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Library makes offer on Wilcox Property

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The Plymouth Library has made an offer to purchase the Wilcox Property.

Meanwhile, its board is continuing to negotiate on property near its existing site.

A decision between the two alternatives is scheduled for the June 20 board meeting, although the board's scheduled May 16 meeting may see public discussion of the library location as the contro-

versy has grown. (See today's Community Opinion pages.)

Although the board conducted location discussions at a closed door session last week, (Michigan Law allows for public boards to close their doors to discuss the purchase of real estate), Plymouth District Library Board President Sheryl Tripp-Khoury said the discussion centered on making offers to Jack Wilcox for his site and to four prop-

erty owners with lots along Union Street that would be needed to build a new library on the current site.

The Wilcox offer was made Thursday, but details were not released.

Jack Wilcox, who has seen four proposals start and fail for his three-acre parcel, termed the offer "interesting, but it needs to be developed."

Recently, when the latest plans for the Wilcox site were scrubbed, Wilcox

approached the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to assist him in attracting and evaluating offers. "We are close to selecting a final development for the property," said DDA Director Steve Guile.

Although those development ideas have not been specifically revealed, the DDA has said that a "townhouse" style

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Stalking

P-C-N residents not immune to those who cause fear, law helps cops fight

"Several times I would be driving and see his car behind me. He trained me to watch my back for the last five years."

— Marianne, a stalking victim.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

It's not about love, no matter what it may look like.

It's about fear.

It's about control.

Fear of the notes left on her car. Fear of the cars behind her on the road. Fear of a man who she knew for a short time a long time ago.

Marianne (not her real name), of Canton has spent the last five years with a careful eye cast over her shoulder. She is the target of a stalker — someone who has been harassing her and her family since 1990 — someone that she dated for a very short time before that.

"I dated him for about a month back in 1990, I met him while I was going to school," Marianne said. "I got to know him and I realized that there was something wrong so I decided to get out of the relationship."

Marianne said that after the breakup her stalker started to drive by her parents' house and hanging around places she frequented. She tried to get the police to help her, but there was little that they would do and little she could afford to do.

"The way it was, the victim of a stalking would have to go to circuit court and

get a restraining order," Marianne said. "I was living with my parents then and a lawyer was not cheap."

One of the things that most irked Marianne was that she didn't get any help from the law until her stalker attacked her in 1992.

"I went to where he was taking classes and gave him a letter that said how I wanted him to leave me alone," Marianne said. "On the way out of the campus he tackled me and tried to strangle me. It's almost a good thing that I got hurt — it meant that I could press charges. Finally the police started to take me seriously."

Marianne said that, even with the stalking law in place, the fact that she has had to alter her lifestyle means that she has not won against her stalker.

"The fact that I have to sleep with a gun under my pillow to feel safe means that he's won," Marianne said.

For City of Plymouth resident Barbara (not her real name) the stalking law does not help her much. The unpredictable nature of her stalker has kept her in fear for a long time. Barbara said he was violent during their relationship, and has made threats of violence since they broke up.

"I was with him much longer than I would have preferred," Barbara said. "I was afraid of what might happen if I

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He delivers



He's Cary Black, of the U.S. Postal Service, and he's one of the best. Black was voted the best mail carrier in the Plymouth-Canton Community. For more of the best of the community, see the results of The Crier's Readers Rate Survey, pgs. 9-12. (Crier photo by Jack Armstrong)

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Canton's Jackie Marns has been acting all his life

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Streetscape may cause problems for local events

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Plymouth is a community that likes its festivals and parties. But where will they be held this summer when the streetscape construction is in full swing?

It's an answer the organizers of Plymouth's annual Fall Festival and Art in the Park would like to know. The two events are centered in the downtown area — the exact location that will be torn up with construction for most of the summer.

Fall Fest organizer Dolly Marzka said she is unclear whether the Plymouth Streetscape construction will affect the event — which will be held Sept. 8 through 10.

"Hopefully Main Street will be done," she said. "That is where most of the events are held."

Quinn said she'll roll with the punches. Art in the Park is scheduled for July 15 and 16.

"We have the streetscape layout and we've been working with (DDA Director Steve) Guile," she said.

Quinn said Art in the Park will extend down Forest Avenue this year, which should relieve some of the construction inconvenience.

"It should stay about the same size," she said. "I don't think they (the exhibitors) will care about it at all."

WHO: is Northville's Recreation Director?

Answer: See pgs. 48-49 of **The '95 GUIDE!**

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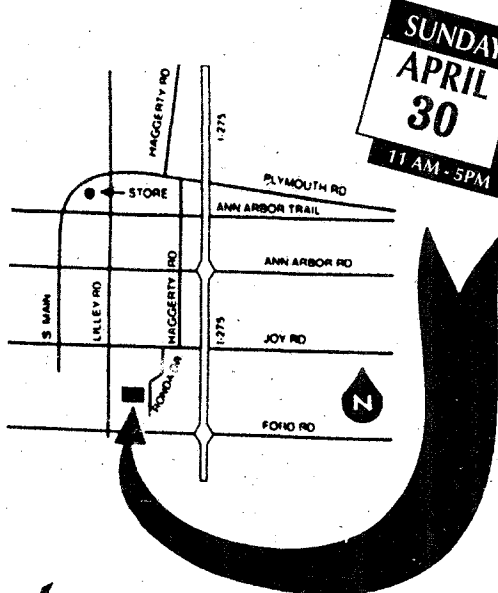
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Good deeds recognized in Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted recently to amend the board by-laws, which cover the conduct of regular township meetings, to add a new agenda segment called "recognition" for the purpose of recognizing community individuals and groups.

Currently, the township recognizes residents and groups through the annual Hall of Fame/Community Achiever program.

Throughout the year, the Canton Supervisor Tom Yack's office also receives various requests for the board to recognize an individual or group and resolutions are prepared based on these requests.

Yack recommended the change in order to further recognize citizens during the regular board meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each

month.

"We often get requests from residents who want me to send a letter of congratulations to a new Eagle Scout or to their mother on her 100th birthday," Yack said. "Having a recognition time will allow the board to do more to recognize these individuals during a public meeting."

Now that the agenda has officially been changed, the supervisor's office will prepare the agenda requests and resolutions honoring those recognized. The new program will begin in April.

Once the program gets under way, residents wishing to suggest someone who should be honored will be able to contact Ken Voyles sat 397-5472.

The first to be recognized was Rev. Steven Rottgers, author of "Outstanding in HIS Field," a parable about Canton Township. The organizers of the benefit

hockey game for Greg Unger were recognized Tuesday.

Baset advances



Ahmed Baset, of Pioneer Middle School, who the regional Optimist Oratorical Contest. He will compete in the state contest on May 6 in Frankenmuth.

A problem with physics



Two objects cannot occupy the same space at the same time — that's true. This was amply illustrated as a car hauler tried to buck the laws of physics by squeezing under the train overpass on Ann Arbor Road just East of Lilley Road. The result, as predicted, was physics 1, car hauler 0. Four brand new minivans were sent back to the factory to test their new car de-wrinkler. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

Plymouth residents honored by S'Craft

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After years of supporting continuing education for their employees and others, two Plymouth residents are being given honorary degrees from the Schoolcraft College board.

Robert and Ellen Thompson, both graduates of Bowling Green State University (both hold bachelor's degrees in education), will be honored by Schoolcraft College by being presented associate degrees in arts and sciences.

According to Assistant to the Schoolcraft Institutional Advancement

Director Ann King, the Thompsons have given of both their time and money.

"Robert Thompson has given a lot of scholarship money to employees of his asphalt paving business, Thompson-McCully Co.," King said.

"He gave money to other students as well, he has shown a great concern for education."

King said that Ellen Thompson is connected to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community through her work with the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Salvation Army Capital Campaign

and Program Committees.

According to King, both of them have taken a roll in the support of Schoolcraft College.

"They have supported the Schoolcraft College Foundation," King said. "It is the parent governing board for planning activities."

King said that through their support, financial and otherwise, the Thompsons have created a scholarship in their name.

The Thompsons will be awarded their degrees at the commencement ceremonies for the spring semester on May 6.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Rep. Lynn Rivers will hold a town meeting in the little theater of Canton High School on Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meeting will be an open forum, but will focus on the first 100 days of the 104th Congress.
- The Plymouth Postal Service will be holding an open house at both 860 Penniman and 47526 Clipper on Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both offices will have informal tours available to explain the various postal operations.

THE WEEKEND

- Canton faces Salem Saturday at noon in a baseball double-header at Salem High School.
- Northville will be the site of an Earth Day Race and Parks and Recreation Dinner Auction on Saturday. Call (810) 349-0203 for more information.
- The 26th Annual Plymouth Stamp Show will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Middle School. Admission and parking are free.
- The 20th annual guided spring walks through Miller Woods will be held this Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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High stepping



Members of Tim O'Hare's School of Irish Step Dancing, (far left) Maureen McInerney (fourth from right), Paul Cusick performed with other ethnic dance groups at the Eighth Annual International Dance Festival.

Twp. changes reimbursement for managers, employees

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Recently, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees moved to raise the amount township managers and employees are paid.

The board has not awarded raises to keep pace with the cost of living in the last two years.

One of the first steps toward that goal was defining the limits of the raises, which would be retroactive to Jan. 1.

"We maintain salaries at six per cent above comparable communities," Keen-McCarthy said. "We need to find out what that is."

Keen-McCarthy said that the township would use a review form from Schoolcraft College.

The raise would also give all managers a two per cent lump sum payment for benefit reimbursement and set up

a system setting departmental goals for review in coming years. If the goals are reached, the manager will get up to a 10 per cent bonus beginning Jan. 1, 1996.

Marilyn Massengill, township clerk, was not in favor of the increases.

"Of the 13 comparable communities, three have a bonus of three per cent," Massengill said. "The bonus should not be over five per cent. In the private sector, bonuses come from profits."

Trustee Ron Griffith said that the bonuses were important to performance. "We need to reward good performance," Griffith said. "We don't make a profit but we do show a loss when we have bad management."

The measure passed with Massengill and Trustee Charles Curmi voting against.

For the non-represented employees, the policies concerning education, bereavement and retirement medical were also changed.

All full-time employees will have access to a tuition reimbursement policy that would reimburse the cost of tuition, books and fees, up to \$1,000, for classes that have been determined to be job-related. Under the new policy, bereavement leave will include extended family members (in-laws) and step-relatives. The leave for an out-of-state funeral or more than 500 miles was increased to five days.

The retirement medical plan would offer benefits to employees who had earned 75 points, generated by the sum of the employees age and the number of years of employment with the township.

Stalking victims live in fear, with anger, dealing with harassers

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broke up with him."

Four years after ending her relationship with her stalker, Barbara still has not regained normalcy in her life.

"For the last four years he has been controlling my options, I don't date out of concern for the men I would be seeing," Barbara said. "He has made threats against my parents."

Barbara said that a limited police surveillance outside her home has cut

down the instances of her stalker's appearances, but she said he is always waiting in the wings.

"He makes his presence known randomly," Barbara said.

After four years, Barbara has gone from being afraid, to angry, to tired.

"I'm tired of this. It is very draining," Barbara said. "I used to sleep with a gun near the bed — and I hate guns."

Now that Michigan has an anti-stalking law, women don't need to be attacked

in order for them to get protection from the authorities. Marianne said those stalking laws protect people. Some critics of the law have said the law restricts rights unfairly.

"The laws may need to be re-written but we need them," Marianne said. "One in 20 women are stalked in their lifetime."

For all of the hassle and fear, Barbara is not willing to press stalking charges as Marianne did. She said that they won't protect her forever.

"Even if he is found guilty and put in jail, the maximum they can give him is five years. When he gets out who do you think he's going to go after?" Barbara said. "If it takes another two or three years to get him to give up I'd rather do that than aggravate him."

According to 9th State Sen. Robert Geake (whose district covers The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community), who authored the anti-stalking law, the two-year old legislation has seen some resistance.

"The American Civil Liberties Union has been to my office," Geake said. "They wanted the law modified, I say weakened, and I decided not to do it."

According to Geake, the stalking law has been challenged by an Oakland County Circuit Court judge who ruled the

law to be unconstitutionally vague. The prosecutors in the case have appealed the judge's ruling.

According to Geake, the anti-stalking law was born out of a lack of protection under the law of the time.

"Before the law, there was not adequate protection," Geake said. "Victims had to get a restraining order against their harassers and the police did not treat enforcing those orders as high priority."

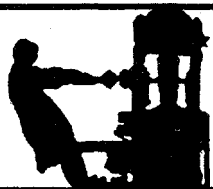
After taking two years to pass the legislature, the anti-stalking law went into effect. While it was not the first of its kind, Geake said his law goes further than any other.

"It is the strongest anti-stalking law in the country," Geake said. "It provides for both misdemeanor and felony prosecution."

Geake said after the law passed in Michigan his office was contacted by legislators from several states for information. Each of the 50 states now have anti-stalking laws.

"Police and prosecutors I have talked to are happy to have the laws," Geake said.

"It has given them the power to warn-off stalkers early in their career. It has had a deterrent effect on some stalkers, but others don't stop until they're put in prison."



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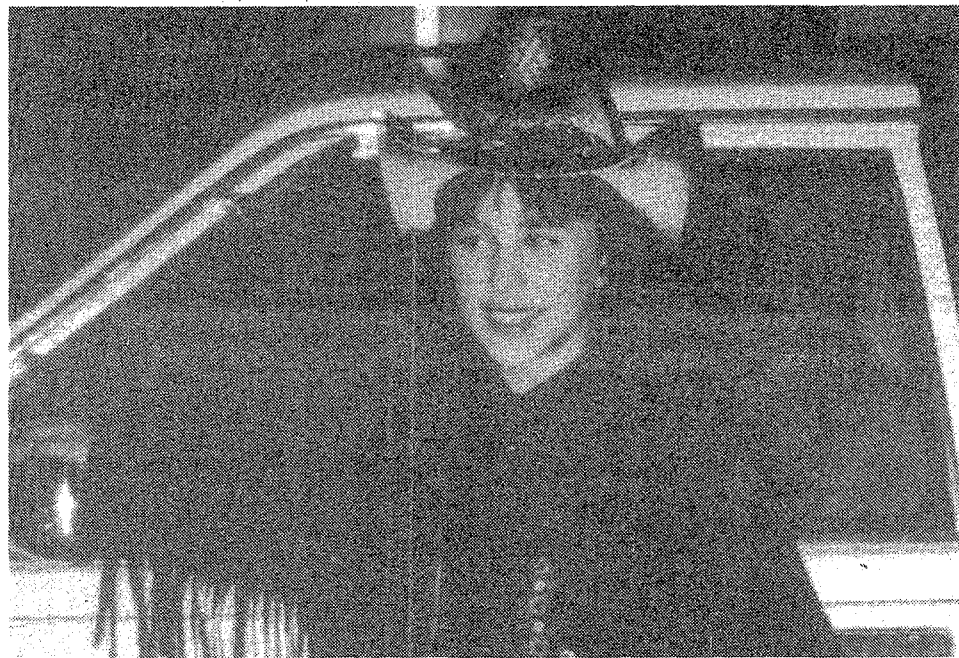
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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC, City Clerk

Canton beauty



Amber Fontana, a 10 year-old from Canton, took third place in a recent pageant. Fontana, who goes to Bentley elementary, is a veteran of beauty pageants. She competed in the Fashion model and Tri-County Young Miss Competition.



Library makes bid on Wilcox Property

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addition to downtown could add a \$5 million valuation and up to \$6 million in disposable income potential.

The DDA voted unanimously at its last meeting to oppose locating the library on the Wilcox site and expects to deliver a formal letter to the library board tomorrow. It is also preparing a flier to rally downtown businesses to its position.

"It's irresponsible for them (the Library Board) to even consider it (the Wilcox site)," Guile said. "I don't think the city can stand the loss of the tax base or the disposable income."

"This is the last piece of large, developable property downtown."

Lee Harrison, chairperson of the DDA, said he hopes the community will consider the "long term tax issues involved."

"Aesthetically, that may be a nice site for the library, but taking it off the tax rolls is a real issue," Harrison added. "There are also (tax) implications for the current library site."

Criticism of a possible relocating of the library have not just come for tax issues.

Ron Edwards, treasurer of the successful library millage campaign last November, has opposed relocating the facility. He points out that the literature used to pass the millage referred to building a new library using the existing library facade which matches City Hall with the Greek Ionic columns. (His complete comments are on today's Community Opinion pages.)

Library Board Treasurer and Building Committee Chairperson Steve Harper said the Wilcox property probably won't make economic sense. "This is all basically an exercise for our new (Library Board) members to evaluate other locations."

He also praised Edwards for coming forward to raise the location issue as it

was presented during the millage campaign.

"He's wrong," Tripp-Khoury said of Harper's comments on the board's Wilcox courting.

"(That site) would have more parking than we have in the lot now that every-

body shares," the library chairperson said.

"We could design (the library) efficiently (on the Wilcox site) rather than shoehorn it in."

As the debate over the library location grew, a new wrinkle was added Tuesday.

Scott Lorenz told library board members they should study locating the new facility atop the Central Parking Deck, which is designed to build up.

Guile said the parking deck idea "might be worth considering. It might be an obvious alternative for them."



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Neighbors in the news

Canton High School students Maria Grainger, Angela Lamerato, Matthew Marchewka, Michael McConnell, Michele Pilotto, Amy Price, Tara Schuler and Kristin Young, and Salem High School students Lisa Bares and Tiffani Natalini are among the prospective freshman who have been selected to receive a share of \$7 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall.

The Plymouth Playscape has officially sold out its Buy-A-Board benefit campaign. The 500 boards sold at \$25 a piece will have the name of each contributor engraved on a permanent piece of the community-built playground structure. Another 150 boards have now been made available with a generous contribution from A.R.K. Enterprises, Inc. Tax deductible donations can be made payable to the Plymouth Playscape Project. The boards are \$25. To submit an order or to volunteer to help build call 454-3574. Volunteers are urgently needed for the May 17-21 building dates.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is conducting a "Two-For-One" early bird sale of 1996 Entertainment books. Order a book before May 15 and receive a 1995 book free. Books are \$40 each, and supply of the 1995 books is limited. Proceeds will go towards the Chorus' four day Washington D.C. tour in June. Call 459-6829 for more information.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) would like to recognize and thank their many volunteers in connection with National Volunteer Week, April 24-29. Edith Schutze, cellist, has been with the PSO since its beginning 50 years ago. She has volunteered the whole time. Louise Bradley is another long time orchestra member who volunteers her time. Bradley has played the cello for 77 years, 27 of those with the PSO. She has also volunteered for the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Rachel Pearson of Plymouth has been inducted into Valparaiso University's chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society in sociology. Pearson is a junior at VU.

Not his first

Jackie Marns of Canton appears in 'The First Year,' but has been acting in plays and musicals all his life

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton resident Jackie Marns is in "The First Year" play, but this is not his first year acting.

Marns fills the role of the doctor in the comedy about young love and a couple's "one-year itch." "It takes place in 1921 in Reading, Illinois," said Marns. "It's about the ups and downs of the first year of marriage. In the end, everyone lives happily ever after. Thank God." The play debuted during the 1920-21 Broadway season and was the third longest running show in Broadway history when it closed.

This is the last few days of a very successful run for the performance presented by The Greenfield Village Theatre Company, and it has not lost its universality and charm that writer Frank Craven had in mind 75 years ago. Marns reasoned "The First Year" is a box office hit because it revolves around a topic everyone can relate to, even though he had apprehensions. "I was afraid because I'd never heard of the play," Marns said. "The audience reactions have just been tremendous. It seems like they've all been through it."

As the doctor, he is a very lovable and warm man who is the uncle of the married woman. Marns practiced five days a week and three hours a day to prepare for the performance "but it goes fast when you're doing something you love" he said. Marns began acting to keep himself out of a rather rough childhood neighborhood. "I came from New York City," he



Jackie Marns, top left, plays the doctor in the 'The First Year,' which is showing at the Henry Ford Museum through Saturday.

said. "I was born and raised in the Bronx. There's two ways out. I was lucky because I could do impressions and voices. It's that or a gun."

In front of nightclub crowds, Marns did James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart sound-a-likes to pay the rent. That led to acting and approximately 60 stage appearances.

He moved with his wife and family to Michigan four years ago. After seeing advertisements for the Greenfield Village Theatre Company in the newspaper, he auditioned. He has been in dramas, musi-

cals, mysteries and comedies while playing the role of the villain and the elder. "In the beginning acting was a way out," Marns said. "Now it's just a great experience. One thing is you can be someone you're not. The most fun is doing it for someone who knows you... They're my best critics."

Tickets for the show are \$10 and can be made by calling 313-271-1620, ext. 383.

"The First Year" is performed in the newly restored theatre located inside the Henry Ford Museum.

Sgt. Robert Mester named top NCO, plans to make the Army his lifelong career

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Army's motto is "Be All You Can Be." Former Plymouth resident and 1983 Salem High School graduate Sgt. First Class Robert A. Mester lived up to the saying by being named 1994 Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

"First, I was pleased of course, kind of proud," Mester said. "It all results from different experiences you have in the military."

Mester is stationed at Fort McClellan, AL where he serves as operations noncommissioned officer with Company C, Fitness Training Company, 39th Adjutant General Battalion. "I'm working as operations sergeant," Mester said. "I run the day-to-day operations of the company. Basically, a lot of statistics and reports, processing reports."

To win the award, Mester had to go in front of several military boards and answer questions on topics ranging from first aid to weapons. "Just all military related topics," Mester said. "The boards ask different questions on the same topics."

Mester's outstanding leadership, knowledge, experience and composure distinguished him from the other candidates. "All of the competitors were very proficient, competent and displayed a high level of professionalism. What set Mester above the rest was his sincerity in front of the board," said Training Command Command Sgt. Major Morgan Merrill.

Mester did not plan on becoming a career Army man. He entered the armed services after graduating from Salem. "They were dangling some college money in my face," said Mester. "I was going to get out, I wasn't going to stay in. Then the military bug hit me." Mester said that the good supervision he received during basic training, combined with the scholarship money and an opportunity to serve his nation, enticed him to stay.

He has re-enlisted twice. Duty has called Mester to Belgium, Germany and Virginia before landing him in Alabama. Said Mester: "Overseas assignments are very enjoyable."

Since arriving at Fort McClellan five years ago Mester has worked on the rifle range and as a drill sergeant, his favorite job so far. "You got to see young kids, 18, who don't know what's going on; no discipline," Mester said. "And you transform them. You can't get anymore satisfaction than that."

Outstanding soldiers like Mester are hard to find, but the Army need not worry about losing this committed individual. "My future is to stay in the Army," Mester said. "I'd like to make the highest rank that my government thinks I can serve in." It is the obvious thing to do, Mester says, to continue a livelihood that has been so rewarding and interesting. "My time with the Army has been great," he said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything. I don't think I'd be who I am today if it weren't for the Army."



Community deaths

James P. Fornell, 64, salesman

James P. Fornell, a salesman in the security business from Canton, died April 18, 1995, at the age of 64.

He is survived by his wife; Leona, daughter Monica and one other daughter, a son, three sisters and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Roger O. Watson, 73, self-employed

Roger O. Watson, a self-employed roofer from Westland, died April 16, 1995, at the age of 73.

He is survived by his son; Samuel (Dorothy) and four other children, three brothers, three sisters, 21 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Thomas J. Abernethy, 86, salesman

Thomas J. Abernethy, a salesman from Plymouth, died April 16, 1995, at the age of 86.

He is survived by his daughter; Sharon (Darryl) and two other children, two sisters, two brothers, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

William B. Cripps, 70, firefighter

William B. Cripps, a former Detroit firefighter from Northville, died April 16, 1995, at the age of 70.

He is survived by his wife; Norene, a son, a daughter, one brother and one grandchild.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Michael E. Eicher, 24, account representative

Michael E. Eicher, a billing accounts representative from Northville, died April 18, 1995, at the age of 24.

He is survived by his parents; Richard and Nancy, sisters; Kathy (Jim) LaHaie, Mary, Susie (Dave) Schmidt, Trisha (Keith) Moss and one other sister, his fiancée, a grandmother, five nieces and two nephews.

Services, arranged by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Molly S. Carrie, 73, realtor

Molly S. Carrie, a realtor for 20 years from Canton, died April 18, 1995, at the age of 73.

She is survived by her daughter; Kathleen and one other daughter, a son, her father, two brothers and two grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mary T. Pinion, 69, dietician

Mary T. Pinion, a retired dietician from Westland, died April 20, 1995, at the age of 69. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, sister; Myrtle Calhoun and two other sisters, two brothers, six grandchildren and eight-great grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the Thurman Funeral Home. Burial was at Fraser Chapel Cemetery.

Wang J. Livingston, 92, chemical engineer

Wang J. Livingston, a chemical engineer for the Ford Motor Co. formerly from Plymouth, died April 18, 1995, at the age of 92.

He is survived by his wife, son Lawrence and one other son, and a daughter.

Services were held at the Crist Mortuary Chapel, Boulder, Co.

William A. Buswinka, 98, engineer

William A. Buswinka, an engineer for Mechanical Engineering Company, Inc. from Plymouth, died April 24, 1995, at the age of 98.

He is survived by son; James and one other son, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Mt. Elliot Cemetery.

Mildred S. Wilson, 86, manager

Mildred S. Wilson, the waitress manager at Daly's formerly from Plymouth, died April 21, 1995, at the age of 86.

She is survived by her daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery.

Obituaries

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

Thaddeus (Ted) J. Malecki

Thaddeus J. Malecki, a retired sheet metal worker from Plymouth, died April 17, 1995, at the age of 69.

Mr. Malecki served in WWII as a torpedo specialist with the Navy. A retired sheet metal worker, he was also an avid golfer, a retired private pilot and a jack-of-all-trades.

Mr. Malecki is survived by his wife; Gertrude, daughters Joyce Elsner and Nancy (John) Heathfield, son; Alan (Theresa), sister; Sophie Grabija, brother; John and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion Post #32 in Livonia or in the form of mass offerings.

Bertha L. Bookout

Bertha L. Bookout, a nurse's aid from Canton, died April 16, 1995, at the age of 85.

Mrs. Bookout came to the Canton community in 1948 from Tennessee and was a nurse's aid at Garden City Osteopathic and Ridgewood Hospital for 25 years. She was a member of the United Assembly of God church.

Mrs. Bookout is survived by her daughters; Mary Sue (Michael) Raptosh, Alice M. Eskridge and Linda (John) Houghton, son; Leslie (Rose), sister; Nell Hardy, brother; Marvin Reeder, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Williams officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.



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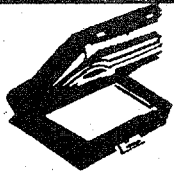
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The New York City Chapter of Information Systems Security Association announced that the 1995 recipient of its Fitzgerald Award for significant contribution to the field of information security is Plymouth resident Jack Bologna. The award will be presented on June 8 in New York City. Bologna is a professor of management at Siena Heights College and is president of Computer Protection Systems.

Wild Wings, 388 S. Main St. in Plymouth, currently has the painting "Harvest Moon Ball" on display. The painting is by renowned artist Terry Redlin who was voted America's most popular artist by U.S. Art Magazine in March.

Thomas E. Goebel, CPM, is proud to announce the affiliation of two professionals with Tepee Realty Co. Lee Swaby, CCIM, instructor for the Michigan Association of Realtors and Certified-Industrial Appraiser; and Susan Delgado, CPM, associate broker and owner of Independent Management Co.

Dearborn Moving & Storage, Inc., is changing its corporate name to DMS Moving Systems, effective April 17. DMS president Richard A. Meyer said the change is being made for two reasons: The company has not been located in Dearborn for 27 years and "moving systems" is a more accurate description of the worldwide transportation and distribution services the company offers.

Nominees for the Canton Chamber of Commerce 1995 Small Business Person of the Year: Tom Adamsusik of Regal Construction; Lee Bittinger of Re/Max Crossroads; Bob Boyer of Boyer's Meat Processing; Bob Carrigan of Alphagraphics; Rob Emery of Cellular Store and More; Lori Ferkovich of Silver Sounds Professional D.J.; Tim Ford of Modern Insurance Agency; Tom Gerou of Gerou Chiropractic; David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home; Carol Heminger of PPDG; Gene Kafila of Uniglobe Port to Port Travel; Dennis McCormack of Ward Chiropractic; David Pifer of Fairfield Inn; Wayne Russell of Canto Top Value Muffler; Dennis Shrewsbury, Attorney; John Tenbusch of Learning for Everyone; Kaye Woodbeck of KB Products and Phyllis Wordhouse of Wordhouse Financial Planning.

Jolly green thumb

From the U.P. to Michigan's fastest growing community, new groundskeeper will keep Canton green

BY BRIAN CORBETT

From the isolated woodlands of the Upper Peninsula's Drummond Island to the hustle-and-bustle of Canton. That is what happened to Michelle Murch, the new head groundskeeper for Canton's Parks and Recreation Division.

No longer does the morning call from a passing loon, but instead from a passing car.

"This is really culture shock for me," Murch said. "We're doing pretty good. We can't let the dog out. The dog gets pretty hyper. We're in a quiet building so that helps. Now that I'm here it's not nearly as bad to deal with."

In her new position, Murch supervises the grounds crew, oversees maintenance in the parks and other township grounds and aids in organizing special parks events such as Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Said Murch: "There's 17 different areas I take of. We take care of the trees, the lawn, the flowers, playgrounds and tennis courts. We make sure everything looks nice. We get the trash picked up."

As head groundskeeper, Murch plans to change some of the department's priorities. "Right now I'm just kind of



Michelle Murch, Canton Parks and Recreation's new head groundskeeper, plans to focus more on Canton's cemeteries. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

feeling my way through, but I think taking better care of the cemeteries is something I'll be doing," Murch said. "Some of them are looking kind of ratty. There'll be a couple of other things too."

Making things look nice has been Murch's career. She majored in turf management at MSU. "It's an excellent program there," Murch said. She worked

at Treetops Resort golf course in northern Michigan before becoming co-superintendent at The Rock on Drummond Island. A sincere lover of the outdoors, Murch has not forgotten the freedom the sparsely populated island offered her.

"I miss it," Murch said. "I miss the people. We got into hunting, fishing, boating; there was a lot of that kind of stuff. I never bow-hunted until I was up there. The whole atmosphere is so relaxed."

Canton's parks offers a new dimension to Murch's previous outdoor work on golf courses. "It's a big challenge," she said, "with all the special things like ball diamonds and tennis courts. I'm dealing with the public. I've dealt with the public before, but on the golf course they were there for one reason. Now I deal with all different ages for different reasons. That was one of my big concerns."

Currently living in Ypsilanti with her husband, Eric, and daughter, Corrinne; Murch plans on looking for a house in the western Wayne area. "I'm pretty happy right where I am," she said.

Petticoat junction

Business gives new life to old clothing by turning an old one-time wear into a new item for the home

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Wedding dresses.

It may take a woman months to pick one out. They usually cost a fortune. They are worn once, and then they are wrapped up and stored in a closet for years; only to be pulled out on an anniversary or to show a daughter.

Diana Licht, owner of Petticoats at 643 Mill St. in Plymouth, has found a wonderful way to resurrect these hidden heirlooms. She recycles wedding dresses into pillows, First Communion and flower girl dresses or other special occasion apparel.

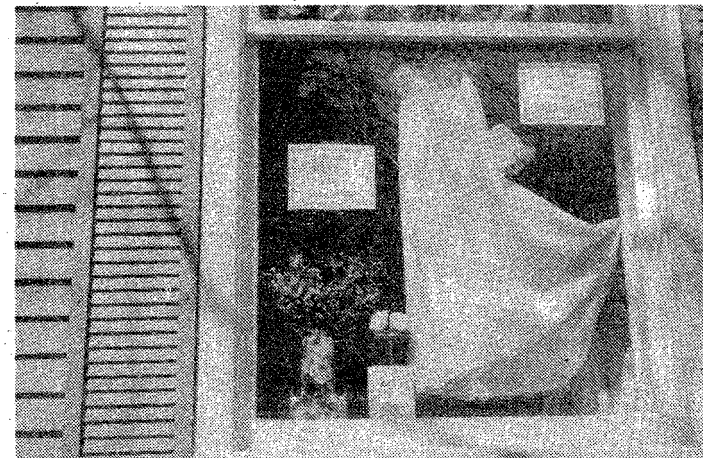
It all got started when a family member came to Licht and expressed an interest in using her wedding dress for her daughter's christening. "And I said I don't want to loosen up this dress," Licht said. Nervousness was overcome by skill and the dress turned out to be spectacular.

So Licht took her home economic major from college and went to work. "I love making vintage clothing," she said. Numerous other infant and toddler items are available at Petticoats, many made from blankets, quilts, jeans and antique lace. But Licht's speciality and most distinctive feature are the recycled dresses, at least that is what her customers tell her. "They're in awe," Licht said. "They say: 'Oh my God.'"

The process is rather simple Licht maintains. "I just cut it apart by the seams, so it's flat, and start from there. But with each wedding dress it depends," said Licht. Even with years of experience it takes Licht an entire day to finish one dress. "I started sewing at 10. My mom got me into it," Licht said. "It's something I like to do. By the time I got to college I was better than the teacher."

Developing the idea for recycling wedding dresses is one of the reasons — besides a natural talent — that Licht has remained in sewing. "It's creating something new," she said. "It's a creative-type high for me. Usually I don't know what it'll be like at the end."

Licht stressed that Petticoats is the same business that was once under the name Mt. Rags that was located in the Old Village and in Northville. "I ended up moving back here (to Plymouth)," Licht said. "I changed the name... I'm finding my clientele. It took some time."



Turn your memories into heirlooms is the motto at Petticoats, located on Mill Street in Old Village.

Reader's Rate Results

The best of The Plymouth-Canton Community

This is it. After processing hundreds of surveys, these are the strengths and weaknesses of The Plymouth-Canton Community as judged by the readers of The Crier.

This year, unlike Reader's Rate surveys in the past, The Crier wanted to know what our readers thought was the best in our community. The cream of the crop. And here are the Best:

Best Coffee Spot, dine-in: The Coffee Bean Co.
Best Coffee Spot, to go: Outback Cappuccino
Best Burger: The Box Bar

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS

Unit
 Plymouth City Commission
 Plymouth Twp. Board
 Canton Twp. Board
 P-C School Board
 P-C Schools (overall)
 Elementary Schools
 Middle Schools
 High Schools
 Continuing Education
 School Superintendent
 Central Administration
 Building Principal
 Teachers
 Parent-Teacher Groups

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Unit
 Schoolcraft College
 Plymouth Library
 Canton Library
 Canton Parks and Rec
 Plymouth Twp. Parks and Rec
 Wayne Co. Parks
 H.C. Metroparks
 Plymouth Cultural Center
 Plymouth Township
 Canton Township
 City of Plymouth
 Plymouth City Manager
 Canton Supervisor
 Plymouth Twp. Supervisor

Grade
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PUBLIC SAFETY

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 Plymouth City Police
 Plymouth Twp. Police
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 Wayne County Sheriff
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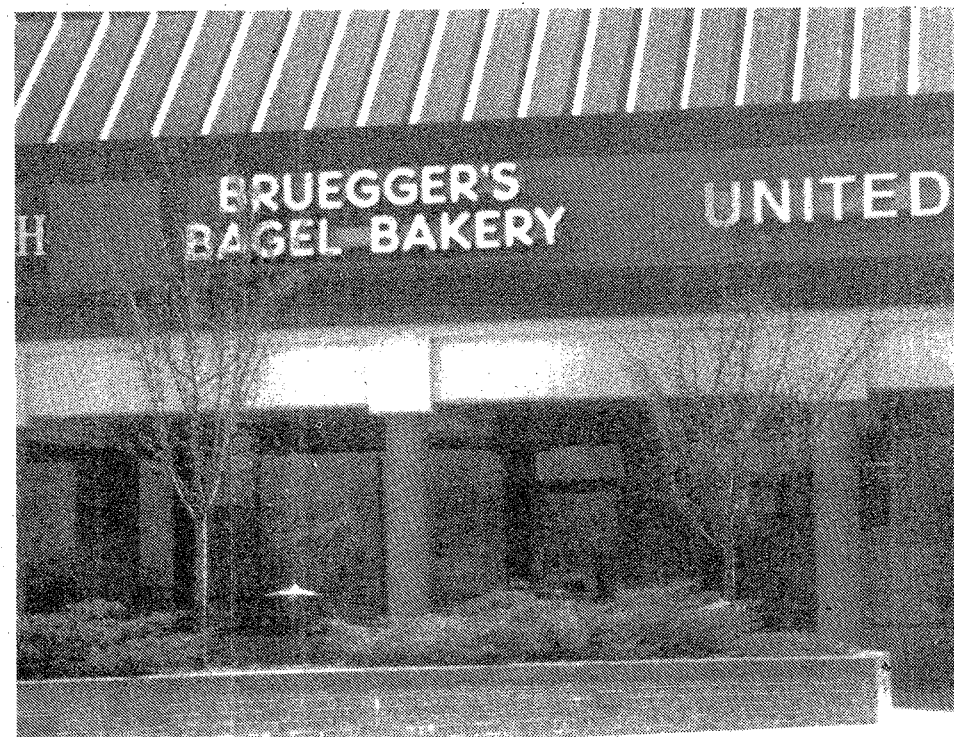
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Unit
 Plymouth Comm. Fire/Rescue
 Canton Twp. Fire/Rescue

Service
 Have you called the police?
 Have you called Fire/Rescue?
 Do you feel safe here?

Grade
 C
 A

Yes/No
 yes
 no
 yes



Winner of the best coffee spot, dine in, was the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. on Penniman Avenue. With tables, easy chairs and a lot of interesting reading material, it was the Number One choice for solid comfort in the community (Crier photo by Jack Armstrong). Serving fresh bagels, hot soup and a variety of sandwiches, Bruegger's Bagel Factory was voted the best bagel/muffin/donut shop by Crier readers. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

Reader's Rate Results

CULTURAL

Unit	Grade	Unit	Grade
P.C.A.C.	A	Plymouth Theater Guild	A
Canton Historical Society	B	Plymouth Community Band	B
Plymouth Historical Society	A	Plymouth Community Chorus	A
Plymouth Symphony	B	CEP Park Players	A
Canton Seniors Kitchen Band	B	CEP Marching Band	A
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	CEP Symphony	A

"The Plymouth Symphony, the Theater Guild, and the Plymouth Community Chorus are the three major cultural assets in the community. They should be given as much space in The Crier as possible."

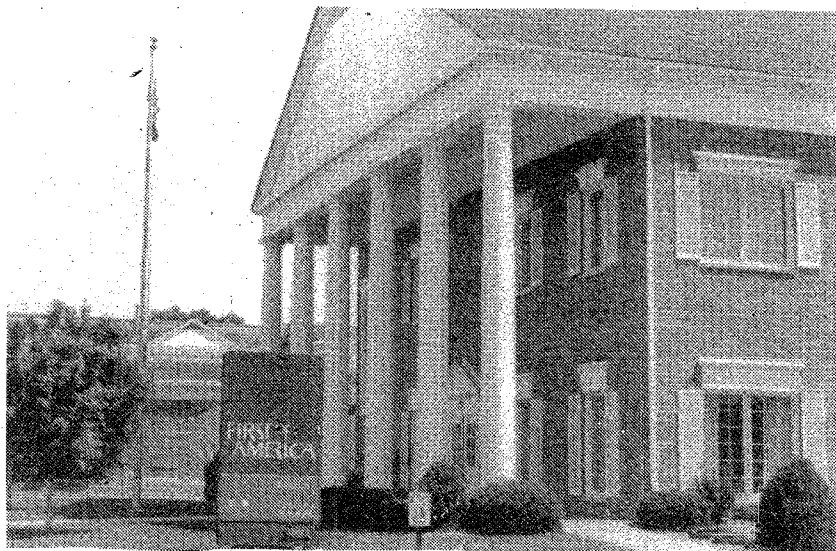
— Stan Kovacheff, Plymouth

"Canton Township government has failed to address or properly assess many projects. Road improvements should be paid by the county. The 'downtown' area will never be as they envisioned. Growth is too rampant."

— Shawn Rowley, Canton

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Best Store to shop: Target
Best Barber/Stylists: Fantastic Sam's
Best Bank/Teller: NBD Carol Mikaelian
Best Police Officer: City of Plymouth Chief Robert Scoggins
Best Waiter/Waitress: (two-way tie) Lillian (Daly's), Bert (Cloverdale)
Best Bartender: (Tie) Moose (Rusty Nail), Bob (Mayflower Hotel)
Best Donut/Bagel/Muffin: Bruegger's Bagel Bakery
Best Breakfast: (four-way tie) Main St. Deli, Silverman's, Big Boy, Bode's
Best Lunch: Cozy Cafe
Best Dinner: Cafe Bon Homme
Best Bar: The Box Bar
Best Car Repair: American

Auto

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Best Principal: (Tie) Jim Burt (Allen Elementary), Tom Workman (East Middle School)
Best Teacher: (Tie) Margo Panko, Shirley Wake
Best Bus Driver: Jack Minar
Best Event: Fall Festival
Best Spot to Spend Two Hours: Plymouth District Library
Best Community Volunteer: Margaret Williams
Best Elected Official: Tom Yack
Best Store Clerk: Mary Ann LaPointe (Little Professor)
Best Tradesperson: Harry Dubiak
Best City or Township Worker: Bill Graham (City of Plymouth)

Reader's Rate Results

EVENTS

Unit	Grade	Unit	Grade
Plymouth Fall Fest	A	Thanksgiving	B
Canton Liberty Fest	B	Santa Comes to Canton	B
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	A	Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	B
Art-in-the-Park	A	Celebrate Canton Dinner	B
July 4th	A	Canton Sm. Businessperson of the year	B

MEDIA/HOSPITALS/GROUPS

Unit	Grade	Unit	Grade
Omnicom	C	Salvation Army	A
WSDP	B	Goodfellows	A
The Community Crier	B	Service Clubs	B
GUIDE to P-C-N	B	Plymouth Senior Citizens	A
Oakwood	B	Canton Senior Citizens	B
McAuley	B	D.A.R.E.	A
St. Mary's	C	Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	A
Henry Ford	B	Canton Chamber of Commerce	A
M-Care	B	YMCA	A
Plymouth Comm. United Way	B	Close-Up	B
Canton Foundation	B	Community Literacy Council	B
Growthworks	B	Sec. of State	C
Plymouth Family Services	B	M.E.S.C.	B
Canton Family Services	B	Plymouth Post Office	A
First Step	B	Canton Post Office	B



Carol Mikaelian at NBD was tallied, counted, accounted, figured, and totaled out as the best bank teller in The Plymouth-Canton Community. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

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COMMENT ON ISSUES

Issue	yes/no	Issue	yes/no
Should Plymouth Township develop a recreation program?	yes	Should local governments share police services?	yes
Should P-C Schools seek a millage increase or support instruction?	no	Fire services?	yes
Should Plymouth and Plymouth Township unite into one?	yes	Dispatch services?	yes
Should Canton build another fire station?	yes	Recreation?	yes
Should Plymouth-Canton combine dispatch and lockup?	yes	Public works services?	yes
Should Canton pave its own roads?	yes	Do you get your tax dollar's worth out of the City of Plymouth?	tie
Should the Canton Library expand?	yes	Canton?	yes
Should the P-C Schools seek a millage to increase programs?	tie	Plymouth Township?	tie
Should 35th District Court add a third judge?	yes	P-C Schools?	no
Should downtown Plymouth change its parking requirements?	yes		



Coming in with the Best Burger and the Best Bar, The Box Bar in Plymouth was doubly dubbed one of the community's best. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

"I think Canton High School is the best high school around. After all, I graduated from there."

— Dave Williams, Plymouth, Class of '90

"YMCA should be a big family for everybody. They have devoted (to our community) employees, professional coaches, but they need more support to improve their activities. For our children and for us, let's give them a hand (a real hand)!"

— Lucian Popescli, Canton

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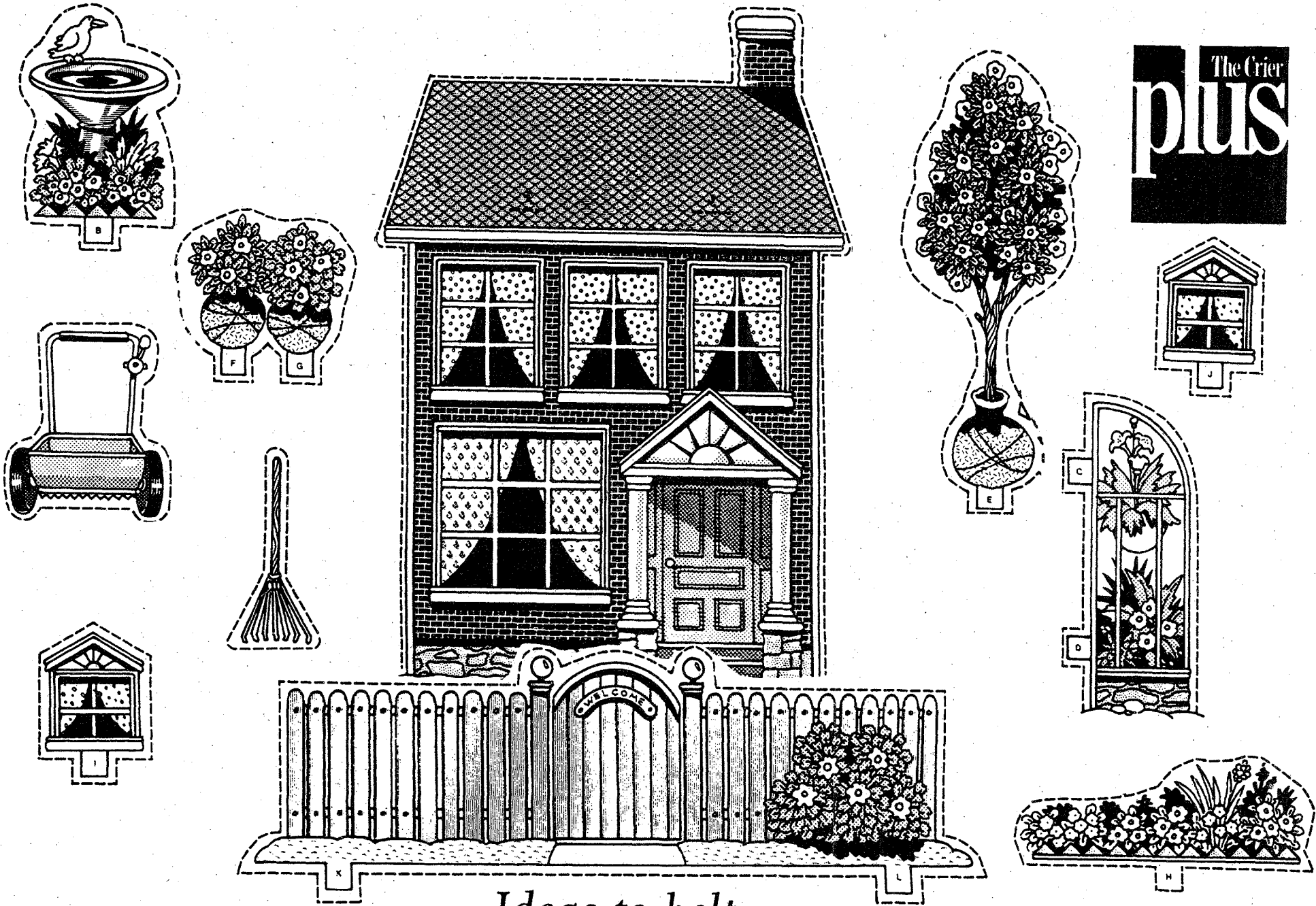
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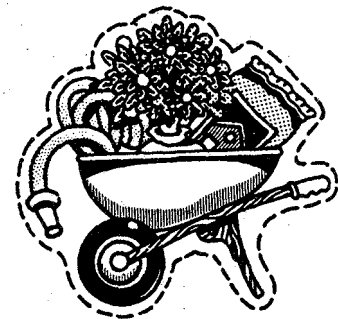
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Think green

Now that the winter is finally giving way, it's time to start planning your garden and getting the soil ready for growing

BY SONJA MAGDEVSKI

The chilly mornings and rainy afternoons characteristic of April as it thaws the winter snow in preparation of Spring does not stop community residents from preparing for another season—Gardening.

Each April, people begin working their soil to insure proper texture and

mixture for their planting in mid-May. Millions of Americans who have access to any amount of soil enjoy raising a few flowers. Dennis Sparr, owner of Sparr's Greenhouse on Joy Road in Plymouth said, "We sell so many plants and flowers you would think the whole city was in bloom."

The attraction of gardening for most people are the therapeutic aspects that accompany being outdoors while working the soil towards the beautification of their home or apartment.

"Michigan residents have such severe Winters that it is nice to kick back, get outside where the phone is not ringing, get in the dirt and do something positive by



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Winter's gone, time to work on the garden

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growing their beautiful gardens," said Diane Hickey of Sparr's Greenhouse.

Dennis Sparr feels the sense of achievement in growing flowers and plants are what draws people to their gardens and added, "The serenity from gardening and watching plants mature and give beauty are what make it enjoyable."

To enjoy the relaxation of gardening is fairly easy and the most difficult work is in preparing the soil and strategically planting. Gardening is actually the enhancement of the landscape of a house. Landscaping is the design for the entire yard with trees, plants and shrubs.

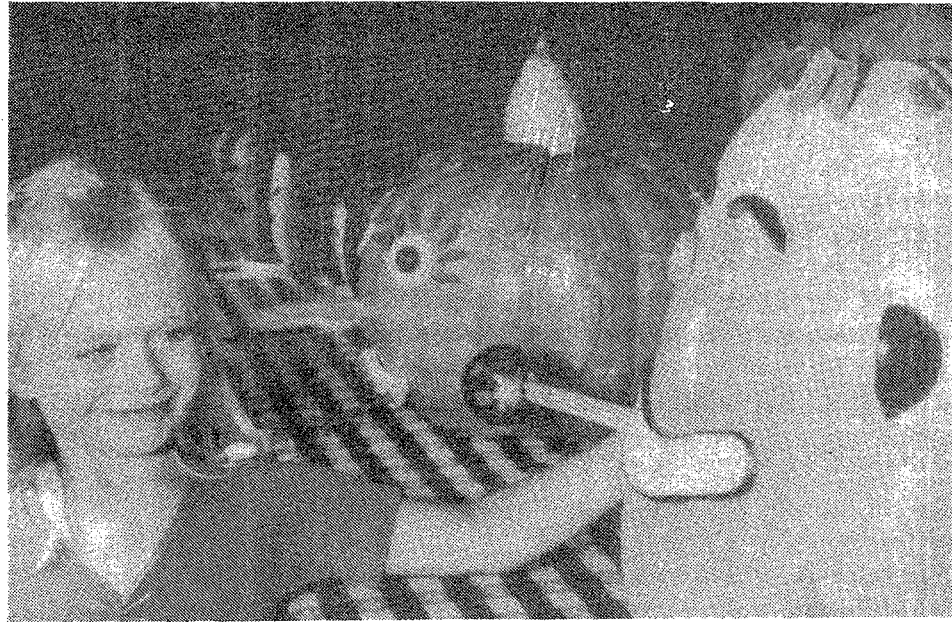
Flowers are used to accent, fill in and carry color all season long for a complete look as described by Tina M. Lopez, former landscape designer of seven years who is now Assistant Manager of Plymouth Nursery Home and Garden Showplace on Plymouth Road.

Lopez suggests the first thing before picking out the flowers is setting a design for your home.

"The main focus of landscaping and gardening is usually the entrance way. There are basic garden kits you can purchase to help you plan."

After the design is set, the necessary tools for planting are a good shovel, rake, hoe, kneepads, a pair of gloves, soil and the right attitude for enjoyment, recommends Lopez. The inexperienced gardener can expect to spend anywhere from \$50 to \$200, depending on needs and desires for their garden. "People usually have a budget and the cost increases with the amount of equipment, seeds and flowers purchased," said Lopez.

The most important ingredient for successful gardening is the quality of



Having a green thumb may be its own reward, but it's nice to get a prize for it too. Better gardeners (or the more creative ones) can take part in the Trailwood Garden Club's Garden Face competition at the Plymouth Fall Festival.

the soil. Soil must contain proper nutrients to nourish plants and must be capable of holding air and water, without becoming flooded.

The pH and structure of the soil need to be tested with soil test kits that can be purchased at any garden center. The results of the test will help the

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It's spring, time to work on the garden

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garden centers suggest the proper fertilizers and nutrients for the soil, but care must be taken when using fertilizers, because over fertilization can be damaging.

A pH rating of 7 is neutral and plants flourish best in the range of 6 to 7. Soil structure is equally essential as pH rating. The different structures are sandy, clay and loam and most gardens are a mix of them all.

Sandy soil is loose and does not hold water, where as clay soil is thick and heavy and holds too much water. Loam is a mixture of sandy and clay soils along with decayed organic nutrients called humus which hold sandy soil particles together and loosens clay soil. Soil can be improved by adding compost, manure, peat moss and other organic material.

Once the design and soil are prepared, the next step, and everyone's favorite, is to pick out

their desired flowers.

Lopez recommends using plants that are compatible and to, "always look at the directions for each plant. You also want to see what else there is in regards to height and such. You would want to pick an annual flower that grew to the same height as the shrub next to it."

Flowers choices are separated into Annuals and Perennials. Annuals are planted each year and bloom all season long.

Perennials are planted once and flower for several years, but only bloom for a period ranging from one to six weeks. These are also broken down into shady and sunny plants. Flowers need special environments to mature properly. The enormous variety of flowers offers a guarantee to fill every need in every area in every color. When purchasing a flower, information and a picture of each plant is included with it.

What a nuisance

April flowers bring May flowers, and a host of pests with them

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In the spring, people look forward to their bulbs coming up, planting their tomatoes and getting their lawns up to golf course par.

But there is another spring arrival that they should be ready for, the coming of the bugs and the reawakening of the critters. As the weather gets warmer, the insects and animals living in the trees and the ground get ready for their own spring debut.

According to Tom Thompson, owner of Thompson's Pest Control in Plymouth, it's time to prepare for the march of the six-legged brigade.

"In spring, the crawling bugs — ants and earwigs — start coming out," Thompson said. "There is a two-week period in

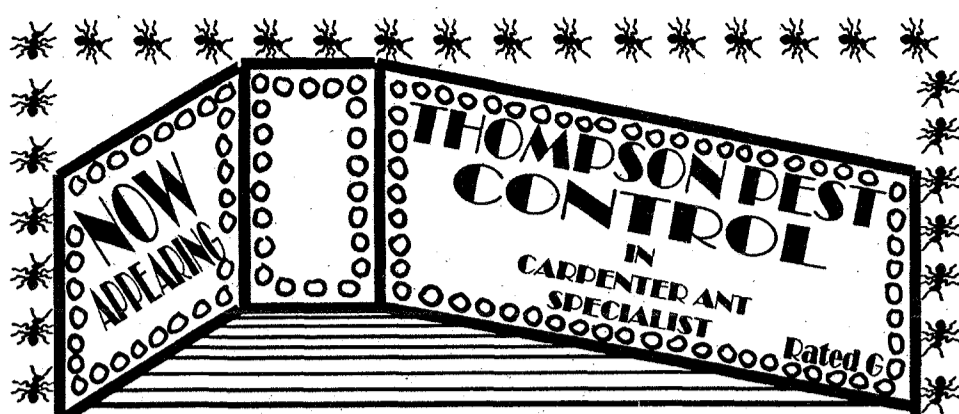
July where there is nothing going on, then the bees and wasps start showing up."

Thompson uses a variety of products to fight pests in the home, not the least of them being Molly — a pest-sniffing beagle that is trained to find concentrations of ants and other bugs in and outside people's homes.

Thompson said, in the spring, foraging ants head out to find food for their queen. Carpenter ants look for water-damaged wood; toilet seals, tubs and hollow doors. Also, earwigs, centipedes and millipedes are laying their eggs.

Thompson, who is the pest control consultant for Tim Allen's "Home Improvement"

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Not just for the guys anymore

Crier guest columnist says women are working on the home — not just in it — and the industry is taking note

In this age of two income and single parent homes, it isn't surprising to discover that more women are becoming involved in handling the "how-to's" around the house. Whether their

overwhelming, then talk to Plymouth resident and business owner Sharon Pugh.

Since building her childhood treehouse which was, as Pugh puts it, "pretty dangerous," she has

The Workbench
By Maura Cady



involvement is out of necessity or because of their desire to see the end result, traditionalists shouldn't be too shocked to see more women swinging hammers, using drills or even designing and building their own homes.

Women have become involved on many levels of building and home improvement. Janet Compo of Farmington Hills is an excellent example of involvement on the professional level. Compo has made her mark in the building industry as the first woman president of the Builder's Association of Southeastern Michigan, which is the third largest professional builder's association in the country.

If Compo's position sounds a bit

advanced to more complex projects. These include plumbing, refinishing antique wood furniture and installing tile floors.

As the owner of Sideways which, coincidentally, is the site of the old Plymouth Hardware store, Pugh has successfully progressed to building many of her own display units.

Both Compo and Pugh attribute their "how-to" success stories to their drive to reach the end of each project successfully. Pugh's message to women who may be apprehensive about doing-it-yourself is, "If you really want to accomplish something, you can do it!"

When apprehensions do
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Spring brings hordes of pests with warmer weather

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TV show, said there are some things a homeowner can do without calling in the professionals.

"Spray Diazinon (a commercial pest killer) on the lawn and around the foundation

"Repellents don't work, they wear out over time," Krotchen said. "There are no miracle sprays."

Krotchen is in the middle of his busy season, busy because the raccoons are out.

"They like chimneys and



Tom Thompson uses Molly, a specially-trained beagle, to sniff out ants and other pests where they live in your house. Thompson moonlights as the pest control consultant for the ABC television series "Home Improvement." (Crier photo by Carly Grisius.)

of the house," Thompson said. "You can buy it in a five per cent solution over the counter at most places."

Thompson said that it is a bad idea to go after bees and other stinging insects without professional training.

"If you're going to do it, do it at night when all of the bees are in the nest," Thompson said. "But be careful, there can be thousands of them in the nest. If you don't wait long enough before cutting it down you will run into some hostile bees."

Some critters just can't be controlled as easily as the ants and bees, a spray won't get rid of them.

According to Dean Krotchen, owner of Dean's Wild Animal Control, there isn't a spray for raccoons and moles.

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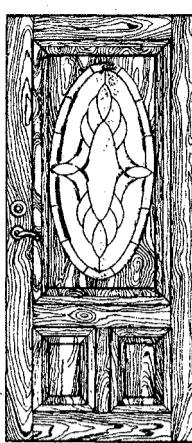
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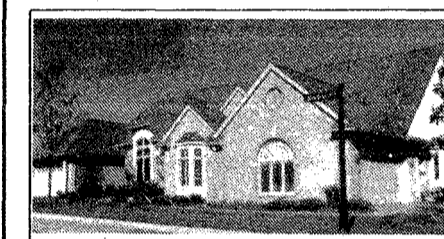


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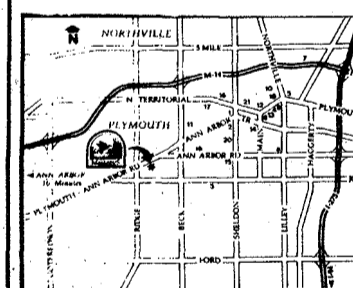
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take care of the problem the right way.

"We live-trap the animals and relocate them about 20 to 30 miles away," Krotchen said. "Raccoons are very smart, if they get trapped once they won't come near another trap."

Dean's, which serves communities from Southfield to Salem, does most of their business in Plymouth, Northville and Livonia. They are a fully licensed animal control business.

"We are licensed with the Department of Agriculture and we are fully insured," Krotchen

the state to use chemicals for pest control. "They are licensed to buy the restricted chemicals," Wagenschutz said.

"To get the license they have to take a test that takes three weeks to study for. They apply with the Agriculture Department and then they have to take a test every three years."

Wagenschutz said his people go to a three-day conference every year put on by the Pest Control Association where new procedures are discussed.

According to Wagenschutz, he tries to use as little chemicals as possible.



said. "It's important that people know that. When we've got workers on their roofs that they are covered by workman's compensation and other insurance."

Another place where people try to keep safe is in the area of chemicals. They are concerned that the compounds that are killing the pests are not doing damage to their pets or loved ones.

According to Bob Wagenschutz, owner of Wagenschutz Pest Control in Plymouth, all of the technicians who work for him are licensed by

"I just use a fine stream around the borders and outside," Wagenschutz said. "As soon as the chemical dries it's safe, there isn't a secondary reaction. It is the same chemical that they use in hospitals and in nursing homes."

Wagenschutz said he always tells people what he and his employees have done in a house.

"I always tell the customer what I'm using and what the precautions are," Wagenschutz said. "Everything is on the job sheet. What I used, where it was used and in what amount. It has to be there by state law."

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overtake you, then consider exploring the many venues of "how-to" learning that are available for women. Some of these include books or classes and workshops offered by area hardware stores, home centers and speciality stores. Another well known method of overcoming your how-to anxieties is as close as your radio. For the past 13 years, radio talk show host, Glenn Haege has come to the rescue of Metro Detroit's frustrated do-it-yourselfers.

In fact, 60 per cent of the callers to Haege's "Ask the Handyman" show

on WXYT Radio are women. These statistics don't surprise Glenn. He feels that women are quite capable and don't need much information to get started on their projects. After that, he says, "stand back folks and watch 'em go!"

It's also important to remember that the proper tools play a vital part of any do-it-yourself project. When it comes to equipment, "Pink toolboxes just don't cut it" remarks Carolyn Tracy, Director of Merchandising with Damman Hardware. "Women don't want to be patronized with cutesy tools that may help to complete the job properly."

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TOWN MEETING

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers will host a town meeting at the Little Theatre at Canton High School from 7 to 9 p.m. on April 27. The meeting will be for residents to talk about any issues before the Congress. For more information, call either 741-4210 or 722-1411.

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Our Lady of Providence center in Northville will hold a "Susie's Dance" fundraiser at 6 p.m. on April 29 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. There will be a raffle and a silent auction. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call the Center at 453-1300.

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Meet Other Mothers will hold a group meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on April 28. There will be a speaker on travel tips. For more information, call Toni at 453-6134.

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C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

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WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station, will hold their annual radio auction from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 13. Items auctioned off will come from local businesses. For more information, call Bill Keith at 416-7732.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will hold its annual Potluck Salad Luncheon at noon on May 5 at the First United Methodist Church. There will be a presentation as well as the installation of new officers.

CANTON NEWCOMERS

The Canton Newcomers will hold their general meeting on May 3 at 7 p.m. There will be raffle winners drawn and the election of new officers. For more information, call either 416-0284, 453-3693 or 981-4915.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services of Canton are looking for volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language to interpret for the ill, disabled or elderly. There are also needs for drivers, telephone reassurance and conducting patient surveys. For more information, call 981-8820.

JUBILEE RAFFLE

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will hold their "Jubilee Raffle" for a chance at winning \$1,000 in one of 12 weekly drawings. Tickets, \$100 apiece, may be purchased at the parish office. For more information, call the parish office at 453-0326.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

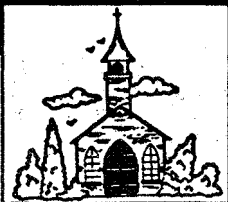
The Plymouth Community Chorus will perform its 20th Spring Concert at 8 p.m. on April 29 4 p.m. on April 30 at Salem High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students. For more information, call 455-4080.

FIFE AND DRUM REUNION

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is planning their 25th anniversary and are looking for former members to participate. Former members and their families should contact the corps at 981-3688.

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who were four years old on Dec. 1, 1994 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.



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FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information and fee information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

BREASTFEEDING CLASSES

The University of Michigan Health Center will offer a class taught by registered nurses in the basics of breastfeeding from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 1. The fee for the class is \$15, payable at the door. For more information and to register, call (313) 998-6497.

DANCE CLASSES

There will be classes in dance for children and adults at the Plymouth Cultural Center starting in May. Each class runs for eight weeks. For more information, call the Cultural Center.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING

The Plymouth Newcomer's club will hold their general meeting at 10 a.m. on May 4 at the Golden Fox (Fox Hills Country Club). The cost is \$13, RSVP by noon April 28. For more information and to make reservations, call either Bev at 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.

60+ CLUB

The 60+ Club will hold an all members birthday party at noon on May 1. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Please, no desserts.

PLANT SWAP

The Northville Historical Society will hold a plant swap from 8 a.m. to noon on April 29 at Mill Race Village. All plants welcome. For more information, call (810) 348-9795.

RIGHTS DISCUSSION

The First Church of Christ, Scientist of Plymouth will host a talk on Christian Science entitled "Stand up for everyone's rights through God's law," at the Livonia Civic Center Library at 8 p.m. on May 1. For more information, call Bunny at 453-1373.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

DISABILITY FITNESS CLASSES

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

JAYCEE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for community businesses to help support their 1995 Fourth of July parade. Donations can be mailed to the Jaycees at PO Box 700123 Plymouth, MI, 48170-0942. For more information, call the Jaycees at 453-8407.

4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Sign-up ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

CLASS OF 1990 FIVE-YEAR REUNION

The Salem and Canton High School classes of 1990 will hold their five-year reunion on June 19 at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Reunions Made Easy at (810) 380-6100.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

20-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The 20-year high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975 will be held on Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia West. Call to update your address For more information, call Robin at 459-6950 or Mark at 459-9896.

LIVING TRUST/NURSING HOME SEMINARS

The City of Plymouth and the Northville Senior Center will host financial expert Paul LeDuc who will explain the advantages of a living trust from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on May 1. LeDuc will also speak on the Catastrophic Care Act of 1990 from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 10 at the Cultural Center. Both seminars will be open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call 455-6623.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652.

LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners will be placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

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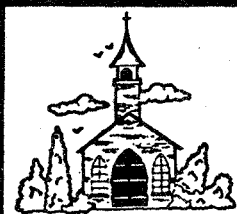
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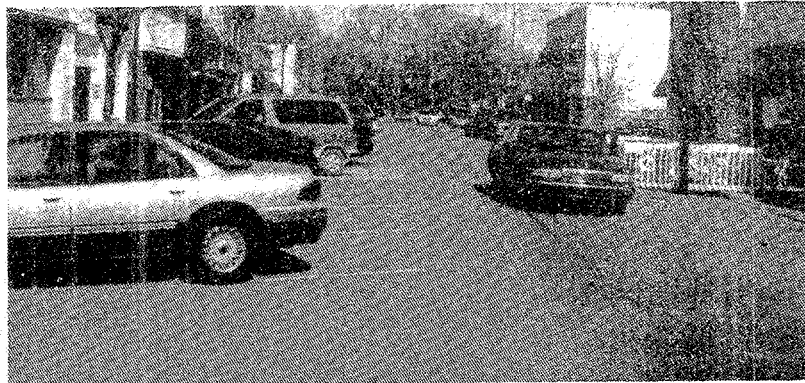
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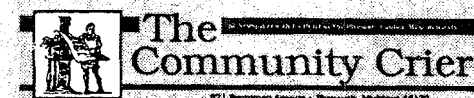
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And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

AIDEN MARIE FITZGERALD LYSAGHT... arrived a week ago. Congrats Maura, Sheila & Brain.

RANDY LEE'S MOM reads The Curiosities. (So does Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's mom.)

Little Hang-ups takes care of customers by flashlight during Friday's power outage in downtown Plymouth.

Thanks Geneva for sharing your Main Street Pizza submarine on Friday!

Thanks Mom & Dad for dinner at Pizza Hut!

Curiosities

WW-- Whole Wheat or With White?

ROXY & SIMON SAY: Welcome Back! Ed borrowed an onion while you were gone.

WILL JESS VISIT the Thayes Hotel again?

MOM IN FLA.: see you back up soon.

Thank you to the anonymous person who put the delicious bar cookies in my message box last week Monday!

Those surprise bar cookies are great! Thanks to Rob's Mom, Sue McKay!

NORM DRUCE-

"And one clear call for me!
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Just as you requested, Norm, your family and friends had a get-together, and coupled with laughter and tears. They held a wake for you. Your family was there with Sandy and your friends came from near and far to do you honor. George with his wife flew from the east coast for the occasion. You probably had no idea that people cared as much for you. However, that didn't surprise you like being a member of the Heavenly Host. Don't worry. You're in your right place. It was no mistake. They needed you as much as we did. "And lo, about led all the rest."

P.S. NORM: Your ashes will be scattered in your favorite fishing spot.

RITA FELDCAMP BAUMAN- came to visit Plymouth recently for the baptism of a great grandchild. (She can't be old enough.) It was a fast visit, but a few of her friends did manage to get together for a fast, spur of the moment luncheon. Come back, come back Rita, wherever you are. Stay longer next time, will you?

LEORA NORNGROVE & RUTH JACOBS- Sounds as though you had quite a birthday, Leora; what with a trip to Nashville with Ruth, Jean and Ron, then birthday dinners with the rest of your family. Was Ruth celebrating her birthday too? A happy belated birthday to you both.

GEORGINA CONNELL, NORMA CAMERON, MARION WHEELER, JOSEPH BUCHKOWSKI, JOHNNIE CROSBY-- Dear "All of you." Do you suppose we can meet, eat, and be chauffeured to see Carol Channing in Auntie Mayme when she comes to town? G.G.

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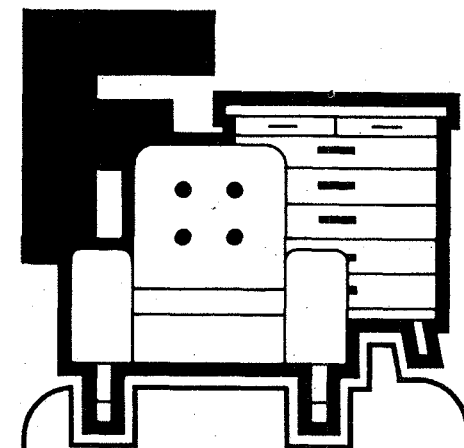
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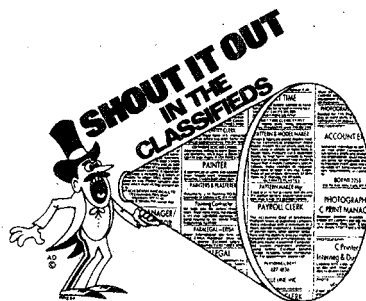
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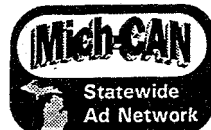
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The Eighth Annual Kids Fishing Derby will take place on May 6 at Heritage Park Ponds from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee is \$1 per child for boys and girls 15 and under. The Ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Awards will be given for the largest fish caught. First prize is a \$100 savings bond. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services senior golf league is set to begin on May 9. The league is open to ages 50 and over. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton resident **John A. Davidson** received a plaque for 20 years of service as a Michigan High School official at the 16th Annual Officials' Awards & Alumni Banquet in Lansing.

Amy Caudill, Sarah Hein and Emily Willman of Plymouth are among 24 skaters on the Juvenile Team Elan. Their team captured the national title last year and took home the gold medal from the 1995 Midwestern Championships in Chicago in February.

Jeni Foust of Plymouth is competing in the Junior division in which Team Elan is the midwestern bronze medalist and last year's national champion.

Jenny Davis and Foust of Plymouth formed the senior team and finished first in the Midwestern Championships and was last year's silver medalist.

Alice Bohr of Plymouth, a skater for the adult group, also serves as team manager. Adult Team Elan won the gold medal at last year's National Championship and the Midwestern championship.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is seeking minority and other qualified applicants for Hockey Scorekeepers for the Spring Hockey League. Apply in person at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6623. Games are held weeknights and weekends. \$6 per game/hour.

Blame it on the rain

Bad weather, worse courts have kept the Salem boy's tennis team in limbo, record stands at 1-1-1

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Salem boys tennis coach Judith Braun can not remember a time in her 13-year tenure when she has known so little about her team three weeks into the scheduled season.

It is not her fault, it is Mother Nature's.

"The weather has got to be more cooperative," she said. The unpredictable spring sky has canceled half of the Rocks' six matches. Salem is currently 1-1-1. They beat Churchill 5-3, tied Grosse Ile and lost to Saline, 7-1. "We got beat up real bad," Braun said of the loss to the Hornets.

With so little actual match competition against other schools, Braun is in a quandary over the status of her pairings in doubles.

"I know who the players are; I just don't know where they fit, she said. Some of the pieces of the puzzle are sophomore Rob Willoughby and senior Regis Brickley. "I'm pretty sure that'll be one doubles team," said Braun.

Brian Courville, Aaron Niemiec, Faisal Khan, Karankir Gill, Nick Wojnar, John Moran and Pat Chun are also com-

peting for doubles time. "These guys all kind of figure in, I just don't know where," Braun said. "We're trying different combinations."

One player who has made an impact in the on again-off again season is sophomore Jason Gourley. "He's new to the team this year. He definitely shows promise," Braun said. "We're hoping he'll keep developing."

The doubles situation has to be straightened out if the Rocks are to repeat as division champions Braun said. "No question about what we have to do: We have to work on our doubles," she said. That's not always an easy task."

The singles front is a little more secure. Junior Xinning Li will be a premier player in the conference. "He has a real strong, overall game," Braun said. "He's quick... He's that close to being a real, real good player."

Sophomore Gabe Bernstein will also be a vital player at singles. "Gabe's real persistent, determined player. He gets real psyched up and geared up," Braun said. Senior Dan Gordon is another fiery player. Sophomore Matt Porter prefers the subtle approach compared to his

teammates. "He's much more laid back. It's tough to tell how hard he was playing," Braun said of Porter's style.

Complicating Braun's attempt to field a organized and prepared squad is the fact that she lacks an adequate number of courts to practice on — a concern Canton coach Barb Hanosh has also raised this season. "I am so disgusted and upset with that situation," she said. The City and Township of Plymouth should be ashamed, I know I am. That's part of the practice problem; the facility is not adequate."

When asked to compare Salem's courts with the rest of the conference, she responded: "We're the slums. And what's sadder is that they were redone. They were paved a couple of years ago. The worst part is that our players feel like second class citizens."

So Braun and her squad will not only have to battle the inequities of Salem's tennis courts, but also North Farmington, Stevenson and Northville of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "Traditionally, they have been the teams to beat," said Braun, "and I can't see that's changed much."

Niemiec named starting catcher for Uof M, plans to make baseball his life

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The ball stops here: at Scott Niemiec.

The Canton resident and Salem High School graduate is the starting catcher for the U-M baseball team. He does everything within his realm to stop a pitch from passing him or a runner from scoring.

"Defense is what is getting me where I'm going," said Niemiec, who has a career fielding percentage of .982. "I pride myself on blocking anything that comes to the plate." The hard work he shows at his position, at the disregard of his body, has paid off. Niemiec is the first four-year regular for ex-Major League gold glove catcher and current U-M coach Bill Freehan.

While the U-M program has struggled during Freehan's tenure to overcome the lingering effects of probation instituted during the era of former mentor Bud Middaugh, Niemiec has developed into a reliable catcher.

After being named to the all-state team after his senior season at Salem, he accepted a scholarship to U-M. "Coach Freehan, he offered me a opportunity to have a chance to play right off the bat," Niemiec said. "He said he'd upgrade my scholarship with playing time. It's a reason to go to college to play ball, and get a good education."

Niemiec played in 31 games his freshman year, batting .178. He had 135 put outs, 28 assists and made only error. Niemiec said the coaching staff never worried about his hitting because he was recruited as a defensive specialist. U-M was 21-32 that year, finishing eighth in the Big 10.

With a year of experience under his belt, Niemiec became a fixture behind the plate — playing in 45 games each of the next two seasons. In 1993 he jacked his first collegiate homer against

Florida. He completed the year with a .248 average and 20 RBI on a team that went 25-30. Once again, Niemiec received most of his praise for his defensive play.

He made only three errors that season. In 1994 Niemiec started making contact with the lumber. "Last year I had a lot of key hits," Niemiec said. He batted .331 and received the Bill Freehan Award as the top hitter on the 'M' squad as the team went 29-29 and nearly won the Big 10 tournament. He wishes that stroke would return before this season is over. "This is the best year I've ever had catching. Offensively, I'm struggling without a doubt. Everywhere I've hit the ball its been to someone," said Niemiec, who is batting .121.

Sports information director Jim Schneider said, "He's still playing very well, he just hasn't got the hits he got last year."

Currently the Wolverines are in eighth place in the Big 10. "We're only one good weekend out of playoff contention," Niemiec said. "It'll be fun to be in the tournament again. Last year was great."

Niemiec said he became a catcher because he likes "to have control of what's going on." However, one thing he does not have control over is the professional draft in June. "I'd most likely take advantage of any opportunity," Niemiec said. "I'd like to see what happens at the next level," Schneider said, "He doesn't fit the computer program of the perfect catcher. But on the other hand he is a great catcher."

If professional baseball does not come calling, Niemiec, who is currently on a 90 per cent scholarship, will have his sports management and communications degree to fall back on. "There's no doubt I'm a sports person," he said, adding: "I'm going to continue around baseball for the rest of my life."

Farmington takes Canton, Chiefs lose 6-3

BY BRIAN CORBETT

In between the puddles and the rain drops the Canton baseball team dropped a 6-3 decision to conference foe Farmington last Wednesday.

The game was played at Central Middle School. "Our field has been underwater," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. The Falcons were able to put the Chiefs away with a great pitching performance.

Canton finished with five hits.

"We didn't look sharp at all," Dickey said. "They beat us, and we didn't deserve to win."

The loss dropped Canton to 4-3 overall.

Junior Anthony Pastor was on the mound from Canton and allowed all six runs, but was more a victim of bad luck than bad pitching. In the second inning of a so far scoreless game, two Falcon batters got on base with two infield singles. "Basically, the ball kind of died," said Dickey, "and they beat it out." Then, after making just one error in the previous four games, Canton's defensive vacuum cleaner blew a gasket, making two errors. Two runs scored and Farmington was in the lead.

"But we came back," said Dickey. Seniors Kevin Kovachevich and Bryan Kiviatkowski both walked.

They advanced on a wild pitch, then scored on a single by junior Bryan Dixon. In the following frame Pastor lost control. He issued base on balls to the lead off batter, then surrendered a double, followed by two more walks. With the score 3-2 in Farmington's favor, Pastor served up a gopher ball. The hit just cleared the fence at the 280-foot mark. "The kid hit a home run," Dickey said. "We were down 6-3."

The score and advantage did not change. Pastor worked five innings.

He allowed five hits, walked three and struck out four. Canton's hits came from Kovachevich, Kiviatkowski, Dixon and sophomore Jason Pennebaker. Dixon had two RBI and Pennebaker recorded one RBI.

The weak offensive output is worrying Dixon. "Our hitting's been kind of shaky," he said.

Still, it should not be enough to keep Canton from contending for the conference title. "Just as long as our defense plays well," Dickey said.

"You know, I don't want to sound cocky, but we're probably as good as, if not the best team in the league — when our defense plays well. It's kept us in games. Our kids belief is that we'll be alright."

This Saturday is a big doubleheader versus Salem.

Salem falls to Ypsi in doubleheader, first loss of season takes team to 3-1

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Nobody's perfect.

The Salem baseball team lost their first game last week, dropping the first game of a doubleheader to Ypsilanti 5-2. "We were bound to lose one," said coach Dale Rumberger. "Nobody goes undefeated anymore."

Salem is now 3-1.

The three run loss was bookended by two victories.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Salem got revenge in a 7-5 win; and a week ago today Walled Lake Western, 13-2.

In the game at Western, staff ace Justin Marcis went the distance in the five inning mercy victory.

He allowed two unearned runs on five hits. Striking out eight and walking none.

"He was a little sharper than the first time," Rumberger said. "He pitched very well."

Second baseman Kazuki "Kaz" Kurisa set the tone for the blowout when he got a hold of fastball, ripping a homerun, his second of the year.

"Kaz had a nice way to start the game," Rumberger said. The Rocks scored two run in the first, second and third inning before exploding for seven runs in the fourth. Aaron Leanhert, Mike Brannon and Jason Geradinac all singled in the inning, knocking in runs.

Western's two runs game late in the game, after Rumberger had inserted some replacements.

Game totals included 13 hits for Salem. Leanhert, Geradinac, Brannon, Ryan Rumberger, Sammy LaGrow all had multiple RBI.

Senior Dan Quaine had a single and a double. Brad Lear reached base three times, twice after being hit by a pitch.

The Rocks won the game without star

shortstop Bill Styles, who was out with what Rumberger termed as "a tender knee."

The next day Salem took the field against the Ypsilanti Braves. Senior Ted Bentley was the starting pitcher for Salem in the first game.

He made it through the first inning, but was touched for two runs in the second and three in the third.

After that, Rumberger gave Bentley the hook. "He was real erratic," Rumberger said.

"For all intents and purposes, this was his first start." Bentley who was charged with three earned runs, two strikeouts and two walks, could not get his breaking ball across — making his fastball equally ineffective.

Junior Dan Hintzman, in his first varsity appearance, was impressive. He threw two scoreless innings, recording one strikeout, and two walks. "He did a nice job," Rumberger said. Lear came in to complete the game.

At the plate Kurisa went 2 for 4, Styles returned to go 2 for 3, Lear had a single and one RBI, and catcher Ahmande Grimes also had a single and one RBI. Salem stranded eight runners in scoring position. "Three times we had the

bases loaded with two out, and we didn't score." Rumberger said. Ypsilanti was paced by pitcher Zach Warren.

Warren struck out three while on his way to a complete game.

"He was in a jam a lot, and he always got out of it," said Rumberger.

The Braves pitching staff could not keep Salem bats quiet in the second game.

The Rocks registered runs with walks, singles, triples, sacrifices and stolen bases. Salem scored two runs in the third, fourth and fifth frames, adding the final run in the seventh inning.

Brannon stole two bases in the game. Ryan Rumberger knocked in a run, as did Kurt Craggs.

Salem used three pitchers versus Ypsilanti. Sophomore Tom Demetsenare started the game and went three innings, giving two runs on four hits.

He gave way to Ryan Andrzejewski, who was the pitcher of record. Andrzejewski threw two innings of no hit ball. Lear came in for mop up duty.

"He was a little shaky," Rumberger said. "he lost the plate." Lear gave up three runs and issued four walks in one inning.

Super Soccer



(l to r) Sandy Opasik, Katie McKernan, Lisa New, Kelly Dreffi and Rebecca Schroth warm up with some Subway before a recent game. The Salem Soccer team plays at Harrison today. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Salem is at home this afternoon at 4 p.m. versus Northville. Friday the Rocks travel to Farmington for a 4 p.m. game. Saturday is a doubleheader against Canton at home at noon. Monday is a 4 p.m. home game against John Glenn.

SALEM SOFTBALL

The Mustangs of Northville host the Rocks at 4 p.m. today. Friday is a home game versus Farmington and Monday is a road game against John Glenn at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Fore. Salem faces Churchill at home today, the Brighton Invitational is Friday, Monday is an away match with Walled Lake Central and Tuesday is a home match versus Novi. All tee times are 3 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Ace. The Rocks are at Harrison today, at home on Friday versus Franklin and at home again on Monday versus Canton. All matches start at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

On your mark. Get set. Go. The next meet for the Rocks is the April Showers Relays in Ypsilanti at 3:30 p.m. today. Thursday the Rocks host John Glenn at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday is the West Bloomfield Relays at 9:30 a.m.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Salem's next meet is today at Harrison at 5:30 p.m. Friday it is off to the east side for a meet with Grosse Pointe South at 6 p.m. Monday the Rocks host Franklin at 7 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

On Thursday, the Rocks go to John Glenn for a 3:30 p.m. meet. Saturday is the Belleville Tiger Relays and Tuesday is a home meet versus Stevenson at 3:30 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Canton takes on Stevenson today at 4 p.m. on the road. Friday is a home game versus Harrison at 4 p.m. Saturday is a doubleheader at Salem at noon. Monday is an away game against Franklin at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Franklin comes to town today at 4 p.m. Friday the Chiefs travel to Churchill for a 4 p.m. start. Monday is a 4 p.m. match at Salem.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

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Community opinions

Festival turns 40

Plymouth Fall Festival under trustworthy guidance of Dolly Marzka

It's never too early to plan a party.

Although the warm breezes of summer haven't even begun to blow, Fall Fest organizers are preparing for the King of Plymouth festivals.

This year is special. Fall Festival is celebrating its 40th anniversary — and it looks to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's festival is being run by Dolly Marzka — who also

doubles as a barber when the festival isn't in full gear. Dolly said that the festival will be better than ever — and there's no reason to doubt her — she transformed the car show from a small, sleepy, Sunday event into one of Fall Festival's crown jewels.

With the help of the Community Federal Credit Union, Dolly has planned a special treat for Fall Festival goers this year. A sky blue and white, 1955 Ford

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Fairlane is being raffled — 99 per cent restored, with all the chrome and factory goodies.

Although plans are in the early stages, Fall Festival looks to be better than ever — and its

leadership, under the watchful eye of Dolly Marzka, is stronger than ever.

Viva Fall Festival!

It's looks like it's going to be better than ever.

Plymouth library should be built on current site

EDITOR:

In recent weeks, the Plymouth Library Board believes they have the fiduciary responsibility to look at alternate sites to build a new library. I believe they don't.

You, the voters, approved a bond proposal and millage proposal last Nov. 8 with the belief and assurances from the current library board at the time that it was going to be built at its current location.

The ballot language may have not said this, but information provided to the public did. The Plymouth Library Campaign Committee and many volunteers throughout the community promoted the millage based on this. I believe that the integrity and credibility of these volunteers is being damaged by a board of seven, five of which promoted to you the taxpayers the same information.

Thanks for post office help

EDITOR:

I want to thank Rep. Lynn Rivers for her support and effort on behalf of my community, Canton, as we try to get a much needed post office. She has only been in office 90 days and already she has been in contact with the Postmaster General urging construction of a post office for

The problem occurs when politicians can get away with changing their mind and say that's why the people elected us. In the private sector people sue for this and they call it misrepresentation.

The Plymouth Library Board has a responsibility to you the taxpayers and voters of this community to come back to you in some form of election to approve an alternate site if they do select one.

Otherwise they should rapidly proceed to build a new library on the site you were told it was going to be built.

They should also stop and look up the definitions of integrity and credibility the next time they're in the library. Some of them have forgotten these qualities.

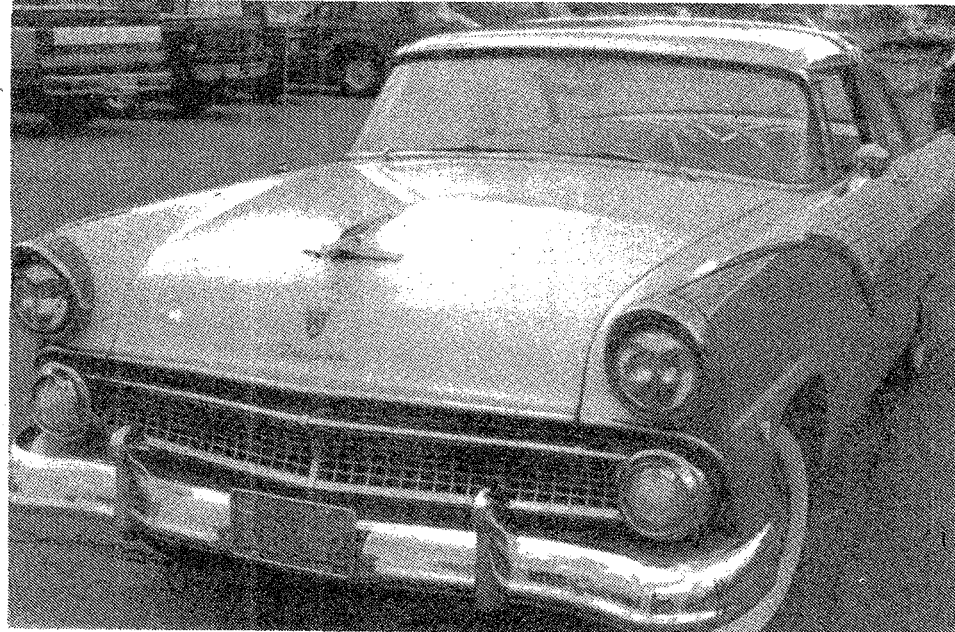
RON EDWARDS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Edwards was treasurer of the Plymouth Library Campaign Committee.

our growing community. Her support of Canton and the request of our local government leaders for a new building shows her tremendous interest in our town.

Keep up the good work Rivers, we are behind your efforts and fight for Canton Township.

BECKY TAVAROZZI



One of the highlights of this year's Fall Festival will be the raffle of this 1955 Ford Fairlane. The classic car represents 40 years of Fall Festivals in Plymouth. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

School board needs to manage money

EDITOR:

Regarding the letter from Patricia Wong, criticizing Mr. Vorva for working against the "enhancement millage" (tax increase) and the letter from Mary Tiburzi who is angry and saddened by the lack of funds for her "academic quiz bowl."

I fail to understand why these two women direct their displeasure at parents, businesses and Mr. Vorva when the real and only cause of the problem is that our school teachers, administrators and service personnel have pocketed

our tax dollars. Do these two women and all the taxpaying residents of Plymouth realize that we are paying our teachers near the \$60,000 level and our administrators around the \$100,000 level plus fringes and buyouts for early retirement and all this for a part-time job with summers off and long Christmas and Easter vacations?

Let's direct our ire at our school board and demand that they manage our school district professionally and within budget.

HAROLD MONET



Community opinions

Responsibility

Canton road bond issue defeated — now it's Wayne County's turn to help

Strike one.

Voters narrowly defeated a \$12 million road bond issue last week — now it's time for Canton's administration to go back to the drawing board and come up with a new way to improve the community's roads.

Canton's administration asked the voters if they wanted to fund the project — they said "no." Now it's time to demand help to repair our roads from the people who should be responsible for them in the first place — Wayne County.

The Canton Board of Trustees, along with Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, need to put pressure on Wayne County officials to get road projects going in Canton.

Ed McNamara — you used county funding to repair roads in your Livonia — now it's time to do the same for Canton.

It's true, 2,685 Canton residents voted against funding road improvements, but 2,637 voted for the proposal. Just 48 votes decided the

issue. Regardless of who won or lost, 5,322 people took the time to vote on the road bond proposal.

People are clearly interested in getting the crumbling roads in Canton fixed.

Now it's time for some leadership.

This will be a good test issue for Canton's leaders.

It's easy to come up with an idea — it's hard to come up with a new idea when the first is rejected.

Canton's leaders need to knock on the doors of and make phone calls to the Wayne County officials in charge of roads.

Although Canton's attempt to solve an issue important to the voters failed, it's time to place responsibility for road improvements and maintenance squarely on the shoulders of those responsible for the roads — Wayne County.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Letter supporting millage missed the point

EDITOR:

Patricia Wong's letter to the editor really missed the point last week. I could just as easily make a week and childish claim that in the two years that I was in the legislature as a member of the education committee that I never saw her there. So therefore she simply does not care about children or that she does not understand educational issues. But I'm not going to do that.

What should be of concern to her is that only one I repeat one

school in the entire school district will be fully accredited this year. How can this be when the bill to the taxpayer increases by millions every year.

Of course we are all aware that the MEA's boy (Gerald Law) has taken a blood oath (for votes) to continue to protect them despite this failing performance.

Further, Mrs. Wong does not seem to be concerned by the fact that just a few years ago less than 80 per cent of the budget went for salaries and benefits and that now

over 86 per cent goes to this cause, at the expense of books and smaller class sizes. And now they want more!

Of course we are all aware that the teachers unions' boy (Gerald Law) has promised (for votes) to support this unnecessary tax increase.

Any of the alleged financial needs of the district could be easily resolved with good and proper management decisions not tax increases.

However, Dr. Little chose to

give book money to a very vocal and politically active group (band and sports parents) for support of his agenda.

Despite her failure to make note of this I believe that Mrs. Wong and I have the same desire.

That is to have a world class educational system for our children. I look forward to sharing more educational facts with the public and remember to vote no on the tax increase and no for anyone supporting it.

JERRY VORVA





Community opinions

Sail away

John Todd is Plymouth's greatest sailor — thanks to his family traditions of strength, hard work and love

Here's a Cinderella story about a native son of extraordinary local heritage.

John Todd's Plymouth great grandmother, by the name of Patterson, was Michigan's first female Justice of The Peace; his grandmother (Clara Bell Todd) headed Plymouth's Women's Temperance Union; and his mother Leone Todd (still a Plymouth resident) raised up little John Todd...now father, husband and international sailboat racing champion.

John's older brother Mike and I grew up together here with little John kicking around our knees, Mike and I played football for John McFall, operated a rock-and-roll ballroom in Ann Arbor, and grew apart until this column surfaced.

In 1970 while operating The Big Steel Ballroom in Ann Arbor, Mike's little brother John stopped in for a visit and expressed his dissatisfaction with his job at GM. I asked him for his dreams: dream life, dream job, etc.

"Well, I'd really like to be a sailor sailing the oceans of the world," he

Native Son

By Randy Eaton



said. I gave him the name and phone number of a Florida yacht broker I barely knew and suggested he go for it.

John quit his job at GM, bought a back pack, and asked Mike and I to drop him off on a freeway headed south.

The last I saw of him he was boarding an 18 wheeler headed southbound. And, I lost track of John entirely for many years.

John and I just had breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel. He is here to trial run an expensive yacht for a client.

Last month he was in Venezuela evaluating a 100 foot yacht for an other client who insisted on taking him for a four day cruise to check the boat out.

John's most memorable race got him on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine.

While racing from Miami to Nassau in the dark of night he found a

fellow racer crashed on a reef, the boat going under, their life rafts smashed, John veered off course to save their lives. Carrying the salvaged crew of nine he went on to win the race. Passion rises highest when John talks about his children Erin and Ana, however. The sailing stories merely anecdotal.

The last thing John said today, "I try to keep my options open. I like my freedoms. I require total control of my destiny. 'Course this doesn't work for everybody...some people need structured lives. Not me, I prefer designing my own limitations. There's something about going right into the strength of the sea that invigorates a life...gives one fresh perspectives, a place you can leave old, cumbersome and outdated habits behind...recreate yourself. You come back stronger and more independant."

Sounds like the Patterson-Todd genes to me.

Best of luck to new Bennett on board

Family ties.

Politics may sometimes make strange bedfellows, but it also — on occasion — makes great bedfellows too.

Here it is revealed: a few of The Plymouth-Canton Community's movers-and-shakers have shared the same beds.

With last week's election of Terri (actually Terry) Bennett as Canton Clerk, she follows her husband, Loren, to the job. It's an unusual — but not unheard of — phenomenon.

Elizabeth "Pinky" Holmes became Plymouth Township treasurer after her husband died in that post. In those days the treasurer was paid upon completion of the tax collections and she was appointed by the board so she could receive his pay.

Pinky went on in her own right to rule the township with Clerk Helen Richardson.

Plymouth Township also produced a husband-wife

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



team that guided the "years of change" at Plymouth (no Canton in the name then) Schools. Ken and Esther Hulsing both served on the school board and both served as president of that body.

In the City of Plymouth, Bev and Bill McAninch have both served on the City Commission. She rose to mayor, though Bill hasn't gotten there — yet.

Each of those husbands and wives proved to be forces in their own individual ways of public service.

Those who have watched Terri Bennett over the years (especially her early work with the Republican Party) expect her stamp on the Canton Clerk's office to show soon after she officially starts May 1.

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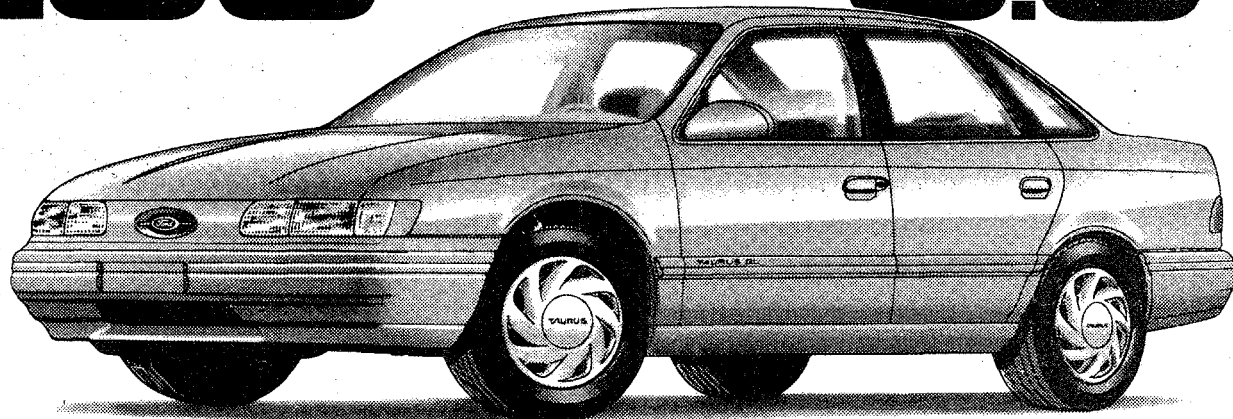
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