

As we see it

# Bolshoi Mak shows certain style

You've got to admire the McDonald's Corporation, which today opens its first fast-food restaurant in Moscow. It's taken McDonald's 14 years of perseverance to open that restaurant, but it will do more to show Russians how America's capitalistic system works first-hand than almost anything else.

Recent news stories about this new restaurant explain it will be the world's largest McDonald's — a rare feat among 11,000 food locations worldwide. In all, 630 Russians have been hired at the rate of \$425 monthly (for full-timers)... but more than 26,000 students, housewives and professionals applied, all wanting to learn more about modern business.

Even while waiting 14 years (and wading through truly "red" tape), McDonald's couldn't have Soviet workers build the 900-seat restaurant and other building fast enough. What did they do? McDonald's brought in Hungarians, under supervision of a Yugoslavian!


McDonald's built a giant food processing center near Moscow to guarantee adequate supplies of

potatoes, milk, lettuce and beef for the ultimate 20 Russian restaurants planned. They hired Canadian farmers to show Soviets how to grow russet Burbank potatoes for french fries. The first harvest last fall was 20% to 100% better than yields in most Russian fields.

To guarantee an adequate milk supply, McDonald's over-built its processing plant. Russian dairy farmers produce plenty of milk but often cannot find enough pasteurization equipment. So, McDonald's allows farmers to send all the raw milk they can — and it packages what it needs at the Moscow restaurants, then bottles and sells the rest to grocery stores, splitting the profits with the happy farmers.

Not everyone can operate on a scale like McDonald's. But the company expects to serve 30,000 hamburgers every day at the one Moscow site — at \$4.80 each for the "bolshoi mak" (bolshoi means big), so ultimately they'll do all right.

But the world is changing... and it's interesting to see companies like this directing that change, more than all the governmental action, laws, battles or inaction!



**FROM UNDER THE WILLOW**  
BY WANDA EICHLER

One in four — who cares?

The statistics are overwhelming. One out of every four children in rural America lives in poverty.

It is hard to put faces on statistics. Try thinking about the children you saw on a recent visit to a fast food restaurant. Or about the last time you ran into a group of school children at the local library. Then picture this, one out of every four of those kids lives in a household where the income level for a family of three in 1987 was estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau to be slightly above \$9,000.

The numbers about children in poverty in rural areas are astounding. Consider, too, the number of elderly who live at or below that poverty line. Fifteen percent of senior citizens in rural areas of the U.S. qualify for that category.

In the U.S., the rural poor are likely to be white and live in the south AND even those people statistically have high rates of working full-time and having two workers in the family. Yet they still find themselves below the poverty line. Here in the midwestern states, 14.4% of our rural population lived at or below the poverty line in 1986.

In the last eight years, the rate of rural poverty has almost caught up to the rate of poverty found in our inner cities. While economic recovery and prosperity was publicized by the Reagan administration, the number of rural poor and inner city poor increased. More importantly, the number of children below the poverty line skyrocketed.

That one in four ratio of children in poverty ought to frighten us. Our teachers and school administrators deal with the effects of it everyday. So do law enforcement officials, judges and parents. Pressures are great in middle class families where money is more present. Add to the burdens by subtracting household income and it is hard to imagine how some people can get by when they are struggling to raise families.

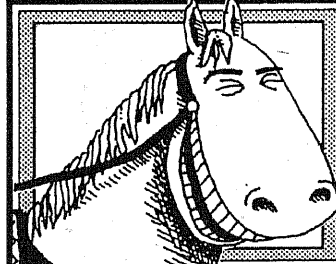
**Children are precious.** Their very future is the future of all of us. They need good food. They need jeans and shirts and shoes and coats and hats and mittens. They need to learn. They need opportunity and promise and dreams. They need warm beds and a roof that shelters and people who care for them and love them.

Dollars spent for nutrition and food programs like the Women, Infant and Children program or for Food Stamps are wise investments that prevent future problems and bring health to lives. In her book, "Families in Peril," Marian Wright Edelman says, "It costs \$495 per year to provide infant care through the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC); yet it costs an average of \$12,000 to save a tiny newborn with neonatal intensive care."

Edelman also reminds us that keeping teens in juvenile institutions costs \$30,000 per year, while the cost of a summer job for a teen runs about \$1,100. Programs like Head Start have again and again proved their effectiveness, yet are always involved in the scramble for funding.

**Families, schools, churches** and community groups need to pay attention to the growing numbers of poor children in rural areas. More than paying attention, we need to act on their behalf by being advocates for programs that bring food, health, education and dignity to our precious children. Our task is rural development of the highest order.

Our dream for the 1990s ought to include a commitment to lessening the effects of poverty on our children. Rural and urban, America's kids deserve a chance.



**Horsin' Around**  
By Kate Pickering

The Freedom Of Music

"Begin the day with a friendly voice - a companion unobtrusive, play that song that's so elusive and the magic music makes your morning mood. Off on your way, hit the open road, there is magic at your fingers - for the spirit ever lingers - undemanding contact in your happy solitude. Invisibly airwaves crackle with life, bright antennae bristles with the energy. Emotional feedback on a timeless wavelength bearing a gift beyond price - almost free. One likes to believe in the freedom of music..."

"The Spirit Of Radio" - RUSH  
PERMANENT WAVES • Lyrics: Neil Peart

From the cradle to the present, there have been three unchanging components that have comprised the very marrow of my existence: love, family and music. Oh sure, other things come and go, many things come and stay - horses, education, men, literature, art - yet none of these have been as constant, nor do they go back as far as the cradle.

My earliest recollection is of "mommy's voice" filtering in, from infancy - I suppose even from the womb. My mother - singing as she toiled in the kitchen, singing along with the radio, singing lullabies at nap-time and bed-time. Mom was an accomplished musician on a couple of instruments - piano, organ, accordion, saxophone - so who could sleep while being so captivantly entertained?

Then there was dad and his guitar. I recall crawling around his large, black-oxford clad feet, staring up in rapture at the huge, work-worn hands that oh-so-gently and adroitly caressed the frets of his big old Gibson guitar. I could sing "Engine Engine No. 9" and "The Orange Blossom Special" before I could speak.

My sister learned - by ear - which is not to say that she played with her ears, but rather without lessons or music - to play the piano at age four, and my brother to bang pots and pans with considerably more rhythm and control than the average toddler bangs pots and pans - hence the birth of our funny family band!

Despite being surrounded by all this vast musical talent, I myself could never read a note or play any instruments, but I supplied perhaps the most vital element in any musical performance - a sincere appreciation! Music is just noise drifting into the Twilight Zone, without an ear to enjoy it! (I like to think I've saved many a tune from being drawn haplessly into that black hole of infinity.)

Since those early years music has woven itself into my life like a strong but sparkling golden thread in the rich and unusual tapestry of my existence. And I do mean all music - mom's "big band" favorites, the hundreds of C&W tunes my dad can strum, the radio's in my sisters' rooms ceaselessly playing the hippest pop-rock and new wave, the head-banging favorites of my heavy metal brother, the classic rock collection of my little brother, grandma listening religiously to the polka hour, the many devotional hymns sung regularly in church, the silly tunes and rhymes of childhood, the "classical" music we learned in high school vocal - the list goes on.

I am never without music if I can help it, and if I could memorize ANYTHING with the amazing accuracy that I can memorize song lyrics, I would be a genius! We aren't allowed to have a radio on the job, but that doesn't mean

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**RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days**  
BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week one day I was talking with a man my age, and both of us being retired farmers, we had quite a lot in common. Both of us had farmed with horses and we had good stories to tell of our experiences.

When I started to farm east of Elkton, I bought a team of nice bay mares from a local horse dealer. They were nice looking horses and I thought I had a pretty good team. They were five and six years old and full sisters. The man told me they were well broke, but he told me the wrong side which they were broke to work.

A lot of people don't know that if a horse is broke to work on the right side or left side, that's where they want to work and unless you trained them to work on either side, they just didn't do it right.

Well, I hitched them up like the man told me, but they just didn't do very good.

One morning while I was harrowing, they just ran away. I yanked and pulled and jerked and even used some bad words, and I just couldn't hold them.

They ran up to the barn and got all tangled up and I ran up and got them apart and put some J.I.E. bits in their mouths and I could hold them. But I just couldn't trust them. I almost had to tie them up when I wanted to do something.

Well, a man came to my place and saw their nice mares in the barn and told me he had a nice team of dapple gray eight and nine year olds and he'd like to trade with me.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
GEORGE KEIM

that the music in my head ceases to rattle about, amuse and entertain me while I work.

It's been my exposure to many diversified types of music that makes it difficult - no, impossible - for me to answer the question...

"What kind of music are you into?"  
"All of it."  
"Like - what - specifically?"  
Okay, you asked...  
"pop, rock, rap, country, classical, polkas, folk, religious, oldies, big band, jazz, top 40, opera, show tunes, dance music, female singers, male singers, soloists, duets, trios, quartets, instrumentals, TV themes, commercial jingles, Gregorian chants, Madrigal music, marching bands, heavy-metal, flamenco guitar, Viennese waltzes, blue-grass, bag-pipes, Sesame Street, cajun music, Native American, seafaring songs, Irish ballads..."  
"So - who are your favorite groups..."  
Oh please! Don't get me started!

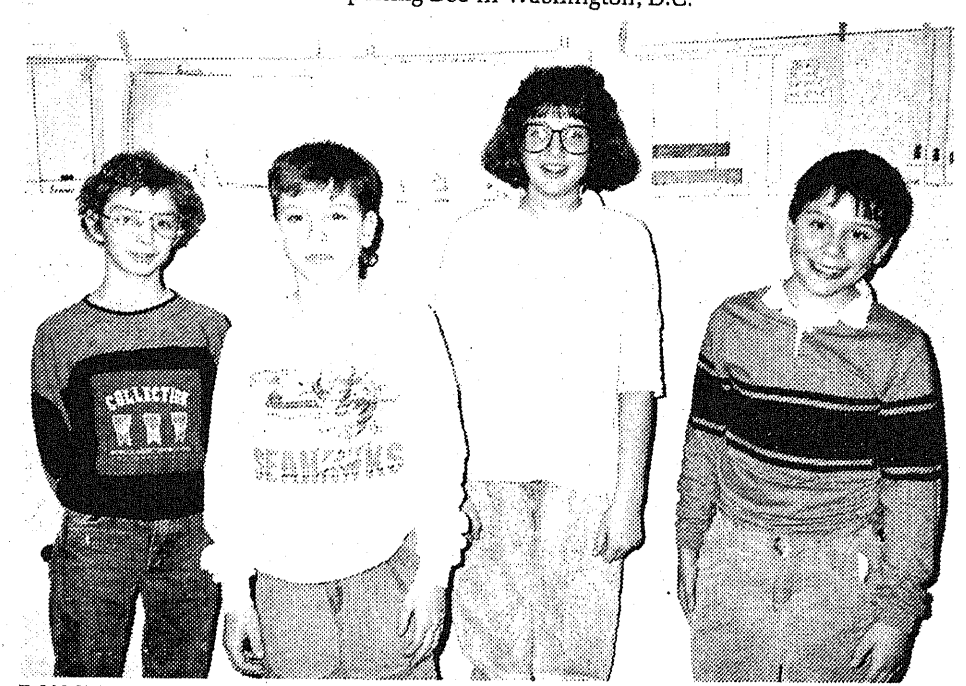
# Students strive for "good spells!"

Students from Pigeon, Bay Port, and Elkton Elementary Schools in grades 4-8 have been studying hard the past few weeks to get ready for the annual Laker spelling bee. This year's bee will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Laker High auditorium, starting at 7 p.m. A first round and intermediate round will use words from a prepared list. The final round

will test students on words from a secret list. The last student standing from each school will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee of the Lawrence Institute of Technology/Detroit News Spelling Bee. From there, the winner may advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.



PIGEON ELEMENTARY: Front, David Love. Rear, alternate Cary Dumas, Katherine Damm, alternate Sara Lee.



BAY PORT ELEMENTARY: Front, alternate Adam Schweitzer. Rear, alternate Jamie Wiechert, Marcie Rathje, Darin Keim.



ELKTON SPELLERS: Front, Angela Lang, fifth grade alternate; Kameron Southworth, fourth grade alternate; Richelle Miller, fourth grade; Jennifer Dubs, fourth grade alternate; Heather Wiederhold, fourth grade. Rear, Brian Radomski, fifth grade; Eric Zarnke, fifth grade alternate; Aaron Creguer, fifth grade.



SIXTH GRADE: Front, Robin Vollmer, Jeff Horton, alternate Erin Nimitz. Rear, Bryan Clark, Jamie Walsh.



SEVENTH GRADE: Front, Seema Kella, alternate Shawn Diebel. Rear, alternate Tracy Abbe, Stephanie Niebel, Sara White, Karen Bruce.



EIGHTH GRADE: Front, Wendy Seley, Joel Toner. Rear, alternate Kim Sturm, Christa Keim, Sarah Wright.

# Sleeper State Park hosts ski night

A "torch light ski night" is being planned at Sleeper State Park, 5 miles northeast of Caseville, Saturday, Feb. 10, as a Valentine Ski Fest. There will be skiing all day with a torch light lit up from 7-9 p.m.

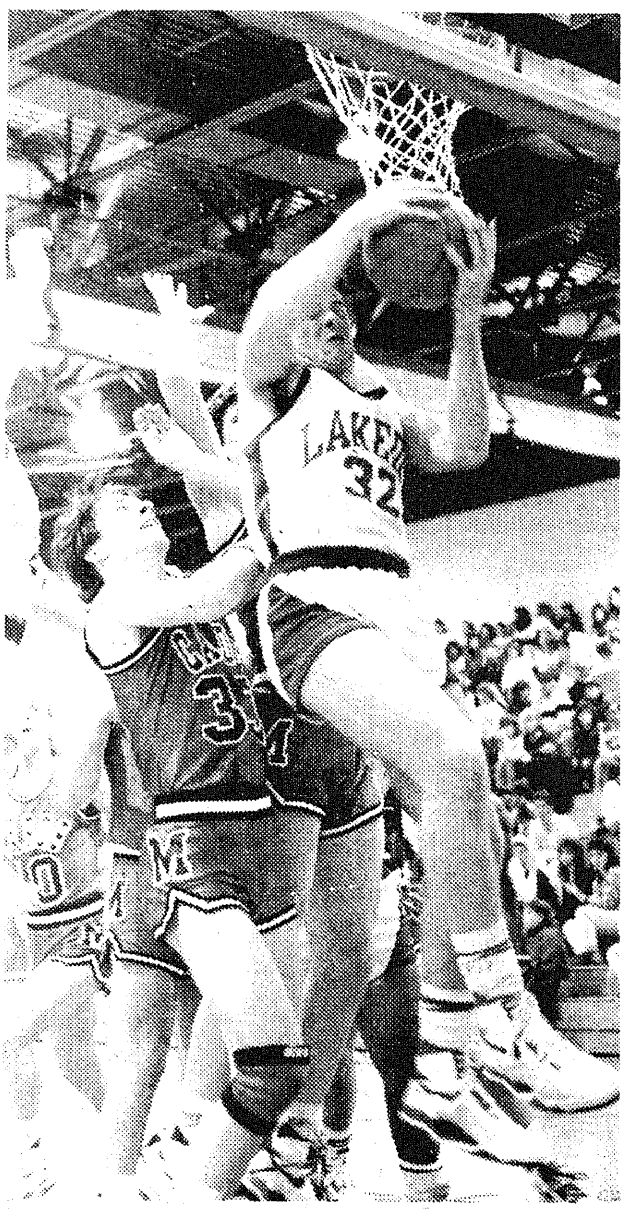
Hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate will be available, and there will be a bonfire going during the afternoon and evening. All skiers are welcome, according to Terry Shee-

han, of the Sleeper State Park staff. Included at the park are 1.5 miles of lighted trail, which begins at park headquarters, located on State Park Road. A State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required. The Ski Fest is "on," Sleeper Park officials declared, adding, "if we get snow." So, watch weather conditions and your weather forecasts.

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## SPORTS REPORT UPDATE for the Western Thumb

# Lakers lose two



BOARDS: Mike Keefer pulls down a Laker rebound over Steve Shores of Millington.

**By AMY HEIDEN**  
The Laker Varsity Basketball Team suffered two defeats last week in league contests. Marlette upset the Lakers with a 47-38 win, and Millington squeaked out a 56-49 win.

Marlette certainly wasn't favored to win, with a 1-4 record, but the Lakers couldn't seem to make their moves click. They fell behind 23-12 at the end of the first half and could never make up the deficit.

The Lakers outscored the Red Raiders 16-12 in the fourth period, but it wasn't enough to take the game.

Jeremy Esch led the Lakers with 13 points, and Rick Duffy tallied 11 points.

**Millington's** successful free throws in the fourth quarter proved the Lakers' undoing in Friday night's game. The game was tight through three quarters, but the Cardinals broke loose in the fourth with four free throws by John Yorke.

Dan Gonzales led the Lakers with 11 points, Bill McLellan scored 10, and Reggie Ignash had eight.

The losses drop Lakers to a 3-4 Thumb B record, 5-6 overall.

**JVs LOSE TOO:** The Junior Varsity team also lost to both Marlette and Millington.

Marlette won 57-43, and Millington triumphed 54-41. Against Marlette, Eric Wissner led the Lakers with 12 points. Wissner and Dave Geiger each scored 13 against Millington.

**FRESHMEN:** The freshman team split two games last week, defeating Marlette 52-46, and losing to Millington 59-46.

Justin Maust led the Lakers against Marlette with 17 points, and John Klowowski scored 12. Hilton Yopp had 11 points and Jason Krohn scored 10. Maust also led the scoring against Millington with 15 points, and Krohn scored 11.

The freshmen team's record is now 8-4.

## #2 Laker netters lose tourney to #1 Saranac

**By AMY HEIDEN**

Volleyball tournaments start bright and early on weekend mornings and end late in the afternoon, making a long day for players. But the Lakers have been making the best of those long days by winning a good number of the tournaments, and by having at least two of their players named to the All-Tournament teams.

Last Saturday's Michigan Lutheran Seminary Tournament wasn't much different than any other tourney, but it did mean that the No. 1 Class C team in the state, Saranac, eventually got to meet the No. 2 team, Lakers, in tournament play.

And they showed why they're currently No. 1, by defeating the Lakers in semi-final play, 4-15, 4-15. Saranac eventually won the tournament.

**In pool play,** the Lakers met and defeated Carrollton 15-5, 15-6; split with Rogers City 15-6, 12-15; dumped St. Louis 15-7, 15-7; dropped MLS 15-7, 15-10; and downed Swan Valley 15-5, 15-13. In the semi-finals, they handily defeated Hemlock 15-3, 15-2.

Coach Sue Fredericksen said her team played its best that day, with Tracie Henne and Brenda Buschlen being named to the All-Tournament team. "We played very well all day, up until Sar-

anac. They just dominated us completely," Fredericksen said.

For the day, Brenda Buschlen had 29 kills and 36 service aces. Tracie Henne had 53 kills, 32 service aces, and 14 blocks. Brenda Beyer had 28 service aces, Sarah Bush logged 23 aces, and TGammy Smith had 13 aces.

This week, the team will travel to Caro for a league contest. Last week's league game against Millington was postponed and will be rescheduled.

**The Klinger-Dast** Tournament will be held at Laker High this weekend, marking the first home games for the Lakers team.

**JV TOURNEY:** The Junior Varsity team hosted the Laker Invitational Tournament last weekend. In pool play, they defeated Owen-Gage 15-7, 15-10, and dropped Uby 15-12, 15-8. They lost both games to eventual tournament winner Frankenmuth, 13-15, 2-15, and wound up second in their pool.

In the first round of single elimination, they played three games with Bad Axe, 15-10, 3-15, 15-8, then lost to USA 11-15, 11-15.

Sherry Stauffer paced her team with 22 service aces, and DJ Ferris had 18 service aces. Tricia Elston had 13 ces, while Holly Esch had 11 kills, and Kelly Champagne had five kills.

### THUMB B LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST
Vassar	7	0
N. Branch	6	2
Caro	5	3
Millington	4	4
LAKERS	3	4
Marlette	2	4
Bad Axe	2	6
Cass City	1	7

### THUMB C LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST
USA	5	1
Uby	4	2
Harbor Beach	3	2
Sandusky	3	3
Reese	2	3
Mayville	0	6

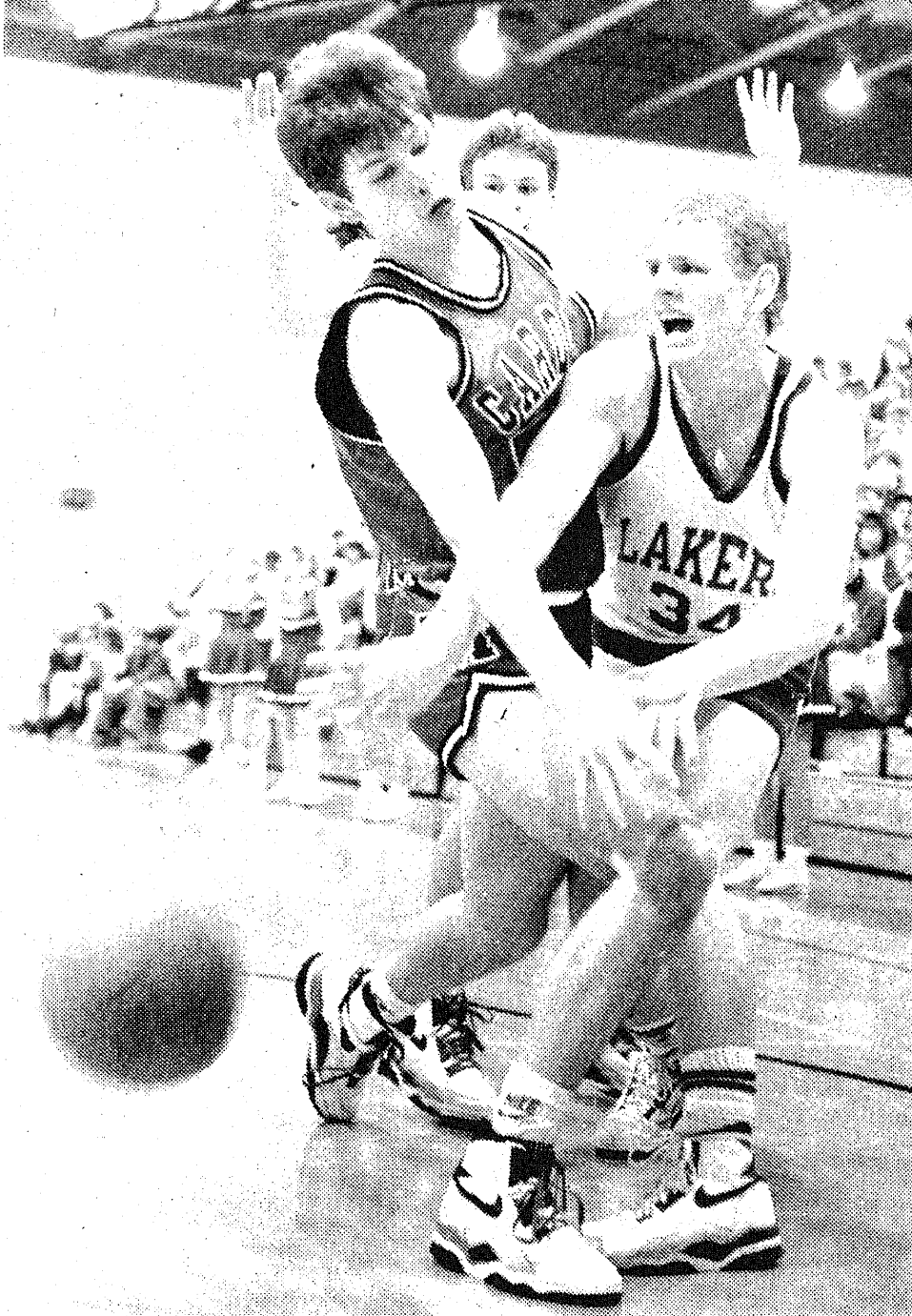
### RESULTS FROM FRIDAY GAMES

USA 61 - H. Beach 54
Vassar 54 - Cass City 35
Reese 59 - Uby 52
Kingston 77 - Caseville 40
Sandusky 69 - Mayville 38
A/F Grove 82 - Owen Gage 72
Marlette 77 - Bad Axe 55
N. Branch 82 - Caro 72

### MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASS'N STANDINGS AS OF JAN. 21 CLASS C

1. Saranac	14-1-2
2. Elkton Pig BP	26-3-3
3. Hanover Horton	13-5-4
4. Niles Brandywine	19-2
5. Union-Sebewaing	14-4
6. Breckenridge	19-3-8
7. Bronson	21-4-3
8. Saginaw Nouvel	17-5-5
9. Rogers City	10-2
10. St. Ignace	18-2-4

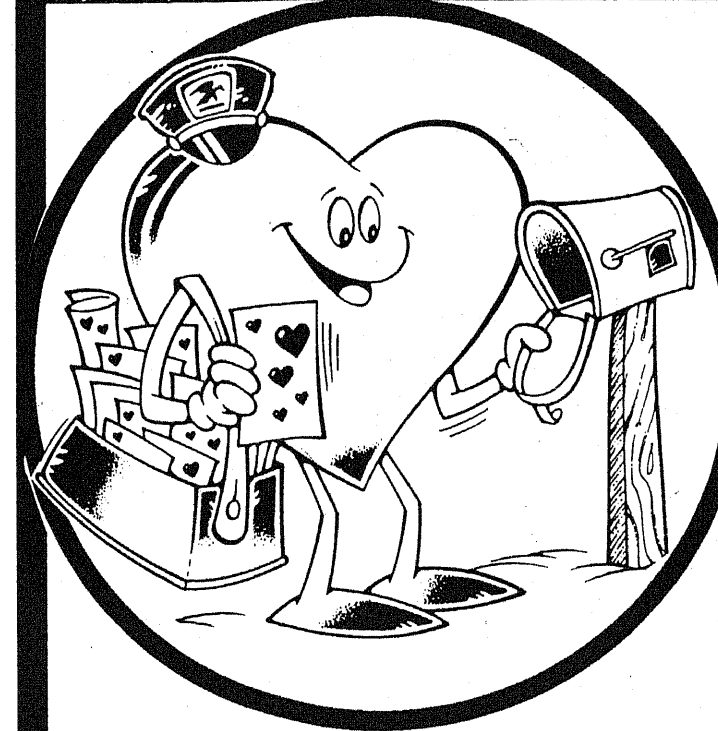
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PRESSURE PASS: Lakers' Reggie Ignash gets a pass away with Millington's Chad Engelhart applying defensive pressure. RICH SWARTZENDRUBER PHOTOS



PASS: Tracie Henne passes the ball to a teammate, as Sarah Bush watches the play. Henne was also named to the All-Tournament Team at MLS.



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# The Past In Print

From the archives of  
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## 90 YEARS AGO FEB. 23, 1900

John Heasty, 70, a pioneer of Pigeon, died at the home of his son, William. He leaves three sons, William John and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Jacob Geiger. The Snell School near Bay Port is closed down on account of scarlet fever. Elkton School will be in session on Washington's Birthday and the day following will be taken for visiting neighboring schools.

The drama, "The Turn of the Tide," was played Friday evening to a \$45 house in Winer's Hall, Elkton. The troupe will play it next Friday evening at Soulestown after which a ball will be given.

A program was rendered at Pigeon School yesterday in honor of Washington and Lowell's Birthday.

## 80 YEARS AGO FEB. 18, 1910

Several of our townsmen are boarding out about the town on account of measles in the family. Local fishermen are meeting with good success just

now. The big fish are coming in large numbers and some fishermen are making from \$3 to \$5 a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wachner were surprised at their home Saturday night by a group of friends in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary. Many gifts were received by our drayman and his wife.

Grace Conway and her brother, Clifford, gave a Valentine party for their friends with nearly 50 present. Bert Hartley carried off first prize at games and Jack Donaldson also won a prize.

## 70 YEARS AGO FEB. 13, 1920

Mrs. Gordon Miller, 22, the former Adelaide Richmond, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Richmond, in McKinley Township. She leaves her husband and two children.

Violet Newman of Hayes returned to her school in Chandler after having a week's vacation when her school building was moved. An electric lighting system has been installed in the Bay Port M. E. Church. Adolph and William

Schnapp of Owendale brought home two new Ford cars from Detroit Sunday. Ridge School of Fairhaven Township, spent a pleasant afternoon with Winsor No. 3 School one day last week and No. 3 won the football game.

A. E. Prieskorn has sold his farm west of Pigeon to John Gascho and expects to move to Pigeon.

## 60 YEARS AGO FEB. 14, 1930

100 people attended the Boy Scout banquet given by Pigeon Community Club in the school. The PTA served the banquet and Scoutmaster Dr. Belding introduced the speaker, Supt. Jenner of Bay City Schools.

The two highest-paid radio entertainers in the U. S. today are Charles Correll and Freeman Gosden, known to radio audiences as Amos and Andy.

Those receiving 100% in spelling at Snell School were Alice Frank, Aleta Maust, Elizabeth Eden, Margaret Harder, Frances Frank, Ray Swartzendruber, Paul Stahl, Marion Deming, Carlton Dietzel, Albert Eden, Kath-

## 50 YEARS AGO FEB. 16, 1940

New officers of Pigeon Community Club are Oakley Best, Leo Bliss, Omar Shetler, Ray Thelen, Oscar Voelker, Walter Clabuesch and Ed Haist. New officers of Chandler Community Club are Hal Conkey, Clifford Furness, Mrs. William Dufty, Harry Chappel and Mrs. Oscar Leiby. Meeting was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watterworth.

Mrs. Henry Eichler, 62, died at her home in Pigeon. She is survived by her husband, four step-children and her mother.

New officers of McKinley Farmers Club are Alfred Sturm, Herbert Gettel, Mrs. Alvin Newman, Charles Anderson and Mrs. Wanda Morse.

## 40 YEARS AGO FEB. 17, 1950

A family of seven displaced persons from Riga, Latvia, the Janis Janson family, arrived in Pigeon, having been brought here by Cross Lutheran Church.

40 seniors at Pigeon High School are candidates for graduation, according to Supt. George E. Carpenter.

Pigeon Rural Ag. School's contract with the Federal government to train veterans under the "on-the-farm" program has been expanded to add 50 more students and two new agricultural instructors have been engaged. They are Howard Thompson and Robert Kirkpatrick.

## 30 YEARS AGO FEB. 18, 1960

Orville H. Snider, principal of Elkton High School for the past eight years, will be principal of the new Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Area High School, it was announced by the board of education. Airman second class Harlan A. Christner, son of Mrs.

ryn Frank, Junior Dutcher, Evelyn Deming, Wanda Quick and Doris Stahl. Orrie Christner, Pigeon, was named airman of the month for the 21st Air division at Forbes Air Force Base, KA. A Lions Club has been organized in Elkton. Officers are George Hay, Robert Cole, Clifford Furness, Willard Sprague, Ken Weatherhead, Earl Tamblyn and Ronald Downer. Geraldine M. Hoffman, 50, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman of Elkton, died Feb. 8.

## 20 YEARS AGO FEB. 12, 1970

Treva Swartzendruber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Swartzendruber of Elkton, was capped at Bay Medical Facility school of practical nursing.

Mark Abraham and Herbert L. Schuette, both of Pigeon, received their degrees at winter commencement ceremonies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Fred Henkleman, Pigeon, was named on the dean's honor list for fall term at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Mrs. Eve Sorenson, 62, a teacher at Laker Junior High, died Feb. 5, in Saginaw. She leaves her husband, Leslie, and a son, James, vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church, Sand Point.

Laura Shetler and James Richardson, flute and cello winners in the recent string and wind competition, took part in the Saginaw Symphony Young People's concert at Arthur Hill Auditorium, Saginaw.

## 10 YEARS AGO FEB. 7, 1980

Workers at the Cooperative Elevator Co. of Pigeon designed and built a new 125 gallon bean pot.

A farm owned by Arlington Fritz, Owendale, has been designated as a Centennial Farm by the Division of Michigan History of the Michigan Department of State.

Hedwig (Buchholz) Salmon, 72, Flint, formerly of

Pigeon died Jan. 30. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters.

Robert and Sandra Watts (brother and sister) of Caseville, were named on the Dean's list of Albion College for the fall semester.

Jill (Beachy) Champagne of Elkton received a Bachelor's Degree in December ceremonies at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

## Lake-Chandler news items

By MILDRED BALLAGH Cordelia Trost of New York is visiting her aunt, Amanda Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Dufty accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellison of Detroit to Las Vegas for four days.

Reminder: Fashion Square Mall "Ag Days" are set for Thursday, Feb. 1 through Sunday, Feb. 4.

Aleta Forster, Elkton, was a Monday visitor of Opal Dufty.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh visited Marguerite Thompson and called at the Duane Thompson home at Marlette on Tuesday.

Andrea Richmond of Alma College and Kim Dufty of Ferris State University spent the weekend at their parents', the Kurt Richmonds and Dick Duftys.

Weekend guests of Fred and Mona McBride were Mr. and Mrs. Jim McBride and family of Tawas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh spent several days with Bill and Jan Ballagh of New Lothrop.

Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl were Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Reibling and son Duane of Gainesville, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reibling of Caseville, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reibling, Mr. and Mrs. David Reibling and son David of Elkton.

# UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Nieschulz - Luttenberger

Glidden - Bushey



Michelle Lynn Luttenberger and Jeffrey Scott Nieschulz, both of Bad Axe, united their lives in marriage on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the United Methodist Church, Bad Axe.

The Rev. David Stout performed the nuptial vows for the children of Mr. and Mrs. William (Judith) Luttenberger of Bad Axe, Mark Nieschulz of Sebawaing and Karen Nieschulz of Bad Axe.

Peach sprayed mums graced the wedding altar, as organist Mrs. Marie Kiehl played "El Shaddai" and "Up Where We Belong."

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore an ivory satin gown covered with chantilly lace, long sleeves with a dropped waist bodice and a tiered, tea-length skirt. Her headpiece was a matching hat of ivory satin and pearls with a half veil net. She carried a nosegay bouquet of white carnations accented with peach baby roses and sea mist green lilies and baby's breath, surrounded by ivory lace. Attending the bride as maid of honor was her best friend, Lyla A. Peruski of Adrian, who wore a peach satin tea-length dress with pouffed short sleeves, a dropped waist and side bow. She carried a smaller version of the bride's bouquet.

Flower girl was Kristie L. Arnitz of Bad Axe, niece of the bride, who wore a sea mist green dress with pouffed white lace short sleeves and triple tiered lace from the hemline to the waist. Her miniature nosegay bouquet was similar to the maid of honor's.

Larry Smith of Bad Axe stood up as best man for his friend. Seating the wedding guests were ushers Edward Luttenberger of Bad Axe and David Luttenberger of Mt. Clemens, brothers of the bride.



Marybeth C. Bushey and Lori Glidden.

The bride's dress, made of shantique silk, was elaborately appliqued with pearls, lace and effervescent sequins, a fitted bodice with padded shoulders. A dramatic, overstated peplum at the dropped waist reached the hemline in the front and back. The cathedral train and full skirt were trimmed in matching appliques and the fitted sleeves had inserts of appliques and effervescent sequins. The neckline was full in the front with a modified drop back.

The bride carried an arm bouquet of white butterfly roses, Christmas greens and holly. Gold braid was wrapped in ballerina fashion and ended with streamers of gold.

The honor attendant for the bride was her sister, Linette Baur of Caseville, who was joined at the altar by bridesmaids Maribeth A. Bushey of Portland, Ore. and Renee Bushey of Caseville, both sisters of the bride and Michelle Bray of Chicago, Ill., cousin of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore full-length dresses of red velvet bodices, with a drop waist coming to a point in the back and front. The back had a diamond-shaped cut-out and a large satin bow at the center of the back. The half sleeves had a slight fluff at the shoulders. The skirt was complementary red satin, covered with two ample layers of red tulle. The honor attendant carried a classical arrangement of red Escort roses, alstromeria, dendrobium orchids and gold, glass balls. Christmas greens of pine and holly backed the cascade of flowers and berries. The bridesmaids' bouquets were identical to the honor attendants'. Flower girl Samantha Glidden of Ferndale, niece of the groom, wore a white full skirt with balloon layers, with the bottom edge trimmed in lace and a modified train also trimmed with lace. She carried a petite winter white basket that featured a gathering of greens, centered with a red sweetheart rose and streamers.

Standing up for the groom were best man James Glidden of Cass City, brother of the groom and groomsmen Richard Glidden of Ferndale,

The groom's mother chose a dark rose two-piece silk dress with pearl accents, complemented by a shoulder corsage of dendrobium orchids and bridal white roses with accents of silver and pine.

The newly-married Mr. and Mrs. Glidden greeted guests at a reception conducted at Sherwood on the Hill, Gageton, before leaving on a wedding trip to Orlando, Bradenton and Sanibel Island, Fla.

The Gliddens are now making their home in Milwaukee, Wisc.

brother of the groom and Brian Bushey of Caseville and Mark Bushey of Dayton, Ohio, both brothers of the bride.

Helping to seat the 250 wedding guests were ushers Matthew Bushey of Rochester Hills, brother of the bride and Carl Hakkarinen of Portland, Ore. and Keith Baur of Caseville, both brothers-in-law of the bride.

The mother of the bride selected a two-piece beaded dress with leaf-shaped burnished gold accents at the neckline and skirt edge. She carried a white cattleya orchid with touches of Christmas greens and accents of gold.

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# Tax Filing Tips For The Newly Divorced

A recent divorce or separation may have caused major changes in, not only your lifestyle, but your taxes as well. The following are a few general guidelines and tax tips to assist you at tax time:

**—Choose the correct filing status—**Your marital status is important in determining which status you will file. You may file as "single" if you are unmarried and obtained your divorce, legal separation (determined by state law), or annulment by the end of your tax year (usually December 31).

You generally may file as "head of household" if you are unmarried at the end of the tax year or are married and lived apart from your spouse the last six months of the tax year, and you kept up a home for your child (listing the child's name on the return) or, if you are unmarried, for the person for whom you can claim as a dependent.

**Couples not divorced by year end** may be able to file a "joint" return (married filing joint status), or separate returns (married filing separate status). Figure

## Some Farm Trucks Exempt From Tax

Agricultural vehicles used on public highways for 7,500 miles or less per year may be exempt from the Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax.

Some of the criteria necessary to be exempt from this tax are: more than half of the vehicle's use is for farming purposes; it is registered as a motor vehicle used for farming; and a tax statement, Form 2290, "Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Return," must be filed.

If, while the tax is suspended, the vehicle is used on public highways for

your tax both ways to make sure you are using the method that will result in the lower tax.

**—Exemption amount increases for 1989—**You are allowed to deduct \$2,000 for yourself and each person you can claim as your dependent for the 1989 tax year. An exemption for your spouse is allowed only if you are married and file a joint return with your spouse, or you file a separate return and the spouse had no gross income and was not a dependent on another person's return.

You must list the social security numbers of all dependents who turned two years old by the end of the tax year.

**—Who gets to claim the kids?—**There are several tests a parent must meet to claim an exemption for a child. A child's exemption usually may be claimed by one of the parents (not both) if the child had gross income of less than \$2,000 for 1989 or that child is under 19 or is a student under 24.

Generally, the parent who provided more than half the

child's support is allowed to claim the dependent's exemption. The parent who has custody of the child for the greater part of the year is generally treated as the parent who provided more support. If neither a divorce decree nor agreement establishes custody, then the parent who had physical custody for the greater part of the year is considered to have custody of the child. The custodial parent can release the exemption to the non-custodial parent by signing a written declaration, Form 8332, "Release of Claim to Exemption for Child of Divorced or Separated Parents," or similar statement.

**—Alimony is income for one—deductible for the other—**Alimony or separate maintenance payments you make to your spouse or ex-spouse under a divorce or separation agreement are tax deductible. You do not have to itemize deductions to claim alimony payments.

Alimony or separate maintenance payments that you receive must be reported as taxable income to you. You do not deduct child support payments that you make. You do not include, in income, child support payments that you receive.

**—Legal fees you pay may include deductible and nondeductible charges—**You should request a breakdown showing the amount charged for each service performed. Legal fees and court costs for getting a divorce are not deductible. However, you may deduct legal fees paid for tax advice in connection with divorce, and legal fees to get alimony that you must include in gross income. You may also include fees you pay to other professionals, such as appraisers and accountants, for services in determining the

correct amount of your tax or in helping to obtain alimony. If you itemize deductions, you may claim the deductible charges, subject to the 2 percent of adjusted gross income limit.

**—Change your tax withholding with your employer—**You will usually have to file a new Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," with your employer when you become divorced or

separated. Changes in income, deductions, exemptions, or filing status during 1989 may require you to change the amount of tax withheld or begin to make estimated tax payments.

For instance, if you are single, divorced, or legally separated, you must claim single status on your Form W-4. If you receive alimony or other payments which are not subject to withholding, you may have

to ask for additional withholding from your wages or make estimated tax payments.

IRS Publication 504, "Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals," contains specific details on the subjects as well as tax rules on property settlements, IRAs, and other topics which affect divorced persons. Ask for a free copy by calling the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-424-3676.



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# Milk Money And Taxes...The Dairy Termination Program

Farmers participating in the Dairy Termination Program (DTP) of the Commodity Credit Corporation are reminded by the IRS that the income they receive is taxable.

Part of each DTP payment the dairy farmer receives is in compensation for the difference between the amount received when the dairy cattle are sold under this program and the

higher price that the farmer could have received if the cattle were sold for dairy purposes.

from milk production on Schedule F. More information appears in the free IRS Publication



## Will Those Working Students Still Cwe Taxes?

The tax consequences of getting a part-time or summer job are not as simple for students as they used to be. Due to tax changes in recent years, there are many things to consider, such as:

**How much will the student make at this job during the year?**

**Will the student have any other job by the end of the year?**

**Does the student have a savings account or other investment which will earn interest or dividends?**

**Does (or will) the student have a scholarship which will be partially or fully taxable during the year?**

**Can the student be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return?**


Each of these factors should be considered when students fill out Form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," to determine how much if any tax should be withheld from each pay check.

In general, a single student who can be claimed as a dependent by another person can earn up to \$3,100 in wages, tips and taxable scholarships before a federal income tax return must be filed, provided he or she has no unearned income such as interest or dividends. If the student does have unearned income, a return must be filed if the total income exceeds \$500.


This income should be reported on Form 4797, "Sales of Business Property." The other part of the payment should be reported as ordinary income

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# Dependents?... It Depends

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The parent's loss, however, could be viewed as the student's gain. Under this new rule, the dependent may claim himself or herself as an exemption on his or her own tax return.

**For the parent to claim a student's exemption,** the student must meet certain dependency tests as well as being under 24 years of age. Those dependency tests are contained in this year's tax instructions and in free IRS Publication 929, "Tax Rules For Children And Dependents."

Farmers who have suffered drought losses in areas eligible for federal government assistance may find some relief in several special tax provisions.

**Postponement of Crop Insurance Payments—**Farmers may defer to the next tax year the reporting of drought-related crop insurance payments if they are cash method farmers and the damaged portion of the crop would not have normally been sold until 1990.

**Drought Sales—**Farmers can postpone reporting the proceeds from the sale of livestock due to drought for a year, providing:

- (1) their principal business is farming;
- (2) they use the cash method

of accounting; and, (3) the sale of the livestock normally would not have occurred this year except for the drought.

The Disaster Assistance Act of 1988 also provides payments to farmers affected by drought. Livestock producers may receive assistance in the form of cash reimbursements for feed, and certain transportation expenses, and in the form of donations and below-market purchases of feed.

Further, crop producers may receive payments for destroyed or damaged crops.

For more detailed information, free IRS Publication 225, "Farmer's Tax Guide," is available by calling toll-free, 1-800-424-3676.

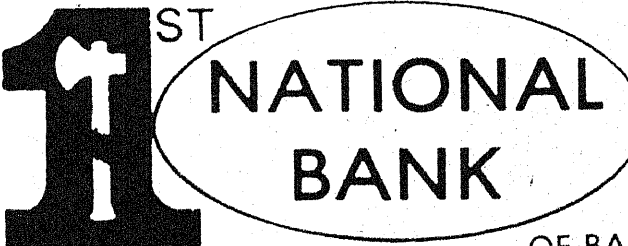
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**Thanks to Gladys Maust and Carol Stein for making the Bay Port cheerleading uniforms. They look GREAT! And we appreciate all your hard work. Signed, Bay Port Cheerleaders.**

**Look for Laker Boys Varsity Basketball on Wednesday and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. on Harroon Cable Channel 2.**

**I wish people would be more considerate and drive with their headlights on in the fog. It's unsafe unless you do.**

**Port Austin Community Players present "The Nerd" this final weekend, Feb. 2, 3, 4 at the Playhouse. Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2. For tickets, call 738-5217. Support your local theatre!**

**I agree with the person who agreed with my "feeding comment." You should be shot. What about the farmers who plant the fields that the deer feed in, only to be shot in those same fields by the farmers? Or every other hunter who hunts near an orchard or crop field? Use your head, instead of hoping someone gets shot in theirs.**

**I understand that when Laker Schools are closed because of bad weather, some coaches still hold practice for sports. This is really not a good policy, or does the urge to win override the safety of our athletes? That's what it appears, and I would hope the school board considers this matter.**

**Make plans for your family to attend the annual Laker Band Booster Soup & Sandwich Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Laker High School. Serving from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy home made soup, sandwich, desserts, and attend the basketball game with Cass City afterwards.**

**Anyone interested in helping Boy Scout Troop 586 of Pigeon by becoming their leader please contact Dennis Herbert. 453-2108**

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**We've got so much going for us here, now about a hotel to have a place for family or salesmen to stay?**

**Is it true mobile home owners pay taxes each year, even though they don't own the property? (A \$3 monthly fee, totaling \$36 a year, is paid by each mobile home owner in lieu of taxes. The mobile home community owner pays property taxes on the permanent buildings on the property, however.)**

**Does anyone know where I can find a range-fed chicken, a regular chicken that's allowed to roam**

**around and eat "traditional" chicken food, instead of antibiotic filled, scientifically processed chicken feed? If anyone knows where they can be purchased—a dressed chicken—please reply to the Progress office. Thanks.**

**The Laker basketball team might not be winning every single game, but they sure do give it their best every game. You can't fault them for trying. Go Lakers!**

**Suppose you're in an elevator, and someone lights up, how do you move elsewhere inside a 5 foot by 5 foot compartment? Or if you're in an assigned seat in a theatre, on a plane, or on a train? Everyone has a right to clean air FIRST and foremost, and a right to pollute their lungs second-most.**

**Regarding teachers' salaries, you won't get good education unless you pay the**

**instructors enough money. Guys in the factories don't have to pay for the education that a teacher does, either. I admire and appreciate the dedication our teachers show.**

**It should be a law that there should be no smoking in government buildings. Many people are being paid for smoking "on the job," with tax-paid dollars. We all know that smoking causes lung cancer and heart disease.**

**Second-hand smoke causes as much damage to the non-smokers. It's a good job for someone in which they have complete control over the welfare of others, until someone else protests! Well, someone has just protested! Signed, a Caseville Taxpayer.**

**Jan, everybody is happy to see your GLOWING face back in the hardware store. Welcome back to Elkton. Please stay! We missed you.**

**An unsafe driving practice is a real problem, bimbo or bimbe as the case may be, and driving without a headlight, or - with your brights on at all times could cause serious death and injury. If you do not con-**

**sider these things problems, then you really DON'T have any, do you?**

**I recently saw a lady in a restaurant who was chewing gum. She looked very much like a cow chewing its cud—only a cow would more intelligent. Worse yet, all those children with her will grow up chewing gum like her.**

**Please, if you chew gum, chew with your mouth closed. Didn't your mother teach you any manners?**

**Remember, the annual Bay Port P.T.O. School Carnival is coming Saturday, Feb. 10. Early dining starts at 6 p.m., and the Carnival runs 6:30 to 9 p.m. Bring the family to this fun school event!**

**What if the hunters who put out deer feed in the fall when the earth puts forth a bountiful harvest and the deer don't need it, were to put some food out now, when the deer and other animals struggle to find decent feeding grounds?**

**I just love your weekly paper, it reminds me of my weekly reader in grade school. Lots on interesting things to see and read. Keep up the good work, and thanks for "LISTENING EAR."**

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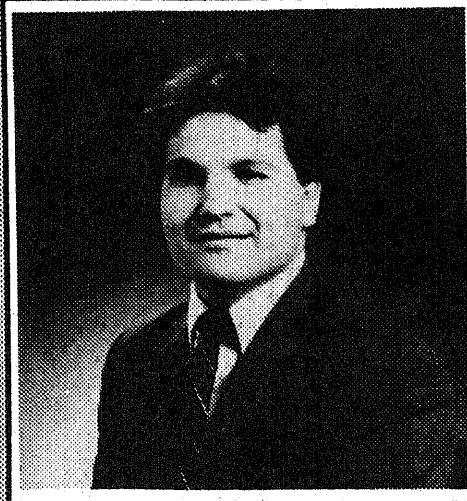
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### Discovery turns life upside down

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
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**What am I going to do?—MRS. S. M., Jacksonville, Fla.**

**DEAR MRS. M.:**

I suggest you begin by stabilizing your household. I can help with the financial aspect and am sending the funds to cover your expenses for two months. Part of that should pay for the costs of your AIDS testing. Now for the hard part—the emotional side and your future. I don't have the resources to counsel you. But I do know that when the "horror of the moment" is talked about with other people, it begins to subside and your nightmare becomes a "problem." You can at least look at a problem and start to make some rational choices. From there, you can begin to restructure your life. I know it's not easy, but that's how you deal with a crisis, which is the best term I have for your situation. My heart is heavy for your burden, but my head tells me you'll get through it. My very best wishes.

—MRS. M. Bismarck, N. D.

**DEAR MR. M.:**  
This column is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of those I help. But even if it were all I did—even if I only gave away \$1 a day—I would still tell people about it. It is from example that people learn. The countless complimen-

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
I caught your TV segment on "20/20" Bravo! I noticed, though, that your critics are still squawking about the fact that you publicly display your generosity. All I can say is, if you didn't advertise the fact that you were giving money away, I never would have known to contact you when my car engine retired to the junkyard. I wrote you and am proud to say I got help from Percy Ross. Your check not only got my car running, but it saved my job, which supports my small family of three.

tary letters I receive, in which letter writers claim they are inspired to share their resources because of this column, will keep me shouting my message. Thanks a million for sharing yours.

—\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$—

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
This is no sob story, but I would like to get your assistance. I'm 33 and single, and I work a full-time and part-time job. For the last three years, I've been helping support my grandmother. She is 89 and has been in poor health for the past few years (cancer). Recently, she has shown signs of improvement, and her doctor

says there are some things she can now do on her own without my help. Finally, after three years, I would like to take a vacation for a few days and enjoy myself. I think with air fare, hotel and food, \$500 would be sufficient to cover my expenses to Las Vegas. I could lie and say I need the money for my grandmother, but I have already taken care of her needs. So, I'm asking for \$500 to take a vacation. Can you help a hardworking guy take a trip to Vegas? —MR. T. G., Dallas, Texas

**DEAR MR. G.:**  
Your honesty and good deeds make it hard to turn

your request down cold. If you can scrape together \$250, I'll kick in for the other half. In fact, I'm so sure you'll get your \$250 together, I'm sending my \$250 up-front. Have a safe and enjoyable trip!

—\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$—

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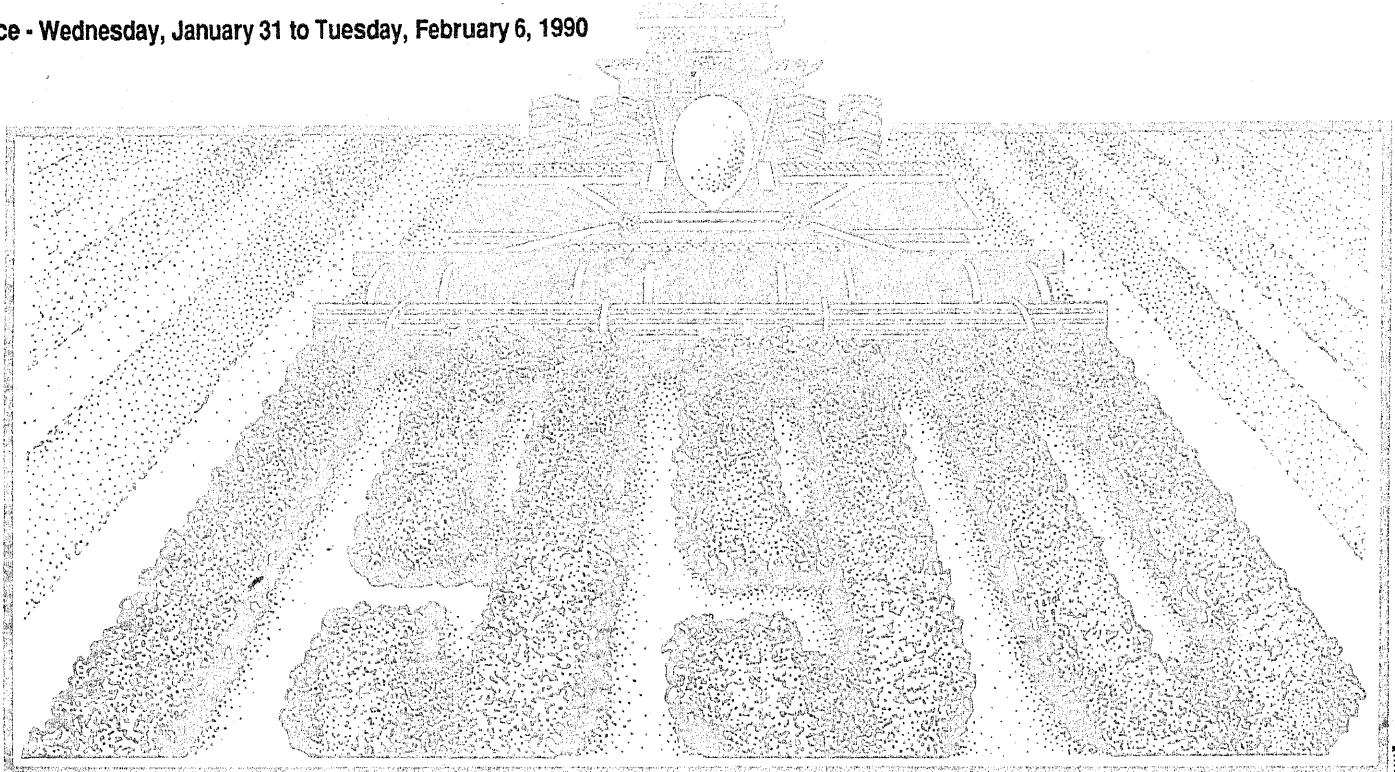
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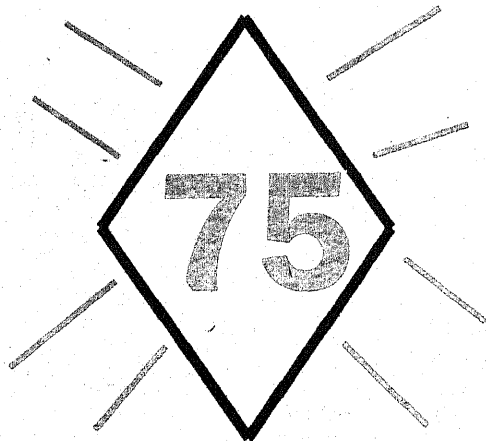


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