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School board race swells to 10 candidates

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With open seats in the balance, the two trustee positions on the Plymouth-Canton School Board have more suitors than Scarlett O'Hara did at the beginning of "Gone With the Wind."

The final group vying for the board seats are David McCarthy, Michael Maloney, Paul Schrauben, Jeffrey Phillips, Carrie Blamer, Brenda Plecha, Gerald Trumpka, Daniel Dunnigan, Sheryl

Khoury and Anne Cox.

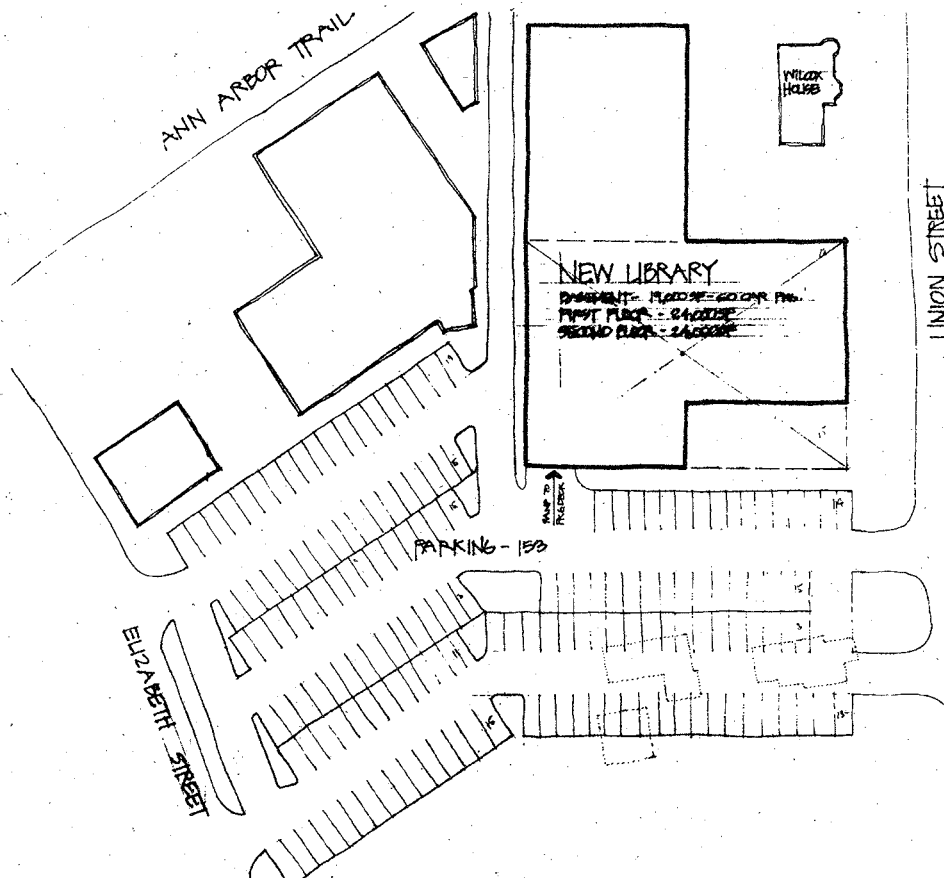
One of the issues that will be sharing the ballot with the candidates is the 2.3 mill enhancement millage.

According to McCarthy, the terms and uses of the enhancement millage should be spelled out explicitly.

"They should be able to say exactly where the money will go," McCarthy said. "If the money is going to a good

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Library sites examined



This architect's concept of how the Plymouth Library might be located on the Wilcox site was completed in 1993. It includes a larger library than is now planned. It also anticipated acquiring additional property. This plan includes preserving the Wilcox House.

Wilcox property one of 4 looked at by Plymouth District Library Board

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Where will the new Plymouth District Library be built?

Following a meeting of the library board last week, four sites are possible — one of which still remains the Wilcox property, although the library will probably not be the only bidder on the site.

The Plymouth District Library Board voted unanimously to investigate the suitability of the present Dunning-Hough Library site, the Wilcox property, the site of the former Farmer Jack's store on Main Street and a Plymouth Road site opposite Ernesto's restaurant.

The board authorized Trustees Hugh Harsha and Jim Jabara to work with Library Director Pat Thomas and consul-

tants to determine the best site for the library. Harsha and Jabara were also authorized to initiate negotiations with the owners of the properties. A report on progress is due no later than June 10.

Meanwhile, negotiations on the sale of the Wilcox property continue with a number on interested parties.

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile said negotiations are ongoing with a Birmingham developer.

"We are working with the developer for a residential development," he said, "row housing — a higher class development."

Guile stressed that the plan is preliminary. "Lots has to be done," he said.

Round 2

Church looks for peaceful end to homeless shelter fight with Twp.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The First Methodist Church of Plymouth will pass on their day in court — for now — in their bid to house homeless persons as part of a coordinated service with other Methodist churches in the Southeastern Michigan area.

The hearing has been postponed for three months while the township planning commission looks into the possibility of granting the church a variance for their outreach program.

According to Dave Barrett, work area chairperson for outreach programs, the new phase of the discussion began after

the church filed its motion in 35th District Court.

"We made a decision to stay our action for three months," Barrett said. "It was after we filed our motion that the township offered the option on a variance."

Barrett said that the variance would recognize the church's programs to house people — for instance — their homeless shelter program.

"We are asking to run these programs and others on an incidental basis, like a teen lock-in," Barrett said. "This would

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Canton voters will decide on millages, clerk Tuesday

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The acting Canton Clerk hopes turnout for Tuesday's special general election vote is better than the March 7 special election.

Connie Roessler said 3,627 absentee ballots were mailed.

As of press time, 1,964 had been returned.

"Hopefully, turnout will be better than last time," she said. "The week following

Easter is usually a popular vacation time — we hope that won't hurt turnout."

Voters will be asked to choose a new Canton Clerk, decide on a \$12 million road improvement bond issue and decide on a \$8.9 million library expansion bond issue.

Roessler said the clerk's office will be closed in observance of Good Friday, but will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to collect absentee ballots.

Winners

P-C students do well in recent contests, essays

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Business

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Race

For Northville Downs, VGTs may be the last hope

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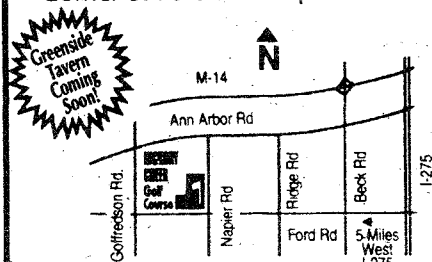
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HOLY THURSDAY - April 13th, 7:30 p.m., Adoration after Liturgy until Midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY - April 14th: 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross, 12:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m. Liturgy.
HOLY SATURDAY - April 15th: 4:00pm, Blessing of Food; 8:00 p.m., Easter Vigil. (Welcoming of New Catholics in the Church)
EASTER SUNDAY - April 16th. 9:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.

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Associate Minister

Phillip Rodgers Magee
Minister Emeritus

HOLY THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m. Communion Service
GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service
EASTER DAY - 7:30 a.m. Communion Service
The Rev. Leland Seese preaching on "Can It Be?"
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. - *The Rev. Dr. James Skimins preaching on "That Special Touch"*

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(EPC)

Ann Arbor Rd. & Gotfredson, Plymouth
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Rev., William T. Branham Jr., Assoc. Pastor

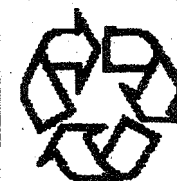
Maudy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.*
"The Victor" - Cantata by David T. Clydesdale
Followed by Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 14th, 1:15 p.m.*

Easter Sunday, April 16th
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

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Dr. Moore Preaching

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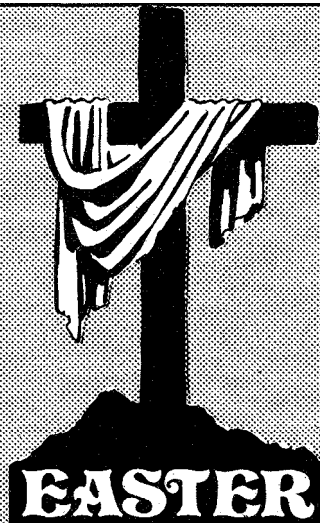
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
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Maudy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
"Cup of the New Covenant"

Good Friday 7:30 p.m.
"The Glory of the Cross"

Easter Sunday . . . 7:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
"Empty Tomb"

Easter Breakfast
will be served . . . 8:30-10:30 a.m.



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Dr. Jerry Yarnell, Sr. Pastor

Drex Morton, Pastor
Abe deVries, Pastor

David Woodby, Pastor
Darrell Smith, Youth Dir.

Maudy Thursday... 7:30 p.m. Worship
Good Friday... 8:00 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast
... 7:30 p.m. Worship
Saturday... 5:30 p.m. Worship
Easter Sunday... 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. Worship

(Nursery provided at all Services)

St. Johns Episcopal Church

574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
(313) 453-0190

Maudy Thursday... 8 p.m.
Folk Eucharist & Foot Washing
Good Friday... 12:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross

... 1:00 p.m. Solemn Collects
... 8:00 p.m. Solemn Collects & Tenebrae

EASTER SUNDAY:

6 a.m. Easter Vigil
9 & 11 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
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Plymouth Baptist Church

42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth
(313) 453-5534

Good Friday Concert ... 7 p.m.
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Good Friday, April 14

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

Noon Church open for silent prayer
1:00 p.m. "Liturgy of Passion & the Death of the Lord"; The Word of God; Veneration of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Night Prayer

Holy Saturday, April 15

9 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food

8:30 p.m. Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon
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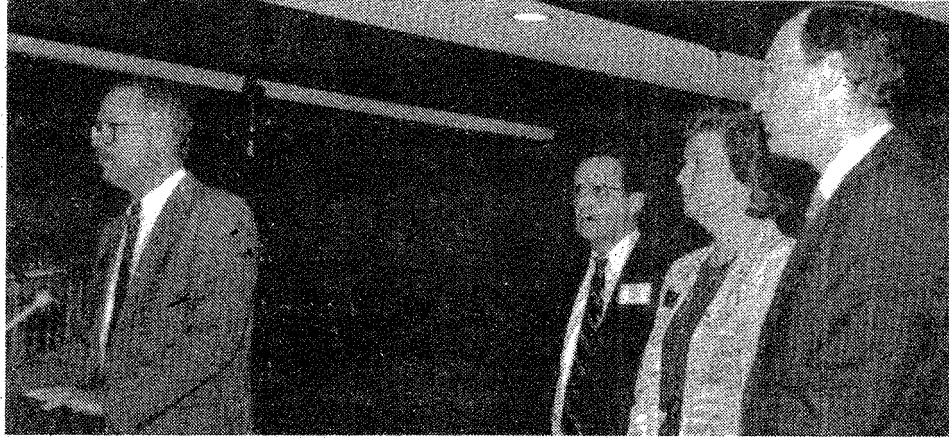
Leaders examine state of Plymouth

From most barometers, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are doing pretty well.

Plymouth's political leadership — Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter and P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little — reported the state of the Plymouth community to assembled business leaders Thursday at the Mayflower Hotel.

The annual breakfast, hosted by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, gives the leaders the opportunity to look back over the past year and look to the year ahead.

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(l to r) Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, P-C Schools Superintendent Chuck Little, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter spoke recently about the state of Plymouth. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

New cable rule looked at in Twp.

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In an effort to keep ahead of changes in the way that cable television is provided, the Plymouth Township Trustees discussed a first reading of an amendment to the multi-channel service provider regulatory ordinance at a special meeting last night.

The current ordinance gives the township board the ability to enforce or waive franchise and other requirements for cable service for any cable service provider.

Last night's amendment would strengthen the regulatory power of the township by giving it the ability to use its authority in this regard with non-franchised cable providers.

If passed, the amendment would make a company like Ameritech, or another telecommunications company similar to it, comply to reporting, consumer protection and alternate user

charge provisions that already exist in the multi-channel service ordinance.

According to Marcia Sayles, Community Relations Director for Ameritech, the ordinance does not cover the type of service that the telecommunications company is looking at implementing.

"Plymouth township is in the application that we made with the F.C.C. but we haven't had any word from the township," Sayles said.

"What we're doing is providing video dial tone service. It is an overlay to our existing telephony, not cable service."

Sayles said that Ameritech's attorneys would be looking at the ordinance to see how it applies to their services.

New hiring process ready at schools

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In an effort to get the best value for the money, the Plymouth-Canton Schools will try a new process for hiring replacement teachers for the district.

Superintendent Chuck Little said each school will have a team that will evaluate each applicant.

"Each building will have a core team," Little said. "Kindergarten through eighth grade buildings will have two parents chosen by parents, two teachers chosen by the teachers, one member of the support staff chosen by the support staff and a member of the administration. The high schools will also have student members on their team chosen by the student council."

Little said the purpose of screening the teachers in this fashion is to expand the decision base to give more of the dis-

trict's stakeholders input in the process.

"There are few things more important than teachers," Little said. "We are making a big financial commitment."

Little said, at this point, there are 750 applicants to become teachers in the district. The final number will be interviewed to thin the group.

"After the interviews, the best teachers will go in front of the core teams for evaluation," Little said.

"This will also raise the stakes for transfers within the staff. It will remove their hiring from the principals to the individual teams."

Part of the process will involve the prospective teachers actually teaching the core team. It will either be done in person or in the teacher's classroom if he or she is wishing to transfer from another position within the district.

Little said that each of the buildings will have different qualifications for teachers on top of the standards of the district.

The whole process will hopefully give the individual buildings the kinds of teachers they need.

"Who knows better than the parents, teachers and support staff of the schools what the schools need?" Little asked. "This is the biggest turnover at the schools for years. Because the process is not done just by the schools' administration we're strengthening the schools by including people in the process."

The process and the hiring of the new teachers is paid for through the buying out of 66 teachers in the district. The plan would have been paid for (raise, hiring and search) if only 60 opted to take the buyout.

Transit authority dead — for now

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Wayne County Transit Authority is dead in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community — for now.

Canton and Plymouth Township opted out of the authority last week to join the ranks of Plymouth, Northville and Northville Township.

Local governments had the option of opting out of the authority. By opting out, the community will not be part of the multiple county vote on the system.

The Wayne County Commission acted Thursday to address some of the community concerns. The commission passed four amendments to the authority's articles of incorporation that include: increasing the transit authority board size to nine mem-

bers (including seven local representatives); making the SMART debt an item that must be voted on by the transit board before being accepted; capping the taxing authority to three-tenths of a mill throughout the lifetime of the authority; and dissolving the authority within seven days if the millage vote fails.

Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter said County Executive Ed McNamara and SMART Director Mike Dugan have agreed to go along with the changes.

With one of the major stumbling blocks — local control — apparently solved with the changes in the articles of incorporation, local government boards and commissions must now decide whether to opt back in to the transit authority or find an alternate way to fund their transportation needs.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Police Department will be participating in the second "No Excuses" safety belt enforcement effort on Thursday and Friday. During the last safety belt enforcement period, special enforcement teams issued 514 tickets.
- The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is holding a membership mixer and business card exchange at the new Wild Wings and Michigan Made location at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE WEEKEND

- Check the "What's Happening" section of today's Crier for a complete list of Easter egg hunts and celebrations.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.
- The Rudolph-Libbe Canton Economic Club will meet April 19 at St. John Neumann Church at noon. The speaker is Garry C. Faja of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, who will speak on health care reform.
- Congresswoman Lynn Rivers will hold a public hearing on the proposed Canton post office April 22 at Township Hall.

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Public notices

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
APRIL 18, 1995 SPECIAL GENERAL
ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, April 18, 1995 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of electing a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Office of Township Clerk, term to expire on November 20, 1996, and to vote on the following local proposals:

PROPOSAL A: ROAD BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million (\$12,000,000.) Dollars and issue, in series, its Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds therefor for the purpose of improving, repairing and replacing existing roads together with all related appurtenances and attachments relating thereto in the Township?

Yes No

PROPOSAL B: LIBRARY BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eight Million Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$8,875,000.) Dollars and issue its Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of acquiring the existing Canton Public Library building and making additions and improvements thereto?

Yes No

**CANTON TOWNSHIP
PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS**

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2 & 20	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Road
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8 & 19	Resurrection Catholic Church	46001 Warren Road
9	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 24	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Canton Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road

*** IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR VOTING LOCATION, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD OR CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 397-5452.**

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be closed on Friday, April 14, 1995 in observance of Good Friday. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 1995 for absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot, or a ballot can be mailed on that date.

On Monday, April 17, qualified absentee voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 P.M. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place (that being Precinct 6, Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 W. Warren Rd.) are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 P.M. on Election Day.

For further information regarding the above, please contact the Acting Township Clerk at 397-5452.

Constance L. Roessler
Acting Clerk

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Public notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is requesting proposals for a GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM. Interested and qualified companies may obtain information and proposal forms by telephoning (313) 416-4834 — Personnel Department—during regular business hours. Proposals are due on or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 1995.

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

Susan E. Davis, Secretary
Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

PUBLISH: April 12th and 19th

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library 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 seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
313/453-0750

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**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO CANDIDATES**

Pursuant to the General Election Laws of the State of Michigan, all persons desiring to qualify as candidates in the City Primary Election of The City of Plymouth, to be held on Tuesday, August 8, 1995 for the offices of:

**CITY COMMISSIONER
FOR THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH
FOUR VACANCIES (4)
(present terms to expire on 11/95)**

are hereby notified that "Nominating Petitions" for such offices are available at the Office of the City Clerk, and must be filed with the Clerk or Deputy Clerk at the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, not later than Tuesday, May 16th, 1995 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLISH: April 12 and 26th

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

Textbooks, tools and training focus of school millage

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

With the millage enhancement request now pared down to a 2.3 mill request to be spent on the three 'T's' (textbooks, tools and teacher training) the Plymouth-Canton Schools hope to have a better time of selling the increase to district voters.

"We can't really see our needs clearly beyond five years," Little said. "We wanted to make the millage more attractive."

Teacher training, the third of the T's, will not include tuition reimbursement but rather will cover the cost of presenters and materials to re-train teachers for today's students.

"Some of the teachers came here 20 years ago," Little said.

"There are different theories about teaching, brain structure and teachers need to be retrained."

While the teachers and the textbook stockpiles will be brought up to speed, the enhancement millage — if passed — will have its share of orphans in the district as well.

One of those orphaned problems is inequities in the level of instruction in the middle schools.

"There is a clear imbalance," Little said.

"Some of the schools have art, some don't. They don't all offer the same foreign language opportunities. When the kids get through the high schools, some have five years worth of credits (in foreign language) and some only have four."

Little explained that Lowell Middle School offers French, but not Spanish. Pioneer offers both languages for a whole year while West and East Middle Schools only have half-year programs. He said that the imbalance was probably due to money.

"In my opinion, this has probably been building for years," Little said.

"It was a question of X-number of teachers in the building — a fiscal consideration first and an instructional one second."

Little noted the strange coincidence of an artistically active area that has blatant differences in the foreign language curricula offered at the middle schools. He said that the 1995-96 budget would address the foreign language situation.

"We are going to work to revise the middle school schedules," Little said. "We want to at least have them available. If we are going to believe that we belong to a global economy, we need to have a strong foreign language curriculum."

Little also mentioned that the unfunded building needs of the district is a \$9 million list. Maintenance projects, office equipment and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act are all hanging in limbo as a result.

Women's Health Day
Saturday, April 29
Holiday Inn Livonia West

Family Tradition.



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Every family has its traditions. Gathering for Sunday dinner. Marking anniversaries and celebrating birthdays. Unfortunately, some families share more than happy times... they also share the risk of certain illnesses.

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**Marian Women's Center
St. Mary Hospital**

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Livonia, MI 48154

(313) 591-3314

Church, Twp. look to end homeless fight

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not be continually, and not outside the normal programs of the church."

Barrett said that the church would approach the planning commission at the April meeting to get onto the agenda for the May meeting. He said it was his hope the entire process would be finished by the May meeting.

Barrett said the church thinks this is a better way of handling the issue than in court.

"The whole church is in support of working everything out amicably," Barrett said. "That was always our intent."

Barrett said it was his understanding if the variance option ran out after the three months' stay was over the court proceedings would continue.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Central Michigan University students who graduated in December include Canton residents Aaron Brothers, Paula Jarvis, Jennifer Krieger, Marina Magalotti, Tiffany Mastny and Catherine Skudlarek. Plymouth residents include Kevin Cummings, Jonathan Fairfield, James Frigge, Kimberly Goff, Pearse Johnston, Kathy Raniszkeski, John Sigworth and Jerome Sullivan.

Plymouth resident Catherine Yeung took third place in an essay contest in the College of Pharmacy at U-M. Yeung, a Canton High School graduate who is in her fourth year of the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program at U-M, received a \$1000 U.S. Savings Bond certificate.

Henry Ford Community College will be presenting the treasured tale "Heidi." Canton resident Erica Wheeler will play Madame Seseman. Call (313) 845-9817 for more information.

Melinda J. Andrews made the fall Dean's List at Northern Michigan University. She is majoring in Health and Fitness.

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is holding an organizational meeting for volunteers or VIPS (Volunteers Improving Plymouth Symphony) this morning at 11 a.m. at the Plymouth office in the PMC building at 42245 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth. For more information call 451-2112.

The Plymouth Playscape still needs over a 1000 volunteers for the building of the playground structure on May 17 to May 21. Call Lisa or Pat Nolan at 454-3754.

Navy Seaman Steven Edford of Plymouth recently participated in the decommissioning ceremony of the guided missile cruiser USS Belknap. Edford is a 1991 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Seaman Michael Lewis of Canton recently participated in a joint military exercise near Guam, called "Tandem Thrust '95," while embarked aboard the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge. Lewis is a 1986 graduate of Canton High school.

Contest, essay winners go on to finals to compete for scholarships

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are making news across the state and the nation for their academic dedication and creative instincts.

Five seniors from Canton High School have been named as finalists in the 1995 National Merit Scholarship program — while at West Middle School in Plymouth three eighth graders have been named in the 26th Annual "America & Me" essay contest.

The National Merit Scholarship program recognizes students based on Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) scores, in addition to other qualifications. Named as finalists are seniors Kimberly S. Anderson, Christian F. Casper, Christopher M. Cortellini, Kathryn E. Geary and Maria D. Grainger.

The process started when the five students were juniors taking the PSAT. When they had each scored above 196, ranking them in the 99th percentile, they qualified as semi-finalists.

There were more than one million

juniors in over 19,000 U.S. high schools entered in the program. Throughout the nation only 15,000 students reached the status of semi-finalist. To distinguish themselves, the Canton students had to get an endorsement from principal Dr. Thomas MacKenzie, have an outstanding grade point average, fill out detailed forms and be involved in leadership activities.

"Most of the time it's community service or a church group," said Glorria Banks, guidance counselor.

"They can be in sports or in a club organization. That's the kind of things they usually do."

Now the students wait for a possible scholarship of up to \$2,000; which are sponsored by 600 corporations and institutions across the country. "Everything is between the student and a corporation or the National Merit Scholarship program," said Banks.

At West Middle School Sara Wiener, Theresia Radtke and David Marks are tuning up to be the next Mitch Albom or Danielle Steele. In the "America and Me"

essay contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance, Wiener took school honors by finishing first. As the school's first place winner, Wiener will have her name placed on a plaque for permanent display in the school. Radtke finished second and Marks was third.

"All three were quite different in the tact they decided to take," said language arts teacher, Marcia Moore. "Basically, they gave an introspective of what education means to them. It's very personalized. They were looking at it with the aspect of what they want to become, to make the world a better place."

Open to all Michigan eighth grade students, the contest encourages youngsters to explore their roles in America's future. Pupils from almost 425 schools participated. Wiener's entry now advances to the state level competition. "She's a very talented writer," said Moore. "I'm sure she feels quite proud that somebody recognizes her work." The 10 statewide winners will be announced in May. Savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000 are the prizes.

Students get a chance to go head-to-head with senator, representative in Washington

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton High School teachers Clint Smiley and Al Sudia gave their students a "Close Up" of American government. Close enough to meet with Senator Carl Levin and Congresswoman Lynn Rivers.

Smiley and Sudia are coordinators at Canton for the Close Up Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that provides first hand opportunities to learn about the democratic process and the role of the individual. During the months of February and March, Smiley and Sudia traveled with their students to Washington D.C. On each trip, which lasted a week, the students attended seminars with members of Congress, met representatives of the press corps, lobbyists, government officials and political figures. Said Sudia: "It makes the kids feel like they have someone to personally talk to in Washington."

Canton and Salem have offered the Close Up class for 12 years, and have been going to Washington D.C. every year. However, this is Smiley and Sudia's first year teaching the class. "I ended up getting involved by a fluke," Smiley said. "When we were picking classes last year they needed two more people... That's how Al and I decided to do it."

Ameritech welcomed the new teachers with a \$535,000 grant that purchased 30 Macintosh computers for each school. The new hardware allowed the class, which is open to students in grades 10 through 12, to hop on the information highway and use CD-Rom games. Handling 60 students every hour, Smiley and Sudia use various instructional CD-Rom programs, for example, "Capitol Hill." Said Smiley: "'Capitol Hill' puts you in the seat of being a freshman in Congress. It's like you're there. It's my favorite."

Students also developed their own computer programs and did community service as part of the class. "They're required to do 20 hours of community service. They'll do just about anything," said Smiley. He named political campaigns and nursing homes as

some of the student's choices for volunteering.

It was all preparation for the big trip to Washington D.C. Staying in a hotel just outside of Washington D.C., Canton and Salem students shared living quarters with students around the nation, including, Hawaii and Nebraska. "Dealing with people you don't know; that's a big part of the experience," Smiley said.

The group was able to meet Levin, Rivers and witnessed the balanced budget amendment debate. "Rivers gave us a lot of her time," Smiley said. "She was really accessible." Smiley and Sudia met majority leader Bob Dole and were taken on a personal tour of The White House. Tours of The Capitol and the monuments were also part of the trip. "The Capitol Hill tour was definitely the high light," Smiley said. Said Sudia: "It wasn't just sightseeing. It's like, 'Okay, we have to show you this, but lets learn about it while we're here.'" Senior Aimee Kuhn, who was on a previous trip, said, "The Vietnam Wall really hit me hard because we had studied it. You see it in a whole different light."

Seminars and workshops included topics on the media, international relations and the judicial branch of the government. "We prepared them to understand for what (the speakers) were trying to tell them," said Sudia.

The class and trip has had outstanding effects. "I think I actually learned about American government," said senior Ana Szpilman, an exchange student from Brazil. "I look at foreign policy with a different perspective." Said Sudia: "It's opened my eyes as an instructor. For the students it makes a connection between reality and the classroom... The kids are knowledgeable. They could sit down with a congressman or senator ask some real good questions. They're not ignorant, they're not going to take a simple answer. They conducted themselves in an excellent manner with their representatives."

In two years, Close Up will become a required class at Canton and Salem. The class has produced nine congressional pages, more than any other school district in the nation.

P-C school board race swells to 10 candidates

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purpose — then we (the district) should go for it.”

McCarthy, a retired firefighter, said that he can devote the energy and time that the school board deserves.

“There is an overwhelming amount of stuff to get acquainted with,” McCarthy said, “that’s a lot to cover and work at a job as well.”

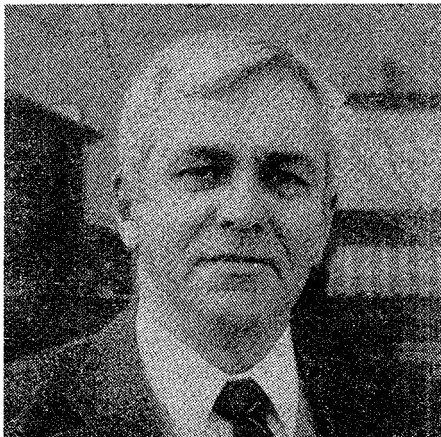
McCarthy said that one of the greatest



Carrie F. Blamer

problems facing the district at this time is the specter of gang violence. If kids don’t feel safe, they won’t have the time and energy to devote to learning.

“I am always open to stricter discipline, there are a lot of good policies already on the books,” McCarthy said. “They just have to be enforced.”



David A. McCarthy

Jeffrey Phillips, an engineer for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) said that the enhancement is a good thing, but maybe not as expansive as what is needed.

“My daughter is at a school where there are not enough desks,” Phillips said. “They have to trade between the rooms.”

Phillips said that he would bring his qualities to the P-C board. “I don’t find a lot of qualities that are missing from the board at this time.”

Phillips said that people need to see the interconnection of the schools and the community.

“Everyone has an interest in the schools, there is a connection between the value of real estate and the schools,” Phillips said.

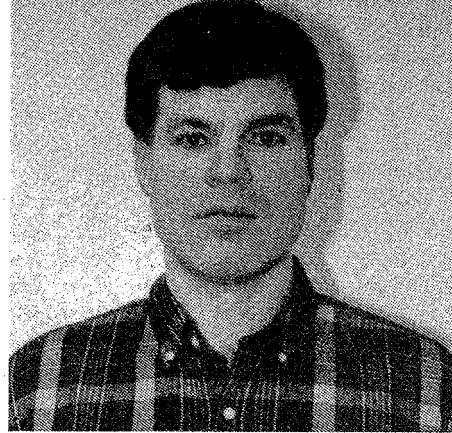
Plymouth resident Gerald Trumpka said that he supports the enhancement millage, but stresses the need for accountability.

“I support the uses, tools and teacher training, but we need to stress the guide-

lines, maybe the money should be put in a separate account,” Trumpka said.

Trumpka, who works for Midas, said that the schools and the community have some distrust that hampers communication.

“We need local businesses, the schools and the community to put kids first,” Trumpka said. “I have talked to citizens who have come before the board to express their problems who say they



Daniel F. Dunnigan

are politely dismissed.”

Anne Cox, a homemaker in Plymouth, said that she would like to know more about the millage enhancement.

“I’m not quite sure of how I feel about the enhancement,” Cox said. “If it is needed, I’d say yes to it, but I need to know more details.”



Jeffrey M. Phillips

Cox said that she would work to represent the elementary schools on the board.

“There is a need for elementary schools and the kids there to have their interests represented on the school board,” Cox said. “School should be a fun place to learn.”

Michael Maloney, a reliability engineering manager for Ford Motor Co, said that the millage process needs more explaining.

“I support the current millage but I would like to know more about the process of how they decide what they need to buy,” Maloney said.

Maloney said that the current board has done a better job of bolstering a more customer driven approach to district business.

“I think that in general the board is doing a better job of bringing more process thinking — how to set priorities and to better communicate,” Maloney said.

Paul Schrauben, a stay-at-home parent with children soon to enter the district,

also said the enhancement millage should not have been necessary.

“We need to find spots in the budget for new texts and training, there haven’t been for the last eight to 10 years,” Schrauben said. “This needs to be treated as operating costs.”

Schrauben, whose children will be in the district in the next few years, is thinking of the long-term.

“There are some decisions that they



Sheryl T. Khoury

are making that will affect them, they need to be made in a timely fashion,” Schrauben said.

Carrie Blamer, who has just completed a work-study program with a horse stable, said that she was getting back into school involvement.

“I was involved in the schools for



Paul T. Schrauben

some time and I took some time off,” Blamer said.

“I missed it.”

Blamer, who supports the enhancement millage, said that she felt that someone needs to fill Sue Feiten’s shoes on the board.

“It was getting to the point that I didn’t know anyone on the board,” Blamer said. “I had supported Feiten and I want to keep her perspective on the board.”

Daniel Dunnigan, a financial analyst for the Ford Motor Co., said that the millage is necessary because of the limited time frame for local collection of millage dollars.

“Parents are highly interested in school funding,” Dunnigan said.

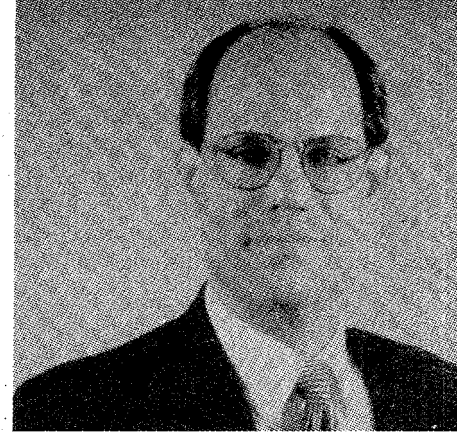
Dunnigan also said he would work to make the board more input-friendly.

“Not any one person has all the best ideas,” Dunnigan said. “The school administration, the teachers and the parents are the experts on the district. There

needs to be an avenue for the experts to feel that their input is respected and considered.”

Brenda Plecha, the family life education manager for Family Services of Detroit and Wayne County, said that the district needs to invest in its kids.

“We pay a lot of lip service to investing in our kids,” Plecha said. “Now we need to pay, but there needs to be responsibility on both sides.”



Michael J. Maloney

Plecha, who is a graduate of Leadership Canton, said State Sen. Loren Bennett gave her the best advice on running for office.

“He said that the time to run for office is not when you want to, but when others ask you to run,” Plecha said. “I have had people ask me to run.”



Gerald Trumpka

Sheryl Khoury, president of the Plymouth Library Board, said that the schools do need more money for books, as they have for some time.

“When I was a substitute seven years ago, they needed textbooks,” Khoury said.

“Why did they eliminate pay-for-play? That money could have helped buy more books.”

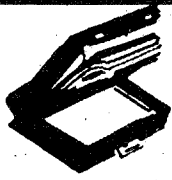
Khoury, who if elected would not need to resign from the library board, said that she has always been involved in the schools.

“I always thought that I would run,” Khoury said.

“There are some things that I would like to see happen.”

Along with the trustee candidates on the June 12 ballot will be two millage issues. First is the renewal of 18 non-homestead mills, second is the 2.3 mill enhancement for instruction purposes.

Not pictured are: Brenda A. Plecha and Anne K. Cox.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Canton resident **John Migyanka** has been appointed to sales representative in the south Detroit district for Janssen Pharmaceutical.

The **Canton Chamber of Commerce** will be awarding two beautification awards to large and small businesses this summer. All businesses are encouraged to spruce up their property for this award given in August. For more information on this call 453-4040.

The **Canton Chamber of Commerce** announces that they will be awarding two \$500 scholarships for business students enrolled at any Michigan college or university. The Chamber will offering these scholarships in cooperation with the **Canton Community Foundation**. The Foundation's number is 981-3002.

The **Canton Chamber of Commerce** announces that **First of America Bank** is the sponsor for this month's Business to Business on Tuesday, April 18 from 5-7 p.m. Area businesses are invited to join with fellow chamber members at **Rose's Restaurant** at 201 N. Canton Center Rd. for an evening of networking. Members are \$6 and non-members are \$8.

State Senator Loren Bennett and **County Commissioner Bruce Patterson** will be the speakers at the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township's Third Thursday Update. The event will be held at **Palermo's Restaurant**, 44938 Ford Rd. on April 20 at 7:30 a.m.

Health House '95 in Northville, a cooperative educational project supporting the American Lung Association, will be previewing its model home during a special champagne gala on Saturday, April 29 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost of the evening is \$20 per person or two people for \$30. Proceeds benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan. The fully decorated Health House will be the backdrop for the exciting event.

Health House is a showcase home and educational center featuring components which provide clean, safe indoor air while paying special heed to environmentally friendly and recycled materials and construction methods. The Health House is located at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads; and is designed by S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation. Call (810) 559-5100 for more information.

Pure escapism

After years in sales, couple's art store will cater to the wants and desires of customers with a variety of styles

All sales jobs are not cut throat. Just ask Paul Knight, co-owner of Art Encore at 42865 Five Mile Rd.

"We both had sales jobs," said Knight, referring to his wife and co-owner, Kim. "It was just a matter of finding a product you enjoy. Art isn't something you need, it's not like nuts and bolts; it's enjoyable to sell."

The Knights entered the art field in 1993. "It's kind of long, evolving process... We purchased an existing art business in Southfield two years ago," Knight said. "We changed the product and direction of the business. Then, we came (to Plymouth.) We're both from the area. It's a very good community for this business, it's self-supporting."

Art Encore offers numerous types of paintings. Said Knight: "We have a wonderful variety. Other art galleries in the area offer about one type. We have everything under one roof, and we're continuing to expand and grow."

Decorating the walls and filling the corners of Art Encore are traditional, modern, southwest, whimsical, wildlife and golf art. "The 13th Hole At Augusta" is a painting by Nancy Raborn that is the object of many customer's conversations. "It's probably one of the most famous holes in all of golf," said Knight.

A Norman Rockwell painting entitled "The Horseshoe Forging Contest" is a personal favorite for Knight. "It's a relatively rare piece. It's got an incredible value to it," he said. "It has a crowd of people in it, and most of Rockwell's paintings have only one person in them.

So it's not a standard Rockwell."

Knight plans on adding lesser known artists to Art Encore's offerings in the near future. "Most are national, but we're talking with local artists," he said.

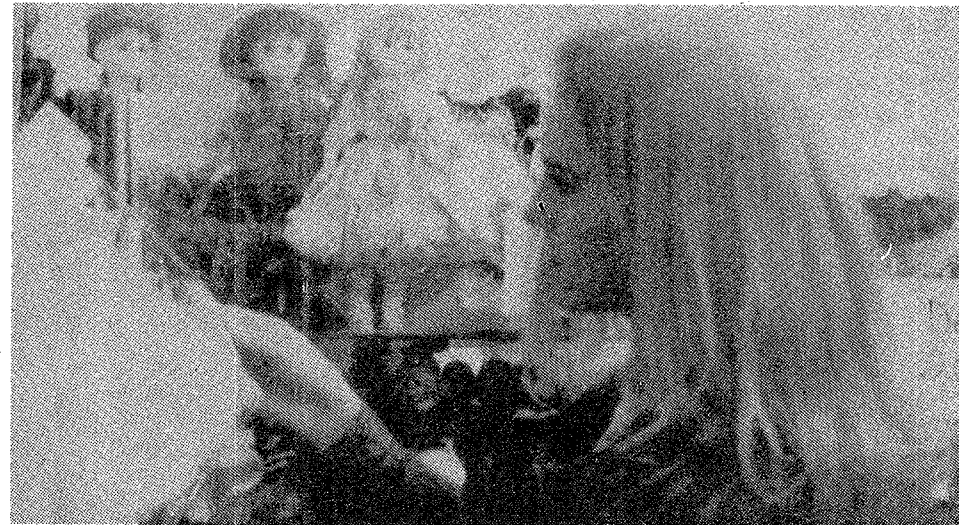
Art Encore's wide selection allows Knight to furnish corporate office decor as well as personal surroundings.

Gallery's often give visitors and uneasy feeling because of the fragile and expensive items on display — this is not the case at Art Escape. "So far (customers) love it. Unfortunately, not enough know we're here yet. We have a cozy atmosphere," said Knight. "We have

complimentary coffee. And if a customer doesn't see what they want, we have catalogs to look through. We do customizing."

The Knights are certain that, in time, Art Escape will distinguish itself from the other galleries in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Said Kim: "We have just about any type of art work you can imagine. It appeals to anyone in any financial category." Knight added, "Our target is customer service, variety, customization and an unbeatable price point. Our aim is to do anything and everything for the customers."

Midnight madness



Lisa Hammons takes advantage of special savings during last Friday's Midnight Madness sale in downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

Canton chamber gets ready for Small Business Person of the Year ceremony

BY BRIAN CORBETT

You do not have to be short to win Canton's Small Business Person of the Year award — just community-minded.

"We do it because small business is what keeps our economy going," said Linda Shapona, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"If we don't support small business than we're not doing our job."

Coinciding with the national and statewide week honoring small business, nominees for the award must fulfill a certain list of criteria. For example, to be eligible the person must own, manage or do business in Canton.

Also, entrants must be involved in community service, economic development or general interest of the community; and have a history of saving power, innovation and response to adversity.

Last year's winner was Frankie Middleton.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will also be awarding its Athena Award for the fourth consecutive year, which is presented to a business owner or professional who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women.

Said Shapona: "We feel that it's so important to recognize a business owner or professional that helps women succeed in business. We want to continue the tradition of Athena."

Recipients must display excellence in business or a profession, provide a valuable service to the community; and exhibit initiative and creativity which enhances the efficiency of their business or profession. Also, the nominee must contribute to the stability and improvement to the community.

Last year's winner was Carol Felker.

The Small Business Person of the Year and the Athena Award winners will be honored at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Award Dinner and Expo being held on May 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fellows Creek Country Club.

The speaker scheduled for the evening is State Senator Loren Bennett.

Nomination cards for these awards may be obtained at the Chamber's office at 5820 Canton Center Rd. The nomination deadline is this Saturday.

All nominees will be mailed an application. The reservation deadline for the event is May 5 and may be made by calling 453-4040.



Community deaths

Dorothy W. Holberg, 103, nurse

Dorothy W. Holberg, a public health registered nurse from Canton, died March 28, 1995, at the age of 103.

She is survived by a niece, two nephews and many great nieces and nephews.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, were held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie, Ill.

Helen A. Monro, 80, homemaker

Helen A. Monro, a homemaker formerly from Plymouth, died March 29, 1995, at the age of 80.

She is survived by her son; Edward (Suzanne) and one other, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

Doris A. Thompson, 69, bank teller

Doris A. Thompson, a former bank teller with Comerica from Plymouth, died March 29, 1995, at the age of 69.

She is survived by her husband; Alvin, one daughter, three sons, three sisters, one brother, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Boonshoun Andrew, 50, housekeeper

Boonshoun Andrew, a housekeeper from Canton, died March 29, 1995, at the age of 50.

She is survived by her husband; Thomas, daughter; Kathleen, her mother, one brother, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Gladys M. Pike, 71, retail sales

Gladys M. Pike, a retail salesperson from Canton, died March 29, 1995, at the age of 71.

She is survived by one daughter, one son, a sister, a brother and four grandchildren.

Services were arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

Mary Stremick, 85, assembly worker

Mary Stremick, an assembly worker for the Burroughs Corp. for 22 years from Plymouth, died April 2, 1995, at the age of 85.

She is survived by her daughter, grandson; Doug (Linda) Leveille and three others, and eight great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Edward L. Fallon, 66, Ford employee

Edward L. Fallon, a worker at the Ford Rouge Steel Complex from Plymouth, died March 31, 1995, at the age of 66.

He is survived by his wife; Theresa, a daughter, a brother, two sisters and one grandson.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. James Catholic Church. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Koy K. Hollingstead, 29, Air Force

Koy K. Hollingstead, a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force from Colorado, died April 2, 1995, at the age of 29.

He is survived by his parents; John and Bobbye, two brothers, his grandmother and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

James W. Chicknelli, 62, GM employee

James W. Chicknelli, a retired General Motors employee from Plymouth died April 9, 1995, at the age of 62.

He is survived by his wife; Louise.

Services will be held today at the Dillingham-Niblack Funeral Home in Fowlerville. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, also in Fowlerville.



Your Guide to Worship

<p>Calvary Baptist Church</p> <p>43065 Joy Road, Canton 455-0022</p> <p>Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm Plymouth Christian Academy (313) 459-3505</p>	<p>Risen Christ Lutheran Church</p> <p>(Missouri Synod) 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth (one mile west of Sheldon) (313) 453-5252</p> <p>Sunday worship 8:30 & 11:00 am Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Rev. K.M. Mehrl, Pastor Hugh McMartin, Lay minister</p>
<p>TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p> <p>10101 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth at Gottfredson & Ann Arbor Rd. (From M-14 take Gottfredson Rd South)</p> <p>Worship Services 8:15am Prayer & Praise Service 11:00am Traditional Service Sunday School for all ages 9:30am</p> <p>Dr. Wm. C. Moore - Pastor Rev. Wm. Branham - Associate Pastor Nursery Provided (313) 459-9550</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">Worship with us this Sunday</p>



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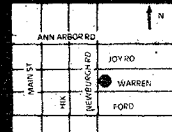
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YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS
 The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

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 Carl Berry at 420-0782.

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.

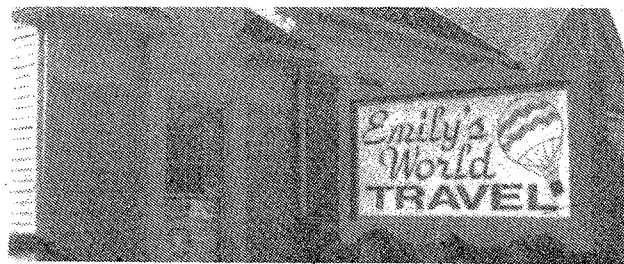
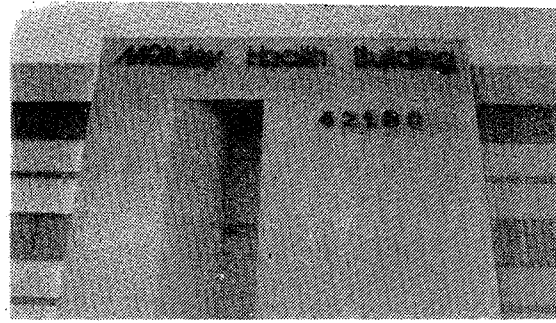
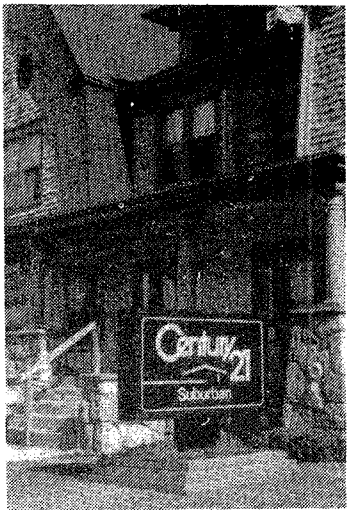
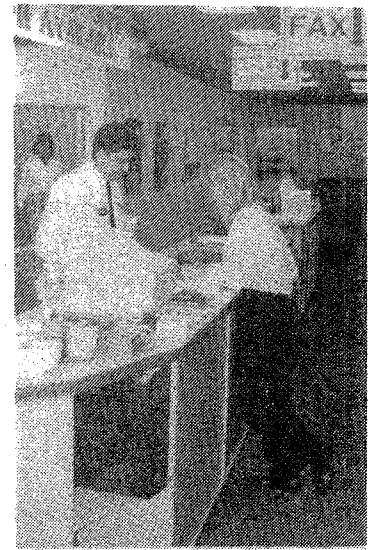
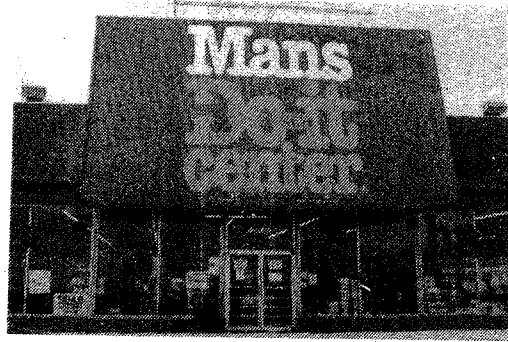
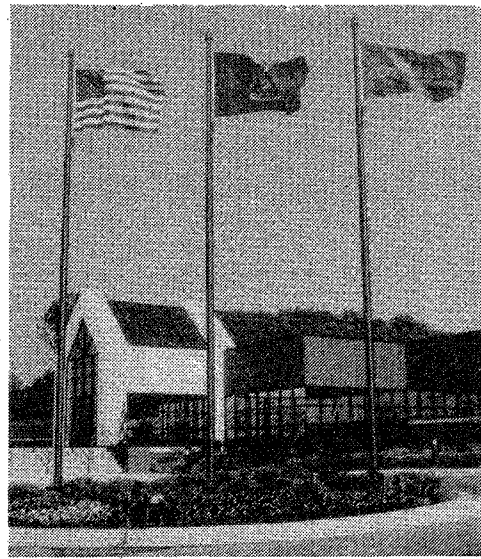
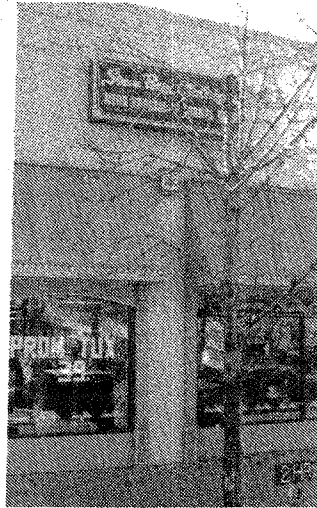
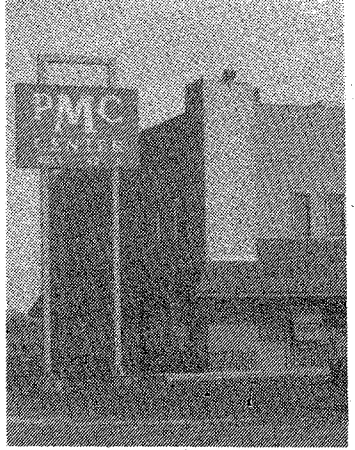
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 WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station, will hold their annual radio auction from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 13. Items auctioned off will come from local businesses. For more information, call Bill Keith at 416-7732.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB
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BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

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Coffee is king for local business people

BY SONJA MAGDEVSKI

Coffee is expanding rapidly in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community and it starts with the basics. The choices of black coffee, decaf, cream and sugar have evolved into espresso or cappuccino? Foam or no foam? Skim or two per cent? Single, double, tall or short? Latte? Latte? What is a latte?

The choices do not stop there. Maybe you want a simple brewed coffee. Will that be Kona, Sumatra, Wild Blueberry or the House Blend? How about a flavored syrup, like vanilla, almond or orange?

If this all sounds a bit overwhelming, Beth Ledray of Caffe Bravo in Northville said, "Once people try it, there is a difference."

The business community has



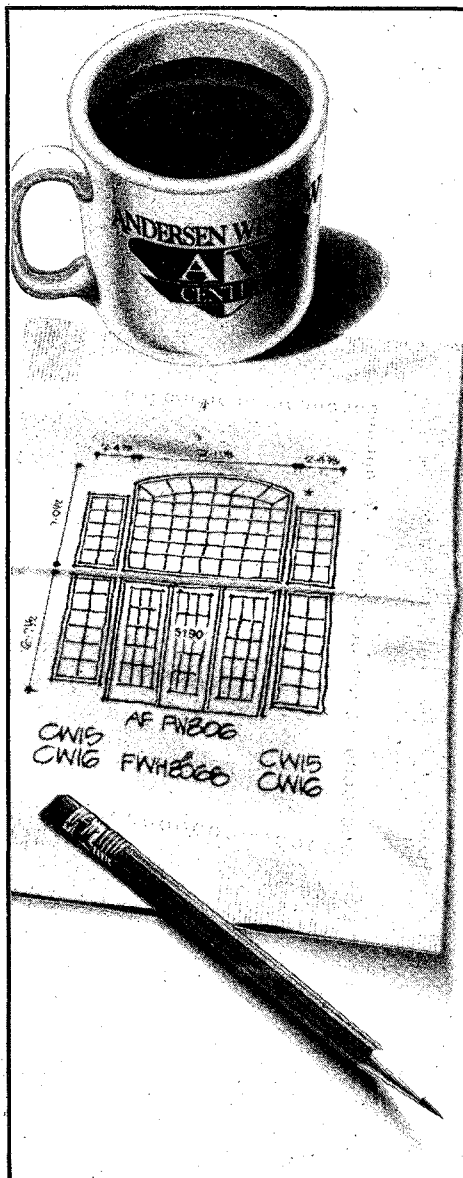
Caffe E Gelato in Canton is just one of the many local coffee shops springing up to serve the business community's thirst for the eye-opening hot beverage. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

noticed the difference and welcomes the changes in their daily dose of caffeine, be it for the morning jolt, the afternoon pick-me-up or the comfort and

privacy for an important meeting. "The relaxing atmosphere provides a place where there is no pressure and no rush," said Ledray.

Ledray and her mother Dolores Berman have owned Caffe Bravo for two-and-a-half years and said the business is

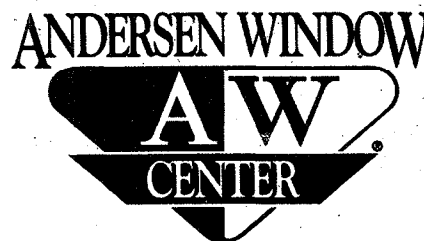
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Local nursery schools give business people peace of mind

BY MATT HUCAL

How do you keep a clear head on working days while your children are out of your sight for possibly an eight hour block of a day?

As a parent there are always thoughts of what your children are doing and what, if any, kind of mischief they're into. You want a responsible place to keep them during the day to make sure they're not only being taken care of, but are also being educated or entertained while you're at work.

Nursery schools and day care centers are the answers. And parents wary about a situation like a nursery school not for money reasons but for

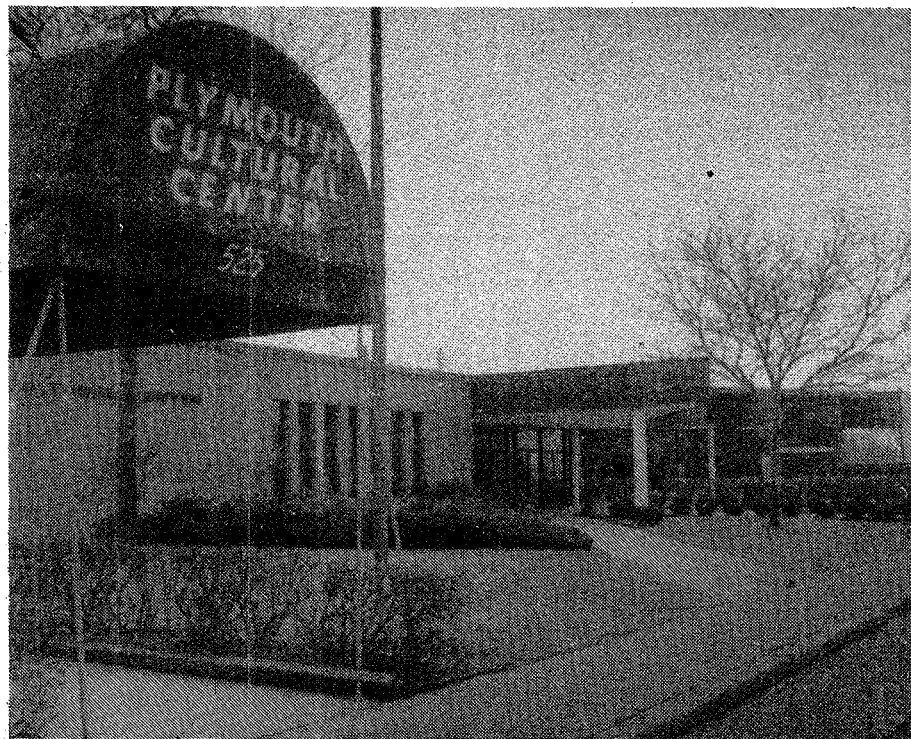
conscience reasons, take a great deal of time and thought in choosing the place they prefer. How do the nursery schools give the parents the satisfaction they desire while choosing?

There are many angles to look for in a day care program. Depending on what a working parent decides they want their child exposed to, options are available in multiple directions.

Red Bell Children's Nursery, in Plymouth, and Come Little Children Center, in Canton, serve the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community and have a program selection that includes day care for the working parent or early

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Coffee is 'hot drink' for area business people

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completely different than when they first opened because of the incredible community response. "People hold business meetings here all the time. Decorators, consultants, mother's clubs, the library board and all kinds of different groups come in and discuss their plans. We do not care how long they are here and it works out well," said Berman.

Groups as well as individuals enjoy the secret and hidden appeal of the coffee house. "It is their special little place to getaway from the office or the kids to take a break. People need it and it forms a habit, like showering in the morning and brushing your teeth. You need to have that drink to start the day or to meet a friend," said

Ledray.

Businesses surrounding the coffee houses benefit from the comfortable atmosphere as well. The Outback coffee house is located behind Chameleon Galleries Ltd. on Main Street in Plymouth and are both owned by Denni Englehart. Manager Lydia White said, "Everyone enjoys us here. Customers buying tuxedos next door at Steve Petix can come in, have a cup of coffee and relax while everyone is getting fitted. People buying books and papers at Little Professor on the Park can enjoy their new purchase while they sit and read with a great drink in a nice atmosphere."

White explained that the business started off slow two

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Coffee shops offer variety for thirsty business people

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years ago, because people were not sure what cappuccino really was. "Now, some days it resembles a bar in here. People really rely on our service and location. They like to hang out and take a break for their pick me up, whether it is in the morning, afternoon or evening. Local businesses can get out and walk, because we are right where they work," said White.

Pamela Haase of The Coffee Bean Company on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth had similar comments. "The beauty of our coffee house is that you do not have to sit in a restaurant booth with a big tab and be pushed to get out," said Haase.

Haase came to Plymouth from the West Coast and realized she missed great coffee, which is why she and

her husband Tim decided to open The Coffee Bean in December of 1993. Haase said, "The city thought I was crazy at first. The community has been very receptive and people are always telling me they are happy with the Bean. Business has quadrupled what we expected."

Haase said she is intrigued by how The Coffee Bean adapts to the time and need of the day. "The steady stream of morning commuters come in for their daily dose and we can see them as they walk up the stairs so we can start their drink for them and get them on their way. In the afternoons, attorneys, business people, different social clubs are here for meetings. People feel relaxed and comfortable to conduct business."

Two Spanish teachers from Canton High School frequent The Coffee Bean after school to grade papers and do lesson plans. They said, "It is like a school home in The Bean. It is comfy and homelike with nice tables, good music and good coffee. We have been coming here since it opened up and weekends are no exceptions."

Haase has all kinds of requests to reserve her back room for sales meetings and other important occasions for businesses where they can have bagels, muffins and coffee in a different setting than the office. The attraction for the atmosphere of the coffee house comes from the different awareness about business these days said Haase. "My husband says how he hates to go into a conference room with coffee in

Styrofoam cups and Creamora. Things are so competitive that people need to stick with business. They are moving away from the five course lunches with the alcohol. Here, people can meet and still have the opportunity to have that special drink, be it a flavored cappuccino or a double raspberry mocha and some dessert."

At the next business meeting or afternoon break, try some amaretto or butter rum flavored syrup in your coffee drink. If the plan is to offer the old-fashioned plain doughnuts, try again. A chocolate almond biscotti, raspberry white chocolate scone or a delicious muffin go well with a tall, skim almond-vanilla-cappuccino with no foam and extra whipped cream.



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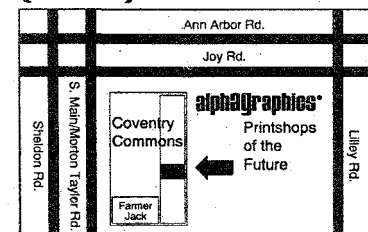
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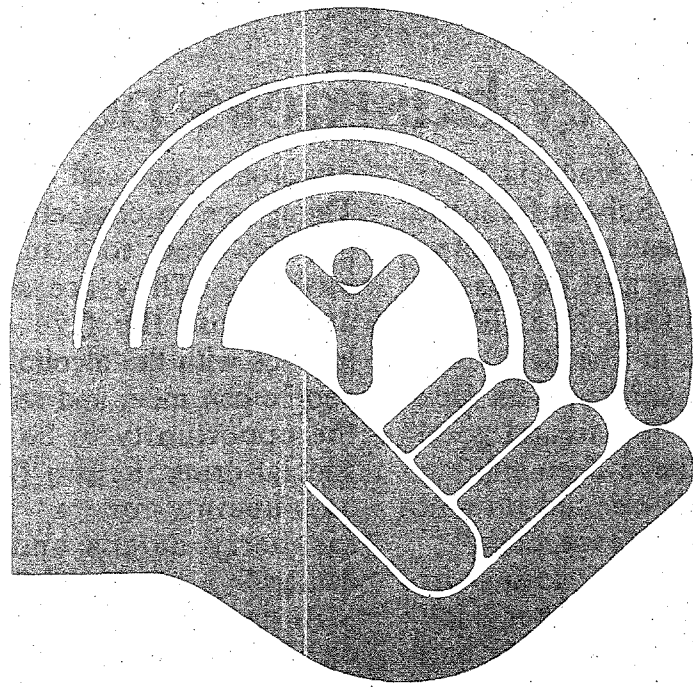
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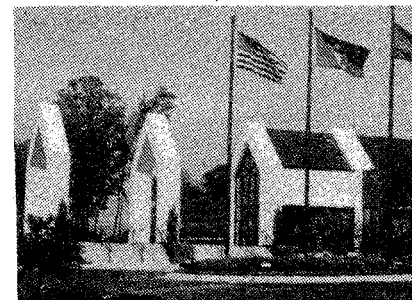
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Nursery schools are modern business tools

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childhood education as a start up for soon-to-be kindergartners.

To be sure of what your kids are getting into, and what they'll be exposed to, there are a few things you can do to be sure of your decision. During enrollment the whole class is explained to you so that you know the basic format and the ideas being presented to the children. You can then observe the class to see first hand how it's run, find out what will be taught, and personally talk to the program directors, who will explain what the class will revolve around.

Full day classes and half day classes are available, depending on what time is good for the

parents. Times to drop off the kids vary from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., with pickup varying from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Everything is worked around the working parent's schedule, as to not inconvenience them in any way.

The preschool education starts at 9:00 a.m. and go for a couple hours until rest time at noon.

Classes are run by certified teachers and care-givers, who are parents who help the teachers. Red Bell accepts children between 2 1/2 and 10 years of age, and Come Little Children accepts children between 6 weeks and 12 years of age.

Probably the biggest asset that comes from centers like Red Bell and Come Little

Children is that the children learn social skills that they previously had not put to use.

Jack Lewis, the director of Red Bell, thinks that is the most important area to develop for youngsters.

"Just to be without their mother and father can be a very traumatic thing for children. It may take a few weeks of crying, but eventually they'll accept it and learn to communicate with other children," Lewis said about the new experience.

When enrolling your children in an educational program, there are areas that you usually want them to grow or develop in.

Mary Garland, director of Come Little Children Center,

believes her center offers a variety of areas.

"We hope to develop our children socially, emotionally, and educationally. We want them to grow all around in a positive way," Garland said.

There is a certain kind of trust that's involved in a decision like this.

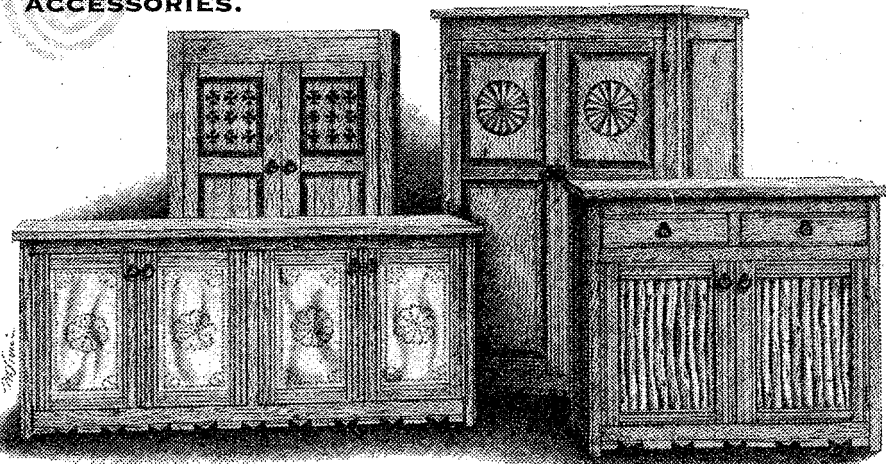
A trust that makes all parties involved feel comfortable and keeps all lines of communication open.

With children raising up in nursery schools and learning centers, these establishments become very important in the growth and development of youngsters and give parents the sense of security they need to perform up to their top ability on the job.

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Deli food caters to busy business people

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Imagine being the president of a business. The the chief operating officer, owner or some big shot is coming to town tomorrow.

It is time to role out the red carpet and draw up an itinerary that will impress this individual. Give a tour of the facility in the morning and follow that with an update of how business is doing. Then, it is time to serve lunch.

Instead of going out, how about ordering in? Do something different.

Delis to the rescue. The New York Deli, 1349 Ann Arbor Rd., and Buck Jones at 42087 Ford Rd. have carved a niche in the The Plymouth-Canton area's lunch service.

"We make things look nice for people," said Dan Phelps, who is co-owner of the New York Deli with Dennis Gagnon. "Our motto is: 'We cater your party as though it were our own.' We're a service to the business community. We're not just a sandwich and sub shop, we're a deli."

Phelps and Gagnon cater daily to such local businesses as Perstorp Components, Diversy, Grayco, Med Health and OIS Optical. The answer to the repetition of lunch is in a menu filled with scrumptious items, from vegetable platters to meat trays to salads to build your own sandwich. There are soups and dessert trays as well. "We've already developed a nice clientele," Phelps said. "We have great rapport with the corporate accounts." Gagnon added, "Everybody loves it; that's why we have all this



Deli food has gone from being a "big city" food to standard fare in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

repeat business.

The New York Deli also brings a touch of personality that fast foods chain can not. "We deliver to Central Middle School," said Phelps. "We put their orders in bags and put their names on it, like a lunch. It's a bit of a role reversal."

Over at Buck Jones Deli in Canton owner Dawn Slate-Barack has two delivers on the run at least a couple of times a week. "We do a lot of catering," she said. "I cater for the airlines. I do it for H & L Furniture, plus I do it for Pearl Sound."

Customers are not confined to a menu of two or three burgers and a few salads. There is over 30 sandwiches to choose from. Slate-Barack can take orders as late as the morning of delivery, but she prefers, if possible, more time to prepare. "I get faxes in the morning," she said. "I usually like the day before."

Similar to the New York Deli, Buck Jones can cater to small or large lunch crowds with party subs or just salads and cookies. "(Customers) say it's great. They come back with their families," Slate-Barack said. "We have a big variety to choose from."

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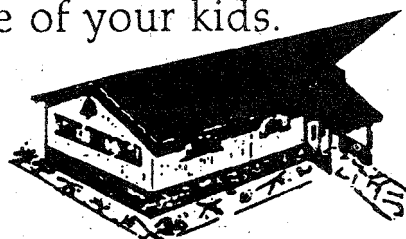
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Each March when The Crier GUIDE arrives, I figure that it can't get any better but the following year it always does. I can hardly wait for the 1996 edition.

I was especially impressed with this year's cover. It really grabs the reader's attention.

My issue of The GUIDE is always well read. I pass it around to other former Plymouth-Canton residents just to watch them drool.

One former Cantonite who hasn't been back there in 15 years has vowed to change his summer vacation plans and make a trip to Plymouth just because of two ads in The GUIDE. One was the Penn Theatre ad showing the marquee. He said that he proposed to his wife of 22 years under the marquee after a John Wayne movie. The other ad that helped change his vacation plans was the Amantea Restaurant ad where he and his date went following the John Wayne movie and where she said "Yes" to his proposal. They now have five kids because of The Penn Theatre and Amantea Restaurant.

Tell your staff at The Crier and COMMA, that I think their efforts for the 1995 GUIDE really paid off and express my sympathy to them for all the agonizing work associated with getting The GUIDE to the press.

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Chambers help area businesses compete

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Instead of being a faceless employer, both the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce offer a membership that will get owners involved in the community; so that every individual's requests can be addressed.

"We're very customer driven," said Linda Shapona, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. "We serve members. We find out what members needs are and serve them. The whole goal is to promote your business. The whole idea is to get you involved."

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce has about a membership that accounts for about 33 per cent of the total number of businesses that fall within the Chamber's boundaries. "The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is community-minded," said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

"We do things that people don't even think of."

Membership is entirely voluntary. To join, it is as simple as picking up the phone and calling 453-4040 for

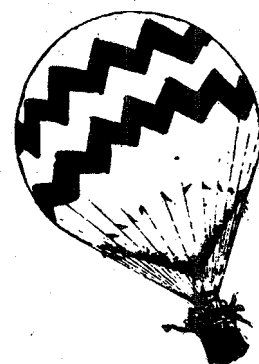
Canton and 453-1540 for Plymouth. "Anybody that's in business can join the Chamber of Commerce," said Toney. "It's totally volunteer. Yes, there is a due; it's based on the number of employees."

After receiving a membership packet and completing the application form, members are eligible for a plethora of benefits. For instance, each constituent is automatically listed in a directory categorically and alphabetically. It is mailed to each home and business, within each Chamber's respective limits, every June.

Other advantages include: group hospitalization, legislative gatherings that put businesses face to face with lawmakers, public visibility, a membership emblem as an official display of support for the community, discounts on mailing labels, free informative meetings and seminars, monthly morning coffees and an annual golf outing.

"We do a lot for the community," said Shapona. "It's just so critical. Without a good chamber of commerce the business world wouldn't thrive and progress."

Said Toney: "It's a unified voice. It's a strong voice for business. There's safety in numbers."



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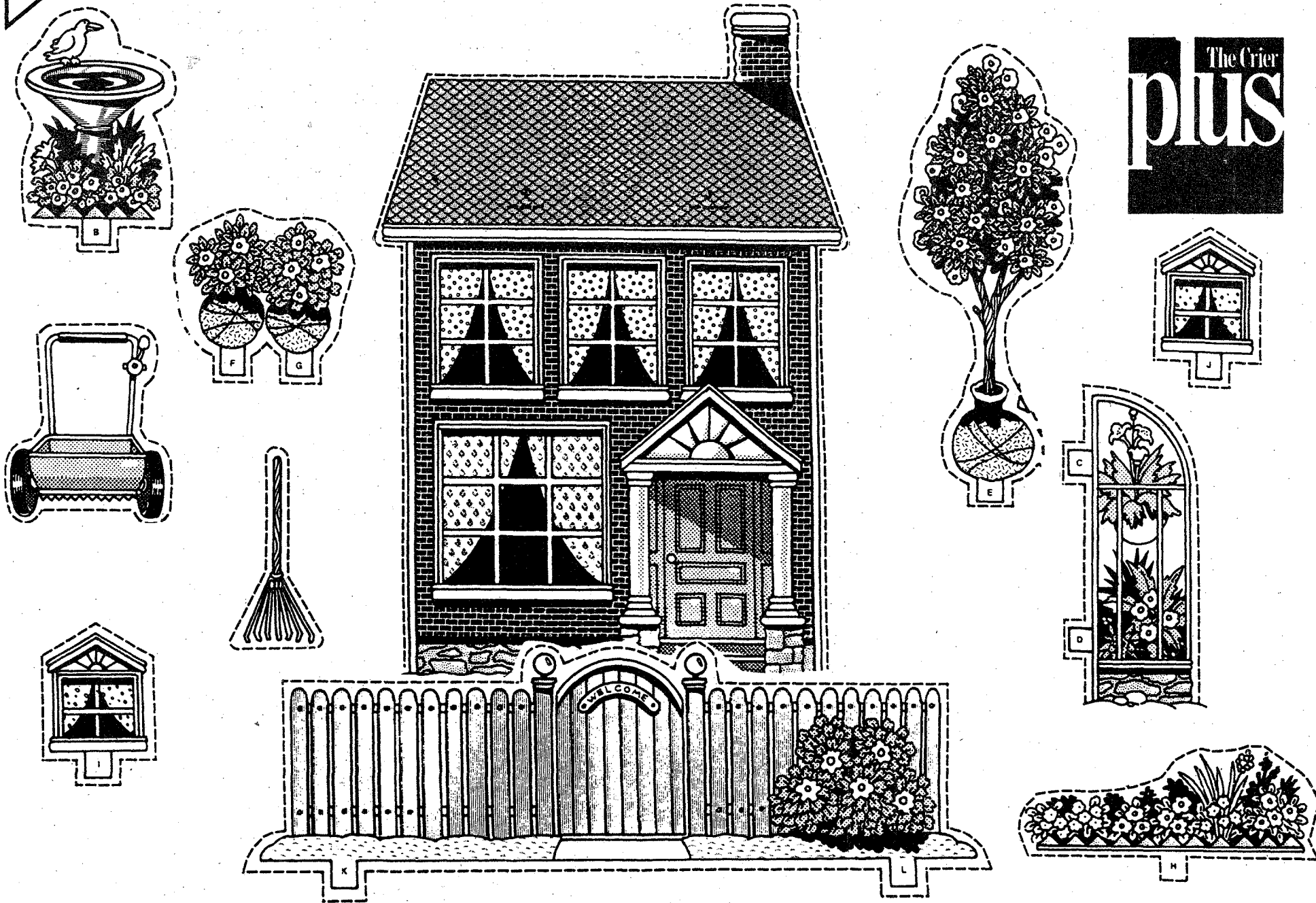
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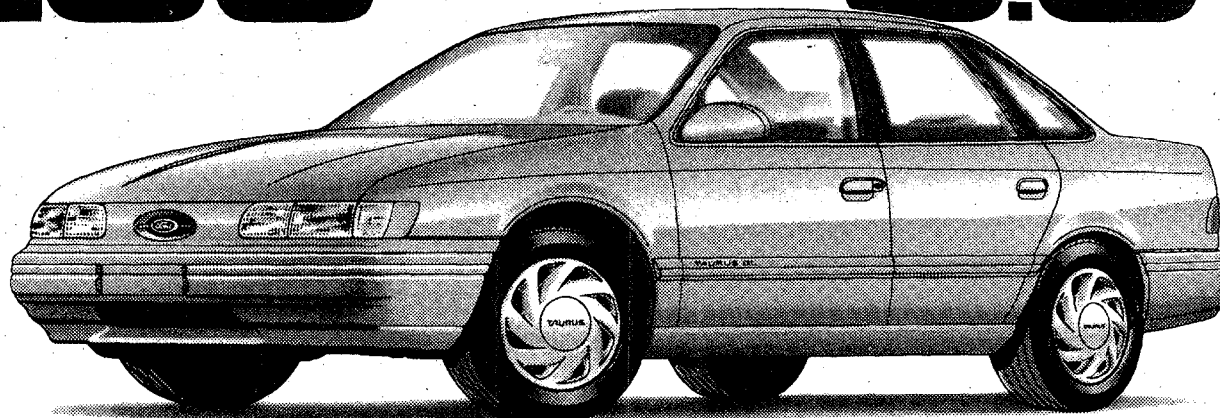
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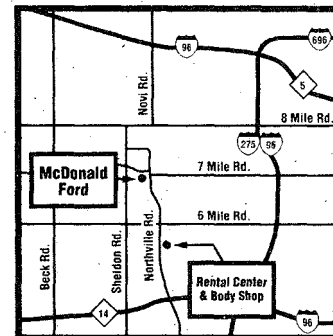
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CANTON EASTER EGG HUNT

Canton Parks and Rec will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. sharp on April 15 at Heritage Park for residents 10 and under. The event is free. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

CONTEMPORARY EASTER DRAMA

The Plymouth Baptist Church will present a contemporary Easter drama at 10:30 a.m. on April 16 at the church. Nursery and child care will be provided. For more information 453-5534.

P-C JAYCEES EASTER EGG HUNT

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will hold their Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on April 15 at Plymouth Township Park. For more information, call 453-8407.

VIETNAM VETERAN'S ART CONTEST

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America is holding an art contest "Celebrating the End of the Vietnam War," for original art for cash prizes. The deadline for the contest is April 26. For more information, call Greg Huddas at 453-5020.

ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL CLINIC

The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold an antique appraisal clinic with Ernest DuMochelle and members of his staff from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 25 at the museum. The cost is \$6 per item for an oral appraisal, \$10 for a written appraisal. Bring up to eight hand-held items only. For more information, call the museum at 455-8940.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club of Plymouth will host American Bar Association President George Bushnell, who will speak on the Constitution at 6:45 p.m. on April 17 at the Colony Room of the Mayflower Hotel. There is a \$15 fee for the dinner. For more information and to register for the event, call either 453-2375 or 453-8547.

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.

P-C JR. CIVITAN MS WALK

The Plymouth-Canton Jr. Civitan club will be taking part in the Multiple Sclerosis walk, six miles, to benefit Doug Buchanan on April 23. Checks should be made payable to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. To help with pledges, write the Plymouth-Canton Jr. Civitans, c/o Elaine Staley, 8245 Honeytree Blvd. #542, Canton, MI, 48187.

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

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

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RUMMAGE SALE

The Ladies Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel will hold a rummage sale in the school gym from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 20. This year's sale will not feature clothing. For more information, call 453-7337.

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JAYCEE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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

4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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

CLASS OF 1990 FIVE-YEAR REUNION


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WHERE: is Canton's Downtown?
Answer: See pgs. 28-30 of **The '95 GUIDE!**

WHO: are the members of Plymouth, Canton, and Northville Chambers of Commerce?
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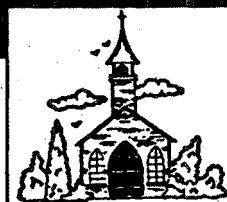
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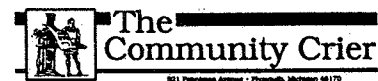


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Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller

Miller said that for the most part, a lot of good things are happening in Plymouth.

He said the Plymouth Streetscape, which as taken several years to plan, is ready to begin. "There will be a lot of dust, dirt and frustration," he said, "but in the end, we'll have a refurbished downtown we can enjoy."

Miller said Plymouth's downtown is on the right path. He noted the low vacancy rate and a unique set of businesses as positive steps forward. "It's clear to me that we're moving in the right direction (with downtown development)," he said.

"We are also working with business leaders in Old Village on economic redevelopment. (Old Village) is one of the gems of Plymouth — it just needs a little polish."

Miller said the first steps to improve the city's infrastructure have been taken toward routine maintenance and refurbishment. He also said the infrastructure is in place and the merger is complete between the Plymouth and Plymouth Township fire departments. "The merger has been successfully completed," he said. "We will continue to look for high quality, low cost ways of combining services with Plymouth Township."

Plymouth Township Supervisor

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy

McCarthy said 1994 was a big year for development in the township — and development is expected to continue throughout this year.

"We are pleased with all the new developments," she said. "All indications show that we will grow at the same rate (this year)."

McCarthy said the fire merger with Plymouth has gone well. "We've had more runs than anticipated," she said, "but the response times have been very good."

Plymouth Township has also worked with Plymouth to improve the Ann Arbor Road corridor, said McCarthy.

"We've spent a lot of time and effort on improving it (Ann Arbor Road)," she said, "which is different, because it's not often two communities pay so much attention to their border."

McCarthy said Plymouth Township is

also looking at the possibility of joint dispatch with Plymouth. "We are looking to move forward with the dispatch," she said. "If we put it together, it will allow us to upgrade equipment and service."

Plymouth-Canton Schools

Superintendent Charles Little

Little said the areas of instruction, finance and government will top the list of goals for the district.

"We've raised our graduation requirements at long last," Little said of instruction at the schools. "We are headed in the right direction."

Little said the district will also be looking at bringing the middle schools to equal educational levels. "Students at West don't have the same opportunities as students at East, for example," he said.

Little said the district is also moving forward with the school-within-a-school program — where a number of students would have the same four teachers for a two year period.

Little said the P-C School District is one of the best run in the state. "We get less money than Wayne-Westland and we have about the same number of kids," he said, "but we're not cutting programs."

"Wayne-Westland can learn a little (about running a district) by looking up the road."

Little said that although the district is doing what it can, it can do better. "We are not making threats," Little said of the two upcoming millage issues. "I don't think I need to tell you the value of a book."

Little said much progress has been with government and governance. "We got together with Plymouth to purchase voting machines," he said.

"It saved us \$75. We're also trying to reach out and close the gaps that exist (between the schools and the public)."

Wayne County Commissioner

Thaddeus McCotter

McCotter said he is ashamed that the Plymouths and Northvilles have been dragged into the Wayne County Transit Authority.

"For the past five years, it is estimated that SMART has had deficits of approximately \$25 million," he said. "Instead of correcting the problem, they blame the taxpayers and want taxes."

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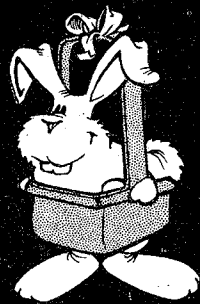
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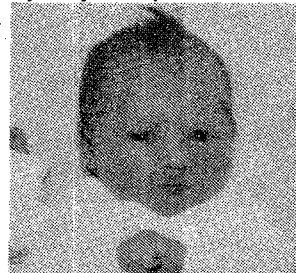
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Curiosities

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On deck

Canton High School senior **Kim Berres** won the U.S. Gymnastics Federation's Level 10 all around state championship for girls 17 and up on April 2 at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Westland. Berres finished first on the beam and second on vault. She has been offered and accepted a full ride scholarship to the University of Illinois this fall.

Canton Parks and Recreation will hold an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 15 at 10 a.m. at Heritage Park. Age groups: four and under; five to seven and eight to 10. The event is free. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The **City of Plymouth Recreation Department** is now offering the following classes: aerobics, ballet; judo and karate; baton; sanchin-ryu; cartooning; rollerskating; aikido; art; basket weaving; chopstix; bridge; creative movement; drawing and painting; kid fit; eng. horseback riding; pre-begin gymnastics; fencpost people; golf; grace under pressure; cheerleading; jr. golf; advanced gymnastics; puppet theater production; ice skating; roller skating; tap; and Mr. Wizard's Science Program. Call 455-6623 for more information.

Adult softball team registrations are still available through Canton Parks and Recreation. Men's: \$270 per team. Womens: \$350 per team. Coed: \$350 per team. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The **Thursday Morning Golf Group** is a small league at Hilltop Golf Course at Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail. The group plays nine holes from April 13 to Aug. 24. If interested in stress free golf, call Joan at 455-9496 or come to a meeting tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. at Hilltop.

Canton Softball Center begins the **1995 Softball Season** on Monday, April 17. Men's, Women's and Coed teams are offered. There are no residency requirements. Call 483-5600/Ext. 102 for details.

Fellow's Creek Golf Course's **Men's Golf League** is starting April 26. The limit is 36 golfers and will last 20 weeks. Tee time from 5 to 6 p.m. League members will be paired as two-man teams for league play. Registration ends April 21 and can be done in person at Canon Parks and Recreation Services.

Race against time

Northville Downs tries to stay afloat, compete with casinos

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Not even a thoroughbred could win this race for survival.

With each day that Casino Windsor's doors are open, welcoming thousands of gamblers with heavy pockets, Northville Downs comes closer to closing its track forever.

"We're down \$6 million in handle (for the 1994-1995 season)," said Gene Capuzzi, assistant operations director at Northville Downs. "We're losing \$100,000 a day. Those are hard numbers."

Down by 8,733 in attendance in comparison to 1993-94, Northville Downs and Michigan's eight other horse racing facilities lifeline is House Bill 4526. Currently mired in legislation, the bill would allow for Video Gaming Terminals (VGT's); a 19-inch color video machine, to be placed in race tracks. VGT's would allow gamblers to play poker, blackjack, keno-style games and bet on races from all over the state; possibly the country.

"These aren't just for slot machine junkies," said Capuzzi. "These machines have a direct correlation to horse racing; it's not just an one-armed bandit."

Proponents of VGT's believe the machines would introduce new audiences to racing, breathing new life into a struggling business. "It's like you're watching the guillotine coming down," Capuzzi said. "You're looking up at it, and your just waiting for it. It's a matter of survival. We're losing a \$100,000 a day. No business can take a hit like that out of nowhere."

Across the nation, similar results have occurred when a casino has moved into the vicinity of a race track. In Minnesota at Canterbury Downs, nine months after a casino opened, the race track was deserted. Race tracks have lost their exclusivity to lotteries, Native American-run casinos and now to the east in Canada. In isolated instances, such as when Casino Windsor was closed because of a strike by workers, Northville Downs has rebounded. There was an average increase of \$7,194 per race when Casino Windsor was closed — so the demand is still there. But outdated laws have become the industry's albatross.

"My gut feeling is we have to have it or we'll go out of business," said Capuzzi of House Bill 4526. "Simulcasting will not do it alone, we've go to have the VGT's."

After Gov. John Engler receives a recommendation from the Michigan Gaming Commission sometime this month, he will make his decision. If the guillotine falls, it will mean the end of Northville Downs. "It'll be devastating," Capuzzi said. "It used to be a nice night out." Widespread speculation is that Ladbroke DRC and Hazel Park would close too. The five other race courses in the state may also face the same fate.

Salem girls track team hopes to compete

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Young athletes can be the life or death of a team. Their dedication is never questioned and their enthusiasm is often appreciated, but they are also unproven.

"We have sort of a mixed team," said Salem girls track coach Mark Gregor. "We have some returning veterans with success. Then, we have quite a few younger athletes in the freshman and sophomore classes. It's about where we want to be. We have good experience; they know what it takes to win. Now if we can turn these young kids into contributors, but that's a big if."

So far so good.

The Rocks traveled to East Lansing last weekend for the Spartan relays and tied for fourth with fellow Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) members

Canton and Harrison. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the meet, followed by Ypsilanti and Detroit Mumford. There were 44 teams at the meet. "I was real pleased with the way we competed," said Gregor, who is in his eighth year as mentor. "It was a real competitive meet."

The respectable finish in East Lansing got the Rocks off on the right foot for a team that Gregor hopes will improve on last year's WLAA second place finish.

Fosbury-flopping over the high jump bar will be senior Melissa Hopson. She won the Spartan relay high jump title by tying her own school record of 5'6", and is the defending WLAA champ. She will be joined by junior Nicole VanHees. "Both are excellent high jumpers," said Gregor. "Both are two of the better jumpers in the state."

Sports



Video gaming terminals may be the only hope left for horse racing to compete with casinos.

Once called Michigan's "invisible industry", horse racing is far more vital than people realize. It provides employment for more than 42,000 individuals in the state — more than Chrysler. It generates \$260 million in state revenue, while Native American-run casinos are exempt from taxation. It funds breeding programs, feed farms, 4-H programs and county fairs in every corner of the state.

In Northville, it would mean more than the closing of race track; it would be closing a chapter in the city's history.

Northville Downs was home to the Wayne County Fairgrounds from the late 1800's until racing began there 50 years ago. Joe Louis, a world famous boxer from Detroit, fought Tommy Farr in a boxing match on the site in 1938.

"It'd be a shame to see it go," said Mike Allen, resident and a former mayor of Northville. "You could put an industrial park there, but that wouldn't work."

If the bill passes, 300 to 400 VGT's would be available at Northville Downs.

Running at full speed into a sand pit for the long jump are senior standouts Marcia Parker and Courtney Sheldon and sophomore Nicole Bolton. Another key long jumper will be junior Zoe Yockey, who is one of six gymnasts on the track team. "They're very talented athletes. You can coach them to do so many different things," said Gregor.

Throwing an eight pound ball this season will be sophomores Angie Smith, Sarah Pratt, Lisa Smith and junior Leslie Deshazor. "This is going to be more of a strength this year since all three threw last year," said Gregor. "If they stay up around 30 (feet) and continue to improve, they'll be real competitive."

In the discus, Sara Vida will join the

Rocks crush Stevenson

Salem baseball team wins 14-2 with strong hitting, fielding

BY BRIAN CORBETT

In the opening game of the Salem baseball season, the rocks warmed up their bats and jump-started their season's league title hopes by defeating the Stevenson Spartans, 14-2.

"It was pretty much a cut and dry game, a lot of grounders and fly outs," said coach Dale Rumberger. "It's nice to get off on the right foot, but we're certainly not where we need to be to play teams like John Glenn and Canton."

Senior pitcher Justin Marcis scattered three hits through four innings for the victory. Marcis fanned four Spartans and walked one. The two runs scored by Stevenson were unearned.

"Justin, he pitched well; he was a little off," Rumberger said. "He wasn't as sharp as I've seen him in the past, but it was his first outing (of the season)."

The biggest jam Marcis got himself into was in the first inning. Said Rumberger: "The first inning is when he had most of his trouble. I think I overhyped him. I probably had him a little too excited."

The pair of runs came on a couple fielding errors, putting the Spartans up 2-0. "Then we scored two, we came right back," Rumberger said. "We got two runs on one hit."

After senior shortstop Bill Styles (1 for 4) got on the base path, third baseman Brad Lear moved him up on a sacrifice. Styles would later score on a wild pitch. The Rocks tied the game

on Dan Quaine's RBI single. Stevenson's starting pitcher struggled with his control. "Their pitcher looked tired," said Rumberger. "He was going with 3-2 with every hitter."

After a scoreless second inning, Salem went on a tear in the third, scoring eight runs. With the bases loaded, second baseman Kazuki Karisa jacked a line drive down the foul line that kept on carrying just over the fence for a grand slam. "That was his first one," Rumberger said. "It was just like one of Kazy's hits. It was a line drive down the line, so it was about 300 feet."

Salem followed up that outburst with another fine inning at bat. The Rocks scored four runs on five hits. Senior first baseman Dave Bol, noted for his defensive capabilities in the preseason, roped a three-run homer. "He's been working real hard," Rumberger said.

Mike Brannon, Aaron Leanhert and Geoff Mackiewicz all singled in the inning.

With the outcome decided, junior pitcher Ryan Andrzejewski came in for mop up duty. He struck out one and walked one in one inning of work.

"I didn't want (Stevenson) to jump up and get us," Rumberger said. "I wanted to make them understand that they don't have a chance to get us. I didn't want Stevenson close to us, and the fellows did it. I'm glad to win, but at the same time, we have to improve."

Fish on!

Professional angler from Plymouth relaxes with fishing

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The sun creeps over the eastern horizon of Lake St. Clair creating a silhouette of a casting fisherman and a mosaic of colors reflecting off the water. The cold blanket of the past night is slowly removed by the morning glow as the waves roll casually.

The silence of solitude brings repose to Plymouth resident and professional angler Patrick Van Tiem. The rod goes back, then forward, throwing his lure into the water. He watches it sink and begins to reel, waiting for that smack of a striking bass.

"I think, number one, fishing is a way to relax," Van Tiem said. "It's a way to get close to nature. Then you go to the tournaments, and there you are going crazy."

Van Tiem is referring to such high stakes fishing competitions as Mega Bucks in Columbia, SC, which he attended the third week of March. The purse was \$70,000.

"To be quite honest, I didn't do too

well," he said. "Lake Murray is my favorite lake, besides Lake St. Clair here at home. I prefished that lake before the tournament and I slaughtered them. But when the bell rang I had all sorts of problems. I don't know what happened. I just couldn't make adjustments."

Because of his disappointing showing Van Tiem was knocked out of the tournament a little earlier than expected, but that was just fine with him. Now in his second year on the professional circuit, Van Tiem has trouble embracing life away from his family. "You spend a lot of time on the road," Van Tiem said, estimating he spends 14 days a month from September to May traveling around the country.

He has accumulated all these credentials since 1990, the year he became intensely interested in fishing. "I fooled around when I was a kid, like everyone else does. My brother was heavy into fishing," Van Tiem said.

"He caught the bug and got me into it. He was reading magazines, watching

television shows; he really wanted me to get into it. He bought me a rod, and I don't know what happened, but I got bit by the bug more than he did. I was like a maniac. I really got into it. I tried to get as much information as possible."

Even though he has not yet won a competition, Van Tiem remains patient. "That's one of my goals," he said, "but more important to me is consistency." All of his equipment, valued at \$15,000; is devoted to bass fishing. "That's all I fish for," Van Tiem said. "I just like the challenge of catching bass because there's so many different varieties of them, and that's all I do is catch them. I really enjoy the catch and release aspect. With hunting you shoot, you kill, you have it mounted. Fishing can go on and on, every time I catch a fish I immediately put medication in the live well. It's fun to catch them, who needs to take them home?"

Van Tiem's record landing is a nine pound large mouth bass he caught in a reservoir in Texas. However, his favorite water is still Lake St. Clair.

Rock track team blend of youth, experience

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shotput crew. "These four are throwing with more consistency," Gregor said. "They'll be up around 100 feet by the end of the season."

In the relays, the Rocks are strong. At MSU, the defending WLAA champion 4 x 800 relay team composed of Karen Gundry, Courtney Sheldon, Meran Miles and Sarah Hamilton; finished third with a time of 10:29.7. Sophomore Brooke Kilby, freshman Kristie Bonner, Parker and Vida will share duties with the 4 by 800 team in the 400, 4 by 200 and 4 by

400 relays.

Running the 800 distance event will be the highly-touted Hamilton, a former sprinter who is now attracting the attention of college scouts for her long range ability. "I think she's going to excel for us," said Gregor. "She's one of the top athletes in the state for the 800."

It will be Bolton's responsibility to cover the 5,280 feet in the mile run. Joining Bolton in her jaunt will be freshman Evelyn Rahal, sophomore Kathy Jost and senior Sarah Volaric.

Last year's Lakes division champs at

5-0, with the only dual meet loss in 1994 coming to WLAA champion Canton, will be in the race again — if they can stay healthy. "Number one, I really feel we need to stay healthy. Injury or illness can take a vital member of your team and put them on the shelf," said Gregor. "Our next goal is to improve with each time we're out."

Prevailing sentiment around the WLAA has Canton, Harrison, Salem, North Farmington and Stevenson vying for the conference crown. "It'll be a five team shoot-out," said Gregor.

Sports shorts

SALEM BASEBALL

Salem is at home on today at 4 p.m. versus North Farmington. On Tuesday, the Rocks host Belleville in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Today the Rocks travel to North Farmington for a game at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Fore. Today the Rocks take on Franklin in Livonia at 2:45 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Ace. Today is a match versus Stevenson on the road at 4 p.m. On Monday, the Rocks host Grosse Ile at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

On your mark. Get set. Go. The next meet for the Rocks is the Lady Chiefs Relays at home at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Salem is on the road to take part in the Dearborn Elks Relays this Saturday.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

The Rocks hit the road to take on Churchill on today at 7 p.m. Saturday the Rocks host Adrian at 2:30 p.m. Monday a night match at 7 p.m. at home versus Walled Lake Western. A week from today is a road match against Stevenson at 7 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Today at home against Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Saturday at home at noon versus Brother Rice. Tuesday a doubleheader at Milan at 3:30.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Today at home versus Harrison at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Canton hosts the Spring Break Invitational at 3:30 p.m. a week from today.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Today at Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

The defending WLAA champs will take on Harrison at 7 p.m. tonight at home.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Today at home versus Northville at 3 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Today is a meet against Harrison at home at 3:30 p.m.



Community opinions

Canton road bond should be voted down

Canton voters should think twice and vote "no" on the \$12 million township-sponsored road improvement program — not because Canton roads do not need upgrading and repair, but because road improvements are the responsibility of Wayne County.

The bond issue, which calls for a 0.67 mill tax increase to pay off the bond, is not a fair burden for Canton taxpayers.

One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 valuation of the taxpayer's home. The total increase on a \$120,000 home with a state equalized value of \$60,000 is \$40.20 per year.

Instead of asking for \$40.20 each year, from each taxpayer, Canton's government officials should be pressuring Wayne County to better manage the road improvement money they receive.

It's true — Canton's roads are a mess — as are all the roads in Wayne County, but it's not the township's fault. The taxpayers already pay to repair the roads in Canton — through a myriad of taxes — mostly on gasoline.

Even in a growing community such as Canton, government must keep spending in check. Decisions must be made. If a choice must be made between roads and a new fire department, the latter would best serve the Canton community. Unfortunately, instead of new roads or a new fire station, Canton taxpayers are getting a 60 foot water slide and a new golf course.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said it is the administration's responsibility to identify need in the community and propose a solution. "This way the taxpayers will decide if it will happen," he said. "If the electorate chooses to tax themselves, at least it would be them that would have the say. Regardless, we will do the best possible job whether they say 'no' or 'yes'."

It is time for the Canton taxpayers to draw the line. Vote "no" on the \$12 million road improvement package.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Canton library deserves millage increase

Voters going to the polls in Canton Tuesday should vote "yes" for the \$8.9 million library improvement bond issue.

The money will be used to expand the overcrowded library and roll in the debt on the six-year-old building.

Plans include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology room.

The Canton Library is one the most used government facilities in The Community. It is a top-notch library that

draws patrons from many surrounding communities. A "yes" vote on the bond issue will keep the Canton Library a first-class facility.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Family friend

Trusted friend will always seem 10 feet tall in columnist's boyhood eyes

Some people will always be 10 feet tall. And, Plymouth's Carl Peterson is one of them. Mr. Peterson was our family, and one of Plymouth's, most trusted pharmacists.

Last Friday Mr. Peterson was entering The Crier offices as my fellow work mate, Gerry Venditelli and I were leaving, he walked under our arms as we held the door for the, at the moment unknown, elderly gentleman. I heard, "Hello Randy" from this man and realized before me was a man who had been present at critical moments during my growing up young life here in Plymouth.

When my family was ill it was my job to walk or ride my bike to his pharmacy on Ann Arbor Trail. When older, it was

in his pharmacy a nervous, croaky voiced and introverted young man bought his first condom. These memories were not the ones that flashed in my mind when looking into his 88 year old eyes, however.

I heard myself saying to him, "Carl, you taught me about being honest and a gentleman." Mr. Peterson's wife has recently passed away and I realized this was not the time nor place to share this erupting emotion. I held his arm and expressed my sympathies.

Now, I would like to tell you what Carl Peterson did for me. One day as a six year old on his way home from grade school I stopped for my usual browse in The Peterson Pharmacy. While there, I

Native Son

By Randy Eaton



thought it would be so easy to just slide a bright, little 5 cent water pistol into my pocket instead of paying for it, so I did. I played with it all the way home, then hid it under my bed.

At dinner that night my dad said that Mr. Peterson, from Peterson's Drugs called, and asked that I return the water pistol. Dad suggested I, also, apologize to him. I cringed from embarrassment!

And went from a very quiet dinner

back to Mr. Peterson's pharmacy. There he was up those steps looking about ten feet tall. I handed him the little water pistol and apologized. He said, "Thank you, Randy. You know gentlemen don't steal things. Especially from their friends."

Last Friday, while holding Carl Peterson's arm, I recognized one of my many local teachers. He's still 10 feet tall to me.

Canton Clerk candidate Raven thanks supporters

EDITOR:

I was most pleased with the outstanding comments made by The Crier in their Canton Township Clerk endorsement last week. It is gratifying to know that your work is appreciated. Thank you for your kind and generous comments. Thanks also to Ralph Shufeldt for the praise that he offered my campaign effort in his letter to the editor. I enjoyed talking with him after the primary and he was most generous in his encouragement that I

stay involved in the political process. Because of his longtime involvement in Canton, he would have made an outstanding clerk.

It is my hope that people take the time to vote on April 18. Not only is the clerk race an important reason to turn out and vote, but also the ballot issues deserve our time and attention. I am encouraging a strong vote for the library and road proposals. Yes, I am also encouraging a strong yes vote to my campaign for Canton Township

Clerk.

The most important issue facing Canton on April 18 is voter turnout. More people need to take ownership of the community, and only a large turnout will send the message that we have a vested interest in the direction our community takes.

I have enjoyed running for office and look forward to the results. Please vote.

KATE RAVEN

Rivers is dedicated to serve community, fight for post office

EDITOR:

I am pleased that Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is showing a tremendous amount of interest in our community, including my hometown of Plymouth, and our larger Plymouth-Canton community. This interest can be seen in her

active visibility at community events and her willingness to support local community interests. This came to mind when I received a copy of her letter to the Postmaster General in support of a new post office for my neighbors in Canton. After only a few weeks in office, she

quickly realized that a post office in Canton was needed. She immediately took steps to contact the postal authorities and to add her support to the thousands of Canton residents who had signed petitions requesting a new post office.

This interest in Canton, and her visi-

bility at many Plymouth events, shows what a truly dedicated Congresswoman we have representing us in Washington. I am one elected official proud to have you represent us in Washington.

DENNIS SHREWSBURY



Community opinions

Plymouth-Canton School board candidate realizes importance of voting

EDITOR:

As a person who has now put himself under the public microscope by announcing as a candidate for the Plymouth-Canton School Board, I'm learning quite quickly that you simply cannot hide from the truth. As reported by your paper, I have a history of not voting in previous school elections.

For years I, like so many, was content to sit on the sidelines and let somebody else decide issues for me. It's something I am not proud of and would not want to be used as an example for anyone. As I slowly became active in the community, I began to realize that I was throwing away any chance that I had to shape public policy.

I've always exercised truth and honesty in my personal dealings. I will not move from either now by making any excuses for my past. There are none.

Voting privilege is nothing to be taken lightly. If anything, I would want this letter to be a wake up call to those who still believe their vote doesn't matter. IT DOES.

Gerald Trumpka is a hard working individual. When he takes on a community service project, he gives his all and sees it to completion.

He has made mistakes in the past, but he has learned from them. I know. I am...

GERALD TRUMPKA

Candidate says his record is good

EDITOR:

The recent Crier article "School board race expands, others consider" (April 5, 1995), reported about the candidates certified for the June 12 election: "Kilijanczyk, Phillips and Schrauben are recent voters, Maloney and Trumpka are registered, but have never voted in a school election." The statement was in fact, not accurate.

I have been a resident of The Plymouth-Canton Community for over 35 years, and have taken my responsibility to vote as a serious one. I have always considered my personal voting record to

be outstanding, and a matter of pride. I was quite surprised to read in the newspaper that I was registered, but had never voted!

Upon investigation, the explanation for the discrepancy is interesting. Apparently, when a citizen changes residence from one precinct to another, a school district is not required by law to retain any of their prior voting records. In late 1993, I changed my voting registration from Canton to Plymouth Township, and as a result, all my prior voting history was destroyed. This explains why no voting record currently exists.

I will admit that my voting record has not been perfect, but I can think of no more than once or twice that I've failed to exercise my right to vote in the past 15 years.

If the rest of The Crier article is accurate, my voting record is the best and most consistent of all the candidates. I have been involved in civic activities (particularly those that benefit children) in the community for nearly 20 years. I consider voting in school and other governmental elections to be an important responsibility of every citizen.

MICHAEL J. MALONEY

Reader will look into school board meeting

EDITOR:

I read with interest your article and editorial of March 22 regarding the sexual harassment policy passed by the Plymouth-Canton School Board. I was not aware that the board "went into a closed-door executive session to get a legal opinion."

It is difficult to evaluate the quality of such an opinion when it is secret. As an expert in this field, I strongly suspect that the "opinion" was nothing more than off-the-cuff, subjective poppycock. I would like to see the opinion, check the legal references and respond to it.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter recently sent to the superintendent and all board members. The consensus among

most accepted legal authorities is that inclusion of the phrase "sexual orientation" in human rights policies is appropriate.

I note that your article correctly stated that I am a former member of the Ferndale Board of Education. It went on, incorrectly, to say that I was also "their legal advisor." I am not now and never have been the legal advisor to the Ferndale Board of Education. I did, however, serve as chairperson of their personnel committee and I have provided legal advice to the Ferndale Education Foundation. I also served as vice chairperson for the personnel committee when I was an Oakland County Commissioner.

RUDY SERRA

Good things are happening in Canton

EDITOR:

The purpose of this letter is to let our community know what's going right with our schools and businesses. On March 28, Leadership Canton and the Plymouth/Canton Business-Education Partnership sponsored and organized an opportunity for businesses and Plymouth-Canton school staff and administrators to connect.

School personnel were able to see first-hand the skills, aptitudes and attitudes our children need to learn in order to function, grow and thrive in the business world of today, tomorrow and the future. The businesses that generously opened their doors and provided tours were Gil-Mar Manufacturing, UNISYS,

Clean Air Technology, Diversey Corporation, Pro-Coil Corporation and Ford Motor Company. After the tours, there was a reception for all participants to share what they had learned on their tours and to continue talking with the business community.

East Middle School graciously provided the facilities and their staff was instrumental in making it a success. The reception was a mini-"Taste of Canton" represented by Applebee's, Roman Forum and The Olive Garden.

They provided delicious entrees that showcased the quality of restaurants we have in Canton. Gift certificates and coupons were donated by Rose's Restaurant, Outback Steakhouse and

Boston Chicken to show their support of our community. The Canton Target store donated all the paper products and soft drinks.

Six students from the Close-Up Program volunteered to help and they did a beautiful job. This was truly an event that required collaboration from all sectors of our community — businesses, schools, administrators, teachers, students, volunteers and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. It's comforting to know that our community works together to enrich the education of our children.

TOM ADAMUSIK, MIKE PALCHESKO, BRENDA PLECHA, PAUL SCHRAUBEN AND BETTY BLOCH

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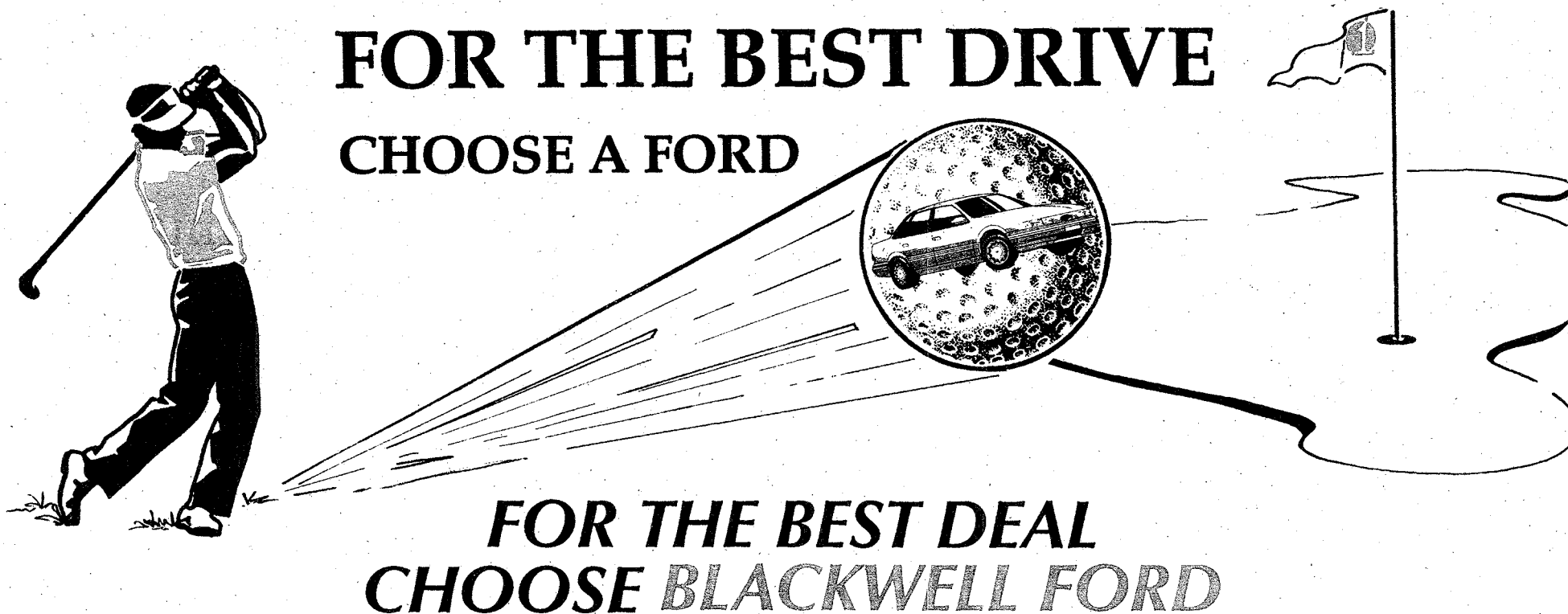
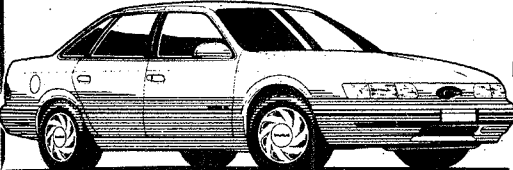
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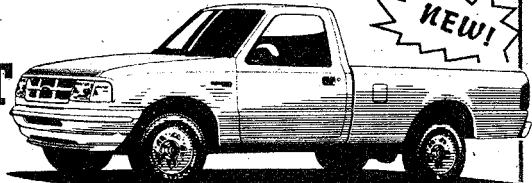
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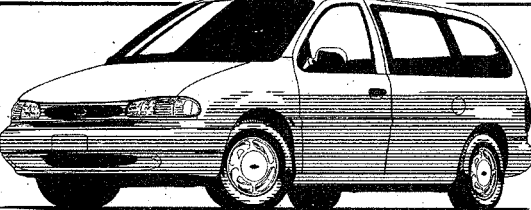
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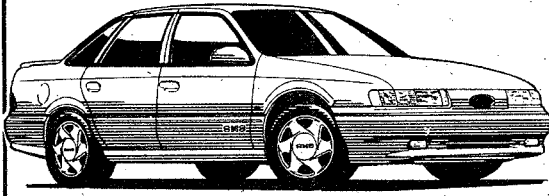
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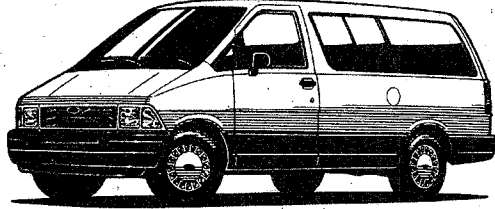
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