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"Name the Lovebirds"
Contest has a winner!**

Pictured with Frankie Rose is the 1st prize winner: Nancy Letman-Murphy with "Anthony & Cleopatra", hereinafter call "Tony & Cleo".

2nd prize winner is Harry James with "Twin Beaks" and 3rd prize goes to Gerritt Vandenburg with "Adonis & Cleopatra".

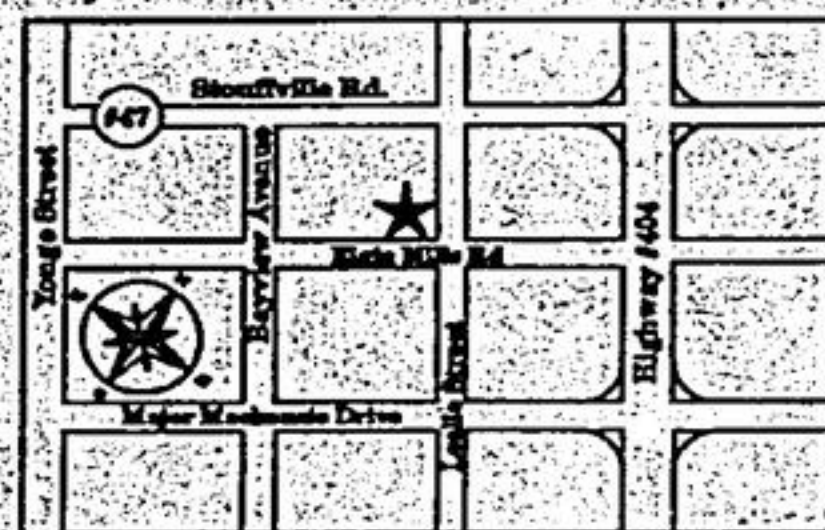
In all, almost \$600. in prizes were awarded.



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Teens bury social conscience underneath mounds of litter

Of all the obsessions known to mankind, that of being a "neat freak" is probably the one which attracts the most scorn.

There is an entire industry dedicated to the distribution of bumper stickers, fridge magnets and desk plaques which go on the offensive in defending those who believe that random scattering is the sign of a well adjusted, productive mind. It's got to the point where entire professions, such as accounting, are branded as being suited only to the most orderly, impeccable, and therefore dull individuals on the planet, people for whom throwing caution to the



**From
Where
I Live**

Bruce Stapley

wind involves washing their socks on Friday instead of the usual Thursday laundry session. It is with understandable reservation, then, that I admit to being the type of person who likes to see things in their place, who sees a sink full of dirty dishes as just about the most loathsome example of blatant dishevelment imaginable.

My CD collection is alphabetically arranged, my shirts hang in the closet according to colour, and my salad dressings all inhabit the same cubby hole in the inside of the refrigerator door. I even have separate recycling boxes for paper, cardboard, and bottles!

But while I realize many would be less inclined than myself to pick up that newspaper off the living room floor or instinctively straighten out the kids' inside-out shirts lying about their bedrooms, I have developed what I feel is a justifiable intolerance for gratuitous littering.

So you can understand my reaction upon making my lunch-time trip to *The Tribune* office down the road on week days only to find the fall-out of another high school student lunch spree.

Slovenly takes on a whole new meaning as I survey the scattered remains of pizza, fries, burgers and sandwiches, not to mention the paper plates, pop cans and paper bags used to contain these delicacies.

When I walk past, around and sometimes over these lamentable litterers, I always cast a disgusted look towards the ground and the refuse strewn there, only to be given a collective glare in return.

Are these kids from another planet? Do they think that, like rainwater, their fast food filth will simply wash down the sewers? It just boggles the mind that these young boors would be so unmindful of the efforts of the town and most local businesses to put forth a pleasant, tidy front that they would wantonly scatter trash on sidewalks and grass.

A recent study conducted in British Columbia schools revealed a dramatic drop in the awareness of basic social studies issues among young people in that province. I would suggest that this daily orgy of debris here in my own town indicates a profound lack of civic pride among these thoughtless young offenders. Like motorists who chuck cigarette wrappers and coffee cups out their windows onto the road, these people display the most flagrant disregard for the appreciation of community aesthetics that sets us apart from lesser life forms.

The fault certainly doesn't lie with the educators of these young litter bugs. Teachers have got enough on their plate today without having to concern themselves with students leaving an unsavory blemish on the downtown landscape at lunch time. No, the blame should fall squarely on the shoulders of parents who have obviously neglected to instill in their offspring from birth the basics of sharing space with others in this world.

So while I certainly don't expect this army of teenaged trash junkies to adopt my standards of boring orderliness, I'm proposing a deal here: You refrain from scattering your lunch-time refuse all over the sidewalk leading to the office, and I promise to go a whole week without meticulously folding my PJ's every morning or picking lint up off the carpet.

I hope we're both up to the challenge.

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