

When the Belt's Out of Notches, You Can't Tighten It Any More VOTE "YES" FOR SCHOOLS ON APRIL 7th

The Board of Education is asking school district voters to go to the polls on April 7 and vote "yes" on the 1981 school tax referendum. The referendum will ask voters to approve an increase of 40¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation in property tax for five years; beginning the sixth year the increase will be reduced to 25¢.

The funds from the additional taxes will be used to reduce the multi-million dollar debt already incurred by the school district, and to help keep existing school programs in operation. The funds from the referendum will not be used to obtain higher salaries for teachers. The con-

tract settlement following the teacher strike in 1979 set the salaries for teachers through the 1981-82 school year. Salaries will not be increased or reduced regardless of the outcome of the referendum.

If the referendum is defeated on April 7, the school board will make about a million dollars in cuts during 1981-82.

Physical Education will be cut by 33 1/3%, and 15% of the budget for the sports program will be trimmed, affecting hundreds of students involved in varsity sports. Art and music instruction will be cut by 33 1/3%, depriving students of the opportunity and benefits of education

in the arts. Funds for student activities will be cut by 50%. Each school will determine which activities will be dropped from a list that includes student council, yearbook, drama and debate.

Other cuts include health services (the nurse) 50%, library facilities 50%, counseling services 20%, and basic classroom materials like books, paper, and chalk may be cut anywhere from 10% to 50%. And that's not all. If the referendum fails and the district's debt continues, the school system may be forced to eliminate all athletic programs, and/or reduce the high school program

to a five hour day.

The board does not foresee closing any more of the District 186 schools. The enrollment decline experienced since 1971 has slowed; in fact, the enrollment could begin to increase in the mid 1980's.

Whether you vote "yes" or "no" is your decision; what is really important is that you just get to the polls and VOTE. The polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. If you would like more information on the school tax referendum, you may contact the headquarters of the Citizens to Maintain Strong Schools at 525-2108 or 525-2141.

SPRING PLAY TO BE MAY 1 & 2

The spring play "The Night of January 16" is finally on its way to being produced May 1 and 2 under the direction of Mr. Leonard Semon. There were numerous setbacks that prohibited the use of the Edison stage, but those problems have been overcome.

The play is a murder mystery set in a courtroom. The judge, Wilona Heath (Anita Powell) presides at the trial of Karen Andre (Leigh Ann Gayton) who has allegedly murdered her

boss/lover. Her lawyer is played by Jonathon Mitchell. The district attorney is played by Mark Anderson. Frank Campo is the Coroner, and Chantaan Day plays Mrs. Hutchins, the janitor's wife; Homer Van Fleet, a private investigator is played by Mike Griffin. Elmer Sweeney, a rookie policeman is played by Jay Davenport (Mr. Mark Sheffer, LHS P.E. teacher had this part when Mr. Semon produced this play 12 years ago.) Miss Jeanne Chandler is a

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SHOPLIFTING ON THE RISE...

Teenage shoplifting is swiftly becoming the most costly problem faced by retail stores all across the nation. It is estimated that 10% of the cost of an item is to pay for shoplifting and prevention devices.

This problem is a very difficult one to solve because teenagers under the age of seventeen can not be tried in a criminal court. Last year, in Springfield alone, there were 258 cases brought before the juvenile court. That does not include hundreds of thefts that went undetected.

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Preparations for the 1981 junior senior prom are in full swing as the first of two votings was held to determine the nine girls that will make up the prom court.

The prom will be held May 9 in the Garden Room of the Springfield Hilton. The junior class has chosen the theme "Don't Go Changin'". The band that will be performing will be Jhova.

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Dear Editor:

I feel that there should be an Afro-American club here at Lanphier so that the black students will have something to relate to.

I have been here for two years and I feel that there hasn't been

any effort in supporting the black students in our school.

I feel that this matter should be looked into by teachers and students soon.

Sincerely,

Connie Patton

You stay in school, I skip class.
 I love being wasted, you love being straight
 Sports is your life, dealings my trait.

author unknown.



a review by Scott Richardson



A review by Jon Park

AMERICAN POP, which is advertised as being the "state of the art in living animation" is a waste of time and money, not only for the defenseless moviegoer but also for its creator, Ralph Bakshi.

The plot, if there really is one, concerns the evolution of a family of musicians, and the evolution of music as it is performed by this family. I have seen better plots on the Flintstones.

My personal opinion is that once seated in front of the screen, you are subjected to a two hour Pepto-Bismal commercial: the whirling, flashing colors, the characters that change from orange to pink to purple to green and then back again, not to mention the sound, which is projected at a rousing 97 decibels, or the equivalent of having a cannon go off in the seat next to you in the Astrodome.

The art of this picture can in no way compare with the excellence of the Walt Disney classic, SLEEPING BEAUTY, which I feel is the epitome of artistic animation.

AMERICAN POP is a worthless way to spend an evening. Why not go see NINE TO FIVE again?!

The FINAL CONFLICT lives up to the last two Omen stories. Conflict deals with Damien Thorn, now grown and close to becoming the President of the United States and also well on his way to delivering the human race's collective soul to his

father. Lisa Harrow, a reporter and love interest of Thorn, brings out the human emotion in Damien. A priest, (Rossano Brazzi) goes after Damien when he learns the real Messiah has been reborn for the second coming, and Damien plans to kill the child.

Of course there are the usual satanic shenanigans and grisly murders and some facts of the Anti-Christ's rein and Christ's return, but this is an extremely well made motion picture. The surprise is Sam Neill, who plays Damien. Neill, (My Brilliant Career) a superb actor, makes a likely Damien Thorn!

Just say an "amen" that this is the last of the Omen trilogy, and we don't have to worry about Damien anymore. Or do we?

Rated R at the Esquire.



Senior Spotlight

by Dave Cunningham

Mark Tank has been chosen one of the two special seniors to be spotlighted this issue.

Mark, who is ranked in the top 6% of the senior class, is active in numerous clubs and sports. He is a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, and the Orange Blossoms. He has been on the honor roll for the past three quarters. Mark is presently a member of the LIGHT, the school newspaper.

He is a member of the baseball team and was a tri-captain of the wrestling team which takes up most of his spare time.

His hobbies include motor cycling, being with friends and participating in all sports.

Mark plans to attend Western Illinois University and major in either math of computers.



Gwen Sigars has been chosen as the female spotlight student for this issue.

Gwen, an A- to B+ student, is in several clubs, which include Pep Club, Afro-American Club, French Club, and Office Occupations. She is a member of the girls track team and played basketball her freshman and sophomore years. She was a cheerleader her freshman year, and is presently on the Pom-pom squad. She was on the Superior Honor Roll for two quarters, and will be on the regular honor roll this time.

Her hobbies include sewing, skating, running, and working, which she does every summer at the Comptrollers office.

Gwen plans to attend Lincoln Land Community College and major in Data Processing, eventually hoping to become a computer operator.



Mr. T.J. Meyer, a Spanish teacher at Lanphier has a varied background. Before he was a teacher, Mr. Meyer was a radio engineer for WLS FM in Chicago; he was a cameraman for Channel 20; he worked on the Paul Harvey Show; and he was even a radio disc-jockey in Beardstown, Illinois.

He then quit radio and television and became a teacher because he said he likes being around people and working with teenagers. He also said he enjoyed teaching because he liked to see the looks on the students' faces after he taught them something. He has attended colleges in Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Illinois.

Mr. Meyer was born in Jacksonville, Illinois. He later moved onto a farm in Beardstown, Illinois, where he showed cattle and horses at livestock shows. He attended Beardstown High School where his favorite subjects were Spanish, agriculture and history. He says continued on page 6

The Way We Were



"The Way We Were" has proven to be a popular feature in the LIGHT; a feature that we hope to present in every issue.

The chubby baby in the inner tube is Ruth Jorgensen, and right below her is a smiling Mary Midiri.

If you have a picture of someone as they appeared "back in the olden days", send it to us. We love to laugh at fat babies and kids with no teeth!

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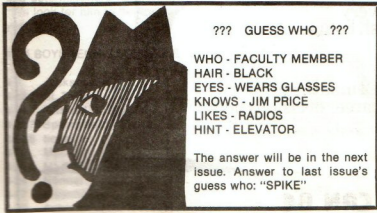
The answer will be in the next issue. Answer to last issue's guess who: "SPIKE"



ORCHIDS--to the senior girls who are trying out for prom court.
ONIONS--to the opposition of the tax referendum.
ORCHIDS--to the new baseball team.
ONIONS--to the people who do not support school functions.



ONIONS--to the seniors who flunked Mr. Stull's health test.
ORCHIDS--to the sports banquet
ONIONS--to the faculty members who constantly run down the LIGHT, and never have anything good to say about the hard work of the staff.



SPORTS

NEW COACH

The Lanphier Lions have a new head coach this year. Mark Stoddart will replace last year's coach Chad Roseboom.

Coach Stoddart graduated from Springfield High School where he played football and basketball. An elbow injury prevented him from playing baseball in high school.

Coach Stoddart was an assistant coach in 1977, and the head sophomore coach last year. He also has been an assistant coach since 1974.

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QUIZ

1. What did Pete Rose do his first pro at bat?
2. What team did Lou Brock steal the least bases against?
3. What person scored the most points in an N.B.A. game, and how many points did he score?
4. What 3 pro teams (Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Hockey) do not end in "S"?
5. Who caught the most TD passes in consecutive games?
6. Who has recorded the longest punt, and how many yards was it?
7. Who has the longest winning streak in the N.B.A., and how long was it?
8. How many homers did Hank Aaron hit?
9. What Lanphier Lion teacher played pro football?
10. What major league baseball player played in the World Series and has all his problems behind him?

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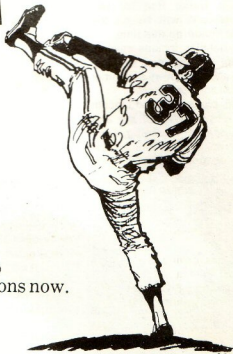
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NORTHSIDE PRIDE OFF TO SLOW START...

"It's too early to tell how we really are," said coach Lee Halberg.

Due to illness, the Northside Pride had a slow start in the first few meets; although they have had a few outstanding performances, these by Jeff Clay and Scot Crawford who both

broke school records in the high jump and discus respectively.

There are only ten lettermen returning to the team this year. Coach Halberg says that the younger athletes, with their ability, will make up for the team's lack of experience.

J.V. BASEBALL

Spring has finally arrived and so has the baseball season. This year's J.V., Freshman team promises to be one well worth watching.

This season, the team begins with a new coach, Mr. Ron Kruger, and a double header against Lincoln, Saturday, April 4.

The try-outs were stiff competition. Sixty-five freshman

and sophmores went out for the team which has now been cut to twenty-two.

Coach Kruger has a very impressive roster this year. He has a strong defense, but feels that the team's strongest point is their batting.

The team travels to Lincoln Saturday, which will be a real test of their ability to play as a team.

NEW BASEBALL COACH

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Stoddard is a P.E. teacher at Lanphier and in past years he was a science teacher.

Mr. Stoddard is married. He and his wife, Susan, have a one year old boy named Ryan. Some of his hobbies include softball, golf and fishing.

- 10. George Brett
- 9. Ray Ramsey
- 8. 755
- 1972
- 7. -Oct. 31, 1971, Jan. 9,
- 6. Los Angeles Lakers - 33
- 5. Steve O'Neal - 98 yds.
- 4. Crazy Legs Hirsch
- 3. Jazz
- 2. Boston Red Sox, Utah
- 1. Chicago White Sox,
- points
- 100. Witt Chamberlain -
- 2. St. Louis Cardinals
- 1. walked

1981 BOYS TENNIS SCHEDULE

- 4-9. Jacksonville T
- 4-13. St. Teresa T
- 4-14. Griffin & Southeast . H
- 4-17 Springfield Invita- . H
- 4-18 tional..... T
- 4-20. MacArthur T
- 4-22. Mt. Pulaski H
- 4-24. Normal H
- 4-27. Eisenhower T
- 4-30. Auburn H

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

The Lanphier Lions open the 1981 baseball season April 2 at Chatham against the Glenwood Redskins.

The Lions have 11 lettermen back from their 9-14 1980 team. They are seniors Dave Cunningham, Jim Fromm, Mark Fulgenzi, Kenny Gand, Mark Henson, David Morrison, Rich Sanchez, Rick Roscetti, and Mark Tank. Also returning are junior lettermen R.G. Krohe and Robbie Reeves.

Home games for the Lions will be played at either Chamberlain or Lanphier Parks. The Lions look for an improved and very exciting season. Watch them in action.

UPCOMING 1981 BASEBALL GAMES

4-10	.....	Morton	.....	C	.....	8:00
4-11	.....	Washington	.....	T	.....	11:00 a.m.
4-15	.....	Jacksonville	.....	T	.....	1:00 (2)
4-18	Conference	C	9:00 a.m.
4-20	Springfield	C	4:30
4-21	Conference	C	4:00
4-23	Griffin	L	8:30

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MR. MEYER

he was an outgoing student who was voted class clown.

He has been teaching 16 years which includes 11 years at Lanphier, Franklin Middle School, West Grand Elementary, Edison, and substitute teaching in California.

In his free time Mr. Meyer likes to listen to the radio, play some albums, eat, occasionally play some racketball, and travel. He has been to many countries, including Mexico, Peru, Columbia, Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy, England, and Germany. When asked if there were any differences in the way people in Spain, Mexico, and South America speak spanish, he replied, "Yes, just like there are regional differences in the United States. Different Spanish speaking countries use different phrases and dialects." He also stated that his wife and four year old son, Michael, don't know Spanish.

Believe it or not, as interesting as Mr. Meyer is, he said if he had to be someone else he would be either Roy Rogers or Juliam Bream.

SENIOR PLAY TO BE HELD

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handwriting expert and is played by Danielle Aldrich; Nancy Lee Faulkner, the victims wife is played by Mitzy Beggs; the bank president John Grahm Whitfield is played by Dave Easley, and Sherrie Smothers plays Magda Svenson, the victim's housekeeper.

Mr. Steven's witnesses are: Billy Lazar as Junquist the victims new secretary; Karen Andre, played by Leigh Ann Gaylon; Rick Winders as Larry Regan; a common criminal; and Roberta Van Rensslau, played by Jodie MacGraw.

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Survey...

A survey was taken among sophomores, juniors and seniors. The question asked was "Life would be dull without..."

12th

Mike McQuinn—People not able to share ideas and feelings about each other.

Shari Casper—GHOSTS!

Mark Tank—Sports

Shari Dubach—Rock-n-Roll

Jim Fromm—Food

Cathy Killen—Friends

Mike Griffin—Me

11th

Don Mallonee—trees

Karen Meece—Money

Robin Wainwright—Guys

Greg Lewis—basket weaving under water

10th

Becky Henson—weekends

Sherry McCaskey—other people

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TEEN SHOPLIFTING ON THE RISE...

The reasons for shoplifting are as widely ranged as the type of items stolen. Some teenagers shoplift because of dares or thrills. Others blame the high cost of goods. They do not realize that shoplifting only pushes prices higher.

The police departments and juvenile courts are doing all they can to prevent shoplifting but the rest of the burden is on the owner and managers of the stores. We all pay the price for shoplifting.

Surprise...
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Will Hurt
You!

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