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## City Administrator Sutter given 30-day suspension

BY IRENA GRANAAS  
Journal Editor

City government in East Jordan has been shaken up over the past weeks.

The June 11 firing of veteran city clerk Kathy O'Rear after a routine meeting led to questions about City Administrator Carolyn Sutter's handling of her duties. Events culminated at a June 13 special meeting called by commissioner Brian Sweet, during which Sutter faced an unfriendly grilling in front of a packed city hall audience, which included O'Rear and her attorney.

O'Rear has served as city clerk for 12 years. At press time, Sutter had given no reason for O'Rear's firing.

Mayor Russ Peck and City Commissioners Brian Sweet, Ruth Gee and Dan McKinnon took turns asking Sutter about a number of incidents involving Sutter's interactions with employees and handling of city finances.

Sweet grilled Sutter on whether she instructed city employees to open commissioners' mail without permission, taking meeting minutes during work sessions (a duty the city charter assigns to the clerk) and editing of meeting minutes, lack of timeliness in distributing agendas and other documents to some commissioners, the city audit, and missing a deadline for a grant application for a park that the city applies for every year but so far has failed to

get.

Gee had questions about whether Sutter has discouraged city employees from talking to each other and members of the public.

Sutter denied most of the allegations and offered explanations for others. She at one point responded to a question with, "I'm obviously out of the loop because you're asking me these questions in public, and you could have asked these questions anytime."

In a prepared statement submitted to an area newspaper and published June 12, O'Rear cited lack of communication among employees and concerns about access to elected officials by employees and city residents.

"When department heads are instructed not to speak to one another or other city officials about important city issues, there is no concept of or encouragement for teamwork or progress," she said.

Peck asked Sutter whether she had made an employee cry by publicly forcing her to clean the city hall carpet. Sutter replied she asked the person who cleans city hall to clean it because there was tar on it, and it shouldn't have mattered who was standing at the counter.

McKinnon hammered on an incident where Sutter asked the city water foreman to take care of a residential water leak. The resident stood up and said the problem had been resolved.

Several audience members crit-

icized the grueling inquisition Sutter was subjected to, with one describing the questions as "nit-picky."

"We hired the city administrator because she's not supposed to make popular decisions," said Mark Postma. "The city charter was designed to avoid exactly the situation here tonight. It's like a witch-hunt, and it's pretty sad."

After the questioning session, Sweet read a no-holds barred list of 18 reasons why Sutter should be suspended during the meet-

ing, which included "inappropriate management style; misusing squandering of city resources; responsible for low employee morale ... inability to delegate proper authority to department heads, abrogation of responsibilities to city while hospitalized by not appointing an acting administrator, in violation of section 4.03 of the charter ... misinformation and outright lies to commission; putting city at risk by alienation of all city employees; and just plain poor management."

Noting that Sutter, who has

been hospitalized twice in recent weeks, has been under doctor's orders to reduce stress. Peck asked the commissioners to suspend her for 30 days with pay.

"I propose that the administrator be suspended from her duties to allow her time to recover and to allow commissioners to look into some of these (matters)," he said.

The vote was four to two in

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**DURING A BREAK** in the lengthy meeting, City Administrator Carolyn Sutter is seated next to Mayor Russ Peck.

## Superintendent Hansen discusses millage impact

BY IRENA GRANAAS  
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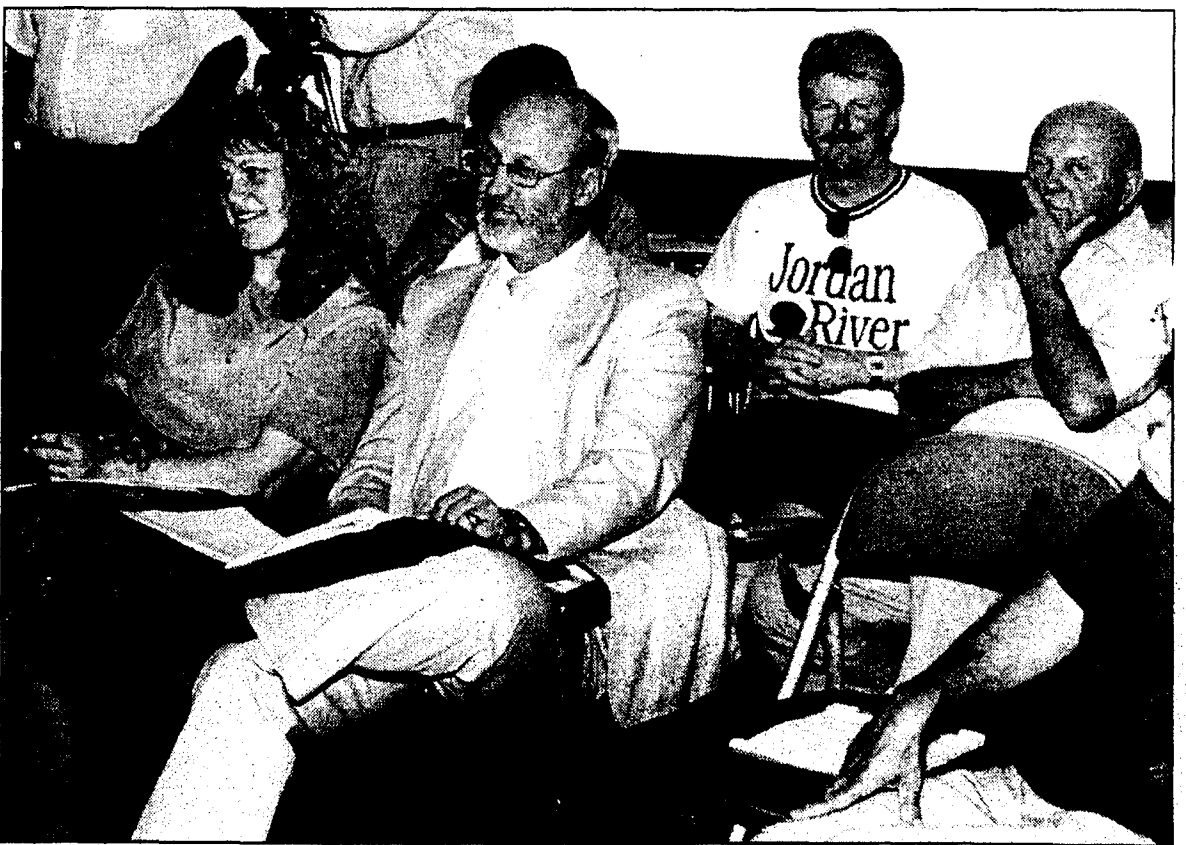
The June 10 Charlevoix-Emmet School District voter approval of a 0.75 (\$0.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), five-year millage will mean immediate benefits to East Jordan students and improvements down the road, said East Jordan School Superintendent Chip Hansen.

"The district will install an applied technology lab at the high school over the summer," he said. "The lab will allow students to explore a wide range of technologies including robotics, CNC lathe and mill, stress analysis, controls and sensors, multi-media, computer-aided drafting, and so on."

Hansen said over the five-year millage period, the vocational-technical millage will improve existing vocational programs in business services and technology and auto mechanics.

"Upgraded equipment and software is expected in each area. The study of new programs will also take place, and the district's technology delivery system will also be upgraded," he said.

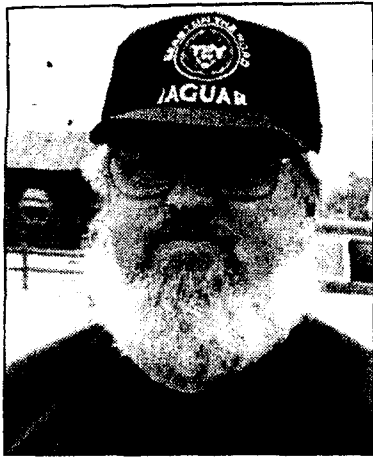
"We're very pleased that the East Jordan area and the rest of Char-Em supported the millage," Hansen said. "There is a clear need for vocational-technical education for all students, and the applied nature of such programs always tends to provide a practical link to the real world for students."



**FIRE CITY CLERK** Kathy O'Rear sits next to attorney Rex Graft of Traverse City. Sutter told commissioners O'Rear plans to sue.

# Street Talk

Dads contribute in many ways to their children's happiness, self-confidence and well-being. In honor of the recent celebration of Father's Day, we asked East Jordan residents what they feel is the most important thing their fathers taught them.



Honesty, and he did it by example. Paul Beauvais



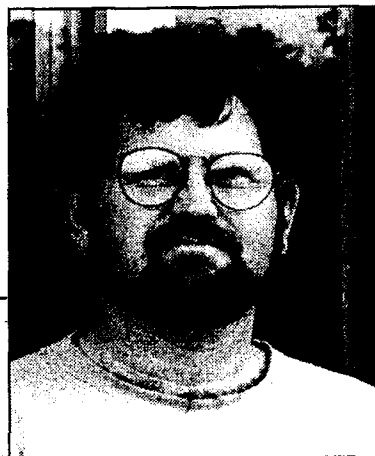
Love and respect, and how to raise my kids the same way. Shelley Himmelspach



I would say how to love and how to be patient. Cheryl Matthews



My Dad was a real easy-going man. He never got angry, and I'd like to think some of that rubbed off on me. Irene Russell



To be honest and to stand up for what you believe in. Tom Hart

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The value of money, how to manage my money - he taught me so much. Everything my Dad taught me is important. You can't put a value on it. Some things he taught me early in life later on became more valuable than anything else. Rich Clark

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# Conservancy slates meeting

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Members, guests and non-members are invited to join the conservancy's celebration of this year's accomplishments. The conservancy is celebrating its fifth year of land conservation in northern Michigan.

We will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund by highlighting several local projects such as Antrim Creek Natural Area and Seven Bridges.

The agenda starts at 10 a.m. with morning refreshments, with the meeting following at 10:30 a.m. At noon, a box lunch will be served, and field trips will begin at 1 p.m.

There is a \$5 charge per person for lunch and refreshments. For more information, call the GTR-LC office at 929-7911.

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## Local writer recalls rich heritage from the women in her family

Della Justine Hart, 61, died May 29, but her memory will always be vivid to daughter LaVern Prevo.

The East Jordan writer carries on her mother's tradition of using writing and poetry as a way to minister to others. Recently, she sent off some poetry to a man who was thinking about suicide.

"He's still alive and still trying. He's talking about the future more," she said.

Her talent for writing has strong roots. Readers may be familiar with Prevo's grandmother, the late Rosalind Batterbee Bundy Westcott, who was profiled in the *Antrim County News* when her book *Pioneer Potpourri* was published and whose writings are published frequently in the *Journal* under "Jordan Memories."

"Everything I do reminds me of my mother and grandmother," said Prevo, who is a Sunday School teacher at the Full Gospel Truth Church. She also served as the church's secretary for five years.

She cited her love for God, writing poetry, crocheting, flowers, canning, and tropical fish as being part of her heritage from her mother.

"When I was a little girl, Mother gave me a round patch of ground and three packages of seeds and told me to go grow a

garden, so I did," recalls Prevo.

From her grandmother she received a love of learning and teaching crafts, and houseplants. Her grandmother also encouraged Prevo to write poetry and play piano. Prevo still takes lessons and enjoys playing.

"They are just greatly missed, both of them," she said. "I really thank them for my heritage."

The following is a poem by Della Justine Hart:

For My Grandson

My grandson said to me, "Grandma, what does God look like and where does he live?"

I could not answer him just then. I had to think a spell, then the Spirit came to me and I knew very well.

God has two arms, two legs, and skin, just like you and me.

Jesus could look like any man, you see.

But he's far greater than Superman, who's supposed to go fast from place to place.

For he's everywhere at the same time, so we can see him face to face.

He's in the smallest flower and in the clouds above.

He knocks on the door of hateful hearts, and comforts those he loves.

He can bring down fire from mountains, or bring water out of a rock.

He can turn the world upside down, or spin it like a top.

Why, He's in every drop of rain, and in every drop of the sea.

And he's still in Heaven right now, preparing a mansion for you and me.

But yet His temple is inside of every boy and girl.

He made the twinkle in your eye, and gave you that lovely curl.



**THE MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER** of LaVern Prevo posed for this 1985 photo. From left are Della Justine Hart, her husband Arnold, and Rosalind Batterbee Bundy Westcott.

## \$3,000 donation aids festival fireworks

BY IRENA GRANAAS  
Journal Editor

Visitors to the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival fireworks display Sat., June 29, are in for a terrific show.

East Jordan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary Faculak announced last week a donor who wishes to remain anonymous has donated \$3,000 toward this year's fireworks display at the Jordan Valley Freedom Festival. However, Faculak noted the donor has stipulated the \$3,000 can only be spent after festival organizers meet their goal of \$7,000.

Faculak said as of June 11, less than half of the goal has been raised. She said in addition to individual donations sent to the chamber or canisters in local stores, money will come from ticket and button sales.

"It's important for people to buy their tickets and buy their buttons, because that's where a

## Eckankar video showing slated

Eckankar will present a free video showing entitled, "HU - Our Love Song to God" and "The Light and Sound of God" on Thurs., June 27, at the Masonic Temple, 13360 West Bay Shore Rd., Traverse City.

The program starts at 7:30 p.m. "By doing a Spiritual Exercise using the word 'HU,' learn how to experience the Light and Sound of God," said local contact person Judith Bill.

For more information, call 587-5432 or 1-800-LOVE-GOD.

lot of the money will come from," said Faculak.

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## Frankenteen opens in Petoskey and East Jordan

A cast of 21 will perform the first play of the Jordan River Arts Council fifth annual children's theater festival, opening Thurs., June 20, at 7 p.m., at the Russ Stoakes Theater at the Virginia McCune Arts Center.

*Frankenteen*, a science-fiction musical, revolves around junior high school students who create a Frankenstein-type humanoid as a science project, with hopes of defeating a rival school in a science competition.

Performances are also scheduled for 7 p.m., Fri., June 21 and Sat., June 22, and 2 p.m. Sun., June 23, at East Jordan High

School auditorium.

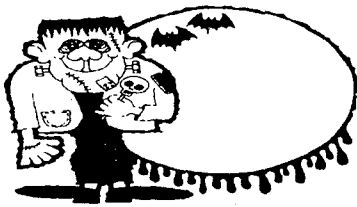
Patrick Curtin (as Alex) narrates the story, in which Tony Cutler (as Solomon) learns about the creation of life from his rabbi, played by Jordan River Arts Council President Howard Ellis.

Scenes range from Solomon's high tech basement laboratory where Teena (the Frankenteen) is created, to the ice cream shop, where the new creature, who cannot talk, learns business skills in her new world. Teena is played by Laura Warren.

The play was written by Frumi Cohen. In keeping with the arts council tradition, it is a new and

unpublished play, with only one previous production in Pennsylvania.

Tickets are available at the door 30 minutes prior to curtain, at \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. The production is partially funded by grants from Charlevoix County Community Foundation and Malpass Family Fund.



**"WESTWICH" JUNIOR HIGH** students approve as Teena, the Frankenteen monster, pulls Zainy Brainy Junior High bullies away by their ears. From left are Patti Murray, Kevin Curtin, Patti Gee, Jamie Baker, Kevin Roberts, Laura Warren, Jason Steinhoff, Lindsey Malpass and Renee Roberts.

### Quotable

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"Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit?"

— Luke 6:39



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- E.J. Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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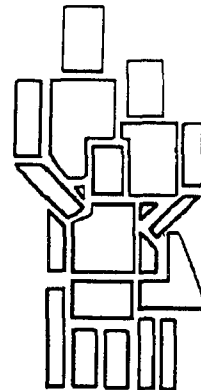
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## Obituary

### Harry A. Fyan

Harry A. Fyan, 86, formerly of East Jordan and Kentucky, died June 9, 1996, at his residence in Beaver Creek Township.

Mr. Fyan was born Dec. 25, 1909, in Gladwin Township, to LaVerne and Iva (Bayn) Fyan. He married the former Orpha Lewis. Mr Fyan moved to Beaver Creek about 45 years ago. The World War II veteran was self-employed as the owner of Fyan's Auto Parts.

He was preceded in death by sons Harry Charles Fyan and Russell Rickland; and grandson Joey Forman and granddaughter Jeanne-Marie Kraycs.

He is survived by wife Orpha; five daughters, Joyce Helton of

Muskegon, Sheila (Jerry) Kraycs of Roscommon, Karen Forman of Roscommon, Pam (Joe) Greer of Grayling and Kathy Fyan of Traverse City; and two sons, Larry Fyan of Roscommon, and Ricky (Diane) Fyan of Roscommon.

Also surviving are five brothers, Bob Fyan of Albany, N.Y., Dwain Fyan of West Branch, Gary Fyan of Roscommon, Dick Fyan and Larry Fyan of Central Lake; seven sisters, Alberta Syring of Auburn, Beatrice Andersen of Midland, Mary LaVany, Sandra McNeil and Myrtle Hosler, all of Central Lake; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Volunteers honored

Charlevoix Area Hospital honored its Guild members and volunteers at a party on April 22 during National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Leading the list with over 200 hours of service during the past calendar year was Margaret Landman with 651.75 hours. Others topping 200 hours were: Karen Bowman, Ed McGee, Rebecca Schroeder, Jo Cannan, Anah Potter, Joanna Gun, Shirley Koerber, Sue Gettinger, Nancy Wood, Lois Ciesielski, and Virginia Rountree.

All volunteers with over 20 hours of service during the past year were given a certificate of appreciation. Other awards included pins, and cups.

Hours donated by volunteers totals over 4,000. The hospital has over 100 active volunteers providing many services.

## WHAT'S COOKING

*Recipes designed in the kitchen of Debbie Chappuies, with East Jordan cooks in mind*

Have you spent the evening mowing or gardening the flower beds? You're hot sweaty and hungry. You need a nice light dinner that won't bog you down and will be quick and easy.

The best suggestion I have is a refreshing glass of wine, some crusty bread and a salad - especially one of these two versions I like to make for hot, humid evenings. There is very little cooking involved, the recipes are quick and easy, and offer the opportunity to use a few leftovers from the fridge.

In both cases, my favorite salad dressing is Paul Newman's Own Caesar. I used to use oil and vinegar, but found the Caesar to be much smoother. I also use leaf lettuce (combining several varieties if available) rather than head lettuce.

The best thing about this kind of meal is you can add or omit ingredients according to your family's tastes. Happy gardening!

### SALMON SALAD

- |                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 can salmon, drained              | 1 can sliced beets, drained |
| Leaf lettuce                       | 1 can ripe olives, drained  |
| 4 hard or soft-boiled eggs, sliced | Croutons                    |
| 1 can garbanzo beans, drained      | Sliced onions               |

Place lettuce leaves on a dinner plate and arrange ingredients over lettuce in wedges or another attractive way. Drizzle dressing over all and enjoy!

### CHICKEN SALAD

- |                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Chicken Breasts | Parmesan or Romano cheese |
| Leaf lettuce    | Croutons                  |

Using boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pound flat with a tenderizer or kitchen mallet. Rub with pepper (use a blended pepper for great results). Cook on the outdoor grill or brown on the stove with olive oil. Place lettuce on plate and drizzle dressing over. Add extra cheese if desired and toss slightly. Place chicken breasts and croutons and top and enjoy!

\* In all cases, adjust quantities to your needs.

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## Death notices

**Julia Marlin Jay Armstrong** died June 13, 1996, at her home near Kalkaska.

Funeral services were held June 17 at the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in Mancelona.

**Walter Tieber**, 67, of East Jordan died June 13, 1996, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements were handled by the Paul-

lin-Penzien Funeral Home, East Jordan.

**Howard McClurg**, 93, of Eastport and Laramie, Wyo., died May 19, 1996, in Laramie. Memorial services will be held Sat., July 27, at 1 p.m. at his family home on Torch Lake in Eastport. Arrangements are being made by the Cen-

tral Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

**Pauline Parker**, 86, of Philadelphia, Pa., died April 29, 1996, in Philadelphia. Graveside services will be held Fri., June 21, at 11 a.m. at the Old Antrim City Cemetery in Banks Township. Arrangements were made by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

**Elizabeth A. Pierce**, 83, formerly of Rochester, died June 11, 1996, at the Fuller Adult Foster Care Home in East Jordan.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements were handled by the Paullin-Penzien Funeral Home in East Jordan.

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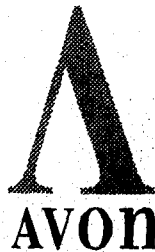
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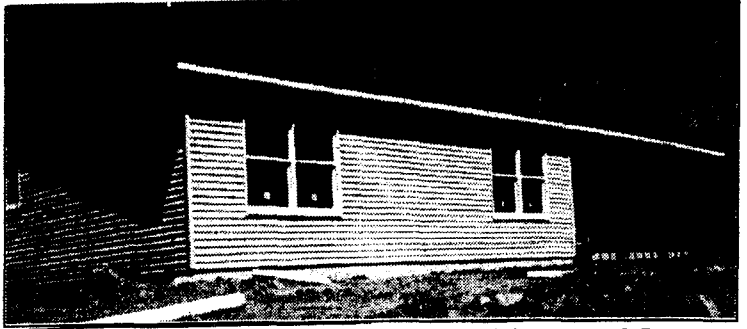
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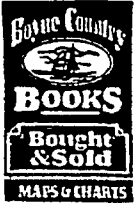
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## Sports

# Diesel, Rainbow unbeaten for week in men's league play

BY RICH CLARK  
Sports Writer

Week three of the East Jordan Men's Fast-pitch league was an exciting one. Other than the first game of the week, the rest were scoring festivals.

On June 10, game one saw Tom's Diesel squeak by Shadow's/Sam's 6-5. Randy Morris and Steve Goebel pitched for six strikeouts and 10 hits combined in the win. Ray Argetsinger hurled the loss with five strikeouts and nine hits. Gerald Gee led the attack for Tom's with three singles and double in four plate appearances. Rocky Clark hit a homer and Donny Smith had three singles for Shadow's/Sam's.

Game two saw D&D Construction down Tom's Golf, 14-6. John Skop threw the win with four strikeouts and seven hits. Vern Ringle pitched the loss with three strikeouts and 12 hits. Skop helped his cause with two homers, a single and eight runs batted in. Duane Cut-

ler added a homer for D&D. Lyman Harris hit two homers of his own, with Tom Reid Jr. hitting one as well for Tom's Golf.

June 12 saw a couple of high scoring games. The first game saw Charlevoix Electric top Witson Carbide, 12-2. Brian Warner threw five strikeouts and gave up only five hits. Mike Boyer and Scott Kelly combined for three strikeouts and seven hits in the loss. Tex Drenth had a homer for Charlevoix and Kelly had one for Witson.

The nightcap had Rainbow Bar with the victory over Shadow's/Sam's, 18-8. Kevin Russell and Jim Raymond combined to give up eight hits in the win. Jamie Vincent, Donny Smith and Ray Argetsinger combined to give up 13 hits in the loss. Kevin Russell helped his cause with a double and two singles, and Jim Price added a homer for the Rainbow. Kevin Thomas led Shadow's/Sam's with a triple and a single.

June 14, Tom's Diesel and Rainbow Bar ran off with their second wins of the week. Tom's Diesel played a solid game with a 20-2

victory over Witson Carbide. Steve Goebel earned the win, pitching an excellent game with four strikeouts and only two hits, helped by a solid defense. Mike Boyer and Scott Kelly threw three strikeouts and seven hits for Witson's. Jeff Brodine had two singles for Tom's. Chris Thomas and Mike Boyer collected the two hits for Witson's.

A slugging competition with 36 runs ended when Rainbow Bar finished with more than Tom's Golf, 21-15. Kevin Russell gave up 19 hits for the win while Vern Ringle gave up 21 for Tom's in the loss, striking out seven. Top hitters for Rainbow were Darrell LaBeau with an inside-the-park homer, Dan Pepin with two homers and Doug Stark with a homer and three singles. For Tom's, Lyman Harris and Jim Lord had two homers each. Todd Laviska had a homer, a triple, and a single. Rob Reid went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two singles.

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## Administrator suspended

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favor of the suspension, which took effect immediately. Not everyone favored the action. Sutter had some supporters among audience members who spoke, and commissioner Lyle Etcher resigned before the meeting, apparently in protest to the commission's plan to suspend Sutter.

Sweet asked a motion be passed for Peck to write a letter to Etcher asking him to reconsider.

McKinnon, Gee, Peck and Sweet voted for the suspension, with Greg Chappuies and Ron Klooster opposed.

Chappuies criticized the sus-

pension as a "knee-jerk reaction" to O'Rear's firing, but Gee, Sweet and McKinnon said that was not the reason.

"East Jordan has many good people with whom I've enjoyed working for the past several months," was Sutter's only statement after the meeting.

Peck will fill in as acting administrator during Sutter's suspension.

Sweet said commissioners will call witnesses, especially city employees, and ask them the same questions posed to Sutter in an attempt to verify the truth.

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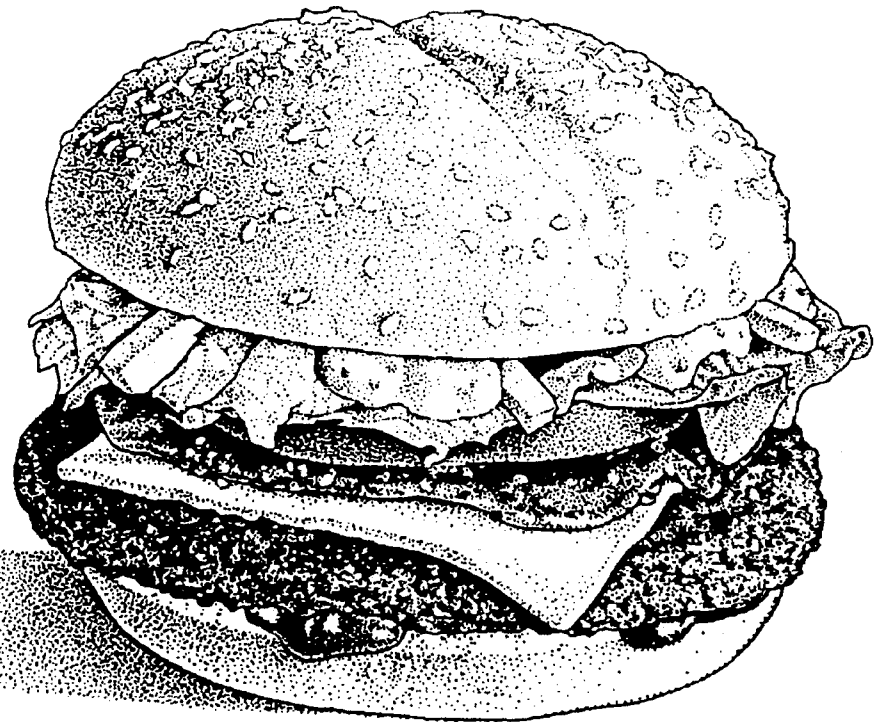
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