

Glasses

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Cite Soleil, the most impoverished slum of Port-au-Prince.

Disease is rampant in Haiti, particularly AIDS and tuberculosis, and medical care is unavailable to the vast majority of people in the slums because they simply can't afford it. Fr. Lambert said the number one killer of children is diarrhea, due to the substandard water quality. "One of the aims of the work Fr. Tom does is to educate the people," Fr. Lambert said; teaching them about hygiene, disease prevention and certain living skills can help improve their quality of life.

Dr. Kurt Moody, an optometrist with Eye Care Specialists, is one of the parishioners who will be volunteering in the free clinic, giving eye exams. "I'm going to be seeing between 60 and 100 patients per day," he estimates, "because the need is so great."

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Dr. Kurt Moody
Dallas

Gate of Heaven has taken up a collection of used eyeglasses. They can be dropped off in the church vestibule at any time. The collection will run until the volunteers leave on Jan. 13. Dr. Moody said the more eyeglasses people donate, the better; it doesn't matter what the prescription is. "The bigger variety of glasses we can take over to Haiti, the better chances are we can find a prescription that fits," he said. "Most of these people have *nothing*. You're dealing with terrible poverty. If we can get them pretty darn close, we'll be glad." In the meantime Dr. Moody is processing the glasses already received by determining their prescription and strength.

The other members of the parish who will be going to Haiti to volunteer are Sister Marilyn Karas, Paulette Zerfoss, Jack Callahan, Kathy Lewis, and Dr. John Tomedi, an MD, who will also be working in the medical clinic.



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Helping others at Christmas

Kindergarten students in Carris Snell's class at Lake-Noxen School worked on a project to help other people they don't even know last week. Taking off on the children's story of Franklin's Christmas Gift, they make cards for bus drivers and school staff, decorations for the post office and apple cinnamon ornaments for children and families served by Tender Loving Care/Staff Builders Home Health Agency. Garrity Realty donated the paper for the cards, families of K-3 students donated supplies, and homeroom mothers Mary Lou Kocher and Mary Anne Sallaway, along with TLC/Staff Builders employees Christine Snell and Diane Lavelle volunteered to help the children. In top photo, Carrie Snell was surrounded by students (from left) A.J. King, Patrick O'Brien and Ivey Rose Reynolds. Mary Anne Sallaway helped Jacob Nicosi, (above left), who worked carefully, above right photo.

Zoning requests get okay

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KINGSTON TWP. - The board of supervisors accepted the planning commission's recommendation to approve the Pendragon preliminary major subdivision plan at the meeting on Dec. 13. The plan divides the Pendragon site in Trucksville into three lots, one of which Sheetz intends to use for a gas station/convenience store.

On a side note, Benjamin Gorey, Kingston Twp. Zoning Officer, wishes it to be known that Sheetz is not receiving any sort of special treatment from the township; its applications are being given the same considerations as would any other. The 22 items in need of correction on the preliminary land development application are in the process of being remedied, and it will not be submitted to the planning commission until later. He said Kingston Twp. is not "overlooking" the items — many of which are minor — but is requesting the corrections be made before submission, and Sheetz is fully willing to cooperate with the township in every respect.

During the meeting, the board accepted public comments on the rezoning of the Marion Sands property at 1525 8th St., which

was to be rezoned from A-1 Agricultural to B-2 General Business, but is going to be rezoned as B-1 Neighborhood Business instead. Jerome Kane has purchased the property, which was parceled off from the main Sands property and contains a farmhouse, with the possible intent of building offices on it.

Attorney John O'Connor, representing Dr. Victor Ambruso, who has purchased the remainder of the Sands property, objected to the rezoning of the 1.9 acre parcel on the grounds that the area was primarily residential and agricultural, except for Kane's car dealership across the street. "There is no commercial use on 8th St. that this board should consider," he said, adding, "Legally, I think this is a classic case of 'spot zoning.'"

Twp. Solicitor Benjamin Jones III said "The planning commission did consider the issue of 'spot zoning,'" but it was not the case, as the property in question did not form a "wedge or a bulge" into the agricultural area; furthermore, the land across the street was zoned B-1, even though it was not developed as such except for Kane's dealership.

The annual reorganization meeting will be held on Jan. 2; the next regular meeting of the board of supervisors will be on Jan. 10.

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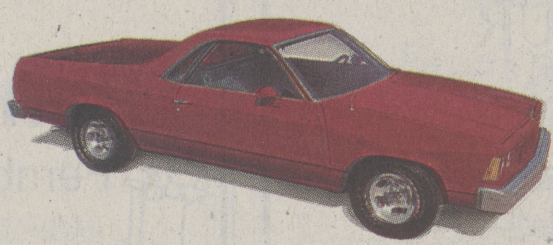
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