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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The first of the three interviews of finalists for the Plymouth-Canton superintendency will be held tonight at 7 at the school board office.
- Michigan Gov. John Engler will stop at Vico Products, 41555 Ann Arbor Road tomorrow as part of his re-election tour. More on pg. 8.

THE WEEKEND

- The Plymouth Community Chorus will celebrate its 20th anniversary with two performances at Plymouth/Salem High School. More on pg. 5.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission holds its second budget hearing at 7 p.m. Monday.
- The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets Monday at 7:30 p.m.
- Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- Canton's Board of Trustees meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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Horse power



William Clay Ford Jr., guest speaker at the Plymouth Museum Friday, stands in front of the car celebrating its 30th anniversary: The Ford Musdtang. (Crier photo by John Horn)

Mustang party comes to Plymouth

BY JOHN HORN

William Clay Ford, Jr. was in Plymouth Friday, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Ford Mustang at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The great-grandson of Henry Ford, currently General Manager in the Climate Control Division, reflected on Plymouth, the Mustang's past and future of the company and the automobile.

The speech was in conjunction with the museum's American Road Exhibit.

"My great grandfather would be very happy to the century-long association with Ford and Plymouth," Ford said.

The Mustang celebrated its official anniversary Sunday, but Ford wasted no time in applauding the vehicle a little early.

"In the 1960s, a car was born, that virtually overnight, changed the face of the automobile industry," Ford said.

The Ford Motor Co. has since sold 6.5 million Mustangs since 1964. William Clay added there are now more than 400 Mustang Clubs, 25 magazines and several books dedicated to the vehicle.

"The Mustang definitely established a new market in the automobile industry," Ford said. "Not to mention the fact is has established itself as one of the most collectible cars in the world."

While reminiscing on the past, Ford was quick to point out his pleasure with the new Mustang, a slightly re-designed, faster version of the classic.

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Supt. list changes; Denisar withdraws

Hughes named third candidate; second interviews start tonight

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The ink wasn't even dry on The Crier's newsprint last week when Plymouth-Canton's search for a new superintendent took three new twists:

•24 hours after being selected as a finalist in the search, S. Gene Denisar, superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, removed his name from consideration;

•a straw poll of school board members ended with Durand (MI) Supt. Gary Hughes being named as Denisar's replacement in the finalist list; and

•the second round of interviews were reshuffled as a result of the name change, with the first interview — originally set for last night — moved to the first week of May.

As a result of the last-minute change, the first of the three candidates — Hamburg (NY) Supt. Charles Little — will be interviewed at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The board will then interview Westwood (MA) Supt. Robert Monson on Tuesday; and Hughes on May 3.

Those not making it into the second round of interviews were Ronald Jandura and Louis Giannunzio, superintendents of the St. Cloud (MN) and Marshall (MI)

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Residents band together for future

BY JOHN HORN

Some residents in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood are fed up with the way it looks visually. Now they are doing something about it, physically.

Old Village resident Susan Wierchioch, along with 12 other neighbors, have formed the Old Village Residents Community Organization in the hopes of cleaning up the area and securing programs for children.

Wierchioch feels Old Village could be much more if community involvement would increase.

"Old Village could be such a jewel in Plymouth's crown if people could just put a little bit into it," Wierchioch said.

**New Times
for
Old Village**

beautification, playgrounds and zoning.

The group is planning several modifications to Old Village, including cleanups, playground updating and maintenance enforcement.

Cleanups of the area are underway as the Wierchiochs began Thursday. Susan is also planning to initiate an Old Village

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What's in new budget?

New school superintendent will find that some things never change

"Heavy is the head that wear the crown."

BY CRAIG FARRAND

And "confused is the head that leads a school district in Michigan."

At least that's one way of looking at the financial picture that awaits the man who succeeds John Hoben as Plymouth-Canton's next school superintendent.

A new dawn is breaking on the way Michigan will finance its public schools, and the person who takes over P-C will be dealing with a whole new set of dynamics — ranging from foundation grants and twice-a-year head counts to millage elections that will be either necessary or optional.

For the next P-C superintendent, the sum of *most* parts can be found in the preliminary budget for the district; *most*, because there still remain several wild cards in Lansing that have yet to be played.

As of today, though, certain things are known:

The 1994-95 operating budget will be based on about \$85.1 million in revenue and \$84.8 million in expenses — with the rest, a mere \$277,000, set aside in a less-than-desireable-sized fund balance.

What's also known is that because of Proposal A — which shifted the burden of paying for public schools from property to a sales tax — the district's local funding will drop from 94 percent to only 14 percent of its revenue.

The rest will come directly from state pooling of sales, remaining property and other taxes.

Ironically, when P-C school board trustees began thinking last year about Hoben's successor, one of their concerns was whether an out-state candidate would have a working knowledge of Michigan school finances.

By the time the board's decision-making really came into play, however, the question was nearly irrelevant: out-state candidates will know just as much about Michigan's new financial picture as in-state candidates.

Hardly anything.

Why? Because the 1994-95 budget is not only breaking new ground, but is also taking the hits for decades of pent-up change. Some observers, in fact, have suggested that this first year under a new finance plan is actually the best time in which to impose many other long-sought adjustments to the way in which Michigan operates its schools.

The result: Since the board first saw a preliminary plan for the 1994-95 budget in November, the projected expenditures for the new year have dropped from \$87.7 million to the current \$84.8 million — a savings of \$2.9 million, due to constantly shifting factors.

ANALYSIS

week that \$513,000 in special education expenses will charged back to P-C in the next school year.

And Hoben wasn't happy about it: "This thing is so upsetting; they had to have known prior to several weeks ago that they were going to do this.

"But they didn't let us know until last week.

"I can understand where the county is coming from — they're \$15 million in deficit — but I think there are some efficiencies they should be looking at, too."

On the plus side, though, some stability in the district has not only ensured on-time payment of this year's deferred pay raise for the system's teachers — but has also eliminated the need for the traditional mass pink-slipping of instructors.

In years' past, the district has issued advance layoff notices to a large portion of the teaching staff in order to allow some flexibility just before school opened. (Teacher contracts require the advance notice.)

This year, however, no pink slips have been issued; Hoben said that natural attrition — retirements and resignations — will offer the flexibility in 1994-95.

That's not to say everything is looking better: Because of the \$513,000 county bill, the district already finds itself almost \$240,000 in the whole — factoring in the minimal budget surplus of \$277,000.

And leaves nothing for surprises.

Hoben: "We need to keep a fund balance — I'd always wanted one (equal to) 4 to 6 percent (of the budget), but we've never been able to do that.

"What I'm worried about is emergencies," he said.

"We could probably look at (a bond issue), but that wouldn't help us in an emergency.

"We have some older buildings, and I don't know what we'd do if we needed a roof or a boiler went."

But to maintain even a 1 percent fund balance would mean coming up with \$850,000 by making cuts elsewhere. And that's on top of the \$240,000 needed to meet the county's bill.

So, when the new man first sits down in Hoben's chair, he may be looking at a new way of doing business in Michigan, but he's going to be dealing with some

Is there a millage in P-C's future?

Is the Plymouth-Canton School District out of the millage election business?

Yes and no.

Yes, in the aftermath of Proposal A, P-C voters won't be approving a laundry list of millage renewals and periodic increases every other year; the bulk of P-C's revenue will now come from a new statewide revenue pool drawn from a mix of sales, property and other taxes.

But.

But voters eventually will have to approve the remaining non-homestead millage not being assessed directly by the state.

Under Proposal A, 6 mills are being levied statewide on all property, but an additional 18 mills (for a total of 24 mills) on non-homestead property must be levied at the local level.

And that means a local vote — sometime next year.

Which means the end of it, right?

Not quite: The P-C school board could also seek up to another 3 "enhancement" mills for three years to help the district ease into the new state finance plan.

But there's one limitation: After the first three years, any additional millage over and above the foundation grant spending level must be shared with the rest of the county.

One tax vote P-C will not hold, though, is the same kind of election held Monday by the Southfield School District: Southfield is one of about three-dozen Michigan school districts being allowed to maintain its spending level in excess of Michigan's new per-pupil foundation grant.

With voter approval. And it was that millage which was rejected by Southfield voters two days ago.

P-C doesn't qualify for the additional extra-grant millage, so voters will never face the same election.

very old problems in P-C.

Problems that the people of Michigan thought were being solved a month ago.

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee has ended any remaining speculation about a third permanent judge for the 35th District Court: Not this year.

The committee has eliminated from existing legislation all requests for new district court-level jurists, and replaced the bill with a new version that calls for new circuit court judges only.

Suit pending by teen-ager; says schools violated her speech rights

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

An attorney for a Canton High School student was expected late yesterday to file a lawsuit against the Plymouth-Canton school district for infringing her First Amendment rights to free speech.

Along with that suit, the American Civil Liberties Union is expected to file a Friend of the Court brief in support of her suit.

Canton High School senior Melissa Greene said she brought the suit because the school suspended her over written materials she distributed.

"They suspended me for putting out a flyer," Greene said. "For five days. And they refused to take the suspension off my record."

She said that, besides the fact that the policy is in her view, illegal, it is in violation of her rights.

"Any policy that is against a student's constitutional rights," Greene said, "I'll fight it."

Greene said that, while she has received a lot of support from her peers at school, there hasn't been anyone willing to join the fight.

"Some of them (students) have wanted to file with me, I've had a lot of support," Greene said. "But there has been the usual problem with parents."

Greene's attorney, George Washington, of Greenspon, Scheff & Washington, said that the lawsuit will target the high school's policies toward the distribution of written materials.

"We're challenging the school's policy on the basis that it violates Melissa's First Amendment rights," Washington said. "We're also challenging her suspension on the same basis."

Washington said that the written materials policy is in violation of the First Amendment and similar protections under the Michigan State Constitution.

According to ACLU Committee Chairperson on Civil Liberties for Children and Youth, Dave Wineman, the ACLU's board of lawyers has recommended that the ACLU file a "Friend of the Court" brief supporting the suit.

The district's new policy concerning the distribution of non-school sponsored written materials requires prior approval by school officials. The policy also dictates what may and may not be expressed based on "standards in the adult community" on what is appropriate for minors.

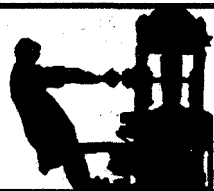
Graham Crabtree, majority legal counsel and policy advisor to the committee, told The Crier Monday that "every last one" of the district court requests was eliminated by the panel.

The new substitute bill, he said, is expected to pass the Senate later this week and be sent back to the House for concurrence.

The committee's action closed the books on any hope for a

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State Senate scraps third district judge; two more enter race



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1994

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 1994 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mr. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill move to approve the minutes of the March 31, 1994 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees submitted. Supported by Ms. Anold. Ayes all with Mrs. Mueller abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill asked that the agenda amended removing Item J.1 Request for a Special Liquor License at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Church from New Business and placing it under Communications, Resolutions, and Reports as Item M.A.-4. With that change, Mrs. Masengill moved to approve the agenda as amended for the April 12, 1994, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following Resolution and presented students, Matt Neimec, Mandy Dean, Laura and Elizabeth Kelm with a certificate. "National D.A.R.E. Day"

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WHEREAS, each police officer who teaches D.A.R.E. completes 80 hours of specialized training in areas such as child development, classroom management, teaching techniques and communications; and

WHEREAS, independent research has found that D.A.R.E. substantially impact students' attitude toward substance use, contributes to improved study habits, higher grades, decreased vandalism and gang activity, and generates greater respect for police officers; and
Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized Mr. Jim Anulewicz and Officer Mayernik of the Police Department for their letters of appreciation.

Mr. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.
Marilyn Mssengill, Clerk
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Canton youth arrested after chases

A 16-year-old Canton youth led Plymouth Township and Livonia Police on two chases Thursday before being apprehended in Livonia.

Township police pulled over the blue, 1982 Buick Regal on northbound I-275 for what officers called suspicious behavior. After running a check of the license plates, the vehicle came up as stolen from Detroit.

While approaching the vehicle to question its driver, the youth put the car in gear and sped away on I-275.

The two police agencies followed in the chase, which ended in a subdivision on Myrna and Hough Streets, off

Newburgh Road, when the suspect drove the car into a tree.

He then exited the vehicle and ran away. Livonia's K-9 dog followed the scent to the Six Mile/I-275 area before losing it.

Police found a .32 caliber revolver in the stolen vehicle.

Livonia Police, responding to a suspicious persons report near Five Mile and Blue Skies Road a few hours later apprehended the boy.

Police said they expect the juvenile to be charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a stolen vehicle. Both charges are felonies.

Third judge out; two candidates join race

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third permanent judge for the court that serves The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

The court already uses retired Circuit Court Judge Charles Kaufman in a "visiting" capacity, joining full-time Judges James Garber and John MacDonald on the bench.

With the committee's action, only one seat will be up for election this year:

Garber has announced his retirement and nine attorneys already have announced their candidacies for the four-year post.

The newest additions to the list of candidates are Plymouth attorneys Carol Alexander Levitte and Stephen Boak.

They join Jacqueline George, Michael Gerou, Ron Lowe, Maria Petito, Dennis Shrewsbury, Kevin Simowski and Karen Woodside.

The filing deadline is May 10.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Teen is finalist in model search

JEANNETTE PORTER

A majority of the American public begin their career at about age 25; however that's not true for 15-year-old Sarah Chester of Plymouth.

At the rate she's going, she's got a head start in the world of modeling.

Just two years ago Chester entered Teen magazine's 1994 Great Model Search and was chosen as a semifinalist. For the second time Chester has been named a regional semifinalist.

Chester is one of 360 girls, chosen from 24,000, to qualify as a regional semifinalist.

If Chester should win the national competition, she will receive a \$5,000 cash award from Maybelline, an appearance in a national Maybelline advertisement, and will appear on the October cover of Teen.

Tomorrow is DARE day

Thursday will not be just an average day on the calendar since April 21 has been designated National DARE Day.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Day was officially recognized by Plymouth's City Commission and Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees.

DARE was initiated in 1983 by 10 police officers in 50 Los Angeles elementary schools. Since then, more than 5.5 million students nationwide have been schooled in the program.

DARE incorporates veteran police officers teaching children the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and the resistance to peer pressure.



Community weddings & engagements

Carol and Richard Parker and Claude and Gayla McEldery announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Ann McEldery to Paul Ramey son of Frank and Joan Ramey.

McEldery is a resident of Plymouth and Ramey of Windsor.

The couple will be married Saturday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Get ready...enjoy!

Arrival of Spring means arrival of culture

JEANNETTE PORTER

Out with the old, and in with the new! The arrival of spring takes this age old saying to heart by dismissing the repetitious events which have infected this past winter.

This year the outlook for Plymouth's summer is very positive with a line up of many entertaining cultural events scheduled.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY

The eventful season was kicked off last Friday with a performance by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at the First Methodist Church.

As always, the orchestra was welcomed by a receptive audience.

Their up and coming Pops concert will be April 29 at the Fox Hills Country Club. Although the concert is just about a week away, ticket sales are drawing to a close.

The orchestra is now in their 49th year and anticipating their up-and-coming 50th season. The group owes their success to a great conductor and challenging music according to Linda Alvarado, Symphony Society president.

Soon enough the orchestra will not only be heard live, but also in the car or at home. The orchestra is cutting a CD which will be available at local stores everywhere.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Next on the calendar of events is a celebration of 20 years of music by The Community Chorus.

Len and Stan Kovacheff, publicity co-charimen, said that the 125 member chorus has been extremely successful due to an excellent director, quality voices and upbeat selections.

The chorus has won the hearts of many throughout the community as seen

in the sell out of each concert.

The chorus will perform at Salem High School, April 23 at 8 p.m. and April 24 at 4 p.m.

The Saturday evening concert is of significance because of the special guests attending: Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller and Township supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

The two guests will present the chorus with a proclamation honoring their valuable service to the community for the past 20 years.

THEATRE GUILD

The events continue with the Plymouth Theatre Guilds performance of "Isn't it Romantic."

A great turn out is expected, according to Katie Beltran, publicity chairperson.

Thus far, each show the Theatre Guild has presented has received a terrific response, in fact their audience has grown with each show.

Local Producer Mary Lynn Kuna, of Plymouth, will display her talents assisted by Assistant Director and Stage Manager, Karen Groves of Northville.

Several locals will star in the show as well including Rami Farhat, Susan Odom, Jerry Salas and Wendy Sialaff.

P-C BALLET COMPANY

Closing out the calendar of events will be The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company's performance of the classic ballet "Coppelia."

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company is a regional organization which gives local dancers an opportunity to perform in ballet productions, while offering the community an outlet of unusual entertainment.

Two performances are scheduled at the Belleville High School Auditorium for May 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Lions take to the streets once again

BY JOHN HORN

Like the Energizer Bunny, the Plymouth Lions Club just keeps going and going and going...

The Lions will conduct its annual White Cane Drive this weekend in an effort to raise the money that has kept the 46-year tradition of helping the needy going strong.

Lions members will be located at various intersections around Plymouth on Saturday. Those include Ann Arbor Road and Main, Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon and Haggerty and Eight Mile Roads.

They will also be present at local business like Krogers, Arbor Drugs and Kmart. Donations of any size are appreciated, with those contributing receiving a miniature white cane and tag.

Bill Fehlig, charter and lifetime Lions member, said the premise of the drive is

simple. Raise the money and keep it in the community.

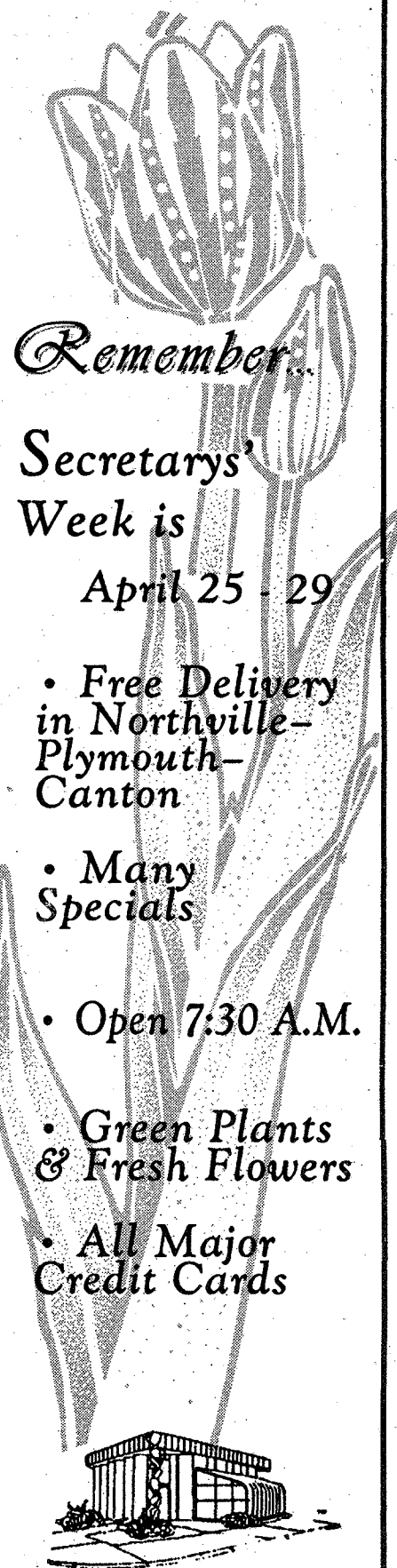
"100 per cent of our collections to charity," Fehlig said. "We like to spend the money we raise right here in the area."

In 46 years of serving the Plymouth community, the Lions have, among other things, purchased eye exams and glasses for more than 2,000 children and adults and contributed approximately \$100,000 to Leader Dogs for the Blind program.

"We've also installed ramps for wheelchairs and other household repairs for our elderly citizens," Fehlig said.

Through donations, they have initiated the First Step Program, a shelter for victims of abuse.

"It has received our help in the form of donations, painting, remodeling new cabinets, etc.," Fehlig said.



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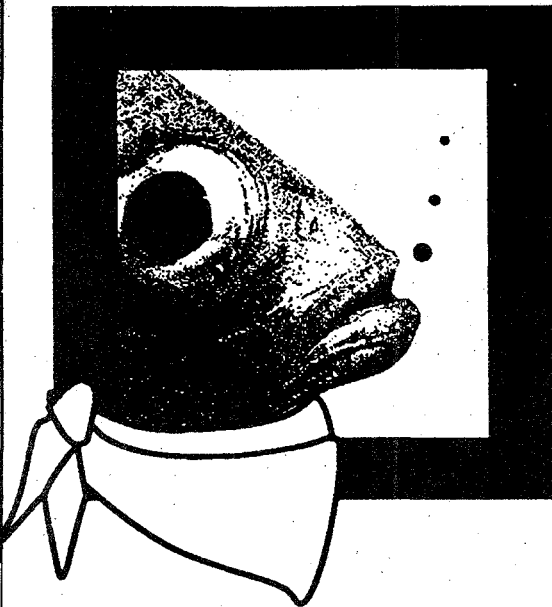
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Old Village residents think future

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Cleanup Day.

She said it would be a one-day affair in which Old Village residents would take time from that particular day and do some outdoor sprucing.

"If everyone in Old Village would just take an hour, be it cleaning up their own yard, street, whatever," Wierchioch said. "That would include businesses and everybody else."

Each committee borne out of last week's meeting has a variety of tasks to oversee.

For example, the beautification committee will work to implement tree and flower planting, as well as making sure landlords take responsibility for the upkeep of their properties.

"At this point, we are trying to get to the bare necessities," Wierchioch said.

The Playground and Park Committee will seek to attain a better level of park and recreation in the Old Village.

The group, in working with Plymouth's Director of Parks and Recreation Tom Willette, has been vocal

about the lack of adequate playing facilities for kids in the area.

Willette has served as an ear for the group. Not only will he help implement programs for Old Village children, he applauds their efforts as well.

"Any time you get a citizen group together, I think it's great," Willette said. "It can only help Old Village."

Willette's first action will be to re-establish a summer program for children in Old Village. The neighborhood had a program several years ago, but was disbanded for lack of participation.

Willette has cited an influx of families with children moving to Old Village over the last four years as grounds for bringing the program back to life.

The summer program entails two Parks and Recreation staffers working with kids on sports, games and field trips. The program is seven weeks long, beginning July 5.

"We take them bowling, putt-putt golfing, maybe even to a Tigers game," Willette said.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE DISCUSSED

WSDS 1480 AM will host weekly discussions of Christian Science every Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. through May 29. This Sunday the topic will be "Why are you Christian Scientists always talking about healing?" The series is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science Churches.

T-BALL LEAGUES FORMING

City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will be holding registration for their t-ball leagues for Plymouth children 5 and 6 years old from April 25-29. League is limited to the first 110 children and birth certificates are required. For more information, call Plymouth Parks and Rec at 455-6623.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Northville public schools will present "Positive Parenting" with lecturer Jim Fay on May 10 at Northville High School. 4 p.m. to 6 is "Parenting with love and logic," and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. is "Parenting Adolescents with love and logic." For more information, call 344-8453.

CANTON WOMEN'S FORUM

The Canton Women's Forum will sponsor a program in conjunction with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the Michigan Heart and Vascular Institute on the warning signs of heart attack "When it comes to your heart, use your head" today at Township Hall at 7 p.m.

KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will be holding an open house for prospective new members on May 4 at the Mayflower Hotel at 7:15 a.m. For more information, call 453-7091.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

PLUS Preschool will be taking registrations for the 1994-95 school year for children in the attendance areas of Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Gallimore, Hoben and Smith Schools and will be 4 years old on or before Dec. 1, 1994. For more information, call 416-6195.

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY SPRING TEA

The Plymouth Symphony will be holding their spring tea on April 28. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Me and Mr. Jones Petites.

TASTE OF NORTHVILLE

Northville Parks and Rec will be offering their "Taste of Northville" and a raffle on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Waterman Center of Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Marv Gans at 462-4413 or 349-7378.

CDBG funds are part of that future

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Willette, along with the Old Village group will be seeking funding through the City's Community Development Block Grant Funds.

CDBG funds are awarded annually and are generally reserved to bolster medium- to low-income areas.

Former Block Grant Committee member and Old Village Association president Mark Oppat has submitted a list of needs to the City Commission.

Among those requests are a finished bench program, a comprehensive tree planting program, new park space, installation of rubberized crossings at Mill and Starkweather Streets and the establishment of a new master plan for old village.

Wierchioch said the Old Village group has looked at various playground equipment from around the country, examining features such as safety and enjoyment.

She is hoping the city can pay for improvements through the newest allotment of CDBG funds. She feels her group is not asking for much, considering what they are offering.

"We have told the city that if they buy it (playground equipment), we the citizens will put it up ourselves," she said.

The group has helped themselves in creating a working relationship with the City Commission.

Wierchioch said Commissioners Green and McAnich have helped immensely in dealing with red tape.

Commissioner McAnich has listened to the group and offered suggestions as to how they can better work with city government.

"As with any change, residents can't wait for the commission to do it for them," McAnich said.

"It has to come from within."

McAnich said the group's organization and knowledge of what Old Village needs were impressive.

"Quite frankly, I was very impressed by their demeanor and what they knew about what needs to be done," McAnich said.

The Old Village Residents Community Organization will next met on May 23.

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PASSAGE-GAYDE POST #391

Passage-Gayde Post 391 of the American Legion will be holding their 25th Annual Recognition dinner on April 30 at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post. Tickets are \$20 each in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or 453-3888.

CANTON CAN!

The Canton Historical District Commission will be holding a fund-raiser for its ongoing projects. Canton Can! will be collecting returnable plastic bottles and cans between May 15 through May 21. For more information, call Canton's Resource Development department at 397-1000.

WSDP RADIO AUCTION

WSDP radio, 88.1 FM, will be holding their 6th Annual Radio Auction at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on May 14 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. WSPD is also looking for guest auctioneers to help with the event for 45-minute blocks. For more information call 416-7732.

GRIEF RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Vermeulen Funeral Home will host a grief recovery program which will meet from 7 to 9 p.m., tomorrow, April 28, and May 5. Registration is required due to limited capacity. For further information call 459-2250.

SEEDLING GIVEAWAY AND PLANT EXCHANGE

Canton will host the annual seedling giveaway and plant exchange on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Municipal Building. For further information contact Paula Preston Bratto at 397-5400.

RUMMAGE SALE

The National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance is hosting a rummage sale at the Plymouth Hills mobile home park on April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT

Our Lady of Good Counsel Music Ministry will host its ninth annual spring concert May 1. For more information call 453-0326.

BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be at the Plymouth Elks Lodge today, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE

The Plymouth newcomers will host a membership coffee tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. For further information call 416-9815

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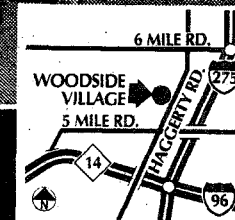
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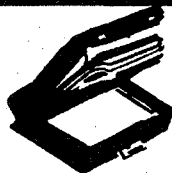


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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Engler to visit Vico Products tomorrow

As part of a nine-day statewide bus tour to announce the kick-off of his reelection campaign, Gov. John Engler will be at Vico Products in Plymouth tomorrow from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

Engler will travel to 41 cities across the state during his nine day tour.

In honor of Secretary's Day, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has planned a luncheon on Wednesday, April 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's.

The price of the meal is \$15 per person and includes flowers for each secretary, a mini fashion show, lunch, special drawing and door prizes.

Kate Rosevear of Carlson Travel will speak on "Today's Working Woman."

Beth Magewick has joined Community Federal Credit Union as the new director of marketing.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in finance from the University of Michigan, she worked as a financial services officer for Dearborn Federal Credit Union.

Magewick returns to financial services marketing after her most recent employment at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers where she served as promotion manager for the annual AUTOFACT Exposition.

Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus G. McCotter (R-10th District) wants local small businesses to know about a new Wayne County Equal Contracting Ordinance that will provide small businesses a minimum of 30 percent of all county contracts.

McCotter stressed the benefits of the new ordinance to Wayne County, including reduced costs of county goods because of increased competition for county contracts; the expansion of the county's tax base without an increase in the tax rate; and the preservation and promotion of small businesses.

Anyone wishing to register a business under the new ordinance should contact Irving I. Morehead, Wayne County Director of Human Relations, 5th Floor, Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 224-5021.

Sowerby to speak at Canton awards dinner

David G. Sowerby is the keynote speaker for this year's Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year and Athena Award dinner on Thursday, May 12 at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

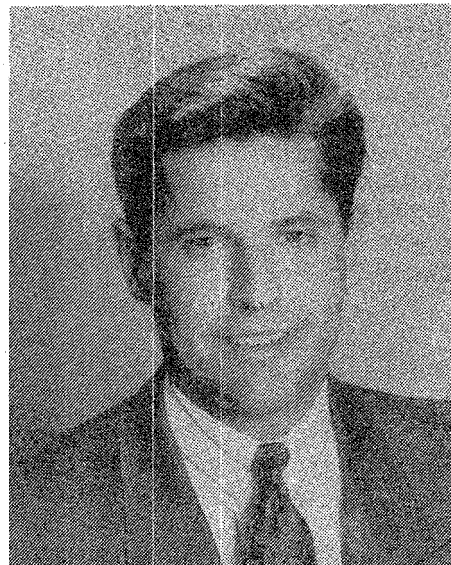
Sowerby, the author of Crain's Small Business Index and Detroit radio and television commentator joined Beacon Investment Company in 1993 where he serves as the firm's chief economist and director of fixed income.

Prior to joining Beacon, Sowerby was employed with Manufacturers/Comerica Bank as vice president and economist.

Sowerby was also employed with the K-Mart Corporation where he was the corporate economist.

Bob Carrigan of Alphagraphics, one of the event's organizers, said the Canton Chamber of Commerce is excited about having Sowerby as the keynote speaker.

"It is a boost to an event that is already shaping up to be a fantastic evening," he said. "We are proud to have someone like Sowerby as a speaker at the dinner."



David Sowerby

Sowerby received both his master's and bachelors degrees in economics from Wayne State University. Sowerby teaches economics and finance at the University of Michigan and Oakland University and

he serves as a director for the Central Business District Association of Detroit, a director for the Oakland County Business Roundtable and as an economic advisor for the Mackinac Center and the Heartland Institute of Michigan.

Sowerby has been a regular contributor to the nationally syndicated Blue Chip economic and financial forecast and he is also a member of the National Association of Business Economists.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year award was established to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of Canton small business owners, who are the backbone of the community and have helped Canton grow and prosper.

"This program is our way of saying 'Thanks' to all the small business owners in Canton," Carrigan said. "The work small business owners do to make our community what it is does not go unnoticed."

Midnight Madness

Most retailers say late-night program was a success

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For most small business owners in downtown Plymouth, Midnight Madness, held last Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight, was a great way to spark interest in shopping downtown.

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce said most retailers that stayed open had a great night.

"As far as I know," she said, "everyone did really well. We put most

of our money in a direct mailing program and we feel it paid off."

Dave Kaplan, the owner of Uncle Frank's Chicagos & Coneys, located at 550 Forest Ave. in Westchester Square Mall said business was excellent Friday night.

"It was our biggest day so far," he said. "It was comparable to the traffic we had for Art Fair when we had a restaurant in Ann Arbor.

"It was definitely worth being open,"

he said. "Any program that can bring together the community of business people is excellent."

Positively Plymouth celebration set

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is holding their sixth annual Positively Plymouth celebration on May 3, 1994 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Mayflower Meeting House.

The program is designed to celebrate the opportunities in the Plymouth community.

Award ceremonies will be held to

applaud Plymouth's Chamber volunteer of the year, Business Beautification Award, "Volunteer of the Year" Award from each service club, Your "Most Positive Employee" Award, High School Positive Plymouth Student - Citizen Award, and "Most Positive Senior Citizen" Award from each senior organization.

Chamber looking for student nominees

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, along with the Small Business Committee, needs help and support for the Positively Plymouth Student - Citizen Award.

The exposition will be held on May 3, 1994, downtown Plymouth at the Mayflower Hotel.

This expo is to promote Plymouth, small business and the involvement of the community in making Plymouth a great place to work and live.

The Student - Citizen Awards will be given to three high school juniors and seniors. Nominees should be a member of the Plymouth-Canton School System or living in Plymouth or Plymouth Township.

The focus of the award is upon citizenship and co-curricular activities as well as academic performance. Junior and senior teachers nominate one or more students along with school counselors and people in the community.

Mustang turns 30

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"We realized the styling and function had to be updated," he said. "The Mustang purists came forward and said it had to be a V-8 and it had to be rear-wheel drive."

Since the new Mustang hit the market, Ford said sales have increased 103 per cent.

Ford also waxed historic about his great-grandfather's involvement in Plymouth.

The younger Ford said Henry came to the area in the 1890s, when a local mill owner hired him to come in and set up machinery.

In 1923, Henry Ford chose Plymouth as one of six industrial sites along or near the Rouge River.

"He was seeking plants on rivers, near farming communities," Ford said. That original plant employed 31 men.

Ford also took the audience into the future, stressing that over a three-year period, Ford Motor Co. will introduce 16 new vehicles.

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water thawing, then sinking into cracks and crevices, and then freezing back up.

Smith explains that the freezing-thawing cycle is responsible for a majority of the problems which have plagued homes throughout the area this past winter.

Some of these problems include damaged pool liners, worn out sprinkler systems, leaky roofs, and cracks in the pavement.

"These are minor problems which turn into major ones," according to Smith. Such problems could have been alleviated altogether with a little common sense.

Depending on the season when action is taken, follow the

following steps to either prevent or protect your home from the harms which the winter may impose.

- Blow out sprinkler lines and pool liners with compressed air to make sure all water is dried up. In areas where the lines drop down, anti-freeze will keep the lines from freezing.

- Check for cracks in the cement, particularly where the structure meets the pavement. If any cracks do exist, caulk the area to prevent water leakage into the basement.

- Check the roof, both flashings and shingles, for any cracks. Reseal flashings with caulk and shingles with roof masting to prevent water leakage or wearing of shingles.

April showers...

As long as it's going to rain, you might as well plant your yard

BY MICHELLE CARON

Digging up old roots and dried up plant leftovers and bagging all the leaves that somehow escaped us last year — ah, Spring is here.

the upcoming months with additional care. Yes, there are a few other tasks you may want to add to your spring cleaning list, if you haven't already.



Carlton Beach, of Carty's Cuts, plants shrubs on Starkweather Street (Crier photo by George Gentry)

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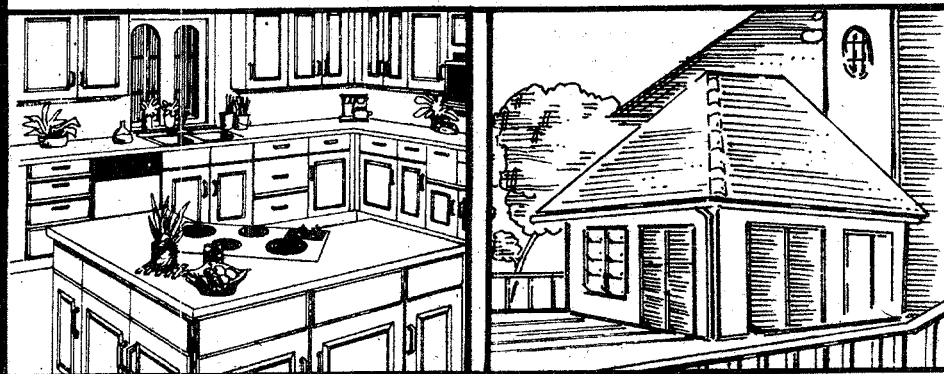
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As long as it's going to rain, you might as well plant your yard

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crab grass will sprout and stay all Summer. Fertilize every 6-8 weeks. Do not use crab grass killer on an area that you are trying to re-seed.

According to Harland Smith, Gardener at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, one of the most important Spring treatments for your landscaping at home is a dormant spray or oil which serves as a cleaning agent for your lawn, trees and shrubs.

Smith also recommends that you rake or thatch your lawn.

They have machines that you can rent for anywhere from \$10 for the day to \$25 for two hours.

These machines will cut divots in the soil which will help give more air to the roots of your lawn. This gives your grass a lush, fuller texture.

It's also a good time to use lime sulfur or dormant oil on your cherry and peach trees, as well as rose bushes.

This helps kill the old bugs in the bark of the trees and when you sprinkle the lime sulfur mixture on the soil beneath your rose bush it helps prevent black spores from growing down in the soil and keeps the black spots off of the rose leaves in the summer.

Start early on your annual flowers by planting seeds in "peat pots" in your house.

The peat pots can be planted in the soil outside so that you do not disrupt the seedlings by trying to transplant them from a regular pot to the soil.

Plant your seedlings after May 15th.

You can start your Begonia bulbs and Snapdragons in your house right now.

After you plant your annuals you may find them disappearing. Rabbits may munch on your new garden.

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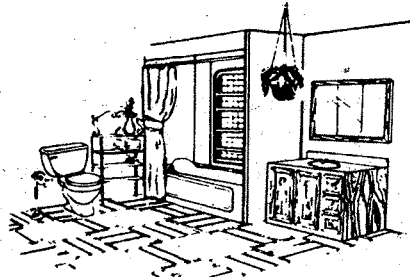
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said. "As soon as they are set off they send a signal that alerts police and fire."

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According to Burandt, all systems come with master switches. "The systems have on/off switches," he said. "So that if you have someone coming into the house, you won't set off the system."

He also said that the fire and burglary systems have "panic" buttons which allow the owner to set off the alarms at the touch of a button.

There is a problem, however, if you can't guarantee that your pets aren't roaming around the house.

"The motion detectors don't have a problem with dogs, they tend to stay on the floor," Burandt said. "But cats jump all over the place, they can set off the alarms."

The outside of the house is another place to consider when steps are being taken to make the whole property more secure. Two things to look into are security lighting and fences.

Security lights use motion detectors to turn a back or front yard into a giant "on" switch. When something steps close enough to the sensing field, lights connected to the sensors are turned on automatically.

According to Cheryl Porcelli at Brose Electrical in Livonia, security lighting isn't terribly expensive.

"We have a system that comes with two 75 watt bulbs," she said. "It can detect motion in an area 60 feet out and 80 feet wide."

"It sells for less than \$30."

While the system has a wide range, it won't go off whenever a squirrel crosses the yard.

"Small animals won't set the lights off," Porcelli said. "It will activate on something the size of a four year-old child."

While she says that the security lights sell fairly well, a simpler system sells even better.

"The lights we sell with photoelectric cells are very popular," Porcelli said. "When it gets dark, the lights come on."

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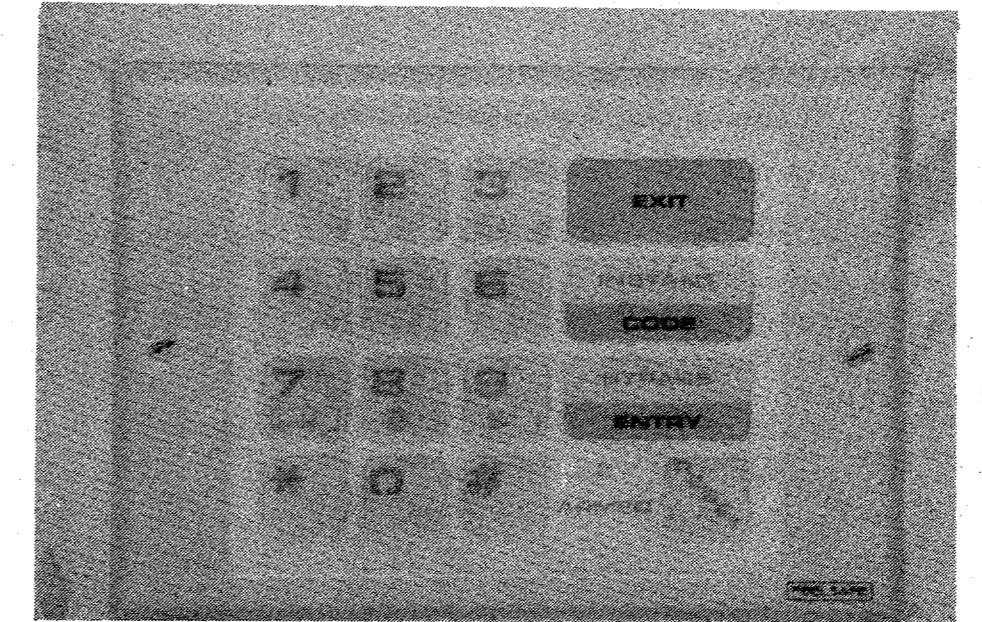
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From electronic security services to plastic fencing, home security is easy to install. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

It's past midnight. The kids are in bed and the dog is curled up on the floor.

You've dead-bolt locked the front door, the windows are shut and you have 911 on speed dial.

So why don't you feel safe when things go bump in the night?

In the old days, before building permits and line-of-sight legislation, a homeowner could build anything they wanted to make their homes more secure.

Walls, moats and other such defenses, were built to keep out siege machinery and hordes of marauders.

These days, you have the luxury

of thinking on a less monumental scale when considering home security.

For those that want that extra measure of home protection, without buying a gun, a pit bull or digging a moat around your house, there are plenty of ways to make your home more secure.

One weapon in the war on insecurity is having your home wired with burglar and fire alarms.

According to Bob Burandt, vice president of the Shelly Pinkerton Corp., having the house wired can cut response time dramatically.

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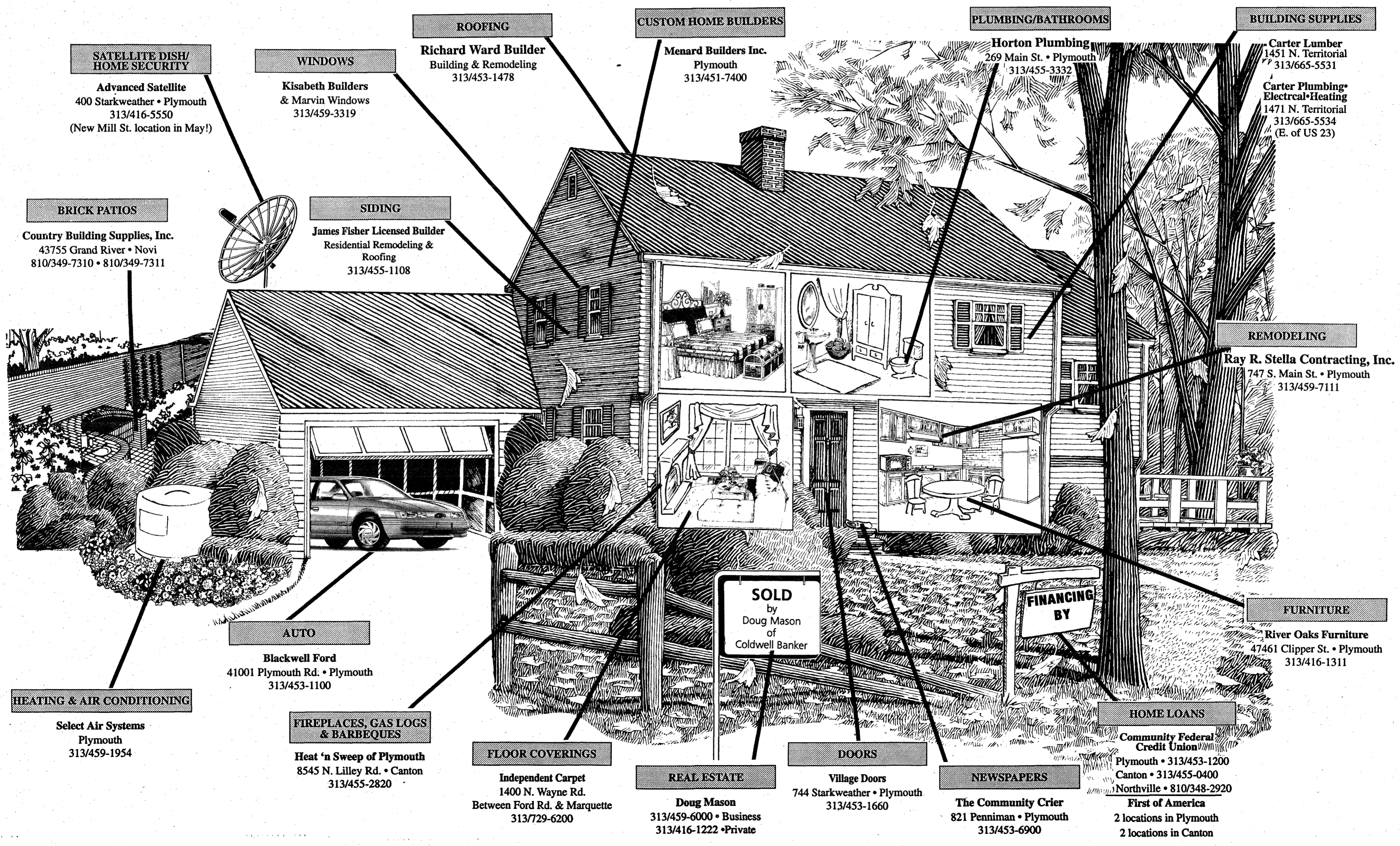
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some people prefer the barriers they construct around their homes to be made of sterner stuff.

Frankie Middleton, owner of Better Built Fence Inc. of Canton, says that for security purposes — avoid steel fences.

“A chain link fence has lots of footholds,” Middleton said. “That makes them no good for keeping people out.”

She prescribes a wood “privacy” fence for those who want to make their property more secure.

“The privacy fences are six feet tall,” she said. “Also, they are made of solid sheets of wood, they are very hard to climb.”

For those looking into fencing as an option, prices can vary greatly. Chain-link fence costs \$7 to \$8 per foot, while privacy fences start at around \$10 per foot.

According to Middleton, it can be worth it to pay a little more.

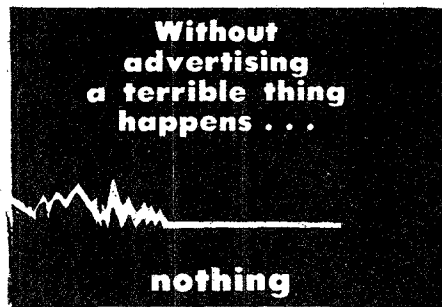
“We sell a privacy fence made of Western Ridge Cedar,” she said. “It costs \$13 to \$25 per foot but it’s very durable and will not warp.”

One new option that is catching on is PVC fencing. According to Middleton, PVC fencing is popular because it is plastic and requires no maintenance. It is very durable and can be cleaned with a garden hose.

She said that, for security purposes, the PVC fence was better because it offers almost nothing in the way of a foothold for a potential trespasser.

The PVC fencing fits together so that it can be cemented into the ground. The manufacturer offers a 20 year replacement guarantee.

“They’re great,” Middleton said. “After 20 years the fence still has its original color.”



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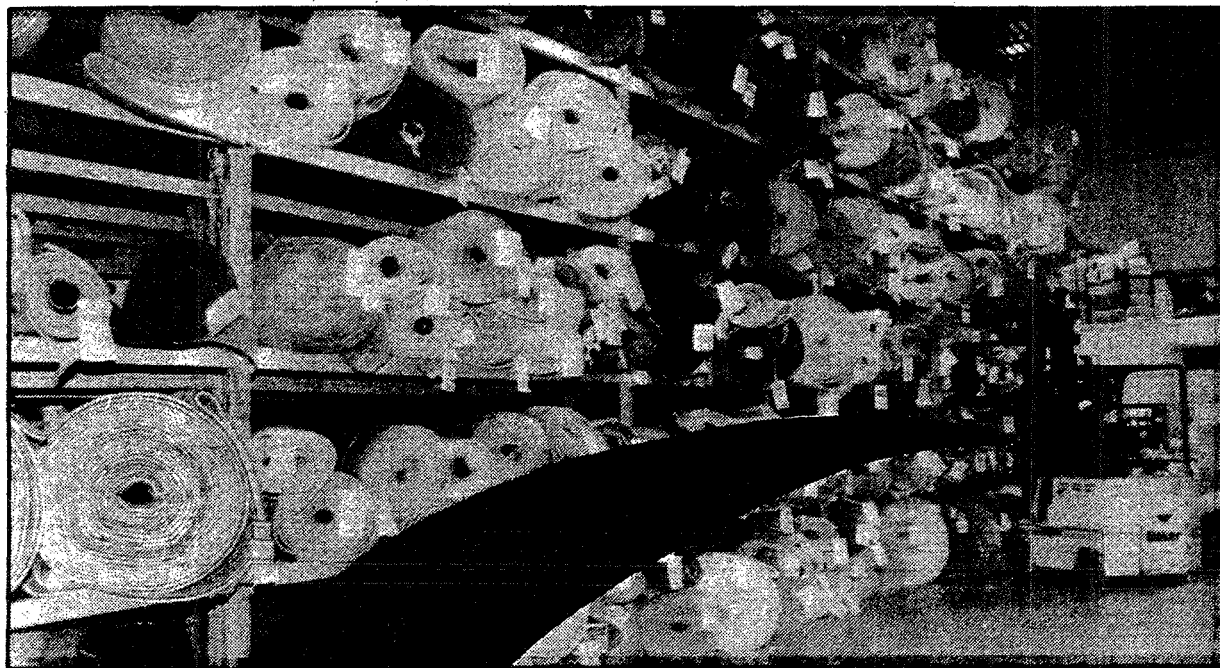


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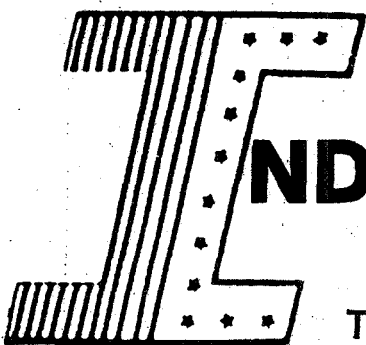


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Community deaths

Amparo D. Limcaco, 58, engineer

Amparo D. Limcaco, an engineer for Chrysler Corp. of Canton, died April 11, 1994, at the age of 58. She is survived by her husband, Leonardo; daughters, Lea and Liza; and son, Louis. Services arranged by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, were held at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church.

Claude Klautky, 64, self-employed

Claude Klautky, a self-employed member of the timber industry from Plymouth, died April 2, 1994, at the age of 64. He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Andrew and John; daughters Beverly and Carolyn, and one grandson. Services, arranged by the Schrader Funeral Home, were held in Guyana, South America.

Virginia E. Horn, 58, telephone operator

Virginia E. Horn, a long-distance operator with Michigan Bell from Plymouth, died April 14, 1994, at the age of 58. She is survived by her husband, Roger; son, Roger; daughters Darleen and Debra; one grandchild and one great-grandchild. Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Lula M. Brixey, 85, homemaker

Lula M. Brixey, a homemaker from Plymouth, died April 11, 1994, at the age of 85. She is survived by her son, James; daughters Juanita and Frieda; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Leonard Patchin, 69, teacher

Leonard Patchin, a teacher at Wayne County Community College from Canton, died April 12, 1994, at the age of 69. Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home.

Thomas D. Krejcar, 52, finance director

Thomas D. Krejcar, a finance director and member of the Corvette management team for General Motors from Canton, died April 17, 1994, at the age of 52. Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home.

Carl O. Christenson, 82, railroad employee

Carl O. Christenson, a former railroad flagman from Plymouth, died April 6, 1994, at the age of 82. He is survived by his niece, Norma. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

Margaret Reid Hough

Hough, Margaret Reid, age 88, March 3, 1994, of Niles, Michigan, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan. Daughter of the late Wesley John Reid, M.D., and Emily Young Reid. Survived by children, Cass S. (Joan Prescott) Hough, Jr., of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Emily Hough (Robert) Egan of Buchanan, Michigan; grandchildren, Alan Hadsell of Walnut Creek, California; Margaret Hough Hadsell of Niles, Michigan; Wesley Cass Hough of Santa Monica, California; James Edward Hough of New York, New York; Susan Hough Harris of Overland Park, Kansas; great grandchildren, Christopher Harris of Overland Park, Kansas; Caitlin Harris of Overland Park, Kansas; Lily Margaret Alberts of Nashville, Tennessee; step-great grandchildren, Christina Polilli and Robert Polilli of Walnut Creek, California. Late brother, Wesley G. Reid, M.D., of Plymouth, Michigan. Late great-grandson, David Hadsell of Walnut Creek, California. She was active in the Red Cross in

World War II.

She was active in establishing the Community Chest, now known as the United Way, in Plymouth, Michigan.

She was instrumental in establishing the visiting nurse program as part of the Community Chest.

She was also one of the founding members of the Plymouth Symphony. She was involved with the interior design and was active in decorating the Educational Wing, Shaw Chapel and the Sally Eaton Nursery at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Mrs. Hough's remains will be entombed at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice at Home of Berrien County, Michigan; or a local hospice organization; or the Dunning-Hough Memorial Library, Plymouth, Michigan; or the charity of your choice.

For further information, please contact the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, (313) 453-3333.

ELECTION '94

Two more in, one says no to race for Bill Ford's seat

BY CRAIG FARRAND

The field of candidates for U.S. Rep. Bill Ford's congressional seat remains balanced along partisan lines — and becomes balanced along gender lines — with announcements that a second Republican and a second Democrat are entering the race.

Last week, former Carl Pursell aide and fellow Republican Cynthia Wilbanks made her entry official, followed Monday by state Rep. Lynn River's announcement that she'll seek the Democratic nomination.

The two women join the only two candidates — both male — still in the race: Republican John Schall and Democrat David Geiss.

Two other potential candidates already have withdrawn their names from consideration: Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amman withdrew from the Democratic primary only weeks after throwing his hat into the ring.

And on Friday, Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover removed his own name from consideration as a GOP candidate.

Wilbanks comes to the race on leave as president of Michigan's Children, a statewide non-profit child-advocate organization. From 1977 to 1992, she served

as district representative for former congressman Carl Pursell; prior to that she worked as a staff assistant to former U.S. Rep. Marvin Esch.

In making her announcement, Wilbanks said that a "rapidly changing world... demands that our elected representatives in Washington employ new ideas and seek innovative solutions."

Wilbanks, 43, and her husband, Roy, are residents of Ypsilanti Township

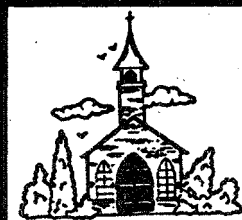
Rivers, 37, is a first-term lawmaker who represents the 53rd state House District, which encompasses Ann Arbor.

In 1984, while attending the University of Michigan, Rivers was elected to the Ann Arbor school board, where she served until her election to the Legislature.

Rivers, who holds a law degree from Wayne State University, calls herself a "vocal and hard-working proponent of services to children, a voice of reason in heated legislative debate and a strong believer in consensus building."

The lawmaker and her husband, Joe, live in Ann Arbor.

The other Democrat, Geiss, worked for Ford from 1982; Republican Schall served as U.S. Labor Department chief of staff and was a White House policy advisor in the Bush Administration.



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Sports

Sports shorts

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The league meeting will be Wed., April 27 at 4 p.m. at the Township Administration Building in the first floor meeting room.

Registration fee is \$14, plus weekly greens fee. Golf will be held every Tuesday through mid-August at 8 a.m.

Registration can be made in person or by mail to Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring an Early Bird Softball Tournament on May 14 and 15 in Heritage Park.

The classification is for adult mens' class "D" and "E" teams.

There is a \$100 registration fee for teams in Canton Parks and Recreation leagues and \$115 fee for other teams.

Call 397-5110 for further details or register in person or by mail to Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering a spring session of tennis lessons for ages 7 through adult, of all ability levels.

All classes will be held at Griffin Park with one lesson per week for a total of six lessons.

The classes will be taught by Kristen Harrison (certified professional and/or her staff of assistants).

The fee for the lessons is \$29 for Canton residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Groups will be separated by ability level, with classes for beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate and excellence.

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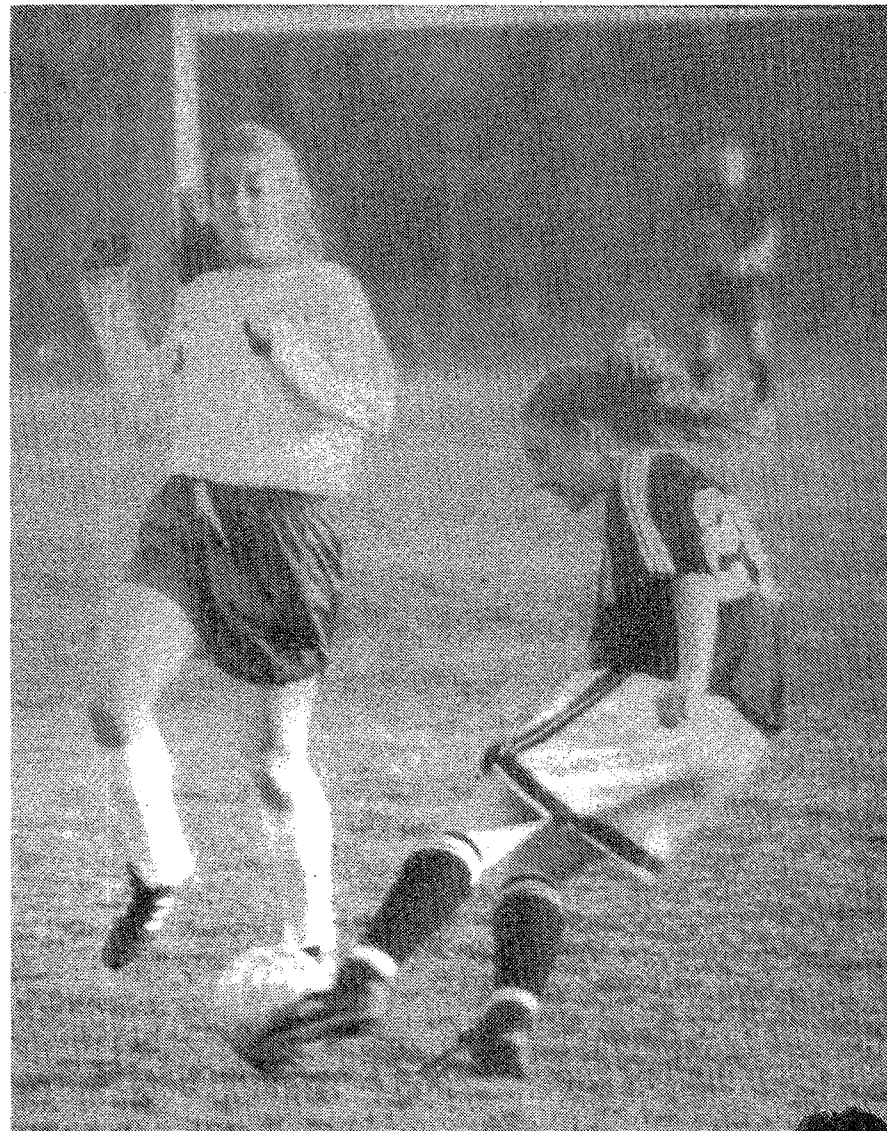
Call 397-5110 for more information or register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring karate lessons for all levels. The cost for the 10 weeks of classes is \$35 per person and will meet on Monday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Registration is open to everyone and is on a continuous basis. Call 397-5110 for details.

A meeting of...feet

Even though Salem players (left) worked hard, the Rocks came up short against Stevenson Monday night, losing 4-1. The Rocks face North Farmington tonight at North Farmington. Game time is 5:30. (Crier photo by George Gentry)



Rocks take Franklin in golf opener

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Salem girls' golf coach Jim Stevens found out Monday that experience is always everything.

The Rocks defeated Franklin 253-288 at Fellows Creek without the help of their co-captains Becky Koehl and Jennifer Massey.

It was the first match ever for Katey Collins and Michelle Pearson and the two rose to the occasion.

Collins was a medalist for the Rocks, turning in a score of 55. Pearson shot a 75. Kelly Collins finished a stroke more than her sister Katey, turning in a 56. Beth Cleland shot a 57 for the Rocks.

"I think we played very well for not having our captains," said Stevens. "When they return, we should bring our scores down a little bit.

"Overall, it was a good match for us. It is always nice to get off to a good start at the beginning of the season, especially with the young team we fielded Monday.

"We will continue to improve every week."

The Rocks play Churchill on Monday at Churchill.

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Winter is over, Spring has sprung, it's time to get active in sports

It looks like spring has finally sprung, which means it's time to get outside and participate in some sports.

There is no lack of opportunity for area sportspeople to get involved in some kind of sport.

All it takes is one look at the sports happenings that are running along the left side of this page to see that we have some great opportunities to get involved in sports.

Whether it is golf, tennis, fishing or any other sport, it's time to brush the cobwebs off the sporting equipment and get outside.

Even if participating in sports is not possible, being a spectator can be fun.

Spring sports at Canton and Salem high schools are traditionally the least popular with spectators.

Football and basketball get large crowds, but sports like baseball, softball, track and soccer usually don't have the following other sports do.

It's rather unfortunate. There is nothing as relaxing as sitting and watching a sporting event on a beautiful spring day.

There are also less strenuous sports that can be a lot of fun.

Take a walk. Go bird watching. Take a drive in the country. Walk along the river.

Stargaze. Visit one of the many area parks.

What I'm trying to say is get out and do something.

We all suffered through a long, cold winter and we need to get out.

So instead of sitting down to watch another mindless sitcom on television, find an activity and, as Nike says, "Just Do It".

Canton girls track wins meet, takes relays

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton girls' golf team is on a roll.

Although the Chiefs are just two meets into the season, their performances have been impressive.

Canton beat Walled Lake Central 128-101 in the opening meet last week and won the Lady Chief Relays Saturday with 98 points and seven first place finishes out of 13 events.

"We're pretty strong in every event," said coach George Przygodski. "We're off to a nice start."

"We need to continue to work hard in practice and improve on our fundamental skills."

The Chiefs took first place in the 3200 meter relay with a team consisting of Lana Boroditsch, Megan Barresi, Brooke Larson and Tracy Cavin. The team finished the event in 10:16.0.

Canton set meet and school records in the shuttle hurdle relay and the 300 meter hurdle relay.

Mary Anderson, Shawn Champlin, Lisa Soash and Olive Ikeh set the record in the shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:07.6.

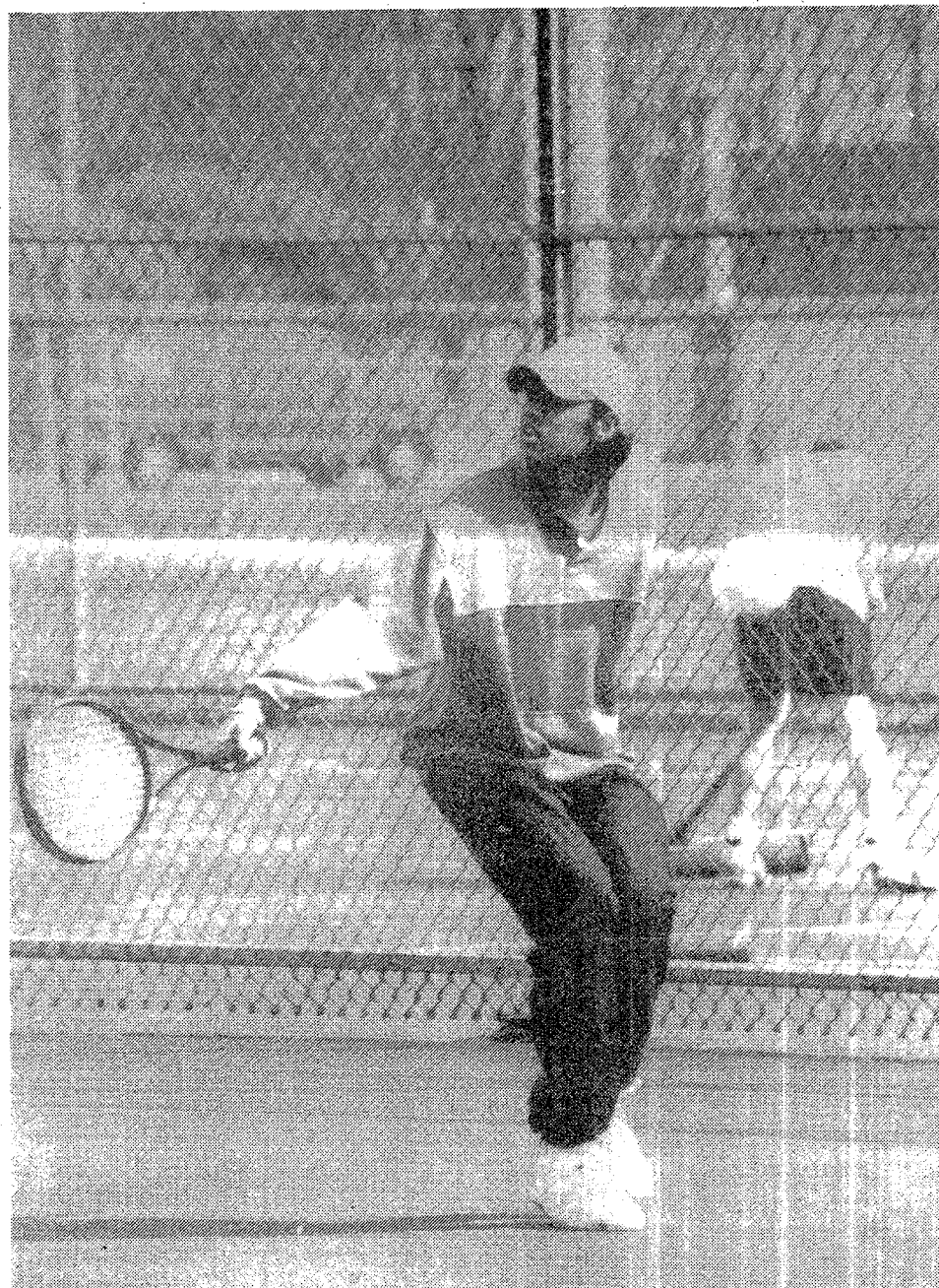
Soash, Nancy Hoffman, Champlin and Anderson combined in the 300 meter hurdle relay event to set the other record with a time of 3:23.5.

The Chiefs also took first in the 800 meter relay. Becky Bockstanz, Champlin, Hoffman and Ndu Okwumabua set a time of 1:54.8 in the event.

Bockstanz, Ikeh, Champlin and Okwumabua combined to take first in the 400 meter relay for Canton.

In the sprint medley relay, Barresi, Bockstanz, Crystal Mattison and Cavin won with a time of 3:08.8. The Chief team of Okwumabua, Bockstanz, Larson and Cavin won the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:22.6.

Holding court



Canton's Gagan Pacrech returned a shot during a match against John Glenn Monday. The team plays again today at Harrison at 4 p.m. Next up will be Farmington at home at 4 p.m. on Friday (Crier photo by George Gentry)

Chiefs drop two versus John Glenn

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton baseball team lost big to John Glenn Saturday, losing both games of a double-header 11-1 and 9-0.

Coach Ed Turek said the Chiefs lost to a good team. "We didn't play well," he said. "When we don't play well, we'll get beat bad."

Scott Valimot was the losing pitcher in the first game for the Chiefs. Anthony Pastor lost the pitching duel in the second game. "We didn't do anything real well in the games, and that's why we lost," Turek said.

Canton batters struck out 11 times in the first game and 17 times in the second

game.

"We did a few things right and some things wrong," Turek said. "We have to play better defense and cut down the number of walks our pitchers are giving up. We also need to decrease the number of errors we are having."

"We lost, but we'll be okay."

Canton track team finishes ninth at Dearborn Elks relays

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton boys track team took ninth place at the Dearborn Elks Relays Saturday in Dearborn.

Coach Bob Richardson said he was surprised by the Chiefs low finish.

"We tried certain things and found a few things out about the team Saturday," he said.

"We are gearing up as we go and we're getting better."

Richardson said it is tough to put

together a line up so early in the season.

"It's an experimental thing," he said. "We'll keep going and keep coming back, improving as we go."

The Chiefs placed two teams at the meet. The distance medley team of Matt Demey, John Martin, Todd Smith and Jeff Keith took first place with a time of

11:11.7.

The 400 meter relay team of Martin, Mike Gurchak, Dave Koshizawa and Rob Lamasters took fourth place with 46.0.

Canton girls linksters fall to Northville 327-215

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton girls' golf team lost their opening match of the season, 327-215 against Northville Monday.

Coach Dan Riggs said the team could have played better.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "I'm sure they'll improve. It was the first match of the year."

Allysen Missner was the top golfer for the Chiefs. Missner was followed by Kim Stafford, Stephanie Massuci and Jennifer

Wilson.

"Everyone likes to win their first match of the year," said Riggs, "but they'll be okay. They're young."

"It was the first match against another team for three of our players."

On deck

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

The Salem girls' golf team has two games away this week.

The Rock linksters play Canton today at 3 p.m. at Fellows Creek and will also compete in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational on Friday at 8:15 a.m.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

The Canton girls' golf team competes against Salem at Fellows Creek today at 3 p.m.

The Chiefs also play in the Ann Arbor Huron Invitational on Friday at 8:15 a.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

The Rocks will compete against John Glenn on Thursday at John Glenn at 3:30 p.m.

Salem will also run in the April Showers Relays in Ypsilanti next Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

The Canton girls' track team will run against Northville Thursday at home at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM VARSITY SOCCER

The Lady Rocks will face North Farmington today at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m.

Salem is back home next Monday to face Harrison at 7 p.m.

CANTON VARSITY SOCCER

The Lady Chiefs play Farmington at 7 p.m. at Farmington today.

On Friday, Canton faces Troy Athens at home at 7 p.m.

And on Monday the Chiefs compete against Franklin at Franklin at 5:30.

SALEM VARSITY BASEBALL

The Rocks face Northville at Northville today at 4 p.m. and Walled Lake Central at home on Friday at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Salem competes in the Monroe Invitational and on Monday they face Farmington at home at 4 p.m.

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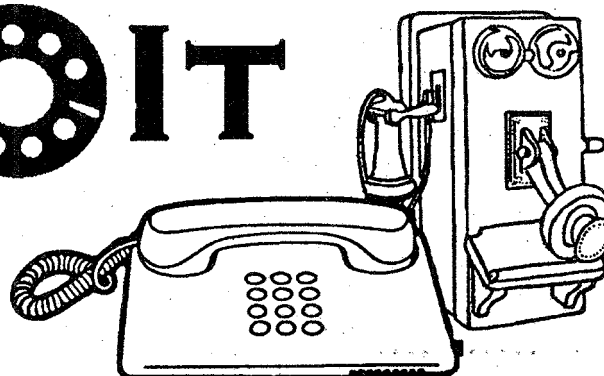
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If wild sheep ride into the Yacht Club, Jeff wants to know if the "mister"-y mini skirt will be there too.

FRED IS COOL

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Beatles trivia question of the week: What song was the first Beatles single to appear in stereo and the last song recorded specifically as a single by the Beatles? Answer to last week's question: Norwegian Wood (This Bird Has Flown)

Curiosities

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TOM BOHLANDER'S new toy is afloat. Ask Joyce what "almost without incident" means.

BARNEY WHITE is the newest judge of teenage oratorical contests. Viva Zapata!

Mike Burley: there must be other challenges out there

BARB VAN PELT ages and ages. Happy day

JESS: what a winning speech! Congratulations finalist- Sally & Dad

Curiosities

JESSE is older again.

VINCE HERBRUCK will soon have ANOTHER birthday. His mom will be following with yet another birthday.

STEFF-STEPH- THANKS for enriching our art collection.

KIWI- That's a different kind hairy-Rob

"She knows where she's from, she just doesn't know where she's at."

Steve Ragan, 1994 (Michele Engler's "I'm happy to be in Oakland County" speech in Livonia.

Yes I'm back, aren't you all lucky!

Boy I love the new bathing suits- I wonder if Larry will have any of them on his boat this summer? If so I want to go fishing.

Hey Amy, they would make you a sure winner.

Emma Rose is a Race car driver & Grandpa Jack has bruises to prove it.

Emma likes the 80 plus temps. The swimming pool & the ocean.

I like spicy ginger. It goes great in hot chocolate.

Curiosities

Jack needs a rest after his vacation with Emma. She is full of energy, and when hers ran out she used Grandpa's.

Some people get caught in their own mouthtraps.

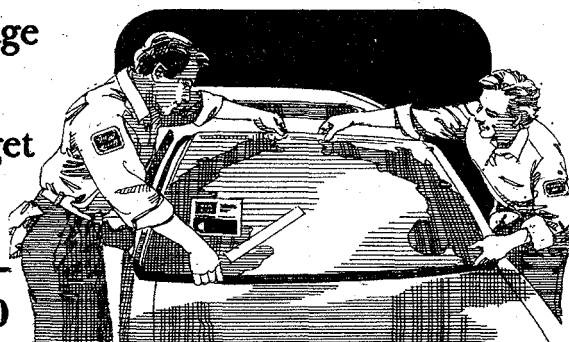
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Superintendent search gets surprise: Denisar withdraws

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school districts, respectively.

A seventh candidate presented to the board by its outside consulting firm — Reginald Nolin, superintendent of the Duluth (MN) School District — withdrew his name from consideration before the interviews began.

According to board Trustee David Artley, Denisar withdrew from consideration for "personal reasons," and intended to stay in his current district.

Ironically, Denisar may have gotten his chance to reconsider because of missed communications last Monday night: According to Artley, Denisar was expected to be home from an out-of-town trip late Monday night — and Artley tried to reach him there.

As it turned out, however, Denisar stayed out of town an extra day, missed Artley's call, assumed he may not have been selected as a finalist and reassessed his decision to leave North Kansas City.

"It was a fluke," Artley said. "I kept trying to reach him, but it turned out he stayed in New Orleans with his family for an extra day.

"By the time I got a hold of him, he'd already talked it over with his family and decided to stay."

Immediately after learning of Denisar's decision last Tuesday night, Artley said he began polling his fellow board members about replacing Denisar with another candidate — and Hughes came up on everyone's list.

In fact, during last Monday's selection process, Trustee Barbara Graham actual-

ly made Hughes one of her three choices for a second interview.

In addition, Artley said he called nearly all of the members of the citizens search committee to notify them of the development and confirm that Hughes was also though highly of by that group.

Last Wednesday morning, board President Roland Thomas confirmed that Hughes was indeed one of his prime candidates for the job, and said he had no problem with substituting him for Denisar.

"I'm very disappointed that Gene (Denisar) withdrew," Thomas said. "He would have been an excellent candidate for the job.

"But, Gary Hughes was right there."

Artley also said that Hughes was one of his top choices and said that he came

close to selecting the Durand executive as one of his three picks.

"But I saw how the other board members were leaning and had no problem going with Denisar.

"I'm delighted, however, that Gary will now be able to come back for a second interview."

And Artley was not alone: The school board trustee said that Hughes was equally excited about the prospect of returning for a second interview, and in no way thought less of the chance because he was replacing Denisar.

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Bill Steele- Dreamer/Realist. Head of a dreamer/ Hands of a realist. Yes, I would vote for you.

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Home is the place where hearts are sure of each other.

The person who's busy pulling on the oars hasn't got time to rock the boat.

If something was worth doing, then you've already been paid.

A smirk is a smile that doesn't work

Gayle M- You make me wish I had taken up "computer" instead of needlepoint. Do you suppose we could still be friends?

Kathleen K.M.-How nice to see you out of context.

Jack M.- What a delightful birthday party you had!

Bernice L.R.-No one would believe this! One of Hudson's best customers had found there was something she wanted to purchase on her charge account and had no identification with her. As two clerks were commiserating with her over her misfortune, a voice out of the blue said, "Charge it to me." The hapless would-be buyer turned & was aware she only knew her angel by sight. As you can imagine, she had more trouble believing her good fortune than you are believing this. Believe, Believe! Isn't it great to read about dood rather than the negative?

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Curiosities

Creon- Missed your birthday! Birthdays have been missing you for a while I think. You don't look any different than when I first met you twenty years ago, and you're still my favorite person!

Yes Whitney - There are people who knew your Grandfather and know your Grandmother as well. That's a surprise, isn't it?

Studied Casualness - Even in 1590, Ruben and his cohorts painted the lower classes with wrinkled hose or none. And hair awry. The Toledo Museum of Art in its exhibit of the "Age of Rubens" is the place to see this early phenomenon - just like we have in Plymouth in 1994.

RITA LANCI- You would be happily surprised to know how many people share your concern and love for Lower Town (Old Village) and the Mayflower Townhouses in particular. Bless you.

Curiosities

NAN C. AND NAN S. - Thank you the way you keep opening doors and giving us new dimensions.

Dr.. Bill and Theresa Covington - Welcome Home. Our town hasn't been the same without you.

Bud Gould - Glad you can still "kick that gang around."

Judge Dunbar & Martha - We miss you and we're waiting impatiently for the weather to settle so you can come home!

Anne's mother-in-law to be: We served tea to a very special friend in your lovely cup and saucer and realized we had never thanked you for your thoughtful gift. We needed something really nice to serve our friend and you made it possible. Thank you.

Curiosities

Terry L- We're here and loving you every minute. The Hummers

E&P are back in OV (That's "LT" to you, Geneva!). Mr. V.

The post cards from Russia are here! The post cards from Russia are here! (Terri: when you're done straightening out the business situation, see what you can do about their postal service...)

Bill Corrigan: The score so far: The shovel: 0; The bush: 1 (the bush rules)

Cheryll Hanlin's garden is blooming already! (But do we really have to move those big rocks???)

Mary Carne came from Canton to help Carl Burke celebrate his birthday.



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Community opinions

'Lower Town' is part of the larger town, too

"The audacity of them..."

The newly-revitalized Old Village civic group (this is Round 3 for those keeping track of Lower Town since the 1970s) asked a Plymouth City Commissioner to be a guest speaker at their organizational meeting.

Said one Village activist of his guest appearance:

"Figuratively speaking, he patted us all on the head and told us, 'smile, be polite, don't make anybody mad, don't get involved politically, don't get emotional, and be patient.'

"I appreciate his time and everything, but it just makes us feel bad to be treated this way — for three years we've heard this, but the neglect still continues, as it has for decades. Any new family who buys into Old Village thinks they're moving to Plymouth and they find they're neglected in the Village.

That'll make them angry.

"Don't get emotional? This is where we live, our families are here, our investment is here, this is our home. We bought into the Village in good faith expecting the standards of the City of Plymouth, only to find out that we're thought of as substandard, treated as substandard."

"We have to form groups and negotiate for what we are entitled to. We pay taxes, we're good neighbors, we're certainly willing to work to make our area a place where families want to come and live.

"It's very dismaying; it's hard not to be emotional.

"The City Manager has heard us complain for years, he's seen our letters. Why do we have to do this anyway?

"There's a point where patience becomes stupidity. It's their responsibility and however many groups form, nothing absolves the city of its responsibility.

"We're the only area of town without an adequate playground. No

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



swings on the swingsets.

"This is the type of issue — where one side of the tracks feels it isn't being represented fairly — that leads cities to change to electing its boards by using the ward system.

"These are not unreasonable requests. They're aligned with the standards the city has set up for itself.

"Not everyone treats the Village this way. The Planning Commission was just wonderful. They genuinely listened to us and seemed interested in the neighborhood aspect of the Village.

"But the City Commission and its front office need to pay attention to our side of town."

As this Village Person carried on, she reiterated what has been said in Lower Town since it was renamed in the early 1970s... "We're part of town too; yet we're treated like second class citizens."

Maybe the City Commissioner who was picked to attend the meeting was the wrong fellow... maybe Mayor Doug should get involved in convincing the First Floor Northwest Corner of City Hall that Old Village is a part of the City too.

As the Old Villagist said, "The City is responsible."

COMING SOON: The Old Village Clean-up Day. Watch your Crier for date and details.

Spring brings out flowers... and special people at meetings

It must be spring. There is a hormonally-charged haze in the air and the excitement has spilled over into, believe it or not, city government meetings.

Public hearings, commission and board of trustee meetings exist for a purpose. That purpose is to give citizens an opportunity to see what their elected officials do to earn those cool salaries.

The public is welcomed to sit, watch and listen. Each meeting allots time for citizen comments and questions.

They are designed to let residents bring items to the governing body's attention or comment on issues being discussed that evening.

These meetings *are* for the citizens. If not, they would have them in the morning.

Lately, whether it's due to the weather or shameless impatience, these gatherings have sometimes turned into personal frustration ventilation venues.

A few weeks ago there was a public hearing to explain and answer questions about the merger of city and township fire departments. Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy made it clear in the beginning when she asked residents to keep their comments to five minutes or less.

So what is the first thing that happens? A

Hornblower

By John Horn



gentleman reads from a prepared statement for 10-plus minutes. No real harm done. An extra five minutes will not end existence as we know it.

It's the premise of uniformity and fairness that gets lost here. Every one gets five minutes. If Mr. Hot Air gets 10, then so does Mrs. Self Righteous and Mr. Working Class. What the heck, give 'em all night, let them rave.

It is everyone's collective birthrights to blast or question their governing bodies. However, it wouldn't kill some of these people to: 1.) be creative in their thought, and 2.) keep it brief.

Another facet of these meetings is the area where members of the audience struggle to make their own point. A half-hour can go by with five people standing up reiterating the same thing the last person just said. If one agrees so much, is it really imperative the commission or board know about it? If you can't think for yourself, stay home and let the televi-

sion do it for you.

It also seems lately, for whatever reason, the practice of name-calling has come back into vogue at these gatherings.

Kicking off last Monday's City Commission meeting was a woman claiming the Plymouth Police, certain lawyers and a judge are all out to get her. She enlightened the crowd about how corrupt the city is and how we're all suckers for being here in the first place. Everybody is in cahoots with everyone else to keep her down.

While her performance was outlandish, there may have been truth to it. Maybe a cop really did expose his genitals to her. Maybe her phone has been bugged by the police. It's possible, Government has committed worse crimes.

During the aforementioned fire merger hearing, one gentlemen told City Manager Steve Walters he was giving the crowd an "idiot lesson", in referring to Walters' use of governmentese and politicalspeak.

Another told the entire panel they were living in Disneyland and they had no idea what goes on in the working class. Maybe he's right, but who really cares what he feels about the township board of trustees? They hardly looked hurt at his opinion.

These meetings are being turned into the

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Community opinions

One last question...

Ask supt. candidates about teacher strike bill

Hello P-C,

As the P-C school board begins its final go around on superintendent interviews, I do have one last question the trustees can ask the three men — courtesy of state Rep. Jerry Vorva.

Q: What do you think of the pending Michigan legislation that would impose penalties — on both sides — in any future strike by state teachers?

Forget the “how do you get along with your union” questions.

This one really cuts to the chase: Should teachers and school district officials be held accountable when they fail to keep kids in school?

For the MEA, the issue has nothing to do with accountability, it has to do with union busting.

But that's a bit of a stretch: Financial risk in strikes is well-known in the private sector.

When autoworkers walk, they put their personal financial security at risk; when the Big 3 allows a strike to take place, they put their share of the marketplace at risk.

And yet the unions continue to thrive — maybe not at the levels of old, but they have to do with market dynamics that, quite frankly, *don't* impact teaching.

Of course, there is one other difference between teachers and private sector workers: Teamsters and UAW members and their ilk contribute to strike funds; funds that help offset the hit on their pocketbooks when they *do* walk out.

Teachers, however, neither contribute to a strike fund nor run any risk at all of financial penalties when they walk: The school year is merely extended, the teachers recoup full salary.

Now, it will only take a minute for me to be labeled

Gatekeeping

By Craig Farrand



a teacher or union basher, but putting on my old Teamsters shirt for a moment, let me say that if unions *are* to survive, then their members need to feel some kind of kinship.

It's very difficult for coal miners to feel for union “brethren” who take no risks at all in acquiring their piece of the American pie.

And this doesn't even begin to deal with how the rest of the population feels; a population of parents who work but find themselves having to make arrangements for children who should be in school, but aren't.

Also, keep in mind that this new legislation also imposes penalties on school districts — and school trustees (\$250 a day for every day teachers are out).

That means that the teachers won't have to worry about stalling tactics or unfair bargaining: both sides now have something to lose.

And when you've got something to lose, it gives the entire process a bit more urgency, wouldn't you say?

So, P-C trustees, ask the question: “Do you agree or disagree with the pending Michigan legislation that would impose penalties — on both sides — if teachers walk out on strike?”

The answer could reveal volumes on what P-C parents — and voters — will have in store for them in years to come, regardless of what happens in Lansing.

New animal ordinance should be more specific

EDITOR:

Regarding the animal ordinance now up before the City Commission. I believe the new ordinance should spell out in detail the requirements covering dogs and cats, but primarily dogs.

Barking dogs, dogs not on leashes, pooper scooper requirements, licensing and prohibiting dogs in city parks with playgrounds. But that's only the beginning.

The City Commission, the City Manager and other city departments involved should make policies and oversee the police department to make sure these policies and the city ordinance should be enforced.

Serving violation notices and tickets would result in increased revenues and would help in making our city a safer, cleaner and more peaceful place to live.

HAROLD MONET

...and dog owners should be more careful

EDITOR:

I am the mother of an active, gregarious one year-old who loves being outdoors. We have eagerly awaited the arrival of spring so we can go outdoors to play. What was to be a fun-filled time has turned into a dreary event. Instead of being able to run free we must be ever vigilant not to step in any dog waste.

My 1-year-old is none the wiser of the perils of dog droppings, but I am.

I am appalled at the amount of dog waste that litters the neighborhoods of our city. I have cleaned up four piles in my yard alone and I don't even have a dog.

I believe dog owners should be responsible for cleaning up their dog's droppings, wherever the event should occur. I want to go outdoors with my little girl and be able to play freely.

MARCIA COLL.

Spring brings out special people, too

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Peoples Court because someone has been watching too many episodes of “L.A. Law.”

Want to get your point across to commission and board members? Be concise, get to the point and stay with the point.

One wise Plymouth resident suggested folks can achieve better results by talking to leaders in person, off to the side and in a non-soap opera tone of voice.

If citizens would take his advice, they may find city government working more for them than against them.

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