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Shooting for next year

National Archery Association to return in '98 as Canton judges affect of this year's tourney

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A week after the National Archery Association's (NAA) National Archery Championships were held in Heritage Park,

officials are evaluating its success and preparing for next year.

That's right, next year.

The NAA announced at its annual meet-

ing, held this year in Canton, that the event would be returning, for at least one year.

"We thought it went great," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "The weather was perfect. We're real pleased with the whole event. It went pretty smooth."

Yack said there was so much local support for the tournament that a Canton archery club is already being discussed.

"The day camps were over-subscribed, and even the volunteers had a fun time of it," Yack said. "They made little competitions over who could get their scores up fastest."

With the possibility of returning to

Canton for years to come, officials want to know what they're getting into.

"We're working with the Chamber of Commerce to see what kind of impact the archers had on local business," Yack said. "We want to know what kind of help they

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Tom Yack

were from a business standpoint, and also what kind of public exposure the events received.

"We're also doing some evaluation to see what it cost us. I'm sure that the hard dollar amount is not very high, but we still

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Man charged in abduction, beating of Plymouth woman

BY MATT HUCAL

Assault with intent to murder and kidnapping charges were brought against Gerald Lee Highley, 34, of Farmington Sunday.

According to police reports, Highley abducted, beat and left a 43-year-old Plymouth Township woman at Arbor Drugs on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Thursday.

Plymouth Township Police Department Det. David Hayes, investigating the case, said Highley and the woman lived in the same apartment complex a year ago, but they were only neighbors.

The woman said she heard someone outside of her apartment, so she opened her door and noticed Highley from her previous apartment complex. She invited him in and it was while they were talking that Highley overcame the woman, bound her and beat her, according to police.

Highley forced her into his car, drove to

the nearby Arbor Drugs, and they both entered the store together.

Hayes said that while they were in the store she was partially bound with an appliance cord around her neck and duct tape around her upper thighs.

While inside the store she was able to get away from Highley and Arbor employees called the police. Highley got away, but was taken into custody a short time later.

The victim was taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia and admitted for her injuries.

Hayes said Highley has a criminal history, including an alcohol-related offense.

Highley was arraigned at out-county court in Westland Sunday. He is currently being held in Wayne County Jail on a \$250,000 or 10 percent cash bond.

A preliminary exam has been set for Aug. 22 at 9 a.m. at 35th District Court.



Matthew Maes, of Plymouth, nocks one back during the six-day National archery tournament, which will return to Canton in 1998 (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

One of two

Plymouth man wins auto shows with rare dream car

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Canton cops lose 1

Injuries prevented use of handcuffs

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A Westland man arrested for drunken driving escaped Canton police custody Thursday, according to police reports.

The reports said Canton Police were initially dispatched to the Rusty Nail Saloon on Ford Road, in Canton because a fight had started.

Officer Mark Schultz, while responding at the scene, saw the suspect driving away and initiated a traffic stop, according to the reports. During the man's field sobriety tests — and subsequent arrest for OUIL, Schultz noticed injuries to the man's face. He requested medical attention after the man was processed at Canton Police Department.

Schultz took the man to Oakwood Healthcare Center on Canton Center and Warren roads where he was treated for a broken left hand and a torn right shoulder, police said.

Because of his injuries, the man could not be handcuffed, according to reports.

When the suspect refused to return to the back of the car after treatment, Schultz radioed for another unit.

Reports said the man then appeared as if he were going to get into the back of the car, but instead ran north into the woods adjoining the facility.

Plymouth Township Police assisted Canton Police in creating a perimeter around the woods as Canton officers searched the area for about an hour, reports said. Canton's K-9 unit was called, but unavailable, due to the dog's sickness.

Police believe the man is staying with his brother in Westland. His name has been withheld pending charges. An additional warrant may be sought.

"There's a separate penal code for people who escape or elude custody," he said. "If they were originally arrested for a misdemeanor, then it's an additional misdemeanor to escape. That's probably what they'll charge him with."

Addenda & errata

Michael Egelton owns and operates McMaster's Business Systems in Canton.

Joyce Costanza awarded Bob Seestadt with a the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year award.

Bob & Betty Pint married after the passing of Bob's wife Lorraine, and Betty's wife John. Jim Preston is a Realtor with Remerica.

Members of Plymouth's VFW wished to thank Phil Pursell, owner of Main St. Autowash, for providing his facility for their fundraiser.

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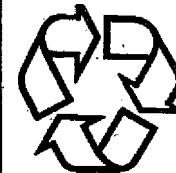
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Plymouth man charged in Troy prostitution ring

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 54-year-old Plymouth man was arrested for allegedly running a prostitution ring, according to Lt. Dane Slater of the Troy Police Department.

According to Slater, Domenico Caracci and 49-year-old James William Breen, of Bloomfield Hills were charged with allegedly running the operation from three locations in Troy, Southfield and Bloomfield Hills.

The investigation started one month ago, according to Slater. The manager of the Village Green Apartments in Troy called Police about a considerable amount of traffic in and out of one apartment over short periods of time.

"We watched it for a while, then got some help from a girl who was involved," Slater said.

The help also lead Police to Leslie Towers Apartments in Southfield and Breen's Bloomfield Hills home, Slater said.

"We're still piecing together some information, but we estimate that they had six girls working for them, each with 5-10 customers a day," Slater said. "The girls would leave behind \$150 a day and keep the rest."

Troy police are working with the Internal Revenue Service to investigate Breen's and Caracci's business, a publishing company named BCI, Inc. in Troy.

"We haven't shut it down, but we have taken some records," Slater said. "So has the IRS. (Illicit funds) isn't the type of income you typically keep track of."

Caracci has been charged with enticing a female to be a prostitute/pandering, and conspiring to commit prostitution/pandering. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Breen has also been charged with accepting and receiving money for prostitution/pandering.

The men were each arraigned and released on a \$50,000 cash bond, according to Slater. Their preliminary examination is set for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 14 before Judge Drury at 52-4 District Court.

Charges on the women involved are pending, depending on the amount of cooperation they offer in the prosecution of Breen and Caracci.

"It's not often you get the guys at the top," he said. "You usually just get the girls."

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**Lt. Dane Slater
Troy Police**

Jaycees seek September bond debate

Vorva agrees, may seek board recall, too

BY BRYON MARTIN

Four months have passed since the Plymouth-Canton School district held its special bond election, and it may be another month before the debate surrounding that vote is over.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees have made tentative plans for a public forum to discuss and debate issues surrounding the election, according to Jaycees President Tim Fedewa.

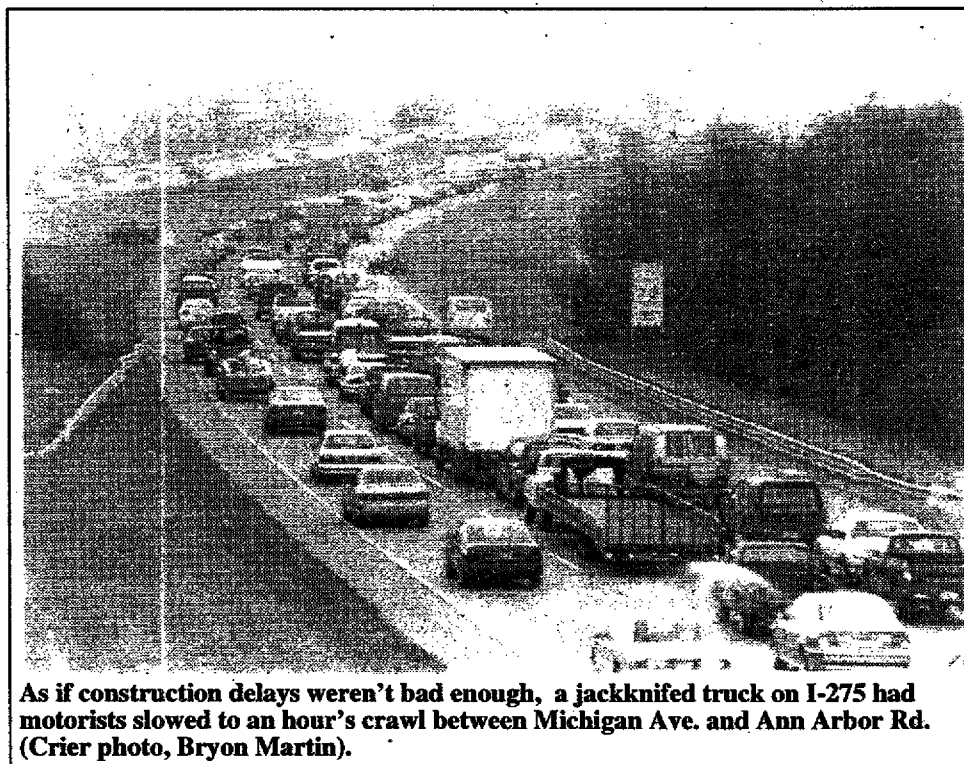
"We want to provide a forum for discussion," Fedewa said. "The debate should be very entertaining and informative."

Two parties have been invited to debate at the event: a representative from the schools, and Jerry Vorva, the Plymouth resident who has filed suit in circuit court against the schools. Vorva's suit contests the validity of the election, in which 716 ballots out of a total of about 11,000 were miscast.

Vorva said he welcomes the opportunity to publicly debate the schools.

"I think it would be great," he said. "The Jaycees are a patriotic group that organizes the Fourth of July fireworks and parade. It seems appropriate they would put on a debate for something as fundamental as our right to vote."

The debate would provide Vorva an opportunity to explain his motivation for



As if construction delays weren't bad enough, a jackknifed truck on I-275 had motorists slowed to an hour's crawl between Michigan Ave. and Ann Arbor Rd. (Crier photo, Bryon Martin).

filing the suit which charges the schools with, among other things, failure to give all citizens an equal chance to vote.

Plymouth attorney and Jaycees member Cameron Miller has been asked to mediate the debate, according to Fedewa.

"He'll be able to judge which questions are not (appropriately addressed by) parties in litigation," he said.

By September 17, however, litigation may have ended: Judge Rashid may give his final ruling on the case Aug. 21.

Win or lose though, Vorva said he wants the debate to go on. "I hope they do it anyway. The schools can say all that they want to in court, but this issue needs to be brought to a public forum."

The schools have not yet decided if they will participate in the debate, according to Terry Wood, communications specialist at P-C schools.

"We're anxious for the 21st. Beyond that no commitments have been made," she said.

If Rashid rules in favor of the schools and finds the election to be valid, Vorva said he will appeal the decision. He also mentioned a possible recall election for the school board members.

"These are the perfect grounds for a recall," he said. "The board has allowed the administration to handle the election in a way that is unconscionable."

Although no definite plans have yet been made, Vorva said he "has some irons in the fire," and would seek a recall for all board members except Roland Thomas, the only current member who was not on the board during the election.

What do Plymouth-Canton residents say about the bond? See Community Opinions, pgs. 22-23.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "Floral Art Show," exhibits works for sale by local watercolorists. Show runs through Aug. 31 at the PCAC Gallery, 774 Sheldon Rd. Call 455-4681 for hours.
- Today at noon in Plymouth's Kellogg Park, Chautauqua Express will perform a free concert for family audiences.
- Tomorrow, from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman Ave., Will Juntunen will host a night for younger poets as part of the Plymouth Poets' Summer Celebration of Poetry. Call 459-7319 for info.

NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday from 4 - 7 p.m., Summit on the Park will register students for its dance classes, cost is \$30.00 per student. Call 397-5110 for details.
- Wednesday and Thursday from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., Plymouth-Canton Adult Education will administer the GED test at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook. Registration, made in advance, is \$25. Call (313) 416-4901

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Police suspect alcohol in fatal crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN
Police said they suspect alcohol may

been involved in an accident that left one dead and three injured early Sunday morn-



ing. The accident occurred at 2:50 a.m. on Michigan Avenue near Lotz Road, according to Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens.

Stevens said a teal 1992 Saturn driven by a 21-year-old Ypsilanti woman was headed eastbound in the westbound lane of Michigan Avenue. The vehicle crashed head-on into a blue 1987 Toyota Corolla driven by 30-year-old Willie Brent of Ypsilanti.

Brent was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Stevens. His passenger, a 30-

year-old Ypsilanti man was transported to Annapolis hospital.

The driver of the Saturn and her passenger, a 24-year-old woman from Clinton Township, were also transported to Annapolis. Their names are being withheld pending charges, Stevens said.

The crash is under investigation by the accident reconstruction team, Stevens said. "That usually takes a while to get results back from tests. They do suspect alcohol was a factor, though."

Oxford misses targets

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Things were relatively calm in Oxford, OH, last week.

The college was mostly empty, save for students working through their summer. Cook Field was especially empty.

The field, at Miami University in Oxford, had been a previous site of the National Archery Association's National Archery Championship.

"It had been here for a number of years,

and it was a very good thing," said Mary Rose, of Oxford's Chamber of Commerce.

The town's population swelled to 19,000 during the school year, but remains at about 8,000 when school is not in session.

"The tournament was always a really big thing," Rose said. There was a huge influx of people; the hotels were always full and the merchant were happy. It was especially good to have it in the summertime. We were glad to have it here."

Jim Nickell, like Canton Township is doing now, takes time to see how he did at the tournament (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

Impact of tourney unknown, but Canton hopeful

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the community."

Yack said that the possibility of hosting the tournament every year was a pleasing one.

"There aren't too many communities our size that host major events," Yack said.

"Sure, it's a minor sport, but we couldn't really host a major one. We don't have any stadiums, indoor or outdoor. But this fits well within our capacity. In fact, if anything, the field was much larger than the NAA expected."

Canton is committed to hosting the

archery tournament next year, Yack said. The next few months will tell if the Township would be interested in having it return for a longer stay.

Yack seemed to think it would.


"Most of the archers compete for themselves. This isn't a star-studded sport where

the athletes become jaded because of the fees they charge just for their presence," he said. "It's just good, wholesome fun. These are the kind of people you want around."




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Rezoned for condos

Canton parcels, long empty, could develop

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Township Planning Commission approved two rezonings last Monday that would put condominiums in long-empty fields.

The fields at Morton-Taylor and Joy had previously been zoned for community commercial development; the Sheldon-Joy site was zoned for office developments.

The Morton Taylor and Joy site is "the last 12 acres of a 195 acre development," said Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

10 acres of the 12-acre site could be rezoned to R-6, single-family attached residential to allow for luxury condominiums with a base price of around \$180,000, according to project representative Bryan Amann.

The other two acres would be modified to C-1. They cannot be zoned residential because of a 20-year-old consent judgement, Goulet said.

"It was a suit that the township was involved with 20 years ago. The Mayfair Homeowners Association filed a suit against the township to keep the site zoned commercial."

Residents now living in the area want this changed, preferring their property to back up to other residences rather than a

shopping district.

Although the Planning Commission approved the request to amend the consent judgement, it can still be turned down, according to Goulet.

"The Planning Commission can recommend the change, but the request has to go to the Wayne County Commission. If they approve it, then it goes to court to be amended."

"The local homeowners would like to see that entire corner zoned residential; but there's nothing we can do about it. We can't alter the court order," Goulet said.

The request would limit the commercial uses to light offices such as a doctor's or insurance office, like the office park on Haggerty and Ann Arbor roads, Goulet said.

The Sheldon-Joy site, previously zoned for offices, was rezoned for a condominium project with no more than 28 dwelling units, Goulet said.

The fields represent the last piece of undeveloped land along Joy Road between Lilley and Sheldon roads.

"I'm very pleased that they are going residential," said planning commissioner Melissa McLaughlin. "It's something residents have fought long and hard for."

CEP schedule pick-up

Canton and Salem High School students in grades 9-12 can pick-up their class schedules for the 1997-'98 school year next week at Salem High School.

Each class has its own day for schedule pick-up: Tuesday, seniors; Wednesday, juniors; Thursday, sophomores; Friday, freshmen.

Parking permits will also be available to seniors and juniors on a first-come, first-served basis; those wishing to drive should show-up on their assigned day rather than on the make-up day.

Students new to P-CEP must pay a \$25 book deposit fee; seniors' book fee is \$15. Returning students must return books and materials and pay all fines before schedules will be issued.

All students must bring their completed, signed three-part emergency form. Those

with incomplete or unsigned forms will not be issued a schedule.

Student ID pictures will also be taken.

Students can also see counselors between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on their pick-up day to make minor schedule changes in cases of:

- Misplacement in a class;
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- An obvious scheduling error.

The P-CEP Student Handbook will be distributed during the pickup, as well.

For more information, call Canton High at 416-7544; Salem High, 416-7786.

Parents are invited to tour their son or daughter's schedule Thursday, Sept. 4 at the P-CEP Open House, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

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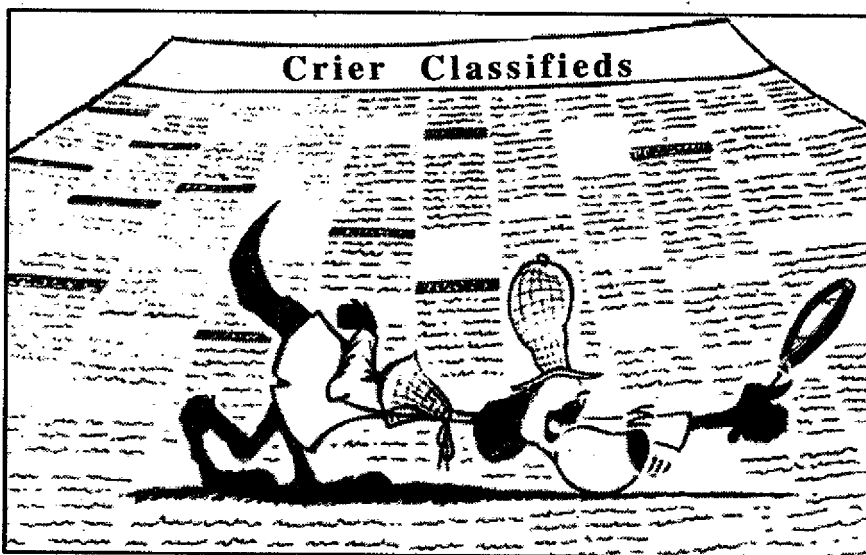
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Pvt. Barton J. Nafe, son of Paul and Cathy Clough of Plymouth and the late Don O. Nafe, Jr, recently completed 13 weeks of basic training at the United States Marine Corps training camp in Parris Island, SC.

The objectives of this training included teaching the fundamentals of service life and development of discipline, proficiency in general military subjects, marksmanship skills, combat survival and physical fitness.

Michael J. Mahon received practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA.

Successful completion of the camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army, Guard or Reserve.

Mahon is the son of Michael T. and Kathleen R. Mahon of Canton.

Marine Pfc. Summer E. Moubarak, daughter of Ghaleb and Peggy A. Moubarak of Canton, recently completed the administrative Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Moubarak, a 1195 graduate of Canton High School, joined the marine Corps in December, 1996.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Douglas J. Groeters, whose wife, Judy, is the daughter of Robert W. and Virginia G. Dehaan of Plymouth, recently reported for duty at Naval Oceanography Command Facility in Jacksonville, FL.

Air Force Airman Brian D. Vogan has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

Vogan, a 1996 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of April M. and stepson of William Czerniawski of Canton.

Marine Capt. Kerry J. Block, whose wife, Janet, is the daughter of Harold B. and Dorothy Palmer of Plymouth, MI, conducted a community relations project at the Redemptionist school for the handicapped in Pattaya, Thailand.

Block's fellow Marines removed several tons of concrete rubble, and painted the inside of the school auditorium. They also painted a nearby drug treatment facility and repaired the structure's lighting and utilities.

Carcours D'elegance

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Last week's 1997 Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, drew car exotic car exhibitors and fans alike.

One exhibitor and fan, Mark Sassak of Plymouth, left with a good deal more than he bargained for.

Sassak's car, a red 1968 Bizzarrini 5300 Spyder Si, took the People's Choice and Sports Car 1956 Later category out of more than 250 cars.

"It's really a big honor," Sassak said. "It's the premiere show in the country. All the big auto designers and CEOs are there, and they do the judging. That's what separates it from the Pebble Beach show, which is judged by car enthusiasts."

The event was designated The Year of the Ferrari and featured more than 70 Ferraris from well-known owners such as David Letterman's 1951 212 Inter Coupe.

But Sassak's Bizzarrini still cleaned up in the contest. And with good reason.

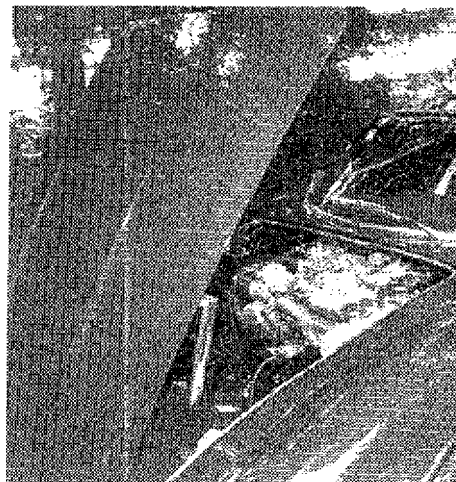
"There were only two of them ever built," Sassak said. "This car was the last car Bizzarrini ever produced."

The car was designed by Giotto Bizzarrini, who started his career with Ferrari designing the Berlinetta and the legendary 1961 Ferrari 250 G.T.O. He then started his own company, producing various sleek sports cars until he went out of business in 1968.

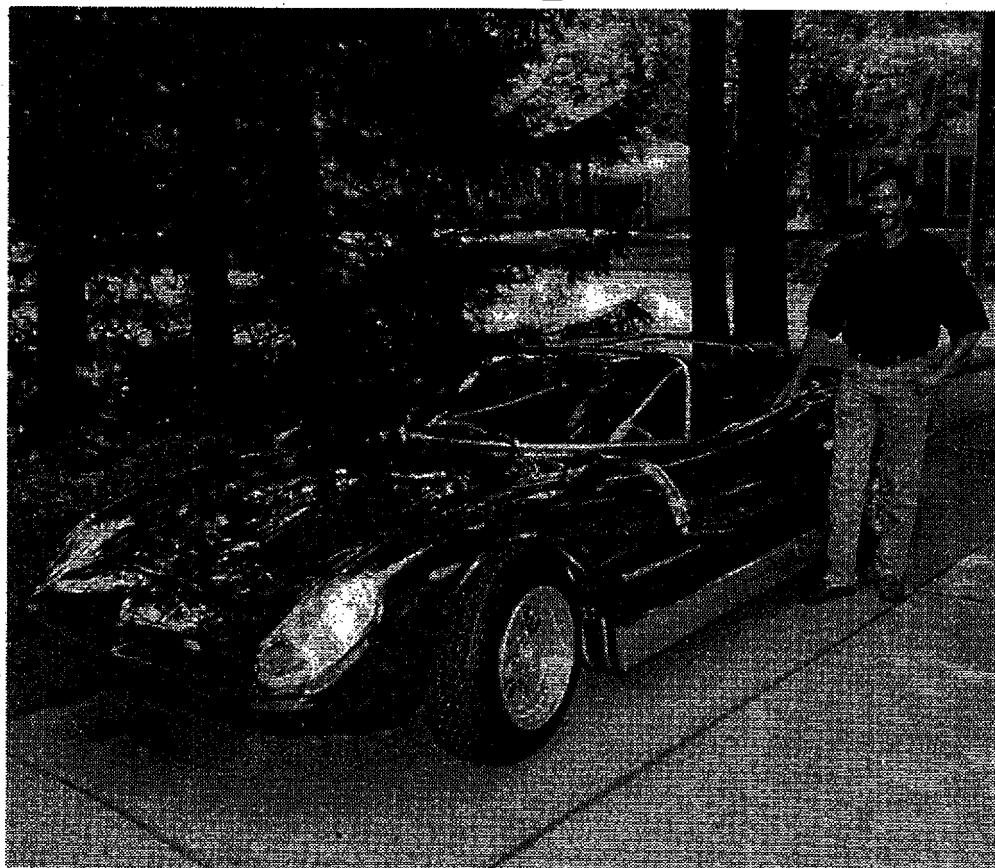
"He was really far ahead of his time in design," Sassak said. "The Bizzarrini had four-wheel disc brakes way back in 1968, not to mention other options automakers are still trying to figure out."

Some of the unusual features of the Spider SI are a three-way, complete convertible top and an engine that draws equally from two gas tanks located on either side of the car, instead of draining one then the other, Sassak said.

"Automakers are still looking at the



The Bizzarrini's Chevy made .327 engine featured many advancedments, like magnesium and aluminum components (Crier photo, Scott Spielman).



Mark Sassak and his award-winning 1968 Bizzarrini Spider SI. The car, one of only two ever made, it was built for his father by Italian car designer Giotto Bizzarrini (Crier photo, Scott Spielman.)

gas tank design, and the convertible top was something special," he said. "You can take off the two outside panels for a T Top effect, pop out the middle bar for a full targa, or take off the back for a full convertible. It's really neat. It's a true sports car with all the touring features."

Add in the car's overall racey, low-to-the ground design, with flush door handles and aerodynamic headlights, and it's easy to see why the car was an instant classic.

The car was built for Sassak's father, a real estate developer in Detroit who helped finance Bizzarrini's business, he said.

"I remember when dad first brought it home," Sassak said. "I was only 13 years old. He drove up and that's when I really fell in love with sportscars. I said to myself, 'Someday, I would have that car.'"

Sassak's brother Mark bought the car from his father shortly afterward, and drove it until 1972, he said.

"Then I learned he was going to sell it, and said that I wanted to buy it."

Sassak bought the car and drove it for 10 years, including some time spent in the Nevada Desert, putting the racey sports car through its paces.

It was during this time that Sassak's love affair with his car took shape, he said.

"As soon as I thought about restoring

it, my love affair became an obsession," he said. "I spent four years restoring it, spending my nights on a couch in a body shop in California while my wife worked."

"Sometimes I would go to bed and disassemble and reassemble something over and over in my mind so the next day I would know exactly how to do it."

Restoring the car took four years, almost \$100,000 and sometimes entailed making parts for the rare automobile. When all the pieces were in place, Sassak had the car painted with 40 coats of laquer to give the car's paint a deep red shine.

Sassak's hard work and obsession have paid off. The Bizzarrini is a local favorite, and usually a shoe-in to win an award at any car show he attends.

"It's really a great feeling. It's given me a chance to meet some really important people. I've met CEOs like Ron Lutz of Chrysler and top auto designers," he said. "It's one chance in a million I would meet these guys otherwise."

Sassak said he plans to continue showing his car at every event he's invited to. He doesn't show it every year, to give other cars a chance, he said.

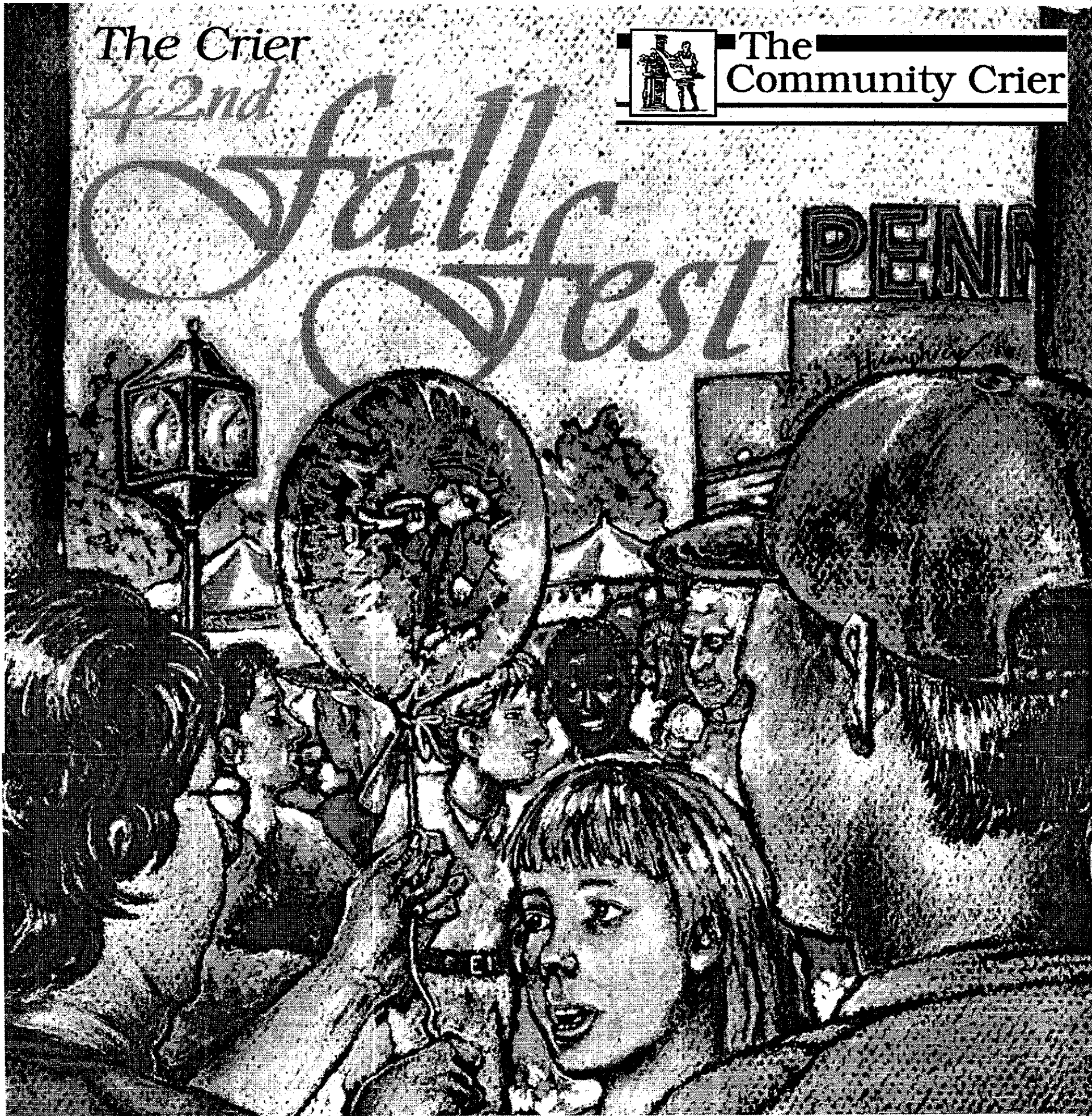
But his ultimate goal for the car involves showing it to only one person.

"I'd like to have Giotto Bizzarrini come over and see it," he said. "I think he'd appreciate the way I've restored it."

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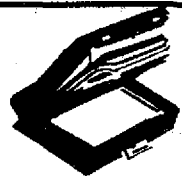
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A regular meeting for Business Network International's Plymouth chapter is Aug. 21 from 7-8:30 a.m. at Water Club Seafood Grill at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

Call the BNI regional office at (313) 844-3432 for more information.

Cary Varblow of Plymouth and Douglas Teubert of Northville, Lutheran Brotherhood district representatives, have qualified for membership into the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT).

The Round Table is an independent, international association of nearly 19,000 life insurance agents. MDRT's members represent about 50 nations and territories, nearly 500 life insurance companies. Only 6 percent of the world's life insurance agents qualify for the MDRT each year.

Marshall Marketing & Graphic Design of Plymouth announced that its firm was chosen as the marketing and advertising agency for Cuda Corporation of Calumet, MI.

Strategic plans are underway for a comprehensive marketing communications program, including public relations.

Marshall Marketing is a full-service ad agency headquartered in Plymouth handling nine national and international accounts.

Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Inc. of Plymouth was one of 15 Metro Detroit auto dealers awarding certification cards to 160 dealership employees and their family members.

They successfully completed the Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Education Program.

Native West of Plymouth has added a new food bar, "Cafe Coyote."

They will provide salsa, including award-winning Fire Roasted Salsa, and Southwestern coffee.

Detroit Edison line clearance crews will make their rounds through Plymouth Township next month to make sure tree branches are kept a safe distance from electrical wires.

The company maintains a 10-foot clearance between tree branches and power lines to reduce the potential for power outages.

Edison's tree-trimming crews follow National Arborist Association standards, which are designed to maintain the health of trees.

A taste of Plymouth

Former Plymouth resident publishes cookbook with a little help from family and friends; may be available for Fall Festival

BY MATT HUCAL

Lennie Bowser has learned a lot about Plymouth.

Her soon-to-be published "Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" deals mostly with recipes of a variety of dishes, but she has combined them with the history and pictures of Plymouth.

The cookbook begins with Plymouth stories and a few paragraphs on certain groups and places throughout the community. It then moves into the section with recipes.

Mixing Plymouth history and recipes into a book is an idea that Bowser formed with

research, the librarians suggested she get her project published. That's when the work to round up recipes began, and she found a publisher who liked the concept — Proctor Publications.

"I had many recipes but I only had the ingredients," Bowser said. "Every recipe in the book I cooked in my kitchen and tried out with people to make sure they would be suitable."

Bowser said the more than 160 recipes in the book come from restaurants, submissions from the public, her family and from recipes she developed herself. There are even recipes in the cookbook that date back to 1837, she said.

The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook has recipes for entrees, beverages, cookies, cakes, pies, dips, appetizers and the art of making gravy.

Some local restaurants that submitted recipes for the cookbook include Cafe Bon Homme, Ernesto's, Cozy Cafe, Plymouth Landing, Station 885 and Lowertown Grill, she said.

Bowser added that businesses such as Gabriela's, Wild Wings, Little Professor on the Park and Cozy Cafe have expressed interest in selling the cookbook.

Bowser lived in Plymouth for four years and currently lives in a Canton senior community, but said, "Plymouth is my love."

Residing in the Plymouth,

Livonia and Westland area for 53 years, she was even in Miss Minerva, a contest in the 1952 Fourth of July Parade in Plymouth.

"When I first moved out here it was all farms except for Plymouth," Bowser said. "It was like a little oasis out here."

Her time in Plymouth and her research into the history of the city has made her very aware of the history of Old Village and the businesses working to succeed there.

"I have a lot of heart for people in Old Village. I hope

all those little businesses do well," Bowser said. "I've learned a lot about Plymouth recently, and it's always been a town where people take pride in the community."

Writing is something Bowser said she found again once she retired, having written quite a bit in her early years. She said a mystery-fiction novel or children's cookbook is her next endeavor.

The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook is \$19.95 and should be in stores for the Fall Festival weekend of Sept. 5-7.

'When I first moved here it was all farms except for Plymouth. It was like a little oasis out here.'
Lennie Bowser

help from her family, she said.

According to Bowser, on a visit to her son's family in Huntsville, AL in May of 1996, she was asked for recipes by her nine-year-old grandson. She decided to put a story together about Plymouth to give him.

While at the library doing



Lennie Bowser stands behind the cover of "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook," available Fall Festival weekend, Sept. 5-7 at local businesses for \$19.95. (Crier photo, Matt Hucal)

Plymouth Heritage Cookbook recipes

Here's a sample from "The Plymouth Heritage Cookbook" by Lennie Bowser:

Creamy Potato Soup by Lori Nader, daughter of Bowser — Five or six medium redskin potatoes (cubed with skin on); one small onion, chopped; four tablespoons (tbs.) butter; three tablespoons flour; two cups milk; salt and pepper to taste; one tbs. chicken boullion.

Use a three-quart sauce pan, plus two other containers — a colander for the drained potatoes and a pan for the potato water. Place prepared potatoes in three quart pan and cover with water. Add one tbs. salt. Cook on medium/high until tender with fork. Approximately 15-20 minutes. When cooked, drain and save potato water in second pan. Leave potatoes in colander. Set aside.

In same three quart pan, melt butter and sautee onions lightly. Add flour, stirring quickly to blend. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly to desired consistency. Add potatoes, chicken boullion,

and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer on low heat another 15 minutes until nicely warmed.

Serving options: Add canned corn, cooked broccoli, or chopped celery. For clam chowder add one can clams (pureed in blender). Baked potato soup: top with finely grated cheese (of choice), a dolop of sour cream, sprinkle with chives, green onion (chopped) and bacon. No need to bake. Serve in heavy crock bowl.

Baked Stuffed Shrimp by Walt Zorn, frequent Plymouth visitor — Serves four people. Sixteen jumbo shrimp (shelled, butterflied and deveined). Place in greased pan or baking dish.

Dressing: One stick melted butter or margarine; one teaspoon garlic powder; one cup crushed Ritz crackers; optional (add one tbs. wine). Melt the butter, add the garlic powder, then the cracker crumbs and the wine. Pile on top of the shrimp. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. May be prepared ahead and kept refrigerated until time to bake.

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Events

CLASSIC MUSICAL

Marquis Theatre children star in "Little Red Riding Hood" in Marquis Theatre, Northville. \$5.50. Show dates: Tues.-Fri. 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13-15, 19-22 / Sat. 2:30 p.m. Aug. 16, 23, Sept. 6, 13, 20 / Sun. 2:30 p.m. Sept. 7, 14, 21. Call 248-349-8110 for info.

POETRY CELEBRATION

Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, Plymouth, hosts poetry readings 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday nights in the summer. Events ran by Plymouth's poet in residence Rod Reinhart. Featured reader tomorrow is Will Juntunen, hosting a night for younger poets. Open microphone before and after featured readers.

SUMMER CONCERT

At Heritage Park in Canton, Magic tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. Free. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Call 397-5110 for more information.

CEDAR POINT TRIP

Canton Parks and Recreation Department sponsors the family trip for Canton residents Saturday. Bus leaves Summit, 7:30 a.m. \$28 a person. Register by Friday, call 397-5110.

SINGLES DANCE

At St. John Neumann Church in Canton Saturday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. \$8 for those over 21 years of age. Raffle prizes all night. Call (313) 480-7830 for more information.

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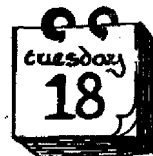
Alexander McLaren Memorial Foundation hosts its second annual golf tournament Sunday, 7:30 a.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. \$60 a person. Call 383-8800.

OLD TIMERS PICNIC

Annual picnic to be held at Plymouth Township Park, Aug. 28 at noon. Make reservations by Aug. 25. Call Howdy Schryer, 453-0114 or Russ Ash, 453-2649.

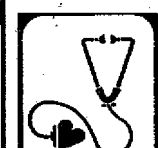
CHRISTIAN FILM

Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will show "Repeat Performance" Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 43065 Joy Rd. Call 455-0022 for more information.



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STRESS MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital offers "Stressed for Success," a three-week stress management program held, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 18, 25 in Pavilion Conference Room A. \$25. Call Community Outreach Dept., (313) 655-2922.

CHILD I.D./TEDDY BEAR CLINIC
Clinic is Saturday, noon-4 p.m. at Wonderland. St. Mary staff will obtain height and weight on each child. Livonia police will fingerprint each child.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING
Every third Monday of month, 7 p.m., Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. Call Marc, 455-1635.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB
For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, other respiratory disease. Meets second Wednesday each month, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth. Call 712-5367.

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Wedding Planner

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Order Tuxes		Dress fitting		Order Tuxes	Meet With Caterers	
	Buy Gifts for Wedding Party		Order Cake			Make Centerpieces
Shower		Buy Shoes	Get Rings Sized		Bachelor Party	Bachelorette Party
	Hair Appointment		Buy Lingerie		Rehearsal Dinner	Wedding Day!

Wedding wear

Traditional or trendy, choosing the right wedding dress is the (second) biggest commitment a bride-to-be can make

I used to stand on my tip-toes, one hand gripping the bodice of my mother's deliciously pink prom dress that now graced our toy chest, and the other holding the skirt out to proudly display the hang of the fabric and the crinkle of the hidden netting and satin underlayers. It was wonderful to be queen of the ball, to entertain the pot-pourri of pretend suitors. If it was a special day then the buddies—my stuffed animals—would don their best attire and line the aisles of our sanctuary, anticipating their mother's wedding.

Many women share the fantasy, and have role-played many a wedding in their younger days. I'm not sure why, either. I know many women who don't care for the fairy tale gaudiness, yet it is hard to shake those cobweb expectations. It is hard to sweep away the idea that on your wedding day everyone exists to serve you, and be in awe of your radiance, both in beauty, and love—for you have found Prince Charming. Is it marketing? Barbie dolls, and popular culture? Examples shown in television and film? Well, that would be too easy, wouldn't it. I have a feeling that it is scripted—however loosely—in our genetic code. A mysterious, primitive thread that defaults to princess mode when our wedding plans

The Abstract

By Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride



are being made.

I did my best to fight these urges. My first idea was to wear the opposite of a wedding dress—an art piece, per se. What about a burlap, almost Medievally crude, hand-stitched garment? Affordable, unique, and me. Well, my husband politely reminded me that there would be family and friends attending that might object. Yes, well, perhaps that was a tad extreme.

Determined not to be lured by the large, department store, mega-bridal-mall fashion shows, I toured the used dress circuit. This made more sense, fashionable, affordable, and large selections. These stores are a terrific idea, and there are several local sources. I did find some possibilities, but none seemed to dance like the magical props they were talked-up to be.

I ordered and borrowed British wedding magazines to look at flowers and gown ideas. It was rumored that their wedding

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Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride in the wedding dress she (finally) designed. (Her husband, Rob Kirkbride, is pictured, too).

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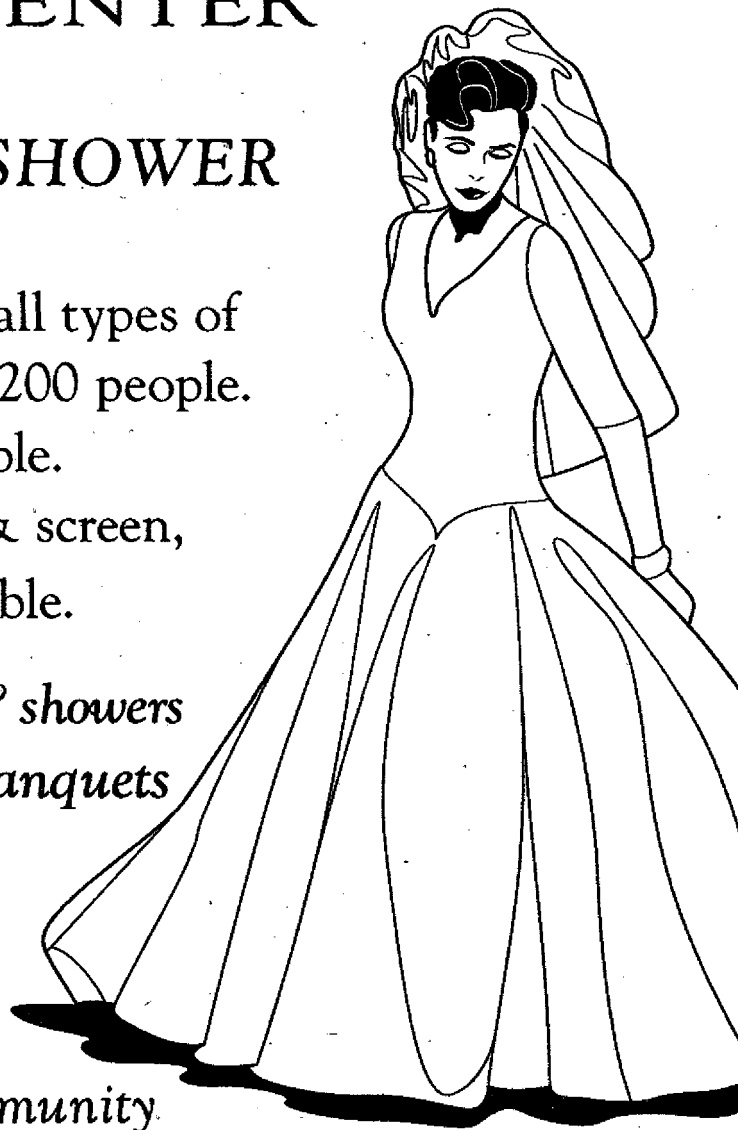
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Here comes the band: make the most of music

BY MATT HUCAL

Here comes the bride.

The familiar chords of The Bridal March are as common at a wedding as the exchange of rings between the bride and groom.

The right mix of music can make or break a wedding. That's why local companies Silver Sounds and La Corda Ensemble, both of Canton, help make that special day one of complete satisfaction.

Silver Sounds supplies disc jockeys for weddings. According to Tom Kenny, an employee at the company, the average wedding lasts five to six hours.

Silver Sounds charges a base price of \$675 for five hours and \$780 for six hours.

Different lighting effects and other accessories available can raise the price, Kenny said.

Kenny said the customer has complete control over what kinds of music the disc jockey plays.

"People come in and pick out whatever they want," He said.

Purchasing the services of a disc jockey for a wedding is rather easy, according to Kenny.

First, customers call the business — along with a few others — comparing what companies offer in terms of availability, price and musical selection.

Kenny said when customers first come to Silver Sounds, they go into a studio. In

the studio the customers are exposed to three or four different disc jockeys to give them an idea on what kind of personality the disc jockeys have. It also helps diversify the selections.

Once the bride- or groom-to-be selects a disc jockey, they give the DJ a list of 15-20 songs they'd like to hear, Kenny said. They also give a list of songs they don't want to hear and pick what song they'd like to hear during the bride-groom dance, bridal party dance, father-daughter and mother-son dances and the bouquet toss.

They can also request popular songs like "Hit the Road Jack" by Ray Charles. The disc jockeys and customers also make sure pronunciations of names are correct.

For people who enjoy classical music, La Corda Ensemble provides just that; with a string quartet, a string trio and strolling musicians.

Owner Kathy Stepulla said her company is booked year-round because of its unique

sound. La Corda Ensemble doesn't amplify their instruments, so they can play at the church ceremony as well as the reception.

"A lot of people like the sound of strings because they're not as loud as DJs or live bands," Stepulla said.

She said the string quartet is composed of two violins, a viola and a cello, while the string trio is one violin, a viola and a cello. A flute trio is also available with a flute, violin and cello.

Stepulla's prices range from \$300-\$500 for ceremony performances and \$700-\$800 to play all day.

The business has been in Canton for 20 years and plays any kind of wedding — Catholic, Jewish, Methodist, Presbyterian, and others.

It may not be first on your to-do list, but having the right mix of music and personality can make your I-do more memorable.

A dressy occasion



Donna Peteroff's dress helped make her 1995 wedding more beautiful.

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designs were at least a little less ostentatious than their American sisters. It was true, the styles were beautifully done, and there were many dress styles, many without the block-long trains. There were short, knee-length styles, and different colors, too. Another interesting aspect were the historical and regional styles, from French Baroque to English countryside—tempting indeed. One look at the prices, and my budget flipped the book shut.

With the months briskly marching by, and our plans being shuffled from one "to do" stack to the next, something had to be done. I considered having my dress made—this idea was extremely appealing, because I could use the ideas that I'd seen in the magazines and on the racks, and design my own dress. It found it extremely difficult to find a tailor that would work with "slippery" fabrics, and many needed a large amount of time.

I wouldn't discourage someone from looking into this, rather be prepared to spend as much, maybe more than a gown off-the-rack, and to do some interviews with tailors, to see their styles and the way they work with their clients. Communication is everything when planning your wedding. You want as many people thinking with you, than for you or

against you.

My solution was under my nose. I visited boutiques that carry dresses not designed to be bridal material. I found many wonderful choices, even some that had lace—a previously frowned upon frill. One word that I found extremely helpful, and should be meditated upon several times daily is: simplify. I did, and that made my choices much easier.

My gown was a custard color, comfortable, yet floor length. It was traditional, reminiscent of a 1920's style, which matched our garnet-based rings. (Prior to the twentieth century, most couples did not use rings with diamonds. Many could not afford them, and found the variety of color in the other gemstones more appealing—as did we).

Things came together for me. I recreated an image that was deeply rooted in my head, that met my expectations: from our budget to my ideals. As I walked—in slow motion, of course—down Kellogg Park's bricked path on the afternoon of our wedding, my hands covered by simple off-white, wrist-length gloves, hair in ringlets, restrained by a hand-made veil (a talented friend), shoulders covered by a bolero jacket that smartly matched the color of my dress...I felt like the queen I was...for that day.



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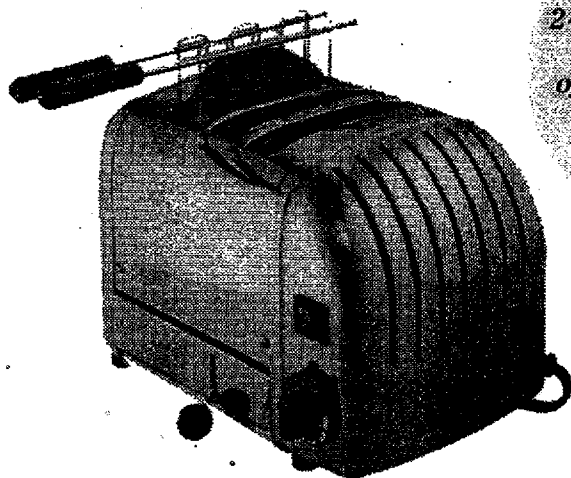
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- * Can't make up your mind about the flowers? Heide's Flowers and Gifts, Heidi's Wedding Flowers, Ribar Floral Co., and Silk Flowers and Things could surely fulfill your needs.
- * The Mayflower Meeting House, and Plymouth Manor are two great places for a reception. Or if your family are members, try the Knights of Columbus or Masons, both located right downtown.
- * Plan ahead: reserve a room at the Mayflower Hotel—remodeling to be completed soon!
- * Send the out-of-town kids and family to the Cultural Center for ice skating, or to the Penn Theater after they've had their fill of Uncle Frank's Chicago's and Coneys.
- * Stop by Plymouth Guitar Gallery to find performers...or a romantic harmonica for your fiancé. Should you want to DJ your own celebration, go to Repeat the Beat for the latest music.
- * Invitations can be purchased at R.S.V.P., sideways, Paper Parade, as well as Christine's and Andy's Hallmark(s).
- * Satisfy your apparel needs with Steve Petix Clothier, and Milano. Also, investigate gently-used gowns at Bearly Worn, and I Do, Two. Lina's Bridal will be happy to show you the most sophisticated and stylish frocks.
- * Wedding day or night unmentionables can be purchased at Sunny J's Lingerie, as well as Minerva's-Dunning's.
- * Ease your nerves with a cup of tea and shortbread at Afton Tea Room Or, should you need a jumpstart, visit the Coffee Studio, or Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.
- * Sweeten your future in-laws with some treats from House of Fudge or Kemnitz Candies. Perhaps an after-dinner cigar from Wellington Ltd.
- * Create your jeweled masterpiece, or a simple band at Francis Jewelry, Crystal Diamond Setters, Delta Diamond, or O & D Bush.
- * Take a load off in a hot bath with aromatherapy from Naturally. The bath will feel a lot better after a massage from Healing Arts.
- * Have the tension massaged out from your scalp with a fresh shampoo from Uptown Hair Studio, Sandy's Hair Designs, Joseph's Hair Designers, or Cutting Quarters. Many of these salons have nail technicians to bedazzle you and your wedding party. Barbers are also about town: Mel's Golden Razor, McMullen's, and Ye Olde Barber Shoppe.
- * Gift ideas for attendants are in abundance at Engraving Connection, Animation Station, Penniman Gallery, Native West, Trader Jack's, Hand's on Leather, Saxton's, Georgia's Gift Gallery, Gabriela's, Memory Lane Antiques
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SUSAN KAY DECKER

Susan Kay Decker, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 5, 1997 at the age of 56.

Mrs. Decker was born June 25, 1941 in Detroit. She was a customer service representative. She was a past president of the Plymouth Symphony League.

She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Wells (Mark) Pinto of Ann Arbor; Susie (Ken) Currie of Plymouth; sons, Steve Wells of Plymouth, Bill (Chari) Decker of Livonia, Chris Decker of Bozeman, MT; parents, William and Kathryn Blakeney of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, Kylie, Shane and Decker, Daniel Currie; brothers, Robert (Diane) Blakeney of Hartland, MI, Richard Blakeney of Novi; and sister, Patricia (Robert) Holt of Falmouth, MI.

Services were held at Ward Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John Quigley officiating. Burial was at Washtenong Cemetery in Ann Arbor. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association.

BETTY C. JULIAN

Betty C. Julian, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 3, 1997 at the age of 53.

Mrs. Julian was born Sept. 16, 1943 in Whitesburg, TN. She was a district manager for Avon products, and also did silk flowers from her home.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle of Plymouth; son, Ken (Deb) Julian of Napange, IN; two grandchildren; brothers, John Adams of Hazzard, KY, Mark Adams, David Adams, Ricky Adams, all of Versailles, KY; sisters, Ruby Gentry of Belleville, Nancy Adams of Belleville, Kathy Joe Caddel of Versailles, KY, Lisa Adams of Versailles, KY; step-father Paul Balban of Dearborn; and father, Harrison (Juanita) Adams of Versailles, KY.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland. Memorial tributes can be given to Dr. Michael Swanson 3969 42nd Avenue, Suite 204 Hillcrest, San Diego, CA 92103.

NANCY B. FLEMING

Nancy B. Fleming, a Westland resident, died Aug. 5, 1997 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Fleming was born July 7, 1928 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Dora (Richard) LaValley of Canton; Lisa (David) Shroat of Canton; sons, James Fleming, Jr. of Inkster, Steven Fleming of Belleville; brothers, Nelson (Joyce) Snapp of Rochester Hills, Richard Snapp of Texarkana, TX; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Memorial contributions can be given to ENCORE, in care of Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home.

PETER B. ZAUHA

Peter B. Zauha, a Plymouth resident, died Aug 7, 1997 at the age of 83.

Mr. Zauha was born May 14, 1914 in Strandquist, MN. He was a processing foreman with Twin Pines and Wilson Dairies. He was also a chef for Plymouth Elks.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy C. of Plymouth; son, Peter (Karen) Zauha of Clearwater, FL; step-children, Sharon (Samuel) Pelligrino of Livonia, Donald (Marilyn) Schlieff of Bethesda, MD; Judy (Tom) Miles of Livonia; six grandchildren; sisters, Milly Drake and Lucy Allen.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor James Hoff officiating. Interment at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

JOHN J. FALATINE

John J. Falatine, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 6, 1997 at the age of 92.

Mr. Falatine was born December 11, 1904 in Detroit. He was a tool & die supervisor with Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his daughters, Rosalie C. (James) Caudill; Virginia J. (Chet) Kapla, both of Plymouth; grandchildren, Chet J. (Barbara) Kapla, Sharon A. (Kenneth) Antczak, both of Plymouth; and five-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Hedwig.

Services were held at St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston, MI with the Rev. Alexander J. Wytrwal officiating. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park in Huron Township, MI. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

JEROME P. MILLER

Jerome P. Miller, a Westland resident, died Aug. 6, 1997 at the age of 56.

Mr. Miller was born Oct. 20, 1940 in Detroit. He was raised in Plymouth.

He is survived by his sisters, Shirley (Carl) Thayer of Ann Arbor, Athalie Kreger of Livonia; nephews, John & Mike Thayer, Tom Kreger; and nieces, Susan Cholewa, Ellen Henley.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Tamara J. Seidel officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of choice.

LAURENCE L. BROWN

Laurence L. Brown, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 7, 1997 at the age of 48.

Mr. Brown was born Feb. 16, 1949 in Northville. He was a senior systems analyst. He was a scuba instructor, a certified paramedic, and a commercial hot air balloon pilot.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn C. Brown; brother, Stanley (Barb) Brown of Kaiser, MO; sister, Merrilyn (Richard) Terpening of Wayne; parents, Fred R. and Dorothy Brown; Nieces, Jamie (Paul) Holdgate, Cheryl (Mark) Caudill, Connie (Ken) Raschke, Cindy (Todd) Byrnes, Christina (Bob) Mendryga; nephews; Jay Charland, C. Robert Charland, Christopher Charland, and Cuyler Charland; and nine great-nieces and nephews.

Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Community Hospice Services or St. John's Episcopal Church.

HELEN A. NAVARRE

Helen A. Navarre, a Livonia resident, died Aug. 8, 1997 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Navarre was born Nov. 23, 1909 in Monroe. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She is survived by her children, Pat (Tom) Diskin of Brighton, Jane (Chuck) McQueen of Livonia, Ken (Lynn) Navarre of White Lake Township, Jean Nicholson (Jim-deceased) of Plymouth, Kathie Huffmaster of Livonia, Jim Navarre of Fenton, Connie (Tim) Hutchison of Redford; sisters, Loretta Brossia, Lillian Seitz, Dolores Bodine, Gerri Lamarre, all of Monroe; brother, Bill Goodnough of Sylvania, OH; Brother-in-law, Gerry Menard of Monroe; 34 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Urban Navarre.

CHARLES A. BUBLIN

Charles A. Bublin, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 10, 1997 at the age of 65.

Mr. Bublin was born Feb. 1, 1932 in Red Bank, NJ. He was a physical therapist with the Northville Public School System. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and for 12 years in the Air Force Reserves.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene J. (Hammer) Bublin of Plymouth; daughters, Leslie of Wiesbaden, Germany, Janice (David) Underhill of Edmond, OK; sons, Scott Bublin of Raleigh, NC; and sisters, Margaret Gilbert of Bethany, CT, Annette Baker of Long Branch, NJ.

Arrangements were made by and visitation will be 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Home with Felix A. Lorenz, Jr. and Arthur W. Weaver officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Charles Bublin Memorial Fund for Bryant Center, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Donald Hoyt Teeters, iron worker

Donald Hoyt Teeters, a Garden city resident, died July 2, 1997.

He is survived by Dennis R. Teeters of Canton.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

Theresa M. Marek, automotive assembler

Theresa M. Marek, a Howell resident, died July 22, 1997.

She is survived by two brothers, one sister, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

Clara Marjorie Edwards, 82, assistant manager of Fred Sanders, Inc.

Clara Marjorie Edwards, a Canton resident, died July 16, 1997.

She is survived by sons, Thomas J. Edwards, Robert S. Edwards; daughter, Carol Biesiadecki; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton.

Lowell Alvary Hole, 71, industrial designer

Lowell Alvary Hole, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 4, 1997.

He is survived by two sons; daughter, Nancy Lynn Hole of Plymouth and one other daughter; and one half brother.

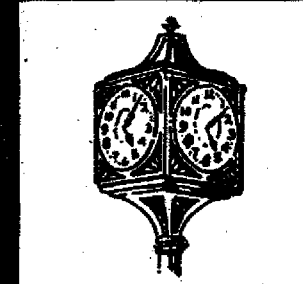
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Curiosities

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Salem High School boys golf tryouts Aug. 11-13 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Hilltop Golf Course (313-453-9800), located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road. For tee time and more information, call Salem coach Rick Wilson at 416-7762.

Salem High School girls softball camp will run Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in at 8:45 a.m.) at the Salem girls softball field.

The cost is \$25, includes lunch, and those entering seventh grade through seniors are eligible.

Softball fundamentals will be taught at the camp in the following areas: base running, hitting, fielding, throwing, plus a scrimmage game.

Limited space available. For a registration form, call 455-6853. For more information, call 416-0843.

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department and the Plymouth Soccer Club are looking for youth soccer coaches. Any adult interested in coaching, contact Steve Anderson at the Plymouth Recreation Department at (313) 455-6620.

The Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue will hold tournaments every weekend through Sept. 21.

The Plymouth Whalers 1997-98 regular season schedule will include 33 home games and 33 away games.

Their Dec. 29 home matchup with Erie will be the OHL Game of the Week.

The Whalers open their season at home on Sept. 20 against London
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Winged Whaler

Former Red Wing Greg Stefan entering 5th season as Whalers associate coach

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's no wonder Greg Stefan was a NHL goalie when he was only 20 years old and later helped lead the Red Wings' resurgence in the 1980s.

Stefan grew up playing on the outdoor rinks of Brantford, ON stopping shots from a neighborhood friend who dazzled his peers with his blinding speed. That friend went by the name of Wayne Gretzky then; he's The Great One now. "We hung out together, played baseball together," said Stefan, who is entering his fifth season as a Plymouth Whalers associate coach.

Baseball? Two Canadians, two future NHLers, playing baseball? "We took it serious. We loved it as much as hockey," said Stefan.

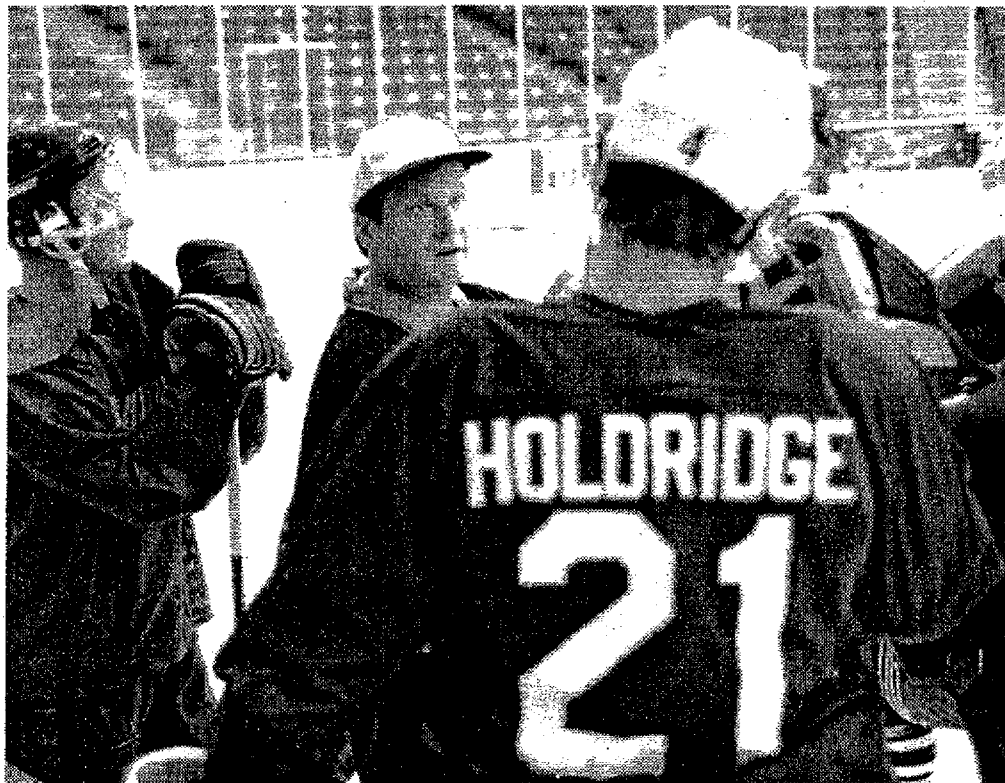
Fortunately for the Red Wings, the Edmonton Oilers and the rest of the hockey world, the Stefan-Gretzky combination — they both played shortstop and pitcher — didn't the last. Stefan was drafted in 1980 and went on to play 299 NHL games — and for every one he was draped in the sport's most recognizable logo, the winged wheel.

As it so often seems in the story lines of success, it was a twist of fate that put Stefan between the pipes. He skated into the crease for his first time when his childhood team's starting goalie was unable to play. The young Stefan responded by shutting out the other team and winning the game. "I came off the ice, and my Dad said, 'You're a pretty good goalie,'" Stefan said.

His summertime hobby aided his development on the ice. "Baseball and goaltending do have some things in common, you're catching the ball and blocking the puck," he said.

By the time Stefan reached his teens, he had become proficient in both sports. But it was the 1970s, and a Canadian professional baseball player came along about as often as a perfect game. So Stefan opted for his country's national pastime over the American counterpart.

He was drafted by Oshawa of the Ontario Hockey League, the league in which he now coaches, and played three



Whalers Associate Coach Greg Stefan has a lot of advice for younger player such as defenseman Kevin Holdridge. Stefan, a former Red Wings goalie, grew up stopping shots from Wayne Gretzky. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

seasons for the Generals in the late 1970s. That was during the NHL's "Slapshot" era when penalty minutes were often more prized than points. That style trickled down into the OHL, Stefan said. "It was still the premier league," he said of the OHL. "Things were a lot different then, but a lot has stayed the same. I think traveling is a lot better now, and I know the schooling for the players is better... The biggest difference was it was nothing unusual to have a bench clearing brawl every third game. Fighting was a big part of the game then. The guys didn't wear shields. It's always been chippy, but it was a little more back then. But it's still a physical game, and it's a better game now."

Stefan bettered his game while in

Oshawa, and was selected in the eighth round of the 1980 NHL draft by the Red Wings. He was the second goalie taken that year by Detroit. The Red Wings, who were in the embryonic stages of a massive rebuilding project at both the professional and minor league levels of the organization, selected another goaltending prospect, Corrado Micallef, a few rounds before Stefan.

"I was fortunate to be taken by the Red Wings because they really didn't have anything. There was nothing in the minors; the ownership was trying to sell the team. They were in dire need. They had no depth," he said.

It was a tremendous opportunity for the

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ASAP Machine claims Canton softball title

The ASAP Machine won the Canton Parks and Recreation Mens softball playoffs, held Aug. 1-3 at Heritage Park.

Thirteen teams qualified for the season-ending tournament, which traditionally showcases some of the best softball action of the year.

ASAP Machine went through the double elimination tournament with an undefeated record of 5-0, including a dramatic victory to win in the seventh inning over the runner-up, First Place Bar and Grill, in the final game. This tournament capped off a challenging season for ASAP Machine, who tied for fourth in the regular season with a 9-5 record.

On the way to their weekend championship victory, ASAP Machine also

defeated Mark's Midtown, 25-2, Mexican Fiesta, 9-7, Shark Club #3, 23-12, and in a prelude to the final game, a 15-13 victory in extra innings over First Place Bar

and Grill. First Place Bar and Grill took second place with earlier victories over Beaver Creek/ARAMark, 23-14, Shark Club #1, 5-4, and Mexican Fiesta, 18-7.

Plymouth resident named to Olympic Soccer Program

Plymouth resident Stefani Szczechowski was recently named to the Olympic Development Program's 1983 Regional team by the U.S. Soccer Federation. Beginning her fourth season as goalkeeper for the Livonia YMCA-sponsored '84 Michigan Hawks soccer team, Szczechowski, 12, will represent the 13-state Region II for National Training Camp at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, CA, next week. Szczechowski, a seventh grader at West Middle School, represented Michigan at the Olympic Development Program's regional camp at Northern Illinois University July 8-13 and competed against 24 goalies from 12 other states to earn her spot.

Twins win PCJBL World Series



The Twins won the Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League World Series recently by defeating the second-place White Sox in a doubleheader, 15-6 and 11-3. Both teams were in the 12-year-old boys American League Division. A total of 16 teams played in the double elimination playoff. From left to right, the Twins are: (bottom row) Jeff Squires, Nick Bowles, Mike Horgan, Nick Miniodis, and Jeff Nevi; (top row) Coach Jim Thornton, Mike Diponio, Phillip Tennant, Stephen Thornton, Casey Skrzypek, Joel Tefft, Greg Broda, Ryan Leach, and Coach Ray Nevi. Twins Manager Tom Leach isn't pictured. (Courtesy photo)

Out from behind his mask, Stefan back in OHL

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19-year-old netminder. But Micallef beat out Stefan for the goaltending spot in training camp. So Stefan packed his bags for the Adirondack Mountains and spent the 1980-81 season with the Red Wings' top farm club, winning American Hockey League rookie of the year honors.

That performance earned him a spot on the roster in Detroit the next season. His first NHL game was against the Minnesota North Stars before 6,000 fans at Joe Louis Arena. "The following game we played in Chicago, and no one warned me what Chicago Stadium was like. There were 18,000 or 19,000 people there, it was the loudest stadium in North America," Stefan said.

They may have been cheering in the Windy City and elsewhere around the NHL, but Detroit was hardly Hockeytown in the early days of owner Mike Ilitch. Stefan is one of few memorable names from several years worth of forgettable rosters. Sometimes he produced the highlights all by himself, such as a game in the early 1980s when he recorded one of his five career shutouts

against the reigning Stanley Cup champions, the New York Islanders. "That was a special moment for myself as young goaltender. I got all the headlines the next day," he said.

But there weren't too many stories for the team scrap book in the first half of Stefan's career. The wheels really came off the Wings in the 1985-86 season, when Detroit lost a club record 57 games under coaches Harry Neale, now a CBC commentator, and Brad Park, a former player.

Just when it seemed Detroit couldn't get any further from winning the Stanley Cup, a charismatic Frenchman brought the team as close as it'd been in years to the fabled trophy by coaching the Red Wings to the conference finals in 1987. "Jacques Demers really took the bull by the horns. He got the guys he wanted in there, and really got the most out of his players, especially the veterans. He was a great motivator, but he wasn't too good with the young guys. But the veterans liked to play for him and that's half the battle," Stefan said.

Stefan, teamed with veteran Glen Hanlon, provided the Red Wings with steady, if not spectacular saves at times. The Red Wings

repeated their playoff success the following season, which ended again with a 4-1 series defeat in the conference finals to the Edmonton Oilers, who were led by some guy named Gretzky. "We played, in my opinion, one of the greatest teams ever two years in a row, the Edmonton Oilers," Stefan said.

But Detroit would fall before resuming its ascent toward the Stanley Cup. The club slumped in 1989 and Demers was fired. Unknowingly, Stefan's time with Detroit was also about to end. Injuries hobbled the veteran, who left Detroit as free agent for Los Angeles in 1990. The position's consistent play went with him, something Detroit could not replace until the arrival in 1994 of Mike Vernon, ironically one of Stefan's favorite goaltenders.

Stefan, whose 115 victories rank fifth on Detroit's all-time list, never played for the Kings. A doctor said a comeback was possible, but advised the 30-year-old to retire, so Stefan did — to the Florida golf courses. One year later, upon the invitation of a friend, former Red Wing and then Whaler general manager Jim Rutherford, Stefan joined the junior team and was named an associate coach in 1993.

His professional hockey experience adds a perfect element to the Whalers' coaching chemistry, which includes a lawyer in head coach Peter DeBoer and a certified teacher in associate coach Steve Spott. The diversity works well. It was apparent last season when the three-some coached a rookie-laden team to a fourth place finish and a playoff appearance.

This season, the Whalers should compete for the West Division title, especially with a goaltender the caliber of Robert Esche. "Robert Esche has a lot of ability, enough to play in at a professional level. But it's the mental side of the game that's the toughest part," Stefan said.

Esche won't be the only one hoping to make the pros. Just like 20 years ago, Stefan is hoping the OHL will lead him to the NHL, but this time as a coach. "I am looking to do that, but it's amazing what you learn at this level," he said.



Recognize the man with the clip board? If not it's because his face was behind a goalie's mask for 10 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings. Now Greg Stefan is behind the bench as an associate coach with the Plymouth Whalers. (Courtesy photo)

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and finish their home season March 11 versus Windsor.

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Women Drivers...Yes!, Visiting Nurse Association's (VNA), **fourth annual golf invitational** will return to the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville on Aug. 18.

Women Drivers...Yes! raises money for VNA's Driving Care Home Fund, a transportation assistance program for women employed as home health aides. Funds are raised through corporate sponsorships, players' fees and a silent auction.

The Plymouth Recreation Department continues registration for its **Summer Park Program**.

The five registration locations are Kiwanis Park (Auburn and Junction streets), Jaycee Park (Harding and Joy), Garden Club Park (Sutherland and Forest), Rotary Park (Wing and Herald) and Fire House Park (Holbrook and Spring).

Each location will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Arts and crafts, active games, street showers, bowling, miniature golf and table games will accent the daily program.

Friday field trips are planned to the Detroit Zoo, the Skatin' Station, Rolling Hills Water Park, Kensington Metro-Park and Oakland County Wave Pool.

A fun-filled field day is planned for the final date on Aug. 15.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for more information.

The program is free and participants must be City of Plymouth residents.

The Salvation Army Senior **Volleyball team** is looking for more players. If interested, stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 - 12 a.m. Players' annual fee is \$10. 453-5464 for info.



Community opinions

Community continues bond debate

Suit not about classrooms, schools | Vorva's case 'doing us no favor'

EDITOR:

I write this letter as a concerned voter in response to last week's article, "Losing Interest: How P-C schools claim to have lost \$600,000 they never had." I want to thank the person who wrote the story educating me on how bonds would be sold to investors for cash, thus earning interest for everyone involved. Aside from the fact that this has nothing to do with anything, except to encourage people to get after Jerry Vorva to drop the case; or perhaps to sway the judge one way or another, the point of this whole mess is being sidestepped.

There is a case pending in court that needs to be heard by a judge. It's not about lost classrooms or opening the school by the year 2000. (Because if that were the case, Tonda and Bentley elementary schools would never have been left unopened for a year after they were built.) This case needs to have its own day in court. If it doesn't, the implications for future elections are horrendous.

Voters who felt this past election was wrong are going to retaliate in future elections. How can people in this

community *continue* to uphold this election? The vote was too close. The number of lost votes far exceeded any normal election. The way certain people are pushing for this to be upheld makes me wonder about foul play. If a computerized election produced this result one time, what will happen on the next bond issue, and the next? Computers can be programmed to do almost anything. Computers can get viruses.

It's scary to think of how many people in this community are only seeing the end result, not how it came about. I ask these people what percent of lost votes is too many? 10 percent? 15 percent? Obviously 6 percent isn't. So where do you draw the line? When do you close the door on pressure form investors and open the door to integrity? Yes, a new high school is needed in our future, but that's not the issue immediately before us.

Where do you people who serve on all of these committees get your rules from? Play fair; let the judge do what's right, and then we can see which court the ball was meant to land in.

D. MAGNUSSON

EDITOR:

I was dismayed to learn that a decision in the bond election court case has once again been postponed. This case has already brought The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools extra expenses and will delay the start of construction.

Mr. Vorva is doing us no favor in pursuing this case; rather he is costing all of us money and time. The loss of time in particular hurts, as lost time can never be recovered. A great deal of effort was made to place this issue before the voters as early as reasonably possible because the need is so acute. Now all that work has been undone.

Mr. Vorva claims he is concerned that some voters have been disenfranchised when their votes were unrecorded. Would he have gone to such lengths if the bond had failed? Or is this an excuse to continue opposition and sow discord?

Would the "lost" votes have altered the results of the election? We know that Wayne County election officials validated the election. In testing the equipment, they

found ballots could be "lost" through voter error, but no bias was found for any particular result.

We know that several of the voting precincts with large numbers of unrecorded ballots were also the precincts that most strongly supported the bond. (With good reason, as these were Canton Township, where the need for a new elementary school is most acute.)

Unless we assume that 'no' voters were in some way or fashion more inept, impaired, confused or incompetent than "yes" voters, it is reasonable to believe that the unrecorded votes would divide in the same proportion as the tallied votes. One can either insult the "no" voters and assume they are incompetent, or agree that the people who came to the polls on March 22 voted to pass the bond.

There is no precedent for a re-vote. The vote will either be upheld or nullified. It is my opinion that to nullify this vote would disenfranchise all of us who voted in the March 22 election.

PAT KIEWICZ

A commitment to family, job and community:

Chamber's 'Leadership Plymouth' worth the time

EDITOR:

What is leadership and how do we encourage people within our community to participate in leadership roles? Leadership is the ability to develop a team that works for a common goal. We are fortunate in Plymouth to have the opportunity to work with new leaders and develop leadership skills in a program called Leadership Plymouth.

As a member of the first graduating class, I can attest to the benefits of the information and skill building sessions. I can not guarantee that the program will make a leader out of you, but it will offer a preliminary knowledge base that will enhance your ability to achieve in business and home life.

I learned the most from the other participants. Many were already in leadership roles and contributed in their areas of expertise. Synergy among the participants illustrated that the combined mind power of the group was greater than one mind. Through working together, we were able to solve simulated life-threatening situations more efficiently with the group than on our own. We argued different strategies by seeking first to understand other positions and then deliberating to achieve the best solution.

The program offers a 'knowledge base that will enhance your ability to achieve in business and home life.'

Many presenters are Plymouth residents who work all over the world in various business situations. Top executives in major corporations shared their insight and strategies into the world marketplace. Local judges reflected their love of the law. Local, county and state officials expanded our knowledge of the issues our community faces. Program and service directors appraised the group of the many programs available to residents and the need for more. Educators showed off their technological prowess and business partnership associations. The opportunities to learn about our rich culture were numerous and will continue for the current program.

With so many demands on our time, taking the plunge into a comprehensive program such as Leadership Plymouth is a commitment. A commitment to your family, job and community. The call for volunteerism is permeating our nation: However, unless we have the balance between our many obligations and our basic family duties, the call will go unheard. The Covey Training presented in Leadership Plymouth offers participants the



(L to R - standing) Natalie Howse, AAA Michigan; Sandra Miller, St. Joseph Mercy; Dawn Rossi, ADP; Camille Shy, St. Joseph Mercy; Tom Nunez, Parker Hannifin; Linda Langmesser, Clerk, City of Plymouth; Carrie Blamer, P-C School Board; Wes Smith, E&E Manufacturing; Norma Lovallee, Schoolcraft College; Colleen Pobur, Wayne County; Fran Toney, Director, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; Sue O'Connor, Community Federal Credit Union; Toni Knechtges, Howard Temes Packing, Co.; Jeanne Knopf Deroche, The Knopf Co. (L to R - seated) Rachelle Dorals, Valassis Communications; Carl Berry, Motown Harley. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.) thoughtful insight to choose the activities that will fulfill our obligations and still stay in balance with our goals.

Whether you are 21, 41 or 61, Leadership Plymouth offers the opportunity to work and learn with other people who are truly interested in our community and wish to contribute to its success. If you have the desire to enhance your leadership role in your job, business or community, please take a few minutes now to call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Only twenty people are accepted each year, so please sign-up early to assure a spot.
CARRIE BLAMER



Community opinions

One player, many dreams

He must've been about six years old. He stepped up to the plate, kicked one foot in the dirt and shook his hindquarters in a way that would make Ken Griffey Jr. proud.

He waited for his pitch, took a good swing then bolted toward first base, heedless of the sun, the bugs, or the fact that he was the only person on the field. At all.

I watched the boy run around the bases, slide into second, steal third, and argue with an imaginary umpire before he made his dejected journey back to home plate to take up his batter's stance again.

And three things occurred to me: that something so simple as sitting on a blanket under the waning sun of a late summer day can be an inspiring thing; that kids are weird; and that the American Dream is real.

Take Bob Julien.

When Bob Julien sold his land and closed his party store to head

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for (literally) greener pastures, he did more than end a long chapter in Canton's business history.

He showed us that the American Dream was alive and well.

Where is western Wayne?

This map, circulated and produced by Wayne County, is intended to "highlight the varied business park options available," to meet the needs and goals of companies doing business in the county. In the sense that "highlight" means to incompletely list, Wayne County's map succeeds.

Industry, commerce and other members of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community have been omitted.

Absent from this map is Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant: part of the company's Automotive Product Operations, the plant contributes to the APO's \$16.4 billion in annual sales around the world. The county describes itself as "the industrial engine that drives America," but has obviously missed a significant part.

The map does mention Canton as one of the county's larger communities, but omits Mettetal Airport. Maybe this resource is attractive only to those doing business at the American Yazaki Headquarters in Canton, Optical Imaging Systems in Northville Township or at any of the other P-C-N businesses—excluded by the maps—whose size and technological sophistication bring business to western Wayne County.

Bob worked hard his entire life. He worked at his store nearly

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



everyday until the day he locked the doors for good. But he had an idea, and he did it well. He worked hard at it, waited for the right time and said goodbye, and it paid off well.

And Bob is not alone; there are many people like him in the area. Like Mark Sassak.

Mark Sassak of Plymouth tried for several years to sell toy designs to major companies. Eventually he gave up and started designing, making and distributing them from his home.

Now his company Saturnian 1, Inc. has a distribution center in Canton as well as a full line of toys in several local stores, including Kmart, MCSporting Goods and Kites N Things in Plymouth.

Sassak's company has evolved from Finger Zingers — a type of frizbee with a finger hole in it — to a full line of outdoor toys.

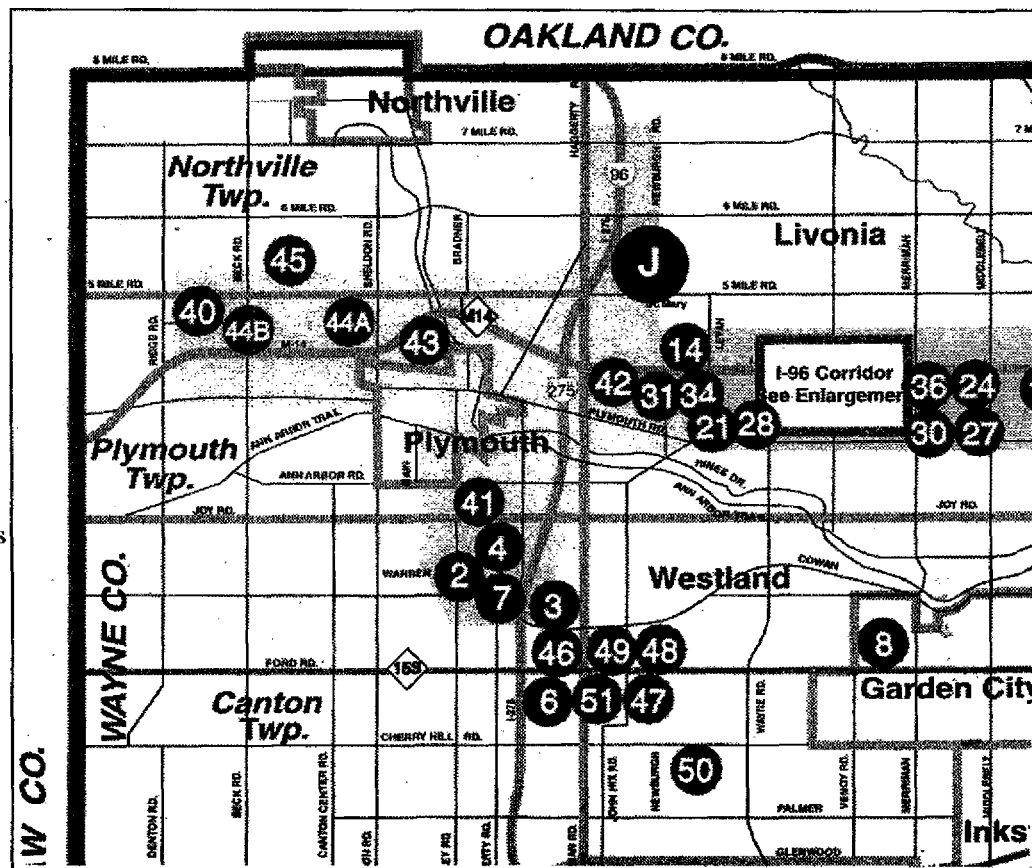
All are the result of good ideas and a little hard work.

Mark Sassak stood next to his restored Italian Sports car and said he was living the American Dream.

Well in a way they all are. One man's party store may be another man's toy company or the Italian sports car that dreams are made of.

So I watched the boy swing his imaginary bat, run the bases and score roughly 20 runs, and I smiled.

Because dreams do come true.



Compuware Arena, one of the County's newest entertainment facilities and venues in "Hockeytown," was also left out.

How? The answer is unclear—enter: county politics.

Among 15 county commissioners, only two are republicans whose districts dominate P-C-N and all of the county's western border; the same two who were the only commissioners not pictured in the

County's Legislative Agenda publication.

The meaning of these facts is, again, uncertain. But it definitely strengthens the case for those who say western Wayne is often forgotten by the rest of the largely-democratic county.

And it shows that too often, we're left off the map.

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Thank you for making our vision a reality.

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