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## Buyer says mill sale on schedule; \$9 million buy-out deadline is Feb. 1

**Confident paper company was a good operation with a good future...**

By Lynn Attila

Final details aimed at sealing the proposed \$9 million sales agreement between Watervliet Paper Company and Kapaco Group, Inc. by February 1 are being worked out, according to Richard H. Jones, Chairman of Kapaco. "There are no negative things at this point," Jones commented during a recent interview with the Record. He projects all criteria will be met by the deadline set by the purchase agreement.

An agreement had been struck between the troubled Watervliet Paper Company and the Kalamazoo-based organization in late December to purchase the assets of the mill.

Watervliet Paper Company President David Stiles previously reported the purchase agreement required four items to make it a go: The purchaser must be able to attain satisfactory financing; The purchaser must be able to secure a satisfactory pulp supplier; The purchaser must be able to obtain operating permits from the DNR and EPA; The purchaser must be able to work out a satisfactory agreement with the United Paperworkers Union who represents the unionized employees.

Jones said he did not anticipate difficulty with any of these items. He said the process of purchasing a business and transferring the title and assets "just takes time. The last time we bought a mill it took five months" to finalize all of the details, he pointed out. "We're trying to do this in two months." Kapaco is currently involved in three "necessary processes" to complete the sales, according to Jones. These processes include: survey and title work for the Watervliet Paper Company; an environmental audit done by environmental engineers; and an appraisal of the machinery and property done by an outside appraisal company. When these processes are complete, "Kapaco will be ready to make its final decision," Jones said.

Representatives of Kapaco initiated negotiations with the Union this week, Jones reported. He said his corporation had not decided how many employees it planned to staff

the mill with when it reopened.

C.A. Hubbard, a Kalamazoo-based converter and wholesale company owned by Kapaco, has leased the Finishing Department at the Watervliet Paper Company, pending finalization of the sales agreement. Jones said between thirty and forty employees were hired to run the department during this interim period.

Jones refuted rumors that the new corporation would pay a portion of the City's back taxes by saying Kapaco would pay the \$9 million purchase price to the court. It would be up to the discretion of the court to disperse the funds to pay off Watervliet Paper Company's creditors and back taxes. He also pointed out the court would

take appropriate action to assure "the title is free and clear" for the prospective purchaser.

Jones said he anticipated "starting up exactly the same," indicating the mill would be manufacturing the same products as before. He said there was always the possibility of change in the future as Kapaco would like to take full advantage of all its corporations.

Kapaco Group, Inc. owns Detroit River Paper Company, a manufacturer of food and medical packaging material located in Detroit; C.A. Hubbard, out of Kalamazoo, a converter and wholesale operation; and Paperpoint Inc., a merchant corporation with bases in South

Bend, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Jones said he felt confident the Watervliet Paper Company was a good operation with a good future. He commented, "They had a very good strategy but too long of a learning curve and not enough financial backing."



### MATTHEW NILSON NOMINATED TO USAF ACADEMY

Matthew Nilson, a senior at Hartford High School, has been nominated to the class entering in the summer of 1989 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, according to an announcement made by Congressman Fred Upton.

Upon making his selections Congressman Upton said, "The young people selected this year have extraordinary academic records and a broad range of interests, pursuits, extracurricular activities and athletic achievements. I hope next year's applicants maintain the high calibre of the applicants of 1989."

To assist in the selection process, Congressman Upton divided the district into three equal sections and appointed three Academy Advisory committees made up of citizens from throughout each area. Because of the large number of highly-qualified applicants, Congressman Upton and members of his advisory committees used the 'competitive' method of nomination. They chose several candidates for each vacancy that he is entitled to fill which will allow the individual academies to select the person best qualified from among the list.

The selection of nominees is based upon a composite of academic factors including school records, junior class rank and national test scores. The selection committee also took into consideration leadership potential, extracurricular activities, athletics, physical fitness and recommendations.

Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Nilson, 67024 County Road 372, Hartford.



**WINTER TIME FUN...**Members of the Paw Paw Lake-River Ventures have been busy planning the 7th annual Paw Paw Lake Winterfest slated for January 28 and 29. Some of the members who are helping to pull the fun-filled weekend together are, front row, left to right: Peg White, Lea Bertuca, Garry Hammarstrom. Second row, left to right: Elsie Zuhl, Fran Cuddie, Marge Zick. Back row, left to right: Orville Frey, Bill White.

Softball enthusiasts can call John Bertuca at 983-1571 to register their teams. Individuals interested in the volleyball tournament can register at Coast to Coast, downtown Coloma, before Thursday, January 26, 1989. (photo by Lynn Attila)

## River Ventures plan Jan. 28 & 29 Winterfest

By Lynn Attila

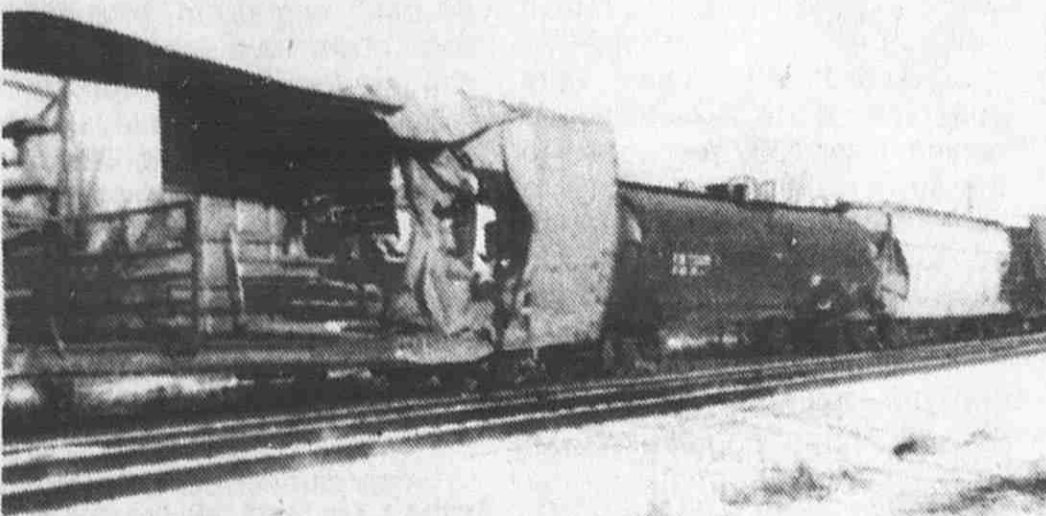
The Paw Paw Lake-River Ventures Inc. and local businesses will sponsor the 7th annual Paw Paw Lake Winterfest on January 28 and 29. This will be the first time in three years the popular festival will take place.

Festival committee member Peg White said skyrocketing rates for liability insurance caused the Ventures to delete the Winterfest from its annual agenda. "But people kept asking for it, so we decided to bring it back," she observed. She said in order to compensate for the costly insurance premiums the Ventures have scaled down this

year's festival and decided to absorb the additional costs.

Many of the all-time favorites will again be featured in this favorite winter happening, including snowmobile races, co-ed softball, a pig roast, music and dancing. For those interested in 'the winning edge' several tournaments are slated to bring out the competitive spirit in even the meekest of participants.

Winterfest headquarters are located at The Last Resort, Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma. Those interested in more information about the exciting fun-filled weekend may call 468-4271.



**TRAIN HOPPING...**A northbound freight train headed for Chicago jumper the tracks, late Saturday evening, spilling nearly twenty cars onto their sides. The track was repaired and full train runs were resumed 24 hours after the incident. (photo by Lynn Attila)

## No injuries/contamination in Hartford derailment

By Lynn Attila

A one-hundred-car freight train derailed north of the Hartford City Limits Saturday, January 14, spilling fifteen to twenty cars across the countryside, according to Peter Sinclair, Van Buren County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. There were no injuries.

The train, headed north toward Chicago, hit a spot on the track that Sinclair said could have been a bad rail. He said there had been no confirmation from the railroad on the exact cause of the derailment. An investigation of the incident is in progress. The amount of property damage is undetermined.

Sinclair said.

Sinclair said he was called to the scene of the derailment because of concern over possible contamination due to leaking of toxic materials and gas from damaged cars. However, there was no toxic contamination. He said most of the derailed cars were empty at the time of the incident.

The accident "tore up about 300 feet of track," Sinclair reports. He said, "In less than 24 hours trains were running again at a very slow speed." The Amtrak was diverted from its Sunday run on the affected track but, by evening, all trains were running through the area.



**ROYAL FAREWELL...**The 1988 Miss Watervliet, Tracy Clay, and her Court of First Runner-up and Miss Congeniality, Shannon Hanks, and Second Runner-up, Amy Bayer, made a final appearance together at the Watervliet Lioness Club Fashion Show last Sunday, January 15. The lovely trio, along with candidates for this year's contest, and various other models from the community modeled timely fashions from area clothiers.

The Miss Watervliet Blossomtime Queen Contest for 1989 is slated for Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8:00 p.m., at the Watervliet High School auditorium. Tickets will be on sale this Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Don Young Insurance Agency, Main Street, Watervliet. Tickets are \$6.00 and sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (photo by Lynn Attila)

## WE ASKED YOU...

**DO YOU THINK CONVICTED CRIMINALS SHOULD BE RELEASED FROM PRISON EARLY TO EASE OVERCROWDING?**



**BARRY EIDE HARTFORD**  
"I don't think they should let them out. There should be more prisons."



**BARBARA HUFFMAN HARTFORD**  
"Harden criminals should not be let out."



**CLINTON STODDARD HARTFORD**  
"It would depend on how serious the crime was."



**MYRTLE STODDARD HARTFORD**  
"Somebody has got to give some of these fellows a chance."



**GLORIA MAYO HARTFORD**  
"I think it would depend on what they were in there for...misdemeanor charges would be acceptable."



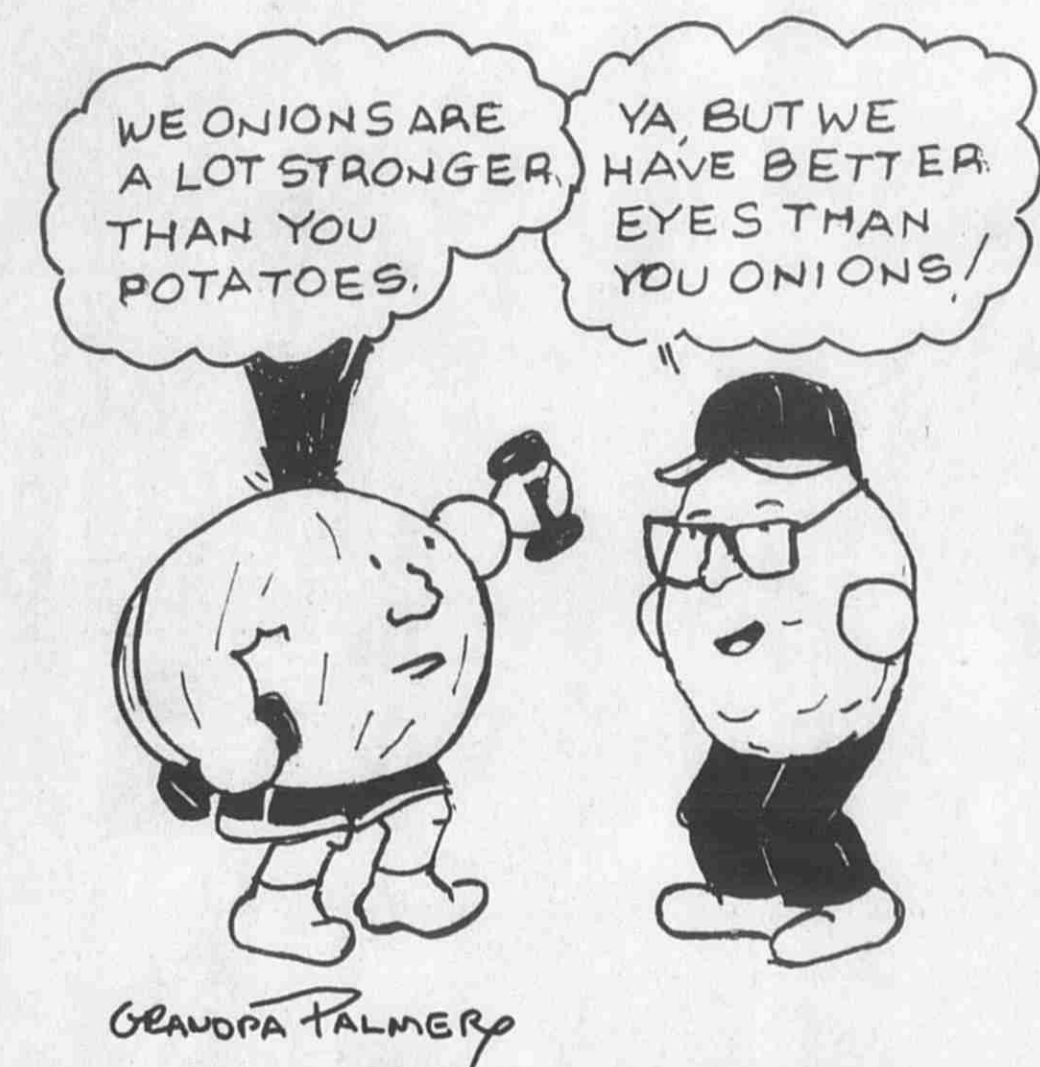
**RON WAGNER WATERVLIET**  
"No, they shouldn't be released. I think they receive more rehabilitation training while they are in there to give them a future when they get out."



**FLORA HILL HARTFORD**  
"I think whoever's idea that was is crazy...if they let the criminals back on the street they might do something worse."



**TAMMY MENEAR BANGOR**  
"I think they ought to reinstate the death penalty, get rid of major offenders and make some room for the minor offenders."



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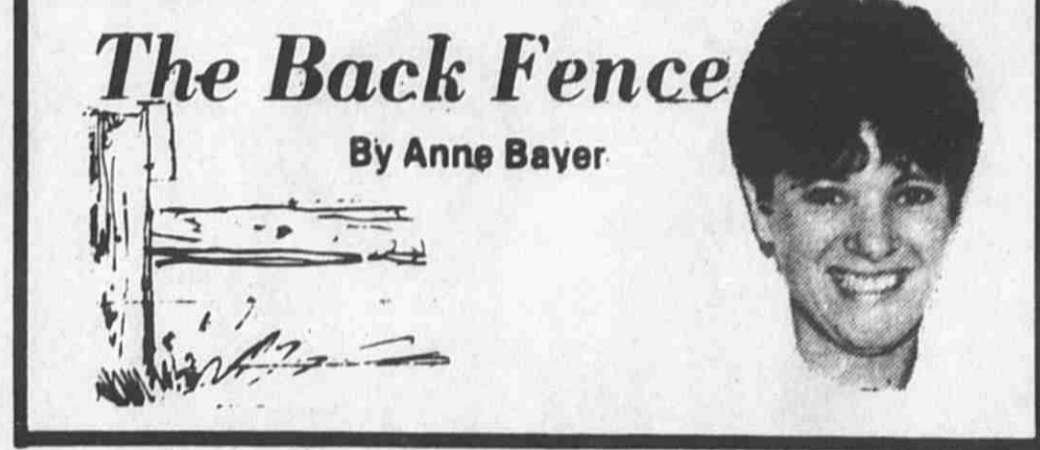
Did you know? Nearly 6 million wives will be abused by their husbands in any one year. Battery is the single major cause of injury to women...

SARETT NATURE CENTER PLANS THREE GREAT TRIPS

Sarett Nature Center will be sponsoring and leading natural history tours to a wide variety of locations in 1989.

ST. JOHNS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS MAHO BAY RESORT

Maho Bay is surrounded by the Virgin Islands National Park.



The Back Fence

This week I have started this column four times and each and every time I have had to stop and begin again. Wouldn't it be nice if, in fact, very time I began again it would become better... but no chance.

nature walks to explore the moors, meres, woods, carns and bogs. Around 200 species of birds can be seen...

NEW ZEALAND 'LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD'

The island country of New Zealand, isolated from all other land masses for over 70 million years, has developed an incredibly unique plant and animal community.

WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Women and Depression is the topic of the January 25 program. The forum will discuss the link between depression and women's health.

AMOCO GOLIATH SMALL-MINDED TO CHARITABLE WORKS

National and international companies spend millions and millions of dollars each year on campaigns to improve their image.

DO AMERICANS WANT A \$25,000,000 PARTY

Pres-elect George Bush (wanna bet it's King George before 1992) has expressed some concern about the \$25 million inaugural celebration slated for Washington, D.C.

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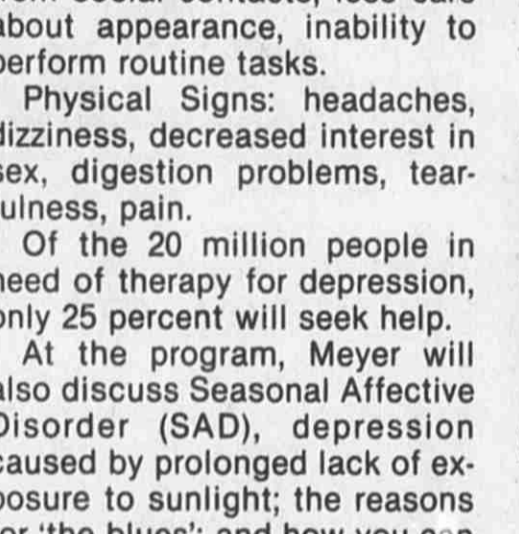
Last week's Kolum had a calculation on savings if congressmen didn't get a 50 percent pay raise this year.

MICHIGAN MIDWINTER BALD EAGLE SURVEY

Michigan residents are urged to participate in the annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey conducted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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KEELER TO HARTFORD IN 5 MINUTES

The second Model A story that came to me is from John Ewin. Wife Pat, who caused Irene Yekley James to write her neat story on learning to drive...

SECOND SEMESTER OF ADULT EDUCATION STARTS JAN. 30

North Berrien Community & Adult Education will begin its second semester of classes on Monday, January 30.

FOR YOUR VALENTINE

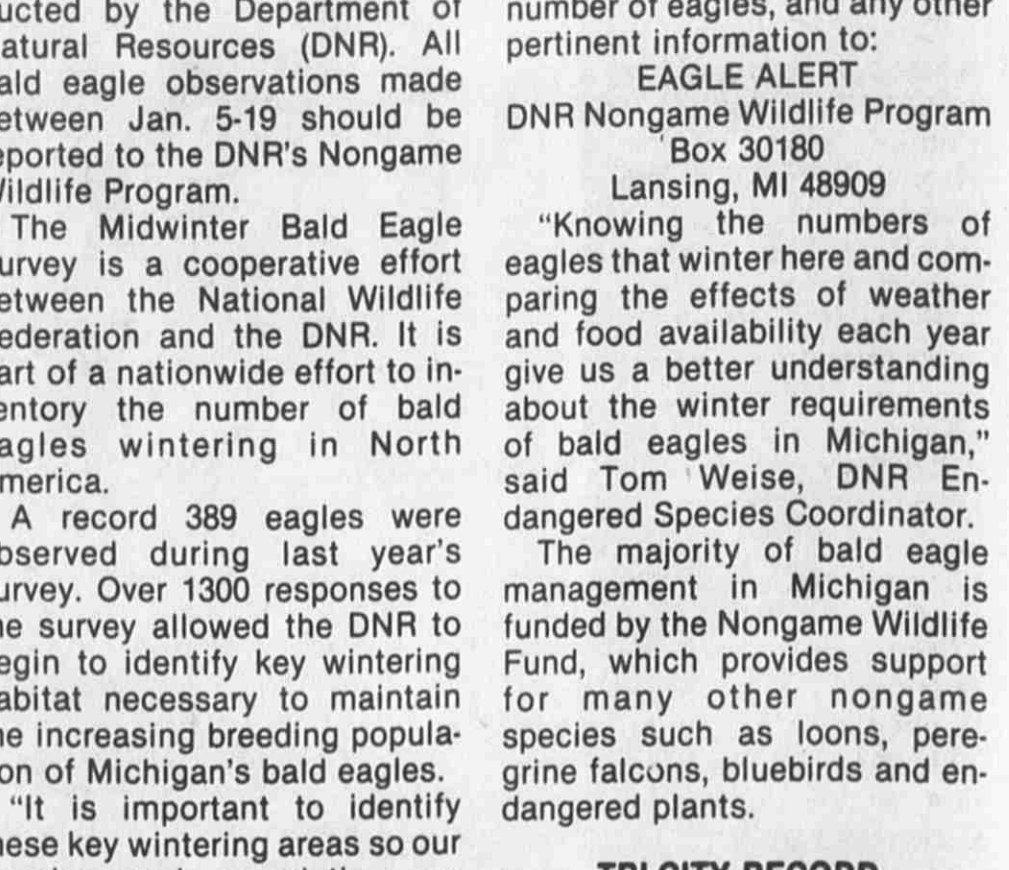
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Hartford man represents Potawatomi nation...meets Pope John Paul II

By Lynn Attila. Devoted Catholics around the world only dream of ever getting to see His Holiness, Pope John Paul II...



HONOR OF A LIFETIME...Arthur (Art) Morsaw, a Native American from Hartford, has the special honor of representing the Potawatomi Nation during a trip to Rome this past summer.



YELLOWSTONE PARK, MONTANA, COLORADO DURING THAT TIME

John and I were classmates in high school, and he was one of the few car owners in school at that time.

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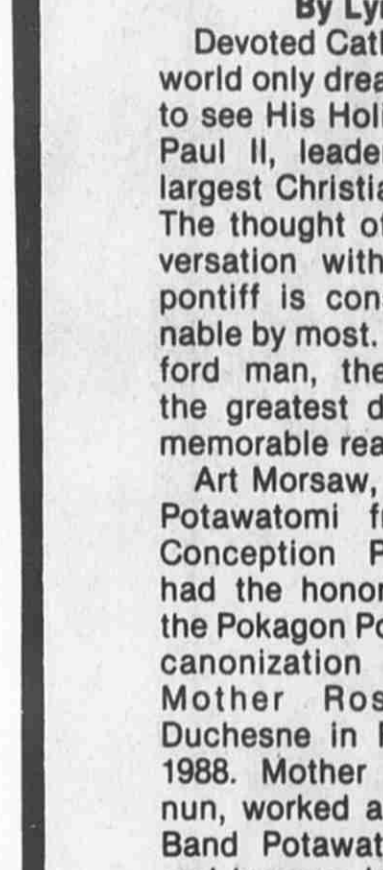
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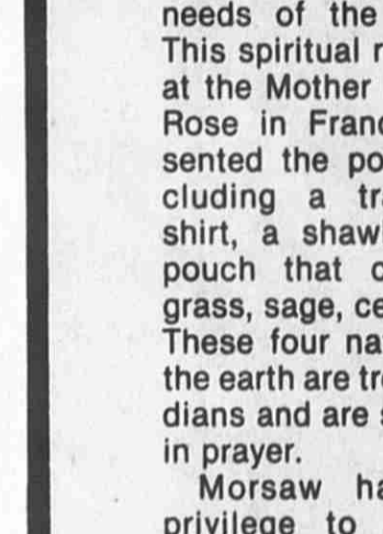
12 PACK PLUS DEPOSIT \$4.88. NUTRITIOUS BANANAS 25¢ LB.

Hartford man represents Potawatomi nation...meets Pope John Paul II

By Lynn Attila. Ministry. He has also been nominated to serve on the National Board for the Conference on Kateri Tekakwitha in Bozeman, Montana.



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Area Obituaries

SIBYL SARTERS
Sibyl S. (Hopson) Sarter, 78, 140 Hilliard St., Hartford...

GWYN HOFFMAN
Mrs. Gwynn (Chott) Hoffman, 49, of North Main Street...

JAMES HILL
James B. Hill, 72, of 2414 Virginia Road, Benton Harbor...

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The funeral was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Calvin Funeral Home...

The funeral was held Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church...

The funeral was held Friday at 11 a.m. at North Shore Memory Gardens Chapel...

The funeral was held Monday at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church...

The funeral was held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Davidson Chapel...

The funeral was held Monday, January 9, 1989, at home...

J. GUNNAR NEASLUND
J. Gunnar Neaslund, 87, of Tri-City Village, Watervliet...

Mr. Neaslund, a former resident of Hartford...

Survivors include: his wife, the former Helen Kerekes...

WESLEY M. STROUSE
Wesley M. Strouse, 89, of Englewood, Ohio...

Mr. Strouse was born in Chicago on July 27, 1899...

Survivors include a son, Lawrence Strouse of Watervliet...

Volunteers needed for Winter Field Day

In cooperation with the Southwestern Michigan Volunteer Center, the Tri-City Record will publish opportunities for volunteers this week...

The Salvation Army in Benton Harbor is seeking volunteers for its after-school tutoring program...

The YWCA of Southwestern Michigan is seeking volunteers who understand a number of card games...

The Family Crisis and Communication Center is planning its next volunteer training for Mondays and Thursdays...

Forty-eight Southwestern Michigan College students have been named to the President's List for the fall 1988 semester...

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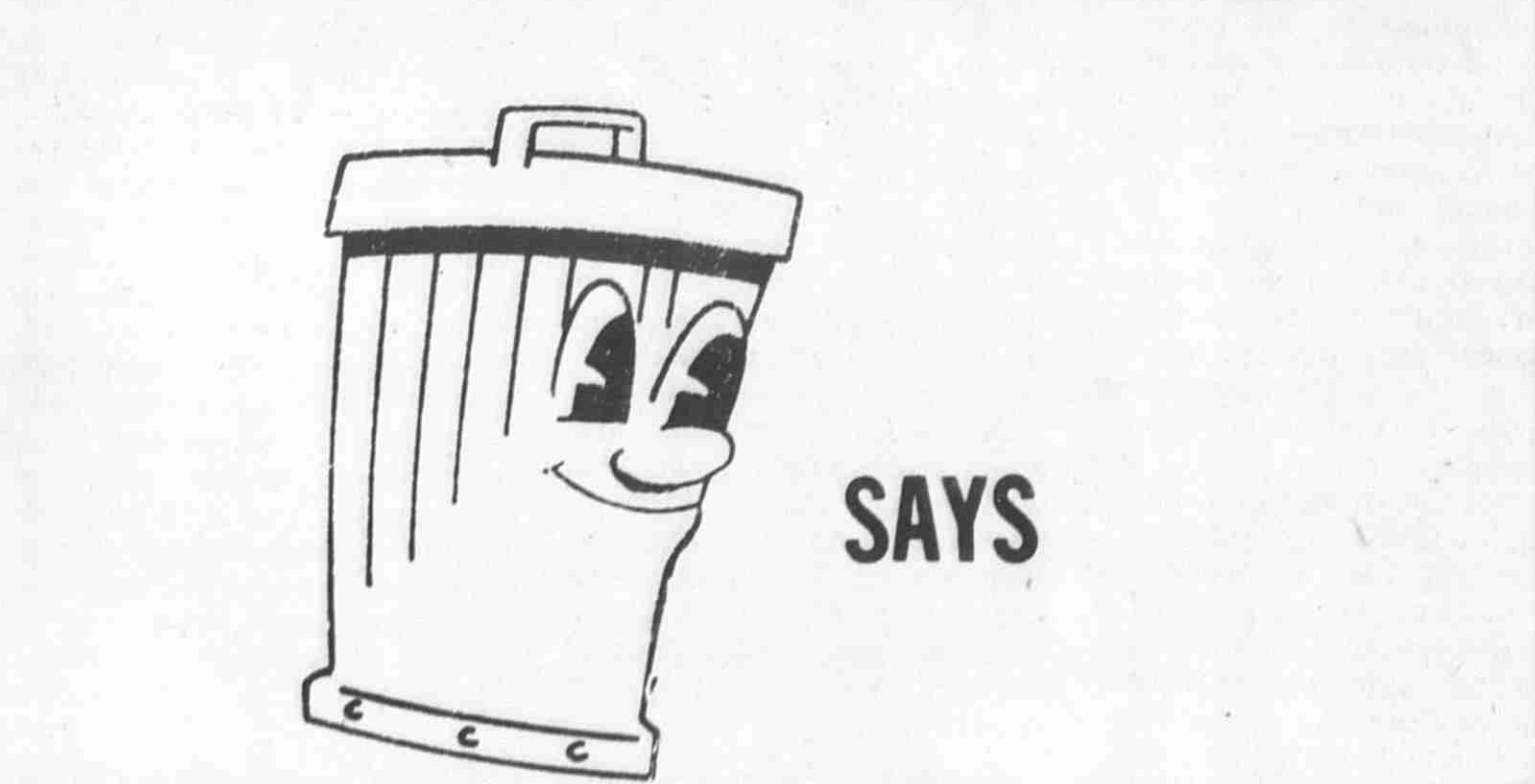
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TOP OF THEIR CLASS...Twenty-four Coloma High School students, including seven seniors, received academic letter awards Wednesday, January 11, in the library of Coloma High School.

Hartford Township to reappraise property

A letter from the state Tax Commission read and tabled at the Hartford Township Board meeting in December was brought back for action at the January 11 meeting.

Hartford grants Consumers Power 30-year use
A request from Consumers Power Co., tabled in December by Hartford Township Board members, was acted on at their regular meeting held January 11, 1989.

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WATERVLIT DISTRICT LIBRARY RECEIVES TWO FOLDING TABLES FROM BILL KNAPP'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Watervliet District Library has received two much-needed folding tables paid for by the Bill Knapp's Community Support Program.



SPECIAL DONATION...The Watervliet Lions Club treated the Watervliet District Library to a special gift of a color TV and VCR with remote control valued at \$920.

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