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Plymouth City and Twp. municipal services may join

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

City of Plymouth officials are meeting tonight with the Plymouth Township Administration about possibly merging their Municipal Services Departments.

According to a report issued May 15, the merger could occur by the end of this year if cost-sharing and transition issues are resolved.

Paul Sincock, director of city municipal services, said the City and Plymouth Township have offered joint services for two years.

"It would be a natural progression to merge departments," Sincock said.

The merger would involve transferring Township Municipal Services Department (MSD) responsibilities and employees to the City MSD facility.

An obvious benefit would lie in the cost savings, but exact figures are unknown since the idea is so new, Sincock said.

"We're always looking for ways to save money," he said. "We've barely scratched the surface of so many issues. It will take a while to even see if it will work."

Before the idea can proceed, both administrations need to examine several issues like operations, the

level of service, cost, equipment, inventory, union contracts, staffing and the combination of resources, he said.

Merging of the Municipal Services Departments would

'It would be a natural progression to merge departments,' — Paul Sincock

be different from the merging of the fire departments because the municipal services offer different levels of service, Sincock said.

For example, the City maintains roads, but Plymouth Township doesn't.

"There's a lot of variables that need to be worked out," he said.



Not forgotten...

Annual Memorial Day ceremonies were held at the veterans' memorial in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

No issue to separate

School board candidates hold similar positions

BY BRYON MARTIN

In most campaigns, issues help to distinguish candidates from one another as election day draws near.

But with the June 9 vote less than two weeks away, no issue has yet surfaced to polarize candidates in the Plymouth-Canton school board race.

Carol Bollman, Suzanne Dershem and Roland Thomas will compete for the seat David Artley will leave after 14 years.

High-profile issues, such as the contested bond election and district labor relations, have elicited positions of subtle dif-

ference rather than rifts of distinction.

Lost votes

All three candidates expressed concern over the loss of 716 votes in the March 22 school bond election.

According to Bollman, "the (voting machine) software was the biggest culprit." But, she said, logistical problems such as screen glare and poor lighting also conspired with "a lack of instruction."

Dershem agreed the loss of votes was "unfortunate," and that she was not pleased with the performance of the Unilect machines' software. "I'm amazed at how

AutoNation set to open Canton location

Used car dealer's 25-acre facility opens today

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

At more than 100 years old, Canton would certainly be old enough to drive.

And now it doesn't have to look beyond its own borders to buy a car.

AutoNation USA, a nationwide company specializing in the buying and selling of used cars, will have its official grand opening today in Canton, on Ford Road near I-275.

The company is a mere two years old but is already expanding nationwide, with 25 sites under development from Michigan to California.

The company is designed around a general dislike of car salesmen and the entire car buying process. With salaried salesmen — no commissions — and a computer database for browsing the entire selection of cars and trucks and a low, "haggle-free" price, AutoNation USA claims to put an end to all of that.

"We have a special, no-pressure, no-hassle environment," John Scicluna, regional director of operations for AutoNation USA said. "Our first commitment is to satisfy the needs of our guests."

"We price all vehicles to the market and we add a lot of value to the sale, like our 165 reconditioning service, or our seven-day/300-mile money back guarantee," Scicluna, who previously worked with Saturn, said. "We create value in the process."

AutoNation gets its vehicles in a variety of ways, including auctions, private sales and off-lease vehicles from banks, according to Scicluna.

With all of its amenities, AutoNation certainly offers more than the average used car lot.

Sitting on 25 acres, the 75,000 square-foot facility houses an elaborate showroom, a 35,000 square-foot auto service

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Tom's Oyster Bar seeks liquor license

*Plymouth City Commission could help
would-be restaurant win state permit*

BY MATT HUCAL

The Plymouth City Commission helped Tom Brandel come one step closer to receiving a tavern liquor license.

This raised the chances of Tom's Oyster Bar opening at 849 Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth in the near future.

The Commission held a public hearing regarding the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) resolution that Brandel be allowed to begin the process of the issuance of a tavern license.

The Commission passed the resolution and now the City Clerk will send a copy of both resolutions to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission so the license application process can begin.

"We (DDA and Commission) both had to agree that another license would be an asset to the downtown area," said Steve Guile, Director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority. "There's a lot of interest in these because they haven't been available."

Michigan has just recently made available statewide 50 tavern, or Class C, liquor licenses to cities with a DDA. These

licenses are for businesses that are planning to serve beer and wine only and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

"These licenses are at a premium, and it's imperative that we get the resolutions up to the state to give (Brandel) a shot," Guile said.

The MLCC will receive the information from the City Clerk and give Brandel an application. Once he applies, the MLCC will investigate how he plans on using it.

The MLCC will investigate whether Tom's Oyster Bar will be a full-service restaurant open to the public that prepares food on the premises; is open for food service at least 10 hours a day, five days a week; has at least 50 percent of the restaurant's gross receipts come from food sales only; seats no less than 25 people; and has a location in an area with no more than a 50,000 population.

According to Brandel, he bought the Penniman building in 1995 so that he could open a Tom's Oyster Bar in Plymouth, but has been waiting for a liquor license. He currently has Tom's Oyster Bars in Grosse Pointe Park, Southfield, and Royal Oak.

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Gypsies come to town

Michigan's least favorite moth turns up in P-C-N, but may not be as troublesome as many think

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

As Plymouth City resident Rosita Smith cleaned out a bird house last week, she discovered eggs of a different sort.

As soon as she saw the brown velvety sac, she knew trouble was around the corner — gypsy moths. She scraped them into a baggy and watched as they hatched.

"Then I froze them," she said. "I couldn't stand to see them grow up."

Gypsy moths have a sordid reputation in Michigan because the fluttering creature feeds off tree foliage in its caterpillar stage, sometimes doing great harm.

Several weeks into the hatching season, local authorities say this year's number of gypsy moths has lowered compared to previous years.

"This is not a major problem in this community," said James Anulewicz, director of Public Services for Plymouth Township.

Anulewicz addressed the annual moth infestation at the township's May 13 meeting.

"Even if it's a problem, they will not kill the tree," he said.

Gypsy moths hatch in early May as caterpillars and feed off deciduous trees such as oak or aspen. The caterpillars grow to about 2 inches long and reside in loose bark or under branches before transforming into a moth.

Most of the damage to trees occurs when the caterpillars feed off the foliage, Anulewicz said.

"A tree could lose its leaves, but it will not affect the tree to the degree that it would cause death," he said.

The moths will remain until the first frost, said Christine Haas of Plymouth Township Solid Waste and Recycling.

Ways to protect trees and shrubbery from the moths include looking for egg sacs and destroying them, Haas said.

The eggs are brown and suede-like with dark-colored eggs under the cover, according to information Haas provided. Eggs should be buried or flushed down the toilet because each egg mass contains from 50 to 1,500 eggs, which could result in up to 500 caterpillars.

The female gypsy moth deposits egg masses from early July to mid-August, then falls to the ground and dies, according to the Gypsy Moth in Michigan Homeowner's Guide, issued through Michigan State University Extension office.

From April 29 to May 1, MSU horticulturalist Carl Dollhopf conducted a survey of gypsy moth infestation for Canton Township.

Of the 60 sites he investigated, Dollhopf found moth activity in 13 spots, with three areas showing heavy infestation.

The area with the heaviest infestation is a 60-acre area of park land along Koppernick Road. Dollhopf predicted total defoliation of those trees by 1998.

Gypsy moth infestation can be kept under control by following several suggestions:

- Inspect trees and shrubs throughout the spring and summer.
- Place sticky or slippery bands around tree trunks to help prevent the caterpillar's movement into the canopy for feeding.
- Water and fertilize properly, as moths tend to attack trees under stress.
- Keep yard as clean as possible by removing discarded items and dead branches where the female moth is likely to lay egg masses.

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Canton trustees OK complex

Construction next step for Denton-Proctor soccer park

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The site plan for the proposed Canton Soccer Complex was approved by the Board of Trustees last week, providing the first piece of the proposed Central Park at Denton and Proctor roads.

Although the Planning Commission recommended approval based on several conditions, the site plan was passed by the board as is, according to Community Planner Judy Bocklage.

Moving and paving the parking lot in the initial phases of construction, eliminating the berms throughout the park and installing security lighting were among the Planning Commission concerns, according to Bocklage.

"The staff recommended pavement (of the lot), but the plan was approved as submitted, so the parking lot will be on the north," Bocklage said.

The proposed soccer complex will come complete with an additional 25 trees, according to Bocklage. "The park-side parking lot will be lined with trees, and additional trees will separate soccer fields and provide a shady place for spectators," Bocklage said. Trees will also line a pathway to a concession stand that will be added in future phases of construction.

The park will feature 12 soccer fields of various sizes, according to Bocklage. Twelve fields 210 feet by 360 feet; three fields 120 feet by 240 feet; and two 90 by 150-foot practice fields. It is part of a proposed Central Park Planned Development District that will include primarily single family residential units, condos, and a nine-hole golf course, along with the soccer complex.

With the award of a construction bid on Tuesday, the work could begin this June, said Mike Gouin, Canton parks and recreation superintendent.

"We hope to have it seeded in September," Gouin said. "In all likelihood it won't be ready to play on until the fall of 1998. We don't know about the weather, and we like to have a good base turf before we begin using it."

Stamp of approval for Canton post office site

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Board of Trustees approved the site plan for Canton's first post office last Tuesday.

The site, located on 4.1 acres in Griffin Park, is located on Canton Center Road near Cherry Hill Road.

The site had drawn fire previously from local homeowners who didn't want to give up a portion of their park to look at the back of a building, Canton resident Rose Glass said.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet was able to negotiate for some aesthetics however, including an 8-foot tall fence around the parking lot, trees on the park side of the fence, and directional shields on the lights to keep the glare to a minimum.

"We're very pleased the post office is providing landscaping," Glass said. "We're happy to have a post office so close to our home."

The willingness of the post office to work with the Township Planning commission and Board of Trustees has surprised everyone.

"This is not the post office of old," Vic Gustafson, chairman of the Planning Commission, said.

The post office now needs to go through typical engineering reviews such as storm water and utility reviews, and will break ground sometime this summer, Goulet said.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, WSDP, 88.1 FM, continues its series of interviews with candidates in the race for school board trustee. John Kreger, host of Community Focus, will interview Carol Bollman on the program, beginning at 5:40 p.m.

WEEKEND

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its first annual Road Rally Fundraiser Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person; prizes to winners. Call 416-4278.
- The Plymouth Historical Society will hold its annual yard and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, at 155 S. Main Street. For information, call 455-8940.
- Saturday is Northville DPW's household hazardous waste day. Bring in hazardous waste unsuited to curb trash pick-up, from 9a.m. - 5 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday, Canton's Chamber of Commerce will hold a new member orientation at 11 a.m., and a member luncheon at noon, both at Summit on the Park; members, \$10, non-members \$12.

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Two for the road

Canton twins compete with MSU team in car design and race

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Working as a team comes easily to twin brothers Todd and Brett Kearney.

That chemistry helped the 23-year-old Canton residents as they worked as part of a team that designed a formula race car for an international design competition.

"It worked out quite well," Todd said. "We knew what to expect from each other. We could speak freely and didn't have to worry about hurting each other's feelings."

Todd and Brett recently represented Michigan State University at the annual 17th Annual Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Design Competition at the Silverdome in Pontiac.

Their car took home 10th place honors, out of 77 entries. MSU was the only Michigan university to rank in the top 10. Teams from all over the United States, Canada, England and Puerto Rico came in to compete.

"The team this year was the best MSU ever had," Brett said. "It should be even better next year."

A team of more than 60 MSU students worked for a year to design the 8-foot green race car. It runs on a 600 cc 1994 Ninja Kawasaki motorcycle engine that has a top speed of 120 mph. The car can go from zero to 60 mph in 3 1/2 seconds.

"You need to be careful and get a respect for the car," Brett said. "Some people think it's a toy, but it's nothing like a

regular car."

It competed in eight events measuring areas including acceleration, endurance and fuel economy. The event also graded the students for presentations on cost analysis, sales presentation and design.

Throughout the year team members come up with a car concept and design, then begin manufacturing the idea.

"It's rewarding to work all year to get where you are," Brett said. "To set a goal and accomplish it is satisfying."

As the event moves toward the 14-mile endurance competition — the final race — only the strong prevail, Brett said.

"A lot of cars break down by the time they make it to this event," he said. "You know you've got it good when you finish all the categories."

But the MSU team almost didn't compete. Two engines blew up two days before the event, leaving Brett scrambling to find replacements. He eventually found two engines in Maryland and had them air mailed to the Silverdome.

"If that wouldn't have happened, I think we would have done even better," he said.

The twins graduated in 1992 from Canton High School, and recently earned bachelor degrees in mechanical engineering from MSU.

This was the third and final year that the brothers took part in the project.

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Todd and Brett Kearney

Brett a job in the Ford Motor Company Glass Division. Todd already works as a test engineer for Allied Signal.

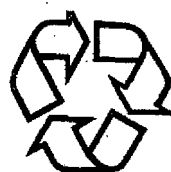
Each dedicated 50 hours of work per week toward the project in addition to attending regular classes and refereeing soccer games.

"You don't sleep much," he said. "But I learned a lot about engineering and about how far I could push myself."

Two other area residents competed in the event. Dan Fuelling of Northville designed MSU's electronic and air shifting systems. And the Kearneys' neighbor, Kevin Gudith, worked on the University of Michigan team.

Brett's interest in cars began when he was young. His father works as a sales engineer at Ford and he has lived near the Motor City his entire life.

"Once you get in one of these cars and drive it, you're hooked," he said.



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Students, station win awards at WSDP

BY BRYON MARTIN

And the winner is — WSDP.

Spring has brought a salvo of successes for the student-run radio station at PCEP.

At last Tuesday's WSDP banquet three graduating seniors were awarded station scholarships, according to Bill Keith, station manager.

WSDP grants two \$300 scholarships each year to college-bound staffers: the John Seidelman Scholarship and the Bonny Dore/WSDP Founder Scholarship.

But this year's applications were strong enough to produce a tie, Keith said. "It was very hard to pick the winners this year. These guys are very deserving of recognition."

Two Dore awards were given, one to Erin Walterscheid and one to John Kreger, both Canton seniors. It recognizes contributions to WSDP and an interest in pursuing a career in broadcasting.

This is the first Dore award, renamed this year in honor of the the founding sta-

'They're a really sharp group. Our staff was incredibly strong this year.' — Bill Keith

tion manager. "Doing research for the station's 25th anniversary I've become a WSDP history nut," Keith said. "I thought it was fitting to recognize her contributions to the station. She's done really well."

Since leaving the station Dore has continued in the communications industry and now owns a production company in Beverly Hills, CA.

Walterscheid, "has been very dedicated for four years," Keith said. She will attend Michigan State University next fall, in James Madison college. In her application she said she hopes to work in public relations, mixing a political science major with a communications minor.

Kreger, also set to attend MSU in the autumn, will pursue sports broadcasting. This is no surprise, said Keith.

As sports director Kreger's commitment was seen during the coverage of a soccer game: a sudden downpour was left Kreger only more determined to see the game — and the storm — through.

"John let's go! It's pouring," I said to him," Keith said. "He had covered up everything with jackets and plastic. I had to pull him away and make him pack up the equipment. I didn't want him electrocuted."

The Seidelman scholarship went to Jessica Dumas, Canton senior, for academic achievement and dedication to WSDP duties.

Dumas carries a grade point average in excess of 4.0. Her performance as program director, and "ability to take over any job," made her a standout, according to Keith.

She plans to attend New York University.

Other award winners this spring include Justin Belgiano and John Kreger, rated by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters as first and third in Michigan, respectively,

for high school sports broadcasting.

WSDP has won the top sportscasting award six out of the last eight years.

The station also won kudos from the Michigan Association of Educational

Broadcasters (M.A.E.B.), who named them Station of the Year — their fourth such title in six years.

Students also won M.A.E.B. awards, said Keith, "Too many to name."

And as Keith knows, when WSDP students win, the station wins.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Beverly J. (Denyes) and Thomas L. Howarth observed their golden wedding anniversary on May 17 with a surprise party given in their honor at the Botsford Inn by their daughters and respective families: William Spain (Diane) and their children — Laura and Angela; and Jackie Ray Crabtree (Cheryl).

Tom retired from Ford Motor Company in 1988 as a service engineer and instructor, and Beverly retired from Detroit Diesel Allison in 1984 and went on to create her own secretarial service. They were married at Central Methodist Church in downtown Detroit on May 22, 1947 and presently reside in Northville Township.

Residents of Plymouth and Canton were honored on April 24 by the **Huron Valley Girl Scout Council** at their 15th annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Linda Cox of Canton and **Peggy Fisher** of Plymouth received the Thanks Badge, the highest adult award in Girl Scouting. **Phyllis Partain** of Plymouth and **Barb Svec** of Canton received the Girl Scout's Honor Pin, the second highest adult award. **Cherri Megasko** and **Carolyn Sarsfield** of Canton received the Adult Appreciation Pin.

Marine Lance Cpl. Romeo Cairo and **Marine Lance Cpl. James Altmann** recently participated in the evacuation of nearly 900 American and foreign citizens from Albania. Cairo is a 1995 graduate of Salem, joining the Marines in August 1995. Altmann is a 1993 graduate of Canton, joining the Marines in October 1993.

Navy Airman Timothy Radtke of Canton recently transited the Suez Canal aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. The navigation team maneuvered the ship through the crowded 600-foot-wide waterway. He joined the Navy in Aug. 1994.

Three Canton High School students will receive scholarships from Community Federal Credit Union's Margaret Dunning Scholarship Fund, totaling \$3,000, and the \$500 George Lawton Memorial Scholarship.

From the Dunning Fund, **Elizabeth Oatley** will receive \$1500 and will attend U of M and **Amy LaGrow** will receive \$500 and will attend MSU. **Amber LaGrow** will receive the \$500 Lawton Scholarship and will attend MSU.

Plymouth student wins award

BY MATT HUCAL

A little money doesn't hurt. But Jason Brooks of Plymouth received more than a little money when he earned the \$1,300 Alpha Delta Kappa scholarship, given each year to one Michigan residential student majoring in education.

The 20-year-old MSU student is only the second male to receive the scholarship in its eight-year existence.

"It's really an honor," Brooks said. "This is really exciting and something I wasn't expecting, being only the second male."

The 1995 graduate of Canton High School was sponsored by the Plymouth area Beta Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international educators sorority for both current and retired teachers. He said each state has a chapter and that the organization is present in eight or nine countries other than the United States.

On October 4, Brooks will be traveling to Saginaw to speak at the sorority's state convention. Along with accepting the scholarship at the convention, he plans on speaking about the importance of motivation and his hopes and goals for the future.

The scholarship money will help Brooks as he enters the College of Education for his junior year at MSU.

He said the college is really competitive



JASON BROOKS

to get accepted into, with students needing a minimum of a 3.2 grade point average (g.p.a.) to enter the elementary program. Brooks has maintained a 3.5 g.p.a. during his first two years at the school.

Brooks' decision to go into the teaching field was helped by his family history of teachers, but he said the ultimate decision came from his working in volunteer groups.

According to Brooks, once a week he tries to offer his services to worthy causes. Those causes may range from giving swim lessons, to working with the Special Olympics and helping the homeless.

He said developing relationships with younger kids and helping them grow is what pleases him about teaching.

"There's something about teaching swimming for six years," Brooks said. "It's working with the younger kids, and not just me feeding them information, but it's also about shaping them into something."

Brooks has a family background of sorts with his mother and her two sisters both being teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District. He said that helped him to be exposed to teaching and what goes into it.

"When I decided (on teaching), it was after being around them (children) for so long and building a love of it," Brooks said. "My family helped me, but eventually I decided on it by myself."

Teacher earns peers' respect

BY MATT HUCAL

Great students come along all the time, but that wouldn't be possible without great teachers to learn from.

One teacher who has been honored as an influential distributor of knowledge is Steve Rea of Plymouth. The Canton High School physics teacher received the Outstanding Teacher Award last Thursday by the Metro Detroit Science Teachers Association (MDSTA).

Rea's 25 years of service to the Plymouth-Canton School District and his contributions to the field of science were factors in his selection. He was nominated by a teacher at Grosse Pointe South and by a student and school administrator.

He said what made the award even better was the recognition of his colleagues.

"When fellow teachers recognize you, it's a great feeling," Rea said. "I'm quite honored that they did."

What Rea contributes to the school and physics is what helped the MDSTA decide. He's constantly holding workshops and being asked to present at others.

For the last three years Rea and another teacher have held "Operation Physics," in which they teach fourth through eighth grade students about the science. He also holds workshops with about nine other teachers from around the state as part of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

The unique learning environment the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) provides is something Rea sees as an advantage, both to himself, his two fellow physics teachers at the park and students.

"(PCEP) offers courses some schools

wouldn't have enough students for, which gives them a larger amount of classes to choose from," Rea said.

The large campus also affects his teaching because of the new technology he's able to bring to the table.

"Each year I come to class with new ideas, better teaching materials, and new applications and demonstrations," Rea said. "Every year I'm able to do things I hadn't done in previous years."

The day after receiving his award, Rea continued what he's done this time of year for the last 12 years — went to Cedar Point. It wasn't for fun, but a final project for his physics class.

He said his students are given problems to solve covering a wide range of physics topics. The students receive stop watches

and measuring tape and are expected to solve the problems using data from the rides at the park.

Rea said he's the first teacher in the area to take a class to Cedar Point, and now hundreds of schools from our state and Ohio go to the park for their physics courses.

Rea said he feels he deserves the award because of his service to the teaching community and because he's been able to present teachers with ideas he's had.

"I've benefited from being able to attend many workshops and have had opportunities that I hope other teachers will eventually have," Rea said.

Rea added, "I enjoy teaching a lot and I think it's a great profession." Which is what teaching is all about.

Fundraising for a good cause



(left to right): Lesley Barmak, Anthony Pratt, Team Captain Joyce Johnson, Lenora Shaner and Michael Koziel. The Leukemia Society of America held a fundraiser at Station 885 in Plymouth May 21. Each of the 35 members of Team in Training, a state chapter of the Society's nationwide fund-raising team, raised \$3,500 to go to Lake Tahoe to walk, run or cycle around. The team leaves Friday and the event is Sunday. (Crier photo by Matt Hucal)

AutoNation brings no-commission car sales to Canton

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center with 28 service bays, an Alamo Rent A Car office, a full service, in-store cafe and a fully equipped Childplay Center.

"It's hard for our guests with children to shop for cars, so we look after them while they're shopping," Scicluna said. "It makes it a lot more convenient for them to take time and look for a car."

Canton was a natural place to build the new facility, according to Scicluna.

"It's a terrific community," he said. "We like the traffic patterns, the explosive growth and we liked the position relating to the other site in Sterling Heights."

Founded in 1995 in Coconut Creek, FL, AutoNation hopes to cash in on the 43 million used cars — 75 percent of all vehicle transactions — sold every year in America.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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

JOHN STEVE MACZKO

John Steve Maczko, a Plymouth resident, died May 17, 1997 at the age of 74.

Mr. Maczko was born Dec. 15, 1922 in Shickshinny, PA. He was a plant manager for many years at an automotive appliance company. He served in the army from 1943-1946.

He is survived by his wife, Hedwig J. Pleronek of Plymouth; sons, John (Judith) R. Maczko of Hamburg, MI; Joseph (Kathy) J. Maczko of Casola, Portugal, Steve J. Maczko of Munith, MI; daughter, Karen (William) M. Maczko of Cincinnati, OH; brother, Steve Maczko of Oxford, MI; sisters, Irene Crawley, Marion Rajter, both of Warren, MI; and grandchildren, Megan, Steven, Joseph and Marianne Maczko.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

MARGARET MARY MILLER

Margaret Mary Miller, a Livonia resident, died May 18, 1997 at the age of 60.

Mrs. Miller was born Dec. 7, 1936 in Rockford, IL. She was a secretary at Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle M. (Terry) Kuz of Livonia; mother, Bertha Peterson of Livonia; brothers, Jerry Peterson of Westland, Wayne Peterson of Livonia, Norman Peterson of Garden City, Marshall Peterson of Milford; and grandchildren, Nickolas and Michael.

Arrangements were made and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

DAVID C. SCHLICK

David C. Schlick, a Plymouth resident, died May 24, 1997 at the age of 70.

Mr. Schlick was born Oct. 3, 1926 in Kalamazoo, MI. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1952 with a B.S. in Physics and Math. He worked in Dumont Labs in Clifton, NJ, where he was involved in early TV developments. He also worked at Burroughs Corp. in Plymouth and received several patents for automated check sorting equipment. He later worked for General Motors Research in the field of automotive noise suppression. He also worked as a consulting engineer for several different corporations. He enjoyed working on home improvements, gardening, reading, and spending time with his three grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Anne R. of Plymouth; daughter, Carolyn Schlick of East Grand Rapids, MI; grandchildren, Patrick, Margaret, and Kevin; two brothers, four sisters; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28 at Divine Saviour Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Fr. Alexander Kuras officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI. 48170.

Morton Wylie, 69, salesman for K-J Law Automotive Parts.

Morton Wylie, a Plymouth resident, died May 19, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine of Plymouth; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Wilhelmine H. Schultz, 95, homemaker

Wilhelmine H Schultz, a Plymouth resident, died May 19, 1997.

She is survived by her husband, Walter, of Plymouth; son, Harold (Elaine) Schultz of Plymouth; one daughter; one sister; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Helen V. Brown, 70, secretary for Livonia schools.

Helen V. Brown, a Canton resident, died May 20, 1997.

She is survived by her husband, James H. of Canton; one son; two daughters; one sister; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made and services held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.



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Neighbors in business

The **Plymouth Downtown Development Authority** will host the **Second Annual Festival of Flavors** from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 7 in Kellogg Park.

The Festival of flavors gives visitors the opportunity to sample local restaurants and Michigan food.

Admission to the food tent is \$2, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Plymouth Community United Way.

The **Leadership Canton Steering Committee** is seeking participants for its 1997-98 Leadership Canton program, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Cleary College and Canton Township.

The program is created for current and potential leaders who are looking to refine their personal leadership skills. Leadership Canton is limited to 25 participants.

Applications must be submitted by Aug. 8. Cost is \$800, which includes meals and learning materials. Call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040.

Frank Benages of Plymouth has been named to the newly created position of vice president, finance/risk management at **Simplified Employment Services**.



Benages, 43, is now responsible for the overall financial condition of the SES compensation program.

He joined SES in 1992 as an account manager in sales. He is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago.

Detroit Edison has named **Alan Yonkman** of Canton an assistant manager.

Yonkman joined Edison in 1972 as a distribution planning engineer and has served as director of continuous improvement in Service Center Operations.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering technology from Wayne State University.



Business all lit up over new product

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Tom Carmody was tired of seeing the paper bag luminaries lining his street during Christmas time blow out in the wind.

"It had a charming glow, but it was not without problems," the Plymouth Township resident said.

But then Carmody, owner of C.F. Sales Company in Canton, got a "wild brainstorm."

He decided to design a cone that would allow a candle to glow for up to 16 hours and withstand high winds.

"The environment just isn't conducive to burning a candle in a paper bag," Carmody said. "By the time you get the candle in, lit and get back in the house, either the candle has burned out or the bag has caught fire."

His aerodynamic cone is designed with rigid paper board and coated for weatherproofing. The cone, which stands about 10 inches tall, hooks up to a circular base, with an 1/4-inch space on the bottom to allow air to flow through the cone.

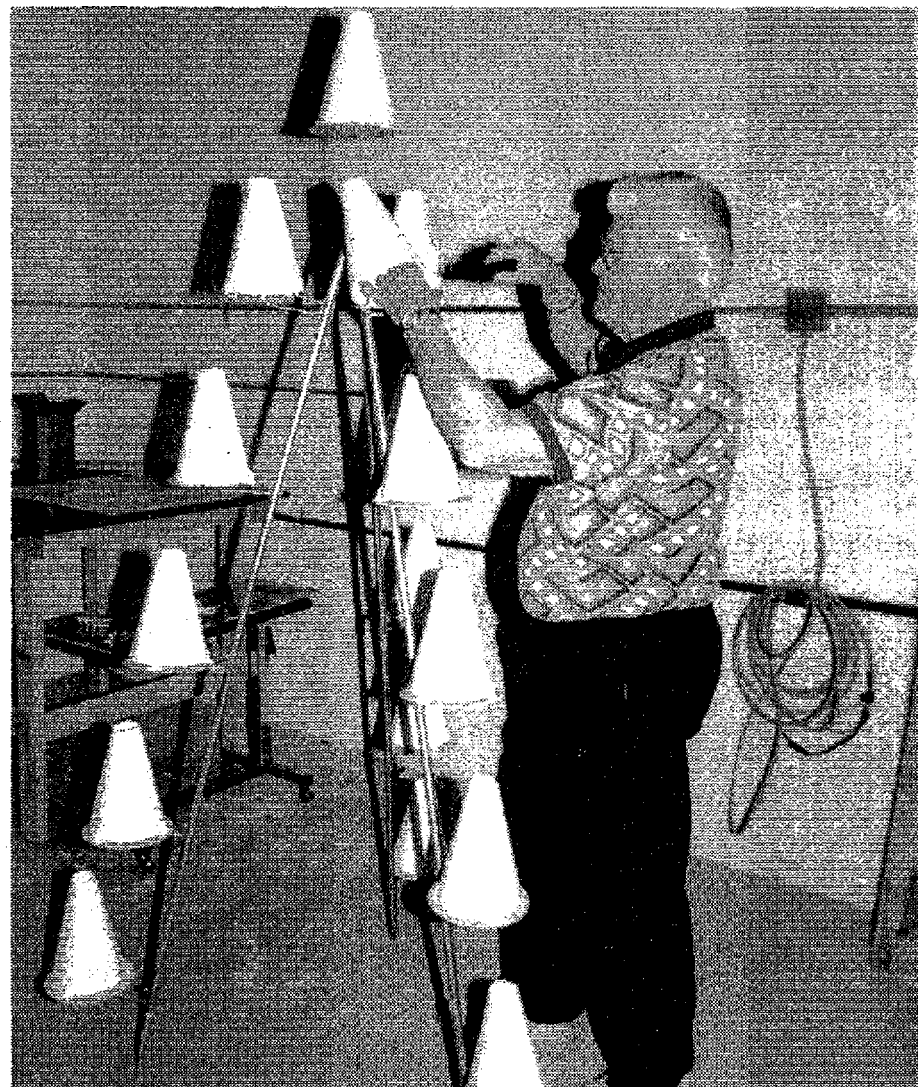
"When the wind blows, it deflects away from the cone; it can't get inside to snuff the candle out," he said.

Carmody plans to have his product, **Magic Glow Patio, Deck and Yard Lamps**, on the market by the July 4 weekend. He also plans to introduce an 8-foot high luminary tree called **Magic Glow Candle Cone Tree** that will come with 16 cone lamps.

When a wind storm flew through the area a few weeks ago, Carmody said he was shocked to see that his cones didn't blow out.

"If it can withstand 60 mph winds, then we've got a good product," he said.

Boyne Mountain ski resort already tested out the cones last winter during a



Tom Carmody lights a Magic Glow Candle Cone. (Crier photo, Jillian Bogater)

weekend activity and another man used them to design a make-shift night landing strip.

Carmody said he also plans to market the cones for different holidays and occasions by designing decorative

sleeves that can drop over the cone. He already envisions sleeves for occasions like Halloween, Valentine's Day and baby announcements.

"The applications are endless," he said.

Hilton site plan tentatively approved

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Plymouth Township Planning Commission members tentatively approved a site plan for a **Hilton Gardens Inn** at its May 21 meeting.

The six story, 159-room hotel would be constructed on the east side of Sheldon, north of M-14. James Capo of DeMattia Associates is developer of the project, said Shirley Barney, director of community development.

The next step is for Capo to submit his site plan for final approval, which should happen in the next couple months, Barney said.

Developers want to add 20 additional parking spaces because the 189 included in the original plan were deemed insufficient by commissioners, Barney said.



Historic moment

The **Plymouth American Association of University Women Landmarks study group** dedicates the double house at 188 N. Main, Plymouth as a historic structure. The home, which was renovated by current occupant **Century 21 Realtors**, was built in 1908. (Crier photo, Scott Spielman)

Late in the board race, candidates look much alike

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easy it was to negate a vote," she said.

She also said she subscribes to the theory that, extrapolating from precinct voting percentages, the votes lost were most likely "yes" votes.

Thomas also voiced misgivings over the software and the voting process at large. He was among a group of citizens to file a variety of petitions with the district, his requesting a special election.

Lost love

"Things have deteriorated badly and we need help," Thomas said of district labor relations and the joint move by the board and PCEA to hire a consultant. "We have no programs teaching how to work together. That's the most important thing to come from a consultant."

Dershem and Bollman, meanwhile, have held a less favorable view of the consultant hire.

Bollman said the district already has a mechanism labor concerns — Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel.

"Will the money for the consultants be deducted from Goldman's pay," Bollman asked. "He's supposed to be doing this job."

Dershem's response was similar, stressing the importance of "teamwork and building together," within district organizations.

Where each candidate becomes distinct from the others is in personal background

and experience.

Dershem, a Canton resident since December 1994, is the newest to The Plymouth-Canton Community and school involvement. This, she said, is among her strengths because she is open to trying new approaches, as well as giving tried options a second chance.

Changing boundaries at Bentley Elementary School, where her son is a student, first inspired her to become involved with the schools. She was a member of the bond citizens election committee, and is active in the legislative action committee and other district entities. She works as a chemical engineer.

Bollman has lived in the district since 1979 and was drawn to the schools through involvement with her autistic daughter's education.

She has been president of the Michigan Association of Children with Learning Disabilities, a member of the district's facilities committee and active in other volunteer positions. She works for Enterprise Car Rental.

Thomas is a P-C resident since 1961, and was a member of the school board from 1982 - 1995. He has held all positions from trustee to president.

He works for Ford Motor Company said he became involved with the schools via concern for his children's education — much like the others.

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Upcoming...

STORYBOOK DRIVE

McCabe Funeral Home in Canton has launched a Summer Sunshine Storybook Drive to benefit Detroit Medical Center's Children's Hospital of Michigan. New or used books in good condition can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 Canton Center Road.

SYMPHONY OF HOMES

The Symphony of Homes home tours will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. **June 6** and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. **June 7**. This year's tour will feature 10 homes in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Presale tickets are \$15, same-day purchase \$18. Call (313) 207-0666.

PCAC YARD SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **May 29 and 30** at the new Arts Center, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Drop off contributions at the Arts Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. **May 27**. No clothing accepted, but accessories are welcome.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will have a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **May 30** at the Michigan Peer Review Organization, 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 200, Plymouth. Call 454-7219 for an appointment.

SUMMER BLAST

St. John Neumann's Singles Group is having its annual Summer Blast Dance from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. **June 14**. Cost, \$8. For more information, call Patrick Belanger at 277-6083.

ROAD RALLY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host its first Road Rally Fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. **May 31**. Cost: \$25 per person. All proceeds will help fund a new lighted sign for outside the PCAC building. Mail checks to PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170.

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the 7th Annual D&M Studio Day Camp is now open. This year's theme is Ancient Egypt. All camps will take place at D&M Studios 8691 N. Lilley, Canton. Register and pay before **May 31** and receive discounted session fee. Call Sharon



YMCA RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 18th Annual Run will take place on Father's Day, **June 15**. The event will start at 7:30 a.m. and includes categories for all ages. All events take place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Call 453-2904.

Dillenbeck at 453-3710.

BOOK SIGNING

Nationally syndicated columnist Patrick O'Brien will host a free seminar and signing copies of his new book, "Making College Count," at 7 p.m. **May 29**. The event will take place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 17111 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-0696.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is seeking community members for three district committees: the Housing and Facilities Committee, the Citizen's Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. The Board of Education will select the members at its July 8 board meeting by a random draw. Those interested should contact the District Community Relations Office before **July 2**. Call 416-2755.

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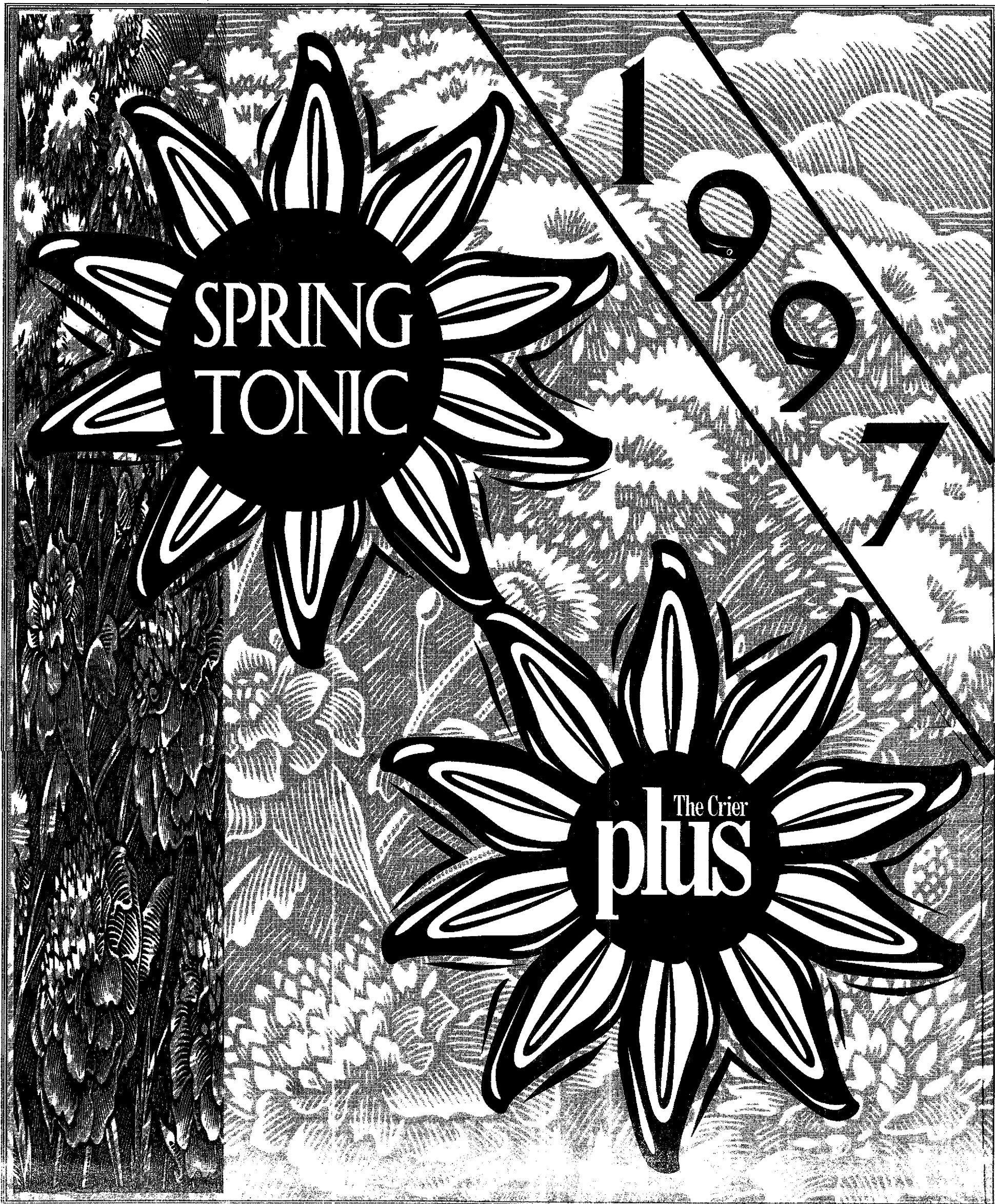
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Organic produce a healthy alternative

Healthy food, healthy tips at Canton's Good Food Company

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

East coast to the west coast, people are becoming more globally conscious and taking their health more seriously. Many people in the P-C-N community are choosing alternatives to chemically sprayed fruit and vegetables and turning to organically grown produce instead.

"With regular chemically treated produce you are exposed to pesticides, fertilizers, additives and preservatives," said Madhi, public relations director for the Good Food Co. in Canton. "Also the soil is depleted and it

is missing the nutrients that our bodies need."

"I'm already weak and I don't need to be made any weaker by chemically treated food on a daily basis," said Harry Brillhart, organic produce customer. "I drive out of my way just to buy organic food."

Produce found in regular grocery stores may cost less, but many people are becoming more globally conscious and switching to a chemical-free alternative.

"This is not only healthier for yourself and your family, but it is more earth-friendly also," Madhi said. "It is seen that there are less pesticides in our water, air and in the ground."

"Regular produce is grown in dead soil. The price for this organic choice is slightly higher and for good reason. Shelf life of organic fruits and vegetables is shorter because it doesn't have any preservatives. That causes organic grocery stores 15 percent shrinkage costs compared to a regular grocer's 3 percent loss."

Special growing and shipping also add to the cost of chemical-free produce. "But considering that pesticides cause many types of diseases and weaken the immune system, it seems a small



Madhi shows off some organic broccoli. (Crier photo, Linda Kochanek)

increase to pay," Madhi said. Another reason to switch to organically grown produce is taste. "When produce is in its organic form it has the highest nutrients at its full potency because the soil is how it was originally intended," Madhi said.

"It's the only way to shop," Good Food Company customer Michael Reggish. "It's best to eat clean and healthy with no pesticides or poisons."

Many stores are now carrying this healthy alternative. Growing popularity is making it more readily available. People can also plant their own chemical free garden by using manure, organic fertilizers and natural repellents to keep pests away.



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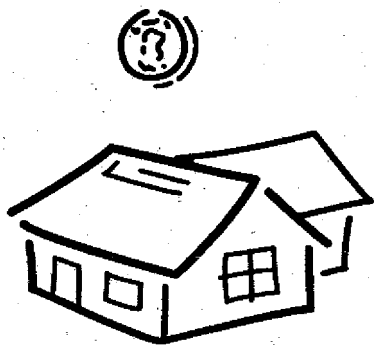
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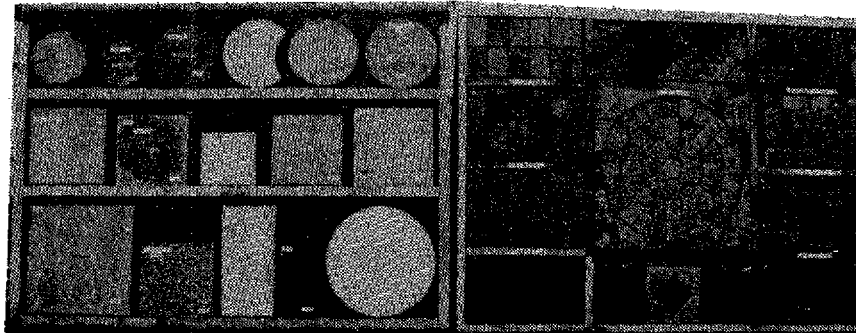
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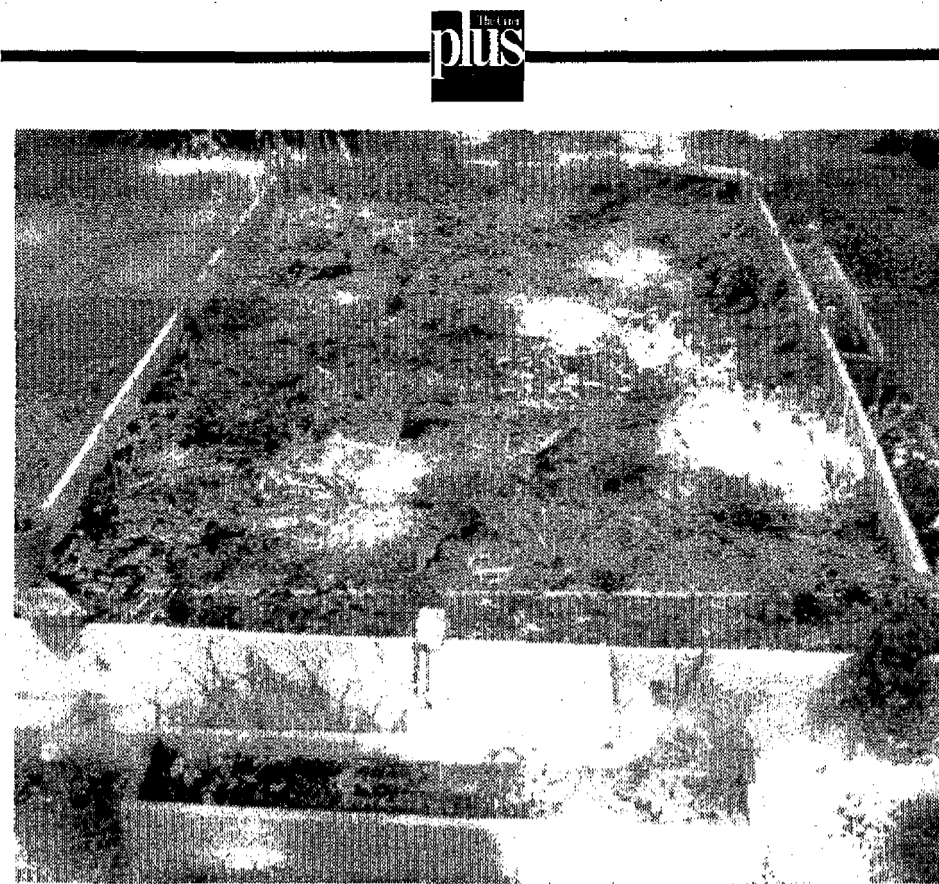
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This easy-to-maintain raised garden in the City of Plymouth shows what can be done in a small yard. (Crier photo, Randy Eaton)

Small quarters not a detriment for gardening

BY MATT HUCAL

Once the dark skies of winter start to recede into the beginning of spring, there are usually two words that help bring in the new season — showers and flowers.

It's garden time again, and although some people have plenty of room to plant in their yards, there are many who have to do it without much space at all.

This is especially true in places such as Plymouth and Northville, where making the most out of a small yard can make or break a garden. But if a small yard seems like a detriment, all it takes is a little time to learn how to use it to the fullest.

What kind of garden is easy to maintain and is space efficient?

—Raised or multi-layered gardens and plants and flowers with vines that can climb up a wall.

Barbara Reichard is the professional gardener at Brickscape Inc. on Old Novi Road in Northville. She is frequently called and asked questions regarding small yards and how to successfully plant gardens within them.

She suggests to first determine the amount of money the gardener wishes to spend.

Reichard said a gardener willing to spend a lot of money — \$300 to \$400 —

can start out with perennials. A lower amount of money can get a gardener potted plants and container plants.

Perennials, plants that come back every year, will eventually save money. Along with that, a bed can be added to hold the perennials. Reichard said \$100 can get about eight or ten perennials. A good amount of annuals, flowers in bloom for about a month, can be purchased for about \$20.

The next step is determining the best locations are growing.

"When people come to me for help or suggestions, I usually first ask for the dimensions and lighting of the yard, because it affects the growth," Reichard said. "That tells me what plants would be best for that yard."

And because of the large trees in Northville and especially Plymouth, the shading factor makes plant and flower choices even more important.

According to "Shade Gardening," many plants thrive in the shade. Leaving a sun-loving plant in the shade will kill it, so attention is crucial.

If a yard is shaded by trees, extra time preparing soil will pay off in healthier plants. City of Plymouth resident Randy Eaton did that when he built a 4-by-8 foot raised garden in his front yard.

First, Eaton dug 3 feet underground and laid down 1 foot of cow manure before putting the dirt back, leaving the pile of extra soil. He then surrounded that with a wooden exterior, giving him an elevated garden.

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Connie Grayes (right) and Alyce Humphrey show off some flowers. (Crier photos, Linda Kochanek)

Herbs and potpourri popular for gardens

By Linda Kochanek

With the weather becoming warmer many people are thinking about planting herb gardens, plants for potpourri and aromatherapy. Easily planted in containers or in a small patch in your garden, these plants may bring year round enjoyment.

"Herbs are really easy to grow," said Kim Schmidt of Schmidt's Roadhouse on Joy Road. "Basil, chives and parsley are the most popular ones. Any clay pot or window ledge will do."

"It's inexpensive to start your own herb garden," said Alyce Humphrey, from Grayes Greenhouse on Joy Rd. "Prices start at about a dollar and you can plant them in a very small area. Then all you do is clip them and use them for cooking. It's wonderful.

"Herbs do best outside. The flavor is better and you will have a stronger plant. You are less likely to have bugs outside, because natural predators like spiders keep them in check."

Herbs may be brought indoors in the winter, or clipped and dried for future use.

Some suggestions from Schmidt for proper herb growing are "don't overwater and make sure they get a lot of sunshine."

Another option is to grow plants and flowers for cooking and potpourri. "There are the new scented geraniums," said Connie Grayes, from Grayes Greenhouse. "They come in apple, orange, apricot, lemon and peppermint. They are

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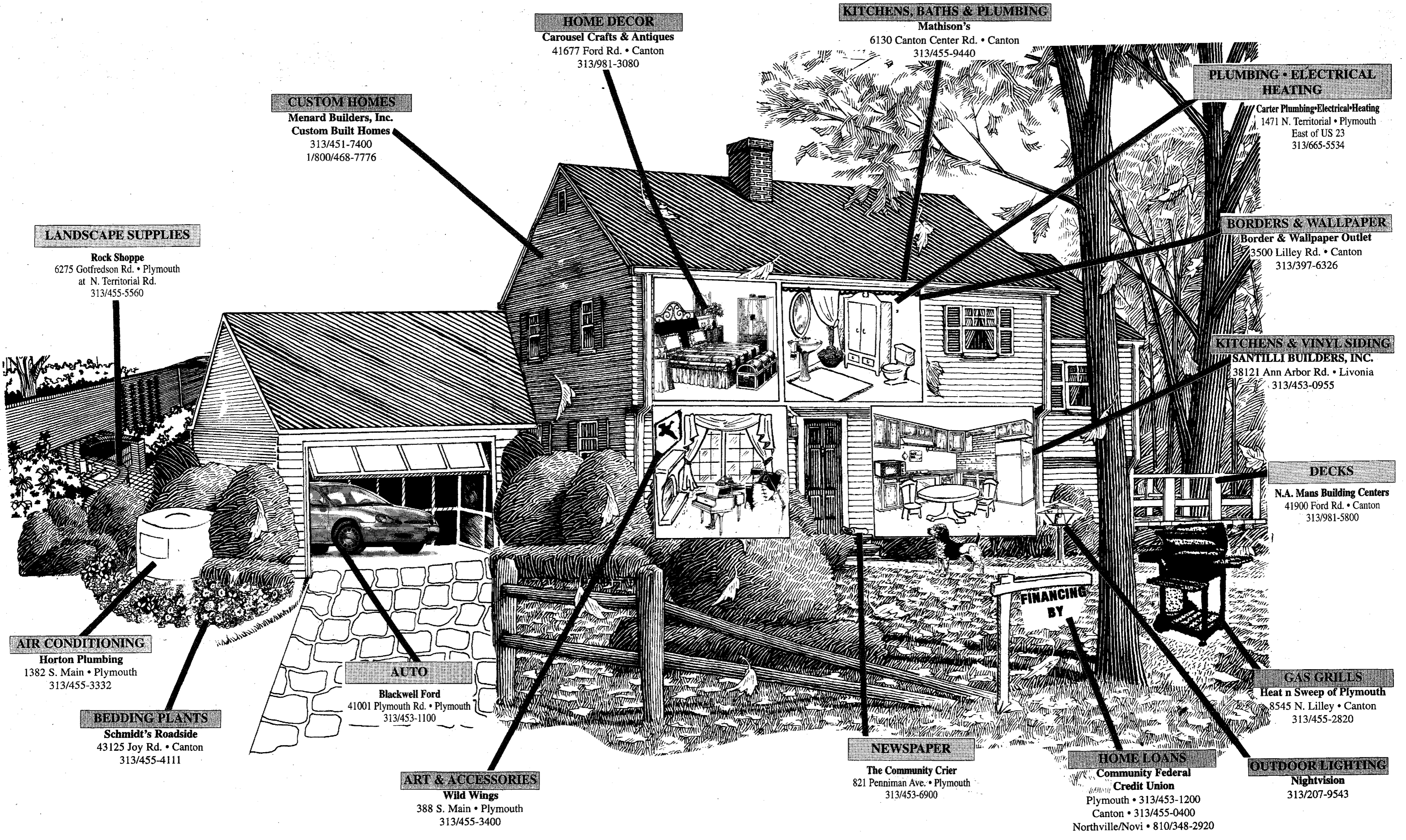
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Raised gardens popular and easy to maintain

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Eaton built the garden in a spot that exposes it to sunlight.

"I fit the garden where the sun is and all the neighbors said, 'what's he doing, it's a lawn,' because everyone else just has grass in the front," Eaton said. "But a raised garden makes it much easier to maintain."

Another angle to take when planning a garden in a small space is to grow plants with wall-climbing vines and accenting them with flowers on the ground below.

If done correctly, this will give off a barrage of colors and maximize the available space. Wall-climbing vine plants include roses and clematis, which come in all sorts of colors.

Putting any or all of these elements together can help to make the most out of a

How do I prepare a garden that is cost-friendly but still looks good?

— Look to the future by planting perennials, then add annuals. Potted and container plants add another dimension.

small yard. No matter where you're planting, Reichard said it's always easy to "make your own little castle."

'Putting lavender and peppermint into bath water is a great way to relax. People are also using plants such as catnip to make catnip tea to help with nervous disorders.'

— Connie Grayes

'Herbs do best outside. The flavor is better and you will have a stronger plant.'

— Alyce Humphrey



Many people are choosing to grow their own kitchen herbs.

Herbs a popular garden choice

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wonderful to use in home-made potpourri or to scent your rooms. You can even use a leaf under parchment paper in your cake pan to scent your cakes in baking."

"People are also growing plants for use in aromatherapy," a scent-based

homeopathy, Grayes said. "Putting lavender and peppermint into bath water is a great way to relax. People are also using plants such as catnip to make catnip tea to help with nervous disorders." All can easily be grown in a garden or on a windowsill.

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Spring preparations lead to green summer

BY BRYON MARTIN

LANSING—Amateur and master gardeners agree—green is keen, and the sooner they get their fingers in the dirt, the better. Spring preparations produce lush summer yards.

Experts at Michigan State University, a leader in agricultural research, offer homeowners tips for healthy lawns, trees and gardens. One tip, however, is to not do too much too early.

Lawn Care

Most lawn treatments—thatching, aerating and fertilizing, Paul Rieke, extension and soil technology specialist says.

“Wait until we’re into May before aerating,” Rieke says. “the first fertilization should be around Memorial Day, then again on July 4, Labor Day and Halloween.”

Nitrogen is the key to a green lawn. How much should be applied depends on turf area and quality

Accordingly, fertilizers contain varying percentages of nitrogen: this percentage is indicated by the first in a series of three number on bags—15-20-25, for example.

As a general rule, Rieke suggests a one-pound dose of 15 percent nitrogen fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of turf. The dose will differ depending on lawn area and the lawn’s overall “health.”

Weaker, thinner lawns require a one-pound dose, heartier lawns only a half-pound dose of nitrogen per 1,000 yards.

“Don’t get anxious to start too early, though,” warns Rieke, “Early fertilization creates quick, green growth. But the growth is at the top, where it will be cut off. Cutting your lawn shorter by an inch or so will warm it up and turn it green without fertilizers.”

Slower growth, without fertilizer, will strengthen roots and increase the lawn’s resistance to drying out in the hot summer months.

If the lure of lawn work is too powerful to resist before May, Rieke recommends raking up white patches of grass caused by snow mold to increase root exposure to sunlight.

Tree Tips

Trees aren’t often given the large amounts of attention homeowners give to their lawns and gardens, say Dan Martin of Dan Martin Landscaping in Plymouth.

Martin gives a short list of tree maintenance for backyard gardeners. Homeowners can:

Rake up fallen leaves; they may contain tree disease.

Place composted mulch around the base of the tree leaving six inches bare soil around the trunk. This increases root moisture and temperature.

If trimming low branches, trim to the callus collar, the swollen area where the limb begins. Never make mid-branch cuts, or cuts past the callus collar.

Following these guidelines, Martin says homeowners will avoid doing serious damage to their trees.

Maintenance beyond these recommended steps requires the knowledge and training of a specialist. “Many tree books for homeowners are archaic,” Martin said.

Things like high-limb trimming and fertilization require special knowledge and precision. If your tree needs these, call an arborist.

For example, not all mulches are created equal. Uncomposted mulch should be avoided; it leeches soil nutrients as it decomposes.

Garden Preparations

When spring attention turns to gardens, affections run high. “People just like being in their gardens,” says Mary McLellan, state coordinator for Michigan’s Master

Gardener program.

Unlike lawns and trees, McLellan says gardens can be done early. Catching up from fall preparations may even be done.

“If they’ve not already done so, vegetable and annual seeds can begin growing indoors,” McLellan says. She says to place them in a flat filled with potting soil, and to follow the tips on the seed package.

When the ground is dry, McLellan recommends the raking and mulching suggested by Rieke and Martin. This is also the time to till gardens and incorporate compost into the soil.

“Wait until later in the year to fertilize annuals. Too many nutrients will go into the foliage and will detract from the blooms,” McLellan says.

She also recommends spring flowering spring shrubs just before they bloom. “You’ll avoid cutting off next years buds, which appear just after bloom.”

If pest are a problem, McLellan offers three primary lines of defense:

Monitor plants, and hand-pick dead, diseased or devoured foliage.

Keep the garden wet and weed-free; weeds harbor pests.

Spray plants with soapy water to discourage aphids and other bugs.

McLellan says pesticides should be used as a last resort. “Sometimes we need them. But they can also kill the good guys, the bugs that are beneficial to a garden.”

Another key to a bountiful garden is soil acidity. McLellan says pH test kits are available from extension service offices in every county seat.

“They’ll analyze your soil sample, and tell you what you need,” McLellan says.

“When it comes to gardens, McLellan says, “Get out there. Gardens are a great stress reliever.”

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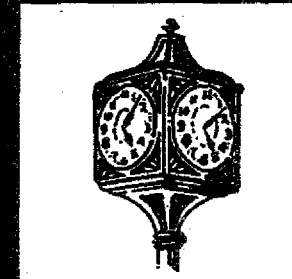




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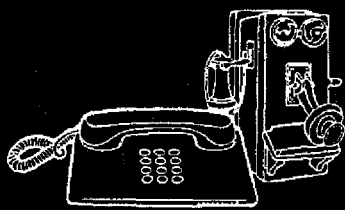
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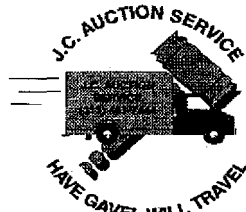
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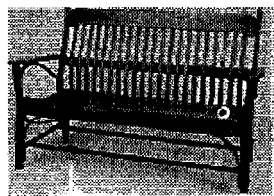
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ALLEN O. WE MISS YOU! You are gone so much. Kathleen, Linda, Minnie, Nora, Olive, Phyllism Queenie, Rhonda, Shirley, Taryn, Ursela, Veronica, Wanda, Xenia, Yolanda, Q, Zeida. (you try to find a name for Q)

EMMA ROSE loves Hostess Twinkies and Grandpa Jack, but of course, not in that order.

DIANNE QUINN has a Garden Angel, or is it a Garden Maid?

Some day we will have a yard.

Curiosities

PENNIMAN DELI - Do you tell your customers they can only eat outside if they have nice table manners?

THE HUMMERS struck a sweet note last week at their first meeting of the season by celebrating the birthday of Terry Lorens and Dorothy Sencock, with a dinner at Station 885. Nice for all of them to be "on the right track." (Forgive me. I couldn't resist)

SHARON C.S. You know don't you, I've always loved you, and I miss you? Geneva

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KENN CHRISTOPHER gets older soon. (If the cats don't kill him on the stairs first.)

TODD GETS OLDER! and he still has no hair.

LINDA K. picks apples and promos Huron and New Boston.

"BY THE TIME I wake up Saturday, it's Sunday." --Betty Boone, 1997

Garden Club Members - Thanks for welcoming me with open arms! Lisa

Curiosities

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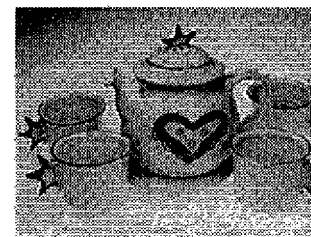
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Pedal patrol

Plymouth's new bike-riding police find two wheels better than four in some jobs

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The City of Plymouth now has a team of bicyclists out to protect residents and businesses.

The Plymouth Police Department began its bike patrol program last week with four officers comprising the team.

"We wanted to take officers out of the patrol car and amongst people," said Sgt. Steven Hundersmarck, one of the bike officers.

"The mobility of bikes lends itself perfectly to Plymouth because of the festivals and events," Chief Bob Scoggins said.

'There are places I can take my bike where I can't take my car.'

— *Ofc. Hundersmarck*

The bike patrol will work shifts both day and night covering 2.5 miles of the city. This area includes the central business district, the Old Village business district, the neighborhoods and parks.

Bike patrol officers are fully sworn Plymouth Police officers with full police powers.

In addition to Hundersmarck, Officers Joe Kahanec, Ronald Kaminski and Jennifer Bandli complete the team.

To make sure the bike patrol could start off without a problem, the City Commission adopted an emergency ordinance amendment last week allowing officers to ride bikes on city sidewalks.

The commission needed to adopt the measure so it would not be a misdemeanor infraction for officers to ride bikes on city sidewalks, Mayor Ron Loiselle said.

"We knew the bikes were ready to go and we wanted to make sure they weren't in violation," Loiselle said.

The city began investigating the possibility of a bike patrol two years ago to address ongoing problems with skateboarding and disorderly people, Scoggins said.

"This was the alternative we came up with," he said. "The vehicles are mobile, but we had young people running from us on skateboards and our cars are not flexible enough to control that situation."

The police team will also take part in crowd control and conducting business checks.

"There's places I can take my bike where I can't take my car," Hundersmarck said. "It's nice to have."

Hundersmarck said the bike patrol is good for morale and physical conditioning. Each officer needs to complete a one-week mountain bike training course offered by the Ann Arbor Police.

In the 32-hour class, officers learn how

to descend stairs on a bike, to jump or roll off a bike, to jump off and shoot and short turn drills.

The officers wear navy uniforms with the lettering "POLICE" displayed prominently in silver writing. They also have rainproof clothing and shorts and polos to

accommodate varying weather, Hundersmarck said.

The patrols will not operate, however, during inclement weather.

Each bike is outfitted with special front and rear lights and has the "POLICE" marking for visibility, Hundersmarck said.



Officers Hundersmarck, Kahanec Kaminski and Bandli chat with Chief Scoggins as they try out their new patrol bikes (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

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Sports

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The 1997 Western Lakes All-Conference and All-Division girls soccer teams and final standings were recently announced.

Livonia Stevenson was conference champion. Canton won the Western Division with a 5-0 record and Salem was behind Stevenson in the Lakes Division with a 4-1 record.

Making the conference team from Salem were senior defender Jodi Coyle and junior mid-fielder Mia Sarkesian. Making the team from Canton was senior defender Jill Rahmert, senior mid-fielder Emily Meier and senior forward Jenny Parvianinen.

Making the Western Lakes all-division team from Salem were senior defender Lisa Bacyinski, freshman defender Suzi Towne and junior mid-fielder Missy Simons. Making the team from Canton were junior defender Elisa Esper, junior forward Melissa Marzolf and junior goalkeeper Kristen Lukasik.

Making the honorable mention team from Salem was Jessica Bucks. From Canton were Lisa Reissenweber, Emily Stachura, Cheron Rice and Beth Knight.

The Salem junior varsity girls soccer team ended their season on May 14 with a 3-2 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The team was led by second year coach Amy Trunk and consisted of Laura Hucal, Michon Andrews, Angie Boyde, Katie Catterall, Lisa Esser, Jenny Fisher, Jenny Fitchett, Jennifer Foess, Jessica Gawronski, Liz Gizicki, Brandi Groves, Kristen Katcherian, Julie Masters, Katie Middlestead, Amber Payne, Kristen Repasky, Megan Salata, Cynthia Stabnick, Kate Szubeczak and Miranda White.

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp for boys 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 16-20.

The camp will be at Canton's varsity baseball field and will include five days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game. The cost is \$85 before June 6 with late registration being \$90. Lunch and t-shirts will be included and baseball hats can be purchased for \$10.

It is recommended to sign up early because the camp is limited to 150 players. Registration forms are now available at Canton Sports and The Trading Post in Plymouth.

For more information on the camp call Ken or Diane Oplainski at 981-7313, Ron or Sharon Mortiere at 981-5113, or Mike or Diane Kwiatkowski at 981-2024.

Rock girls runs away with WLAA track title; Canton takes third

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Salem girls track team coach Mark Gregor hopes his team has just a few steps left on the season-long ascent to the peak of Mt. Momentum.

That's because the Rocks have to be prepared for the state finals this weekend after winning two titles in less than one week. The latest came one week ago today at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet, just five days after the Rocks won their regional competition.

"It's just one of those seasons where we have the right combination of athletes," said Gregor. "We get them pointed in the right direction, and once the meet gets going, they know what to do."

In typical fashion, the Rocks jumped out to a lead with 39 points in the field events; they added 99 points in the track events on the way to their first-place finish. Livonia Stevenson was second with 119 points. Canton was third, and Westland John Glenn placed fourth. "It was a tough meet this year," said Gregor.

In the field events Kristin Kosik was fourth in the high jump, clearing the bar at five-feet-one-inch. Angie Sillmon was seventh at 4'-11". Sillmon was seventh in the long jump with a leap of 16'-6". Wendi Leanhardt (15-9") had a career best jump in the event.

Jessica Ash recorded Salem's only first-place with a toss of 36'-81/2" in the shot put. "She's been working really hard at that for four years," said Gregor. "And each year she gets stronger and more competitive."

Tiffany Grubaugh (33'-6") was fourth and Angie Smith (32'-11") was eighth in the shot put. Grubaugh was third in the discuss with a throw of 111'-8". Sarah Vida (97'-61/2") and Smith (96'-6") were sixth and seventh, respectively.

In track relay events, the Rocks' 4 x 800 team of Kristie Giddings, Evelyn Rahhal, Nicole Bolton and Ellen Stemmer was second at 1:50.1. Lisa Maul, Ruth Viforneau, Kristie Giddings and Katie Bonner comprised the 4 x 400 relay team which took second at 4:13.8.

Jones was fifth in the 100 meter dash finishing in 13.0. Maul was second in the 100 meter hurdles at 15.8. Three Rocks placed in the top six in the 1,600 — Bolton (5:26.5) was third, Rahhal (5:29.7) was fourth, and Stemmer (5:36.1) was sixth.

In the 400, Bonner (60.6) was second and Viforneau (63.1) was seventh. Maul (47.8) was third in the 300 hurdles. Giddings (2:24.5) was second in the 800, and Rahhal was fifth. Bonner (26.9) took seventh in the 200. Bolton (11:39.8) was second in the 3,200 and Stemmer (11:56.5) was fourth.

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The Canton girls track team contributed to Plymouth-Canton's dominance at the WLAA meet, placing third.

Brandi Bernard was fifth in the discuss with a throw of 99-feet-one-inch. She was fourth in the shot put with a throw of 34'-21/2".

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Salem softball prepares for districts

The Salem softball team finished its season with little gain and little to lose.

Their complacency showed, and the Rocks went 1-2 in games early last week.

But Rocks coach Bonnie Southerland is optimistic her team will be able to find that magic on-switch which turns on the post-season preponderance. The Rocks drew a first-round bye for the first time in recent memory and will face Livonia Stevenson, who beat Salem May 20, Saturday at 10 a.m.

"I actually feel pretty good," she said. "I couldn't pick a better (district game) draw. For us to pick (Livonia) Stevenson, that's a good matchup. We beat them this year, we just didn't hit (May 20)."

That was the day the Spartans shutout Salem, 5-0. It started a season-ending, two-game losing streak; the Rocks lost last Wednesday, 15-4, to Livonia Churchill. The week began with much more promise, though. Salem out-slugged Westland John Glenn, 12-10. The bats were hot in the early going — 16 of the game's 22 runs were scored in the first three innings.

Salem pitcher Shannon Coultas was pulled by Southerland after two and one-third innings. Coultas allowed four hits and two walks in the Rockets' six-run third inning. Rachel Krumwiede finished the game in relief.

Salem scored three runs in the fifth to go up 12-8, and held on for the victory. Becky Esper was two-for-four, and Coultas had two hits and two RBI. Carah Best had three RBI, and Karen Prosyk was also two-for-four.

The Rocks' offensive guns were quieted the next night, however. Salem had

three hits — by Esper, Maureen Buchanan and Heather Sontagg — and only five baserunners in Stevenson's shutout win. "They hit the ball," Southerland said of her team. "They didn't strike out. They just hit it right at somebody."

Buchanan (4-1) pitched a complete game for Salem, allowing six hits, seven walks and striking out one. "I just think they were exhausted," Southerland said. "It's been a long couple of weeks."

And there was one more game to go. Last Wednesday's game was a crossover of the Lakes Division fourth-place team, Salem, and the Western Division's fourth-place team, Churchill. But the game unfolded as a lopsided match up between first and last place clubs.

Cannon shot

P-C Cannons win baseball tourney

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League's Sandy Koufax team, the Plymouth-Canton Cannons, began their season on the right foot recently by winning the Jackson County Invitational in Parma.

With their first games postponed because of rain, the Cannons played all four games in one day. After losing the first game, the Cannons came back strong to win the next three.

In the championship game against Jackson County, the Cannons were down, 9-2, going into the bottom of the third. They rallied in their half of the inning with six runs, taking the lead, 9-8. Relief pitcher

Coultas left in the second inning after walking six batters. "She just wasn't having a good day," Southerland said. "It's the story of the season; our pitching's been inconsistent."

Buchanan replaced Coultas, and the Chargers led, 7-1, after two and one-half innings. In the bottom of the second, Best singled and scored on Volpe's double. The Rocks continued to chip away at Churchill's lead with another run in the fourth, scored by Coultas. But the Rocks' pitching continued to falter. Buchanan left in the fifth inning after walking seven and giving up three hits. She was replaced by Becky Hattle, who walked three.

The Rocks walked 16 batters in the 15-4 loss.

Kyle Hennessy then came in and shut down the hometown favorites by striking out three and allowing only one base hit in three innings. Key hits by Brian Richards, Geoff Miller, Marshall Tucker and Hennessy put the Cannons ahead in the sixth inning. Richards, the Cannons' catcher, ended the game with an awesome diving catch to seal the victory, 11-10.

Other Cannon players include Brad Borsos, Brian Germain, Jim Horton, Andrew Pieknik, Derek Vermeulen, Seth White, Chris Trott and Travis Yonkman.

The Cannons are coached by Jim Horton, Bill Boyd and Vic Hennessy.

Canton takes out Salem in overtime

In classic soccer battle, Stachura OT goal ends Salem's season

That's the way rivalries go. The records are usually meaningless, but the goals aren't.

And that's what happened last Wednesday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in a district showdown

between the Canton and Salem soccer teams. The Chiefs won on a goal by Emily Stachura — a defenseman marking up field — in overtime for a 2-1 victory.

Stachura's shot came off a loose ball rebound from Salem goalkeeper Jenny

Fitchett, capping Canton's two-goal comeback. "It was end to end," said Canton coach Don Smith said of the game. "Both teams were flying high, as they always are."

Canton (13-1-2) advances to the district final versus Ann Arbor Pioneer. Salem's season is over at 8-6-3.

Salem took a 1-0 lead 8:30 into the first half on a goal by Lisa Bacyinski. She capitalized from the side of the Canton net after a corner kick by Missy Simons.

Salem continued to control play throughout the first half with eight shots on net, a problem that has plagued Canton throughout its magnificent season. "That seems to be the case," said Smith. "We start worrying about other teams scoring,

"The (second) was a big goal for us. We were almost done."

— Chief coach Don Smith

and we start playing behind them, until we start to figure out that isn't working."

The Rocks' defense closed in on the Chiefs' attack in the second half until Jennel Cobor scored on a deflection, beating Fitchett with less than eight minutes left in the game. "The one (goal) with eight minutes left was a big goal for us too," said Smith. "We were almost done."

Both teams had chances to score, but the goalkeepers kept the tie deadlocked until Stachura scored.

On deck

CANTON BASEBALL

District competition through Saturday.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

At the state meet Saturday. The Rocks have qualified in one event.

CANTON SOCCER

Semi-finals on June 4.

CANTON SOFTBALL

District competition through Saturday.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

At the state meet Saturday. The Chiefs have qualified in two events, the long jump and the 4 x 400 relay.

SALEM BASEBALL

District competition through Saturday.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

At the state meet Saturday.

SALEM SOFTBALL

District competition through Saturday.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

At the state meet Saturday. The Rocks have qualified in 11 events.



The Canton and Salem soccer teams met last week to decide who would advance in the state playoffs. After tying earlier in the year, Canton won 2-1 this time around. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Salem 2nd, Canton 7th at WLAA golf final

If there's a time to have your best performance, it's at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference final.

And that's exactly what the Canton and Salem golf teams did last Thursday in a meeting of the league's top teams.

The Chiefs placed seventh at 438 and

Girls track

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Nkechi Okwumabua (17'-7") was second in the long jump. Junior Erin Stabb was eighth in the high jump.

In relay competition, the Chiefs 4 x 200 team — Natalie Wood, Tiffany Williams, Becky Uryga and Doris Igwe — was sixth at 151.2. Williams, Igwe and Okwumabua combined with Alina Boyden to take seventh in the 4 x 100 at 53.4. Williams and Uryga were joined by senior Nancy Hoffman and sophomore Crystal Alderman on the 4 x 400 relay team, which took fourth in 4:18.

Alderman (16.7) was fifth and Stabb (16.8) was seventh in the 100 meter hurdles. Okwumabua was third in the 100 meter dash in 12.9. Uryga (1:02.8) was fifth in the 400. Hoffman won the 300 hurdles in 7.5; Amy Sonnanstine (48.3) and Alderman (49.8) were close behind in the fourth and sixth, respectively. Angkana Toy ran the 800 in 2:29 and finished fourth. Williams was fourth in the 200 at 7.3. Becky Wolfram placed fifth in the 200 in 12:00.

the Rocks were second at 393 in the outing won by Livonia Stevenson with 389.

Walled Lake Central was second at 395 and Walled Lake Western was third at 396. Livonia Churchill (409), Farmington (417) and Northville (428) finished ahead of Canton. Livonia Franklin was last at 521.

Salem's Katie Murinas was the No. 1 medalist at 85, with rounds of 45 and 40. Teammate Katie Collins was all-conference, placing second with 87 in rounds of 47 and 40.

The Rocks' third and fourth golfers were Jessica Hedges (108) and Julie Licata

Rock boys track takes 3rd

What a pain in the... ankle? The Salem boys track team finished third with 113 points at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet last week without star runner Scott Kingslien, who was out with a sprained ankle.

With him, and the Rocks stood a good chance of winning the conference title, said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "We're really happy with the way we performed," he said.

Westland John Glenn won the WLAA with 132 points. Farmington Hills Harrison was second with 117 points. The Rocks had an exceptionally strong meet. The 4 x 800 relay team — Charlie Schmidt, Kevin Contey, Nick Allen and Matt Fair — was third at 8:28. "It's not their best, but those guys really stepped it up big for us," said

(113), respectively.

Canton's lineup — Alyson Young, Sandra Pavlo, Lindsay Miller and Julie Dziekian — was outstanding, recording their best overall score ever.

Young was all-division at 97, Pavlo had rounds of 55 and 50 for a score of 105, Miller finished at 117 and Dziekian was two strokes behind at 119. "The kids were excited, happy, typical kids," said coach Dan Riggs.

"Obviously, we would've like to finish better, but you've got to give the other teams credit."

Baker.

The 4 x 200 relay team comprised of Mike Shaul, Chris Mason, Rob Hawley and Contey was third, finishing in 1:34.6. Shaul, Mason, Hawley and Lawrence Nunn ran the 4 x 100 relay in 45.6. Andy Briggs, Mark Sheenan, Contey and Ian Searcy won the mile relay in 3:31.

Top individual track performances included: Ryan Thomas (15.7) fourth in the 100 hurdles, Searcy (4:30) first in the 1,600 run, Briggs (51.6) second and Matt Fair eighth in the 400 meter dash, and Hawley (40.8) first in the 300 meter hurdles.

In the field events, Mike Discher cleared the high jump at 6-foot-11-inches, and Dave Hecter set a personal best (45'-2/12") in the shot put and placed seventh.



Community opinions

Buying a car hazardous for buyer and seller alike

Only once in my adult life did I ever seriously threaten another human being.

I was 23, I was under-employed, and I was trying to buy a car.

Actually buying a car doesn't quite explain the situation. Maybe down-sizing would. When I first decided to move to Oregon, I knew I couldn't fit my belongings into the car I was driving at the time — a Honda Civic. So I traded it in for a Ford Bronco II; quite a step up in both style and elevation.

However, after a few months in the dried up Oregon economy (and believe me, that's the only thing that WAS dried

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Volkswagen. My answer:

Fahrveg-no-way.

up out there) it became obvious that we couldn't afford to keep it. The payments were too high and the paychecks were too low.

So with a heavy heart, I set out to trade in my beautiful, \$12,000 automobile for a gas-saving econobox. Little did I know what a difficult journey that would be.

We hit every car dealership in town. No one seemed to want to help us. They

would offer a cheaper, less reliable car for a higher payment. One dealership offered to double our payment and give us a run-down Volkswagon Jetta in place of the Bronco. My answer: Fahrveg-no-way.

Then we went to one final dealership and settled for an early 90s Subaru Hatchback. My (now) ex-wife, Rachel, hated it. I wasn't too crazy about it either, but was willing to accept it as a necessity of poverty. And we only had to give the dealership \$400 we didn't have, plus our truck, to take it home.

We had it for a week. Even in that short period of time, things began going wrong with it. The speedometer stopped working. The engine turned over sluggishly. It was too slow. I started wondering what we had fallen into, when the dealership saved us.

Well, kinda.

Our loan had been denied, and we had to give the Subaru back. I think driving that hunk of junk back to the dealership was as fast as the thing had ever gone.

At that point, we gave up. We would keep the Bronco and either make our payments, or fend off the repo guys.

Of course, that was before we found out that they didn't want to give us the truck back.

"Pick out something else," they said. "We don't want anything else, we answered." We just wanted our truck and

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



to forget about the whole, grueling, month-long process. But they would have nothing of it. We drove another car, a near brand-new Nissan that we actually liked, just to shut them up.

After the test drive, we were told we had two options. Option #1 was to give them more money and keep the Subaru. Option #2 was to take something even more decrepit.

No, forget it, I said. Just give us back the Bronco, and we'll forget everything.

You can't have the Bronco, the salesman said, his face unphased by our frustration. It's a done deal.

And it occurred to me: We couldn't have the truck back because they had already cashed the check. He went through options one and two again, and I had had enough.

I dimly remember the back of my chair bouncing off the wall as I leapt out of it. I remember Rachel suddenly becoming very quiet and trying to disappear into a corner. I remember fear breaking through the salesman's stony face as I leaned over his table and shouted: What about option #3, where I

break you in half and TAKE my truck back?

Now I know I was wrong. Violence doesn't solve anything. True, as a result of my tantrum, the subsequent things I said and Rachel frantically trying to keep me out of jail, we drove home a nearly brand-new Nissan Sentra for roughly \$2,000 below the lowest blue book value.

But doesn't make this a story worth bragging about. There were better ways to do what I had accomplished, like the way another jilted customer handled it: She took them to court, and put them out of business.

My (now) ex-wife still drives the Nissan. It's been a good car for her, and because of the deal we got, it's almost paid off. And then she can go try to buy another one.

When people say they hate the prospect of buying a car, I can relate. It will be interesting to see if companies like AutoNation USA actually can make it a friendly experience. It will take a lot for me to go back onto a used car lot, though.

For me, one memory is enough.

Lost votes are the issue, injunction seeker says

EDITOR:

I'm sorry that Mrs. Kopinski has felt it necessary to make personal attacks upon me instead of addressing the issues and facts of the bond vote.

Lets for a moment review her letter.

She said that the election committee attempted to increase the voter turnout.

Then, Mrs. Kopinski, why didn't you insist on sending out absentee requests automatically to seniors as does every other government jurisdiction in the area, thereby ensuring an even larger voter turnout?

Answer: She really didn't want a larger turnout, only a larger YES vote turnout!

She said that the committee included two well-known seniors. But Mrs. Kopinski, they were in favor of the bond issue! Why didn't you have on the committee two well known seniors to discuss the downside of the bond issue like, among other things, the 80 million dollar debt that will force the citizens to pay higher taxes over a 25 year period?

Answer: She wanted no dissension, only people who would press for yes votes.

Finally, to understand Mrs. Kopinski's true motives, we only have to look to the 716 votes she does not want counted.

Why, Mrs. Kopinski, would you in your words, work

so hard for a larger voter turnout, only to not count all of the votes?

Answer: Mrs. Kopinski only wants a certain result, not a fair one!

The main issue, Mrs. Kopinski, is every citizen's fundamental right to vote, not just the ones who agree with you!

The facts, Mrs. Kopinski, clearly demonstrate that either you are trying to deceive us or that in your attempt to set something for your children at our expense, you have allowed yourself to be deceived.

Either way, shame on you for depriving citizens of their fundamental right to vote!

JERRY VORVA

Plymouth more than a home for former chief

An open letter from Carl Berry, former Plymouth Township Chief of Police:

As most people know by now, I retired from the Plymouth Township Police Department effective April 18. On April 24, I was given a retirement dinner by my colleagues and friends. To all those whose hard work made it happen and to those who took the time from busy schedules and lives to attend, I extend my deepest thanks.

Denny Campbell, a good and true friend since high school, was emcee for the event and did a fantastic job. The roasters, former 35th District Judge James Garber, former school Superintendent Mike Hoben, Wayne County Prosecutor George Ward, Circuit court Judge Sean Cox, 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe, Plymouth Township Chief Building Official Charles McIlhargy and Publisher of The Community Crier W. Edward Wendover, were fun and entertaining, and needless to say, brought up a number of happenings I was trying to forget. All in good fun and fun it was.

The evening was made even more special by the appearance of the Plymouth Township Police Color Guard and the presentation to me of the American flag. This was their first appearance in full uniform and was a total surprise to me. I believe the

guests were at a loss for words and there were not many dry eyes in the room. My heartfelt thanks go out to these men for so honoring me — a tribute which means more to me than words can say. And to the men and women of the department without whom I would not have been chief, thank you for the many years of service each and every one of you has given me and the community. You are the heart and soul of a department of which I was very proud to be chief.

The others, too numerous to mention, made my heart swell with pride in my community and thankfulness for so many good friends and family members. Proceeds from the dinner were given to the Educational Excellence Foundation and I believe the total was approximately \$2,000.

Although I am moving on to the private sector and opening a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Dealership, Lucy and I will be staying in Plymouth Township and will remain active and part of the community which has given us so much. Be seeing you!

CARL F. BERRY



Community opinions

Pilgrim's progress

Backward innovation links Old Village to Salem

Maybe some folks should sail back to Plymouth, England — a few Pilgrims of late are that backward-thinking.

Take the folks in charge of Old Village, people who complained enough that the Scogginstoppo wrote a noise violation to the new saloon manager because the band was too loud.

And just when the third, major reincarnation of the Old Village Association seemed to be the best blend of residents and businesses thus far. There's progress?

Somebody doesn't like the music played at a new business — why not rip out the restaurant and add a couple quiet antique stores?

How many noise violations have the Scogginstoppo written

'Plymouth's anti-progress folks should be happier as their cohorts inch-by-inch their horses and carriages from Salem to Old Village.'

With malice
toward none

By W. Edward Wendover



against the railroad nearby?

This anti-progress thinking is almost as ludicrous as Salem Township Trustee Bill Baxter arguing that Salem doesn't need a gas station. Baxter forgets that at one time there were six gas stations in Salem Township. Where do Salem folks get gas?

"We don't have a fire department," Baxter uses as a defense against gas stations.

And Salem also doesn't have a snow plow, so the next "progress" will be ripping up the paved roads.

It should make Plymouth's anti-progress folks happier as their cohorts inch-by-inch their horses and carriages from Salem to Old Village.

Bennett defends bill

Senator: 'bill is crucial in protecting our children'

EDITOR,

I am writing in response to a recent editorial concerning a bill I sponsored to ban tobacco advertisements on billboards. I would like to clear up some misconceptions as stated in the letter and explain why such a bill is crucial in protecting our children from the slick sell job offered by the tobacco industry.

I do chair the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs. However, the billboard package is in the Senate Local, Urban and State Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake). Just last week my bill was reported out of that committee with complete support by the governor. It will now be considered by the full Senate.

I hope my Senate colleagues agree, as I do, that tobacco advertisements on billboards must be removed from the side of Michigan roads.

It is illegal to sell cigarettes to children under 18, yet every day millions of children are exposed to ads that are directly targeted to them. Since the Joe Camel campaign began — a recognizable figure on many Michigan billboards — cigarette sales to underage smokers has increased from .5 percent to 32.8 percent.

The Supreme Court has recently recognized that children deserve such protection under the First Amendment. The nation's highest court refused to hear

arguments — and effectively let stand — a lower ruling allowing Baltimore, MD to ban such advertisements on billboards. I applaud their decision and hope Michigan

soon follows their lead.

LOREN BENNETT
Michigan State Senator
8th District

Thanks: WSDP, community

To the Editor,

On behalf of everyone at Community Hospice and Home Care Services, the Hometown Hospice in the Plymouth area, we would like to publicly express our sincere thanks to the entire staff at WSDP 88.1, the student radio station at the Plymouth Educational Centennial Park.

As a result of the support of students, parents and the community at large, WSDP had a very successful auction earlier this month. Again this year, the students selected Community Hospice and Home Care Services, Inc. as the recipient of a

Thanks: Library volunteers

To the editor,

Now that spring is here, we'll soon be enjoying the flowers at the temporary location of the Plymouth District Library. Many people contributed their time and money to this project: Karen Gorman, ASLA, contributed the resources of her landscape architecture firm, Design Resource. Gorman's design was carried out

\$500 donation as their way of giving something back to the community that supports them.

We are very honored to have talented young people at the radio station, as well as the station manager, Bill Keith, who recognize and validate the work we do caring for the incurably ill and their families. Our hats are off to everyone associated with WSDP 88.1 FM.

Sincerely,
Maureen K. Karby
Director of marketing and development

by the Trailwood Garden Club and by Lois Hansen. We are also grateful to everyone who donated plants to the library for this project. To everyone who contributed their time and effort and their money to improve the appearance of the library, thank you.

Sheryl Tripp Khoury
Trustee, Plymouth District Library

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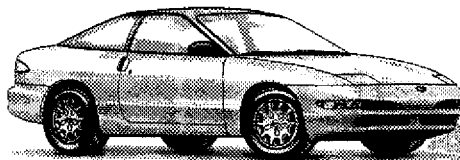
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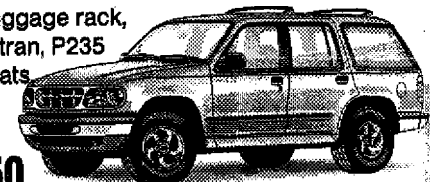
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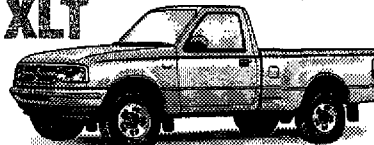
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