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Water supply fine; dispute lingers over notice

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Residents in parts of Plymouth Township experienced a drop in their water pressure for the fourth time in six months Sunday, one day after news reports told of possible problems with the Detroit water system pressure.

But according to the deputy director of the Detroit Water and Sewage Department, never has there been a threat to the safety of the public.

"Has the water quality ever ben compromised?" said Dave Fisher Monday. "No, unequivocally, no."

In fact, Fisher added, the weekend news reports were the result of a "gross misrepresentation of the facts" by the state Department of Public Health.

Although he said there were pressure drops, "there was not a compromise in quality (and the drop) was within a safe range."

According to Plymouth Township DPW Director

Fourth pressure loss occurs Sunday in Twp.; Joy Road pumping station is blamed

Thomas Hollis, the Sunday incident ocured between 1:30 and 2 p.m. This followed separate incidents in October, November and on Jan. 10 of this year.

And in each instance, the Detroit Water and Sewage Department's Joy Road and Main Street pumping station has been identified as the culprit.

At no time, however, did either state or local officials say there was a complete loss of water pressure.

Fisher blamed the October shutdown on a Edison power outage; of the other two, Fisher said he thought one shutdown might actually have been planned for

maintenance, but he was still gathering information.

If that were the case, he said, then state officials would have been aware in advance of the situation.

Township officials not only agreed with Fisher that the public's health was never threatened by any of the pressure reductions, but in a press release issued Monday, Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy also said that weekend news reports gave "an erroneous impression that Plymouth Township is neglecting the health and safety of its residents."

"Plymouth Township has a strict ongoing process in place to monitor the water quality and performance of the water system."

According to Detroit's Fisher, the water supply gets a complete analysis several times a day at the source; the state's Scarcella said the water gets tested weekly in each

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All for charity

Township officer Steve Cheston tries to block a shot by Detroit Lion linebacker Michael Cofer during a charity basketball game Monday night. For more on the game, please see pg. 3. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Anger grows over Ma Bell's plans to split towns with new 810 area code

Phone company modifies 8 Mile border plan

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER and CRAIG FARRAND

"Beep-beep-screeeeee! You must also include the area code 810..."

That annoying sound may soon be familiar to the thousands of Michigan Bell Telephone users whose customary calling habits will soon cross the new area code boundary that will split the "810" Northville-Salem-Livonia from area their "313" neighbors.

Residents, business and governmental leaders realized 13 days ago — when the first Bell "PR" fliers hit local phone customers — that the boundary line delineating the traditional 313 area code from the newly created 810 had been moved from its original proposed location.

Under Bell's original plan, the 8 Mile corridor dividing Wayne and Oakland and Macomb counties was to be used to as a southern border for the new area code.

The new Bell plan, which Bell public relations staffers are describing as "cast in stone," loops south of 8 Mile and

places Northville Township, Salem Township, Livonia, and other communities in two different area codes.

Ironically, those local governmental units proposed to be split have just

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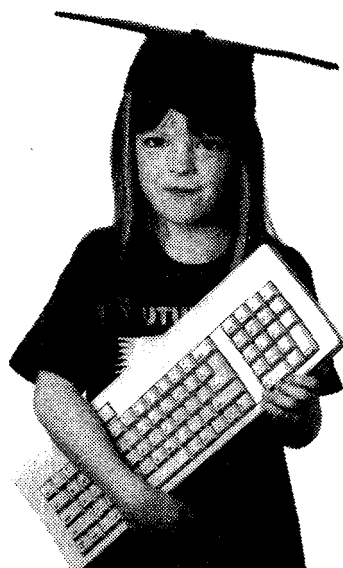
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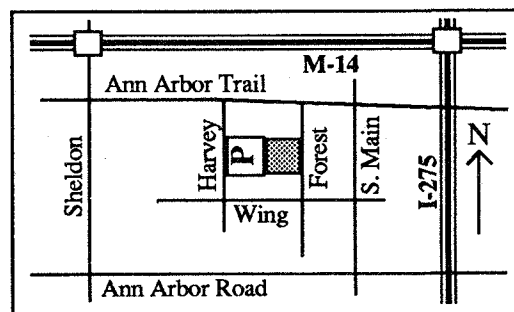
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Cadillac stolen from dealer on the heels of Rolls Royce

Don Massey Cadillac, the world's largest Cadillac dealership located in Plymouth Township, reported two stolen cars this month.

The first was a Rolls Royce and was reported stolen on April 8. According to a Plymouth Township police report, the complainant said the car, valued at more than \$100,000, was driven away from the lot by a male suspect.

The complainant said in the report that the keys were missing and that no one was authorized to drive the car away.

The following day, another car was apparently stolen from the lot, according to Plymouth Township Investigator Steven Mann.

A 1993 Sedan Deville was test driven and returned on the 9th. That night, the same car, valued at \$30,000, was involved in a hit-and-run two car

collision in Detroit.

The driver who fled the accident was described as a thin 5' 11" white female, with blond, short, wavy hair and fair skin tone. She was described as wearing a beaded dress, long black trench coat and high heels, Mann said.

Don Massey Cadillac did not realize the car was missing until the driver of the second car in the accident called with questions, according to Mann.

The complainant said in the report, taken on April 13, that she was unsure if she left the keys in the rental office, key box or rental office desk when the car was returned from the test drive.

The Cadillac was found Monday night in a parking deck at Metro Airport. The only damage appears to be from the car accident, Mann said.

The Rolls Royce is still missing.

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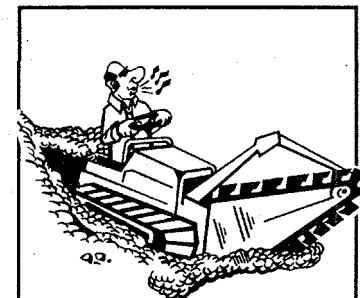
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All for charity

Police officers from Plymouth and Canton townships were out in full force Monday night, on the basketball court that is.

Officers met with celebrities from the Detroit Lions for "Hoop Law," a benefit basketball game held at Central Middle School.

Hundreds of kids and parents gathered in the school's gym to watch the NFL football players play basketball and get autographs from the players.

According to Investigator Steven Mann of the Plymouth Township Police Department, Lion players do this sort of thing all the time.

Mann belongs to the police union, the organization that thought of hosting the event, and help organize the game.

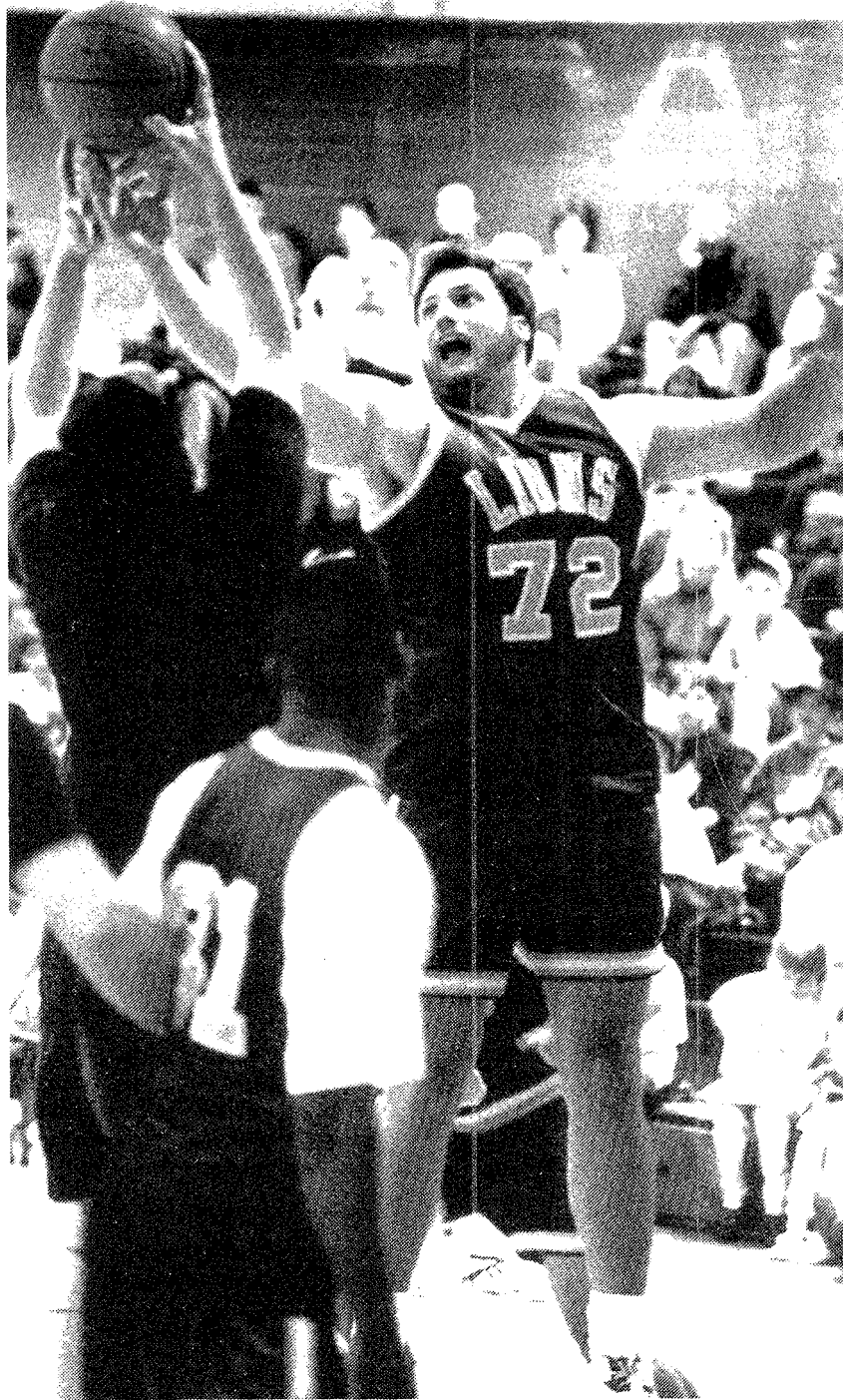
All proceeds will go to the Police Officer's Association which then donates money to local organizations like the United Way, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts and Special Olympics.

"It was fun. It was an entertaining game," Mann said, "They could have slaughtered us if they wanted to."

The game ended in a tie, 86 to 86.

The Lion participants included wide receiver Mike Farr, offensive guard Scott Conover and linebacker George Jamison.

Canton Township police officers Dan Antieau and Jerry Hardesty participated, as well as Plymouth Township officers Dennis Wilson, Cal Lauria, Mike Lego, Dave Hayes, Steve Cheston, Tom Haas, Leah Fenwick and Jamie Senkbeil.



Detroit Lion offensive lineman Jack Linn goes for the jump shot during a charity game with local police officers. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Township saves more than \$20,000 by hiring new auditors

BY AMY KIDWELL

At a special meeting held last Wednesday, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees voted to spend \$13,900 on auditing services. That's around \$20,000 less than what was spent last year.

Plante & Moran CPA's was paid \$35,675 last year for auditing services that were performed in 1991. At Wednesday's meeting, Plante and Moran offered to do the same service for \$18,000, a difference of more than \$17,000.

But they were out bid by Rehman Robson & Co., a company based in Jackson who will charge \$13,900 to do the job in 300 hours, which is much less than what other companies estimated.

The contract between Rehman & Robson and Plymouth Township will last for one year with an option for four additional years. Each year's bid is \$13,900.

The township received six bids from companies in lower Michigan and interviewed three of the candidates before making the decision to hire Rehman & Robson.

"I think it was a good decision," said Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, explaining that the firm has a one-year "test period," after which the township can either extend the contract or search for a new firm.

Farmers get assessment rollback; not enough

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Some assessments have fallen on western Wayne County's farmland, but those changes are not enough for the farmers there.

According to Duane Bordine, a Canton Township farmer, the fight isn't near over yet.

"(Supervisor) Yack said that people in Canton were happy with their assessments now," Bordine said.

"Hell no, I'm not happy."

The stink that has been raised by the farmers is a result of their assessments rising as high as 700 per cent over the course of one year. After much public haranguing of Canton township officials, some assessments were rolled back.

According to Bordine, the rollback did not impress him.

"One piece of land I owned went from \$34,200 State Equalized Value (SEV) to \$27,360 SEV," Bordine said. "That's a change from a 752 per cent raise over last

year to a 601 per cent raise."

He said that the rumor of legal action was just that, a rumor. According to Bordine, the farmers will go through the system.

"We're going through the State Tax Tribunal and the Board of Appeals," Bordine said. "If going through the chan-

nels doesn't work, we'll look into more serious measures."

According to Ross Hauk, another Canton farmer, the recent change in assessments may be enough.

"We went from having to pay \$30,000 to \$90,000 in taxes," Hauk said. "That amount went down to \$45,000."

It could have been lower but it's a start," Hauk said.

Hauk also said that he wasn't sure if he was going to press the issue further.

"I'm not sure right now," he said. "I've got to do some figuring. Some of the property is OK now."

Canton's land use plan to be reviewed

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton's plan for the future, the Master Land Use Plan, will be under review over the next year.

According to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet, the new plan will integrate more information than before.

"The new plan will be a compilation of other similar plans," Goulet said. "It will be more comprehensive."

While the current plan is only a map

and very general, Goulet said, the new plan will deal with water, sewer, and agricultural issues and make recommendations on zoning.

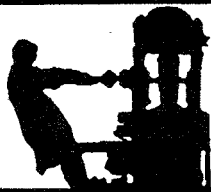
Other information that will be added to the plan is public facilities, recreation, and other community assets.

According to Goulet, the reworking of the plan was a condition of his employment.

"When I was originally interviewed for the position of community planner I was told that I would be working on the plan," Goulet said.

"Some of the information is out of date," Goulet said. "The original plan was drafted in 1985 and 1986."

Goulet said that his department will be looking at economic and population trends in order to re-work the plan.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1993

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:32 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 1993 Work Session meeting as submitted. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller, Ms. Arnold and Mr. Griffith abstaining as they were absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 1993 Regular meeting as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 1993 Work Session meeting as submitted. Supported by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 31, 1993 Special meeting as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda be amended by moving Item J.6 Western Townships Utilities Authority 1992 Financial Report to Item M.C1 under Communications, Resolutions and Reports. With this change, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the April 13, 1993, Regular meeting as amended. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following Proclamation:

PLYMOUTH/CANTON EDUCATIONAL PARK GRADUATES JUNE 13, 1993

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth takes great pride and interest in the educational development and growth of its young people; and

WHEREAS, the Class of 1993 of the Plymouth/Canton Educational Park has completed its required educational curriculum; and

WHEREAS, members of the Class of 1993 of the Plymouth/Canton Educational Park will be awarded diplomas in recognition of their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the families and friends of the Class of 1993 of the Plymouth/Canton Educational Park will share in the pride and joy that rightfully accompany the award of said diplomas; therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 1993, is hereby declared our official Day of Recognition for the Class of 1993 of the Plymouth/Canton Educational Park, as evidence of its successful achievements and rewards and with hopes for continuing successes for each individual member of this proud group.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Ms. Elizabeth Nichels invited the citizens from the communities of Plymouth and Northville to meet the 13th District Congressional Representatives at a free continental breakfast which will be held at Ernesto's in Plymouth on Saturday, May 8, 1993. This is an opportunity to express your views and concerns. Please R.S.V.P. to 453-0465 or 721-2170 by May 2, 1993.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the extension of the Residential Unit Development Option for Rolling Oaks Subdivision to May 8, 1994. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Rolling Oaks Subdivision and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute said document. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Country Club of Plymouth located south of Powell Road, North of Ann Arbor Road, between Napier and Ridge. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy administratively tabled the approval of the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance C-93-02 to Amend Chapter 73 of Part 7 of the Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth to the meeting of April 27, 1993.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the proposed Engineering Agreement between Dietrich Bailey Associates and the Charter Township of Plymouth to provide professional services for the separation of combine sewers which are subject to NPDES Permit. No. MI 0051578 and Permit No. MI 0051594 dated October 13, 1992. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adopt Resolution No. 93-04-13-10 suggested by Wayne County indicating sewer separation will be the method used to eliminate Combined Sewer Overflows.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

It was moved by Mr. Curmi and supported by Mrs. Massengill to adopt Resolution No. 93-04-13-11, approving an additional judgeship for the 35th District Court.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Ms. Arnold moved to accept the recommendation from the Township Supervisor to adopt the submitted tax abatement guidelines for the Charter Township of Plymouth. Supported by Mrs. Massengill.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curmi, Mueller, Arnold, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Brooks, Griffith

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the recommendation from the Township Supervisor to adopt the submitted charity guideline for the Charter Township of Plymouth and further, to authorize the Clerk to notify all organizations of the guideline. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the following Township personnel that received letters of appreciation: Marty King, Firefighter; Larry Groth, Fire Chief; Jim Anulewicz, Public Service Director and Susie Pashukewich, Division of Public Services.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and supported by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on April 13, 1993. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on April 27, 1993.

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Readers oppose P-C school millage increase; don't want state in Mettetal Airport

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

Once again The Crier readers have proven their virtue by taking firm and staunch positions on the key issues that are being debated this spring.

In the totally unscientific Readers' Rate Survey, the people were decidedly against a Plymouth-Canton Schools millage increase for any reason.

The number of responses, somewhere in the neighborhood of 120 and 200 responses per question, calculated to 74 per cent of respondents were against an increase for improvements to the schools and only 32 per cent support any tax measure to keep the status quo.

In another hot topic of the community, the people want to keep Mettetal Airport out of state hands—at least by a 61 per cent to 39 per cent margin.

When questioned about shared services between the communities, The Crier's readers gave their blessing, with statistics ranging between 72 and 80 per cent. However many wrote sidebars pointing out that they would not approve such an action if the local governments, as one reader put it, "don't do it right."

The closest subject was regarding Miller Woods (one vote difference). 50.3 per cent want it fenced in while 49.7 per cent like the path that nature has taken.

Readers Rate

As for public confidence in the local governments' distribution of funds their seems to be a lack thereof. Only 25 per cent thought they got their money's worth in school taxes.

In the category of the townships and cities governmental approval rating, Plymouth Township received only 39 per cent of supporters while the city and Canton inspired favorable ratings of 40 per cent and 42 per cent respectively.

Finally the readers voiced their support for a recreation program (64 per cent to 36 per cent) and that downtown Plymouth should change its parking requirements (68 per cent to 32 per cent).

They were not in favor of the construction of a Community Center in Canton (39 per cent to 61 per cent), a new library in Plymouth (39 per cent to 61 per cent) and the proposed Downtown Plymouth streetscape (43 per cent to 57 per cent).

CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO INTERESTED CANDIDATES

Pursuant to the General Election Laws of the State of Michigan, all persons desiring to qualify as candidates in the City Primary Election of the City of Plymouth to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 1993, for the office of:

CITY COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH (4 VACANCIES)

You are also hereby notified that Nominating Petitions for such offices are available at the office of the City Clerk. Interested Candidates must be registered voters of the City of Plymouth. These non-partisan petitions must be filed with the Clerk at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI. no later than Tuesday, May 18, 1993 at 4:00 p.m.

Linda J. Langmesser
City Clerk

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May 5, 1993

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is soliciting proposals from qualified companies for the following construction related project: Plymouth Canton Educational Park Integrated Technology Power Installation. Interested companies can obtain bid documents at the office of the Construction Manager, on or after March 12, 1993:

Barton-Malow Company
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All proposals must be submitted on or before 2:00 PM, local time, April 27, 1993 on the approved bid proposal forms to:

Raymond K. Hoedel
Associate Superintendent of Business/Operations
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
454 South Harvey Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bid proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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Good Counsel eyeing move to new location

BY AMY KIDWELL

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (OLGC), a long time member of The Community, is in the talking stages of possibly moving the church to a different location.

Part of the reason for the talk is that the church needs room to expand. The city will not issue any building permits for its current site, and the church (number of families) continues to grow each year.

During Lent, the Rev. John Sullivan, the church's pastor, did what is called "Five Minutes Before," a question/answer period before each Sunday mass. Parishioners were given the opportunity to ask anything about the possible move. Each question and answer were then recorded and handed out at the following mass.

"It was a good experience," said Dorothy Lyons, a church member who has been working closely with the building programs, "We got some good feedback."

Some of the problems with the current site include parking and lack of adequate meeting space.

"Right now one of the big problems we're having is parking," Sullivan said in his "Five Minutes Before."

The main parking lot is located behind the church making it necessary for people

to walk around the entire building, a task that is difficult for older and handicapped parishioners.

There is a closer parking lot located by the back entrance, but it does not provide enough spaces.

One parishioner wondered if the elementary school would also be moving, if anything is moved at all.

"At this point, I don't see how that's at all possible...I think the school would stay here and would use all the extra buildings that would be made available," Sullivan said, adding that the school gym is too small to host games and that a good size gym could possibly be made in the church building.

The churches next step is "Focus Gift Home Gatherings," a series of home meetings where Sullivan can meet with parishioners, get their feedback and discuss possibilities.

The church has considered two locations. The first was on North Territorial Road next to the Assembly of God. That property was found to have a tremendous amount of wetlands that are not usable for construction.

The second location is at Beck and North Territorial roads, across from Plymouth Township's fire station.

By the end of May, parishioners will be asked to come to a consensus about the future of the church.



The Rev. John Sullivan

Votes are not taken because, as Sullivan explained, "when you have a vote, you have a winner and a loser."

That's not the way we work in church. It's got to be win/win."

OLGC started more than 70 years ago when people gathered to form a mission. As a mission, families celebrated mass once a month with a visiting priest who traveled from Milford.

After five years as a mission, the Rev. Francis Lefevre was assigned as its first full-time priest.

At Christmas mass in 1920, the church was given its name.

Throughout its lifespan, OLGC has seen tremendous growth and currently serves more than 2,500 families.



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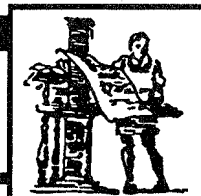
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Neighbors in the news

Stephen R. Sedore of Plymouth and Holly M. Quick of Canton were among Albion College students taking part in an annual Appalachian Service Project through the school. Sedore, a 1992 Canton graduate, and Quick, a 1992 graduate from Canton, helped to rebuild homes for families hit by hard times, and took part in the cultural events of this region.

The Canton Community Foundation has announced the 19 winners of the 1993 Harold Rosin Education Scholarships. The education grant fund is named in honor of long-time Canton benefactor Harold Rosin of Dearborn Realty.

The winners of the \$500 scholarship are Cynthia Johnson-Williams, Rosemary Pomaranski, Hanan Salem, William Scott, Carol Shasko, Michelle Veucasovic, Dorothy McShane, Susan Ratcliffe, Todd Price, Mark Ealovega, Rebecca Heneveld, and Stacey Lynn Juergens. Dow Shackelford won the \$500 awarded by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The winners of the \$1,000 are Erin Jackson, Heidi Nurnberger, Michelle Fliss, and Rebecca Hattner.

Veronica Aittama and Timothy Quinn will receive \$500 from the Harold Rosin Foundation and another \$500 will be matched by Cleary College.

Several local students completed their studies at Central Michigan University in the fall 1992 semester and received degrees. Among them was Crier reporter Alexander R. Lundberg, who earned a Bachelor in Applied Arts (BAA). Canton residents Kathleen M. Berliner, Eugene A. Campbell, Cynthia L. Forsyth, Edgar C. Herriman, Patricia A. Niezgoda, Christopher J. Sienkiewicz, and Rodney L. Switalski; Plymouth students Nina M. Barraco, and Bruce Wehrenberg all received MS in Administration. Jeffrey T. Delbeke of Canton; John H. Hacker, Lisa-Suzanne Magryta, and Plymouth students Frank T. George, Meghan A. Gerigk, and Gary J. Kroll earned BS degrees. Sheryl A. Figurski and Brenda G. Perry of Canton both received BAA's. Plymouth residents Stephanie L. Everitt and Dustin A. Wyman earned BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) degrees. And Eric P. Hebel of Plymouth received a Bachelor of Music Education (BME).

Plymouth man wins Pulitzer for GM story

Plymouth resident Joseph B. White was honored with a Pulitzer Prize last week for his part in covering General Motors Corporation.

White reports for the Wall Street Journal and works out of the Detroit bureau. He and Paul Ingrassia earned the honor for beat reporting.

"We knew we were in the running," said White explaining that at first they did not know they had won. "We were looking at them (the list of winners) in the wire and didn't see our

names."

Several minutes later they saw the headline "Wall Street Journal wins Pulitzer for beat reporting" on the Dow Jones News Service, otherwise known as the Ticker.

"I was really surprised...This is my first award of any magnitude," he said.

Covering GM "is a lot of work. It's kind of draining because your trying to understand such an enormous organization...It's fun. It's a challenge," he

said.

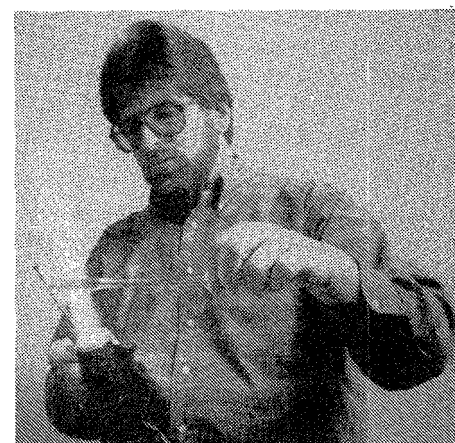
White started his reporting career at the Vineyard Gazette in 1979 after graduating from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in English. He moved to the St. Petersburg Times in 1982 and the Connecticut Law Tribune in 1986. He started at the Detroit bureau in 1987 and was promoted to deputy bureau chief in 1990.

White lives in Plymouth with his wife, Laurie Mayers, and two daughters, Katy and Annie.



Weighing in for fun

Canton residents Bob, Nancy and Patti Nelson were among those who enjoyed "Spring Break at Henry Ford Museum," which was held April 12-18. The event featured games and activities for elementary school kids and their families — such as this giant scale on which the Nelson family weighed in.



Don Schneider of Plymouth will be appearing at the Detroit Science Center Sunday.

Local glass blower to give Science Center demonstration

Don Schneider, a Plymouth resident, will be demonstrating the art and science of glass blowing and glass bead making this Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Science Center.

Visitors to the Science Center will be able to watch Schneider create original bead designs with embedded glass flowers. He makes these creations by working over a hot flame of a lamp.

The Science Center will feature other activities including the showing of the Omnimax film, "tica."

The Center is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 577-8400.

Club dinner moved

The Women's Club of Plymouth has moved its Scholarship Awards Dinner, originally scheduled for tomorrow, to May 19.

The event will still be held at Plymouth Manor.

Water supply fine; dispute lingers over notice

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community; and township officials said that they have an "ongoing agreement" with Analytic & Biological Laboratories of Farmington Hills to test the water monthly.

Fisher said that interest in the water supply was "no doubt prompted in part" by the recent outbreak of illnesses in Milwaukee traced to that city's water supply.

But water quality wasn't the only issue involved: Township officials confirmed that the reductions in water pressure could have hampered firefighting efforts — but fortunately, as Fire Chief Larry Groth reported, there were no fire runs during any of the last four incidents.

Groth did say, however, that during a training exercise last year during which a structure was to be torched and then extinguished, officers found there was no water pressure at all, and cancelled the exercise.

Concerning any calls for the public to boil water, Keen-McCarthy said Monday that such a notification was required only if total pressure were lost — which was not the case in any of the instances, "to our knowledge." Besides, she said, according to the state, it is Detroit's responsibility to issue such a notice.

Nevertheless, one state official says he's not completely pleased with the community's response.

Fred Scarcella, a district engineer with the state Department of Public Health, said that each incident probably should have resulted in a "boil water" notice being issued by the township to its residents.

"Standard operating procedure is to issue the 'boil water' notice anytime there's a total loss of water pressure," Scarcella said. "But even if it's a reduction, they should issue the notice until we can collect samples and do testing."

Scarcella said that subsequent testing revealed no bacterial or excess-chlorine contamination arising from the pressure

drops.

"We often get accused of crying wolf," he said, "but issuing the 'boil water' (notice) is the most conservative approach."

Still, his warning runs counter to a letter he sent to Hollis on March 18 following a meeting between the two men on Feb. 19. In that letter, Scarcella confirmed that the "boil water" notice was only required when all pressure was lost.

The issue over problems with pressure losses gained momentum earlier this year when township officials again wrote the state to complain.

Keen-McCarthy said that "we keep

contacting (Detroit); we're still trying to work with them — but we've asked our attorneys to do what we have to do."

And concerning the "boil water" notification process, the supervisor said her township is trying to address that issue as well: "Even if Detroit is supposed to be doing this (notification) we're checking out the most effective way of doing it ourselves if we have to."

Among plans being considered, she said, are issuing cable TV notices on the township's access channel and creating an expanded version of the existing "fan-out" phone message system. This second method would have various department

heads contact different groups in the community and spread the message by word of mouth.

All of these plans, Keen-McCarthy said, would be employed simultaneously.

The areas generally affected by the pressure drops have been in the west end of the township, according to officials, since that area has a higher elevation. In fact, Keen-McCarthy said, the township has an "arrangement" with some residents in that region who call the township anytime they lose all water pressure.

Those calls did not come Sunday, she said.

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Decision nears on St. John's property plans

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The fate of St. John seminary has still not reached a conclusion, although the Detroit Archdiocese said maybe soon.

Spokesman Richard Laskos said that the Archdiocese is negotiating with a party that will "retain the Catholic identity of the site."

Laskos refused to comment further, saying that when a conclusion is reached, he will notify the public immediately.

Although there is speculation that the site may become home to a catholic high school or university, Laskos wouldn't confirm one way or the other.

He also said he had no idea about how long current negotiations would continue.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Plymouth resident Cary G. Varblow has earned a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) license from the College For Financial Planning in Denver, CO.

Varblow is a district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society.

Jeff Stella of Ray R. Stella Contracting in Plymouth has earned accreditation as a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) by the National Kitchen & Bath Association.

Requirements for the certification include seven years field experience, affidavits of competence by industry professionals, consumer references and work samples.

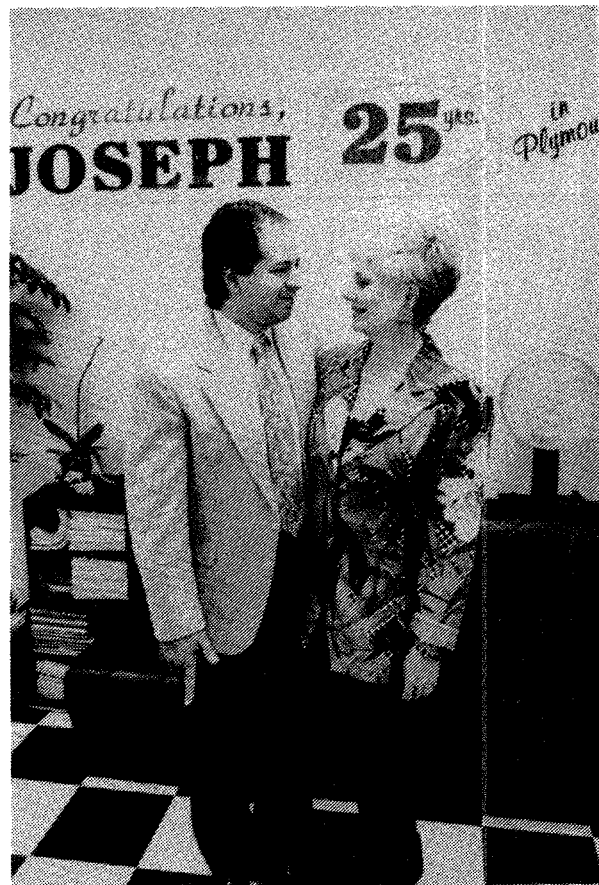
Stella said he's proud of his accomplishment, "I think it shows my commitment to the profession, and I'm happy to be certified."

He also said this helps customers and potential customers know exactly who they're dealing with.

"This is concrete proof to people that we're professionals. This takes us one step further than the old "lumber yard" type atmosphere that people associate with contractors. It shows that we're professionals."

A 25-year hair affair

Joseph Curmi gets surprise from friends and customers



Joseph Curmi and Actress Shirley Jones celebrate Joseph's 25 years in Plymouth. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Joseph Curmi, owner of Joseph's Hair Designers got quite a surprise Sunday when he went to his shop to pick up a spare set of keys.

He was greeted by more than 150 friends, relatives and customers — all brought together to celebrate his 25 years in business in Plymouth.

The celebration was like something out of a page of Hollywood's book, including shrimp cocktail, champagne, a harpist and even a visit by television and theater actress Shirley Jones.

More than 300 people milled in and out of the shop during the day, showing their support for Curmi, and showering him with gifts.

"Many of the people he deals with are like family," said close friend Frank Kern. "Kids he did 25 years ago are now grown, and some are even bringing *their* kids in."

Kern added that Curmi has never missed a day of work, and attributes that to the family atmosphere.

"When someone is in Joseph's situation, dealing with people he genuinely enjoys, it's not like going to work at all."

Curmi has kept his business in Plymouth the entire 25 years, and had his present location built five years ago. He grew up in Plymouth and currently lives in Canton.

"This has always been a stable area," said Curmi, "I've seen a lot of businesses come and go. But I try to give people the best quality and personal service, and a lot of people stay."

Curmi graduated beauty school even before high school, and immediately got into the hair business. He opened his first salon at age 19, and has been in Plymouth ever since.

His beauty salon, located at 885 Fralick Street, has six

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This couple is selling home ideas for the future

BY GARY GOSSELIN

The Jetsons had one. Jules Verne probably would have had one. You may even have one some time soon.

The answer, of course, is an intelligent house.

And the Plymouth husband-and-wife team of Nancy Austin and Larry Oliver, owners of Intelli/Systems wants to show anyone and everyone that you don't have to be a dreamer or cartoon character to enjoy an automated house today.

Oliver is employed at Unisys, and lends technical expertise to the company. Austin, a former real estate salesperson handles sales and marketing as a full-time occupation.

"When we saw this system, we knew that we could make a go at it," said Oliver. "Our system doesn't require that the house be rewired like the Smart House (a well known house automation company)."

He explains that the Intelli/System is a series of wall plugs, light switches and a computer base that helps coordinate power to each "station".

"Our system uses the wiring in place to send signals to each address (outlet) and follow your commands. This is much

easier — and less expensive — than the Smart House system," he said.

Potential buyers can see the system in action at the Plymouth home of Austin and Oliver, who have installed the system throughout their home and use it every day.

"The uses for Intelli/Systems are limited only by your imagination," said Austin, "we've customized our house for our needs and can do the same for anyone."

An example of one feature is called the "pizza mode" — or going to door mode: With the push of a button, the lights leading to the front door come on. They are also programmed to shut off after five minutes.

Another example is called the exit mode. The last person leaving the home touches a switch by the door, the garage door opens, all non-essential outlets and lights are switched off, and the home alarm arms itself.

"You don't have to run around the house switching lights off," said Austin, "and you don't have to worry about the iron or coffee pot being left on all day either."

The Intelli/System has other uses as



Husband and wife, Nancy Austin and Larry Oliver, owners of Intelli/Systems, want to put you in an intelligent home. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)

well, Oliver said. "You can install the system in your cottage up north, and with a phone call before you leave, you can turn your furnace on and have a warm cottage when you get there."

Oliver added that the phone service is also good for use in the home: "You can call home from work, and get the

whirlpool, crockpot, oven or any number of appliances going before you get home."

He added that pre-programmed items can be entered into the system, such as when to turn the thermostat or hot water heater down, or when to turn lights or

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Ma Bell's new area code plan prompts anger

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recently been discussing how to join services as political, cultural and economic ties between the communities grow stronger.

Bell officials say the area code must follow existing phone exchanges. They said "thousands" of local leaders and customers had been contacted about the originally-proposed map and that the amended line south of Eight Mile Road was approved as the best alternative.

Not so, said Northville Township Supervisor Karen Baja: "I think the public was led to believe one thing and is now getting another; I really though Wayne County was staying together."

Baja expects her board to discuss the township's split personality at Thursday night's study session where she will be "bringing up my dissatisfaction."

Salem Township Supervisor Nancy Geiger has been on that board for 18 years and says she "never" heard of the new area code boundary.

"I could not believe that they (Bell) would do something like this."

And Salem Treasurer Suzanne Witthoff said she hopes to present the matter to her board as soon as possible — perhaps in a special meeting.

"I thought we should act on a resolution as a board."

Witthoff, Salem Clerk Marcia Van Fossen and Trustee Bill Baxter have begun collecting petitions and faxing them to Bell officials.

State Rep. Jerry Vorva, the Republican whose district includes parts of Northville Township and Livonia affected by the new area code split, argued with Bell's "it's a done deal" statement.

"Nothing's done until the fat lady sings," he said.

Vorva said he intends to check with the Public Service Commission to see if the boundary issue can be re-opened. PSC officials have said they have no jurisdiction in the matter.

The state representative also blasted previous officials in his district for not raising the alarm when Bell moved the boundary south of Eight Mile Road. "Were they serving the people's needs or Michigan Bell's needs?" he asked.

Baja agreed: "If I'm angry and disappointed, it's because I'm angry at the previous administration.

"No one speaks up so it's easy to screw us."

Bell hurriedly announced on April 12 that phone customers between the Plymouth-Northville and Livonia-Farmington areas would still be able to dial a seven digit phone number at no charge between those towns.

(That plan is not finalized, say Bell spokespersons, and that was why it was not formally announced in the mailing that hit most homes and businesses here on April 8.)

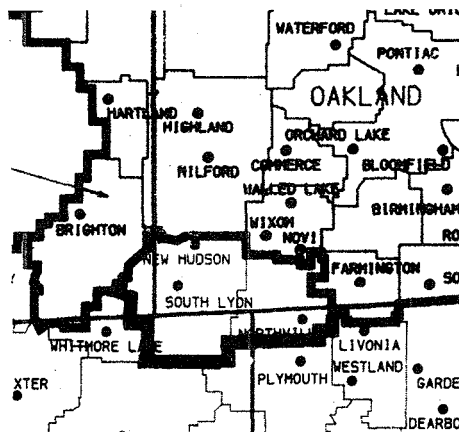
The company says the new area code, when dialed for other areas, will not cost more if those calls are local calls now.

Bell has set up a toll-free "infoline" to hear complaints and answer questions about the new area code. Customers may call 1-800-831-8989 without charge.

Michigan Bell's Phil Jones said his company brought in local officials early last year to discuss the original plan. From those discussions, the area code boundary was moved south into western Wayne and eastern Washtenaw.

"We thought the citizens' panel had covered all the bases," he said.

Bell spokespersons said the panel included former Wayne County Commissioner Maurice Breen, former Northville supervisor and state Rep.



This "jog" south of 8 Mile by Michigan Bell Telephone — to accommodate its new area code — will split three communities.

Georgina Goss and former Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox.

All of them lost re-election last fall.

"This is a continuing legacy left to us by these former politicians, like WTUA (Western Townships Utilities Authority), the (Metropolitan) Airport," said Vorva. "Now you have the Michigan Bell situation."

"They threw them out of office," he continued, "and if they'd have known, they'd have added this to the list. It kind of figures."

Vorva questioned how much money the Michigan Bell political action committee (PAC) had donated to the cam-

paigns of the elected officials who acquiesced to the boundary line shift.

"They told me they were supporting Georgina (Goss) over me," he said.

Since his victory over Goss, the Vorva said, he received \$300 from the Bell PAC.

"You have to wonder why this area is getting dumped on," Vorva said. "I don't mean to diminish that it's a difficult decision."

Vorva said he preferred an option that would add new phone numbers in northern Livonia, Northville Township and Salem and run the boundary down Eight Mile Road.

"You have to say, 'What's the overall goal?'"

A Bell spokesperson said the company asked its focus group if they wanted a new exchange in the northern tier and Breen, Goss, Lennox and the others rejected that idea.

"We offered that and they didn't want it," she said. The phone company added a new exchange — 420 — in northern Plymouth Township and southern Northville Township in the 1980s, taking existing 453, 455 and 459 phone numbers out.

Vorva said, "You can't subject a company to changing whims, but the question you have to ask is, 'Was it given a fair hearing last time?'"

Celebrities to read at Dunning-Hough

These local "celebrities" will be at the Dunning-Hough Library today for the Great American Read Aloud. They will be reading to youngsters in the children's section of the Library:

- 3:30 - Carol Davis
- 3:45 - Esther Hulsing
- 4:00 - Julie Kath
- 4:15 - Carl Pursell
- 4:30 - Kathleen Keen-McCarthy
- 4:45 - Robert Scoggins
- 5:00 - Ron Lowe
- 5:15 - Carl Berry
- 5:30 - Lt. Jeff Beachum
- 5:45 - Judge James Garber
- 6:00 - Lee Seese
- 6:15 - Jack Kenyon
- 6:30 - Fred Hill
- 6:45 - Mary Cotter
- 7:00 - Bob Jones
- 7:15 - Ed Wendover



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Community deaths

McGuffie, 79, homemaker

Ottilia McGuffie, 79, of Tennessee died April 2, 1993 in Jackson, TN.

Mrs. McGuffie was born Oct. 21, 1913 in Canada and moved to The Community in 1951. She was a homemaker and is survived by: son, Ross of Tennessee; daughter, Joyce of Walled Lake; sisters, Wanda Zink and Alma Genereaux-both of Ferndale; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held April 7 at Schrader Funeral Home, and burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorials can be sent to the Alzheimer Disease Association.

Chandler, 82, machinist

Charles Coy Chandler of Plymouth died April 4, 1993 at the age of 82. Local funeral arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Trust 100 Home. Burial was at Wolf Creek Cemetery in Illinois.

Mr. Chandler was born in Herrin Township on Feb. 28, 1911. He worked for 31 years at Garwood Industry and loved woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Darlene Allen of Illinois; step-children, Larry and Runth Martin, Roy and Suzanne Martin, Eldon and Carolyn Miller and Dennis and Judith Smith; sister, Imogene Chandler of Georgia; three grand children and 10 step grand children.

Memorials can be sent to Arbor Hospice.

Stratton, 90, church member

Geraldine L. Stratton died March 30, 1993 at the age of 90. Funeral Services were held April 1 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Stratton was born Aug. 1, 1902 in Iona, MI. She was homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by: daughter, Carol Nalepka of Livonia; son, David of Plymouth; step daughter, Peggy Kobe of Florida; brother, Rober Payne of Elk Rapids; six grand children and several great grandchildren.

Wayne, 96, business owner

Ellen Marie Wayne, 96, died April 2, 1993 in Southfield. Funeral Services were held April 5 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Woodmere Cemetery.

Mrs. Wayne was born Sept. 13, 1896 in Detroit. From 1925 to 1945, she owned and operated a beauty salon, and from 1955 to 1969, she owned Greenbush Golf Course. She was journal-listed Christian Science practitioner from 1976 to 1988.

She is survived by one grand daughter.

Menefee, 78, registered nurse

Mary Louise Menefee, 78, of Plymouth died April 8, 1993. Funeral services and burial was in Montgomery, MO. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Menefee was born Nov. 21, 1914 and moved to Plymouth 18 years ago. She was a retired nurse and worked as a director of nursing in Missouri.

She is survived by: daughters Mary Lee Parker of Plymouth, Joyce Lewis of Texas and Jane White of Missouri; son, John of Arizona; two sisters; three brothers; eleven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

O'Brien, 71, accounting clerk

Catherine O'Brien, 71, of Plymouth died April 7, 1993. Funeral services were held April 9 at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. O'Brien was born Dec. 26, 1921 in Canada. She came to The Community 40 years ago and in 1975, retired as an accounting clerk at Bendix Aerospace. She also worked part time at a veterinary clinic. She was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and was a member of the Vivians, Farmington Elks.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; sons, Michael of Plymouth, Kevin of Westland and Edward of Gross Pointe Woods; daughter, Gail of North Carolina; brother, Norman Moore of Plymouth; eight grand children and one great grandchild.

French, 64, homemaker

Plymouth resident Dolores J. French, 64, died April 4, 1993. Funeral services were held April 8 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Interment was at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Local arrangements were made by Vermuelen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mrs. French was born Oct. 16, 1928 in Oklahoma and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Dick; daughter, Denise Barackman of Garden City; son, Douglas of Canton; brothers, Jim and Jerry Adams-both of Oklahoma and grandchildren, Melissa, Michael and Mitchell.

Aldini, 1, daughter

Sarah Anne Aldini, a Plymouth Township resident, died April 1, 1993, 11 days short of her second birthday. Funeral services were held April 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Local arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Miss. Aldini was born April 12, 1991 in Ann Arbor.

She is survived by her parents, Lido and Theresa; brother, Michael; sister, Julia; grandparents, Thomas and Carol Harris and Mary Stella Aldini and great grandparents, Frances Chase and Vernon Hill.

Memorials can be sent to Motts Childrens Hospital for Neurological Research



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Michael V. Howell

Selling homes ideas for the future

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appliances on and off.

"This can be a big money-saver," said Austin, "you can set your thermostats, and lighting for only when necessary and save on heating and electric bills."

Austin also said the system can be outfitted with a voice recognition system, and is flexible and expandable.

"If someone starts with a smaller system, they can upgrade at any time," she said, "this system won't be obsolete when and if people want to expand."

Austin and Oliver visit the prospective buyers in their home and help decide what options they would like.

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weeks to work with the system and write down what they don't like and what they would like. After this period the system is modified to reflect the changes.

After an additional two weeks, another visit is made, and any fine tuning is done then.

"We don't expect to get paid all up front," Oliver said. "Our customers pay in increments, with final payment after the last visit."

Oliver and Austin believe that Intelli/Systems is more than just a passing fad or cartoon idea.

"Look at cars, televisions and computers," Oliver said. "People once thought those were fads and now we can't live without them."

Joseph Curmi celebrates 25th

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employees, and a client list of more than 600. The salon provides a full range of services.

When asked if he imagined 25 years ago that he would have his own building, and such a large clientele, Curmi responded, "I didn't even think I'd be around at all, let alone with my own shop with such great customers."

Curmi said he's looking forward to the next 25 years, and hasn't even thought of retirement. "It just won't ever happen. I love my work—I love the people—it's just so nice to come everyday to a job you really enjoy."

Oh, and what about Shirley Jones?


According to Curmi's friends, the actress has relatives in the area and stays at Curmi's home when she visits.

Scoggins moves to town

Robert Scoggins, chief of police for the City of Plymouth, is in the process of purchasing a home in the city.

His mid-May move to the city comes after residents voted in November not to change the residency requirement for all department heads.

The requirement forced Chuck Skene, the city's former Parks and Recreation director, to resign and take a similar position in Westland.



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GREAT AMERICAN READ ALOUD
The Friends of the Dunning-Hough Library is sponsoring a "Great American Read Aloud Night" tonight from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with National Library Week. Scheduled to read are many local celebrities.

SARAH ANN COCHRANE MEETING
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter D.A.R. will meet for a noon sandwich luncheon April 26 at 9417 Ivanhoe Dr.

HOME IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOPS
"Home Improvement Workshops" will be offered April 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road. For more information, call 422-1826.

MOTHER OF TWINS MEETING
The Plymouth-Canton Mother of Twins Club will be meeting April 22 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Vicki at 722-0248.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will hold an Open House for Little Lambs Preschool, 42690 Cherry Hill Road, on April 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Classes are available for 4-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and this year, a Tuesday/Thursday program will be offered for 3-year-olds. For more information, call 981-0286 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

GRIEF SEMINAR
Macabe Funeral Home will sponsor a free seminar to ease the pain of grief. "Surviving: Living with the Loss of a Loved One" will be offered April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library. For information, call 553-0120.

CIVITAN'S GARAGE SALE
The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is having a large garage sale this Saturday in "The Gathering," next to the Penn Theatre. Proceeds will benefit projects involving youth in the community. To donate items, call 453-7569. Browsers are welcome.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, with offices in Garden City and Plymouth, is offering a free five week Grief Recovery workshop to the community. Workshops will take place on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Garden City office, beginning April 21. This is in addition to their regular Grief Support Groups on Saturdays and Wednesdays. For more information on Hospice services, please call 522-4244.

VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE SEEKS PARTICIPANTS
The Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 is looking for organizations who wish to participate in their Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held at 10 a.m. on May 31, and will honor the veterans. For more information, contact either Henry Giles (591-3068), Tim LaGrow (981-2848), or Mike Schlott (455-9381).

PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES
The Plymouth YMCA is offering several classes for local residents. "Half Pints in the Kitchen," "Supersitters," "Driver's Education," "Bumper Bowl," "Pillo Polo," and "Arts and Crafts" are just some of the classes available at the YMCA. For further information, please call 453-2904 during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SPRING CONCERT
The Plymouth Community Chorus announces its Spring Concert, "Best Seat in the House." Performances will be held April 24 at 8 p.m. and April 25 at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The performance will include pieces from "Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin" and others.

Tickets are available at Sideways, Agape Booksellers, Dearborn Music in Canton, the Northville/Novi news or by calling 455-4080.

SENIOR ARTS SHOW
The Canton Senior Citizen Program is sponsoring a Senior Fine Arts Show on April 25 between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

There is no charge for admission to this show that will feature paintings by the students of Sharon Dillenbeck and woodcarvings by the students of Paul Kittl.

GOLF LEAGUE FOR WOMEN
Women who would like to play nine holes of early morning golf without rigid league rules are invited to join The Thursday Group. An informational meeting will be held at Hilltop Golf Course at 9:30 a.m. on April 22. Play begins on April 29. For further details, call 451-0575 or 455-9496.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS
The Class of 1973 of Plymouth High School is holding its 20 year reunion at the Holiday Inn Hotel on June 26.

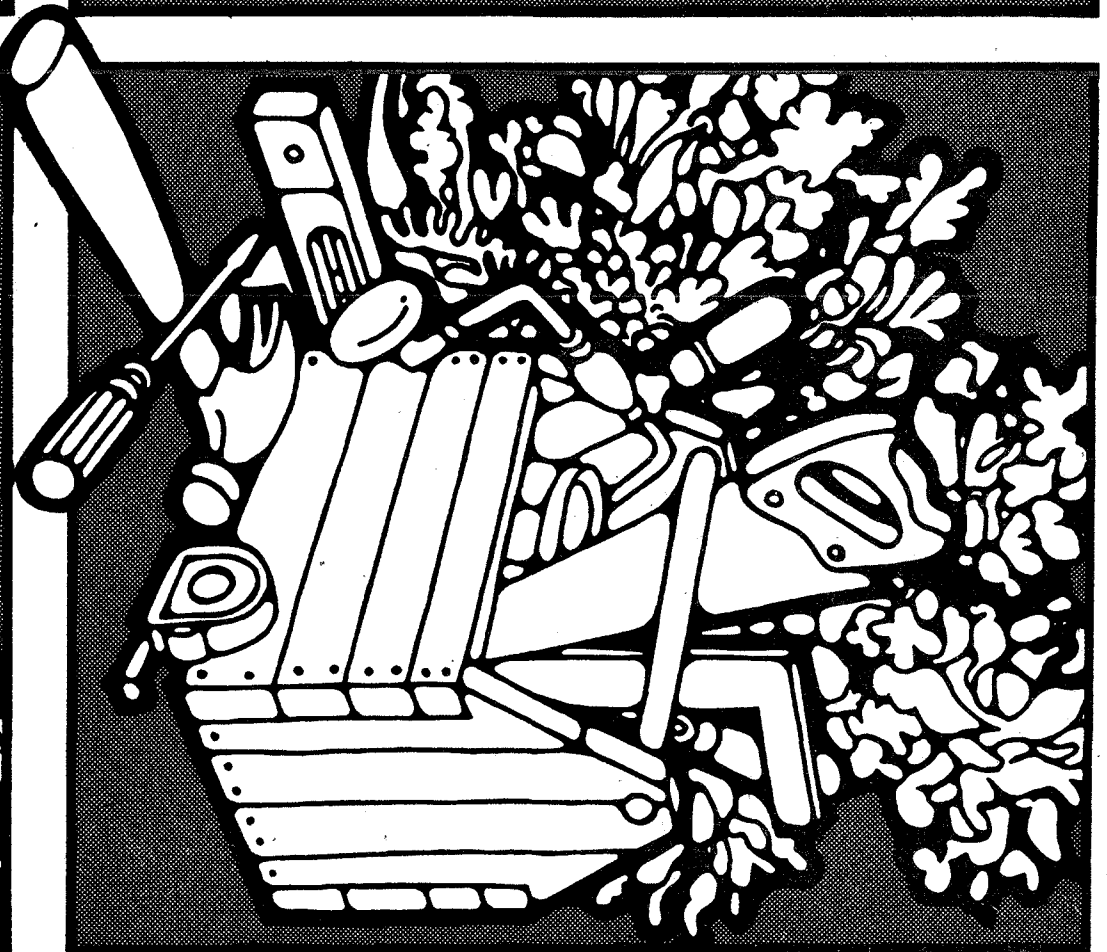
The High School Class of 1943 is holding its 50th reunion. The event is scheduled for July 10 at Fox Hills Country Club. Anyone needing information can call Lois Bowden Merriman at 453-6666 or write to: 1085 Carol St. in Plymouth (48170).

The class of 1983 of Plymouth Salem-Canton High School is holding its 10 year reunion at the Novi Hilton on August 20.

The 1943 class of Chadsey High School in Detroit is also planning a 50th year reunion scheduled for Sept. 19 at Vladimir's on Farmington. For information, call 278-6249, 565-4543, 278-5970 or 561-8389.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
The Detroit Institute of Arts is looking for volunteers to help with its Art to the Schools Committee, a program that helps people learn about art so they can then pass on the knowledge to area schools (grades 4, 5, and 6). For information, call 833-7975 or 833-5921.

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Lighting, solar energy help save money

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

Home improvements come in various forms and most are needed as routine maintenance. Electrical wiring, windows and solar energy are viable options a homeowner may choose to update from time to time.

As electrical wiring ages, it becomes frayed and rotted, especially in older homes.

Warren Smith, owner of S&W Pro Hardware, warns, "Some older homes often do not conform to newer building codes."

If this is the case Tim Glick of Tommy's True Value advises, "Every city has different codes and only a city inspector can indicate if your wiring is not up to specs."

The tell tale signs of electrical damage include: Frequent fuse blowing, contact with outlets that results in an electric shock or connection shortages.

A common problem is a faulty outlet which can be purchased cheaply at the local hardware store.

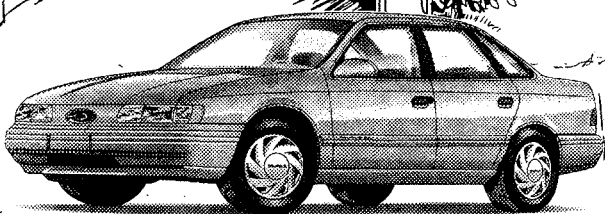
Replacement of such equipment can be handled by the 'do it yourselfer' but make sure you have the proper advice.

Glick also points out, "Most people can fix the simple things but if your whole house is in need of repair, call a professional."

In the realm of windows, Smith gave the following report, "Casement are the easiest to clean, while Sash (windows) are the best insulators and

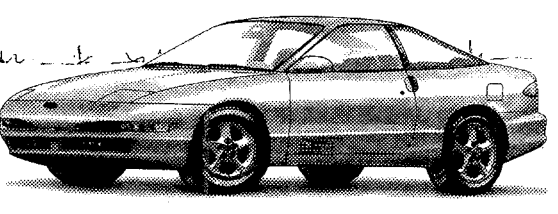
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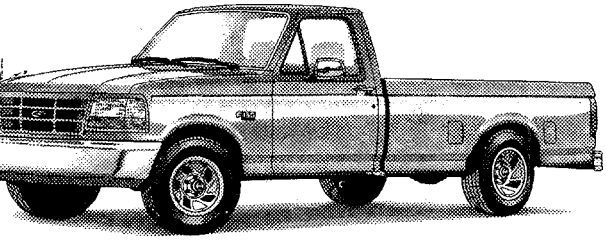
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generally the cheapest."

While better windows can help save energy, some consumers are finding ways to use a different source of energy.

Solar power, that perennial alternative energy source, is finding a niche in Michigan. Where? "In swimming pools, hot water heating, and hot air heating," says Donna Napolitano of Mechanical Energy Systems. "Swimming pools especially, since there is a short season in Michigan and after the system is installed the cost is next to nothing to maintain."

According to Napolitano, solar panels will not allow homeowners to break ties with their utility company. "Unless your building a house from scratch, where the electric company has to bring in a new line, the cost is just too high for the amount of sun Michigan receives on a yearly basis."

Remodeling and building with stone

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

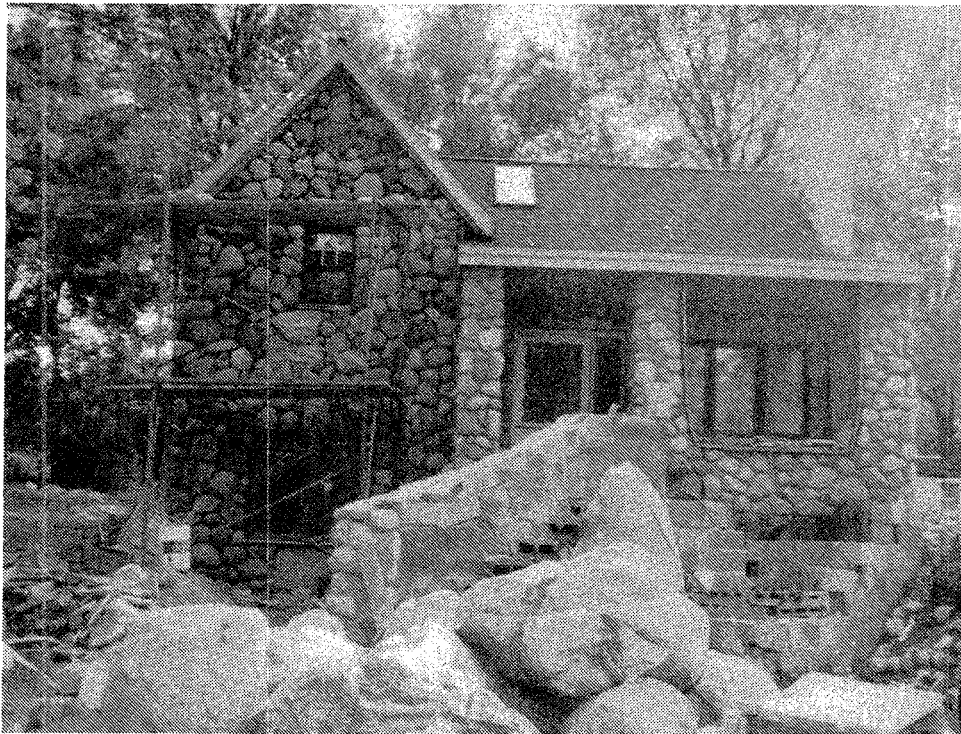
"If it's done right, stone can last a lifetime."

According to Mike Wranesh of Rock-It Stone and Waterworks, a stonemason who has done work all over Michigan as well as The Plymouth-Canton Community, the use of stone as an accent to a home can take on many looks.

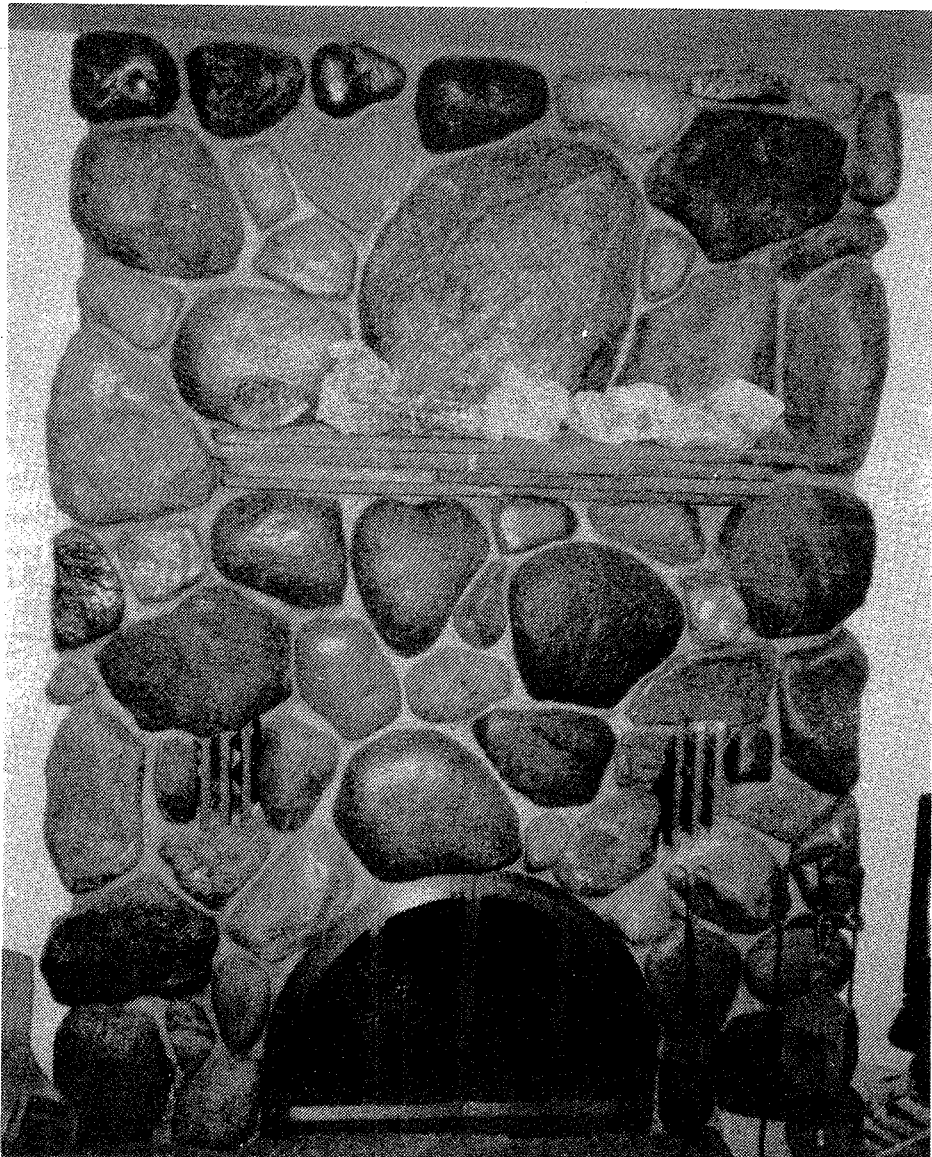
According to Wranesh, stone is also versatile.

"Stone can be used in a chimney, as a walkway, as a countertop, as a floor (instead of tile), on the sides of houses, as a landscape accent and in waterfalls," Wranesh said, "Almost anywhere inside or outside a house."

Wranesh's work varies from job to job. Some constructions are very natural, the stones in the walls are rounded and have been altered very little. Other jobs are more complex, with stones cut precisely for an angular effect.



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"Stone adds a natural surface and color to a home," Wranesh said. "It has a rustic beauty that brick just doesn't have."

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According to Wranesh, stonework requires little care once it is set.

"Stone is very low maintenance," Wranesh said. "If it gets dirty, just take a hose to it."

Wranesh, an Ann Arbor native, has been a working stonemason since 1983 when he was 19. Now 28 years old, he has worked all over the country.

"I've done jobs in Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and all around Michigan...Sometimes I'll just get a call and go."

According to Wranesh, he got a call for a job in Colorado a few years ago. The call was followed by an airline ticket in the mail and instructions to prepare for travel immediately.

"I had to find a place to put my dog on short notice," Wranesh said.

According to Wranesh, his work has won him more jobs than his skills as a salesman.

"Most of the jobs that I get come while I'm working on a job," Wranesh said. "People see what I'm doing, and they pitch me to come and do work for them."



Most of Wranesh's work is on homes and residential areas. He has also done businesses and churches. He favors a tighter style of composition,

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joints between rocks in a wall or floor rarely stray wider than 3/4".

According to Wranesh, it's a personal limit.

"When the joints are really tight the stones look like a jigsaw puzzle," Wranesh said.

According to Wranesh, a good "pile of rock" will survive even a harsh Michigan winter if the right precautions are taken.

"It's all in the footings," he said. "If you see a stone wall or other stone construction falling apart it's usually because the footings were done the wrong way."

According to Wranesh, those planning to build with stone should dig at least 4' down when making footings. Depths may vary according to the area in question, check with the community's planning department.

"You have to go at least four feet," Wranesh said. "To get below the frost line. Don't be shy about digging further either."

According to Wranesh, the only drawback to stone work is the price.

"It is more expensive than brick," Wranesh said. "But bricks are rectangles, you can do so much more with stone."

Ventilating your home aids air conditioning

BY CHRIS MACHNIAK

Many people look forward to the advantages of summer with great anticipation and enthusiasm.

What they do not look forward to is the sweltering heat and unbearable humidity that Michigan is famous for.

For many Michiganians, air conditioning is one way to combat the heat and humidity. For many it is the only way.

Therefore, air conditioning service and repair is a topic that is worth investigating.

There are two common ways to cool a home; central air and individual room units. Both have their advantages.

Central air is usually more expensive than individual room units. However, to cool an entire home, central air is economically the better choice.

There is also a newfound emphasis on a cleaner air environment.

Roy Rutledge, owner of Rutledge Heating Service says that high indoor air quality can be maintained by, "...having proper filtering of the unit with a humidifier present and airing the house out periodically."

But what if you want to keep the current system in place? Joe Dunlap, owner of Dunlap Heating and Cooling, advises regular professional maintenance.

"A central air unit should be checked by a professional every two years," Dunlap said.

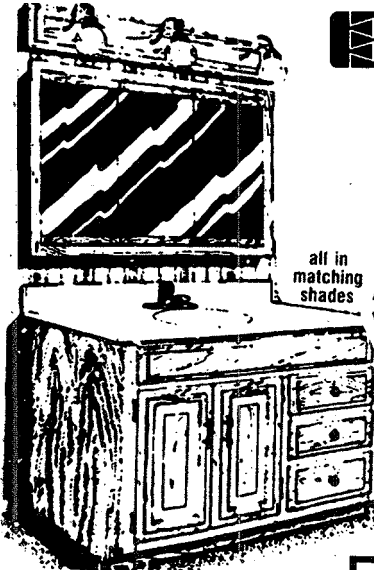
Mike Puckett, vice president of Puckett Company Inc., adds, "Make sure the filter is always clean. If the coils get dirty, that is usually what ruins a good air conditioner. Just spray the unit clean with a garden hose."

As for the best unit, all three experts agree that central air is the most cost efficient if you purchase the right size system for your home. If your renting they recommend the room units so you can remove them when you vacate.

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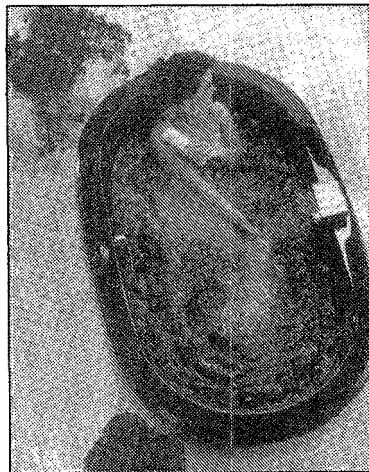
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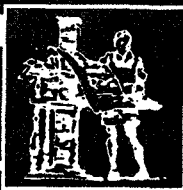
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and the electric company charges a lower rate for its operation. Individual room units are cheaper but the cost to ventilate the whole house is close to the price of central air.

On this subject Rutledge commented, "Weigh the need and comfort then let your budget be your guide."

Interior design options for paint or wallpaper

BY NANCY ROBINSON

Spring is finally here! And what better way to give a whole new spring look to any room than paint or wallpaper?

A tired old room, or even a whole house, can be immediately freshened by simply changing the walls. But, take a step into a paint store or interior design studio, and you are barraged by choices. So many colors, so little time!

That's why Judy Roessler of Decorating Den in Plymouth Township recommends having an interior decorator come into your home.

Once they see the existing room, and your personal style preferences, they will be able to make better recommendations and limit the number of paint and paper books you wade through.

For do-it-yourselfers, Chip Dzumaryk of Painter's Supply in Plymouth suggests bringing in fabric samples of furniture upholstery and/or carpet. So that when choosing wallpaper or paint, you can make sure your walls complement the rest of your decor.

This spring brings many ideas and styles, both for the cost-conscious and those who want to splurge.

To really revitalize a boring room, Jeanie of Friends in Northville suggests a technique called *trompe l'oeil* (pronounced "trompa lee-ay"). Named for its ability to "fool the eye."

This painting technique includes putting birds or clouds on a ceiling, or a whole mural scene on a wall.

For the creative spirits, professionals can paint your whole room to look like the inside of a log cabin, or paint a window in an enclosed room, complete with curtains and an outdoor scene.

For those on a more limited budget, there are still many options available. Decorators are unanimous in advising the cost conscious to consider paint in favor of wallpaper. However, with creative texturing, a simple painting job can come alive.

Sponging, ragging, and stucco are just some of the techniques available to make a painted wall more exciting.

Jeanie from Friends suggests even sponging another color, such as gold or copper, on top of the original tone. To reduce the cost even further, many paint stores and design studios offer classes in texturing for the do-it-yourselfers.

Also, if you have the time and patience, stenciling can add charm to a room for very minimal cost. Country motifs are always popular, but a wide variety of stencils are available.

The ever popular idea of wallpapering has some new twists. Roessler suggests combining a central wallpaper pattern with coordinating patterns

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for a look that is truly unique.

She warns, however, to be careful when choosing patterns, because while the right patterns can enhance a room, the wrong combination can be "nightmarish."

Borders have been increasing in popularity, both for their eye-catching appeal and their much lower cost. Borders can be put in the near the top, middle, or bottom or a wall, with wood molding around them, if you so choose.

Dawn of Designer's Choice in Plymouth advises people on a tight budget to cut their own borders from a roll of wallpaper, getting two to three times as much border per roll.

Spring brings not only new styles, but glorious new colors. While traditional neutrals such as taupe and off white are still popular, this spring marks a return of brighter, bolder colors.

Plums, violets, reds, golds, and greens all have seen more use lately. Jeanie of Friends remarks that "people are getting not afraid of color. They say 'lets's make it sing instead of hum.'"

Roessler also notes the return of romantic Victorian colors and patterns. Master bedrooms especially are being transformed, perhaps, she suggests, because men do not feel as threatened by romantic florals.

Most of all, Roessler says, this season brings fewer rigid rules. People are not letting the market dictate a specific look.

"Whatever the client is comfortable with," Roessler said. "We try to make our homes more comfortable - so we're happy spending time there."

Funding home improvement

BY AMY KIDWELL

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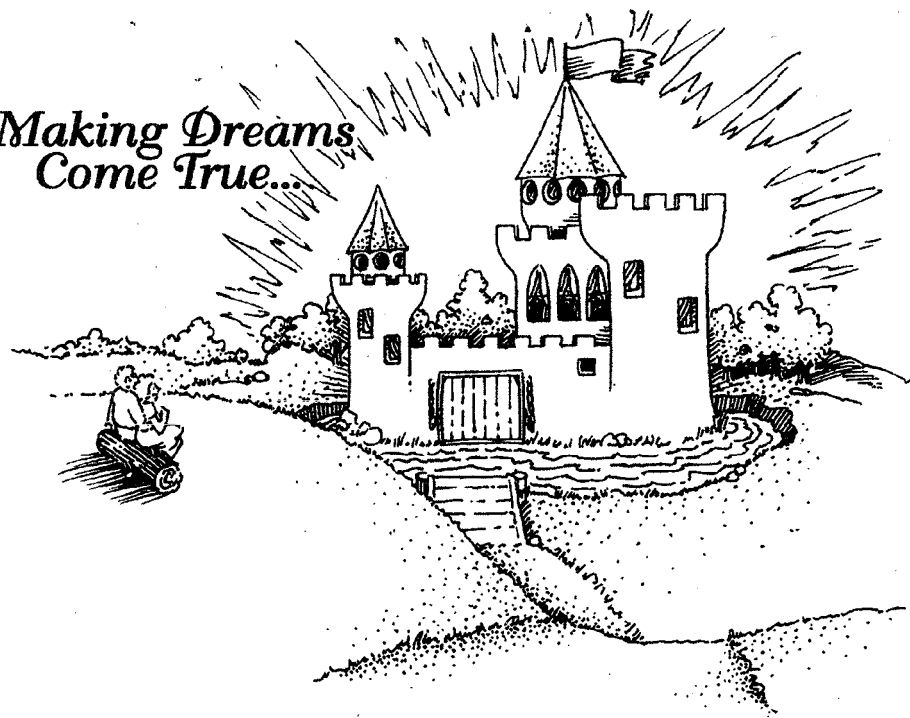
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At Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) in Plymouth, getting accurate price estimates is the first step.

Joy Dragos, a lending supervisor at CFCU, said that a copy of the contract price estimate and a copy of a recent pay stub is required with any application. If the applicant is a do-it-yourselfer, he or she should get price estimates on the materials that will be used.

Once you have the price estimates and pay stubs in hand, you are ready to fill out an application. The only other requirement for CFCU is that you be a member. A home improvement loan application should only take a couple of days, provided that CFCU does not need to take a lien on the property. In which case, it would take two to three weeks.

Whether or not the credit union needs to take a lien on the property, explained Dragos, depends on the amount of the loan.

Each case is different and "There is someone always available to discuss loan possibilities," said Dragos, adding that home improvement loans are usually awarded very quickly.

But what about interest rates, figures that effect the bottom line, no matter how much money is borrowed?

This year, a fixed home improvement interest rate at CFCU is about 9 per cent for a 10 year loan and 9.5 per cent for a 12 year loan. Those rates are down more than 1 per cent from last year, according to Dragos.

Home equity loans are quite different from home improvement loans. As Kay Hage, assistant vice president at First of America's Main Street office, explained it, a home equity loan is "a line of credit...like a credit card."

A home improvement loan, said Hage, is a one time loan and is usually unsecured. It also requires the borrower to state the purpose for the loan.

A home equity loan can be used to purchase anything, according to Hage, and the home is used as collateral.

Rates for a home equity loan at First of America are at 8 per cent. For a home improvement loan, the rate is currently 9.9 per cent.

Again, the type of loan you qualify for is determined on an individual basis.

To apply for a loan at First of America, one does not need to have an account, and it does not take long to get approved.

Trends in loans are leaning toward home equity, explained Diane Brown, community relations representative for First of America, because they can be used for anything and usually have a bigger dollar amount.

For people who do not have a lot of equity in their home or do not need a great deal of money, however, home improvement loans are a viable option.

Once approved for a loan, you can start your construction plans, whether it be a new deck, new kitchen, new bathrooms, new bedroom or a trip to Vegas.

Whatever your plans may be, Good luck.

Landscaping, how to change the shape of your yard

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The winter snow is receding and you can now see the front yard that you haven't seen since November.

Gosh, you say to yourself, my lawn looks awful.

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It's true, and the horrors aren't only on the lawn. The bushes in the front yard are long dead and the tree you got last Arbor Day looks dry as kindling. The walk leading to your front door heaved during the winter and was cracked by the ice.

All in all, a wonderful opportunity to re-landscape the whole house.

Landscaping can be a small thing like enclosing a planting space with timbers and new topsoil, or major changes like making your front lawn into a fountain.

There are a lot of options.

According to Marco Cascatpapicci, owner of Rock Shoppe Landscaping Supplies, you don't need to be a professional.

"We're having a seminar May 22 and 23," Cascatpapicci said. "We're going to teach people how to install paving bricks and retaining walls."

The Rock Shoppe deals in topsoil, timbers, shredded bark, and other tools and supplies related to landscaping.

According to Cascatpapicci, they will also be building a pond at the seminar.

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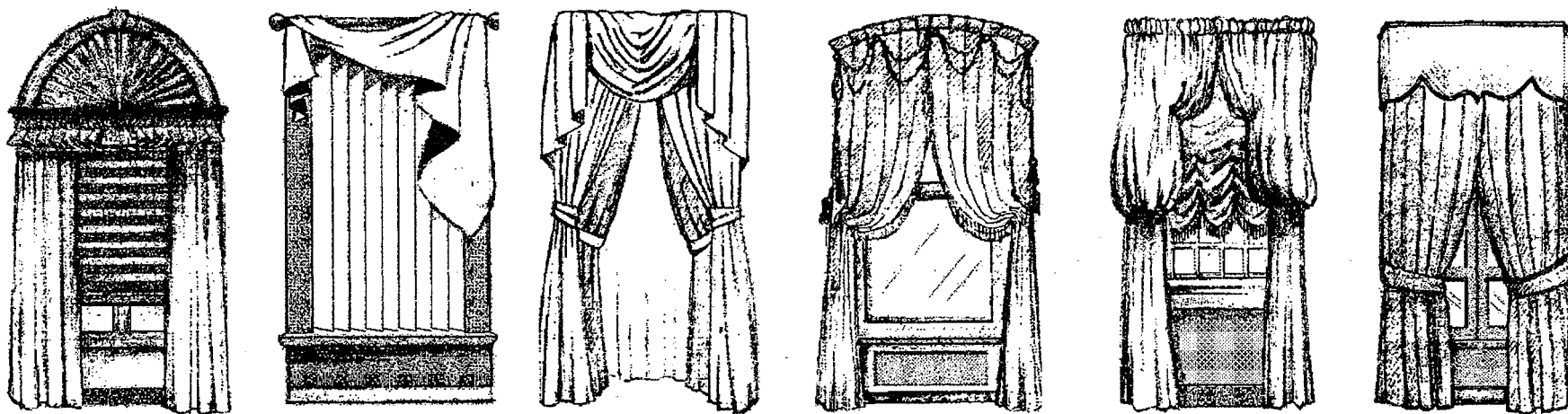
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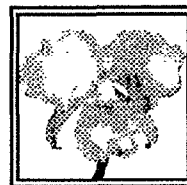
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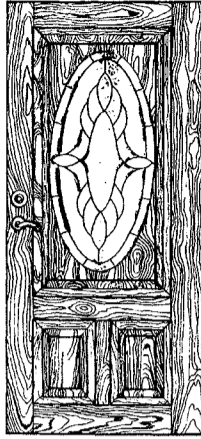
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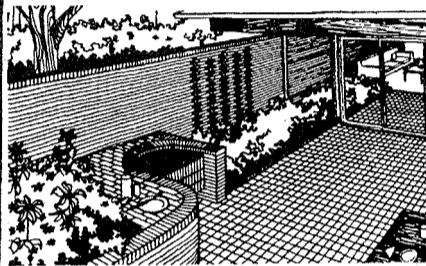


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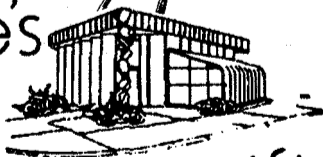
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Outdoor plants and landscaping can make all the difference in a home's appearance and in its character.

According to the owner, Jeff Jones, most projects can be done by the average homeowner.

"You can plant anything that you can carry," Jones said. "The biggest project a homeowner should try is a 2 1/2" diameter trunk."

While many projects can be undertaken without professional help, Jones says that there are precautions that one should take when planting even a small bush.

"The soil in this area is water laden and heavy," Jones said. "You've got to plant the right way."

According to Jones, people have a tendency to plant things too deeply into the ground. When the ground is heavy like it is in Plymouth, the plant can suffocate.

The plant should be buried slightly high in its hole, with room left over on all sides of the ball. Use fresh topsoil or a mixture of topsoil and peat to backfill the hole and secure the plant.

"At least 20 per cent of the ball should be above ground," Jones said. "After that it can be covered a little."

A little means about an inch of topsoil over the top of the ball to give the planting a smoother look. Fertilizers are also an option.

"When doing the initial planting, you can use a liquid feed," Jones said.

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Landscaping, how to change the shape of your yard

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"After that use a granular fertilizer every so often."

Another thing to remember with any planting you do, you must keep a recently planted plant watered. If there hasn't been any regular rain, a new tree should be watered every day.

Sod *must* be treated with a lot of TLC. Sod will die if it is not watered on a daily basis. Once the sod has taken to the ground (when it is no longer distinguishable from the grass around it) then it requires less maintenance.

Decorating at floor level

BY BECCA JARDINE

So, you have decided to carpet a room, perhaps your entire home, tile your kitchen and bathroom. Where do you begin?

As a consumer it is important to check around, ask questions, and compare prices to ensure you are getting the best deal around.

When children are part of your household, now is the time to consider a stain resistant carpet. With so many different brands it is hard to decide which is the best.

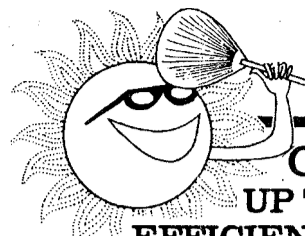
H & B Carpeting of Plymouth can be helpful in sorting out which brand goes with what name. DuPont is the most recognized name in stain resistant carpet, but not the only company.

There are many well known fiber manufacturers that carry their own line of stain resistant carpet. Monsanto has a full line of stain resistant carpet called Wear Dated, and Anso carries the Worry Free line of carpets.

All three companies also carry their own line of performance carpets such as Traffic Control and Crush Resister.

For those looking for a carpet with little upkeep, your best bet is to look into a burbur or twisted carpet, according to Brad Lawhead of Beckwith Evans in Livonia. The fibers are tightly wound and twisted, so that footprints are practically unnoticeable.

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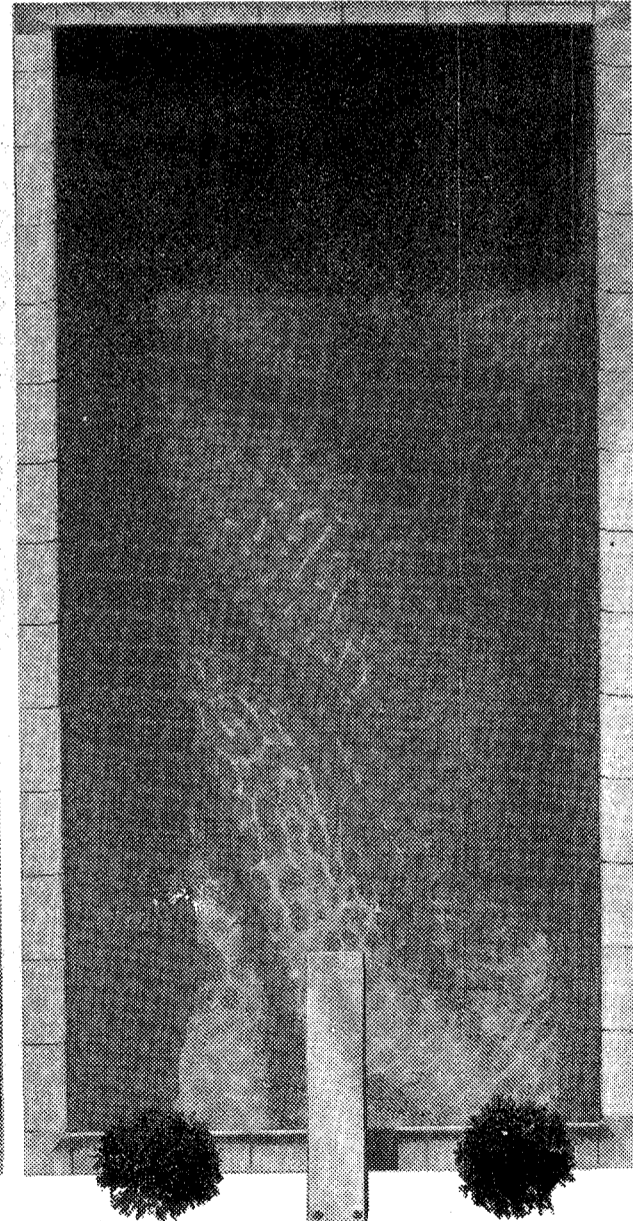
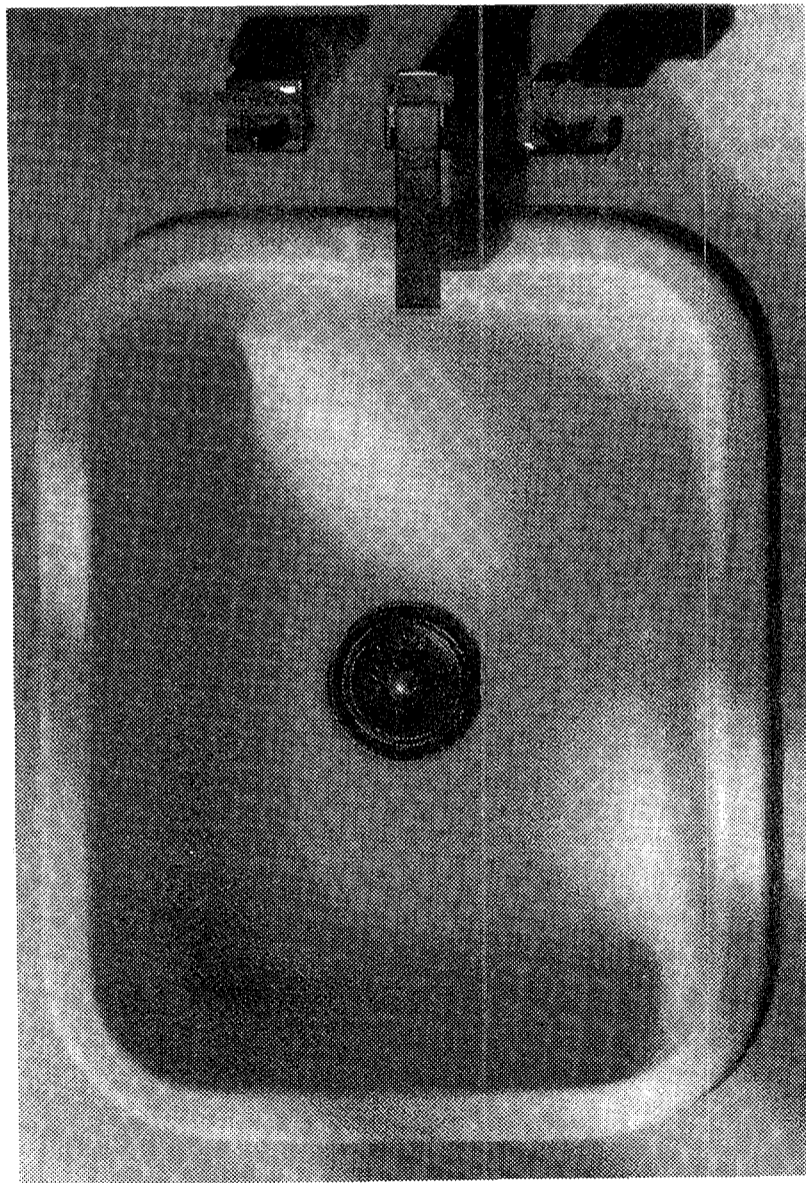
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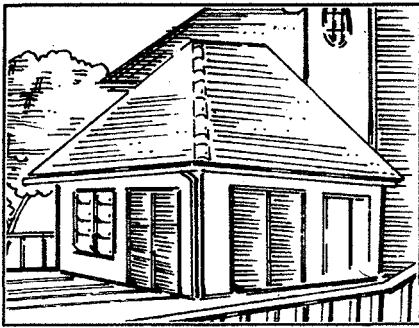
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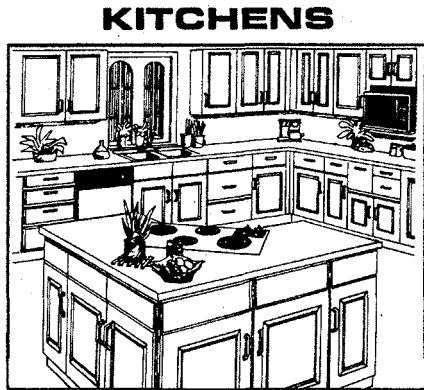
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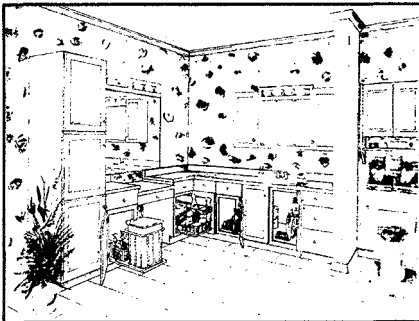
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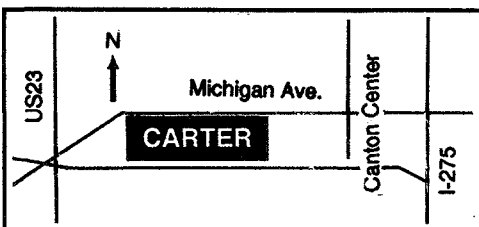
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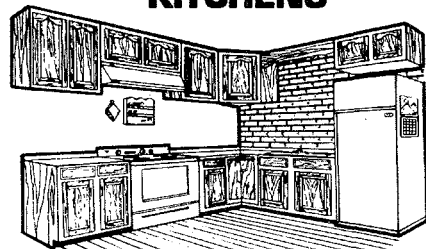
Several floor covering stores sell tile and linoleum as well as carpet. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik.)



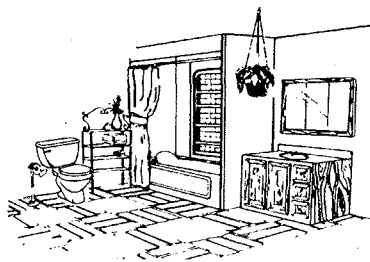
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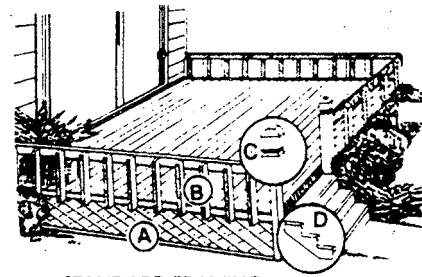


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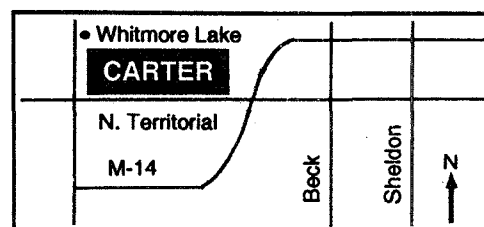
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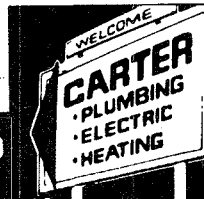
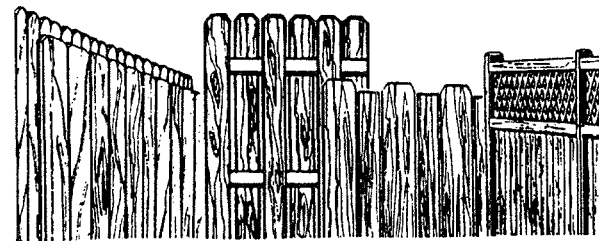
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No matter what quality or brand of carpet you buy, it is necessary to vacuum regularly and have your carpet professionally cleaned at least every two years.

If you are on a low budget and looking for quality carpet, some stores, such as Clyde's, specialize in irregulars. Irregulars are carpets that have a run or unnatural dye spot. If you look around you can find irregulars to fit a room were the unnatural mark will go unnoticed and still receive a quality carpet.

Hard wood floor covering are always an option when looking for something new. They are gaining popularity, and many stores are beginning to carry more hard wood flooring choices. H & B Carpeting carries such brands as Bruce and Hartco.

Yes, hard wood floors are beautiful, but they can also cost you a pretty penny. Check your budget before making definite plans.

For those of you who are thinking of redoing your bathroom or kitchen, you may be wondering which is the better buy, linoleum or ceramic tiling. Beckwith Evans says that ceramic tiles are becoming the better buy. Although ceramic tiles are a bit more costly they save you money in the long run. They are more durable and last longer than many of the linoleum tiles.

You have finally made all the decisions for carpeting and tiling your home. It's time to relax, put your feet up and be confident that you have made educated choices. After all that work, you will be happy to know that most carpet stores offer low cost or free installation.

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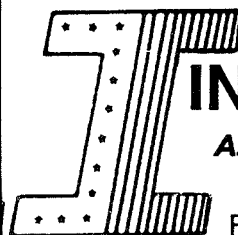
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FINE ARTS AUCTION

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees is sponsoring a Fine Arts Auction to be held at 1 p.m. on May 2 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Admission is \$5 and proceeds will benefit Fourth of July activities. Stephens Fine Art Auction Co. will handle the sale. For tickets call 453-8407.

SPRING CONCERT

The Adult Music Ministry at Our Lady of Good Counsel will perform "The Glory of Spring," a spring concert with a blend of religious, popular and folk music, at 4 p.m. on May 2 at the church located at 1160 Penniman Avenue. There is no charge to attend. Call 453-0326 for details.

COUNTRY FOLK ART SHOW

The Country Folk Art Show will be held April 23 - 25 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Friday the show runs from 5 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday, it will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show brings crafters from across the country and will feature handmade country accessories and handcrafted historical reproductions.

Admission is \$6.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Women's Club of Plymouth will host a luncheon and book review for its members at noon on May 7 at the First United Church, 45201 N. Territorial.

After the salad potluck luncheon, Rabbi Sherwin Wine will give a book review of Gloria Steinem's "Revolution From Within."

SENIOR FINE ARTS SHOW

A Senior Fine Arts Show will be presented from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 25 at the Canton Public Library. The show will feature the painting students of Sharon Lee Dillenbeck and the woodcarving students of Paul Kittl.

The event is sponsored by the Canton Senior Citizens and Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Participants can meet the artist April 26 from noon to 3 p.m.

PARENT ACADEMY PRESENTATION

The Parent Academy will present "How to Talk so Kids will Listen" between 7 and 9 p.m. on April 22 at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 Harvey Street. Bill O'Connor will be the speaker.

REPUBLICAN GROUP LUNCHEON

The Livonia Republican Women and Western Suburbs will hold its general monthly meeting on April 22 in the Mayflower Hotel's main dining room. Lunch will be served at noon, and Shirley Gualda will speak about her experience teaching in China. For information, call 459-0134.

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AAUW BOOK SALE

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its annual book sale May 6 through May 8 at the Starkweather Center Gym, 550 Holbrook, in Old Village. On May 6 and May 7, the book sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on May 8, it will be open 9 a.m. to noon.

In addition to the hundreds of books, records will be available for sale.

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Donations of books can be dropped off at the Starkweather Gym entrance or the Dunning-Hough Library.

"NOISES OFF"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is preparing for "Noises Off," a comedy production. Performances will be held at 8 p.m. on May 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22. A Sunday performance will be held at 4 p.m. on May 16. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for youth and seniors. Advance tickets are sold for \$1 less.

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PANEL DISCUSSION FOR NURSES

The Washtenaw and Jackson Nurse's Associations are presenting a program called, "Lessons from the Past and Directions for the Future." This panel discussion about the old and new problems with the use of unlicensed assistant personnel will be held between 7 and 8 p.m. on April 29 at the Catherine McAuley Education Center Auditorium. All registered nurses are invited for this free session. Call 454-1111 for more information.

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BY ANNE SULLIVAN

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Three seniors will be returning to the team for their fourth year on the links.

Audrey Meissner is the team captain. She made all division and all conference last year and brings experience and leadership to the team.

She has golfed on the varsity squad since her freshman year, when she scored a hole in one.

Christine Wertanen is co-captain in her final season as a Chiefs linkster.

Val Smith rounds out the starting seniors for the Canton squad.

All three are four-year letter winners and shot in the mid 40's last year.

The trio will be joined by Michelle O'Brien and Karen Kelly. Both are in their second year on the team.

Freshman Kathy Meissner brings fresh talent to the squad and completes the starting six.

"Northville will be the team to beat this year in our division," said Dan Riggs, Canton coach. He believes Franklin, Walled Lake Western and Canton will battle it out this year for the number one spot in the division.

The Chiefs opened their season yesterday, and begin conference play on Thursday against Stevenson.

"Our goals are to be competitive and do the best we can in each match, and good



Captain Audrey Meissner will lead Canton's golf team this year at Fellows Creek. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

things will happen" said Riggs.

Riggs is hoping to get on the course before the season begins to give the squad some course practice.

"It's one thing to swing in a dome at nets, it's another to get out (on the

course)."

Last year the Chiefs finished with a 4-4 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association, and were second in the Western division.

Rock tracksters young, eager

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Although the squad is young this year, the Salem boys track season looks promising.

Coach Geoff Baker is pleased with how his team has pulled it together in its three meets.

"The team is funny," said Baker. "At practice it doesn't seem like they're doing much, but when they go to a meet it all falls together."

The squad is led by four senior captains, Don Johnson, Derek Cudini, Jamie Miller and Todd Forbes.

Johnson will run relays and high hurdles, and compete in the high jump and the long jump.

Cudini runs distance, Miller is recovering from an ankle injury. Baker hopes he'll return next week. He will run sprints, 1/4-miler and the low hurdles. Forbes runs sprints and relays and will compete in the high jump.

Other senior runners include Mike Redmond, sprints and relays; Justin Richardson, distance; and Rob Kenney, sprints.

Juniors on the squad include Jeff Schumacher, shot put; Adam Badowski, sprinter; Russ Polcyn, middle distance; Marcus Zevalkink, sprints and relays, and Brian Herc, intermediate distances and high hurdles.

Dan Miller is out with an injury but is expected back. He was running in Saturday's Elk's race with a broken arm. He fell while crossing the finish line and broke his collar bone. Baker wasn't sure when Zevalkink would return. When he's

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Salem wins Lady Chief relays; wins 7 of 10 events

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

It was the second time this season Canton and Salem girls tracksters faced each other and the Rocks proved to be the victors again.

Salem won the Lady Chief Relays, racking up 88 points, at the annual track meet hosted by cross campus rival Canton. It was the second consecutive year the Rocks won the meet.

Canton finished in fourth place with 55 points.

Salem coach Mark Gregor said he was lucky at this spring break meet because many of his top performers were home for the meet.

"We're strong in all events," said Gregor who believes the Rocks would have won the meet even if all the teams were at full strength.

The Rocks took first place in seven of the 14 events.

He felt confident when the team came

out of the field event. Even though they had no first place finishes, the Rocks managed to rack up points with a second place finish in the high jump, two fourth place finishes in the shot put and the discus, and a fifth place finish in the long jump.

Except a disqualification in the shuttle hurdles, the Rocks scored in all events.

"We're a veteran team," said Gregor. "We were very successful in 1992 and we're looking to progress. I'm not satisfied with the times, although our performance this early in the season is going well."

Highlights for the Chiefs Saturday came from the distance runners. Canton had all but one of the lead distance runners at Saturday's meet. The eight-mile relay team captured Canton's only first place finish and earned the Chiefs 10 points.



Salem's Emily Farrell leads the pack during competition at the Lady Chiefs Relay over the weekend. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

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'Y' swimmers compete in nationals

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Lois Nochman and Edith Glusac are two senior swimmers with the Plymouth YMCA who will be competing in the national YMCA meet in Fort Lauderdale, FL April 22-25.

The pair are award winning swimmers. Nochman, 68, competes in the 65-69 age category and Glusac, 74, competes in the 70-74 bracket and they both swim competitively every chance they get.

Nochman and Glusac swim with the Michigan Masters Team SOS (South Oakland Seals) and have won numerous awards including six state championship with that organization.

While en route to the national YMCA meet this month, the pair is stopping in Kentucky for its state meet in Lexington, to face some new competition and prime themselves for the national meet.

Nochman started competitively swimming in 1983 after retiring with 31 years teaching at Highland Park Community College.

While growing up in Ann Arbor, she

learned to swim in the lake, but never had the opportunity to swim competitively because there were no girls swim teams in the city, nor at the University of Michigan when she was a student there in the 1940s. Her preferred events are distance events.

Nochman holds 86 state records set since 1988. She holds all state records in the 65-69 age group in the long course and short course meter and yards, and is the first swimmer in Michigan to achieve this goal.

She is listed in six events in the 1990 World Rankings for swimmers aged 65-69. She holds 14 titles in the 1992 Top 10 Swimmers in the same age group.

Glusac is a 1936 graduate of Northeastern High School. She swam competitively as a child and continues because she loves the competition. Glusac also coached girls swimming at Denby High school in Detroit.

She has won numerous awards in competitive swimming and is anxious for her 75th birthday when she can move up



LOIS NOCHMAN

an age category and offer some competition to a fellow tanker who has complained all year that there is no one for her to compete with at the state meets.

Glusac was the first woman official inducted into the Catholic Hall of Fame

Salem baseball kicks off season favorably

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

First baseman Charlie Winstell is the only returning starter on the Salem baseball team this year. He hit .289 for the Rocks last year.

Winstell will be joined by six other seniors who saw varsity action last year.

Jim Cunningham will take second base. Jamie Owens is back and heading to the outfield. Coach John Gravlin moved him this summer "because he can really run."

Bryan Zarosely and Eric Stryker will join Owens in the outfield.

Brandon Los will be behind the plate. By the end of last season Los moved up to the starting catcher and Gravlin said he was the team's best catcher last year. He had a batting average of .322 last year.

Relief pitcher Brandon Walton will return to the mound in the relief role. His record was 1-1 last year.

He will be joined on the mound by a staff of junior pitchers, including Scott Mantz who returned to the team after a

year's absence in the program.

Mike Marcella pitched six varsity innings last year and is Salem's starting pitcher. Jon Paul Patete is the only lefty on the mound for the Rocks this year.

Also on the mound will be Nirav Kher and Jay Danek.

Junior Eric Kida is the only junior letterman returning. He filled in at shortstop last season when Ed Gundry was ill and will return to the middle infield position. He holds the highest batting average of all returning players, .333.

Salem golfers look to improve

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

With only two returning seniors this year, the Salem golf team is hoping to show improvement over last year's season.

The Rocks finished with a 1-6 record last year, were seventh in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 16th in the region. But coach Jim Stevens wasn't as disappointed as might be expected.

He says he evaluates his team more on how much they improved last year than there season record. His linksters cut 50 strokes from the team score last year between the first and last team match, and

Tracksters eager

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back in uniform, he'll jump hurdles.

Sophomore Steve Schumacher is a sprinter who can run any sprint event.

Jon Bateman and Dirk Schmiedel are two promising freshman in the high jump. They've jumped 5'8".

Salem scored 25 points in the Elks relay Saturday, but the squad was shut out in the distance events.

They beat Churchill in their first dual meet of the season, 87-49.

They will compete Saturday in the Tiger Relays in Belleville.

Dave Knight and John Klask will take spots in the infield. Allan Moran and Bryan Proctor will be behind the plate. Matt Abbott and Scott Singleton will play outfield.

"We have enthusiasm," said Gravlin. "That's good because what you lack in experience sometimes you can make up with enthusiasm. They have a good work ethic, work hard and it's a group of good students, carrying 3.0 and 4.0. That helps out (because) the kids are smart enough to figure out the nuances of the game."

he was pleased with the performance.

"They showed tremendous improvement and I was pleased even with the win/loss record," said Stevens.

Senior Amy Holman is the captain this year and she joins the varsity squad for her fourth season. Her average last year was 66.7 (on nine holes), she shot a 142 (on 18 holes) in the conference and 146 at the state regional tournament.

Senior Jessica McLarty is back for her second season with the Rocks. Her average last year was 76.3.

Junior Rebecca Koehl is returning for her third season. Of the returning players, last year Koehl had the best average on the team, 59.8.

Jenny Massey is in her second year and averaged 74.0 last year.

Sophomores Jennifer Winkler, Kelly Collins and Beth Cleland are back for their second season. Winkler averaged 67.0 last year, Collins averaged 61.7.

Collins tied for 15th in the league last year as a freshman. Stevens believes she has the potential to be one of the top golfers on the team this year.

Cleland averaged 66.2 last year.

The Rocks will use Brae-Burn as their home course. They open their season Monday with an away match against Walled Lake Central.

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Katie Gilles of Plymouth, took second place all around in the junior division. Her all around score was 36.2, with 9.05 on floor, 9.05 on beam, 9.25 on vault and 8.85 on bats.

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Canton's Kendal Toles competes in the long jump (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

Lady Chief relays

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A second place finish in the long jump relay added a spark to the team in the field events.

With many of lead athletes away during spring break, Canton coach George Przygodski said a lot of his younger athletes had the chance to perform in a relay meet when they otherwise wouldn't get the opportunity.

"Olive Ikeh and Tracey Cavin had an

outstanding day," said Przygodski.

Canton will run against Churchill Thursday in a division meet at home.

Salem opens its league season on Thursday and the Rocks will compete Friday at Stevenson.

Canton and Salem will both be competing this weekend at the Central Michigan Relays on Friday and Saturday in the Tiger Relays in Belleville.

T-ball and coach pitch registration is ongoing at the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. Two six-week sessions are set. Session 1 begins June 19. Session 2 begins July 31.

T-ball is open to boys and girls 5-6. Coach pitch is open to boys and girls 7-8.

Call 453-2904 for more information.

Tennis lessons are available through Canton Parks & Recreation April 26-June 4.

Lessons are open to anyone 7-adult at all skill levels. Registration began April 5. Register in person at Canton Parks & Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Cost is \$29 for Canton residents, \$35 for non-residents.

Canton's Sixth Annual Kids Fishing Derby is May 1 and 2 at the Ponds in Heritage Park.

The Derby is open to boys and girls, 3-15 years as of May 1, living in Canton. Prior registration is required. Cost is \$1 per child.

The pond will be stocked with Rainbow Trout. Awards will be given for the largest fish caught. First prize is a \$100 savings bond.

Register in person or by phone, Canton Parks & Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center, 397-5110. Registration runs through April 29.

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Curiosities

WHITNEY - Toto is lonesome for you.

FRIEND - if you are half as good to others as you are to me, I would say that it's about time something nice happen to you.

KAREN - I love you. Pisces has nothing to do with it!



DUANE BORDINE MAY BE 50! BUT HE STILL LIKES DOLLS

Curiosities

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Elaine - moves it and loses it!

BLAKELY - can really fly kites! Up, up, and away! Just two got away.

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And he was always quietly arrayed
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ARCHIE BUNCH - OK Archie, try the above on your computer.

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Curiosities

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JIM - surprised? Have a great one! Love your pal, Nikki.

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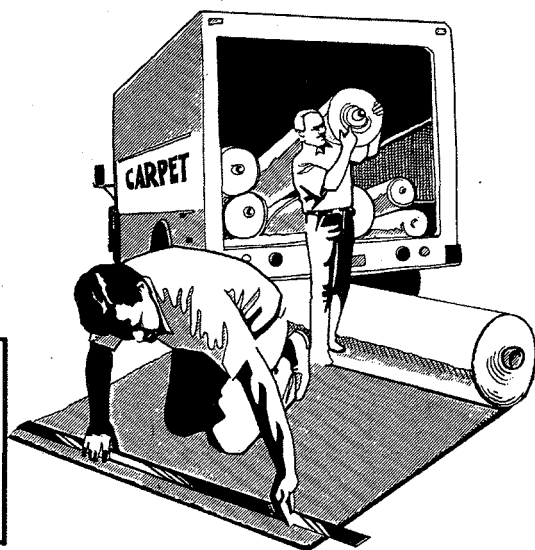
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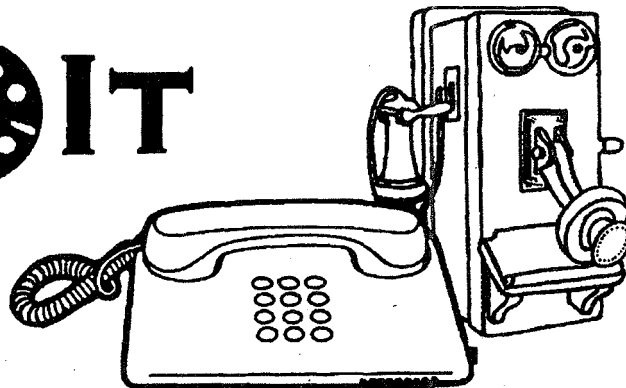
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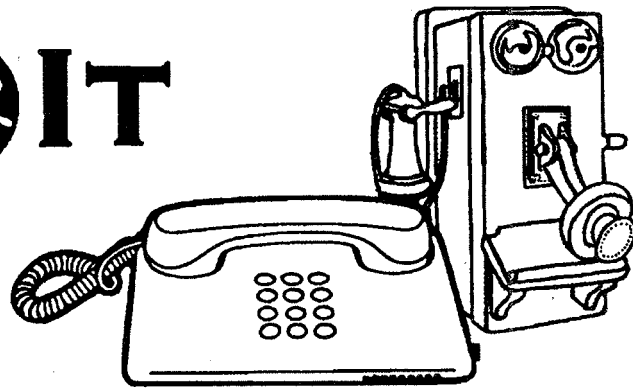
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Community opinions

Dear Mettetal panel,

How can you – and why would you – consider this issue without the old Blue Ribbon committee report?

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is getting curiouser and curiouser about his early pledge to be fair on the Mettetal Airport issue.

After the State of Michigan gave the local communities 45 days to raise concerns about the state's purchase and operation of Mettetal, Yack threw out a few names for the committee to draft those concerns.

The final names are not as neutral as his first suggestions — including naming Bryan "I'll do anything to stop Mettetal and Get Re-Elected" Amman — as co-chair. And Yack TOLD Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy to appoint a woman. (The appointee, Margaret Slezak, is a former Plymouth Chamber president and a strong committee addition — but Yack's "instructions" are curious.)

And then the committee met. Yack prepared a book-thick backgrounder on Mettetal for the group... but it was missing something curious.

The report by the former "blue ribbon" panel appointed by the Canton board to study Mettetal was left out! That report grappled with many issues the new committee is also studying and could thus be helpful. Members of that panel were far more neutral than the current group and provided a good sounding board.

But that panel voted narrowly for preserving Mettetal — infuriating Yack.

So that report has apparently been purged from Mettetal history by the Canton supervisor.

Curiouser and curiouser.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

One reader talks about:

'My town'

My town is lined with many trees
Awaiting the budding of their leaves.
I open my door to the crisp spring air
And hear the church bells chime so near.

Taking slow walks down the shady street
Saying "Hello" to the people I meet.
Chatting in the park with those that I know
Erases the blues of the winter's last snow.

Having lunch with a friend at the Cozy Cafe
Chases my crease and worries away.
The candy store just across the street
Is a great place for my grandchildren's treat.

Shopping around in the stores so fine
Makes me feel proud to call this town mine.
God, family and friends are precious to me;
Without them, how empty my world would be.

MARILYN SIDERS

Let's leave the family farm alone in Canton Twp

EDITOR:

A Message to Canton Township:
LEAVE THE FAMILY FARM ALONE!

In response to the township's thinly-disguised 'land-grab' attempt against its own long-term family farmers, I have this to say: Have you no shame?

I want to make it clear that I am currently a Canton subdivision homeowner, and have no connections to the farmers mentioned in the newspaper articles.

My only connection is my own experiences of growing up on a farm, and the realization of the inherent benefits of preserving the few existing family farms that still dot our community. One more clarification:

I am not against the NATURAL progression of a community, but I am against the forced surrender of property to fulfill a government's 'progressive' designs.

Is it embarrassing to our township officials that some of the ORIGINAL rural nature of our area be allowed to co-exist with the 'high-tech' and 'highaffluence' persona that our government is obviously attempting to cultivate?

Or are our township officials finally

realizing that to pay for their proposed multi-MILLION dollar Community Center and 'Downtown area' boondoggles, they must devise a way to develop every square inch of vacant acreage?

"Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead, regardless of WHO'S in the way!" is what they are telling us.

And speaking of boondoggles, why is it that the township has money to spend on these projects, but is planning on coming to the 'tax-trough' in the near future for a millage increase to 'save' our schools? That's a topic for another time, though.

When reviewing only facts, I question whether it is legal (and surely not ethical) to tax someone for something they do not possess.

How can the township tax these parcels of land at a residential rate, when the legal zoning for the land is currently listed as agriculture?

Please do not claim that the land is being taxed at its 'true value' because it COULD be sold for development. Facts are facts!

At THIS moment in time, these farmers could NOT build a subdivision on this land WITHOUT changes in the

zoning laws. So how can they be taxed as if the land COULD have homes all over it?

The 'true value' of the property will not be realized until the farmer is forced to give up the land, for much less than its REAL worth, to a politically connected developer.

Only then will the land be rezoned, sub-divided, and its value truly increased.

As a parting thought for all of you 'suburbanites' out there who think that the results of this issue will not affect you, THINK AGAIN.

If the township is successful in this

"shell game" attempt to twist the zoning and tax laws to their advantage, who will stop them in the future when your neighborhood is placed in the cross-hairs of "progress?"

What will you do when some corporation deems YOUR property "attractive," and the assessor demands that you pay taxes appropriate for its "true value?"

Will you be able to afford to keep your house, or will YOU be forced to move out?

Think about it.

TODD D. BENNER

Move Salem's bulletin board

EDITOR:

The location for the bulletin board at the Salem Township Hall needs to be changed. It is necessary to walk around the building to see what events are taking place.

It would be a service to The Community to move the board

to a more visible place, possibly next to or above the veterans memorial.

This would help the citizens to be better informed on meetings of township importance.

CLARA DICKERSON



Community opinions

Safety first

P-C district needs to ensure that work is highest quality

Are the two new Plymouth-Canton elementary schools and the renovations underway at most of the district's other schools properly inspected and safe?

That question has been raised on the heels of published reports in Florida that the construction management firm chosen by the schools here — Barton-Malow — had been accused of major mistakes in building the Polk County Courthouse.

(It was noted Plymouth Township longtime "watchdog" Loyd Sharland who tracked the Florida press reports on the courthouse project — now estimated to cost \$25 million to correct.)

Could it happen here?

Public school construction in Michigan does not go through the same inspections given to private building of residential and commercial units.

"We have no jurisdiction on the building part of it (school work)," said Charles McIlharghey, Plymouth Township's building department chief.

"Here we're so worried about building a home or a business, but our number one asset — our children — we don't even look at it," McIlharghey said.

Since 1976, Michigan law has delegated the Michigan Department of Education — which has no certified building inspectors — to supervise school construction in the state. The theory was that with 500 some school districts in Michigan, there needed to be some standardization.

So the State Fire Marshall's Office and the State Department of Labor now check safety of new school construction.

"They don't necessarily inspect for structural soundness," admits Mike Schlenke, project manager for Barton-Malow on the Plymouth-Canton Schools jobs.

Schlenke acknowledges the controversy, but says that there are no problems with Plymouth-Canton Schools. "There are a lot of different eyes looking at this," he said.

With malice toward none



When Plymouth-Canton Schools first approved the bond-issue-financed construction, the board asked the State Department of Labor to inspect construction. Also the architect and the engineers (who were recommended by Barton-Malow) have played an inspection role, Schlenke said.

"If the owners (Plymouth-Canton Schools) felt they wanted the locals to do it, they could," he added.

Aaron Machnik, Canton's director of municipal services, said, "I understand initially why the law was written. Many schools were being built in communities that lacked the where-with-all (to properly inspect them)."

He said that one solution would be for the local governmental units with significant building inspection history — like Plymouth and Canton Townships — to be certified by the state.

"If, in fact, a municipality can be certified, the state could delegate it to the local government," Machnik said.

Schlenke insists that the local construction here has nothing to do with his company's issue in Florida.

"It's definitely a black eye for Barton-Malow, but it's not happening here," he said.

Maybe so. But would it hurt for the school board to ask the local communities to provide inspection services? Wouldn't it be worth an extra check for the children's sake?

Sitting on this jury was 'special'

Although I've never had the privilege — or possibly the misfortune — of serving on a jury, I did have the unique experience of participating as a jury member in a "mock trial" recently.

I was one of nine people to attend, and we were supposed to represent a cross-section of the community. There were five women and four men, both young and mature. Like any group of people one might find on a jury.

The "trial" facts were anything but mock, as they related to a real case — the details of which I have been sworn to secrecy not to divulge.

Although we had to digest almost a month-and-a-half worth of testimony in three hours, I believe we got the basic facts. Just enough to form an opinion and be frustrated in not having more.

Attorneys for both sides were present, although we weren't allowed to know which person represented which client — so we wouldn't be persuaded by anyone's stronger — or weaker — personality, I suppose.

Both sides of the case were presented, and were given about equal time, and we, the jury, were instructed to debate openly, and air our opinions. Just as a real jury would do.

Once we reached a decision, we discussed the reasons for our opinions with the attorneys. We were asked if this or that change in the situation would have changed our mind, and again discussed matters openly.

After nearly four hours, the attorneys were satisfied, and allowed us to go — after paying us, of course.

This process, besides being educational and highly interesting to me, also serves another, more productive service — no, not to

Views from the middle

By Gary Gosselin



give nine people something to do on a Sunday afternoon.

This "mock trial" allows both sides of a lawsuit to air their arguments in front of a real, and diverse group of people, and maybe — just maybe — work towards a non-trial settlement.

I understand that these type of dry-runs are becoming more popular. I hope so.

Considering the fact that our courts are already overcrowded, with many folks waiting years to have their grievances aired, and resolved, any step to hasten this process is an improvement.

The nine of us had to make a decision based on the information we received in just three hours. We had to deal, second-hand with someone else's woes—it was frustrating and difficult.

Would I do it again? In a minute.

I have also gained a new respect for those that actually do have to sit on a jury. No longer will I feel that they got to play "hooky" from work. Those people have hard decisions to make that can often affect the rest of someone's life.

Does this mean I will try to get out of jury duty if I'm called? No way. I will accept my responsibility with an educated, and somewhat grim determination.

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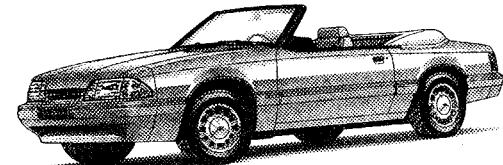
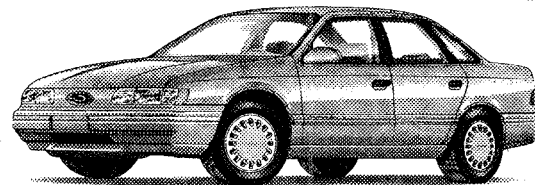
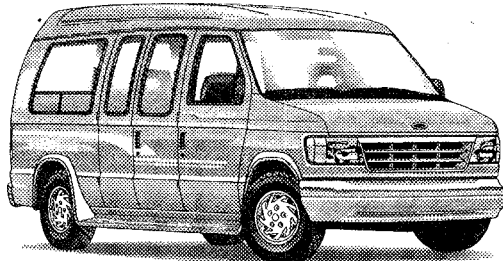
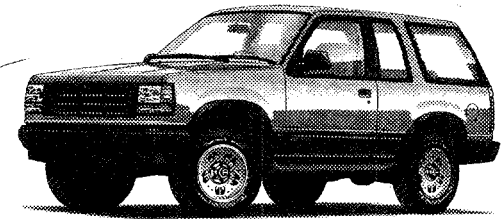
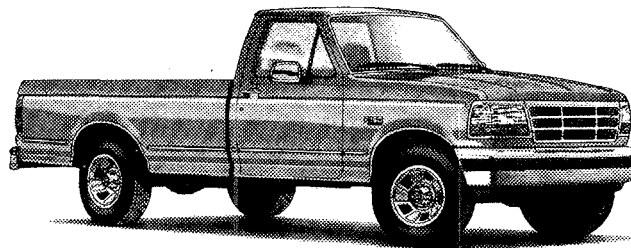
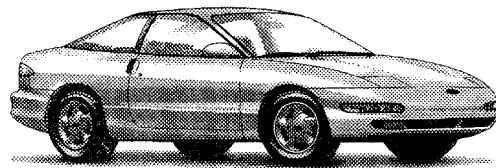
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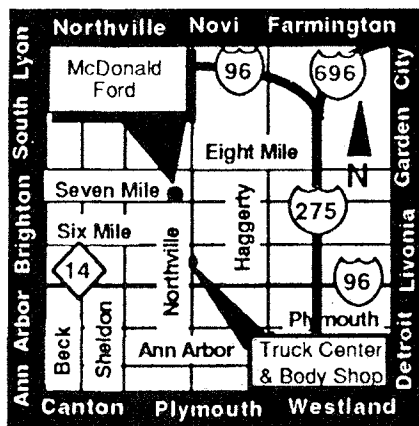
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