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Canton Streetscape

PCAC recovers funds

'We're done with it now,' says PCAC attorney Eric Colthurst

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council has been reimbursed by their bonding company for approximately \$35,000 allegedly embezzled by former treasurer Gerald Ash.

The fate of Ash is still uncertain, but he could be placed in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office diversion program — a program where the suspect is not prosecuted if some form of restitution is made.

Randy Lee of the PCAC said she is happy the controversy is behind the group.

"We're thrilled," she said. "We're very grateful for the thoughtful support the public has shown us during this difficult time.

"The PCAC looks forward to offering expanded services to the community and we will continue to maintain expert financial and legal advice."

PCAC attorney Eric Colthurst, who provided services pro bono, said the group accomplished their main goal — to recover funds donated to the organization. "We actually did come out pretty good," he said. "We're done with it. Now the arts council can get back to what they do best — art."

Twp. break-ins up 74 percent

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The latest fad among burglars — daytime robberies — has caused breaking and enterings in Plymouth Township to rise 74 per cent in comparison to 1994.

Last year at this time there had been 27

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The Canton Streetscape project is officially open to the public. Canton officials, Ford Road business owners and DDA members cut the ribbon in front of the Target store — ending more than a year of construction and a decade of planning. See related story on pg. 12. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Public or private funding?

Canton Trustees split over public funding of Travis House renovation

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Should public funds be used to refurbish the historic Travis House in Canton?

Debate within the Canton Board of Trustees raged last week over using community block grant funds to install a handicap accessible ramp onto the back of the Travis House — located on Ridge Road north of Cherry Hill.

The board action to transfer the block grant funds, which was originally placed on the consent calendar of last Tuesday's agenda, was passed five to two, with Trustee Robert

Shefferly and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter voting against the request.

Shefferly said too much public funding is going into the restoration of the Travis House.

"If the community sees the need for (historic) preservation," said Kirchgatter, "they'll come up with the money. If this had been part of the planned cost of the project, that's one thing, but this is additional cost."

Canton Resource Development Manager Mike Ager said the handicap accessible ramp would cost approximately \$8,000 to install at the Travis House.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who is also a member of the Canton Historical District Commission, said that because the Travis House is a township-owned building, the handicap accessible changes are required. "It doesn't matter what it is

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Ice

Local skater overcomes arthritis to succeed

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Plymouth resident comes home to open guitar shop

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Sidewalk sale comes to downtown Plymouth

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Poetry contest announced

Fire up those pens!

The time has come once again for area poets and writers to express their civic pride through verse. The Plymouth Poets invite you to dust off your metaphors and rile up your rhythms for the third annual Plymouth Poetry Contest.

Past winners, Amy Furmanic and Douglas McClennen challenged and inspired us with poems recounting the history, industry, and myths of our town. We know that you are capable of creating literary visions to entertain and guide us through the changing seasons to come.

This contest is open to those in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Ann Arbor Community. It is the only non-school city poetry contest we know of in Michigan. It

will probably be a model for other contests around the state. We are involved in making history.

The contest rules are:

- You may submit only one poem.
- Your poem must be your own original work.
- Poems may be no shorter than four lines; no longer than 100 lines.
- Your poem may be written in any style, but must relate directly to the life, history, struggles, problems, stories, or natural beauties of the community.
- Poems must be turned in to The Community Crier or at one of the Plymouth Poets events no later than Aug. 10
- Poems in obvious bad taste, while enjoyed, may not win.

The contest will be judged by a committee of local teachers and writers. The first prize will be a \$20 gift certificate from the Little Professor Book Store. The first, second and third prize winners will be featured readers at the Plymouth Poets Fall Festival of Poetry on Sept. 14 at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

The Plymouth Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Plymouth Poets, the Plymouth District Library, the Broadside Press, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Plymouth Community Arts Council, The Community Crier, the Plymouth Observer, Detroit Friends of the Library, the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, Little Professor on the Park, IDEAS: INK, Operation DOME Press and the Poetry Resource Center. All winning poems will be published in the Fall Festival edition of The Community Crier.

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Company move creates 247 Twp. jobs

A.O. Smith will build 220,000 square foot facility in Plymouth Oaks Business Park

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Gov. John Engler announced last Wednesday that nearly 250 jobs will be coming to Plymouth Township because of the newly created Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA.)

The Milwaukee-based A.O. Smith Automotive Products Company will build a 220,000 square foot manufacturing facility in the Plymouth Oaks Business Park, creating 247 jobs; another 623 "spin-off" jobs are expected to be created as well. Construction on the facility, which will build Dodge Dakota truck frames, will begin this month and conclude next August. Full production is expected by 1997. Additional estimates anticipate A.O. Smith to generate \$25.6 million in net state revenue. "Thanks to the MEGA grant, from a total cost standpoint, this facility will offer attractive opportunities for our customers and us, especially in terms of transportation and inventory costs," said Sam Licavoli, president of A.O. Smith.

Licavoli said Plymouth was chosen for its proximity to Chrysler's Dodge City assembly plant in Warren. "The facility will enable A.O. Smith to better serve our customer, Chrysler, and its Dodge City assembly plant," he said. "We will be able to

provide multiple frame models with a quicker response time from the Plymouth site."

The township Board of Trustees and Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy were mentioned as factors in A.O. Smith's decision.

The announcement is the fourth jobs creation project approved by MEGA since it became law in April. "The three other projects passed right off the bat," said Maura Campbell, director of communications and marketing services for the state of Michigan's Job Commission and spokesperson for MEGA.

MEGA was born last summer as a tax incentive, job creation program. "Forty-six other states had something similar," said Campbell. "Quite frankly, we were losing out on some pretty big deals."

MEGA's objective is to promote high quality economic growth that would not occur without tax credits. Businesses that apply must be engaged in manufacturing, research and development, wholesale and trade or office operations. An in-state business that is expanding must create at least 75 new jobs; an out-of-state business, such as A.O. Smith, must create at least 150 jobs.

If approved by the MEGA board, composed of eight people, a business receives tax credits for up to 20 years and 100 per cent of the amount attributable to the project. "A.O. Smith's decision to build its new plant in Michigan is further proof that Michigan is competing — and winning — in head-to-head competition for jobs with other states," Gov. Engler said.

Parents concerned over class sizes

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Numerous parents raised concerns about the student population in the Plymouth-Canton Community School

District at the school board's special meeting on Monday.

All the citizens' comments came from parents of children who are or will be

attending Isbister Elementary School — one of the older schools in the district and one that stands to be effected greatly by the influx of new students into The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Carrie Anderson said she was concerned that her two kids would both be able to attend Isbister. "With four weeks to go, I think we deserve some answers and possible solutions," she said.

Another woman, who has previous teaching experience, said Isbister had high class numbers and stated her desire for the redistricting of schools. "It needs to be dealt with more immediately than it has been in the past," she said.

Superintendent Charles Little said the issue will receive attention at the Aug. 14 board meeting. "This issue of class size is not the only one facing the district," Little said, "but it is a significant one."

Little said it is common practice for the board to wait until August — the busiest moving month of the year — in order to have an idea of how many families have left the district and how many new families have arrived. He said the board may have waited too late last year to address class size problems in schools. "Last year, we did the best we could with what we had," Little said, "and we will again this year."

Treasurer Michael Maloney, whose first grade son was in a class of 28 students last year, said, "I have a lot of empathy for the parents."

Also, at the Monday board meeting, three new principals were approved for their applied positions. Ellison Franklin will move from assistant principal to principal at East Middle School. Mary Kay Frey, currently an adult education coordinator at Starkweather Center, and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) business teacher Carolyn Anulewicz will become area coordinators at the PCEP.

Canton goodies



Susan Krupa and her husband Jim, the happy winners of the Canton goodies, entered The Crier's contest at Damon's on Ford Road. The couple, who reside in Dearborn, said they often eat in Canton. The \$600 worth of prizes was part of a contest sponsored by The Crier to celebrate the grand opening of the Canton Streetscape. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Poets will host an open microphone night for younger poets. The event, to be held Thursday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. will feature Vievee.
- Music in the Park, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is scheduled for today from noon to 1 p.m. in Kellogg Park. The program will feature magician Gordon Ross and the Dance Ensemble West.

THE WEEKEND

- Despite Plymouth Streetscape construction, the annual sidewalk sales will go on this weekend. The event will be held Friday and Saturday throughout downtown Plymouth.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.
- On Thursday, Aug. 10, the Plymouth Historical Museum will host Civil War re-enactor Ron Webb as part of their lecture series. Webb, a member of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry will speak on uniforms, encampment, food and weapons. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1995

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 27, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 11, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the July 11, 1995, Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing Item I.1 Uniform Traffic Code - Ordinance No. C-95-07 - Second Reading. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the July 25, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:51 p.m. it was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation - TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH VS. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH - This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 167 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, section 8, Paragraph e.

and TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (DISPATCHERS) - This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 167 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, section 8, Paragraph c. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mr. Griffith to call the Regular Meeting of July 25, 1995, back into Open Session at 7:35 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Supervisor Keen McCarthy moved forward on the agenda Items J.7 Proposed Labor Agreement between Communications Officers and Charter Township of Plymouth and J.1 Proposed Consent Judgement between Temple Baptist Church and Charter Township of Plymouth - Resolution No. 95-07-25-30.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the proposed Labor Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (Operators) as presented. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone Resolution No. 95-07-25-30, Approval of Proposed Consent Judgement between Temple Baptist Church and Charter Township of Plymouth, to a special meeting to be held August 8, 1995. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Dean Swartzwalter submitted a letter from Mr. Tom O'Connell, President of Hidden Creek Homeowners Association, which states they had no objection to the First United Methodist Church's proposal to House Homeless Persons.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 95-07-25-28, granting the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 36-457 from Federal-Mogul Corporation to BorgWarner Automotive subject to the submission of an Abatement Agreement and a letter from BorgWarner verifying the number of employees. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the application of David Schaff, Architects & Planners, Inc., Application No. 1300/295 to rezone property located on the west side of Haggerty, north of Joy Road, south of Ann Arbor Road, tax identification numbers 065-99-0005 and 065-99-0006, as described on the attached amended zoning map, from R-1, Single Family Residential District to VP, Vehicular Parking District. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Final Plat for Application 1185C/695, Andover Lakes Subdivision, located south of North Territorial Road, north of M-14, west of Ridge Road, east of Napier Road, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$190,725.00 as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Final Plat for Application 1316/595, Heather Hills Subdivision No. 2, located south of North Territorial Road, north of Plymouth Hills Subdivision, east of Ridge Road, west of Beck Road, subject to the Township Clerk not signing the plat until after the Township Attorney approves a modification to incorporate the Subdivision No. 2 legal description into the deed restrictions and subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$18,825.00 as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance C-95-08 to amend the water and sewer rates. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish August 22, 1995, for public hearing for tax abatement for a facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, as requested by Moeller Manufacturing. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approved the reduction of the 1995-96 Block Grant funding previously allocated to public service programs as required by the Community Development Advisory Council and by Wayne County, as follows:

Senior Transportation Program:	previous request	\$10,000
	new funding level	\$8,959 difference \$1,041
Plymouth Council on Aging:	previously request	\$6,000
	new funding level	\$5,375 difference \$625

and re-program the difference (\$1,666) to the 1995-96 ADA Renovation Program. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contact within fifteen (15) days with Corona Construction, Inc. to perform construction work for the ADA Renovation Phase One Project as outlined in the bid specifications developed by Architects & Planners, Inc. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi voting no.

Mrs. Brooks moved to authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to sign a contract for furniture with Innerspace Systems for modular furniture and chairs that will be obtained at GSA pricing in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 Mr. Brooks further moved to approve Resolution No. 95-07-25-29 amending the 1995 Budget to accommodate the above purchase. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Griffith, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi, Massengill, Muller

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Utility Easement for Consolidated Properties, LTD located on Lot 2 in Metro West Industrial Park No.1. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of costs for the pavement of Oakview Avenue within the Green Meadows Subdivision as submitted and described on the received petitions. For a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) the scope of work for the above shall include:

1. The procurement of soil borings from a qualified agent.
2. Preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates.
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold stated that volunteers are still needed to assist with the DARE Breakfast schedule for Saturday, August 5, 1995. Those interested should contact Nancy Spencer at 397-8975.

Mrs. Massengill requested that the tax abatement application for TNT-EDM be placed on the next Work Session agenda for discussion.

Mr. Curmi requested that a status report be provided on all major projects currently in progress, such as the golf course contract, the cart paths at the golf course, the solid waste contract, the Building Department automation, the updating of the Communications Department, and the sledding hill, etc.

Mrs. Mueller spoke to the poor road condition at the Plymouth Township Park. Mr. Anulewicz stated that he would look into the problem.

Mr. Dean Swartzwalter encouraged the Board to settle the lawsuit with Temple Baptist Church.

Mr. Lloyd Sharland asked if there had been any changes submitted from Temple Baptist Church that were different than the original proposal. Mr. Sharland was informed that the plans have been modified and that they are available for perusal at the Department of Public Services Building on Port Street.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Curmi and Mrs. Mueller voting no.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on July 25, 1995. The full text is available in the Clerks Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on August 22, 1995.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling Supervisors Office, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, (313)453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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School board approves new lockers for Salem

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board unanimously approved the purchase of new lockers for the Salem pool locker room. The repairs to the 25-year-old locker rooms will cost \$31,255.

Boys' locker replacement is tentatively scheduled to be replaced Oct. 7-9, and the girls' Oct. 14-16 — subject to further approval.

The bid was awarded to Republic Storage Systems Company, Inc. of Canton, OH. Republic was the third lowest bidder, but was chosen over the other two companies because it held a bid security and its lockers met specifications.

Observer awarded Canton legal bid despite controversy over omissions

The Canton Board of Trustees awarded their legal publication contract to the Observer Newspapers on a 4-3 vote last Tuesday.

On July 11, the board rejected the recommendation of Clerk Terry Bennett to award the bid to the Michigan Community Newspapers, whose bid was the lowest per column inch of the three bidders — The Community Crier, Observer Newspapers and Michigan Community Newspapers.

Trustees John Burdziak and Bob Shefferly, along with Supervisor Tom Yack and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter voted to award the bid to the Observer Newspaper — even though the Observer came in with the highest bid per square inch.

Shefferly said he based his decision on the Observer's paid circulation in Canton.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who along with Trustee Phil LaJoy and Bennett voted against the bid award,

noted that the Observer did not provide a notarized circulation statement with their original bid and did not answer several questions on the bid proposal as their reason for voting against the action.

Heated sidewalks idea may be killed because of cost

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

People visiting downtown Plymouth may end up with cold feet.

A plan to install heated sidewalks along Penniman Avenue, Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail as part of the Plymouth Streetscape project may be too costly to implement.

A petition to dissolve the special tax assessment district is available for down-

town business owners affected by the project to sign.

According to the petition, the original estimate was \$10.75 per square foot. However, the actual bid prices amount to \$20.23 per square foot.

The project, although still alive, is expected to be abandoned because of the cost.

Schools, teachers will negotiate leave policy

BY BRIAN CORBETT

To be settled at the bargaining table.

That is what Plymouth Canton Education Association president Chuck Portelli hopes will happen concerning the Leaves Policy of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

"It's a bargainable issue," said Portelli, "that they can bargain at the table."

"This is something that should be reserved for negotiating," said P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little.

At the July 24 board meeting, when a teacher applied for a "career exploration" leave, several members of the board ended over 20 years of silence by questioning the practice of granting leaves to any teacher who asks for them. Secretary Sue Davis said there was no need to reserve a job for someone looking for another job outside the district. Vice President Mark Horvath said there is no other business that allows a person to take a leave from one job to explore another. Said Little: "It's a safety net that doesn't exist in most business settings. I think we're offering a tremendous amount of security."

"So therefore, we should take it away, that's the logic," Portelli said, who went on to point out a double standard for school employees. "The business practice we want to apply — we do," he said. "The business practice we don't want to apply — we don't."

The particular policy in question is Article 13, Section nine of the Leave Policies. Any employee of the P-C Schools wishing to be approved for a leave for "career exploration," child care or adoption must submit a written request to the School board. Even though the

wording of the policy says "it may be granted," Portelli said in his 20 year association with the school district he has "never seen, nor heard of anyone turned down."

Portelli said the teachers have always appreciated the option, and he continue to support it. "I think it benefits the school," Portelli said. "I think it benefits the teachers."

"If you want to work for a newspaper for a year, that's a career leave," Portelli said. "And they bring that valuable experience back with them."

Little agreed. "We have some good examples of that," he said.

Little said the current policy will remain the same until it can be addressed next spring during bargaining sessions. "We're willing to bargain," Portelli said.

WHAT: are Students of Objectivism?

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Jean Tabor
Library Director

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Cary G. Varblow of Plymouth was recently honored by being granted a membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), an international organization of nearly 19,000 life insurance agents.

Varblow is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society that offers financial services to Lutherans across the country.

Plymouth resident Heather Schlachter Hultgren received her master of arts degree in Youth and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN recently.

Hultgren earned her undergraduate degree in biology from Oakland University in 1993. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1989.

Kimberly Wallace of Canton was recently awarded the Jesuit Founder's Scholarship from the University of Detroit Mercy.

The scholarship is awarded to community college transfer students who have completed their associates degree with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The award provides full tuition to students that demonstrate a high leadership potential and plan to attend UDM full time in the fall.

Plymouth Township's Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 of the American Legion recently elected and installed its officers for the coming year.

The officers are: Derrick "Rick" Liebau, Commander; Jim Maahs, Adjutant; Gary McCoy, Senior Vice Commander; John Pappas, Junior Vice Commander; George LaCroix, Finance Officer; Kirk Stevenson, Chaplain; Lloyd Nace, Historian; Michael Peace, Sergeant-at-Arms; Paul Dobbs, Judge Advocate and John Devor, Executive Board member at-large.

Laura Haeberle and Taylor Roberts, both from Plymouth, will be participating in the Marquis Theatre's production of "The Shoemaker and the Elves" all this month and into September. The Marquis Theatre is an historic live performance venue in Northville that highlights talented children performers from all over the area. All tickets are \$5 for all shows. For more information on dates and times, call the theatre at (810) 349-8110.

Strength on ice

Plymouth's Christine Holmes proves anything is possible

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Go figure (skating.)

Often when an athlete seems to be a natural at a sport, it is because their mother or father excelled at something similar. Not for Plymouth figure skater Christine Holmes. "Things were different when I was young," said Zach Holmes, Christine's father. "We didn't have indoor rinks to skate on. I'm the poorest skater in the family."

Holmes, 15 and a Canton High School student, has been skating since she was six, and appears to have natural instincts on the ice. She is currently preparing for a competition in Lansing where she will compete against over 200 other figure skaters from around the state.

At such a young age, this is a tremendous accomplishment. But when you take into account Holmes has battled juvenile arthritis for eight years, it becomes even more impressive. It was Holmes' mother, Paula, who suggested she try figure skating. "My mom wanted something I could do outside of school," Holmes said, "and my first arthritis problem came about a year later."

Skater's feet have been known to get sore while skating, but Holmes' experienced pain and swelling that got worse following skating practice. After several trips to the doctor, she was diagnosed with a type of arthritis in her feet caused by streptococcus. Even though the arthritis appeared the same time Holmes started skating, it was not her athletic activity that aggravated the pain. "The skating and the arthritis are coincidental," Zach said.

As it turned out, her first bout with the disease was mild, lasting only several months.

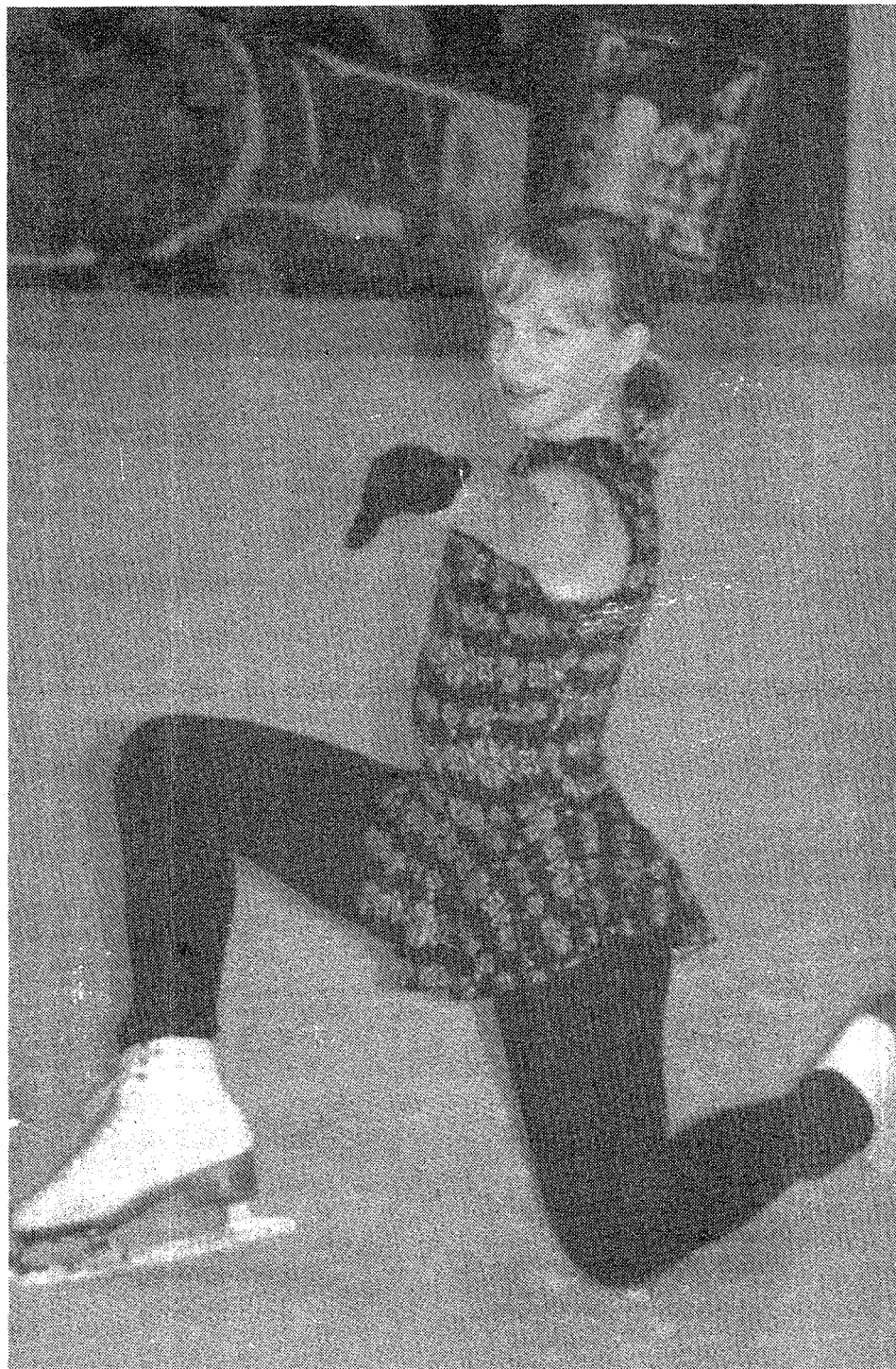
Holmes entered competitions in Ann Arbor, Indianapolis and Cleveland, and continued to improve. All was going well until July of last year, when the symptoms of arthritis returned. "We always knew that the disease could flare up again," said Paula.

So it was not a surprise, but it was very disappointing to the budding young star. "It was little depressing (the first time,) but more depressing the second time," said Holmes.

The swelling and pain prevented Holmes from lacing up and practicing for two months. Said Zach: "The arthritis makes her hobby impossible."

"But she was determined to go on with her life," said Paula, "and return to the sport she loves so much."

Holmes received treatment at Pediatric Rheumatology Clinic at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, a branch of the U-M Medical Center. The doctors and staff worked diligently to treat Holmes, giving



Plymouth figure skater Christine Holmes overcame arthritis to become a first-class athlete. (Crier photo by Jean Paldan)

her anti-inflammatory medicine and intensive physical therapy. But even U-M — a superior medical research and treatment facility — could not always provide answers. "The problem is getting a specific diagnosis," Zach said. "When it's there, they have an idea. When it's not, we're in the dark."

The pain finally subsided and Holmes returned to the ice to relearn figures, at first, then progressing to jumps at the end of the year. Quitting never entered Holmes' mind. "I just like to do it so much," she said. "Whenever I feel good

enough, I like to go skating."

Since the winter, Holmes has continued with her rigorous practice schedule of up to 13 hours a week. "We're really pleased with her," said Zach. "She's always been real good at it. She keeps at it real well."

For now, Holmes is pain free. She still visits the hospital. She is still on medication. And the arthritis may return. But if that is what it takes to be a figure skater — she will endure it. After all, she has to live by her own advice. "Don't give up," she said. "Just keep going."

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 Thank you,
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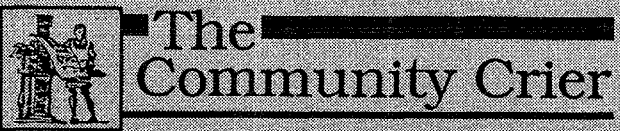
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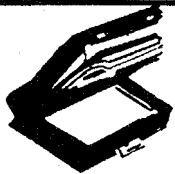
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 14th annual men's and women's golf outing at Fox Hills Country Club on Sept. 12. Tee time is set for 10 a.m. The chamber's golf outing provides golf, net working, continental breakfast, lunch and a steak dinner, door prizes, games on the course and a chance to win \$10,000 for a hole-in-one. The gold outing serves as one of the chamber's two major fundraisers. For more information call golf outing chairman Harold Berquist, or call the chamber office at 453-1540.

Canton resident Richard L. Garofola has been promoted to general manager of McCabe Funeral Home's Canton-Plymouth Chapel, chief executive officer Kevin L. McCabe announced. Garofola has been McCabe's Canton-Plymouth funeral director since the branch opened in January 1994. He has been a licensed funeral home director since 1987.

Canton Chamber of Commerce news: Leadership Canton applications are due Aug. 14. It is a nine month program sponsored by the chamber designed to ensure a continuing source of skilled, motivated leaders for the Canton community. The program has been designed for current and potential leaders to refine their leadership skills and increase their awareness of opportunities for leadership within the Canton community. Call 453-4040 for more information.

A panel of graduates of the 1994-95 Leadership Canton class will be the guests for this month's chamber member luncheon today at the Roman Forum at 12 noon. These panelists will be discussing and answering questions regarding the Leadership Canton program.

Immediately preceding the luncheon at 11 a.m. will be the New Member Orientation. Any new members, and those who have not received their New Member Packet are invited to attend. The luncheon is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call 453-4040 for more information.

The Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 5700 Haggerty Rd., is once again sponsoring the Business to Business event — "Carnival Night" — on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The whole family is invited to attend this entertaining event designed for business networking and includes an outdoor picnic, swimming, volleyball and fun for everyone. Members are \$6, children are \$3 and non-members are \$12. Call 453-4040 for more information.

The chamber has qualified for the National Association for Membership Directors (NAMD) Award for Excellence. Qualifiers for this prestigious award rank in the top 20 on NAMD chambers in the U.S. in: net gain in members, in dollars in non-dues income.

Musical homecoming

Fred Sanderson comes home to open guitar gallery

BY BRIAN CORBETT

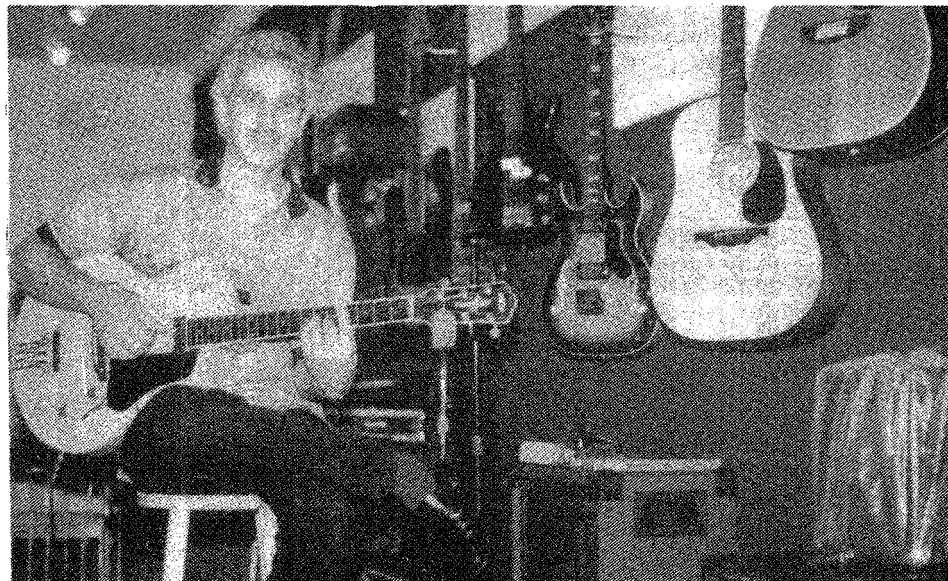
Fred Sanderson has come home.

He had spent year after year managing tours and orchestrating light shows during the 1980's. "All's it told me was that this is not where I belong," Sanderson said. "I'd had a guitar shop for years, this is like a homecoming for me."

Sanderson, a professional musician for 27 years, recently opened the Plymouth Guitar Gallery, 819 Penniman Ave., with partner Pamela Ransford. He had worked at a music store before, owned by Canton resident Dave Richard, eventually becoming general manager. He found he missed the educational side of music after being a tour manager for guitarist Earl Klugh and being in charge of sound and light at the Premier Center in Sterling Heights. "All's I cared about is the music and the instruments," Sanderson said. "I didn't give a damn about the celebrities."

A strong statement considering Sanderson has brushed shoulders with Frank Sinatra, Miles Davis and Wayne Newton — just to name a few. The decision to put the touring wheels to rest was easy. "It's been in progress for quite sometime, probably two years," Sanderson said of the store. "I had targeted the Plymouth area a long time ago. We like the community. (Ransford) likes downtown... We saw a hole in the market place, and we do things a lot different than other stores."

For instance, Sanderson takes a very personable approach to his customers. When a beginning musician walks through his door and gazes at the Yamahas, Washburns and other guitars



Fred Sanderson brings music to downtown Plymouth. His grand opening will be held Aug. 20 with the Perry Hughes Trio performing live. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

hanging on the wall, Sanderson will grab one and strum a couple cords to familiarize the customer. He often spends an exhaustive amount of time explaining strings, picks and other guitar necessities. "I'm trying to make a living," Sanderson said. "But this is like a labor of love, if anything. If I wanted to make a lot of money, I'd be doing something else I tell you."

Sanderson, who picked up an accordion at age eight and graduated to guitar four years later, will offer guitar lessons in his two practice rooms. There will be specials including father/son guitar lessons. "I'm signing up a lot of people already," he said.

Sanderson will host a grand opening on Aug. 20, the Perry Hughes Trio will perform. If Sanderson has his way, it will be the first of many live performances. "I'd like to do it once it month," he said, "be it blue grass, classical, what-have-you."

The more music, the better, Sanderson says. "Before video games, before TV, even before radio — which goes back to the early part of the century — before that, music was a big part of the family," Sanderson said, "and it just isn't anymore. And I want to change that."

The Plymouth Guitar Gallery is open six days a week.

Leininger will head veterinary group

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Finally, there is a woman president.

Plymouth Township resident Mary Beth Leininger was elected to head the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) at the organization's annual meeting. "I think it was one of the most thrilling moments of my life," Leininger said.

Leininger is the first woman to be elected to the top leadership position in the 132-year history of the AVMA. To win, Leininger had to go on a campaign trail that took her to every corner of North America in a contested election of 56,000 members. "It had been something I'd been working toward," Leininger said.

She was so busy she had no time for sightseeing, attending a total of 60 meetings in California, Texas, New Hampshire and British Columbia. She was ultimately elected by representatives from each state.

The process started a year ago when friends and family encouraged Leininger to run, saying she had something to offer the AVMA. "My gender was not the reason I ran," Leininger said.

AVMA is experiencing a facelift among members. Previously male dominated, a majority of veterinary school students are now female. Leininger's election could mark a new era for women's prominence into the AVMA higher administrative

posts. "There had been very few women in the high echelon," Leininger said. "I'm even the first ever to apply for the office. I think it was just someone willing to stick their neck out, and I guess that was me."

She will serve for the three years: one as president-elect, one as president and one as past-president. Leininger said this was made possible because of the commitment of her husband, Steven, and her staff at the Plymouth Veterinary Hospital at the corner of Wing and Deer streets.

She said she hopes to modernize the AVMA during her term by making it easier for members to have input and implementing contemporary management. "My job is to build consensus," she said.

Leininger's election as AVMA president is the most recent — and the most prominent — in a line of numerous accomplishments and awards: co-founder of Allied Veterinary Services, an emergency care and referral clinic; an appointee to the Michigan Joint Commission on Controlled Substances; member of the State of Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine for licensing; member of the Phase I Review of the Pew National Veterinary Education Program; awarded the Woman Professional of the Year and the Award of Outstanding contributions. "I wouldn't do anything else in my life," she said.

Streetscape '95 Under Construction

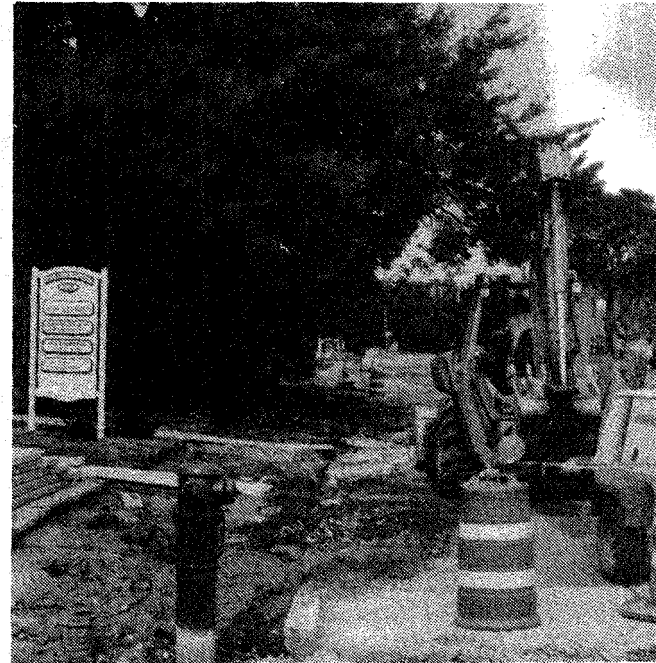
WORK ON KELLOGG PARK ALMOST COMPLETE!

A new sidewalk and curb around the perimeter of the park has been constructed. The curb line on Union streets has been moved 3 feet west to allow for the addition of a left turn lane at Ann Arbor Trail and Union. Work will begin this week on the north side of Penniman in front of the Penn Theater and is expected to take two weeks.

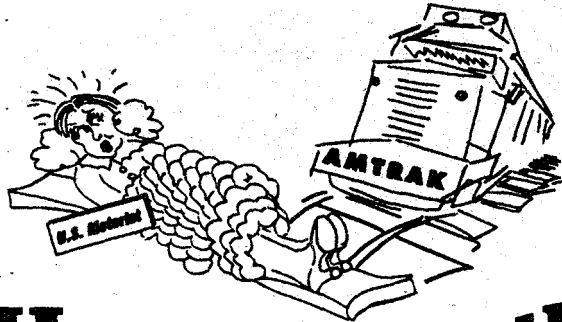
Work has also started on south side of Ann Arbor Trail from Main to Harvey. The construction crews will have the curb and sidewalk installed by Thursday afternoon, just in time for sidewalk sales.

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The hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

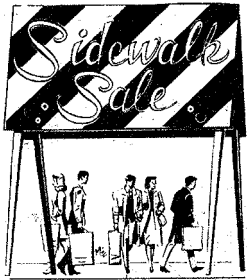
The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .015% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by .07% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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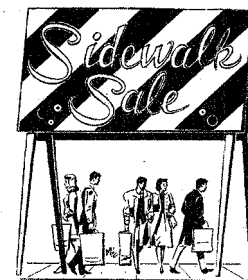
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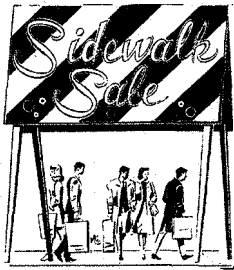
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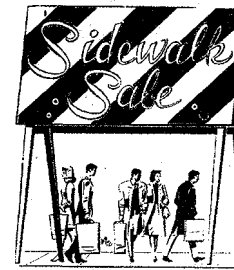
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Temple Baptist decision postponed

BY BRIAN CORBETT

At the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting on July 25, a decision concerning the consent agreement with Temple Baptist Church was postponed until a special meeting on Aug. 8 at the Plymouth Township Hall. "We want to postpone this item for two weeks," Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy told a crowd of about 60 people.

Upon hearing this announcement, the crowded hall dwindled to just a handful of spectators.

Stating they had just received additional input from lawyers the day before, the board unanimously decided to postpone the decision in a closed door session that preceded the regular meeting. "We want to thoroughly analyze (the new information) before we make a decision on the item," said Keen-McCarthy.

Keen-McCarthy informed residents that if they could not attend the special meeting that they could submit their comments in writing.

Twp. break-ins up 74 percent

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reported break-ins. So far in 1995, the township has experienced 47 break-ins.

"They're scattered around the township in such a fashion," said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry, "that we don't think it's one person or one group."

The main areas of concern for the police are LakePointe, Ridgewood Hills and Trailwood subdivisions — which have witnessed the most criminal activity.

The police have no solid suspects in their investigations. "We've caught some, but they've done one or two," said Berry. "It's nothing that's consistent."

Berry said that burglars are breaking in between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., when most people are at work. Occasionally, a front has been busted open in order to gain access to the house. But the favorite point of entry for the thieves is a secluded back door. "They're coming in through sliding glass doors, kicking in the door," Berry said.

Small appliances, jewelry, and credit cards have been the main items taken. "Things that are easy to get" Berry said, "and won't draw attention when they are carrying it out the door."

While it is an extreme area of concern for police, Berry reminded residents this

was not a huge amount of crime and that police are doing what they can. "We just need citizens assistance," Berry said.

Which could come in many ways. One is to call police about "people in the neighborhood who aren't usually there," even if it is broad daylight Berry said. "We need people to be snoopy neighbors again," he said.

Berry said this means anybody, no matter what kind of car they are driving or how they are dressed.

Door to door solicitors need to be checked for a proper license. "Those people who have been doing it legitimately, that's fine," Berry said.

Another wise precaution is to lock up the front door and windows when cooking or working in the backyard. Berry also recommends keeping the grass cut and picking up the mail on a regular basis, putting lights on timers and playing a radio at conversation level when the house is empty. Alarms are also great deterrents to crime, but must be used properly. "We've had 150 false alarms in a month," Berry said. "That takes a lot of time. That has to diminish."

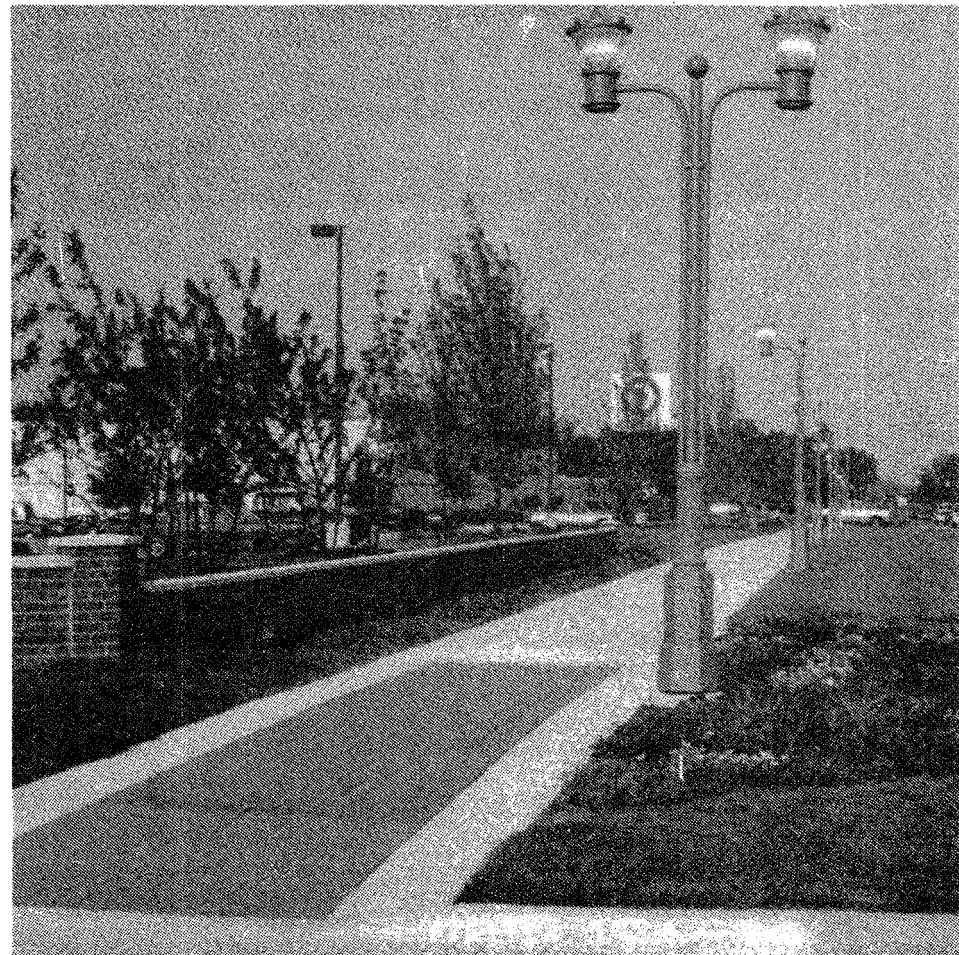
Berry said the newly instituted mountain bike patrol has helped, but the police still need help. "To have a safe community," Berry said, "we have to have citizen involvement."

This prolongs a saga that began nearly a year ago when the Township Planning Commission rejected Temple Baptist's proposal for a 244,300 square foot church surrounded by parking lots and athletic fields at the corner of North Territorial and Ridge roads. As a result, Temple Baptist filed suit against the township under a 1993 federal law claiming their religious rights had been infringed upon.

In an effort to compromise, the township and Temple Baptist have been working on a consent agreement that would allow the church to build on the land it desires, but would also include a number of restrictions on size, capacity, events, landscaping and other stipulations.

The predicament is exasperated by \$5.2 million in damages Temple Baptist has brought against the township; the money would be for compensation if the church loses its potential for the Redford facility it hopes to leave.

Canton officials hold streetscape dedication



The look of Ford Road from Morton Taylor to Sheldon Road has received a face lift from the Canton Streetscape project. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Supervisor Tom Yack: 'It has been a great project'

A ribbon-cutting and formal dedication of the Canton Downtown Development Authority Streetscape project drew more than 60 community leaders Thursday evening in celebration of the completion of the \$2 million project along Ford Road.

The ceremony formally opened the streetscape, which was completed earlier this month. The DDA project features new landscaping along the perimeter of the Canton district (Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Sheldon and Sheldon between Ford and Westminister). It also features a low-running decorative wall, special decorative lighting, new and wider sidewalks and signs with the township logo.

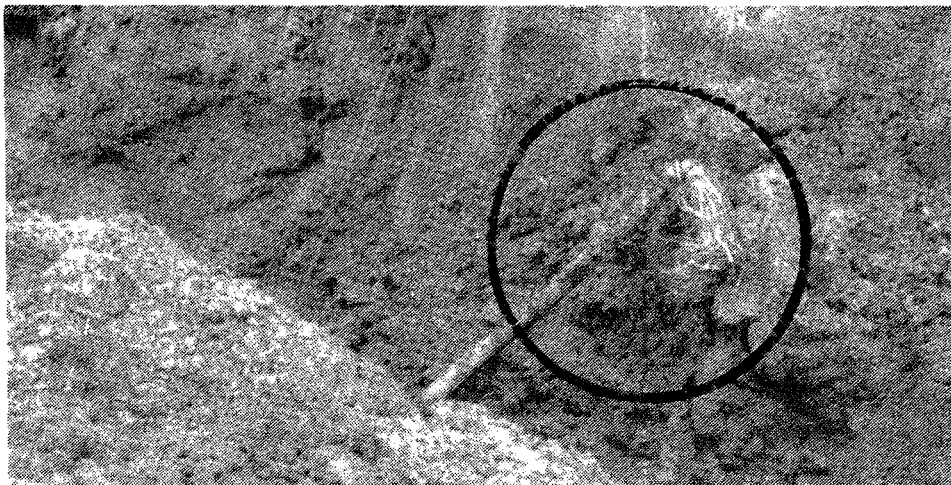
The Canton DDA was originally formed in 1984, but work on the streetscape itself did not begin until May of last year. The project was funded by

tax dollars captured from the businesses located within the district and not from general fund money.

On hand for the ceremonies were State Sen. Loren Bennett, State Rep. Eileen DeHart, County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, members of the Canton Board of Trustees, members of the Canton DDA, property owners within the district, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and several members of the Ford Road Task Force — formed last year to begin the process of developing long-term strategies for what is considered the main commercial core of Canton.

"It has been a great project," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "We have all looked forward to its completion and now that it's done, I think everyone is very pleased. This is a start to creating a identity for Ford Road."

Cut cable



Thursday, phone service was disrupted in several businesses along the south side of Ann Arbor Trail as an electrical crew installing the lines for the streetlights accidentally cut the phone cable under the old sidewalk. According to Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile, Ameritech marked all the other phone lines on Ann Arbor Trail except this line. Service was out for approximately five hours. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

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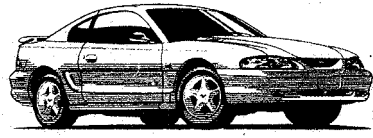
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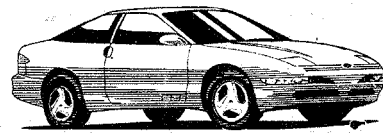
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KIDCARE PHOTO ID

Parents can obtain free photographs of their children for personal safety Id's on Sunday at any K-Mart store. Contact the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees at 453-8407.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

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.

ARMED SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

U.S. Rep Lynn Rivers has announced Nov. 1 as her deadline for accepting applications for armed service academy applications. Those interested can get information by writing her Wayne office at 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI, 48184.

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.

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.

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.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

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.

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.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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.

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonusish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. Call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for more information.

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.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1940 REUNION

The Plymouth High School Class of 1940 is having its 55 year reunion on Sept. 23 at Plymouth Elks Club. The Class of 1939 is also invited. Contact Bill Thomas at 453-1925 for more information and reservations.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for students new to The Plymouth-Canton Community School District has begun. Child's birth certificate, immunization, record, proof of residency and social security are needed. Call 416-4842.

Ann Arbor Road revamp

Will City, Twp. officials run with plan presented yesterday at special meeting?

A Crier
special report

BY PETER BRODERICK

With the City of Plymouth's streetscape well underway, and Canton's streetscape just finished, the ball has begun rolling on another community improvement plan — one that is perhaps more encompassing and complex than either streetscape.

At a special presentation meeting yesterday, plans were unveiled for the proposed refurbishing of the Ann Arbor Road corridor in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Five professional architects and planners — dubbed the Ann Arbor Road Design Collaboration Group — got together in June to brainstorm ideas and come up with a plan for the corridor to unify the landscape in the area, as well as making the overall scheme fit in with the City's streetscape project.

Richard Carlisle, Robert Leighton, Phillip McKenna and David Scaff teamed up with James D. Anulewicz, Plymouth Township's director of public services, and came up with plans, sketches and diagrams of the ideal Ann Arbor Road. The group analyzed many aspects of the community, and presented their findings yesterday to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees, the Plymouth City Commission, and the planning commissions for both the city and township.

The charge of the group was to strengthen the connection between the Ann Arbor Road corridor and Downtown Plymouth. Many aspects of Plymouth's streetscape will be used as guidelines for the Ann Arbor Road project.

The plans included two primary focal points along with five secondary focal points along Ann Arbor Road. In addition to the focal points, the entire stretch of the corridor will be joined by "unifying elements" in landscape and architectural design.

The primary focal points are the I-275 intersection and the Main Street intersection of Ann Arbor Road. The five secondary points are the Eckles, Sheldon Road, Lilley Road, and Haggerty Road intersections and the C & O Railroad overhead crossing.

With any major community development, the first question on most minds is "who will pay?" The report included a list of sources for the funding of the project.

The group's recommendations for revenue included tax increment financing, ISTE funds, private sponsored funds, local road funds/Act 51 funds, special assessment districts, MDOT funding, general funds, and incentives or exactions. The taxpayers will be the major source of revenue, but many other sources will be tapped to try to ease the burden of the bill.

The plan will now go through the usual steps at both the city and township. It will eventually go up before the trustees and commissioners for a vote, after several public hearings in each case.

What is needed

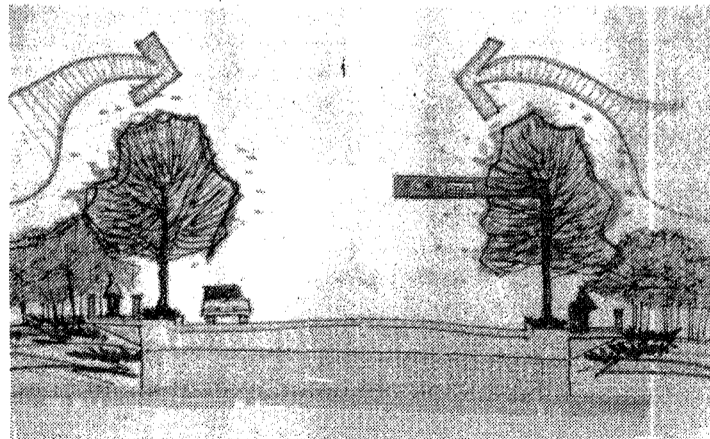
This is a list of overall concepts that the design group identified in their report, before developing their specific plans for the corridor:

- Sidewalks should be extended throughout the corridor.
- A standard lighting fixture should be chosen which will be consistent with the style of the Downtown light fixtures.
- Large deciduous street trees should be incorporated along the corridor withing the right-of-way. In fill plantings should be first priority.
- Current traffic signals should be replaced with mast-arm traffic signals at all intersections.
- The general maintenance and housekeeping of the corridor needs to be improved.
- The C&O Railroad crossing and associated steep banks are poorly maintained and are a strong negative statement along the corridor. A specific upgrade plan is needed.
- Overhead lines are a poor negative visual impact on the corridor. Evaluate the cost benefit ratio for the removal or relocation of these lines.
- Evaluate the minor elements found along the corridor which cumulatively are very disruptive and create a poor visual image, such as mailboxes, government signs, traffic control signs, etc.
- A center median on Ann Arbor Road would not be a practical cost effective approach to improving the corridor.
- Consider establishing a formal legal entity responsible for the overview and implementation of approved development for the corridor.
- Increase the depth of commercial property between Main Street and Sheldon Road and eliminate through traffic.

Unifying Elements

The architects recommended that the corridor be tied together with repeated use of several elements, including:

- **Fencing.** A brick column and wrought iron style fencing. The brick should be designed to tie in with Downtown Plymouth's style of brick use.
- **Sidewalks.** Extend public sidewalks throughout the corridor.
- **Lighting.** For row lighting, use a standard consistent with styles in Downtown Plymouth.
- **Row Landscaping.** Right-of-way landscaping should employ deciduous trees and fill street tree gaps located between the curb and sidewalk.
- **Traffic Signals.** Incorporate a mast-arm vehicular traffic signal system at all intersections (see illustration, below).



Secondary focal points

Eckles and Sheldon Road intersections

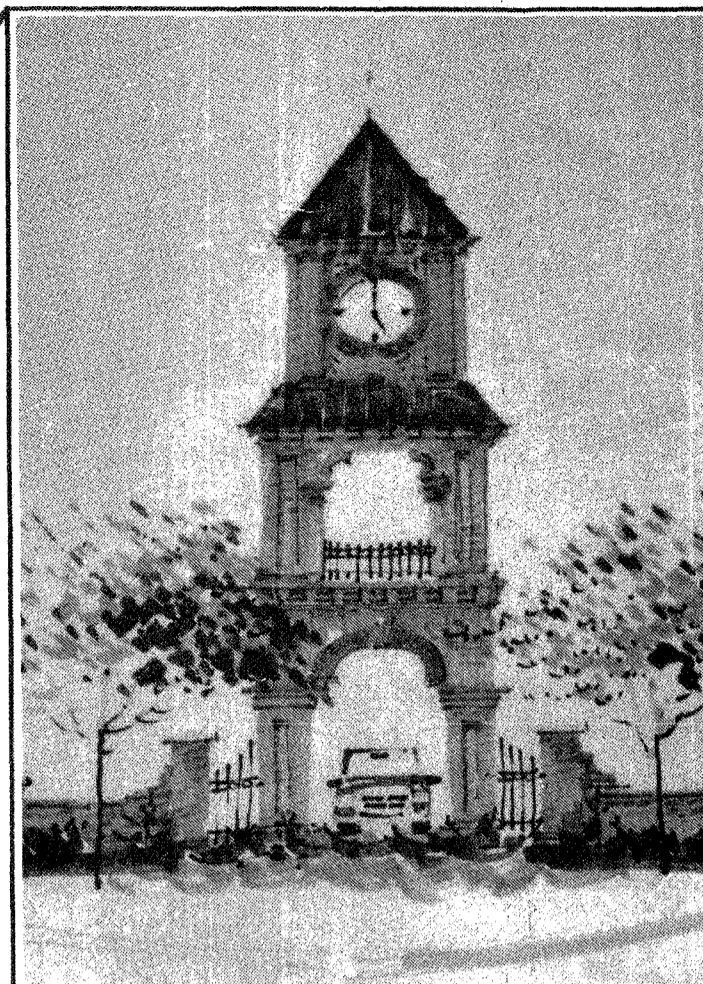
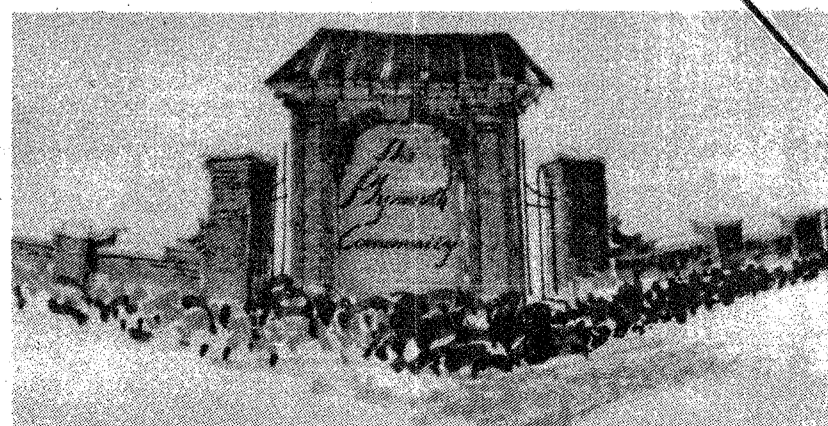
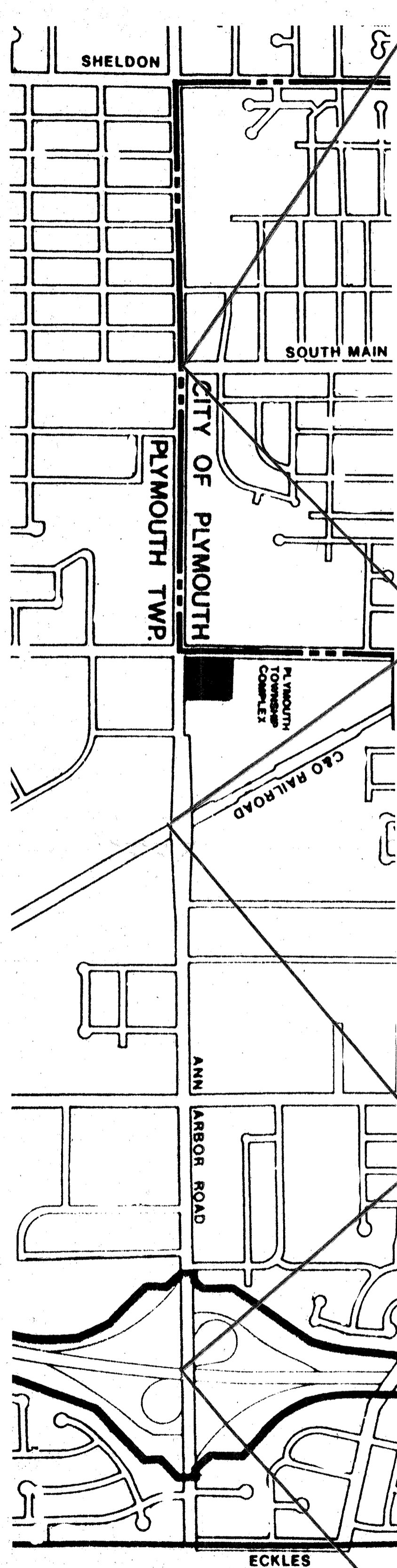
The proposed intersections at Eckles Road and Sheldon Road suggest the following:

- **Columnar Fencing.** Fencing should be used much like the fencing in the rest of the plan. Wrought iron columnar fencing.
- **"Welcome" sign.** "Welcome to Plymouth" sign at corner of intersection.

Haggerty and Lilley Road intersections

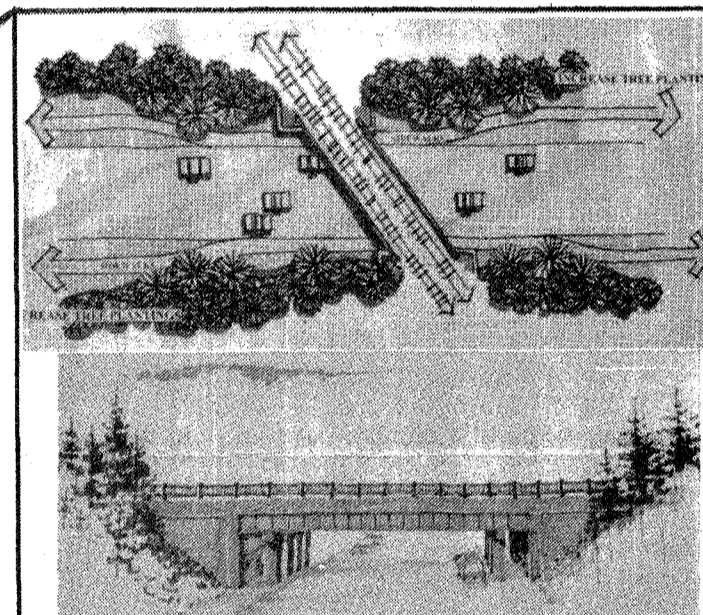
The proposed intersections at Lilley Road and Haggerty Road suggest the following:

- **Columnar Fencing.** Fencing should be used much like the fencing in the rest of the plan. Wrought iron columnar fencing should be used at each quadrant of the intersection.



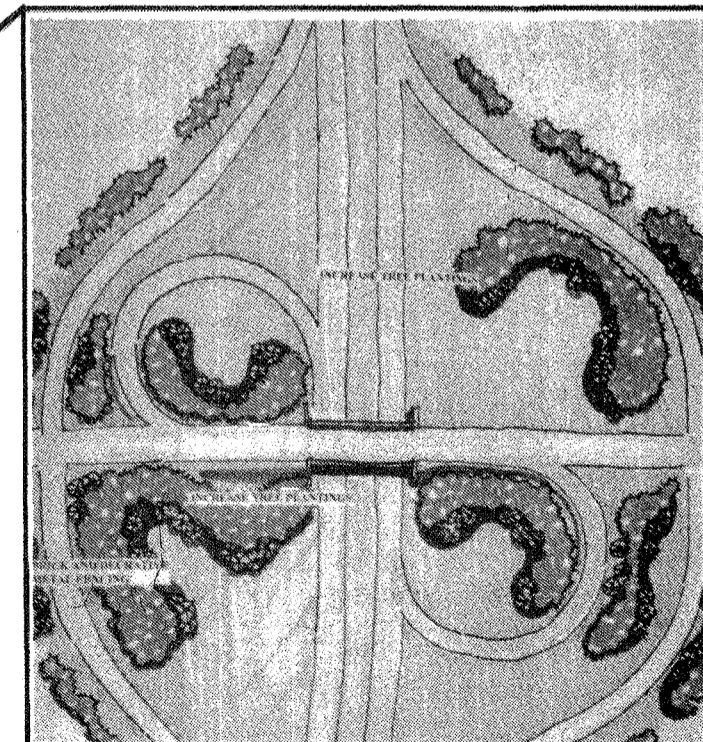
Main Street Intersection Primary Focal Point

- The proposed Main Street intersection features the following:
- **Clocktower.** Create a clocktower consistent with the style of both the I-275 belltower and Downtown Plymouth. The tower should be integrated into the Dick Scott Dodge site on the Northeast corner of the intersection.
 - **Landscaping.** Develop archway structures tied to the base of the clocktower and provide a columnar fence detail.



C&O Railroad Overpass Secondary Focal Point

- The proposed refurbishing of the C&O Railroad overhead crossing features the following:
- **Sidewalk Extensions.** Extension of the sidewalks on both sides of Ann Arbor Road underneath the crossing is recommended. Fencing between the road and walkway will be added for additional safety.
 - **Painting.** The underpass and support columns should be painted with respect to the styles present in the belltower and clocktower.
 - **Landscaping.** Landscaping should be added in keeping with the designs and styles present in the rest of the project. Trees should be added to the banks on both sides of the road.



I-275 Intersection Primary Focal Point

- The proposed intersection at I-275 features the following:
- **A Belltower,** housing a cellular antenna. According to the proposal, the belltower should establish the design theme that will be extended throughout the corridor.
 - **Landscaping.** The proposed plan will redesign the current landscape into a more organized and massed pattern of evergreens and a flowering foreground for color, texture and variety.

The information on this page was included in a report by the Ann Arbor Road Design Collaboration Group. The group, made up of five architects and planners, was put together by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce's Ann Arbor Road Business Team. All photos are artist's renderings of the proposed project, courtesy of Kelly McCarty, chairperson of the Business Team and Jim Anulewicz.



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PLYMOUTH OLDTIMER'S PICNIC

The Oldtimer's annual picnic will be held at noon, Thursday, Aug. 31 at Plymouth Township Park. Call Russ Ash at 453-2649 or Howdy Schryer 453-0114 for reservations.

WALKER/BUZENBERG CONSUMER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Walker/Buzenberg is hosting the following events: Live music on Friday, "What to look for when purchasing a sleep set? on Saturday", A mime performance on Saturday, and "Fun with with pictures and wall accessories" on Saturday. Call 459-1300.

CANTON K-MART THUNDERFEST

K-Mart will hold the third annual Thunderfest Classic Car and Street Rod show on Aug. 12 at the Sheldon and Ford road store from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit community hospice services of Westland and Plymouth. For more information, call Vicki at 522-4244.

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.

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.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

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.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location. 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.

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold their Farmer's Market at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 21. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES

New Morning School will hold summer classes in science and math for children three to 12 years old and day camp programs. For more information, call the school at 420-3331.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will offer classes for three and four-year-olds on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call Kayelynn at 981-1305.

NEW MORNING SCIENCE AND MATH CAMPS

New Morning School will offer math and science camps for children from ages 6 to 12. There are classes running through the end of August. For more information and to register, call New Morning school at 420-3331.

"MOVIES UNDER THE STARS"

Canton Parks and Rec will show "Jurassic Park" on Aug. 11 (rain date Aug. 13) at the Amphitheatre in Heritage Park on a 15x20 foot screen. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

C.H.A.D.D MEETING

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.

SUMMER ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer classes in art, drama and culture for all ages at the Art Center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. For more information and to register, call the council at 416-4ART.

DETROIT EDISON TREE-LINE CLEARING

Detroit Edison will be sending line clearing crews to Plymouth and Plymouth Township during the next two months. For more information about line clearing in your area, call Detroit Edison at 1-800-477-4747.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

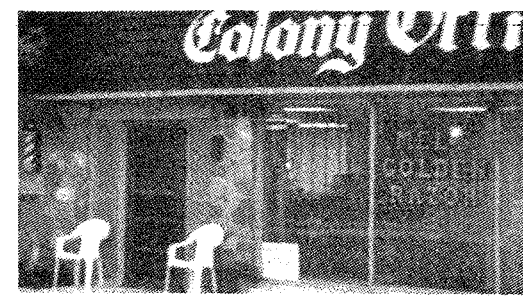
The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

348TH STATION ARMY HOSPITAL CO. REUNION

The 348th Station Army Company will be holding their annual reunion at the Mayflower Hotel Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Members of the 384th are encouraged to come attend. For more information, call either William Burke at (810) 476-0729 or Joe Zmudka at 278-0913.

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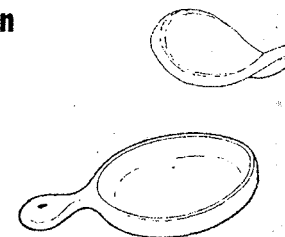


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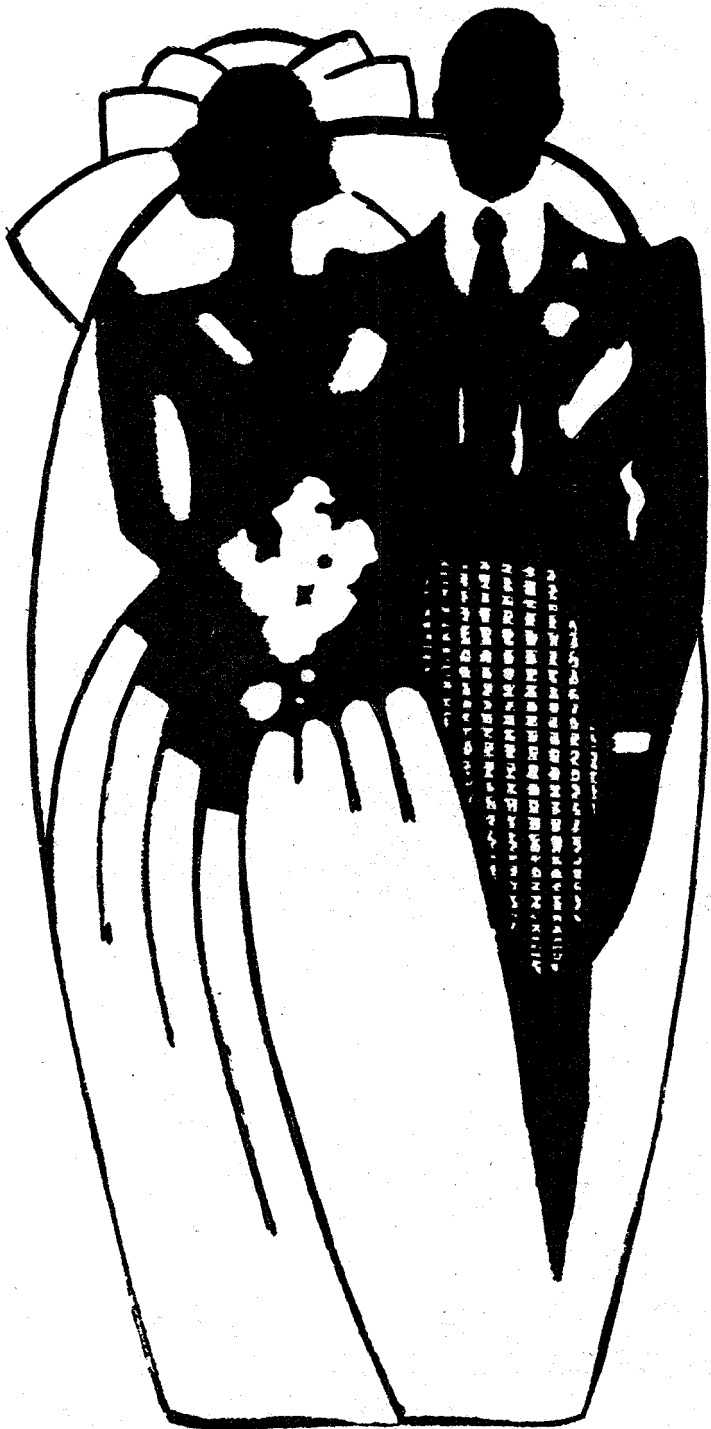
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John Paul Groff

John Paul Groff, a Canton resident and employee of Masco of Novi, died July 23, 1995, at the age of 67.

Mr. Groff worked for Masco, formerly N.I. Industries, for 15 years. He retired in 1985.

Mr. Groff is survived by his wife, Geraldine; daughters, Peggy (Richard) Muraske, Mary and Karen; sons, Michael (Rose), John (Wendy) and the late Paul P.; sisters, Lois Walling and Anne McGuire and seven grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Groff were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Leukemia Society of America, Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Margaret C. Roberts

Margaret C. Roberts, a Plymouth resident for nearly her entire life, died July 18, 1995 in Grosse Pointe at the age of 89.

Ms. Roberts served for the Red Cross. She was involved in the opening of Starkweather School, and was a teacher there for many decades.

Ms. Roberts has no living relatives.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.

Eleanor S. Kivela, 81, homemaker

Eleanor S. Kivela, a Canton resident, died July 27, 1995.

She is survived by her sister and two nephews.

Services were held at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Virginia E. Milbauer, 87, homemaker

Virginia E. Milbauer, a Canton resident, died July 25, 1995.

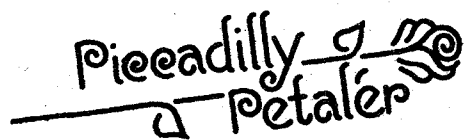
She is survived by her nephew.

Services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Russell Bingley, 93

Russell Bingley, a long-time Plymouth resident, died in Punta Garda, FL, at the age of 93.

Bingley was an employee at the Schrader-Howell Funeral during the 1940's and 1950's.



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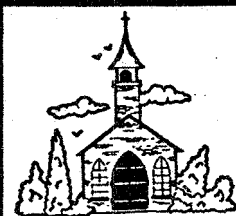
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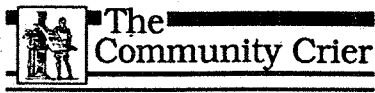
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"Citizens working on the district's Finance Committee, in conjunction with board members, administrators and staff, have been a very dynamic and positive influence on the educational system in The Plymouth-Canton Community," said board President David Artley. "We look forward to the continued participation of citizens, inclusive of business persons, parents and other interested parties. We believe that it is a strength of the district that so many people are willing to participate and we are encouraged that people are taking ownership of their schools as they should."

Interested persons may pick up a form at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center or send their name, address and phone number to Community Relations office, Finance Committee. The submission deadline is Aug. 14. Names will be selected through a random selection process and volunteers whose names are drawn will be notified.

Trustees spilt over Travis House funding

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— if it's the public library or the Travis House — it has to be accessible," she said.

Kirchgatter, who said she is a supporter of historic preservation, said a line must be drawn between public and private funding.

"I'm finished," she said. "I'm not ready to give (the Travis House project) additional funds."

McLaughlin said the block grant funding was designed to fund these type of projects.

"You would not be budgeting additional Canton funds for the Travis House," she said. "You're just saying the Travis House is a public building and needs handicapped renovations."

Shefferly said he never thought the township would get involved in the restoration of the building at all.

"We bought it and moved it because it was an emergency," he said. "I think funding to refurbish the Travis House can be secured through private funding if people think it's a worthwhile project."

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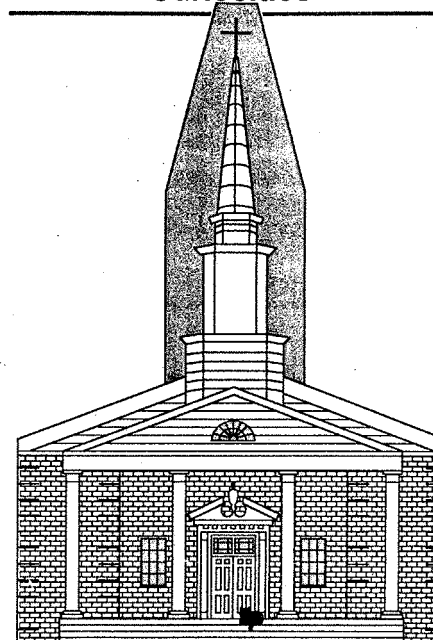
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MELINDA & DAVE

THERESE: Fan time?

RON-RON and BE-BOP are home at last.

MIKE WATTS (the original one) answers the phone.

THE GUIDE to LIVING at the Links is coming!

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"THAT'S WHAT a Business Manager is for right? To hold everybody's hand." --Pete Broderick, 1995

Has Lisa Lepping met Pete Broderick yet? (25¢ to watch this)

JOHN VAN WAGONER keeps sneaking back into town. (Old friends never leave us.)

DOLLY MARZKA NEVER leaves home without her pillow and her coffee pot.

THAD IS 30!

SALES HELP WANTED at Steve Petix Clothing-- stop in to buy something during SIDEWALK SALES while you apply. Ask for Jamie.

Tuesday July 25th 1:30 PM A DAY IN HISTORY ED ADMITTED HE WAS WRONG.

"HERE, TAKE MY KEYS" NAME with held by request.

There was an omission in the sports story by Rob Kirkbride in Last weeks paper- Rob mentioned That Jack shot a 10 on #18, what he Conveniently forgot to mention was that he shot a 10 on #10 & that Jacks 50 on the Back nine was 6 strokes less than his 56. We don't Talk about the Front 9.

Curiosities

Don't forget The D.A.R.E. Pancake Breakfast in The Community Federal Credit Unions Parking Lot Sat. Aug. 5th 7:00AM to 1:00PM

Thanks to Willie Horton for helping out at The Senior Alliance Golf outing- Everyone enjoyed his visit and there will be a lot of photo's around with themselves & Willie-

Rob & Jack ARE Displaying Their 1st Place Trophies w/Handicap That They took at The Senior Alliance Golf outing-

DANIEL EVANS SPARLING, July 9, 1954- July 11, 1995. There was a gathering last Sunday, July 30 at the Matthaehi Botanical Gardens. What a beautiful day! Sun shining! Not too warm! It seemed to be and was the right place and the right time for Danny's family and his friends to get together, not to mourn his passing, but to mourn the very large vacant space he left in our lives. There was music by his brother, there was laughter for so many of the tales that were told, but there were tears for ourselves and the emptiness left in our lives. He will be remembered by his students the handicapped and the needy who will miss his loving guidance. The rest of us will miss him for his generous spirit and his caring for us,- all of us. "God bless us every one."

JANET- Aren't you surprised to find that you are the strongest?

CHARLENE T.- your daughter is lovely! How proud you must be!

TERRY L.- Finally your Rosary and instructions came together. It took over an hour, but I did it! Bless you.

MARTHA DAVIS- Everything you do or say makes a difference in someone's life Hopefully there is a return that makes a difference in yours.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Why didn't you tell me what to wear? In a "hoop skirt" I would have been less conspicuous.

MICHAEL- How are you going to celebrate your fiftieth?

"HOG SLOP", Paul Harvey said, "is what some modern cultural values should be called," and I am inclined to agree.

THERE ARE PEOPLE waiting for their ship to come in who never sent one out.

A SMILE IS THE BEGINNING OF PEACE.

JACK MURDOCK, nee Adolph Menjou. Where are you?

JANET BURLEY, LYNN TOBIN and a group of their school friends,- ("school," is "elementary" school, no less) still keep in touch. Isn't that the greatest!

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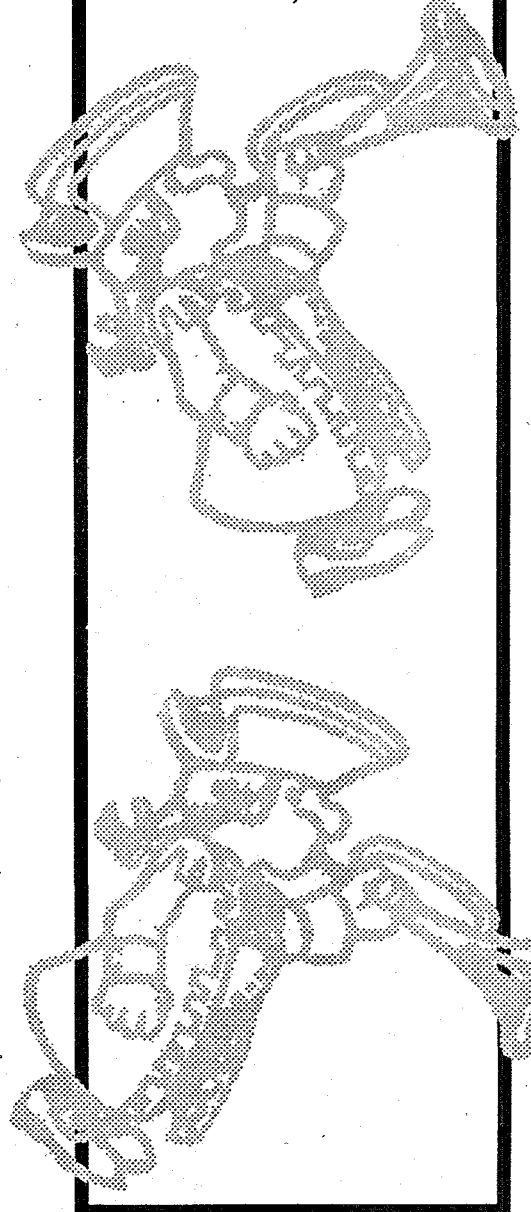
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Sports

Sports shorts

Trader Jack's, 585 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth, will host free autographing sessions with Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood and center Kris Draper. Draper will sign on Saturday, Aug. 12 from 1-3 p.m.. Osgood will sign on Sunday, Aug. 27 from 1-3 p.m. One autograph per person.

The Annual Golf Classic '95 at Fox Hills Country Club, presented by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and this year's major sponsor Blackwell Ford, will take place on Tuesday, September 12.

A foursome sponsor will cost \$600 and a twosome sponsor will cost \$440, (a sponsor includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, open bar, refreshments, a shirt and a sponsor sign).

Individual tickets will cost \$175 and will be available after August 9 on a first-come, first serve basis. Dinner will cost only \$50. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540 for more information.

Bladesports, the in-line skates consultant in the Coventry Commons strip mall on Morton Taylor Road, is holding its grand opening Aug. 4. On hand signing autographs will be Detroit Red Wing Shawn Burr and one of the Motor City Mustangs.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring the fifth concert of the Canton Summer Concert Series tomorrow, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton Township. Doug Jacobs and the Red Garter Band will bring their special style of dixieland music to the free concert. Call 397-5110 for concert details.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring another family trip to the Detroit Tigers game on Sunday, August 20 to see the Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins. A bus will leave Canton Township Administration parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and will return after the game. The cost is \$14 per person and includes reserved seat and bus transportation. Registration is for Canton residents only and began July 24 (40 seats available). Call 397-5110 for further information.

Skating champ

Northville figure skater shines at Olympic Festival

BY MATT HUCAL

A new star has been rising out of the local area, and it seems as if it's beginning to shine very brightly.

Erin Sutton, a figure skater from Northville, recently competed in and defeated some of the top junior skaters in the nation at the Olympic Festival that took place in Denver, Colorado the weekend of July 22.

The 13-year-old was invited to the festival, which was broadcast nationwide on CBS, along with seven other top junior skaters in the nation. She was the youngest person in the age bracket that ranged from 13 years to 18 years old, with the majority being around 15 and 16 years old.

According to one of her coaches of four years, Theresa McKendry, Sutton has been preparing and training a new program for about eight weeks, after having used her past program for the last two years.

"When a skater becomes 13 years old, the program must be lengthened from three to three and a half minutes," McKendry said.

That means having to add new jumps and the program becomes all in all more difficult. She added five triples to her new program this year, compared with only two triples in her old program. What Sutton had to do was try to become as good with the new program as she was with the old program even with the new obstacles.

"We went to the festival not knowing what to expect with the new program," McKendry said. "But even though she fell once and it wasn't perfect, she did a very good job."

At the festival, she was practicing well before any of the competition. Once it was time to compete at McNichols Arena in Denver before a crowd of about 7,000 people, she placed third in the short program and then won the long program.

In the long program she successfully pulled off three triples, including one in a combination, fell during her next triple, then got up and ended it by nailing her final triple. For most skaters a fall like that in a big competition would really hurt them mentally, but it didn't even phase Sutton.

As for the other competitions she's entered this year, Sutton has won all of them. Beginning September 1 she will start training for Junior Worlds tryouts in Colorado Springs and if she is successful in qualifying will travel to Australia to compete against some of the best skaters in the world.

She skates out of the Detroit Skating Club and her first day back from the festival she was signing autographs at the

Detroit Arena with other successful skaters Jerrod Swallow, Nicole Bobeck, and Todd Eldredge.

As Junior Worlds rounds the corner, Erin Sutton looks as if her training and hard work are going to take her very far.

Sunny fun



(l to r) Alex Linerode and Katey Stapleton take time out for a swing in Rotary Park in Plymouth. The two are enrolled in the supervised parks program through the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. The swing helped the two dry off from their swim at Central Middle School earlier in the day. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

Proper nutrition helps athletes reach potential

BY MATT HUCAL

When deciding which gas station to pull into, people usually choose one that has high quality gas. Well, just like giving your car good gasoline so it can keep running well and remains in good shape, the human body needs quality food and the right nutrition not only while competing in sports but all the time to stay in proper shape and perform the best it can.

Nutritionists everywhere agree that if involved in athletic competition, one of the most important elements in attaining success is what kind of food you eat during and while competing. That means eating the correct number of good meals each day, with snacks with some kind of nutritional value on the side.

Nancy McClenaghan, a nutritional consultant at Healthway in Plymouth on Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads, suggests keeping the right diet in order to reach complete potential in athletics.

"Without the proper diet and foods in the system you'd really be selling yourself short," McClenaghan said. "You need it for your body to function properly and to give a high energy output."

Some of the suggestions McClenaghan gives are eating well the day before and the day of a game or competition.

The thing you want in your diet are carbohydrates. Spaghetti, pizza, any kind

of pasta, and whole grain foods such as brown rice are rich with carbohydrates and would be good meals the day before a competition. Along with rest, these foods are what should be on an athletes mind the day before.

The day of a competition should include good meals up to three or four hours before the event. Then leading up to it snacks like carbo bars with fruit, power bars, edge bars and any natural high carbohydrate bar are recommended.

According to McClenaghan, it's not a good idea to eat a candy bar like some people do before athletics because of all the sugar placed into them. They give a high energy buzz right away, but after about 20 minutes it wears off and you actually lose a little energy.

And last but not least carbo drinks are a way to prepare for a game with a beverage. McClenaghan says such drinks as Carb Xcelerator, Ultra Fuel, and Carbo Power along with Gatorade, Powerade, and All Sport make a nice liquid supply before and during competition.

McClenaghan highly recommends purchasing health and nutrition books such as Optimum Sports Nutrition by Dr. Michael Colgin, if interested in achieving the body's ultimate peak condition. All it takes is a little discipline and drive to succeed.



Sports

Moonlight run

Plymouth's Doug Koch finishes marathon in Anchorage, Alaska

In among the 124 team members from the Michigan contingent of veteran and novice runners in the Mayor's Midnight Run marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, was Plymouth's own Doug Koch. By the end of the scenic 26.2 miles of hills, gravel, stones, bike paths, and paved roadway, Koch was even thinking about doing another marathon. Maybe.

Koch, the associate provost and dean of graduate programs at Lawrence Technological University, finished the June 17 race in the neighborhood of 4-hours and 25-minutes. He admits he was having too much fun dancing and running at the end to notice the clock.

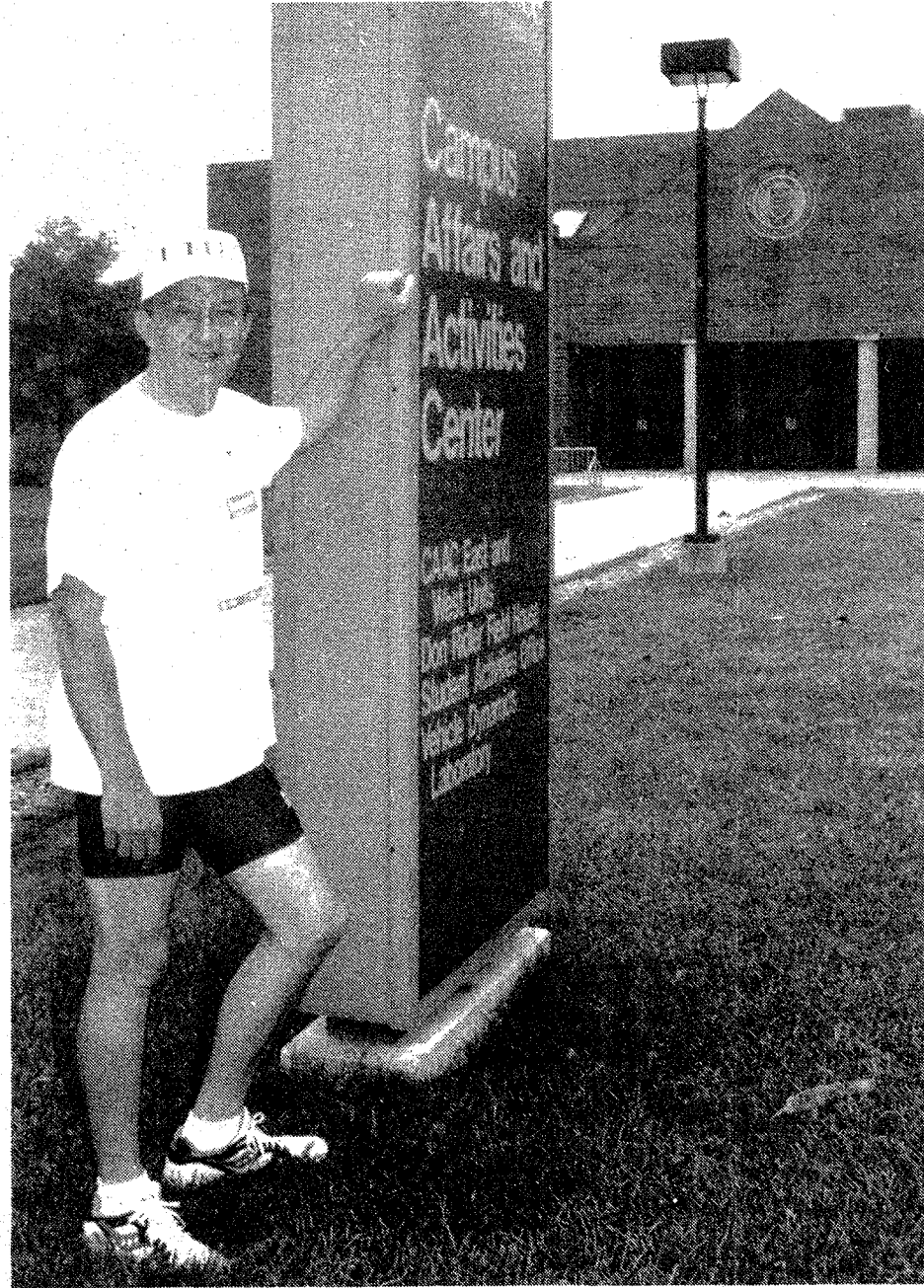
"After my first (marathon), I wanted to run another one to see if I could do better. I did and I did better. I ran New York because I wanted to run New York, but I didn't enjoy it at all. It was hot and miserable," Koch, a veteran of two Detroit Free Press Marathons and one New York Marathon, said showing off a souvenir sweat shirt and lapel pin. "This run was great."

He added rather philosophically regarding this finish time, "That's faster than my slowest time, not as good as my best time."

The Midnight race, which benefited the Leukemia Society of America, dished up some tough conditions. First it was sunny and warmish—temperatures were in the 50s at start time but crept into the low-60s by noon. The course took runners through an Army Reserve training area and a park. The worst came early at mile seven when the terrain changed and started to go up. Between miles seven and 16, Koch said he was running on rocks "bashing you in the middle of your foot. You had to watch where you put your heel so you didn't hurt yourself." There was also the steep elevation gain between miles 13 and 15. All of this took its toll, breaking some runners down and reducing them to walking.

Koch wasn't complaining, even if he did end up doing some walking at the 20 mile mark. A long downhill portion left him feeling good "but my muscles in my calves and knees were tired and saying 'ouch'." By the final few miles, with some helpful urging from the crowd, he regained his form and danced through the finish line.

"I heard experienced people say this was the toughest city marathon they'd ever seen," Koch said.



Plymouth's Doug Koch recently competed in the Mayor's Midnight Run marathon in Anchorage, AK. The money raised in the race went to help victims of Leukemia.

Each of the Michigan runners and walkers were required to raise \$3,500 in donations. Koch handed over \$3,800 in donations to the Leukemia Society, with help coming from friends, co-

workers at Lawrence Tech, relatives, and the Sunshine Honda dealership in Plymouth. Koch reported one of the Michigan chapter members raised \$10,000, and another of the total 650

walkers and runners who ran the Alaska race garnered \$25,000. The bottom line for the Leukemia Society was a net of \$1.6 million.

The day after the run, Koch went exploring the glaciers and icy-blue waters around Anchorage and met a woman who walked in the race and is recovering from Leukemia. Another runner he met had donated bone marrow to his sister four years ago. The man's sister is now in remission. Their stories reminded him of why he went to the land of the midnight sun to run a race after years away from running — to get back in fitness.

"I got home and a couple of days later I ran out and did a few miles and felt fine," he said. "What I'd like to do is stay at a sufficient level of training so if I did decided to do one of the fall marathons I could."

Koch also mentioned maybe showing up at some of the popular shorter races — Dexter-Ann Arbor, Briarwood, and Old Kent. He laughs at questioning about running the Detroit Free Press Marathon again.

He thinks about the long training miles, the bouts of "black toe," and the time away from his wife that it took to get ready for Alaska and he hedges a commitment to another marathon.

He smiles again, though, talking about how he hung around the finish area urging on other runners, some crossing the line in tears, joyful to have proved to themselves they could conquer the 26 miles.

Koch is testimony to the poster, popular during running's heyday, that offered the saying; "The race doesn't always go to the swift, but to those who keep on running."

"The competition is solely yourself. You have to do something for your own good," Koch said prodding others to get into and exercise regime. "I'm convinced I'll live a longer, happier life."

'Iceless' hockey arena to open in Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton will be the home of a new hockey arena — but don't look for any ice.

The Canton Board of Trustees approved a special land use request and site plan approval for Michigan Dekhockey — an outdoor floor hockey facility to be built on the south side of Michigan Avenue at the corner of DeWitt Road.

Doug Mueller of Michigan Dekhockey said the game is similar to regular hockey, but is played without ice and with a ball instead of a puck.

Mueller said the sport has grown out of the increasing popular-

ity of in-line skating.

"We are very interested in bringing the sport to the community," he said. "This is such a great hockey area that we live in."

Mueller said their will be two separate leagues scheduled for the 155 foot, by 80 foot arena — one for in-line skates and another for players wishing to compete on foot. He said rental for the arena will be \$60 per hour.

"The next closest (dekhockey) facility is in Fort Wayne, IN," he said. "We're getting a lot of interest. It's a quick game, with three 10 minute periods. People are in and out in an hour."

Mueller said the facility will be up and running by Sept. 15.



Community opinions

Sweetheart deal

Canton Trustees should follow their own rules during legal bid process

If the Canton Township Board had to play by the Michigan Consumer Fraud laws, the state's Attorney General would now be investigating for "bait and switch."

The Canton Board voted 4-3 last Tuesday to award a bid to the one of three bidders who did not meet the bid specifications, according to its own Clerk Terry Bennett.

The bid was for the township's legal notices publication. A number of the "specs" it had historically requested were ignored by the majority of the board.

How can those four board members ignore the specs?

"Those specs weren't really required by Michigan law," said the Canton attorney who was asked to find a loophole approach when the board delayed its decision long enough to hunt for a loophole. True enough — Michigan laws require only a basic "legal" newspaper definition, which all three of the bidders meet.

But the bids were let with the extra specs intact and the bidders were asked to meet them. One of three bidders did not.

Why did those four board members ignore the specs? Why did they pick the highest priced of the bidders? Why did they ignore the warnings of their three colleagues, including their clerk?

Politics.

For example, one of them — Trustee Bob Shefferly — is a retiree from The Detroit News. There's no way he would ever vote for a newspaper owned by an opponent to the Detroit Joint Operating Agreement even if it were the only paper bidding to print the

With malice toward none

By W. EDWARD WENDOVER



township's legals. (If he can't be ethical about his role on the board, maybe it's time Canton voters retire him too).

The others who didn't follow their own rules have put the township — and especially Bennett — in an awkward, if not legally-endangered position.

If the four "change the rules if you don't like the game" folks wanted to be ethically correct, they'd vote to rebid the legals to accommodate their sweetheart PR agency and be done with it.

How fishy! Very OLD fish-y.

(A "hurrah" for the three Canton board members who took the ethical road last Tuesday: Terry Bennett, Melissa McLaughlin, Phil LaJoy. It may be that The Crier wouldn't have gotten the legals as one of the two bidders that met specs, but at least those three voted to follow their own rules).

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News strike shows value of Constitutional rights

EDITOR:

During the current Detroit Newspaper strike, we wish our customers to know that we understand and sympathize with the union members.

While they are exercising their Constitutional rights, we also exist under that umbrella. We believe bookstores

are sacred ground — a place where the Bible, the Torah, the Koran peacefully co-exist on the shelf next to each other.

Although we carry The Detroit Free Press/Detroit News, we will also gladly carry the new newspaper put out by the striking union members too.

This is not a place of politics, but of freedom and learning.

It is a place where all things come together to co-exist peacefully under the protection of The First Amendment.

THE STAFF, LITTLE PROFESSOR ON THE PARK

CSX 'proposal' should be rejected by City

EDITOR:

The State of Michigan ordered CSX Railroad to upgrade their railroad crossings.

CSX responds (in the City of Plymouth) with a cheesy, sleight-of-hand "proposal" that ends up with them closing the crossings at York Street and Holbrook Street.

The end result? Longer lines waiting for interminable CSX trains creeping through all the other crossings. And MORE traffic on Mill Street and Starkweather all the time, if CSX is allowed to close York and Holbrook.

I'm fed up with large corporations weaseling out of their obligations while feeding at the public trough. The state-

ordered CSX upgrade at their crossings should be completed.

I certainly hope the city manager will

reject this "proposal." Or will Old Village be "railroaded" again?

MIKE CARNE

Plymouth has great park system

EDITOR:

I'm responding to the one-sided column by Rob Kirkbride regarding Plymouth's Jaycee Park.

I would wager that none of the people he interviewed live adjacent to the park or perhaps even live in Plymouth. Plymouth is a city of small neighborhood parks and this was the intent when these parks originated.

Let's keep it that way.

We are fortunate to have a regional park in our city called

Hines Park.

Ball diamonds and picnic grounds are better placed in regional parks and school and city athletic fields.

If we are to provide any more services at Jaycee Park, I would request a parking lot be installed and a full time park attendant be assigned for clean-up duties and be empowered to enforce dog-ordinances, control rowdyism and vandalism and after-hour activities.

HAROLD MONET



Community opinions

Common sense, please

Kids aren't the only ones who need to wear bike helmets

"Who needs 'em?" "They look stupid!" "I get hot wearing 'em!" Okay, so what's the point in wearing a bicycle helmet?

The recent death of Olympic Gold Medalist Fabio Casartelli has become the tough answer to this simple question. Casartelli, a strong example of excellence, recently lost his life because of his lack of common sense: He was not wearing a bicycle helmet.

Although our evening rides around the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community cannot compare to the Tour de France, we should remember that we're in a race to preserve our lives. Bicycle helmets, simple as they are, can mean the difference between life and death.

The advantages of wearing a helmet were confirmed over 10 years ago when I became involved in a biking accident. Fortunately, I was not seriously injured. However, it was enough to convince me that the extent of my injuries could have been more severe had I not been wearing my bicycle helmet. As a result of my experience, I become deeply concerned seeing parents riding without bicycle helmets while, at the same time, insisting that their children wear them!

It simply makes no sense. Children

In the workshop

by Maura Cady



must think that when they grow up they can be like Mommy and Daddy without their helmets. This type of example is unfortunate and adults should think twice about the negative effects, especially when it comes to safety. We shouldn't have to experience head traumas or even deaths to realize the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet.

A good friend of mine (a.k.a. an Emergency Room physician), recently told me of the helmet selling tactics at his local bike shop. A CAT scan showing a biking-related head injury of one of his many patients hangs on the wall above the helmet display. Apparently, there has been a substantial rise in helmet sales. But, if that still isn't enough to rattle your brain, how about some of the mind-boggling statistics he has shared with me? Recent studies have shown that every year in the United States 65,000 emergency room cases and 80 percent of biking fatalities are directly related to head injuries in bicyclists. Common

sense should tell us that we don't want to end up as one of those statistics.

So, come on all you bikers who think you're indestructible! (And you know who you are!) Now is the time for you to recognize the importance of bicycle helmets in relation to your life and the lives of those around you. Upon recognizing the positive aspects, you'll come to understand that the typical excuses of cost and comfort just won't cut it anymore.

Helmet costs have decreased and comfort levels have increased, so we should all become more mindful of the fact that using a little common sense is a minimal price to pay to set a good example but, most importantly, to preserve our lives.

So, what's your excuse now?

For additional information on bicycle helmet usage, safety standards, and list of currently certified helmets, please contact Snell Memorial Foundation at P.O. Box 493, St. James, NY 11780.

P-C Schools' swim test is not overly difficult, can save students' lives

EDITOR:

I take exception to the P-C School Board's handling of the recent "controversy" over the three-day swim class test out option. All PCEP students must complete this class in their freshman or sophomore years. I particularly object to the comments made by Trustee Barbara Graham, who frequently "shoots from the lip" — facts be damned. Her statements at the July 10 school board meeting were self serving, political headline grabbing comments.

Graham's target was Salem High School swim coach Chuck Olson. Olson is unquestionably the most successful swimming coach in the WLAA Conference, and very likely one of the most respected coaches in the Michigan High School Coaches' Association. He does not succeed with a handful of superstars. His team rosters regularly number close to 50. He does not succeed by being a poor administrator or without knowing how to coach and teach young men and women. I can personally attest to those facts; our children have swum in P-C swimming programs for 10 years.

Regarding the three-day proficiency test: my son David easily passed — because he was prepared! I would wager right now that my two 13-year-old middle schoolers could pass it. So could I. Some board members — including Superintendent Charles Little — and certainly those parents who complained (whined?) that the test was too hard, missed an important point. Swimming preparedness is an important, life-long skill. It should not be compromised by "watered-down" requirements.

Michigan has thousands of inland lakes and is surrounded on three sides by the Great Lakes. Our children will be in our on those waters throughout their lives. How ironic that some parents felt compelled to intercede when their child(ren) failed the proficiency requirements! If the board in its haste to mollify these parents were to lower the proficiency criteria, I wonder: whom would these same parents blame if in some future circumstance their child's swimming skills proved tragically inadequate? Would they blame themselves, or would they turn around and sue the P-C Schools for failing to adequately prepare their child?

As for Graham, I sincerely hope she continues to speak out and your paper continues to publicize her remarks at every opportunity. That will give P-C voters ample cause to excuse her from further "service" on the P-C School Board through the ballot box!

— WILLIAM BRACHT

What do you think?

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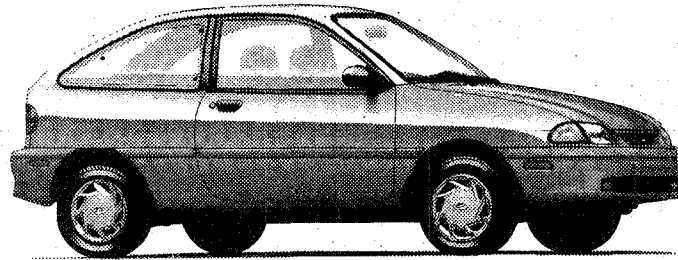
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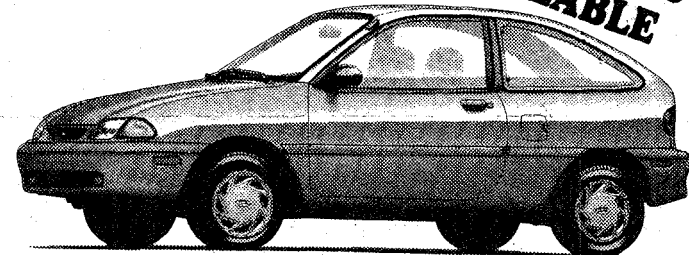
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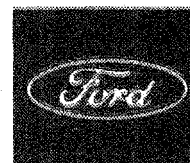
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