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Hampton Native Performs in New York

By Michaela VanDieren

The "London Times" reports, "New York is about to be hit with a theatrical bomb-shell as the award-winning new play, *Killer Joe*, is dropped on the Soho Playhouse. Producers Darren Lee Cole and Scott Morfee present an all-star cast that includes Scott Glenn (*The Right Stuff*, *Silence of the Lambs*, and *The Hunt for Red October*) and Tony Award Winner Amanda Plummer (*Agnes of God*, *Pulp Fiction*). *Killer Joe* may be the most daring and original play of the nineties. It's a riveting drama. We watch with fascinating alarm."

Why report this in the Hampton Towne Crier? Surprise, one of the five member cast comes from Hampton. Marc A. Nelson, son of Rock and Jane Nelson of Hampton, graduated from United Township High School in 1977. He attended Illinois State University graduating in 1985 with a degree in Theater. Marc plays Ansel Smith in the portrayal of a dysfunctional family with a detective named Killer Joe.

In the "New York Times Theater Review" on Oct. 19, Ben Brantley described *Killer Joe* as "A show compelling, watchable, a pungent reminder that characters in the theater don't have to be poetic or even passionate to hold your interest." Mr. Lett's play has been staged in Chicago, New York for the 29th Street Rep, Edinburgh, and London. Reviewer Brantley adds, "Life may be sloppy and squalled in *Killer Joe*, but it is presented with surgical precision." He continues, "The material could easily register as white-trash Gothic with a comic-book spin..."

The praises Brantley furnishes in his review include, "You are utterly engaged by them (the characters)" and "...it (the production) still manages to exert the addictive pull of a classic thriller." "To the cast's credit, no single actor stands out. They're all first rate...Mr. Nelson memorably finds the vague little coward inside his bulky frame." The play centers around the Smiths and the title character, Joe Cooper (Scott Glenn), a detective moonlighting as a contract killer. Ansel Smith (Marc Nelson), married to wife Sharla (Amanda Plummer) and their daughter, Dottie Smith (Sarah Paulson) share a cheesy trailer, the setting for the play. The plot revolves around the planned murder of a character who is never seen. The Smiths, including son Chris (Mike Shannon), seek to have Adele murdered by Joe Cooper.

The New York Times warns this play is not for everyone. In *Killer*



At the far right is Marc Nelson (Ansel Smith), formerly of Hampton. He is an original member of the Killer Joe Company that debuted in Chicago, then performed at the Edinburgh Festival, the Bush and Vaudeville theatres in London and now at the Soho in New York. The five character play stars (from left to right) Scott Glenn (Killer Joe Cooper), Amanda Plummer (Sharla Smith), Sarah Paulson (Dottie Smith), Mike Shannon (Chris Smith) and Mark Nelson as Ansel.

Joe, there is nudity, guns, knives and vulgar language. However, many want to see the play, because it is sold out until the end of December.

The Playbill from *Killer Joe* lists many of Marc Nelson's prior performances. "Marc A. Nelson (Ansel Smith) is from Hampton, Illinois on the Mississippi River. *Killer Joe* marks his New York debut. He is an original member of the Killer Joe company that debuted in Chicago, then performed at the Edinburgh Festival and the Bush and Vaudeville theatres in London. On stage in Chicago, he performed in *Bouncers*, *the Elvis*, *Stalag 17*, *The steward of Christendom*, *The Removalists*, *UBU Roi*, and many others. Mr.

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Disney's Animal Kingdom has Roots from Hampton

Deanna DeBo-Ramirez, formerly of Hampton, now makes her home in Groveland, Florida. She was recently married to Martin Ramirez. Deanna is the daughter of Jim and Sharon DeBo, Hampton. Deanna and Martin are part of the Disney staff at the newest and largest theme park, the 500-acre Animal Kingdom, in Orlando, Florida.

Deanna works as an animal handler at the Animal Kingdom concentrating on working with white rhinos. Martin is a Zoological Manager, working with elephants. Deanna graduated in 1987 from U.T.H.S. and in 1991 she received her B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Illinois.

Deanna had her first experience with exotic animals on a family trip to Australia at the age of six. There she held her first koala. She is very quick to inform you that a koala is not a bear, but a marsupial. She has been interested in animals ever since that event. For many years, she considered veterinary medicine, until she had her first zoo experience.

After beginning college at the University of Illinois, she worked two summers at the Niabi Zoo. She recalls, "On my first day they drove me up to the reptile house and that's where I began. In addition, to feeding the animals and cleaning their surroundings, we were responsible for observing the behavior of the animals." She also worked with the birds. She spent the summer after her junior year at the Minnesota Zoo near

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Pictured above is Deanna DeBo-Ramirez, formerly of Hampton, caring for a koala at the San Antonio Zoo. Deanna's love for koalas led her to travel to Queensland, Australia, where she worked with the Australian Koala Foundation on a koala habitat study. Presently, Deanna's adventures have led her to Disney's Animal Kingdom, Orlando, Florida.

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Hampton Receives Grant To Build Interpretive Center

By Vern Gielow

The Village of Hampton has received a \$200,000.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an Interpretive Center to be located in the community's 34 acre park along the river.

Last year, the Hampton Board of Trustees invited residents to form a Planning Committee. The group was asked to survey residents to discover wishes for village improvements. A center in the park scored the highest. Signage along Route 84 inviting passersby to visit the community also ranked on top of the list.

"Over the past ten years we have been fortunate to receive many significant federal and state grants," said Board president Scott Newberg. "It brings taxpayers' money back home where it counts the most. We have been fortunate to build a recreational trail which is extensively used and will draw national and worldwide attention when completed. The marina project is underway. Attractive signage will soon be placed drawing motorists into Hampton.

"The Interpretive Center will be the crown of our river front park. It will be a learning center with permanent and rotating displays. The center will be used for many purposes attracting people to it. We are taking a cue from other communities. Public libraries are now serving

coffee, an invitation to come in and browse books. Botanical centers have held weddings and receptions for years. Museums host banquets and dances. Other publicly owned facilities are finding diverse means to ensure a broad span of people will use the resources."

Newberg concluded, "Over recent decades, Hampton has changed from a rural community into a significant member of a large metropolitan complex. About 15 years ago, the park was still a cornfield. We must maintain our present pace as a serious matter of survival. Our river front park will be passive emphasizing family values. Adjacent communities have large sports complexes; we have the Mississippi River, a world class attraction. We will capitalize on our natural resources which are special and unique.

"This means we have our work cut out for us. I would not hesitate to call it 'crisis intervention.' The grant covers 50 percent of the cost of an Interpretive Center. As a village, some funds will be added. But we also will need citizen subscriptions and moneys from other public sources and private foundations. Under the terms of our grant from the State of Illinois, we have one year to complete the project or lose the 50 percent grant. It is a monumental challenge, one we will see through.

Five Generations of Haertjens' Family Gather for Photo

Ann Eliza Haertjens, born in Hampton on February 12, 1910 is announcing the birth of her first great-great grandchild. The newborn arrived May 23rd, 1998. The infant, Mariah Nicole Shoppa, is the daughter of Corene Nicole Bos of Davenport.

The baby's grandfather is John Scott Bos of Orion. He is the son of Marion Jane Haertjens Bos-Whitmore, who is deceased. Bernard Lee Haertjens of Greensburg, PA is Marion's brother. He is representing her generation in the picture. Marion and Bernard are the children of Ann Eliza Haertjens, Hampton. 'Eliza' is proud to claim five generations of descendants.

In her younger days, 'Eliza' and her husband, Frank (who passed away Oct. 9, 1972), were busy with eight rental homes and their own home, all in Hampton. When Frank died, the properties were sold and 'Eliza' has kept busy with quilting and her garden. The garden now consists mostly of flowers.

She now has nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter. 'Eliza' is a member of Hampton Historical Society and the Hampton United Methodist Church. She still sings in the choir.

In the picture at left: In the front is Mariah Nicole Shoppa held by her mother, Corene Nicole Bos. In the second row are Ann Eliza Haertjens, her son Bernard Haertjens, sitting in to represent the generation of his sister, Marion Jane Haertjens Bos-Whitmore. In the back is John Scott Bos, the baby's grandfather.



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- 'Nelson' from front page

Nelson is also an original cast member of Tracy Lett's play *Bug*, directed by Wilson Milam at the Gate Theatre in London. He has been a longtime performer for SST Communications in Chicago. Film credits include *Chicago Cab*, *The Ride* and *Lady Mary*. On TV he has appeared as the hard-nosed museum guard on CBS' 'Early Edition.'

- 'Disney' from front page

Minneapolis, where she worked with tropical birds such as lapwings, roseate spoonbills and flamingos.

Upon graduating, she worked at the San Antonio Zoo as a large animal handler. For five years, she worked with a variety, for example, marsupials, such as tree kangaroos, wombats, koalas, and kangaroos; carnivores- lions, tigers and cheetas; and African hoofstock- hippos, rhinos, and South American tapirs. Deanna especially liked working with hippos and rhinos. She explained, "People think rhinos are carnivorous (meat-eaters), but they're herbivores (plant-eaters)." White rhinos are referred to as grazers because they eat mostly grass. Black rhinos are called browsers. They are fed fruits and vegetables, as well as, alfalfa. While at San Antonio, Deanna was involved with television presentations of animals and school visitations. Deanna helped with a series of videos produced by Big Kids Productions, Inc. entitled, "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up."

Deanna's love for koalas led her to travel to Queensland, Australia, where she worked with the Australian Koala Foundation on a koala habitat study. Due to urban development, the eucalyptus forest is being destroyed. These trees had provided food for the koala.

Two years ago Deanna was hired by Walt Disney World at their holding facility in Gainesville, where the animals were kept until the theme park opened in April. Deanna believes, "It is extraordinary what Disney is doing for conservation, which is why so many of us came here. We have the potential to reach so many people with a conservation message."

Many friends and relatives have visited with Deanna at the Animal Kingdom. She is always happy to see people from back home. She encourages all to come see the Animal Kingdom, including a new section, "Asia," to be opened soon.

Business Briefs- By Michaela VanDieren

Judy's Pies, Hampton, has entered into an agreement with the Bread Basket, Cumberland Square, Bettendorf, to provide another retail outlet for her pies. In addition, Judy now sells homemade Bread Basket breads and rolls. These are made from scratch with natural ingredients. The variety includes pumpernickel, dilly-rye, sourdough, orange-cranberry and many more. Judy, also, takes orders for the breads and rolls. I can attest, that these are a delicious addition to her homemade goodies.



Deanna DeBo-Ramirez stands in front of the carved rhino at the tree of life in Disney's Animal Kingdom. Deanna, an animal handler, works primarily with the white rhino. Her mother, Sharon DeBo, described the large carved tree as a sight everyone should see.

Wildwood to Host Christmas Event for Women

Wildwood Baptist Church, 18717 Hubbard Road, East Moline, will host a Ladies Christmas Event, "Is there hope for me?" on Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The event begins with a dramatic presentation to glorify God and give lasting hope to all Christians. Come and discover the unlikely women that appear in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Christmas music and dessert will follow the presentation. Admission is \$4.00. For more information, please call 496-9397.

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Nelsons Visit Historic Ellis Island

By Rocky Nelson

If you have read "Jammin' With Jane" in this month's Crier you know we traveled to New York City on November 6, to see our son, Marc in a "Smash Hit" play. As part of this trip we took the ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. If you go to New York, this is the best value you'll find. The fee of \$7 or \$6 for a senior enables you to take the ferry to both places. The only additional expense would be for food and souvenirs.

The Statue of Liberty is interesting, but I was especially fascinated by Ellis Island. This is where immigrants entered the US between 1890 and 1954. Both my parents passed through here and I felt really emotional as I walked where they walked, my father in 1904 and my mother in 1906. They talked often about their experience on Ellis Island, especially when reminiscing with my aunts and uncles.

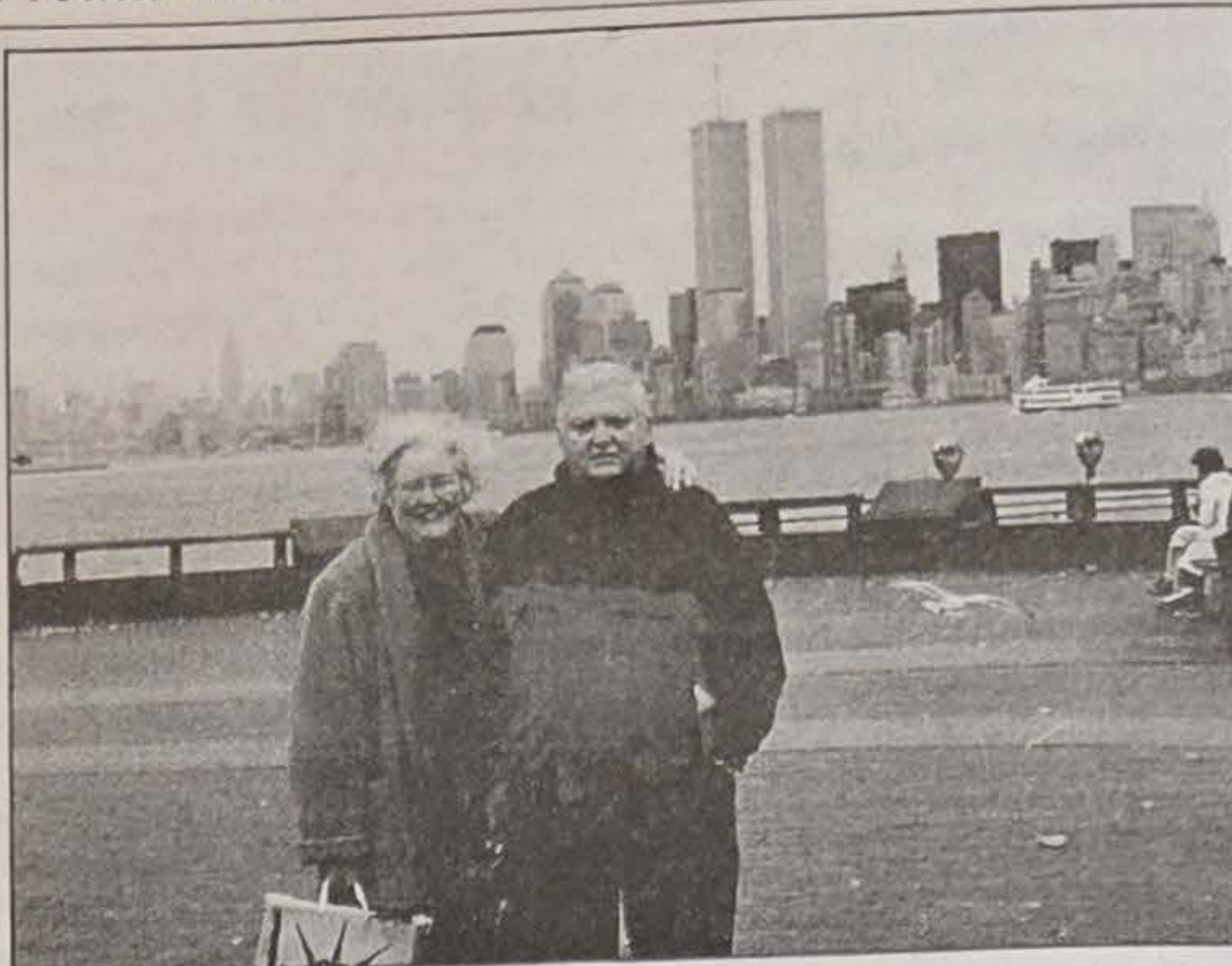
No country has experienced the influx of foreigners like the US. There were immigrants after the early settlers, but great numbers began arriving in the 1840's as throngs of Northern Europeans escaped the economic bondage that afflicted them in Europe. Germans, Scandinavians, Dutch, Belgians, Poles and others. In 1847 the famine in Ireland brought the population of entire villages to our shores. Before 1855, there had been no real restriction or examination of immigrants. In that year examination was established in order to weed out diseased, criminal, or otherwise undesirable people. The first examination station was created at Castle Garden, at the lower end of Manhattan Island at a place called "the Battery" because it had been the site of a fort (Fort Clinton), built to defend New York in the War of 1812. After the fort was decommissioned in 1823 it was renamed Castle Garden and used as a concert hall. By 1855 the concert hall had gone belly up and the government was responsible for it again. The government then built an immigrant processing center there.

As the tide of immigration rose after the Civil War, Castle Garden was judged to small. Also, they wanted an island location to better police the hordes of scalawags who descended like vultures to take advantage of the greenhorns. In the harbor was a small sandy island of about three acres. It had been a popular place to gather oysters in the early days and was called Oyster Island. Later, several pirates were hanged there and it became Gibet Island. The government had purchased it from a man name Ellis in 1808 and built Fort Gibson, another installation for the defense of New York. Reverting to the name Ellis Island, it was here they built the new processing center. The place opened January 1, 1892. The first immigrant was Annie Moore from County Cork, Ireland.

As mentioned above, my parents went through the Ellis Island experience. They often talked about how they were herded from place to place like cattle. Much of the examination was physical and the examiners were in a hurry and none to gentle. Questions were asked at other stations often by people supposedly speaking the immigrant's language, but often they had very little command of what they were supposed to know. My Aunt Eda, who was my mother's younger sister, related her memories to my cousin who recorded and transcribed them into an invaluable document. What I will now relate is from her memories.

She left for America February 14, 1909 with two companions, Louise Nelson (a sister of my father) and Maria Nelson, a cousin. They took a train from their home in Abbekos, on the far southern tip of Sweden to Malmo. From there, they took a small boat to Copenhagen where they boarded the large ship that would take them to America. Aunt Eda was 15 years old and said she had an argument with a Danish girl who was a cabin mate (4 people to a cabin). Aunt Eda, with typical teenage bravado, bragged "I have been away from my mother before and wasn't scared of anything!" The Danish girl said, "You'll be crying for your mother before long". This took place just before they entered the North Sea and were engulfed in a terrible storm. Third class passengers lived in the bottom of the ship and the smell was not good under the best of conditions and the sea-sick people added to it with their vomit. They had to call a doctor down to look at Aunt Eda. She could only lie there and cry for her mother. The Danish girl had been right. Fortunately, she was able to keep down oatmeal, and to her dying day, she maintained oatmeal had saved her life.

They finally got to London and took on more passengers. The Atlantic was almost as bad as the North Sea. It took 23 days for the ship to fight through the storm and get to New York. They were herded into the main building of Ellis Island, called the Great Hall. They wound through various stations for examination. Physicals came first. They would mark the people who needed further examination on their coats. Aunt Eda's companion Maria had a strange walk, a sort of duck



Jane and Rocky Nelson stand on Liberty Island with the New York skyline in the background. The ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island were very affordable.

like waddle. The doctors expressed concern that there was something wrong with her. Aunt Eda who was the youngest of the trio but also the boldest told the doctors they were from Abbekos and many people there walked like that presumably because they walked in sand so much. She didn't really believe that, but the doctor marked Maria with an X which indicated she had been examined but passed. Maria did her best to erase the mark but couldn't. She was ashamed of it even though she had passed. These examinations were the worst trial of all for the immigrants. To be rejected and forced to return to where they came from was considered the ultimate humiliation.

When officials found she was only 15 they had to send a telegram to her Uncle Nels in Granville, Illinois, her sponsor. They insisted on confirmation because of her age. Aunt Eda was sad afterward because they took a half dollar piece to pay for the telegram and she had just received it in exchange and loved the big coin. Swedish coins were very small. Uncle Nels telegraphed back that it was ok, but not before Aunt Eda and her friends had to return to the ship to spend the night.

The next day they boarded a train for Illinois. Aunt Eda's father had been to America previously and had told her about the delicious fruit called the banana. At the first opportunity the girls purchased bananas but Eda's dad had neglected to inform them they should peel them before eating them. After one bite the bananas went out the window and questions about her dad came to her mind. Next day they came around selling sack lunches. There was a lunch meat sandwich but the meat was so spicy and peppery to the Northern European mouths of the girls that they couldn't handle it and the lunches joined the bananas out the window.

The train was loaded with immigrants, not only Swedes, but Norwegians, Danes, Germans, Italians, and Poles. They were all bound for the mid-west. It stopped at every station to let the greenhorns off. Its final stops were in Minnesota. At one point Aunt Eda looked out the window and exclaimed "My goodness, they don't even wash in this country. They're all black. They must have an awfully dirty job to get so black". From where she came from, they didn't even know about different races.

So this was the Ellis Island experience. Many of you readers, also, had family who lived it. For me the Ellis Island experience, was close enough to make me feel it.

Hampton Hires New Employee

By Michaela VanDieren

The Village of Hampton hired a full-time maintenance employee to join Dean Sparrow in providing residents with village sewer, water and street services. Dean's time has been stretched to the limit with the additional park maintenance, aging buildings, and increased demands.

If you see a stranger working on village projects, it is Ron Bolin of Colona. He has experience running large construction equipment for his former employer, LeMar Construction of Colona. He, also, has worked at the Rock Island Arsenal. Welcome to Hampton, Ron!

Notice to Residents: Dean and Ron will be trimming trees on village right-of-way. If residents choose to trim them instead, it is alright to do so. However, if the trees are not trimmed the village will do it. The village must maintain trees high enough to allow fire trucks to pass under them. The village will begin trimming in early December, depending on the weather.

Village Board Meeting Minutes

Note: The following is a reprint of the official minutes of the Hampton Village Board Meetings.

October 13, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President, Scott Newberg. Trustees M. Burrill, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack present. Pledge to the flag.

The minutes of the August 24, 1998, September 14, 1998, and September 28, 1998 meetings were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Burrill to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$7,943.27 were presented for payment approval. The Board wants the bill from Landmark Engineering in the amount of \$758.00 for engineering for the water main looping withheld until the easement is resolved. The corrected total for Public Works is \$7,185.27. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to approve payment of the corrected Public Works bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$23,875.43 were presented for payment approval. An additional \$1,054.94 for I.M.L. convention expenses was added to the General Fund total, thus total for the General Fund is \$24,930.37. Part of the additional expense is an overcharge for hotel expenses, which will be credited to the Village. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Carmack to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #1 bills in the amount of \$3,501.67 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the TIF #1 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The bill from Valley Construction Co. in the amount of \$101,596.14 for the 10th Street construction was presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the Valley Construction bill. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Results of the bids for street improvement projects from TIF Funds were presented. Brandt Construction was the only bidder at \$71,418.75. Ament Engineering's estimate was \$22,292.50. Due to such a difference in the bid and the estimate, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to reject the bid, and bid the project next spring. Motion carried by voice vote.

The easement on the Robin Peterson property for the water loop extension was discussed. Attorney Lee stated he feels the Village has the entire easement, as it was staked out by Landmark Engineering and we would not pay for only a partial easement. Doug Hinkle of Landmark stated they went to the west property line and the east property line, not the section line. Landmark will send a letter to Attorney Lee detailing the survey. Attorney Lee will send a letter to Attorney Alvine, Robin Peterson's attorney explaining that the Village intends to proceed with the construction of the water main looping.

Bids for the construction of the water main looping construction have been opened. Landmark Engineering recommended Valley Construction Co. with a bid of \$78,847.00. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to accept Valley Construction bid of \$78,847.00 for the water main looping construction project. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Chief Kevin Irby was present. He stated that he met with SGT. Barrett and Trustee Garrison prior to the meeting to discuss the splitting of the costs for the 755-4524 phone. The Fire Dept. has always paid for it in the past, even though it was used by both departments. Phone charges will now be split between both the Fire and Police departments, and credit will be made at the end of this fiscal year.

There was a water main break on 10/10/98 at the 200 block of South State Avenue. Trustee Garrison thanked all who helped in getting the break repaired: R. Norin, N. Norin, T. Anderson, K. Irby, Police Dept. A thank you to Trustee Garrison who stayed with it from start to finish.

The Board was advised that the Village did not receive any fuel bids. Contact will be made to the distributors.

Trustee Burrill stated there will be an ordinance committee meeting on November 2, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

Administrative Assistant Tolson stated there were 428 signatures on the GTE petitions which have been forwarded.

Trustee Johnson stated he has met with Greg Mosley, President of Heart of Hampton. They did a tour of Heart of Hampton's property, and discussed the Phase 1 completion of Mosley's plans. Mosley advised Trustee Johnson that by October 31, 1998, the large back hoe will be the only thing remaining and Phase 1 will be completed. The marina area has been mowed, sand and dirt piles, and rocks removed, and equipment removed.

Trustee Johnson stated his committee is working on proposals for the water tower.

There will be an Executive Session Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the maintenance worker applications on October 19, 1998, at 6:00 p.m. Trustee Garrison stated the hiring of a full time police officer will be discussed prior to the Public Works meeting.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison to adjourn until the next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

October 26, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President, Scott Newberg. Trustees M. Burrill, J. Garrison, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack present. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the October 13, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Norin to approve the minutes with the correction that Trustee Burrill, not Trustee Norin stated that there would be an ordinance committee meeting on November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. Second by Trustee McKay. Motion carried by voice vote to approve the corrected minutes.

Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson to approve the hiring of Thomas Smith as a full time police officer. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Newberg then swore Smith in.

Blaine Kurth, Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Assoc. was present. This is the Village's insurance. He explained the various services they provide.

Attorney Lee discussed the most recent letter from Robert Alvine, attorney for Robin Peterson. It stated that his opinion is that the Village does not have a complete easement for the water main looping from her, the westerly 20 or 30 feet of her property line between the quarter section line and the line established by the court decree of May 16, 1946 is the area he states we do not have the easement for. Doug Hinkle, Landmark Engineering, was present. Attorney Lee requested a letter from Landmark Engineering that it will indemnify, hold harmless, defend and insure the Village from any and all costs and losses which may arise from this problem. Hinkle assured the Board and Attorney Lee that Landmark Engineering will provide written assurance as requested for the above.

Sarah VanHollebeke has submitted her letter of resignation from the police department effective October 23, 1998. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Carmack to accept letter of resignation with regrets. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Johnson stated the dedication of the Gladys Ryherd Park will be at 3:00 p.m., November 1st. Metro East is to have an article on the dedication.

Mayor Newberg had met with Robert Emmert, 1305 8th Street Court prior to the meeting. Emmert's wife has oxygen, and he is concerned about the frequent power outages he feels occur in his area of the Village. Mayor

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Towne Crier Will Not Publish in January

Due to the up-coming holiday season, the Towne Crier will not publish a January 1999 issue. The Crier will publish a combined January-February issue that should be mailed during the last week of January. The usual deadline of the 15th of the month will be moved up to the 10th of January to accommodate the earlier printing. The 15th deadline will resume in February for the March issue.

The Towne Crier Volunteers would like to thank our readers and advertisers for their continued support this past year. We hope everyone will have a safe, peaceful holiday season.



PTA News

By Peggy Mason

PTA has eighty-eight paid members. We could always use your help. If your not a member of PTA, please come to the next meeting in January and sign up to become a PTA member. Membership for the year is \$3.00 per person.

Rae Benzon needs artists for Cultural Arts Day, which is February 26, 1999. If you'd like to help out or know someone who would like to assist, please contact Rae at 496-2823.

Thursday, November 19, 1998 was family Read Night and the book fair at the school. Eighth graders helped with the kitchen and also with the reading.

Santa's workshop will be December 3rd and 4th. Helpers are needed, if you'd like to volunteer please contact Rae at 496-2823.

There will be no PTA meeting in December. The next meeting will be in January, the date will be announced later.

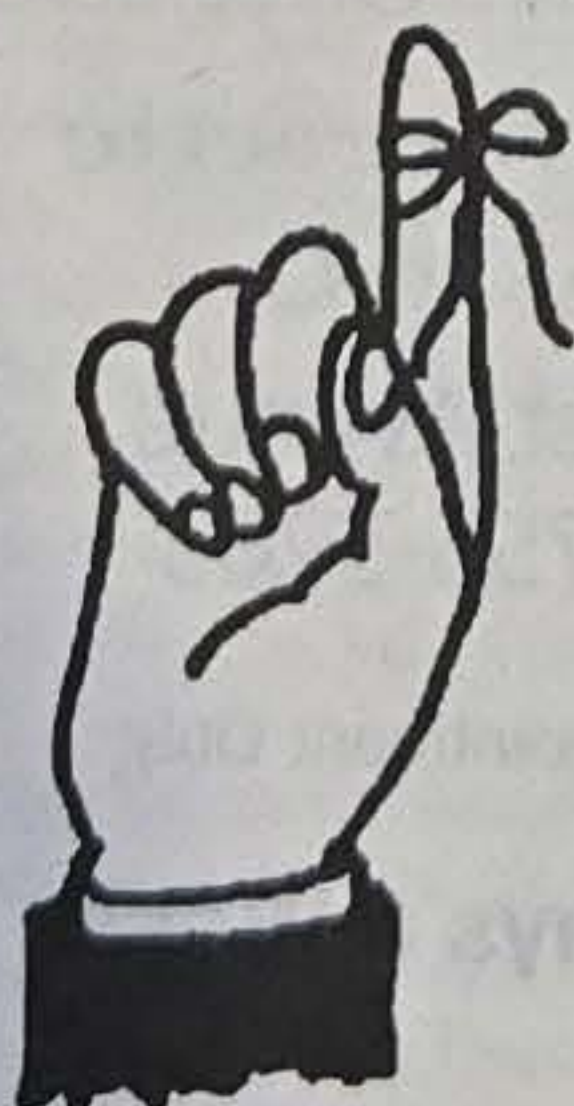
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Newberg advised Emmert a letter will be sent to Mid American Energy to request them to look into the situation.

Trustee McKay stated she has been advised there is additional ICTEA funding available.

Administrative Assistant Toalson will attend an American River Heritage meeting on October 27. This is possible funding for projects on the Mississippi River from St. Paul, Minnesota to St. Louis, Missouri.

Trustee Carmack asked about the Millage Construction billing for storm drain repair. Millage apparently has their problems resolved and hopefully the payment will be forthcoming.

A. A. Toalson stated that Papa's Pantry would provide fuel to the Village at pump price, minus the tax. Porter's Village Rx does not want to, due to the paper work involved. Discussion on the Village's gas tanks; to maintain existing tanks or the solution to obtaining gas. Trustee Carmack stated that will be discussed on 10/31/98.

Attorney Lee stated all easements for the water main looping have been sent to be recorded.

There was discussion on some structures within the Village and the safety of same.

Trustee Garrison mentioned an ordinance banning laser lights, but the Board felt it is not necessary at this time.

Trustee Burrill stated that the ordinance committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on November 2nd.

DPW Sparrow would like a letter of thanks sent to John Sansale for his assistance in some storm drain repairs.

Steve Podhurst, 917 6th Street was present. He inquired why no reply from the Board to the letter he had sent registered 4 months ago. Mayor Newberg stated Board members time is limited, and Podhurst is welcome to attend Board meetings, obtain copies of minutes from the Village Clerk, which are in the Towne Crier. Newberg stated we have not had a reporter from either paper for some time and that would also help residents be aware of Village Board decisions. Podhurst has obtained some documents from the Village Clerk, and Trustee Johnson did contact him shortly after being appointed to the Board.

Motion to adjourn until the next Regular meeting by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay. Motion carried by voice vote.

November 9, 1998

Meeting called to order by Village President, Scott Newberg. Trustees S. Carmack, J. McKay, G. Johnson, J. Norin, J. Garrison, and M. Burrill, present. Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the October 26, 1998 meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

Public Works Fund bills in the amount of \$23,813.89 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Johnson, Second by Trustee Carmack not to approve payment of the landmark Engineering bills in the amount of \$758.00 and \$5,663.00, as the Board has not received the 'hold harmless', etc. letter from Landmark in regards to the water line installation on Robin Peterson's property; thus the Public Works total for payment approval is \$17,392.89. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Burrill that once the hold harmless letter is received from Landmark Engineering, payment will be made to Landmark. Motion carried by voice vote.

General Fund bills in the amount of \$34,891.38 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Burrill, second by Trustee Norin to approve payment of the General Fund bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TIF #3 bills in the amount of \$4,889.00 were presented for payment approval. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve payment of the TIF #3 bills. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Fire Chief Irby was present. He stated the fire station is in need of a new hot water heater. Motion by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson that a hot water heater be purchased by the fire dept., with dept. members doing the installation. Motion carried by voice vote.

DPW Sparrow stated he would like a mobile radio installed in the GMC truck, and a new air compressor is needed for the maintenance building. Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to approve purchase of the mobile radio at a cost not to exceed \$500 and purchase of an air compressor at a cost not to exceed \$450. Motion carried by voice vote.

Budget transfers needed to be made. Therefore, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay that the \$27,907.82 remaining in the Mosley account be transferred to the General Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Garrison to transfer \$23,500.00 from the ESDA Fund to the General Fund, leaving a balance of \$551.09 in the ESDA Fund. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Family Life Proclamation of the Scottish Rite Masons was read by Mayor Newberg.

After some discussion about the parking on Second Avenue, between 4th and 5th Streets, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Johnson that a letter be sent to the Methodist Church requesting they apply for a Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals within two weeks. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to approve and accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending September 30, 1998. Motion carried by voice vote.

Administrative Assistant Toalson stated that Tom Dalton, developer of Orchard park will be presenting the final plat for Orchard Park, Second Addition soon.

There was some discussion on the merging of the Port Byron and Hampton police depts. A.A. Toalson will contact Mayor Leonard of Port Byron to meet with Hampton on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. for further discussion.

There will be an Ordinance Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 30th.

Trustee Garrison will check into the drainage complaint at 514 - 14th Avenue.

Trustee Johnson motioned, with a second by Trustee Garrison to hire Ronald Bolin at \$10.00 per hour on a 90 day probationary period with a satisfactory physical and drug test for the Street, Water, Sewer, and Parks Departments. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was motioned by Trustee McKay, second by Trustee Johnson to recess to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and personnel. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to return to Regular Board meeting by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Norin. Motion carried by voice vote. All Board members present.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Carmack to contract with Ament Engineering for engineering services for the proposed water tower. Vote as follows: Trustees Johnson, Carmack, McKay, Norin, and Burrill, "Yes"; Trustee Garrison, "No". Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Burrill to install the service connection (T) for Robin Peterson at Village Expense, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. This service connection is in the easement agreement between the Village and Peterson. Vote as follows: Trustees Johnson, Burrill, Garrison, Norin, and McKay, "Yes"; Trustee Carmack "No". Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Johnson that the Village offer a trade off for the \$500.00 T for the \$800.00 billed by Landmark Engineering for the resurvey of pins which had been removed, and Peterson be billed for that; Attorney Lee to use his discretion in the matter. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Garrison that the Village not sign Change order #1 (for the additional \$800.00 for the resurvey) until Trustee Johnson reports back to the Board. Motion carried by voice vote.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Garrison, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn until next Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Special Meeting
November 13, 1998**

Special meeting called to order by Village President, Scott Newberg. Trustees present were M. Burrill, J. Norin, G. Johnson, J. McKay, and S. Carmack. Trustee Garrison absent. Purpose of the Special Meeting was the water main looping construction.

Survey pins (stakes) had been removed on the Robin Peterson property, thus the charge of \$800.00 by Landmark for the resurveying. Landmark has agreed to reduce the charge to \$600.00.

It was then motioned by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee Burrill to recess to Executive Session to discuss possible litigation. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Trustee Burrill, second by Trustee Norin to return to Special Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. All Trustee except Trustee Garrison present.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, second by Trustee McKay to provide Robin Peterson with one (1) water hook up at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00, location to be chosen by Robin Peterson by 9:00 a.m., November 16, 1998. Vote as follows: Trustee Johnson, McKay, Norin, and Burrill, "Yes"; Trustee Carmack "No". Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee McKay to pursue in small claims court that Robin Peterson pay for the \$800.00 resurvey charge plus legal fees. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business, it was motioned by Trustee Carmack, second by Trustee Norin to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

Memories of Thanksgiving Past

By Franciska Rasmussen

Oh, the wonderful memories of Thanksgivings that can be cherished. There were the preparations on the days preceding the holiday; the wonderful odors on that morning; the beautiful table with the lace tablecloth and special company dishes; and the people who came for the day. All these are the nice memories many people have.

I have some of these memories, too, but I, also, have one that no one in the family will let me live down. When I married, my cooking skills were almost non-existent. Since my folks ran a store, it was decided early on that I was more valuable in the store than in Mom's kitchen. Therefore, my first Thanksgiving dinner was really a test of my first year of cooking. It was to be just a small dinner for my husband and me. Oh, I did a lot of planning and work on this special feast. The pies were baked on the day before Thanksgiving and they looked pretty good. There were no problems with the cranberries or the vegetables. The only thing that gave me trouble was the turkey. This was all a mystery to me and I would not admit how dumb I was and ask Mom. No, I would do it myself!

With the aid of a cookbook that had some excellent photos in it, the preparation began. I followed the directions exactly. The stuffing wasn't too hard to do either. "Joy to the World," my turkey was beautiful, just like the photos, a wonderful golden color. I was so proud. We sat down to eat. My husband was going to do the traditional carving. He took the stuffing out and put it in a bowl. Then to my surprise, he was digging around the cavity—out came something wrapped in wax paper. Yes, you guessed it—the neck and gizzard! With a lot of dramatics, he threw the turkey in the trash. I had one angry husband, who wanted to know why I hadn't taken them out. It was simple, I didn't know they were in there. I didn't even discover them when I washed out the turkey. So you see, my Thanksgiving memory is of bologna sandwiches, an array of vegetables, cranberries and pumpkin pie. Oh, yes, the pie was delicious.



Pictured at left are Jerry Casady and Erica Smith with a 157 pound mammoth pumpkin, which they won. The girls received the prize because they had recruited the most number of people to join them in Sunday worship at the Church of the Nazarene, Colona. The girls were able to get ten people to attend with them during the past month. (Photo by Michaela VanDieren)

Hampton Trustee Terms Expire

Petitions and candidate packets are available from the Village Clerk at the Hampton Village Hall, 520 - First Avenue, for Trustee terms that will expire on April 30, 1999. There are four Trustee positions up for election, three that are four year terms, and one that is a two year term. Completed petitions must be filed with the Clerk of the Village after 8:00 a.m. January 25, 1999 and before 5:00 p.m. February 2, 1999. The election for Trustees will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 1999. For more information, contact Sue McBride, Clerk of the Village at 755-7165, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m..

Hampton School Board Minutes from Oct. 12, 1998

Attendees: Baldrige, Braddy, Jordan, Schaffer, Wright. Husman arrived at 7:06 p.m. and Kraft arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Visitors: Sally O'Donnell from Health Link. Jyll Baraks arrived at 7:15.

... Sept 14 minutes...passed 5-0...

Mrs. O'Donnell stated that she is the Director of Health Link which provides services to the school. Jackie Bredl, health educator, comes to the school every Thursday and she provides different programs for each grade level. Health Link also provides the nursing services of Julie Engstrom every Friday. Mrs. O'Donnell gave background information on the Health Link and all the services they provide.

A thank you note from Mrs. Robinson and her knidergarten class was read. They thanked the board for their new tables and other classroom furniture.

...motion to pay the bills...passed 7-0

What's Happening in the School: Dr. Paquette stated that the school now has a new butterfly garden, thanks to Mrs. Tracy Paxton, the third grade class, the Jordan family and other parents who provided supplies or helped. The school has walked a total of 3,348 miles with the Walking Wellness Program. Mrs. Brandt, the art teacher, has made a grapg of the progress. The Junior High teachers will be working with their students on a program "Connecting with the Community." Dr. Paquette also stated that many classes have already taken field trips. Dr. Paquette also stated that the Athletic Program has done very well. The boys 5th-8th grade Volleyball Team and the girls 7-8th grade Volleyball team have won the conference titles. The 5th-6h grade girls Volleyball team also did an excellent job. Dr. Paquette noted that the 7th & 8th grade girls have been conference champs for the last fourteen years, ten of which, they have been undefeated.

...Unfinished business

A. Accept the audit report of the school year 97-98. Dr. Paquette stated that the school received a favorable report from Gorenz and Associates.

B. Approve BHASED Budget for school year 98-99. Dr. Paquette recommended that the board approve the Black Hawk Area Special Education Budget...passed 7-0.

C. Review School Report Card and Discuss School Improvement Plan: Dr. Paquette stated that it was a very good report card. He noted the

staff has put in a very good effort to align what they are teaching to what will be tested. It was also noted that 100 percent of the junior high met or exceeded the state goals in math. There was also great improvement in writing, social studies and science. Reading was the only subject that was down. The school improvement team has worked very hard in setting goals which are in align with the board goals. They also investigated a new social studies and science text book series. Several teachers will be working on this.

D. Adopt resolution to sign renewal certificate and excess umbrella liability waiver with Gary L. Musholt Insurance. After some discussion Fred Hussman made a motion to have Dr. Paquette review this with Legal Council and then have the Board secretary sign the waiver. Kathy Kraft seconded the motion and by voice vote all agreed, passed 7-0.

E. Authorize school attorney to collect funds owed the school under TIF II and TIF III agreements with the Village of Hampton...

F. Confirm Superintendent's action to comply with School Code and IMRF rules for non-certified personnel. Dr. Paquette stated that anyone who works 600 hours is entitled to 10 sick days, which can accrue to 180 days. Two of these sick days can be used for personnel days, but if they are not used, they revert to sick days. Non-certified management will get paid holidays.

At 9:10 p.m. Fred Husman had to leave the meeting.

New Business:

A. Approve coaches and 8th grade sponsors:

... Coaches: Mark DeWalsche-Asst 5-6th grade BBB; Jake Huber-Asst 7-8th grade BBB; Joleen Cameron- 7-8th grade head cheerleading coach. Eighth grade sponsors: Janet Norin, Emily Aceviz, Joan Wright, Bob and Barb Rauh, and Deb Bankhead.

...request from athletic director regarding the purchase of new cheerleading uniforms at a cost of \$381.50. Mrs. Burrill also requested that new banners be purchased. Mr. Baldrige stated that last year's 8th grade class had extra funds and he would approach them to see if they would like to contribute that money toward the purchase of the cheerleading uniforms.

...executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss a special needs student...

The board returned to open session at 9:41 p.m. Kathy Kraft made a motion to hire a program aide for two hours per day at \$7.50 per hour, to help with a student's special education needs...passed 6-0.

...adjourned...



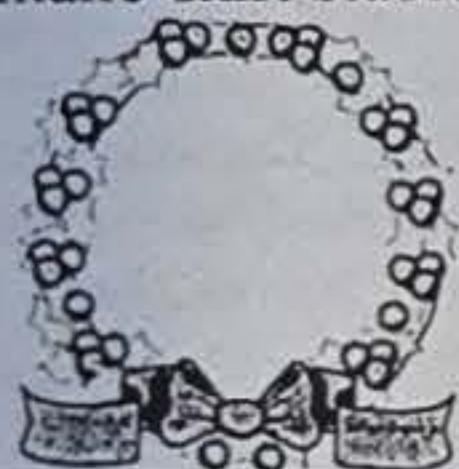
The Nativity set, pictured above, at 401-6th St., Hampton, was added this year to the festive display at the home of Al and Carol Kipp. A wooden stable provides the background for the serene figures. (Photo by M. VanDieren)

Local Artist Designed Outdoor Nativity Set in the 50's By Michaela VanDieren

Charles Howell, 87, remains an active artist today. His works range from canvas to buildings and from signs to church frescos. McKay Plating commissioned Charlie to design and paint the murals along its building on Route 84. Lately, it has been difficult for Charlie to negotiate ladders, although he continued to do it until recently. In the fifties, he designed a nativity set of 14 figures. He sold the rights to a company that continues to distribute them today. The image is glued to plywood, cut-out and then coated with a sealer. One of the original sets can still be seen in Hampton. Al and Carol Kipp, 401-6th Street, Hampton, proudly display the set previously owned by Helen and the late Pete McKay. Helen, now a next door neighbor of Al and Carol Kipp, gave the set to the Kipps. The Kipps display more than 6000 lights, Snoopy, Santa and Mrs. Claus, reindeer, angels, a rainbow of different colored trees and more. It takes Al more than a week to set out his Christmas wonderland. After cleaning the nativity figures, Al constructed a stable and placed straw on the ground for the realistic scene.

A couple of years ago, Charlie Howell's daughter, Diane Polenske, located the company that markets her father's work. They are located in California. If anyone is interested, contact U-Build Features 1-800-828-2453. The set (request Nativity #7) including shipping is \$42.95.

From my childhood, I can remember the set very clearly, because my father sold the prints at Quinn Pharmacy. We also had a set that we set out each year with a make-shift stable in our yard.



1999 School Board Election Calendar

Important Dates for Candidates

Tuesday, November 3, 1998—First day that prospective candidates may circulate nominating petitions for signatures for the April 13, 1999 school board election. (Election Code 10-4)

Monday, January 25, 1999—First day to file petitions with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

Monday, February 1—Last day to file nominating petitions with the board secretary. (School Code 9-10 and Election Code 10-6)

Also—Last day for candidate to file receipt for Statement of Economic Interests to accompany nominating papers. (School Code 9-10 and Illinois Governmental Ethics Act 420/4A-105)

Note: As a practical matter, the Statement of Economic Interests for 1999 must be filed between January 1 and February 1 for any incumbent board member seeking re-election in April as well as any new candidate.

Thursday, March 4—Last day for organizations to register pollwatchers with the election authority. (Election Code 17-23)

Tuesday, April 6—Last day to file a declaration of intent to run for the school board as a write-in candidate at the April 13 election. Within five days after the Board of Education proclaims winners, a successful write-in candidate must file a statement of candidacy and a county clerk's receipt for the Statement of Economic Interests. (Election Code 17-16.1 and 18-9.1)



Christmas Eve, December 24

Church of the Cross United Methodist, Port Byron	4:00 p.m.
Port Byron First United Methodist, Candlelight	11:00 p.m.
Silvis United Methodist, Candlelight	11:00 p.m.
Hampton United Methodist	11:00 p.m.
Carbon Cliff United Methodist	7:00 p.m.
Fairfield United Methodist (north of Pt. Byron)	7:00 p.m.
Hillsdale United Methodist	9:00 p.m.

Peace



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RAPIDS CITY & ST. MARY, HAMPTON

Communal Penance Service, Dec. 13 th	4:00pm	St. John
Children's Christmas Eve Program	4:30pm	St. John
Christmas Eve Masses	5:00pm 8:00pm	St. John St. Mary
Christmas Day Mass	9:30	St. John
New Year's Eve Mass / Solemnity of Mary	5:00pm	St. John
New Year's Eve Family Potluck & Party	6-8pm	Parish Center St. John
New Year's Day Mass / Solemnity of Mary	9:30	St. Mary



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Zion Lutheran Hosts Annual Cookie Walk

By Mary McGee

If you didn't come to Zion's cookie walk last year, the above picture illustrates what you missed. Zion Lutheran Church, 17628 Hubbard Road, East Moline (Hampton Bluff) will host a cookie walk from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 12. Over forty different kinds of homemade cookies and candy will be sold for \$5.00 a pound. Proceeds will benefit Zion's organ fund. Zion Lutheran Church is applying for up to \$450.00 in congregational Matching Funds through Lutheran Brotherhood's Branch, Eagle Bend #8844. (Photo by Rollin Struss)

Superintendent's View of the School

December, 1998

By Ron Paquette

Hampton School District will adopt the '98 Tax Levy, following a hearing on Monday, December 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the School Library. The estimated amount necessary to be levied for the year 1998 are \$533,157 or a 4.7% increase over the previous year. This represents a 3% decrease for debt service. The impact to the taxpayer should be a tax rate DECREASE. The tax rate is estimated to be \$3.41 down from \$3.44 or a \$.03 reduction per \$100 assessed valuation. This should reduce taxes on a \$75,000.00 home by approximately \$25.00.

The Board of Education reorganized at a special meeting on November 17, 1998, and elected Dave Wright as president, Fred Husman as vice-president and Donna Schaffer as secretary. There are four board members running for re-election in the April 13, 1999 election. The Regional Office of Education and Board president Dave Wright is planning a New School Board Member Seminar Series. It will cover topics such as Board's Role, Board Meetings, Relationships and Decision-Making, Finance, Collective Bargaining, Technology and District Leadership Team. Petitions and information regarding the April 13, 1999 election can be obtained from the recording secretary for the Board of Education at the Hampton School Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

On an even more positive note, Hampton School has great things happening to celebrate American Education Week. The Second Grade has a big Social Studies project called the Great Mail Race. Each student is choosing three states, and sending letters and questions to other second graders. Curriculum-wise the skills will focus on map reading, what a community is, what a state is, and what a country is. The Junior High is doing an integrated learning unit. One of their topics is the Best Citizen in the United States. Students will write essays and present them with Power Point presentations at an Ice Cream Social on Monday, November 30, 1998. They will be doing other essays on Veterans and they will go out in the community to do community service, like raking leaves for the elderly.

The Hampton School PTA sponsored a Book Fair and Family Reading Night on November 19, 1998. In addition, the River Cities Rotary Literacy Project is sponsoring Story Time for Pre-K through third graders the second Saturday of the month starting in December from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the Hampton School Library.

Jammin' with Jane

By Jane Nelson

Do you really want to celebrate Christmas and New Years in style? Take a weekend and go to New York. You could see Marc A. Nelson in "Killer Joe", but it is sold out through December. If you wanted to see it, you'd have to make reservations for Valentine's Day.

We had a great time! We left here about 10:30 AM Friday, November 6. We drove to Peru to have lunch with son Merlin and family (Fern and Tori). Before we left, Tori announced she wanted to go to New York with us. Needless to say, she didn't go along. Grandma is not up to chasing a 3-year old on a plane and all around New York.

When we arrived in Chicago, we visited Mindy, Myron, and Linley Erickson so we saw all our children on one trip. We then went to Martha and Mike's where at 5:45 we were picked up by a limousine to go to Midway Airport. I always have wondered who rode in those things. It isn't very romantic to imagine people like us in a stretch limo. We left about 8:00 PM and arrived at Laguardia about 11:00 (EST). Mike had a town car waiting to take us to our Holiday Inn on LaFayette St. Marc was waiting at the hotel.

The hotel had an interesting location. You go in one direction and you're in Chinatown. Go another way, and you're in Little Italy. We picked Little Italy to find a restaurant for a midnight supper. We'd had nothing to eat since lunch except for peanuts and pretzels on the plane. We found a restaurant open. It was called Luna's and by coincidence, it was one that Martha's friend had recommended. It was like walking into the restaurant in the movie GODFATHER. Rock and I had ravioli. His was with meat sauce, but mine was with oil and garlic. Not garlic powder but real minced garlic. Delicious!

Next morning we had an interesting breakfast experience. Across from the hotel was a bakery restaurant called Maria's. We thought perhaps it was Italian, but it turned out to be Chinese. The menus were on the wall and included a number of Chinese items but one read "Bacon Ham Sausage Egg" I ordered bacon, egg and orange juice. We were surprised to receive two sunny side up eggs, 1 strip bacon, 1 slice lunch meat boiled ham, and a hot dog. The price was right- \$2.75, but we got a lot of laughs out of it.

From there we went to Battery Park to catch a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. My McNeal ancestors have been here since before the Revolution but I still got a thrill seeing the Great Lady in the harbor.

On Ellis Island I found a great (what else) cookbook. Its title is "The Ellis Island Immigrant Cookbook" by Tom Bernadin. It is the story of our past told through the recipes and reminiscences of our immigrant ancestors. In this book, I found two recipes I've searched for since I've been married to Rock, who is a second generation American. Both his parents were born in Sweden. The first is a very simple recipe:

CHARLIE SWANSON'S SWEDISH RICE

4 cups milk (can use more, up to 6 cups)
 1/2 cup uncooked white rice
 1/2 cup sugar

This is baked in a moderate oven for 1 1/2 hours in a pan or casserole. So sweet and delicious you won't believe it. Let it set awhile after baking or else it will be soupy. Serve in dessert dishes. Use unwashed rice. Sprinkle with cinnamon for a slightly different taste. Don't stir while baking.

The above recipe came from Mrs Shirley Anshutz of Staunton, Illinois. Here is her story: "A Swedish great-grandfather came through Ellis Island during the great immigration. His name was Christian Person. His destination was Afton, Minnesota, on the St Croix River near St Paul, one of the most beautiful spots on earth even now. His son-in-law, my Swede grandfather also came through Ellis Island but at a different time. His name was Charles Swanson. Grandpa Charley as we called him, learned to cook simple things after his wife died young and left him with small children to care for, my mother Gladys was one of them. He called the recipe 'Swede's Rice'."

Another recipe is from Denmark, Rock's parents came from southern Sweden and spoke a Danish flavored Swedish.

KLEJNOR (COOKIES)

4 EGG YOLKS
 2 EGG WHITES
 2 T butter
 1/2 pint whipping cream
 1 CUP SUGAR
 1 1/2 JIGGERS BRANDY
 a little cardamom flavoring
 flour, enough to roll out

Mix ingredients in order given to make workable dough. Roll out thin. Cut with a pastry cutter into 1 in. by 4 in. strips. Make a 1 in. slit in center and pull one end through slit. Fry in deep fat, very hot and turn until browned entirely. Drain on brown paper sack or paper towels. May sprinkle with confectioner's sugar. From Nancy Nyholm, Chicago, IL, who writes "My mother Freda Nelson was born in Brønderslev, Denmark. She came through Ellis Island in the early 1900's and went to Miami, Florida to work for her sponsor who was a family member on her father's side. She was well-known as a good cook".

Rock's mother made these at Christmas. I will add this to my cookie baking.

Saturday night we went to Marc's play and met actors Scott Glenn and Amanda Plummer. Following this we had another late night supper at the famous restaurant, Sardi's. Next day we left the Big Apple, arriving home about 11, tired and with good reason.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday **December 15**, to the nicest and best looking boy in the 4th Grade, **Stefan Escontrias**.

Happy Birthday **December 18**, to **Sean McKay**, from Grandma.

Happy Birthday **December 29**, to Julie Passini, Love, your family.

HYC News

By Allen Reamy

December is a busy time for everyone, including the Hampton Youth Committee. We have started our food drive for HYC's "Holiday Baskets" to be given to Hampton families. Food will be collected at school and at basketball games. The Christmas movie this year is "Rug Rats." The date is Saturday December 12. Permission slips will be handed out at school. Cost is \$1.60 which will include the movie, transportation, pop and popcorn. Return permission slips and money as soon as possible, placing them in the HYC drop box at the school. We are only allowed 90 tickets, so it is first-come first serve. We ask that pre-schoolers be accompanied by a parent. Also on the 12th is the HYC "Lunch and Crafts with Santa" party from 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The movie bus should be back by then, so the ones at the movie won't miss Santa and Christmas crafts at school. Lunch includes hot dogs, cookie and punch at no charge. If you have any questions, contact Allen Reamy 496-9635. *Merry Christmas from the Hampton Youth Committee.*

TCI Introduces High Speed Cable Service In Hampton

Moline, IL. TCI is bringing the fast lane of the Information Superhighway to residents of Hampton. TCI recently announced the introduction of TCI@Home, an exciting cable service that enables customers to enjoy the Internet with easy access to the hottest content at unprecedented speeds. TCI@Home, which is delivered via TCI's broadband cable network and a high-speed cable modem, became available to customers in Hampton beginning October 31.

The TCI@Home modem technology offers connection speeds up to 100 times faster than conventional dial-up services (56K), and allows for easier and faster access to a wide range of multimedia experiences, including rich graphics, near CD quality audio and on demand video clips. For instance, downloading a typical high resolution photograph that would take more than 48 seconds over a high capacity telephone line (128K or greater ISDN) takes *less than one second* (0:00:27) with a cable modem.

"Using TCI@Home's organized and rich content and cable's high-speed capability, Hampton residents can now cruise through the Web as fast as they can click their mouse. Leaping from site to site isn't just fast, it's instantaneous when you connect with TCI@Home," said TCI General Manager Kenny Faust.

The monthly price of TCI@Home is \$39.95, which includes a customized TCI@Home Web browser, unlimited use, E-Mail, chat rooms, news groups, local content and 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, toll-free customer care. There is a one time installation fee of \$150, which includes professional in-home installation of an additional dataport, ethernet card and TCI@Home software.

If you live in the GTE area and use the Internet, it won't take long to get your money back from the initial investment - - considering the current phone rates. -Editor.

+++++ Obituary +++++

Lillian B. Dennhardt, 81, Hampton, and a winter visitor of Phoenix Arizona, died November 21, 1998.

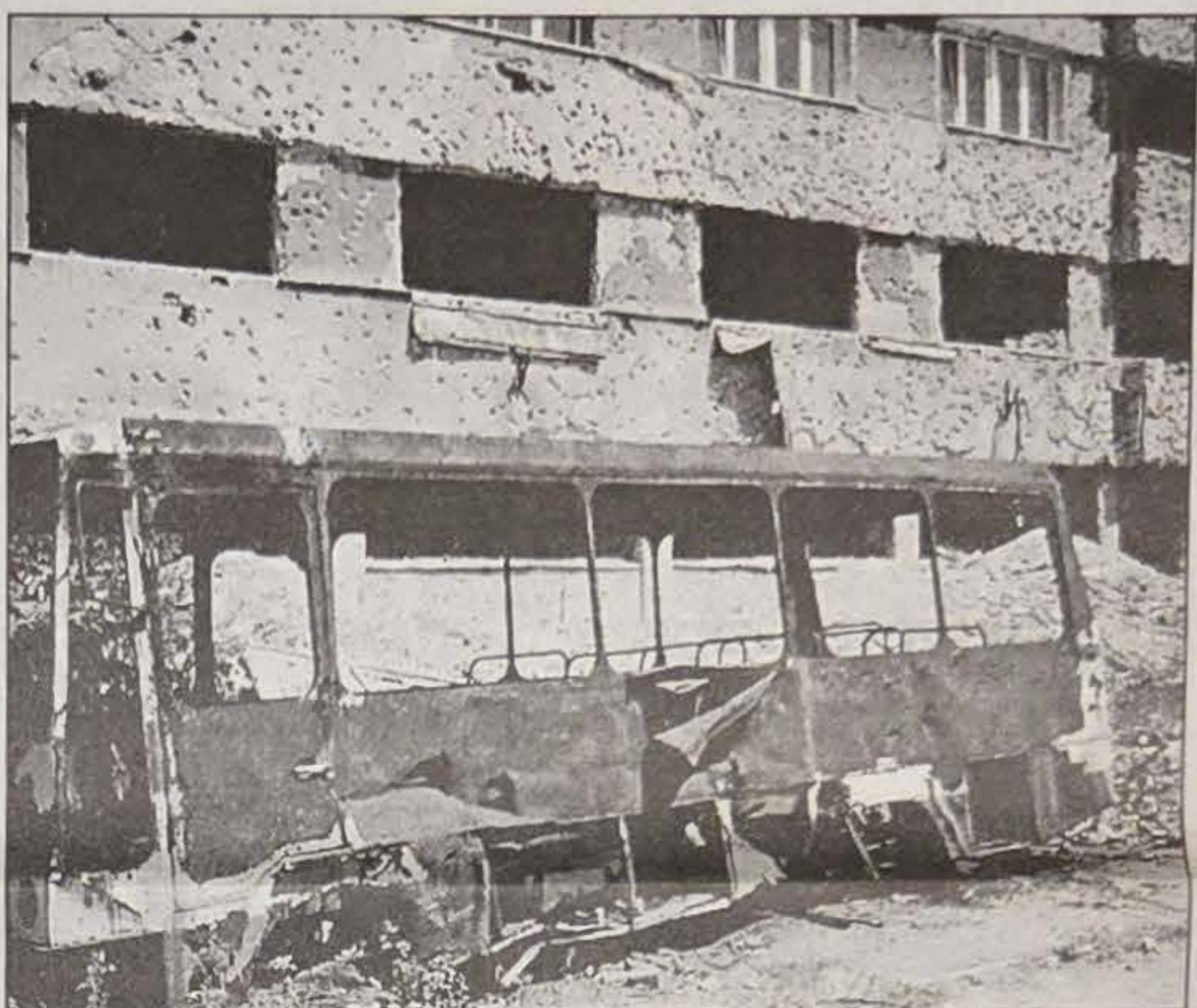
Services were Nov. 25th at Hansen Mortuary, Phoenix. Memorials may be made to the Desert Christian Fellowship Church or American Heart Association, 2929 S. 48th St. Tempe, Arizona 85282.

She was born Sept. 9, 1917, in Kewanee. She owned a beauty shop in Silvis. She was a member of East Moline Women's Club, First Christian Church, Moline, TTT Philanthropic Society, toastmistress and Rachel Circle of First Christian Church in Phoenix.

Surviving are her husband, Alton W. Dennhardt; daughters, Sandra Lagerblade, Phoenix, Sharol Schmidt, North Ridgeland Hills, Texas, Vicki Taradash, Scotsdale, Ariz., Kim Whatley, Gilbert, Ariz., and Laurie Dennhardt, Chandler, Ariz.



These bombed and shelled out office and apartment buildings were along the main line of fighting in Mostar. Scenes such as these are common in many of the areas Chief Hufford works in every day.



The remains of a shelled and burned bus that sits on the side of a street. You can see bullet holes in the bus and in the bombed apartment building behind the bus. Notice that windows on the third floor of the building have been replaced. There are people beginning to live there again. This scene is only one block from Chief Hufford's office in Mostar.



Here is Chief Hufford standing in front of the Spanish Monument in honor of all the Spaniards who died in Bosnia from 1993 - 1996.

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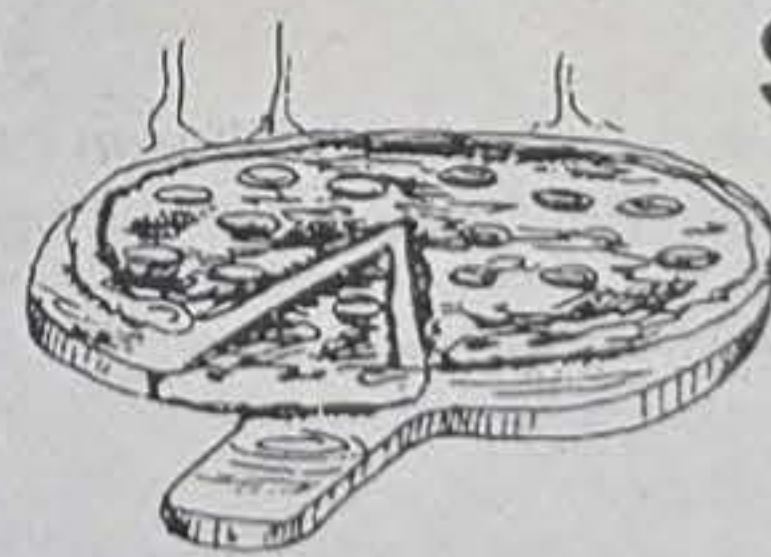
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