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Train derails in Old Village

*Train track bends forcing four cars
from the tracks near Station 885*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Old Village residents were rattled awake Saturday morning as four cars from a CSX Transportation train derailed in front of Station 885 at the Starkweather Street crossing.

CSX train R-515, carrying 19 loaded and 24 empty cars, was on its way from Detroit to Louisville when the left track bent, forcing four cars from the track. All cars, including a tanker car, remained upright.

Kathy Burns, spokesperson for the Jacksonville, FL-based CSX Transportation, Inc. said the cause of the accident is still under investigation.

Burns said the cars derailed at 9:46 a.m. CSX employees worked until 4:25 p.m. using small cranes to place the cars back on the track. The track was repaired by 8:10 p.m.

Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth said hazardous materials experts from the department responded to the accident when a white powder was found leaking from one of the cars. Groth said although the powder turned out to be harmless limestone dust, the department

response is to be as careful as possible.

"Anything can be carried on these cars today," Groth said. "We have to be extremely careful to protect both the members of our department and the community."

No one was injured in the accident and evacuation was not necessary.

Burns said CSX Transportation checks the quality of the tracks every week, depending on the type of service the tracks are used for.

"CSX was rated the safest according to the Federal Railroad Association," she said. "As far as transporting hazardous materials, we moved more than 330,000 carloads and only five had any type release."

Burns said safety is important to CSX.

"We conduct extensive investigations," she said. "Our goal is to find out what happened and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins said his department responded to the accident shortly after it happened, rerouting traffic until the track was cleared.



CSX crews worked for nearly 12 hours to get the four cars that derailed back on the train tracks and repair the damaged rail. The derailment occurred next to Station 885. (Crier photo by Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride)

School candidate forum tomorrow

The Livonia League of Women Voters is hosting a Plymouth-Canton School Board election candidate forum tomorrow from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 Canton Center Rd.

Liz Givens, Paul Schrauben, Jeff Phillips and Jack Farrow are the four candidates for the June 10 election. Farrow is seeking his second four-year term. Eight-year school board Trustee Barbara Graham has decided not to run again.

City ponders paving millage

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

More than 70 residents packed the Plymouth City Commission meeting Monday to protest the proposed special assessment districts (SAD) for street paving, which could raise taxes for those affected between \$4,503 and \$8,440 over the 10 year life of the project.

Residents from the Garling subdivision and Farmer Street, which would be the first construction projects of the mammoth reconstruction plan, told the City Commission that the tax bur-

den was individually too high for a street paving program that would benefit the entire City.

"This is really going to hit a lot of people on a fixed income," said Parkview resident Dave Smith. "We're being personally penalized for having the worst road in the City."

After listening to two hours of objections, the City Commission voted to look at a millage program to fund a City-wide paving program. A millage would raise taxes for every home and busi-

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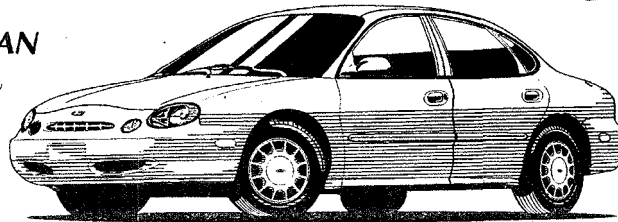
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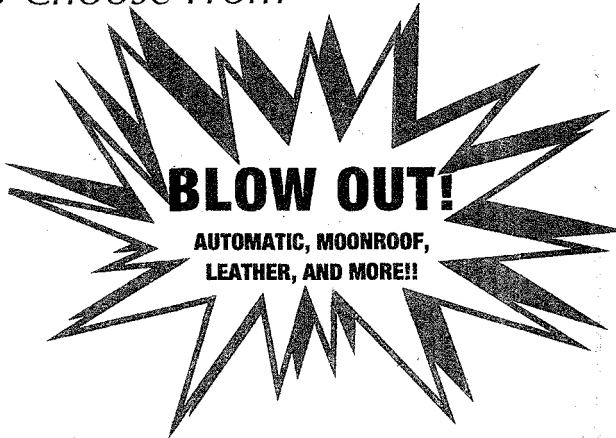
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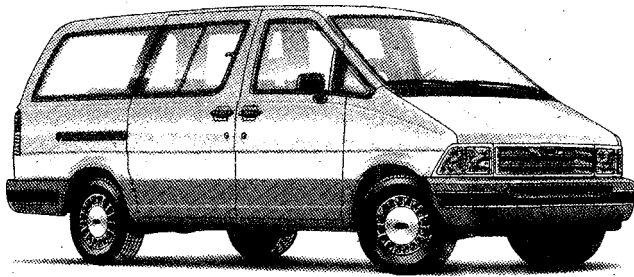
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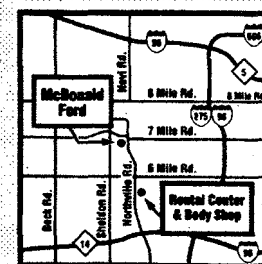
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Clarenceville superintendent offer pursued by Tattan

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Tom Tattan, the executive director of instruction K-12 for the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, is pursuing an offer that would make him superintendent of the Clarenceville School District.

"Definitely, I think it's a great opportunity for me," Tattan said on Tuesday.

According to Tattan, the negotiation process is nearly complete. "We are finalizing the contract," he said. "We hope to have approval at Thursday night's board meeting." Until then, Tattan said he would not discuss his future plans. "I'd prefer not to talk about it until everything is finalized," he said.

Tattan was offered the top position in the 1,750 student school district on April 25; he was selected over 56 other applicants.

Spring in Plymouth



Spring officially arrived in Plymouth Saturday with the opening of the Farmers Market in The Gathering. Bob Greenstein and his pet parrot, Crackers, spread out their wings and enjoy the festive market atmosphere. The Farmers Market, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, runs every Saturday morning throughout the summer. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Cops catch alleged air bag crooks

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bagged and then busted.

So goes a day in the life of two larceny suspects accused of stealing approximately 30 air bags from cars parked in the lot of Sunshine Honda in Plymouth Township.

Two males were apprehended by Ferndale Police this week after going on a spree of air bag thefts that included a stop at the Plymouth Township car dealership, said Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry.

At about 5 p.m. Sunday, the two men allegedly jumped the fenced-in lot, and began to systematically go through cars, Berry said.

"Obviously, these guys are professionals," he said. "There's a way of getting into these cars without any damage being done."

Berry said there is a valuable black market for air bags.

That may be the reason why none of the merchandise was recovered. "They can remove and resell these parts very fast," Berry said.

If only some citizens were as quick reporting suspicious vehicles or people, as the suspects were in stealing the air bags, Berry said, the crooks might have been caught in the Township. According

to police, the two suspects drove around in the neighborhood nearby Sunshine Honda asking residents if they needed yard work done. What they actually were doing, Berry said, was casing the area. Then, a Canton resident watched for 30 minutes as the alleged crime transpired before driving home and calling authorities, Berry said.

There's a lesson to be learned here, he said. "Please, if you see something

wrong, call police," said Berry.

The police chief also had a suggestion for insurance companies, who often demand that car dealers buy used instead of new parts as replacements. "If we can get them to stop buying the used air bags, maybe we can dry up the market, dry up the problem," he said.

Used air bags are typically sold for \$100 and reinstalled for \$800, according to Berry.

City looks at paving options

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ness owner in Plymouth.

Under the SAD paving program, half the roads in Plymouth will be resurfaced in the next 10 years, beginning with the worst roads. This year, the Garling subdivision, Farmer Street (between Sheldon and Blunk roads) and Main Street (from Church to Amelia streets) would be repaved.

Over the life of the project, many of Plymouth's main thoroughfares would be paved, prompting many at the meeting to propose the millage increase.

Glen Mackie said a millage makes the most sense. "This is something everybody uses," he said. "Everybody benefits."

He said if the special assessment hearings continue throughout the life of the project, the City Commission will be spending a lot of time listening to residents' complaints.

"You will be so bogged down in this process," he said, "it will take you 35 years to get the paving done."

Long-time Farmer Street resident Elizabeth Donnelly said she has been part of paying for Farmer Street being repaved two other times.

"I think I'll set up a toll house," she said. "This is grossly unfair."

City administration will present a millage plan to fund road paving at the next City Commission meeting, scheduled for May 20.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding its Small Business/Athena Award Dinner/Expo today at 5:30 p.m. at the Fellows Creek Golf Club, off Michigan Avenue.
- The Plymouth Historical Society's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical Museum.

THE WEEKEND

- Canton's annual Fishing Derby will be held at Heritage Park Saturday. Call Canton Parks and Recreation for more information.
- It's Tulip Day time in Northville Friday and Saturday. Call (810) 349-0522.
- The WSDP radio auction will be held all day Saturday. Tune in at 88.1 FM.
- Free storytime for youngsters begins Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Little Professor on the Park in downtown Plymouth.
- The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is holding a Senior Citizen Fine Arts Exhibit and Sale on Saturday and Sunday at the Cultural Center. Sale hours are from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

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Women play an important role in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. See The Crier's Women's Section, pgs. 13-20.

Everything's coming up 'daylily' in Plymouth

The City of Plymouth now has an official flower: the daylily. The Plymouth City Commission approved the proposal to designate the daylily the official flower following a recommendation from the Beautification Commission. Initially, the committee tried to tie an official flower to sister cities, Plymouth, England and Plymouth, MA. The daylily was chosen because of its long growing cycle and availability.

Organizers hope Catholic school project will gain momentum

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Wide spread support for the building of a Catholic grade school in Canton has faltered, but the project will likely continue, according to officials involved in planning.

The Detroit Archdiocese is currently sifting through mail to determine an approximate number of students, said Mike Mitchell, parish parent coordinator. Mail was to be counted throughout the weekend, said Mitchell, "Then, they'll go through a series of meetings at the Archdiocese to see if it has to be scaled back, which it probably will be."

Original plans called for a one-story school building for grades kindergarten

through eight at Resurrection Parish in Canton. Three other parishes — St. Kenneth, St. John Neumann and St. Thomas a'Becket — would contribute for a total possible enrollment of 1,060 children.

When the school project was disclosed in the late winter in response to a resurgence in Catholic education, a first-year enrollment goal of 400 students was discussed. The following registration period garnered approximately one-half of that figure. "We have about 200 students, so we're short of the original estimate," said Mitchell, "but it's demand driven, so just because we're short doesn't mean it can't happen."

Streetscape: Take 2

Just when you thought it was safe to hit the streets of downtown Plymouth...

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Plymouth brides may be stepping through dirt, bricks and concrete to get fitted for their long, white gowns at

Lina's Bridal.

The upcoming road and sidewalk construction is expected to block traffic and create a mess along Main Street in downtown Plymouth. It also could hurt the walk-in customer business many downtown stores rely on. And it will be especially painful following last year's streetscape construction.

"Sometimes, in today's society, people won't take one minute to find a new parking spot," said Michele Martin, the manager at Lina's.

She and other downtown merchants are bracing for the continuation of streetscape, which is scheduled to re-start this summer.

The downtown improvement project will add brick walks, street lights, benches, trash bins and landscaping to the edges of downtown that weren't completed last year.

The area slated for construction extends to Wing on the south end and Church on the north end, according to Steve Guile, the executive director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

He anticipates construction could last for five weeks and may start in July.

"We've obviously been telling everybody that eventually it's going to be their turn," Guile said, "but we don't have a confirmed start of construction."

Right now, Guile's writing the bid specifications for the final phase of the project. Those specs must be approved by the federal government, which is funding 80 percent of the \$155,000 project.

Guile was the target of ire from many store owners last year when they complained the road project increased traffic and decreased business. He recognizes that he's not always the most popular City official, but he said the final results of the project have reassured many merchants.

"The general consensus is they're very pleased," Guile said.

Andy Kory is one merchant who can't see the long-term results of streetscape. The owner of Smokers Only on Main Street said the improvements to the central business district haven't necessarily improved the neighborhood.

"I think it made it worse — it's more congested and harder to get around," he said. "It looks better, but I don't think it was worth it."

Plymouth resident Mike Gerou, who is also involved in the planning process, agreed. "My guess is it'll be some kind of downsized project," he said. "I'll keep my fingers crossed, hopefully. I'm optimistic — very optimistic. I always have been."

But Rev. William Pettit of St. Kenneth wasn't as certain the Archdiocese will build its first new school in more than 30 years. "I couldn't say," he said. "We have to look at the facts and figures."

Pettit said a meeting is scheduled for May 16 before a presentation is made to Adam Cardinal Maida. "He's in favor of the project," Gerou said of Maida. "In light of that, I'd be very surprised if a school is not built."

Said Mitchell: "The proposal process will probably take a couple of weeks to pull it all together. Since it's a smaller number of people than the original estimate, they're going to look to see if it's still financially feasible to do. But I still fell strongly that a fall of '97 date is possible. I think there's still enough interest."

Gerou is steadfast to his belief enrollment interest will skyrocket if construction begins. "I'm absolutely convinced there's going to be an outrageous demand of a limited number of seats," he said. "We tried to get the word out, the time to sign up is now."

City closes York, Holbrook crossings

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The York and Holbrook streets railroad crossing will be temporarily closed.

The Plymouth City Commission approved the purchase of barriers to conduct a traffic study on the effects of the closings on Mill and Starkweather streets.

For months, the City Commission has struggled with the York and Holbrook crossing issues. The State of Michigan and CSX want the crossings closed, but residents who use the crossings aren't as sure.

As a compromise, the City will temporarily close the crossings.

"After we close them," said Mayor Ron Loiselle, "we'll definitely get some response from people who live by there."

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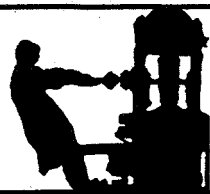
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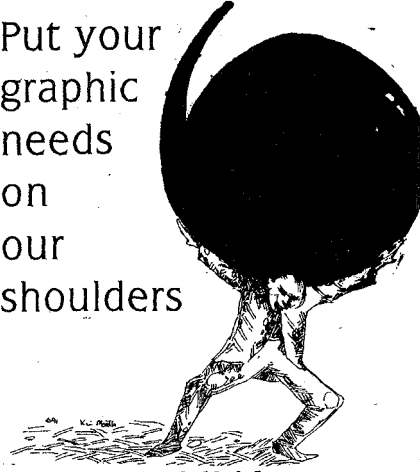
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Neighbors in the news

Viola Ranstadler, who has played first violin for the Plymouth Symphony for 48 years, was honored by the symphony from 5-7 p.m. on May 7 at the Plymouth Manor. The event celebrated symphony volunteers. Ranstadler, who lives in Westland, spends several hours a week helping out in the symphony office.

Plymouth resident Jessica Engle won the Anne V. Whitson Scholarship at Miami University in Oxford, OH for the next school year. Students are selected on the basis of superior academic ability and personal merit from a pool of more than 4,000 candidates each year.

Three Plymouth-Canton elementary school students won prizes in a poster contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. Victoria Haber, a first-grader at Gallimore Elementary School, won first place; Alex Haber, a third-grader at Gallimore Elementary School, was first runner-up; and Nina Robles, a third-grader at Allen Elementary School, was second runner-up.

The theme of the contest was "How to Make the World a Better Place to Live." More than 50 students in the first, second and third grades participated.

Lisa L. Craven of Canton was named to the dean's list at Northwood University in Midland for the winter term. Craven is the daughter of Richard and Magdale Craven. Students named to the dean's list must earn a 3.0 grade point average.

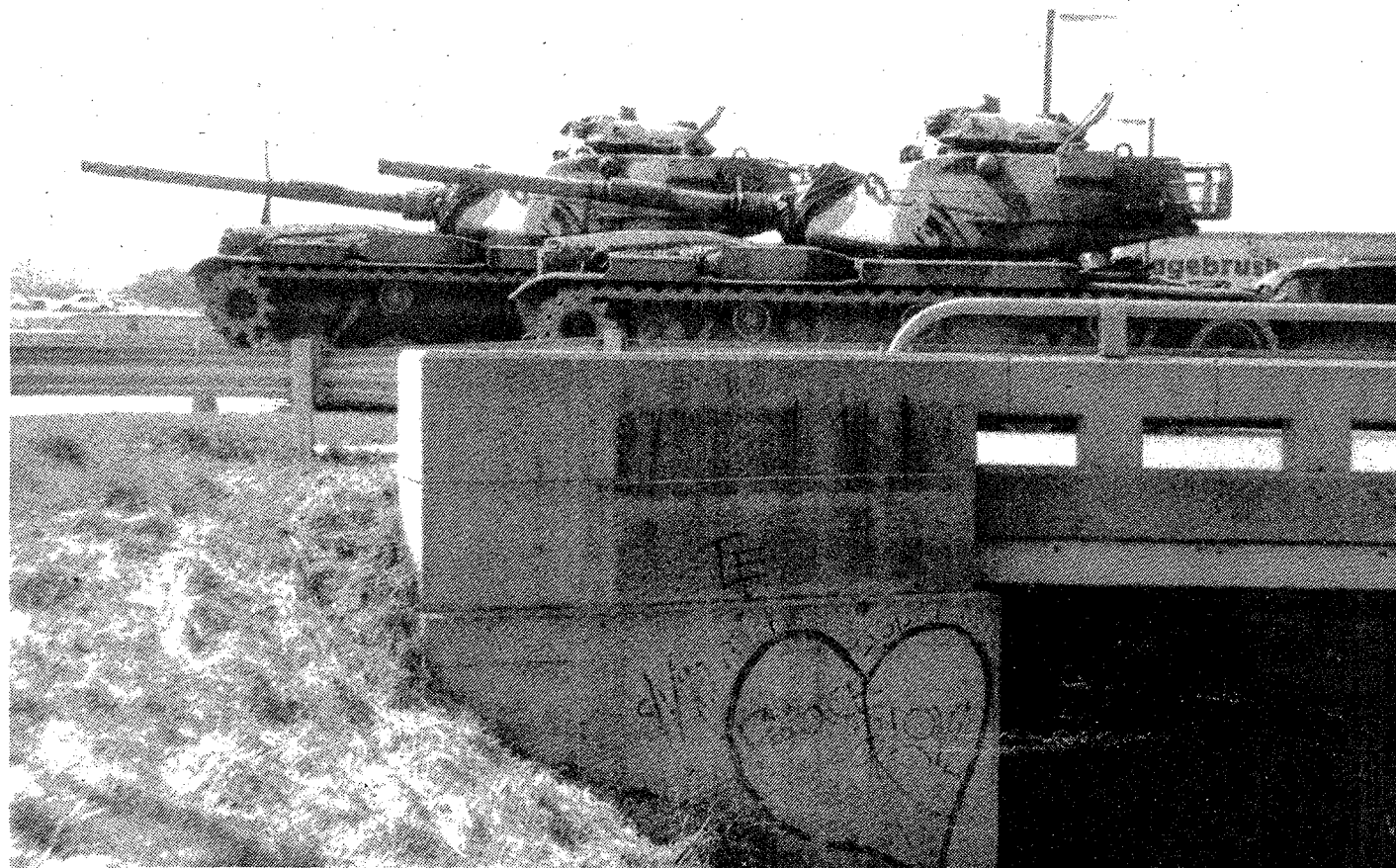
Rupa Patel is one of 18 students selected nationwide to attend Mazda's 13th annual summer scholarship program. The scholarships provide students with the opportunity to experience day-to-day life in Japan by living with a Japanese host family. The students take part in local school and cultural activities and are given a guided tour of Mazda's Hiroshima auto assembly plant. Students are selected on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, volunteer or work experience, teacher recommendations, written essays and general suitability for a foreign exchange experience.

Navy Ensign Kevin Anderson recently graduated from the submarine officer basic course. Lasting 12 weeks, the course teaches theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. Anderson is a 1984 graduate of Canton High School and a 1994 graduate of Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. He joined the Navy in 1984.

Friends & neighbors

Canton invasion?

...no, just testing the roads!



University of Michigan civil engineering professor Andrzej S. Nowak used two M-60 Michigan National Guard tanks to test the strength and structural integrity of the Ford Road bridge over Fellows Creek. Nowak uses the 115,000-pound tanks to conduct proof load tests on Michigan bridges. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Pick up a letter, drop off a can

Postal carrier drive will help Salvation Army food bank

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

It's one of the easiest ways to give: just place a can of food next to your mailbox.

Your letter carrier will pick it up and add it to the national food drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

If you don't have a mailbox, don't despair. Canned and boxed foods, as well as other non-perishable items can be dropped off at both post office locations, the Plymouth Cultural Center, Danny's market, and the Kroger grocery store.

The food drive, which began May 6 and runs through May 11, will replenish the food bank for indigent people at The Salvation Army.

Bill Stern, the social services supervisor for The Salvation Army, said he's grateful for the post office's donations.

"They came to us," Stern said. "They can give this food to anyone they like and they chose us."

Last year the post office collected 10,000 pounds of food, said Dave Mullins, the manager of the Penniman station.

"The carriers are part of the community," he said. "They all live around here

and they all have a giving heart."

The Salvation Army food bank feeds 4,000 people a year in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. All food comes from community donations, Stern said.

Marquis Theatre presents 'Little Red Riding Hood'

Northville's historic Marquis Theatre will present the talented Marquis Theatre children in an original musical adaptation of "Little Red Riding Hood," opening Friday.

This is the classic tale of the girl named Little Red Riding Hood who travels through the woods on her way to see her grandmother. But when Little Red arrives, grandma does not look like herself. In fact, she strangely resembles a wolf.

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Performance dates and times are: Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on May 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 7 and 14; Saturday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. on May 11, 18, 25 and June 1, 8 and 15. Tickets for all public performances are \$5.50. No children under the age of 3-1/2 will be admitted.

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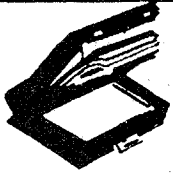
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Neighbors in business

Northville resident Craig A. Criswell has accepted the position of vice president commercial real estate for Republic Bank-Southeast. Criswell is responsible for commercial real estate and commercial business lending in Southeast Michigan and brings more than 20 years of banking experience to his new position. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in business administration from Northern Michigan University.

Prior to joining Republic, Criswell maintained lending and management responsibilities at Michigan National Bank and Great Lakes Bankcorp in Detroit as well as in Ann Arbor.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person and ATHENA awards ceremony is tonight at 8 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The expo and cash bar open at 5:30 p.m. The nominees for Small Business Person of the Year are: **Rose Alberty**, Rosey's Romper Room, Inc.; **Bob Boyer**, Boyer's Meat Processing, Inc.; **Brian Bussey**, Dependable Transportation; **Bob Carrigan**, Alphagraphics; **Judith Ellis**, First Step; **Mike Gerou**, attorney; **Dr. Thomas Gerou**, Gerou Chiropractic; **Scott Koll**, Scott Koll, P.C., C.P.A.; **Tony Kilos**, Executive Financial Planning; **Ray Mierzejewski**, Piccadilly Petal'er; **Lynn Rivers**, State Congresswoman; **Ladavalya Sripinyo**, Thai Bistro; **Lynda Willis**, Sam's Club; and **Timothy Ford**, Modern Insurance Agency.

The ATHENA Award nominees are: **Rose Alberty**, Rosey's Romper Room, Inc.; **Bonnie Berg**, Bart's Rustic Lawn Furniture; **Brian Bussey**, Dependable Transportation; **Judith Ellis**, First Step; **Clarice Killian**, Cleary College; and **Linda Shapona**, Westland Chamber of Commerce.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools, in cooperation with the Plymouth and Canton chamber of commerces were awarded a School-To-Work Grant from the Out-Wayne County School-To-Work Initiative on May 1. The grant will provide seed money to begin the development of a local School-To-Work program. The new Advisory Council members include **Michael Palchesko**, Detroit Edison and **John Cleveland**, Water Club Grill.

Bejeweled



Girl Scout Troup #222 recently learned the fine art of jewelry making from the designers at Francis Jewelry in Plymouth. They also designed a kite for Saturday's "Art in the Air" kite festival at Plymouth Township Park. **Brigid Scanlon**, **Cara VanCampenhout**, **Kristen Benages**, **Anja Cilla**, **Marie Sowinski**, **Katy Gorman**, **Emily Freckelton** and **Kate Calille**, along with their troop leaders, **Joni Van Campenhout** and **Lisa Benages** helped with the kite. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

K&Y moves to Canton

BY BRIAN CORBETT

From one township to another, K & Y Screw Machine Corporation is moving to Canton.

The component supplier is currently in Redford Township, but it will relocate to a newer, larger facility near Mettetal Airport.

K & Y is located near the intersection of Plymouth and Telegraph roads. Istvan said Canton was selected over possible sites in several other communities. "We liked the community service," he said, "and the cooperation we received from the township. I think Canton represented our best deal — bottom line."

The amount of acreage at the site, located at 41880 Koppnick Rd., was also a major factor, Istvan said. K & Y is growing by leaps and bounds, and the present is being used as a framework for the future. "We bought enough acres out there," he said, "so we can have six times the amount of space."

Plans call for a 28,000 square foot building in Canton; K & Y's Redford

home is approximately 14,000 square feet. The additional space will be used for more machinery and continued development of technology. "We'll have more room from a plant layout stand point," said Istvan. "It'll make for a better process, flow through the shop. We don't have storage space here, we're limited."

These new features are important for an expanding company such as K & Y.

Istvan thanks the management team of **Kelly Happ**, **Dale Crider**, **Mark Saker**, **Bob Crider**, **Don Istvan**, **Beth Furlong** and **Buddy Brock** for K & Y's work ethic. "We credit those people for our success," said Istvan.

Istvan said the products of K & Y's employees often go unnoticed. "Some of the parts we make are encased in plastic," he said, "so you can't see them."

K & Y is a supplier to fire suppression, marine and automotive industries, including **General Motors**, **Hood latches**, **truck releases** and **fittings** that supply fuel to engines are just some of K & Y's products.

Friday Freebies

DDA events will kick off weekends

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It promises to be more entertainment than you can shake a guitar at.

Beginning May 17 and running through Aug. 23, Friday Nite Freebies will turn downtown Plymouth into Friday night fever with live music on various street corners accompanied by super store sales.

"It's just another reason to come downtown," said **Steve Guile**, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority director.

The DDA Promotion Committee took a note from Traverse City's summer musical events and decided to bring something similar to Plymouth. "This is our attempt to do it," said Guile.

This musical event is spiced up with coupons, special offers and even gifts from local businesses. "We'd like to get 40 participating businesses," said Guile. "That would be about half of the retail businesses. We'd hope the gift shops, the restaurants, the general merchandise stores, and art galleries would stay open late."

That's part of the deal, said Guile. Businesses won't be allowed to participate in the sales bonanza if they don't agree to stay open on Friday nights. And there'll be good reason to do so since the DDA is notifying more than 13,000 preferred customers of Friday Nite Freebie's with a listing of the stores that will be open. "Preferred Customers is a merchant driven program that allows people to sign up as preferred customers and get on a direct mailing list," Guile said.

Mailers notify the recipients of sales and provides birthday discounts, Guile said. But store owners won't be the only benefactors of TGIF Plymouth-style. "There'll be discounts on merchandise," Guile said, "and in talking with some of the merchants, they may be offering free gifts on just Friday and Saturday."

Don't forget the musicians. They will provide the sound to the sight provided by the first summer of a completed streetscape. "We're going to have a wide variety of music," Guile said. "We'll have some light rock, jazz, blues and country and western. The reason we do that, obviously, is not everyone has the same musical taste. Basically, we'll keep it middle of the road."

The musicians will definitely be crossing the roads of downtown as they set up at various locations. "They'll be around Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail, moving from various locations on the brick areas and on the corners," Guile said.

City to narrow field for open finance director position

18 candidates apply for spot City officials hope to fill by end of June

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Eighteen people have applied to replace former Plymouth Finance Director William Graham.

By the April 30th application deadline, 11 men and seven women sent in resumes, according to Carol Stone, the City's administrative services director.

City Manager Steve Walters will appoint a three to five person committee that will screen resumes down to the top few candidates who will be interviewed. He said he hopes to have the new finance director working in City Hall by the end of June.

Graham was fired in early March and last worked at City Hall on March 28. He hasn't found another job yet, but he said he's looking.

He reached a termination agreement with the City that gives him \$7,500 in severance pay and an additional \$7,500 minus any unemployment compensation he may receive. Graham said he doesn't plan to file for unemployment.

The salary for the new finance chief falls between \$35,000 and \$50,000. Graham, who worked for the City for nine years, earned \$48,000 a year at the time of his departure.

The finance director serves as chief financial officer of the City. Applicants must have at least five years of municipal finance experience and additional experience in computerized accounting systems, spreadsheets and word processing.

What qualifications does Graham think his successor should have?

"Any finance director should be a self-directed kind of a person, someone who is somewhat creative," he said.

But Graham's opinions probably don't matter much to Walters, who fired Graham and who has the sole authority to hire his replacement. Walters' choice must be confirmed or rejected by the City Commission within 30 days of appointment, according to the City Charter.

Walters suspects he would have received even more job applicants if not for a provision in the City Charter that demands all employees live in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Most cities and townships have some kind of residency requirement, Walters said.

He knows of two prospective candidates who would have applied but didn't because they live close to the region, but not in the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities.

"Moving is not financially feasible for some people," Walters said. "For the difference of two to three miles of commuting time, you're supposed to move your family?"

The new finance director is given a year after his or her starting date to relocate to the area, Walters said.

Canton search for finance director nears completion

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The final four is set in Canton's effort to fill the newly-created Finance and Budget Services Director position.

Canton's Chief Financial Officer John Spencer is one of those finalist, but according to Personnel Manager Dave Medley, the final decision won't be easy.

"We've had 100-plus applicants," he said. "That was cut to 18 in the first round. All of them are very qualified."

The four applicants are in the assessment center process, where they will be screened for their skill and ability for the finance position.

The assessment center will then forward the results to the interview committee, who will make a recommendation to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. Yack will select a candidate for board approval.

Medley said a final decision is expected before the end of this month.

"We understand that if we hire someone from outside the organization, we have to give them time to give notice," he said.

The creation of the new Director of Finance and Budget position was approved by the Canton Board of Trustees following a recommendation by the consulting firm of Bartell & Bartell in December.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted to restructure and consolidate the budget and finance operations under one department — a Finance and Budget Services Department. This will be accomplished by eliminating the chief financial officer and financial services manager positions and moving the current Financial Services Division from Administrative Services to the new department.

Canton's current financial organization has been in place since 1990. At that time, the chief financial officer position was established. The board established the chief financial officer position to copy organization found in the business world.

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The Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., Dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club
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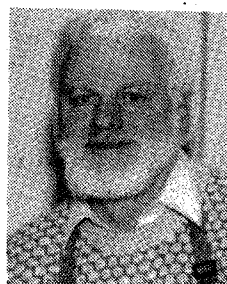
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PSO TO PERFORM BENEFIT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will revisit the past by performing music from the last five decades at their annual Pops Benefit May 17 at 8 p.m. at Fox Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and college students, and \$6 for children. For more information, call 451-2112.

CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

The annual DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic on June 1 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center rd. Hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Limit of three hand carried items per person. No books or jewelry. Verbal appraisals are \$7 and written appraisals are \$10. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society and Museum. For more information, call 453-5297.

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First annual golf outing at the Links in Novi on June 3 at 10 a.m. Shotgun, lunch, dinner and prizes. Proceeds to benefit New Morning School. For more information, call 420-3331.

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Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., in Belleville. May 13-24. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no Saturday registration. Senior citizens get free enrollment. For more information, call 699-0200.

HUGH O'BRIAN FOUNDATION

Canton and Salem high schools will each be sending one sophomore to the Youth Leadership Foundation seminar May 17-19 at Concordia College in Ann Arbor. Every high school in the state will have a representative attending. Donations to send Canton and Salem students are needed. To make a tax-deductible donation, call Jeremy at 459-9806.

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PCEP COUNSELING STAFF EXTENDS HOURS

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CANTON/SALEM GRADUATION

At Bowen Field House at Eastern Michigan University on June 9. Canton at 1:30 p.m. and Salem at 5 p.m.

SALEM SENIOR PROM

At Burton Manor (formerly Roma Hall) on Schoolcraft Rd. east of Ladbroke DRC in Livonia, May 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday through May 10.

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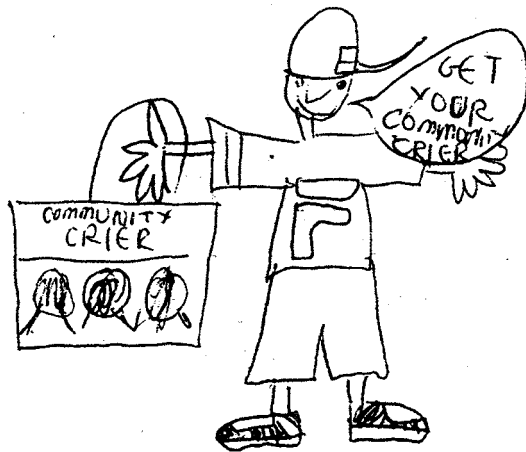
The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

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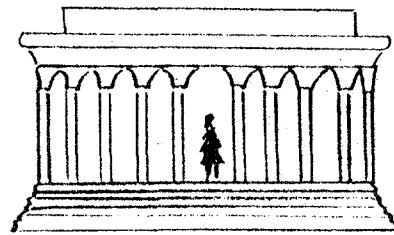
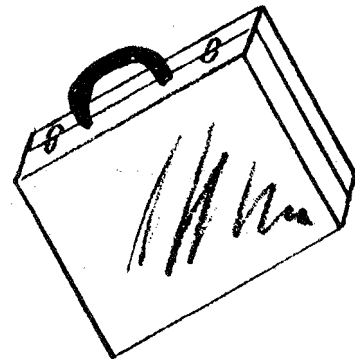
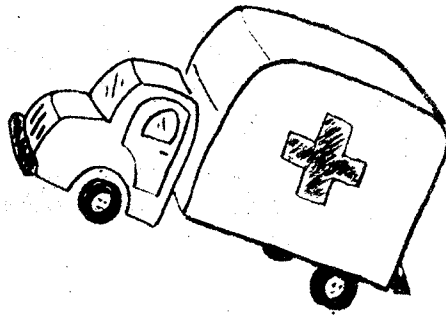
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BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

To succeed as a woman in the business world, it takes hard work, guts, determination — and a name like "Pat" never hurts.

Just ask Pat Pulkownik, owner of the Plymouth Township-based Patrician Group. Half joking, half serious, she said having a name that fits for a man or a woman can open doors.

While working for a major commercial real estate company, Pulkownik found out how useful it could be. "We would have these huge ads in the newspaper listing real estate," she said. "They said, 'Call Pat Pulkownik'. You wouldn't believe how many men would call and ask to speak with 'him'. The name 'Pat' is really quite useful."

But the men who called quickly found out that Pat Pulkownik — the woman — was a force to be reckoned with.

As one of the very few women in commercial real estate in the 1970s, Pulkownik carved a niche for her hands-on style of marketing, so much so that she opened her own commercial real estate company in 1983 — the Patrician Group.

Although the company has grown and changed over the years, Pulkownik remains focused on her mission — to represent the commercial real estate needs of The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Pat Pulkownik breaks down barriers in business world

For the most part, Pulkownik said being a businesswoman in the community has been easy. But it wasn't always that way. "(Discrimination) was much more prevalent a few years

ago," she said. "It's probably been easier for me because I've been around town for a long time. That helps. I'm also kind of outspoken."

Pulkownik said being a woman in the business world has worked to her advantage. "I think women tend to listen and see the macro picture of the whole situation," she said. "The marriage of my experience during motherhood, combined with my education has given me some advantages."

Pulkownik has literally lived two lives. The first part of her life, she worked as a stay-at-home mother. She returned to school and graduated with a BA in business when she was 42 years old.

"I spent the first 20 years at home, then went on to a career," she said. "In many respects, I have had the best of both worlds."

Pulkownik has two pieces of advice for women entering business.

"Be the best at what you do," she said, "and listen and care about people."

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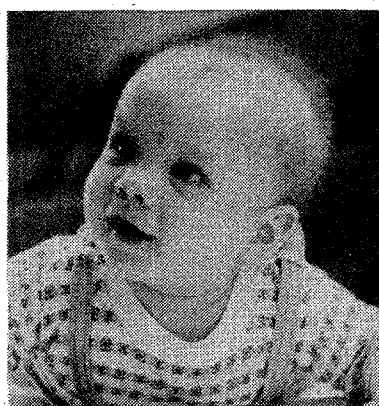
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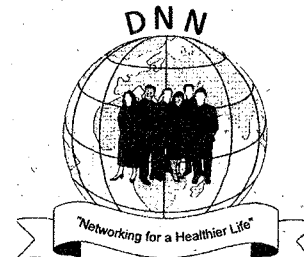
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Hardest Job of All

Anne Wampler works hard to improve society's view of stay-at-home moms

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton resident Anne Wampler has the hardest job in the world — and the most rewarding.

Wampler is a stay-at-home mom.

"Raising a family is the most important job of a woman's life," she said. "I feel very lucky to be able to spend the time with my kids."

Wampler and her husband, Frank, have three daughters. They are seven, five and two — and for Wampler, they're a full time job.

Wampler's day begins at 6 a.m. when the kids wake up and Frank heads off to work. Lunches are made and the 7-year-old goes to school. After the kids are dressed and fed, Wampler cleans the house. Dinner must be made and the kids put to sleep.

"There really isn't an average day," she said. "It changes from day to

day. It feels sometimes that you can never catch up."

Wampler said it was hard at first to get used to the idea of being a stay-at-home mom. "I worked for seven years," she said. "I've been in both worlds.

"A lot of people think I've got it made, but it's harder to be at home than at work sometimes. At work, you can hide if you're having a bad day. You can't do that at home."

Wampler said that although the work is hard, there are more good days than bad. She said the days are made easier by the support she receives from her husband when he gets home.

"He tries to catch up on the time he misses," she said. "He really likes to get involved with what the girls are doing."

Wampler said women often get caught up with their careers and sometimes forget about the family. "I look at other families and the majority of women go back to work just to make enough to cover child care," she said. "I was there. My money would go to groceries and child care. What I was missing was quality time with our children."

Wampler said it is important to spend time with kids.

"I've got other things to do, but I make an effort to spend time with the kids," she said. "Life is too short to say that you have to go to work. Kids are the most important."

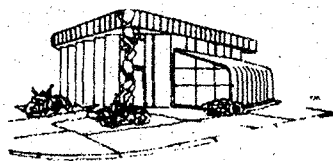
Wampler said that although society is paying more attention to the importance of family, it's slow in coming.

"My mother-in-law had 12 children," she said. "She stayed at home until they were grown. Quite often, you don't get recognition for raising a family."

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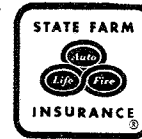
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A Helping Hand

Canton's Nancy Spencer works hard to help those in need

For the past 21 years, Canton resident Nancy Spencer has spent her time helping others.

But her volunteer work began on a more personal level.

Spencer's motivation to help others began as a way to help herself.

"I started out with the Livonia Goodfellows 21 years ago," she said. "My next door neighbor was the Livonia Goodfellows president. My father had just died and my neighbor urged me to come and help — to get me involved. Helping others that year got me through the horrible holidays. I felt great."

More than two decades later, Spencer is still going strong. She now serves as the president of the Canton Goodfellows, an organization that promises "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

"There's two reasons I volunteer," she said. "One is to help others. The second is partly for selfish reasons. I probably get more satisfaction helping than those I volunteer for."

Many in the Canton community would argue with Spencer on that point. In addition to her work with the Goodfellows, Spencer also volunteers as the president of the Canton Homeowners Advisory Council, president of her subdivision homeowners association, volunteer for the Canton Community Foundation, volunteer with D.A.R.E., and helps with the Canton Veterans Memorial Association.

In fact, Spencer is involved in so much volunteer work, it's

hard for her to keep track of it all. Although she said she's comfortable with her volunteer workload, she's always looking to improve her work. "I'm comfortable with what I'm doing," she said. "I'm happy with it and really enjoy volunteering. I would like to get the Goodfellows better known and funded throughout Canton. I would like to get everyone in Canton involved, even if it means just dropping a buck in while we're collecting."

Spencer said it's sometimes not easy being a woman volunteer. "I get a lot of calls asking for Mr. Spencer, president of the Goodfellows," she said. "Some people can't believe a woman could be president of the Goodfellows."

It is rare for a woman to serve as a Goodfellows president, but Spencer has worked hard to take advantage of her position by getting more women involved in the group.

"We have a great group of volunteers," she said. "About 75 percent of the group is made up of women. Generally, the men are out selling the papers, but the women are really involved with the sorting and packing."

When the holiday season begins, Spencer and her group of dedicated volunteers receive their reward for helping others.

"I get so much joy knowing that we helped kids from being sad on Christmas," she said. "There are no little kids in my family anymore, so these kids we help are all I have. They are my joy during the holidays."

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Helping build Plymouth

Women played an important role in building the Plymouth

Kate E. Allen

Kate E. Allen built the Penniman-Allen Theatre in 1918 (later destroyed by a fire). She was a prominent social figure who later became involved in the Sunday movie controversy, which divided the community into two camps.

Phoebe Patterson

In 1919, Phoebe Patterson was elected Justice of the Peace in Plymouth Township — the first woman ever to hold that office in the State of Michigan. Although her election was challenged in court by men who felt women were unfit to hold public office, she prevailed and served until her death, 11 years later.

Ruth Huston Whipple

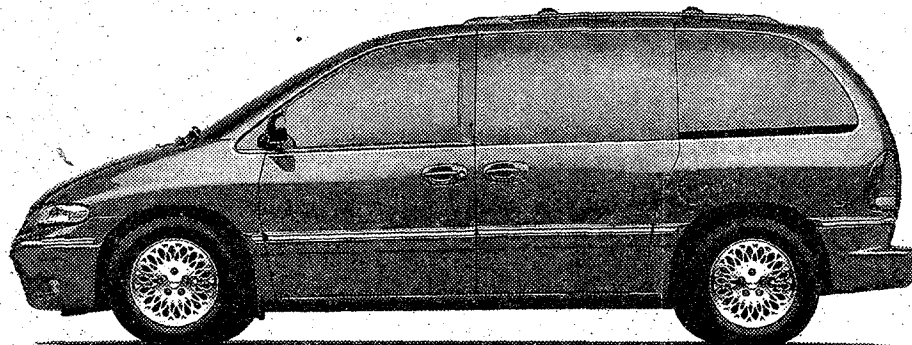
Ruth Huston Whipple was the first woman ever to sit on the

Plymouth City Commission (1932); the first woman mayor (1940-42); the first woman trustee on the board of the Michigan Municipal League; and the first woman to preside at one of the League's state sessions (1938-39).

Mamie Conner

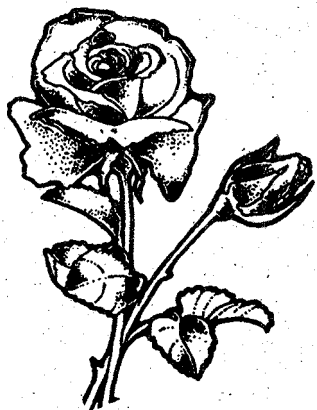
To some, Mamie Conner's contribution would be considered minimal. But to historians looking to get a glimpse into Plymouth during the 1890s, her journal is of important value. With great detail, Conner wrote about life in Plymouth, including many social events historians might never have known about.

Historical details come from Sam Hudson's book, "The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A Midwest Microcosm"



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Art

From a woman's perspective

Sometimes I truly wonder what it means to be a woman artist — and further, what it means to be a woman artist in the community. Both are equally complex questions, posing their own barbs and fruits.

There is a heightened level of responsibility being a woman artist — a feeling of responsibility for the quantity and quality of work you produce; responsibility for the messages you offer to your audience, politically or unpolitically charged; responsibility for the amount of exposure that you attain; and responsibility for the number of shows you attend and aesthetic theories you know and read about.

Perhaps I have just reaffirmed the artist-stereotype of being angst-ridden and paranoid. Truth be told, I fulfill the stereotype. I care about these things I mentioned and judge myself by them on an ongoing basis. That, my friends, is the "barb" I referred to earlier — the self-judgement, and pursuit of greatness followed closely by the agony of never finding perfection.

The "fruit" of these questions is the process of working toward these goals — energizing yourself to produce several quality pieces that speak to you and others, attempting to enter competitive shows — shows that showcase women — and reading those dry periodicals dutifully until one day a nugget of truth is found that sings out to be discussed with everyone — spreading the "Art Word."

I have lived in our community for four years and think every year that I will enter more summer art shows, attend more openings and more plays. I have done a few of these things. I have had a booth at Art in the Park, entered and exhibited in the Canton Project Arts Show, I have seen "Winnie the Pooh" at the Plymouth Community Arts Council theatre, and I have taken classes at the Village Potters Guild.

The last time I brought my perspective to the readers of The Community Crier was one of great celebration for me personally. My husband and I were getting married — sealing our vows as

The Abstract

By Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride



harvested fruit last October. It seems fitting that I bring you pregnant ideas this spring, when I feel metaphorically pregnant with energy — to become more involved with the community arts groups, produce more pieces, have more dialogue with fellow artists — when we are physically pregnant with our first child.

Although being a woman artist is difficult at times, it is a perspective and position I would never give up. Carrying life within one's body gives a unique and wonderful (and wonder-filled) feeling of responsibility, not unlike the "job" of an artist to create from the world around them.

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Community opinions

Facts confused in school board candidate article

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First, I was not "almost a candidate last year," I was a candidate last year. The 986 other people that voted for me would be dismayed to think that they had wasted their votes on a non-candidate.

Second, I was not "indecisive about running for the board," at all. I do not consider it indecisive to ensure that my priorities can be rearranged, when necessary, in order to

be an effective board member. I carefully considered all factors and did not lightly enter this race.

Third, my "busy schedule" already includes attending school board meetings, as I have regularly attended almost all of the meetings since December 1994 and occasionally before then.

The only adjustment to my schedule, if I am elected, would be to stay at each board meeting a while longer for the (closed-to-the-public) executive session that normally occurs at the end of each meeting.

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"New Morning: Coming to Terms with Grief." Tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Rd.

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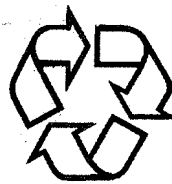
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WSDP Auction set for this Saturday

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bill Keith figures everyone will be a winner this Saturday during the eighth annual auction for WSDP, 88.1-FM.

"We set a goal of \$5,000," said Keith, the station manager for the student-run radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "If we reach that goal, we're going to donate \$500 to Community Hospice Services."

Plus, there's bargains for the listeners. "There's a lot of good deals to be had," Keith said. "But like one of the parents said, 'Let's have some deals, not steals'."

Money raised from the event, scheduled for 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., will be used to bring WSDP in compliance with new FCC regulations. "They're switching from (Emergency Broadcast System) to Emergency Alert System," said Keith, who estimated the cost at \$2,000.

What's left over will go to station scholarships and a growing fund to eventually replace the station's aging transmitter. "Hopefully in two to three years we'll have enough money to replace that," said Keith. "It's 18 or 19 years old. It's really pushing its limit."

Keith said the auction won't be the biggest ever, but it will be the best. "This year we have less items, but they're nicer items," he said. "We're hoping people will donate to a good cause — the station and the hospice."

The Plymouth-Canton Community will have more

than 100 chances to do just that as an array of items donated by local businesses are auctioned off. Some of the highlights, Keith said, include a prom package, a state capitol tour with Rep. Deborah Whyman and Neil Diamond concert tickets. Then, there's the always popular sports memorabilia, Keith said. "There seems to be a real interest in that," he said. "The collectors know they can get it for a little less than retail."

This year's listing includes a hockey puck signed by Detroit Red Wings' defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov,

an authentic newspaper clipping of Hank Aaron breaking Babe Ruth's homerun record and a glove and ball signed by Detroit Tigers' slugger Cecil Fielder.

Gift certificates and coupons are abound, and there are some unique items such as an one-hour radio show on WSDP, karate lessons, cooking lessons and lunch at Cafe Bon Homme, and a one-half hour massage. These selections will be auctioned off by the 46 WSDP staff members and several guest auctioneers.

The station's phone number is 416-7732.

Health Department investigates cause of illness that struck 20 Rock Cafe visitors

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A virus appears to be the reason why approximately 20 visitors to the Salem Rock Cafe became ill on April 19, according to Val Vangieson of the Wayne County Health Department, Environmental Health Division.

Tests of food taken from the salad bar in the small dining area in Salem High School have not been returned, but it appears an infected individual passed on the bacteria to others, said Vangieson. "There was an incident," he said. "We're working up a report on it now. There were a number of students and teachers or visitors that became ill. There was some food left, and we're testing it for certain things."

Until the test results are completed, Vangieson said he can't positively identify the source of the sickness. "We haven't really had a good test on the bacteria yet," he said.

According to Vangieson, such incidents are not uncommon. "It occurs any number of times, occasionally, hopefully occasionally," he said.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

HARRIETTE R. PARMENTER

Harriette R. Parmenter, a Howell resident, died April 24, 1996 at the age of 79.

Mrs. Parmenter was born April 18, 1917 in Plymouth and lived her entire life in Plymouth and Westland. Mrs. Parmenter was a homemaker who loved to bowl at Town & Country and Northville Bowl.

She is survived by her sons, John C. (Marilyn) Parmenter, Jr. of Plymouth and Clarence (Mary) Parmenter of Pennsylvania; daughter, Deanne J. (Roger) Campbell of Garden City; sisters, Odella Amble of Wayne, Norma Johnson of Plymouth and Doris Hix of

Gaines; brother, Raymond Smith of Florida; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, John Parmenter.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

JACK EMMETT POWERS

Jack Emmett Powers, a Plymouth resident, died April 29, 1996 at the age of 92.

Mr. Powers was born June 22, 1903 in Detroit. He moved to Plymouth in 1991 from Grayling. He worked as a tool and die maker.

Mr. Powers is survived by his daughters, Jacqueline A. Powers of Plymouth and Mary Pelletier of Dearborn; two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen Powers.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes given to Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren Rd., Suite 100, Westland, MI.

Rev. Robert R. Reeves, 81, Episcopal priest

Rev. Robert R. Reeves, a Plymouth resident, died May 2, 1996.

He is survived by his son, Ralph F. (Linda) Reeves of Plymouth; and one grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife, Cora L. Reeves.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Clinton B. Foreman, 83, business owner

Clinton B. Foreman, a Plymouth Township resident, died May 5, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude H. Foreman of Plymouth Township; daughter, Theresa Cloar of Plymouth and one other daughter; son, Larry (Donna) Foreman of Plymouth; one sister; two brothers; 12 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Services will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.



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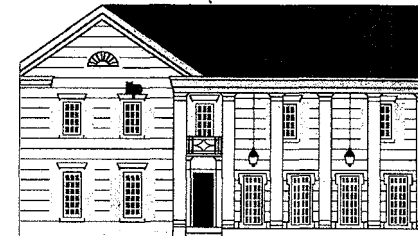
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Maura Lysaght show us what color your bunny used to be!

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EVELYN: make ice cubes

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Liz, there's this big silver trophy that never belonged in New Jersey, but some how it ended up there last summer. Could you bring it back with you? It's due here, in about six weeks anyway and you'd save the NHL some travel expenses. The first drink is on me.

Have you hugged a reporter today? Poor Liz, never gets any curios then I slip this in while she is on vacation. Do you think she will still read this weeks paper?

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Mom in St. Pete: Welcome back... soon.

Last Wednesday, Don told Harriet it would be 5 years. By Thursday, he said it would be 4. At that rate, Dr. Wild will have now been retired 3 years!

Thanks to the "girls upstairs" for the beautiful pick-me-up--I love them! And thanks to Mrs. Graye for growing such nice geraniums! Steph

Munday was Glumday.

GRAM E. has a ticket to ride... good talking to ya Gram, we love ya and look forward to seeing ya soon--Steph and Rob.

Ted Boloven learns the Macarena in Livonia!!

"A mouse. Some yarn. A moth. A fly. But now she's gone. Kitty, goodbye." Ann Carson

DADDY--now you can see with both eyes!

Neal, Nathan, Craig, Justin, Britta, Meryn and Mark James--without a doubt, Aunt Maura loves you!

Leon and Mark--thanks for your help--it certainly is nice to fit two cars in the garage again! B & L

Ernie Archer--is home, just waiting, like the rest of us, for spring to arrive--so he can get to his garden. Welcome home, Ernie.

Adolph Menjou--where are you? Haven't heard in may a day.

Curiosities

Lisa's hoping for 36 winning lottery tickets. Maura's just hoping.

Rickerts--sorry we missed visiting with you, but we hear you have brown noses!

Steph--you just gotta go wiff me!! Not trying to guilt trip you or anything (pa-leeze??) Maura

Martha Davis--the flowers in Plymouth are just beginning to bloom and they are beautiful, but nothing compared to the darling new babies and their mothers who pass this door in this spring weather. Wish you were here!

Creon--"The Players" have been a favorite with me for a good many years. We are of one mind, aren't we?

JIM STINE--You are the greatest! What would I ever do without you? Geneva

"BRING FLOWERS OF THE FAIREST, BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST." that you do, and how much I appreciate those magnolia blossoms. Thank you!

"CRUISERS"--ALL OF YOU! Seven weeks to go!! (Eleven if you're almost 50--Jimmy!)

JIM AND JUNE LUNN (and Pepper) we are looking forward to seeing ya'll, we only wish it could be under better circumstances. We love ya, Steph and Rob

JACK BOLOGNA-- Your friends have been calling and want to know where you are. You're at St. Joseph hospital in Ann Arbor, isn't that right and mad as the dickens. Who tripped you?

June Hadley--Happy Birthday. Is it true that Fred took you to a local eating place to celebrate and told them it was your hundredth birthday so he wouldn't have to pay? Surely not.

GREAT TRASH PICKING!

Does anyone have quilting frames that they would like to sell? Call Geneva at The Crier, 453-6900.

Miss Betty of Miss Katie's College of Beauty is so smart. She has finished her spring cleaning windows, too.

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JESS eats Steph's muffins.

WRINKLE STRAIGHTENING!

OLD VILLAGE sure turns out for a major train derailment. What a crowd for 885!

P.H.S. CLASS of '66: the 30th reunion is Sept. 21. If you or someone you know needs to sign up or get more info., call Pam (McAllister) Cook, 455-4283 or Gary Van Buren, 453-3320.


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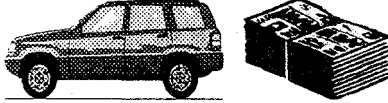
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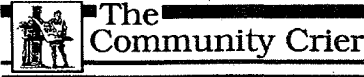
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The day's events include a Pro-Am competition, a lunch-hour clinic and an All Tour Skins game. The Pro-Am Competition begins at approximately 9 a.m. when the five professionals will begin teeing off with their amateur teams. The lunch hour clinic takes place at the mid-day break where Colbert will host a clinic including instructional sessions from the other tour professionals. The feature event will be the afternoon Skins Game with the five stars playing head-to-head for a purse, which will be donated to Michigan Special Olympics.

Advance tickets are available at Detroit and Ann Arbor area First of America offices and Fox Hills through May 25. Advance admission is \$7 for adults and free from children 12 and under with general admission at the gate being \$10. Call (616) 376-7266 for more information.

State Senator Loren Bennett produces a monthly cable show designed to keep constituents of the Eighth Senate District informed regarding public policy issues that have the potential to affect many people. The show — **People and Policy, A Common Sense Agenda** — will have a May segment with featured guest, Russ Harding, director of the new Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Harding and Bennett will have a one-on-one interview regarding environmental matters affecting the entire state. They will discuss the function of the DEQ and explain the necessity for the separation of these responsibilities from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and how the departments best serve the state in these separate roles.

The Ninth Annual Kids Fishing Derby is being sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services on May 11 at the Heritage Park Ponds. The derby is for boys and girls ages 15 and under at a cost of \$1 per child (to be paid on the day of the event). It will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with each child registering for one, one-hour time period. Advanced registration is required in person or by phone at 397-5110. Registration ends tomorrow with open registration the day of the event, space permitting.

Tennis teams tie

Canton and Salem play to 4-4 tie, dodge holes in court

BY MATT HUCAL

The courts were usable for the time being, so that was the good news. The bad news is that it's only for the time being.

The Salem and Canton boys tennis teams played to a 4-4 tie last Friday at the PCEP tennis courts although each team hasn't played on their home courts recently because of the bad condition of the playing surface. Games that were supposed to be at home, were switched to the opponents' courts. There has been some patching of holes in the courts, but that's for the short term problems. The solution for the long term problems is still up in the air.

The number one singles match was won handily by Salem's Xinning Li; he defeated Canton's Ryan Kerr by the score of 6-0, 6-0. The Rock's Matt Potter beat Canton's Gagan Palrecha in the number two singles match by the score of 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.

Joe Hunter of Canton beat Aaron Niemiec of Salem by the score of 6-4, 6-2 in number three singles. The number four singles match was won by Canton's Pablo Ruiz over Salem's Adam Covington, 6-0, 6-1.

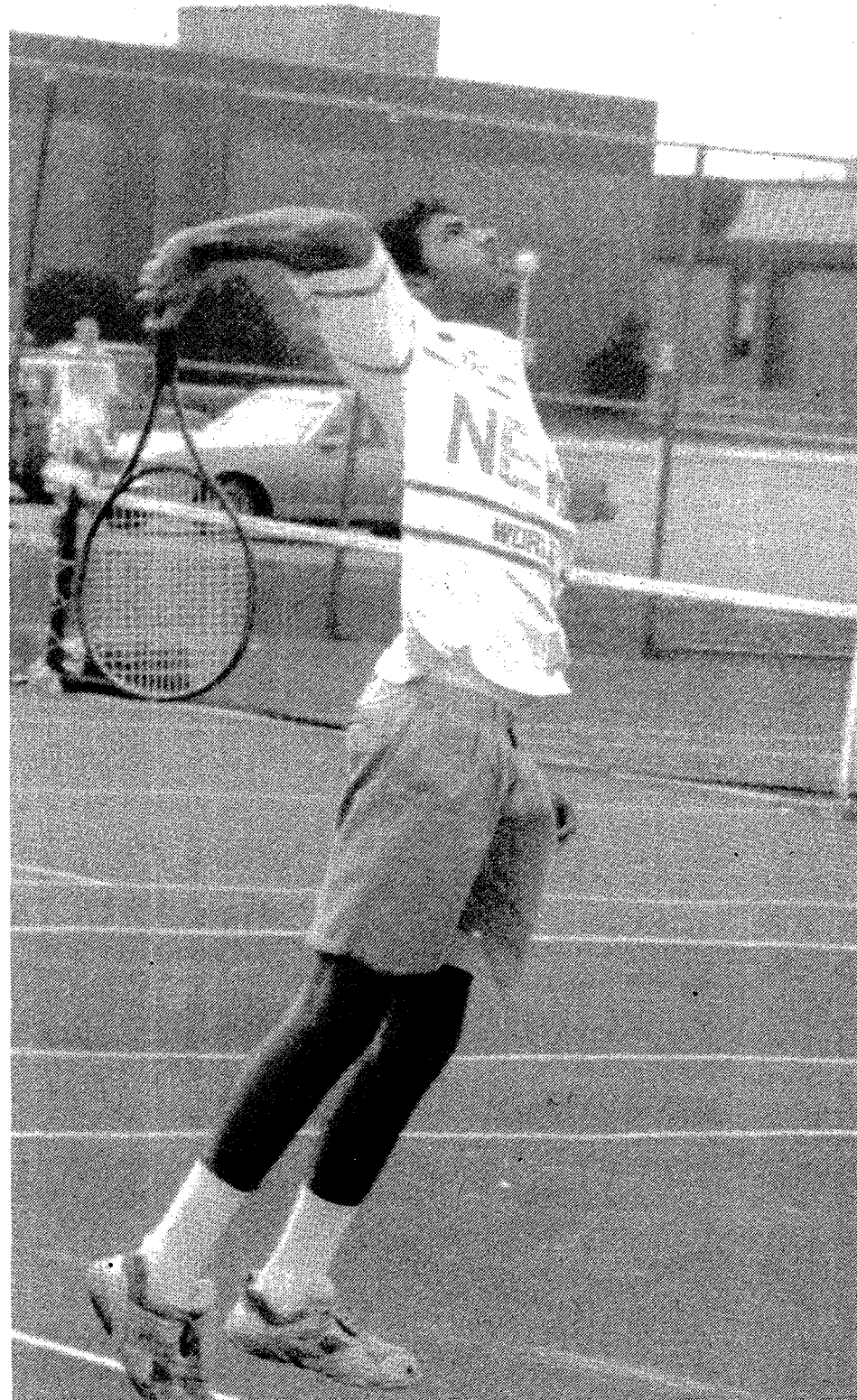
In number one doubles competition Salem's Jason Gourley and Rob Willoughby defeated Erik Johnson and Sanjay Kataria of Canton by the score of 6-1, 6-4. Salem's number two doubles team of James Boomis and Coray Krabil beat Matt Fieldman and Chuck Newsome of Canton with a score of 6-2, 6-2.

Canton's Jeff Ammons and Adam Allen beat Salem's Nick Wojner and Scott Hall in number three doubles by the score of 6-0, 6-2. The number four doubles team of Bryan Harris-Caldwell and Matt Artley from Canton beat Salem's Matt Hornings and Chris Longerbean by the score of 7-5, 6-4.

Canton's record before Monday's match against Walled Lake Western was 2-4-1 and Canton coach Barb Hanosh has seen continued improvement from her players.

"It took us long to figure out where everyone belongs, and I can only see improvement in our matches and not our practices because we haven't really been able to have a good practice," Hanosh said.

The Chiefs are at home versus Walled Lake Central today and face Stevenson on Friday. Salem takes on Northville today and then host John Glenn on Friday. Both teams will be preparing for the conference meet at Stevenson this Tuesday.



Gagan Palrecha sends a serve to Salem's Matt Potter. Potter defeated Palrecha in the second singles, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2. It wasn't enough for the Rocks. The teams played to a tie while struggling to find decent facilities at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park. The tennis coaches for the two teams have been fighting for repairs on the courts. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Rocks top Chiefs in soccer battle

BY MATT HUCAL

The build-up took place, the excitement was there, and the game that most Canton and Salem girls soccer players look forward to all season finally occurred last Wednesday at the PCEP soccer field.

Playing to a packed stadium, the Chiefs seemed a bit more worried about marking Salem's offensive guns rather than creating some offense of their own. Salem just pounded away until the Chiefs gave in and allowed two goals in the first half, then a third goal in the second half, eventually falling 3-0 to the Rocks.

"They just plain took it to us," Canton coach Don Smith said. "We didn't win the ball and we played too much defense. We were too concerned about marking their good players."

Salem coach Doug Landefeld believes that first half was probably the best his team has played all season.

"We finished a lot better against them (Canton), something we haven't been doing well lately," Landefeld said. "I knew we would be naturally motivated for a game like this, so I wasn't worried about that."

Salem's Jodi Coyle began the scoring midway through the first half as she received a cross from Jenny Storm and beat a defender to the ball before knocking it past the Canton goalkeeper. With about 10 minutes left in the first half,

Mia Sarkesian netted the Rocks' second goal, then Jennel Davis finished the scoring in the second half and at the same time finished the Chiefs for the night.

Landefeld was a bit surprised to see Canton only placing one defender on Mari Hoff, one of the state's top players.

"They only put one person on Mari, so we were able to get the ball to her easily," Landefeld said. "There's not too many people in the state who can handle her one on one, so finding her and getting her the ball does a lot to take the team to the next level."

SALEM

The Rocks next game after the

Chiefs' win was against Adrian last Saturday. Salem was victorious, 6-1, after only leading 2-0 at halftime. The goal scorers for the Rocks were Hoff and Sarkesian, with two goals a piece, and Coyle and Christina Seniuch with one goal each.

The Rocks were 10-2 going into Monday's game against Walled Lake Central. They visit Northville tonight at 7 p.m.

CANTON

Two days before the Salem loss, the Chiefs won in a big meeting against Churchill, 1-0. The game was a back and forth struggle for both teams until Canton's Dawn Koontz scored off an

assist by Melissa Marzolf with approximately 10 minutes left in the game.

"We weren't winning many balls, but eventually our depth wore them out," Smith said.

Two days after the Salem game, Canton lost another tough one to Troy by the score of 1-0. Troy took the lead off a penalty kick with only 13 minutes left in the game. Canton had plenty of chances to score, but they missed three breakaways while outshooting Troy, 10-6.

"We played really well," Smith said. "The thing about the penalty kick was that the referee never told us what the call was, so we never found out."

Salem track season hits next level

BY MATT HUCAL

Their strong season keeps getting stronger.

The Salem girls track team traveled to the Stafford Relays in Walled Lake on Saturday along with 13 other teams. And although Salem coach Mark Gregor thought his team didn't perform very well and their times weren't very good, the Rocks finished in first place with 60 points.

Salem placed in nine of the 13 events as Novi finished second with 58 points and Waterford Mott was third with 52 points.

Asked how his team won the relays with the team not performing well, Gregor said, "The reason we won was because we have a total team. Many teams aren't able to do that because they don't have the quality athletes we do."

Salem won the meet on the last event of the day, the 4 X 400 relay. They were behind Novi by two points, but a fourth-place finish by the relay team gave them four points to take them to 60.

Salem also had to combat a disqualification in the sprint medley and the 4 X 200 relay because of dropped batons.

Placing first in the discus with a combined throw of 279'1" was Sara Vida, Angie Smith and Jennifer Simpson. Coming in second place in the shotput with a combined throw of 91'9" was Smith, Jessica Ash and Lisa Smith.

The combined jumping of Kristen Kosik, Angela Sillmon and Tiffany Reiber on the high jump at 13'10" gave them a second place finish.

In the shuttle hurdle relays, Kim Sheldon, Kosik, Reiber and Hannah Watts came in second place with a time of 1:13.01. The 4 X 800 relays with a team of Kristie Giddings, Evelyn Rahhal, Kathy Jost and Ellen Stemmer finished in second place with a time of 10:20.07. The runners taking part in the 4 X 400 relay were Giddings, Jenny Burke, Sheldon and Katie Bonner; they were fourth place with a time of 4:25.07.

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Community opinions

Filing deadline approaches

By Tuesday, the races will be set for the primary, general elections

This coming Tuesday at 4 p.m., the political races of The Plymouth-Canton Community will be 99.9 percent clear for 1996.

That's when candidates with party affiliation (Republicans and Democrats) for most positions and non-partisan hopefuls (library boards and judgeships) must file petitions.

There's still time to run for everything from 35th District Court judge — John MacDonald appears to be headed to a no-contest re-election — to state representative — Gerry Law appears headed to a repeat of a Jerry Vorva face-off in the GOP primary, and Deb Whyman looks headed towards a November contest with an unknown Democrat, Deborah Nesbitt.

The Canton and Plymouth Township board seats are all up too. As yet, there appear to be no challenges to the three top spots for the August primaries — supervisor, treasurer or clerk in either township — although Canton will have at least one challenger to the incumbent trustees and maybe more.

Curtis Esper and Mitch Howard have pulled petitions for Canton trustee, but Howard has also applied for the Canton Chamber Executive Director position and may not run for office. A partisan petition — but "office unspecified" — was also pulled by Elizabeth Berry.

One petition has been pulled for an unusual challenge on the November ballot — a "non-partisan" candidate for Canton Treasurer by Steve Kildanczyk. (Those petitions are not due until July 18 and there is no primary.)

By and large though, there'll be no major Plymouth or Canton township campaigns — as yet.

In Plymouth Township, Treasurer Mary Brooks is the only one to file and she also says she's ready to file again in four years.

No challengers? No one has even taken out petitions, said the Plymouth

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



Township Clerk's Office.

So by and large, it will be relatively quiet this election year. Does that mean the taxpayers-voters are happy? Or does it mean that everyone's just given up? Does it mean that nobody can be bothered to run?

Some folks espouse the many excuses for not running. Plymouth Township's Linda Demmer has the record "excuse" list going this year.

But one local name is jumping back into the fray after a 20-year absence. It's "Damn the excuses, I'm running" for Gary Mirto.

A controversial (it's hard for some folks to acknowledge change — not Gary) member of The Plymouth-Canton School Board from 1972-76 during the controversial, high-population-growth years here, Gary is now running for the Brighton School Board. With a high-growth problem there and a one-year-ago expired teachers' contract as well, it seems like Gary is certainly jumping right back in.

He's one of three candidates for a two-year term.

And if Gary can do it again, there ought to be more hopefuls in every race.

Remember: the filing deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Ambassador Day showed value of schools to community

EDITOR:

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in the Ambassador Day at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP). I have both middle and elementary school students in the district, so this tour was of great interest to me.

The day was spent touring the campus and learning about the many opportunities available to the students. We also ate lunch in the cafeteria, then proceeded to observe classes that were in session.

I wish more parents of both high school students and students who will someday attend classes at the Park, would have a chance to observe the same things we did.

I was impressed by the Student Ambassadors who guided our tours and greeted us when we arrived. They were enthusiastic and very conversant about the different areas they showed us.

My group visited the Rock Cafe,

where we were greeted by a student chef who gave us a very informative tour. She was poised and professional, as if she were officially working as a professional chef. We toured a very clean and well-managed kitchen where a student was enthusiastic and proud of the chocolate silk pies he had made.

It was clear that these students enjoyed what they were doing and were proud of their skills. It is good to know that they have talents that have been cultivated into career skills that they can use.

The tour groups were encouraged to participate and observe any number of a wide variety of classes. I chose to visit a speech class. Students were speaking extemporaneously on subjects submitted by their fellow students. I was impressed by their confidence and skill in speaking briefly about whatever subject they

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Downtown post office needs handicap/senior accessibility

As plans are being readied for a new Canton Post Office, it's appropriate to eye a retro-fit of the Plymouth Post Office too.

An apparently simple tumble recently at the downtown post office proved to be more than simple. Community activist Jack Bologna broke his right hip by falling at the top of the post office stairs two weeks ago Friday.

According to post office regulations, existing facilities don't need to upgrade to handicap accessibility unless undergoing major changes. But the nature of the downtown post office's service to seniors and others mandates the move morally.

Jack's fall was unfortunate. True, he was having more difficulty getting around, but his tumble "is the worst thing that ever happened to me," he said. "But I suppose everybody has a fall in life."

It's time the downtown post office improves its main entrance for accessibility.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jack Bologna is recuperating at St. Joseph Hospital, room 1154, Ann Arbor.)

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Ambassador Day offers look into school

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chose. They appeared to have learned how to present themselves in public speaking situations with assurance and frankness. This was wonderful evidence of the important skills they learned that will take them through many situations they face in their careers.

I also visited an earth science class where students collaborated together and coached each other on reviewing characteristics of rivers and the physics of water flows. I saw teamwork, encouragement and enthusiasm exhibited by the students, all skills they will require in any career they pursue. The displayed a

pleasure in learning that all students show have to continue life-long learning habits.

I felt invigorated throughout the day and wished that I had available to me those many opportunities that are available to the students. The small high school I attended had none of the opportunities that are offered at the Park.

Canton and Salem high schools offer practical courses for students with most any interests and talents. The students seem to be enthused in this learning atmosphere.

We even found that lunch in the cafeteria was not bizarre, chaotic or in any way frightening. It was also no more messy than in any cafeteria at

any of the several different places I work. Despite recent reports in the local newspapers, these appear to be high school students acting like high school students.

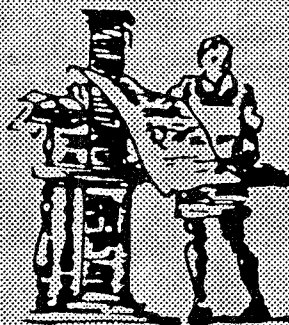
A Canton student recently wrote a wonderful editorial to the local papers. He pointed out that when students are treated with respect, they will return the respect. It seems to work in this setting.

If you are a community parent who has any concerns about any issues that relate to high school education in Plymouth and Canton, please take the time to do as we did the next time Ambassador Day is offered. It was a great experience.

JOANNE LAMAR

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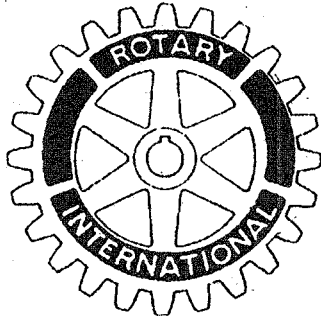
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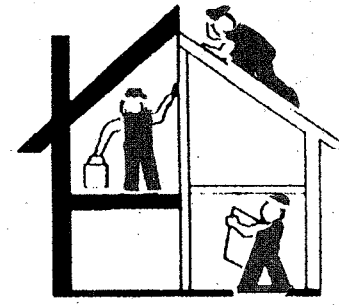
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IS READY TO FIX YOUR VEHICLE NOW!!!

- WE HAVE THE CORRECT PARTS IN STOCK
 - WE HAVE FACTORY TRAINED TECHNICIANS TO SERVE YOU WHILE YOU WAIT
 - YOUR VEHICLE WILL BE REPAIRED CORRECTLY
- 45 MINUTES OR LESS**
- NO RECALL NOTICE REQUIRED

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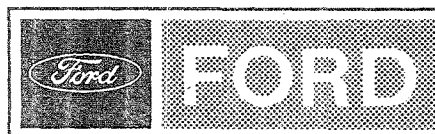
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