonnett, Jessica Green, Philip Kennard, Kasia Lozanski, Spencer Morrell, Stephanie Papes, Travis Spees, Bradley Worsch.

Merit Roll: Michael Anders, Samantha Bennet, Brittney Black, Corinne Caldwell, Ariana Ciberson, Michael Murray, Sara Nelson.

GRADE 5

Straight A's: Megan Aigner, Shana Anderson, Miguel Dominguez, Lauren Melcher, Hannah Shepard.

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Merit Roll: Omar Atassi, Kisston Hules, Melanie Machovina, Sean Mackay, Jen Bird, Justin Simon, Mike Sprachmann, Danielle Yandura, Roger Young.

STAY HEALTHY

In cyberspace, no one sees you

By Brenda Adderly, M.H.A.

In cyberspace, no one can see you sweat. Maybe that's the reason novel Internet-based approaches to fitness are fueling a whole new wave of exercise possibilities. According to the American Council on Exercise (ACE), trend-setting activities like on-line personal trainers and health-monitoring devices connected to websites are changing the way we work out - making for smarter, more effective exercising, dieting and better health in general.

Some other changes the ACE experts foresee include expanding opportunities to work out, with exercise areas popping up in places like airports and supermarkets, and mini-gyms becoming everyday features in new homes. My favorite part of all this is that with so many chances to get up and go - and a lot less schlepping to the gym - there should be fewer excuses for not exercising.

Smart Mice Know:

Cheese Keeps Teeth Healthy

Love those sugary snacks? You may want to take a tip from the cheese-loving mouse world. British researchers have discovered that following sweets with a dish of pasta and cheese sauce or similar meal provides a calcium shield against the tooth-decaying effects of sugar.

Earlier studies had shown that a cheese cube alone upped calcium concentrations by 112 percent, then new research determined that cheese sauce provided an additional 61 percent protection, while chicken breast with ham and cheese stuffing added 50 percent more calcium. So now you can have your cake and eat it, too - as long as you remember to say "Cheese!"

The Real Differences

Between Men and Women

Women may not be known as "the weaker sex" for much longer. According to a new study, participation in women's college sports leaped 3.5 percent in just one season, while men's rose a puny 0.24. In addition, more women are exercising now than five years ago and they're spending more time doing it. By contrast, the number of men working out dropped by 1.5 percent.

The only place men are on a par with women is in the supermarket. According to a national survey, men and women both eat less than half the USDA daily recommended servings of fruit. And the cu recommended amounts -- three servings daily for women and four for men - are likely to more than double when new guidelines are introduced in May.

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

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Cassandra Stemmer from North Ridgeville was one of 26 students inducted into the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society at Lorain County JVS on April 6. Back row, from left to right: Jessica Canada, Heather Jenkins, Robert Wynne, Elizabeth McNeely, Kristaline Williams, Pamela Zack, Matthew Putzier, Charles Kulchar; middle row, Stemmer, Steven Bayko, Cassandra Wallace, Daniel Novak, Dwayne Johnson, Joshua Emerson, Stephen Radjenovic, Jonathan Mole, Joseph Ryan; front row, Jacob Brezinski, Brandi Thomson, Stephanie Kelley, Clarissa Fuhrman, Katie Cain, Jennifer Nemeth, Mandy Migra, Kathleen Johnson and Justin Herli.



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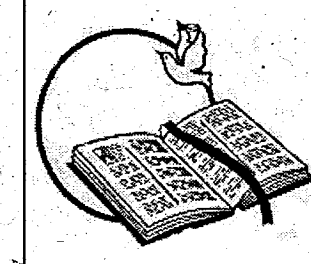
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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Are your retirement savings on track?

By Mike Powers

If you're in the workforce and age 25 or older, you should receive a statement of potential Social Security benefits sometime this year (if you haven't already). Read your statement carefully and ask yourself, "Is this enough money for the retirement I want?" More than likely, the answer will be no. That means you need to make up the shortfall between the income Social Security provides and the income you actually want.

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Military:

■ Army Staff Sgt. James Hicks Jr. has been named non-commissioned officer of the quarter.

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Hicks, a military police squad leader, is assigned to the 527th Military Police Company, Geissen, Germany.

He is a 1989 graduate of North Ridgeville High School.

■ Army Spec. Brian R. Shaffer has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and have accomplished the act with distinction.

Shaffer received the award while assigned as a military police with the 25th Military Police Company at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.

He is the son of Tonja R. Klein of 7355 West Point Drive, North Ridgeville and Leonard S. Shaffer of 30 Perch Court, Lagrange.

The specialist is a 1996 graduate of North Ridgeville High School.

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Board from pg. 1

principal of Liberty Elementary School. Frimel, 39, is assistant principal at Emerson Middle School in Lakewood.

In recommending Frimel, Rockwell said that the district had received 35 applications for the post, finally narrowing the number under consideration to three.

Frimel grew up in Lakewood and attended school there from kindergarten through high school. Prior to serving as assistant principal, Frimel taught in the Lakewood Schools for seven years.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from The Ohio State University, received elementary teacher certification at Cleveland State University and earned a masters of education in administration from Ashland University.

Frimel served on several committees in the Lakewood School District, including the course of study core writing team, the Science council, the Lakewood City Schools Report Card Committee and the Systemic Change Network Grant Committee.

She is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association of Secondary School Principals and the International Reading Association.

Following the Board vote, Frimel said, "I am looking forward to working in North Ridgeville."

Frimel's contract is effective Aug. 1, 2000 through July 2001, with the second year to be effective Aug. 1, 2001 through July 31, 2002.

Her base salary for next year will be \$59,799 and with benefits will be approximately \$63,000.

Frimel will succeed Joseph Dudek, who is retiring in June.

PCD's from pg. 1

R at-large, the remaining legislators voted their agreement. Gillock told The Press & Light that he refused to change his vote because his understanding was that the ordinance petitioned was "superfluous" and that Kingston Place still could be developed. "When residents see the machinery down there," he said, "I don't want them thinking I changed my vote. I didn't agree with it before and I don't agree with it now."

Following the meeting, Zagrans said that he had received a message from the developer's legal counsel that petitioners had "targeted the wrong ordinance."

In a voice mail message, developer Matthew Rosner said he had "no comment" on whether or not plans for the PCD would continue. His attorney did not return a call.

When asked why he was so quick to motion to rescind, Johnson said, "Why put the citizens through that?" Johnson also criticized the way the petitions were circulated, and insisted residents did not have a complete understanding of the issue.

Minnick was surprised to learn that rescinding the ordinance did not impact the resolution and that the PCD could still be constructed. "I was under the impression that that was automatically null and void," she said. "People are so disgusted at Council and this Administration that recalls will be pulled. This has been building and building," she said.

Gerald Phillips, attorney for the citizens group, insisted that since Council voted to rescind the ordinance, the PCD zoning no longer exists. The resolution, said Phillips, was just "a site plan." The attorney decried the possibility that the city may still allow the PCD and said, "In my opinion, it's an illegal and improper decision...that property is not zoned PCD."

"I am astonished," said Phillips, "this is crazy and bizarre...totally illegal."

Mayor Deanna Hill said it was her understanding that the decision to continue with the PCD "is up to the developer." She said, "they can proceed."

Obviously angry about recent letters to the editor criticizing her comments that residents were not given correct information when asked to sign the petitions, Hill said, "I don't care how many letters are written, people were confused. Regardless, I'll stick by what I said. I'm confused about the real opposition."

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Month of March

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Shepherd from pg. 7

Pastor Ray Carpenter established Faith Baptist Temple in March of 1969. It had its beginnings in the Grange Hall at what is now North Ridgeville City Hall.

Since then the church has relocated to 24261 Lorain Rd., Carpenter continues to lead the flock that numbers nearly 200.

The Pastor's wife said that she and her husband were married in 1958. He then

began college and finished in three years. Many of his contemporaries have opted to retire, but, she said Pastor Carpenter "has no plans to retire, this is his life."

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Pastor David Woods is the present pastor.

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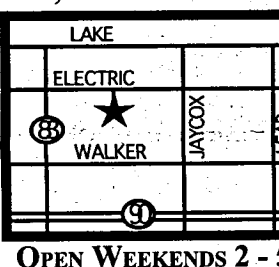
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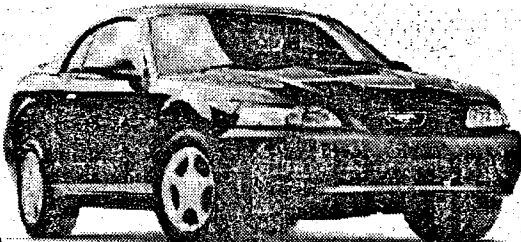
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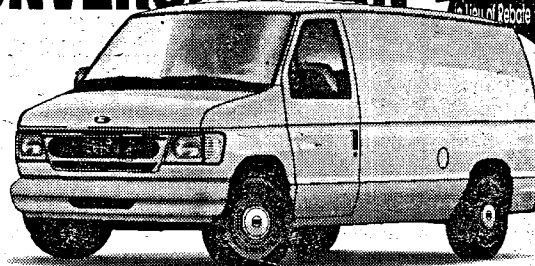
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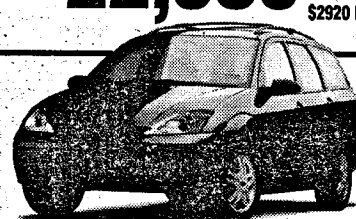
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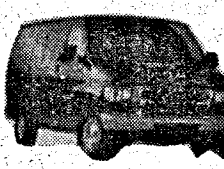
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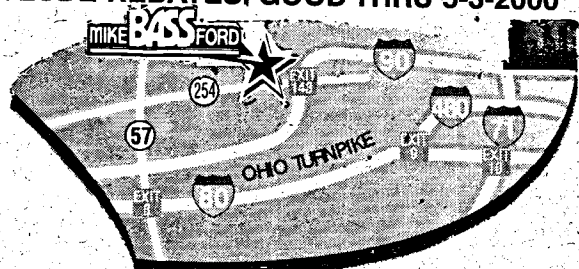
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