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## Money problems

# Clarenceville schools slashes staff

Clarenceville School District students will have more classmates in their elementary and high school rooms following a series of budget cuts for the school year to start next September.

The higher pupil-teacher ratios are part of the spending reductions the school board approved Thursday night to help wipe out a \$250,000 revenue shortfall.

The program and administration cuts will save \$12,500 with the balance of the savings coming from the fund equity account, which represents the district's supplies and materials inventory and depreciation of buildings and equipment.

At the high school level the program

cuts involve raising the classroom ratios from 28 to either 29 or 30 in English classes, leaving the industrial arts classrooms from 28 to 29 per class, raising the physical education ratios from 28 to 29 per teacher.

ALSO AMONG the \$25,000 involved in the senior high cutbacks are reducing the foreign language offerings from two to one and the administration recommending that French be retained and Spanish be dropped and dropping the half-time library secretary and reducing the counseling positions from three to two.

At the junior high \$8,000 will be saved

by reducing the counseling positions from 1 1/2 to one and eliminating the half-time library secretary.

In elementary schools \$28,000 will be cut by cutting three teachers' positions and raising the pupil-teacher ratio from 25-1 to 27-1.

In other cuts the part-time public relations position will be eliminated and the district-wide newsletter to parents will be printed less frequently and then done within the existing administrative staff.

Conference expenses will be cut from \$15,000 to \$5,000 and a postponement on new textbooks will be enacted for one year to save \$25,000 next year.

SUPT. DAVID McDowell reported to the

board that the preliminary budget presented by Ed Salas, business manager of the previous week, already reflects the partial cut of an assistant principal's post at the high school, reduction of four elementary and two secondary school teachers because of declining enrollments and one elementary band teacher for the same reason.

Principals and directors have been directed to cut their instruction budget by 20 per cent.

The March 15 cuts are in addition to the ones approved Thursday by the board.

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## American history unfolds at Harrison

There's a road to freedom is unfolded in a multimedia presentation this week at Harrison High School.

Only in America a program illustrating how freedom has encouraged initiative, invention and enterprise in the United States is a 30-minute program developed especially for the bicentennial.

The slide film and tape presentation will be shown nine times beginning today and continuing through Thursday after noon in the Harrison auditorium 29965 W. 12th Mile.

Anyone wishing to attend the showings, especially senior citizens, are encouraged to participate in the program.

The Farmington School District is offering this program for all its fifth, sixth and seventh graders, says Jerry Morawski, principal at Alameda Elementary School and district coordinator of bicentennial activities.

It is geared to that grade level and is also for students learning about America's history and its struggle to free her institutions.

"ANYONE interested in seeing the program also can attend anyone of the showings," Morawski explains.

Only in America is a fast-moving multimedia show that at all times, three separate screens, stereo music, 16mm film and 11 slide projectors will be used to give the students a historical look at their country.

The program really should blow the minds of these students because it is fast moving and shows them familiar scenes from the past and present. With 11 different projectors and music, it should be quite enjoyable for everyone," he continues.

The program will be shown today at 10 and 11 a.m. and also at 12:45 p.m. in the Harrison auditorium.

On Tuesday, March 30 the program will be shown at 10 and 11:45 a.m. Wednesday showings will be at 10 and 11:45 in the morning and there will be two showings Thursday at 10 and 11:45 a.m.

Harrison's auditorium can hold more than 700 persons and the district only is looking in 350 elementary students at the most to see each performance. Morawski says.

So there is more than enough room for anyone who would like to see this program. The program is free and we are encouraging senior citizens, businesses and any other interested person to attend the showings.

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## Concert focuses on bicentennial

Thursday, William Lane will be the first to witness when the South Oakland Concert Band presents Bicentennial Salute Monday, March 29 at 8 p.m. It will be held in the Oak Park High School auditorium (College and Oak Park Blvd). The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Eric R. Thuma, radio broadcaster and associate professor of social sciences at OCU's Southeast campus will narrate Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait.

Walter Mason, director of the 40-piece band will share the podium with several guest conductors. In addition to the Lincoln Portrait a variety of popular band selections will be presented.

The concert is being sponsored by the Southeast Campus System in cooperation with the Oak Park Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

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## Adult education begins new term

Farmington Public Schools Community Education Classes will begin evening and day sessions during the week of March 29.

Day classes at Bond School, 3150 West Phoenix, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. include: music instruction, reading classes and an introduction to art. A class centered around the growing of house plants will also be offered.

Instruction is available for children from two to five years old for a small charge.

Registration is necessary and may be completed by mail or in person at Bond School between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. For further information about day classes call 478-3840.

Evening classes at Farmington High School, 1200 Schwansee will include instruction in silk screening, beginning pottery and ceramics.

A new garden program which makes available plowed areas to rent will be offered this spring.

Registration for evening classes will be Monday, March 15 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Farmington High School, room 104 D.

It is possible to pre-register at the Community Education office, 22200 Schwansee, either in person or by mail.

For further information about evening classes or the rent-a-garden, phone the Community Education Office at 478-3840, 25 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Navy recruit ends training

Navy Recruit Robert Anderson son of Mrs. Martin Rife of 2274 Glenwood Heights Drive, Farmington Hills graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes (Ill.).

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