

# The Vidette Messenger

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## Judge's Niece A Golddigger

By NANCY SHURR  
Judge Pivarnik's niece is a Golddigger! That's not an accusation, but a statement of fact about Patti Pivarnik, the beautiful and talented 21-year-old niece of Circuit Court Judge Alfred J. Pivarnik. Patti is the daughter of the judge's twin brother, Robert, and his wife, the former Genevieve Benedict, displaced Porter County citizens who now reside in Cincinnati.

Patti has numerous relatives in Porter County, including her mother's sister and brother, Mrs. Sanford Gruel and William Benedict, both of rural Valparaiso, and her father's sisters, Mrs. Robert Kelly of Chesterton and Mrs. Harry Mitchell of Valparaiso, and a cousin, Mrs. William Kerns of Valparaiso.

All have proudly watched television as Patti has sung and danced her way through several Dean Martin, Jonathan Winters and Mike Douglas shows as part of the eight-member Golddiggers troupe which has all new members in 1973. Patti won her role as a Golddigger last

March after surviving a series of tryouts, auditions and cuts involving more than 400 singers and dancers. To join the musical troupe Patti left behind her studies at the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music where she had been a student for 30 months.

Born in South Bend, Patti is 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 112 pounds and has dark brown hair and hazel eyes. Always interested in music, she participated in music and drama while in school and during the summer of 1972 played in "Something New," a musical theater revue at Kings Island, Cincinnati.

With appearances at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas with David Steinberg, Petula Clark, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme and an East Coast summer tour with Jerry Vale behind her, Golddigger Patti has just returned from a three-week stand in Mexico City and is currently taping more Dean Martin Show appearances in Los Angeles. The troupe will appear soon at the Thunderbird in Las Vegas and then go to New York City for the Christmas holidays.

## Larson Takes Exception To ICLU's Challenge

State Rep. John Larson, R-Valparaiso, took exception today to a suit filed by the Indiana Civil Liberties Union challenging the constitutionality of Public Law 2 of the Acts of 1973 which established procedures by which vacancies in the state legislature are filled.

Larson drafted the bill which unanimously passed the House and had only six votes against it in the Senate. The suit filed in Marion Superior Court specifically sought to enjoin seating of Stephen Stoughton, Indianapolis, selected under the new law to replace John Hart, also of Indianapolis who resigned. However, despite the suit, Stoughton and Mrs. Donabelle Mahoney, of Hammond, were duly sworn in and took their seats at Tuesday's reorganization session of the General Assembly.

Ironically, it was the late State Sen. Charles B. Kleinkort, whose untimely death came as he was initiating an amendment changing procedures to fill vacancies in the state legislature by means of a convention of precinct committeemen from the district where the vacancy occurred and represent the same political party as the person who held the vacated seat.

Larson assumed command of the Kleinkort Amendment, drafted a bill and successfully secured support through the House and Senate and final signature of the governor.

Relative to the ICLU challenge of the law's constitutionality, Larson observed, "The ICLU is in error. The Constitution of

the State of Indiana had to be amended in order to provide for the filling of vacancies. This was done through the Kleinkort Amendment which states that "the General Assembly shall determine the method of filling vacancies in its ranks."

Larson said the language of the amendment was clear. "We, as legislators with due responsibility to the electorate, adopted a method in conformance with the Kleinkort Amendment in the fairest and not inexpensive way we knew how." He emphasized that special elections "are costly. Through the tenets of Public Law 2 we already have two vacancies filled by precinct committeemen convention and

## Sets Out Plant's Energy Plans

CHESTERTON — In a letter just mailed to homes of the nearly 7,000 employees of Bethlehem Steel's Burns Harbor plant, James A. Creighton Jr., general manager, described in detail some of the steps being taken by the plant to conserve natural resources during the energy crisis.

At the same time, Creighton asked plant employees to join with him in making strong individual efforts to do everything possible to combat the impending shortages. "It is a time to marshal our personal skills and energy and apply them to this gigantic energy problem," Creighton said. "We have always used fuels conservatively because it was economically necessary. Now it is a necessity for survival."

He explained that there are four primary sources of fuel to meet the huge demand required to operate Bethlehem's vast steelmaking complex. They include natural gas from Northern Indiana Public Service Co., propane gas, fuel oil and by-product gas from the two 82-oven coke oven batteries and two blast furnaces.

Creighton cited the plant's natural gas requirement of 3,750,000 cubic feet per hour as an example of the great demand

## Sentencing Continued In Theft Case

Sentencing of Stephen Hardwicke, 28, Rt. 3, Chesterton, was continued in Porter Superior Court Wednesday by agreement of the defendant.

Hardwicke pleaded guilty Oct. 1 to second degree burglary from the Griffith Ready-Mix Co., Portage Industrial Park. Three two-way radios valued at \$3,000 were taken in the June 1972 burglary.

Judge Bruce Douglas said the sentencing was continued until Hardwicke completes testimony for the state in Illinois and Ohio. The defendant has already testified in eight trials, the judge said.

By waiting until the trials are completed, the court will be assured that Hardwicke has cooperated with the state, Douglas added.

Petition for payment of \$925 for pauper counsel fees to Atty. John Lyons for defense of Irene F. Hinderer, 41, Rushville, Ill., was approved. While Lyons had sought \$1,593, Judge Douglas approved only \$925.

Lyons was appointed pauper counsel for Mrs. Hinderer last April. She was subsequently found guilty by a jury last July on a charge of theft, and was sentenced by Judge Douglas in September to a 1-10 year sentence. Lyons has filed steps toward an appeal.

Plea of innocent was made in Superior Court by Donald J. Hegedus, 20, 5676 Old Porter Road, Portage, charged with possession of controlled substances. Hegedus was charged in county court with the offense Oct. 16. Pre-trial hearing is set for Dec. 3.

Harold Goins, 21, of 2833 Monnier St., Portage, was charged in County Court with distribution of controlled substances to a person under age 18.

According to the probable cause affidavit, \$2 worth of marijuana was purchased by a 13-year-old Fegely eighth grader. The 13-year-old and three other juveniles were caught with the marijuana by Portage police in the Central Elementary School at 10:30 p.m. a week ago.

The boys used money their parents had given them for lunches or movies to purchase the drugs, they told police.

Vera Joyce Evans, 41, of 409 Prescott Road, South Haven, was charged with harboring a 17-year-old runaway. Bond was set at \$1,000.

## Seeking 2 Suspects

DETROIT (AP) — Police are seeking two suspects in Thursday night's fatal shooting of a man allegedly involved in a large-scale narcotics operation.

George "Texas Slim" Dudley, 40, indicted last May with 12 Detroit policemen for operating an alleged dope ring, was shot twice in the head and chest in his West Side apartment, according to Homicide Sgt. Edward Jubenville.

## Around This Area

# Reading Workshop Here

SOUTH BEND — Reading specialists from the State Department of Public Instruction, (DPI), will present a "reading effectiveness workshop" to Valparaiso teachers from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Valparaiso High School.

Julie Shoup, from the Northern Regional Service Center, special reading consultant for northern Indiana, and Dr. Helen Lundblad, Robert Schweitzer and Paul Whiteman from the DPI's new Reading Effectiveness Division, will conduct the workshop which is intended to enable teachers to help children acquire better reading skills by presenting innovative ideas in teaching through group discussions, sharing of ideas and making teachers aware of the services offered by the Department of Public Instruction.

Four one-half hour sessions will be offered at Tuesday's workshops and teachers will be able to attend two of the sessions. The sessions are entitled "Reading in the Content Area," "Language Encountering," "Approaches to Reading," and "Basic Skills in Reading."

Three juveniles from Portage, Valparaiso and Highland were arrested Wednesday night for illegal possession of alcohol after police saw them driving erratically on Lincolnway, forcing cars to pull to the side of the road.

Police stopped the juveniles on Morgan after they saw beer cans thrown out the car window and strewn along the street. Two were released to their parents while one is being held in Porter County Jail.

PORTAGE — Two break-ins here Thursday resulted in theft of items valued at \$242 and \$60 in damage, police said.

Break-in at Newport Plaza Laundromate, 5975 McCasland, resulted in the theft of a \$100 electrical device used to open machines, 84 cans of soft drinks and \$5 in change, causing \$60 in damage, police were advised.

Entry was gained by prying open the front door, police said.

John Bowers, 10115 Maple, reported \$30 in small change and jewelry valued at \$90 taken from his home during a break-in, police said. Entry was made through the rear dining room window.

One thousand pounds of copper valued at \$600 was reported stolen Thursday morning in a break-in at A.J. Berrier Co., 551 Factory St., police were advised.

Intruders rolled out two wheelbarrows full of copper strands and bundles to the back of the building and into a car, police said. Entry was gained by opening a wired shut door and breaking through old tin siding at the west side of the building, police said.

HANNA — Severe facial lacerations and a skull fracture were suffered early today by one of three Chicago residents hurt in a

## Two Injured On Route 94

CHESTERTON — Two Valparaiso persons were injured early today in a single-vehicle accident on Interstate 94, a half-mile west of Indiana 49, after which a car of a motorist who was aiding police in directing traffic caught fire after being struck by a passing vehicle.

Injured when their car hit a steel fence were Ronald Pawlowski, 31, and his wife, Nancy, 25, of Rt. 7. Trooper James Bonfield said Pawlowski's car struck the fence after being airborne from hitting a mound of dirt. Pawlowski suffered facial lacerations and leg injuries. His wife, who was pinned in the wreckage for 20 minutes, suffered face and chest injuries. They were taken to Porter Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Pawlowski was removed from the car by Trooper Bonfield and the Chesterton Rescue Squad. Traffic at the scene was tied up for an hour, police said.

The car of Orville Gruetzmacher, 43, Hammond, who was directing traffic, was demolished when it caught fire after being struck by an auto driven by Henry Williams, 34, Covert, Mich., police said.

## Vandals Damage 14 Autos Here

Seventeen cases of vandalism causing more than \$1,500 in damage were reported over the Thanksgiving holiday, police said. Fourteen autos were hit.

Park Supt. Bruce Swann reported three windows broken at the Park Department offices, Harrison and Yellowstone, causing \$300 in damage.

Light fixtures and their covers were reported taken from the porch of Cheryl Root's home at 210 Randle, marking the third time this week vandalism has occurred at her residence, she told police.

Windows at a house construction site at 313 Somerset were reported shot out by pellet guns, police said.

Autos reported vandalized at McGill Manufacturing Co. parking lot belong to Patricia Byer Knox; Barbara Jorgensen, 252 Northview; Richard Olsen, Hobart; Patrick E. Phillips, 351 Jefferson; Joseph Blazek, MR 35; Donald Rice, Wanatah; and Allen Davis, 701 Institute.

Those who had their car windows vandalized at the Indiana General parking lot were Donna Johnston, Hobart; Don Pearson, Chesterton; Michael Brewsten, Hebron; and Elmer Gordon, Rt. 1.

Others who reported car windows broken were Charles Underwood, 413 Weston; Sarah Long, 754 W. Chicago; and Steve Butterfield, 6 Wayne.

car-train collision at the Indiana 39 crossing of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, southeast of here.

Ralph Falconer, 34, who suffered the serious injuries, was taken to Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, by Wiesjahn ambulance. Also taken to PMH, treated and released were motorist Henry Perteet, 21, and his other passenger, Walter Excell, 30.

State police said the car struck the 11th car of a northwest bound 51-car freight train. The vehicle skidded 75 feet before impact, according to police who said fog was a contributing factor in the accident.

Don Herrick, Rt. 6, has been promoted to supervisor of traffic for McGill Manufacturing Co.'s Bearing Division. Herrick, who joined McGill in 1968, is responsible for all incoming and outgoing traffic for the Valparaiso and Culver plants.

He was graduated from Valparaiso High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Ball State University.

Nothing taken during an apparent break-in at Associates Financial Services Co. Inc., 17 Washington, where police discovered the back door pried open Thursday night and a small wooden office door punched out, police said.

Four cases of vandalism were reported to sheriff's police Thursday and today.

A window at Washington Township School was broken when something was thrown through it. Mrs. Michael Prybysz, 396 Cherryfield, South Haven, reported the headlights broken out of her car. Mrs. L. T. McCrea, Rt. 9, reported holes shot in her mailbox and a Rt. 11 resident told police her newspaper delivery tube was destroyed.

## Road Toll At 155

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The nation's Thanksgiving holiday weekend traffic death toll reached 155 today.

Rain, snow or fog slowed highway travel in wide areas of the West and in parts of the midcontinent, South and East.

The count of traffic deaths began at 6 p.m. local time Wednesday and will end at midnight Sunday.

## 2nd Gun Tragedy

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — A youthful Kalispell deer hunter has been shot to death only 10 days after his father died in a hunting accident.

Wade Drollinger, 18, was hunting with a juvenile companion south of here Thursday when the accident occurred, authorities said.



Upsets In Fog

Carl A. Hardesty, 18, of Rt. 2, Hobart, escaped injury today when his auto overturned into culvert at County Road 725W and U.S. 30 in Union Township. Deputy Paul Shudick said motorist lost control of auto on fog-shrouded roadway. (V-M Staff Photo)