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'Domestic' murder-suicide is 3rd here in 32 months

*2 killed Monday
at Johnson Controls;
6 dead at worksites*

BY THE CRIER STAFF

The two deaths which occurred Monday at the Johnson Controls Technology Center and headquarters mark the third murder-suicide at a Plymouth Township worksite in 32 months.

Before killing himself, Ernest Hall, Jr., a 44-year-old Detroit man, shot and killed his 29-year-old girlfriend, Ingrid Marshall, at the tech center where she worked.

Johnson Controls workers have magnetized ID cards which are used to get into different buildings and areas; police currently are uncertain about how Hall got into the building.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Johnson Controls workers were taken by school bus to Compuware Arena while police worked to handle the situation. Authorities gather information (below) before the SWAT team enters the building (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

School that almost wasn't turns 50

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

St. Peter's Lutheran, the school that almost never was, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this month.

The school had its share of problems getting off the ground, according to principal Gerry Meier. Finding a location, facing fund shortages, and a shortage of materials due to war haven't hampered the school.

"The congregation really came together," he said. "The original building was built and financed by the congregation."

According to Meier, volunteers from the congregation laid the foundation and did as much work as they could by hand, with ladies of the church preparing hot meals.

"Children even pitched in," he said. "They made and sold crafts to contribute money to the building."

The school's official groundbreaking was Aug. 25, 1946 and the school was finished and ready to open the following

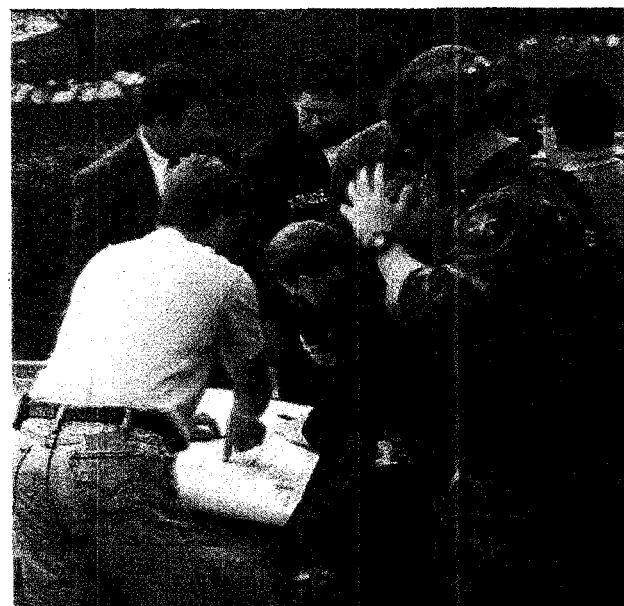
September. The school's volunteer builders finished the project on time, and within the budget.

The church is located on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth, about a mile from the other possible location for the school, the site of present day West Middle School.

"The school was built before the church because the congregation thought it was important to get a school in the area," Meier said. "They chose the Penniman site because they were afraid the other site was too far out of town."

St. Peter's opened Sept. 5, 1947 with two schools, two

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ARTrageous

*Weekend art walk promises music,
movies and, of course, art*

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ARTrageous begins Friday in Plymouth

Shops host local artists, streets host music during annual art walk

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

The fourth annual 'Plymouth is ART-rageous' art walk is coming once again to help showcase the talents of local artists.

Downtown businesses will showcase their work Friday through Sunday. Stores will be open for the public to walk through and browse while enjoying a multitude of entertainment.

"The art walk is Plymouth's little secret," says Annette Horn, co-chairperson for the event. "People may overlook that we have wonderful art right here in town. There are many different varieties of artists and we want people to have an opportunity to view their work."

"Artrageous is a three-day event," says Horn. "It's a class act. Elegant yet approachable."

Horn says the event attracts everyone singles, families, and seniors.

Walkers will be able to not only view

the art, but they will get a chance to talk with the artists as well.

Live exhibitions of animation, lava rock sculpting and hand-made hat making are just a few examples of what will be going on.

Weather permitting, colorful chalk murals will be drawn on the sidewalks to guide the goers from shop to shop.

Friday night's opening ceremonies will have complimentary hors d'oeuvres inside participating stores. Strolling crowds will also be entertained by a variety of musicians on each street corner.

Saturday is the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. and wraps up with a special showing of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Penn Theatre at 11:30 p.m. A cast of characters will bring life to the movie as they act out the scenes.

Sunday is 'future artists day.' Students from the local high schools will have pieces

'Our vision is to have everyone see the talent that is in their own community.'

Annette Horn
ARTrageous organizer



Kal Jabara, owner of Wild Wings gallery, with some of the art he'll showcase during ARTrageous (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

of their art displays of their work in galleries and Plymouth's young musicians will take over the stage for the afternoon.

"We want to give our up-and-coming young artists a chance to get involved," says Horn. "It is rewarding for them to have

their family and friends come and see their art in a gallery."

"This is such a different event with a unique flare," says Horn. "It's casual and quaint. Our vision is to have everyone see the talent that is in their own community."



Police were on the scene in less than a minute after students and a driver became trapped in a bus draped with fallen electrical wires (Crier photo, Scott Spielman).

No tickets in bus crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A School bus driven by a 50-year-old Ypsilanti woman drove over an electrical pole Wednesday, trapping the driver and two Plymouth children inside.

The incident occurred at 7:58 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 behind Central Middle School, according to reports.

The woman, who has a valid bus driver's license, didn't see the pole and crashed into it, cracking it in half. The pole landed beside and partially on the right front fender of the bus, according to reports and electrical wires, still attached to the poles landed on the bus' roof.

The driver and two passengers, a six-year-old Plymouth boy and an eight-year-old Plymouth boy, had to remain inside

until Detroit Edison arrived and cut the wires at about 8:45 a.m.

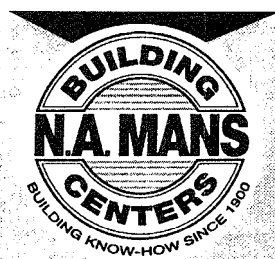
Reports said the woman had pulled beside another bus because her radio was not working to advise that she had no students for the TAG program on board. As she pulled away, she said she felt and heard nothing and the pole just fell down, according to reports.

There were no citations issued, and no one was injured in the incident.

Police were on the scene within one minute, according to Chief Bob Scoggins.

"I'm proud of how quickly we responded. It was a lot of different agencies working together to get something solved quickly that could've been a very dangerous situation."

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Learning the ropes

SWAT team hopefuls tryout for highly trained police unit

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For two hours Monday morning Canton Place senior housing became a classroom in for a cooperative SWAT certification and training course held in Canton.

Thirty officers from Canton, Northville Township, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Van Buren and Dearborn participated in the school to earn SWAT certification and become members of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team.

The need for just such a unit of highly trained police officers was demonstrated later that day with the murder-suicide at the Johnson Controls Technology Center in Plymouth Township.

The SWAT school was in session just hours earlier in Canton.

The officers practiced rappelling down the side of Canton's tallest building under the watchful eyes of Northville Township Police Lt. John Sherman, leader of the cooperative SWAT unit and Port Huron Police Sgt. Scott Pike, a certified master rappeller.

"This is the advanced rappelling scenario," Sherman said. "We've already rappelled from a four-story tower. There's eight stories here, plus a ledge. It's a different set of challenges."

Challenges are just what the officers face during the rigorous three-week course. They are trained in a variety of situations, including assault procedures, building searches, hostage negotiations and barricaded gunman situations, as well as tactical rappelling.

On the building's roof, Sherman, Pike and other certified SWAT officers checked the rappellers' gear and offered suggestions as rappellers stepped over the side of the building and scuttled down the side like spiders from their webs.

The trainign setup up was different from a real-worl scenario, Sherman said. During training, a pair of officers anchors each rope at the bottom of the building ready to take control if anything went wrong.

"In a real situation, we wouldn't have the ropes hanging over the suspect's window," he said.

Officers will learn building searches and assault procedure later this week in abandoned buildings in Canton, Sherman said. Then, an exercise will bring together all of their learning: instructors will simulate a four- to six-hour hostage scenario

"That's where they take everything



Northville Twp. Police Lt. John Sherman and Port Huron Police Sgt. Scott Pike ran certification exercises in Canton Monday for the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team. Sherman commands the highly trained SWAT team (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

they've learned and make it work," Sherman said.

The SWAT school is a cooperative effort between the communities of Canton, Northville Township, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Port Huron, Van Buren and Dearborn. At least one officer from each department participated in the school, some as students, some as instructors.

SWAT hopefuls volunteer for the certification course and undergo a series of rigorous evaluations to ensure they are qualified, according to Sherman.

"A department may have 10 men volunteer, but we may only take one or two, if any," he said.

After training and the practical scenario, officers take a series of tests on everything they've learned — from weapons systems and terminology to a shotgun obstacle course, according to Sherman.

"Everything has to be 100 per cent. They can't pass with a 75 per cent," he said. "It's not like a normal class because you can't forget anything. Everything you learn is critical. It's all or nothing."

50 years of growth, excellence at school

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teachers and 45 eager students. It has grown since then, with subsequent remodeling and expansions, the most recent coming in 1988, this time by professional contractors.

The school's present six classrooms and a gymnasium house 119 students from grades K-8, according to Meier.

The enrollment is controlled to the same number every year, according to Meier to ensure every student receives a quality education. It is primarily funded through tuition and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Meier said, and is open to members of the parish and nonmembers alike.

"Ninety per cent of the students are members of the congrega-

tion, but we are open to non-members, too. Our real intent is to bring families into the congregation and reach those without a church."

The school offers a competitive education that is keeping up with advances in technology. Every classroom has a computer, and the children are taught using computer programs that stretch their imagination.

With five full-time and half-time teachers, there is plenty of opportunity for teacher-student interaction. And then there's Meier, himself, half-time principal and half-time teacher.

"I love teaching as well as being principal, he said. "It gives me a real feel for the classrooms."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow, Northville & Plymouth Senior Citizens trip to a Detroit Tigers game. Cost, \$15 per person. Call 248-349-4140 to register.
- The Plymouth is ART-rageous art walk runs this Friday through Sunday in downtown Plymouth. Art by local artists will be on display. Strolling musicians will provide entertainment.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road site), Canton Parks and Rec holds its Pass, Punt and Kick competition. Opens to boys and girls, 8-15 years old. Registration at 9:15 a.m. No cleats.
- Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., Madonna University will celebrate its 50th anniversary with Golden Days Gala. A classic and race car show, fashion show, clowns, magicians and other family entertainment are scheduled. Event is free. 432-5741
- Saturday, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will play at 11:30 at The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Tickets in advance only, \$5. Call 313-455-8838 for info.

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Services for Beatrice Armstrong, 86, tomorrow



BEATRICE V. ARMSTRONG

Beatrice V. Armstrong, a Canton resident, died Sept. 20, 1997 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Armstrong was born Sept. 13, 1911 in Anchorville, MI. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Harry H. of Canton; sons, Jack (Lynn Boet) Armstrong, Harry H. (Norrene) Armstrong, Jr., Michael (Diane

Raymo) Armstrong; sisters, Dorothy Cook, Alvena (Len) Stronski; brothers, George (Dee) Weiler and Ed (Marie) Weiler; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, James.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1997 from 2 - 9 p.m. at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services will be held

10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept 25 at St. John Neumann Church in Canton with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions can be given to Habitat for Humanity, and Covenant House.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

MARK F. MARTIN

Mark F. Martin, a Canton resident died Sept 17, 1997 at the age of 101.

Mr. Martin was born in Sequatchie, TN.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; his daughter, Rhetta Stephens of Canton; and granddaughter, Amanda Stephens.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Arthur C. Magnuson officiating. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 41550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

SCOTT M. ZIOBRO

Scott M. Ziobro, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 21, 1997 at the age of 25.

Mr. Ziobro was born Sept. 27, 1971 in Detroit. He worked in risk management at the University of Michigan Information Technology Division.

He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Mary Margaret Ziobro of Plymouth; sister, Beth Ziobro of Westland; grandparents, Iva Ziobro of Westland, Anthony and Stella Topolsky of Canton; fiancée, Trish Gilhooly of Livonia; and several other family members.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to American Brain Tumor Association.

ROBERT MORRISON BLAIR

Robert Morrison Blair, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 18, 1997 at the age of 72.

Mr. Blair was born Feb. 2, 1925 in Windsor, Canada. He was a tool design engineer. He was a former member of the Plymouth Elks.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Lawrence) Neil of Canton; son, Robert (Cindi) Blair of Round Rock; sisters, Martha Hockenberry of Livonia, Annabelle Robertson of Morrice, MI, Susan Sponaugle of Vero Beach, FL; brother, James Blair of Dearborn; four grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the Schoolcraft College Foundation or Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

Hermine Behr, 76, seamstress

Hermine Behr, a Plymouth resident, died Aug. 21, 1997.

She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Zander of Plymouth and one other daughter; one son; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Hazel Anna Barton, 95, homemaker

Hazel Anna Barton, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 5, 1997.

She is survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews, one sister-in-law; and one brother-in-law. She is preceded in death by her husband, Paul; three brothers; and one sister.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was a Riverside Cemetery.

Dustin DJ Schell, 26, Ford Motor Co.

Dustin DJ Schell, a Westland resident, died Sept. 10, 1997.

He is survived by his parents; his brothers, Allan Shady of Northville and one other brother; and sisters, Corrine Shady of Canton and two other sisters.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.



Public notices

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

Notice is hereby given that registration of Qualified Electors for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during office hours as enumerated below:

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DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M.

at which time registration will close, and no further registrations will be received for said election. You may also register at any Secretary of State offices during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registration are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the Election Day.

Qualified electors who are properly registered now with the City Clerk will not have to register or re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements for registering to vote. The telephone number is 453-1234 X234 or 202. The offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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 There's a beautiful lady named Sue Daniels that has worked her fingers to the bone, made numerous phone calls to try and keep 340 families in their homes. Sue has walked a peaceful walk when she has extremely bad knees, she walked anyway. Sue has written and mailed out thousands of letters to Congressmen, Senators and even the Governor and President Clinton. Why? Because Sue will not wait, even with ill health and a very limited income for someone else to do the job. Please, if we had more people like Susan Daniels, we would have a better place. So, everyone at Canton Commons, put your hands together or make a Thank You Call to Susan!

Thank You,
 Sandy Clavier,
 A Very Thankful Friend

\$25 To The Winner, Sandy Stephan

Dear Kindness Editor,
 During the past year, as I was undergoing several surgeries and chemotherapy for breast cancer, SANDY STEPHAN OF PLYMOUTH displayed unyielding acts of kindness. Mostly appreciated were the delicious meals she prepared and brought over for my family of six. Yesterday, she called to congratulate me on my one year anniversary of my diagnosis. Her caring nature and genuine show of concern will never be forgotten. Thanks Sandy!

Sincerely,
 Patricia Rener

\$25 To The Winner, Mark

Dear Kindness Editor,
 I am writing about a random act of kindness that has saved my mom from an operation. On June 13th, my mom called me to tell me she could not take the pain in her lower back. She could not get surgery until Sept. 24, and so she was on heavy doses of medicine and I had taken her two times to Beaumont for demoral shots for the pain. In a desperate effort to help her, I called Hands On Therapy Center in Plymouth. My friend had recommended Mark, the therapist who was helping her with a back injury. I asked if possibly I could bring my mom for a massage to try to lessen the pain. Mary, the secretary, said we are booked, but we will work you in. My mom was ready for a nervous breakdown because of the pain. When we got there, Karen, the woman who gave my mom the massage was extremely patient and compassionate. She asked the therapist to look at her. Mark gladly came in as my mom cried. He patiently told her he thought he could help her. He saw her everyday the next week, and she started to see improvement. It is now five weeks later and she cancelled her surgery. Mark was trained in Holland and uses manipulation which brought her relief. During this time, my chronic neck pain returned, and he has helped to relieve the numbness in my face. Mark is kind, considerate, and knowledgeable. In addition, as he helps you he educates you on exactly what the problem is and how he is going to help you. Everyone from Lisa the receptionist to the massage women and the other therapists, and Mary and Mark are always smiling. You are treated with concern. They are always encouraging you to improve. Everyone wears a smile. To top it off, my nineteen year old son wants to follow a medical career. I asked Mark if he could visit because I have been in and out of physical therapy for 3 years, and this type is much different and recovery seems quicker. Mark was very willing to have my son visit and encouraged him to volunteer and visit often. He took a lot of time answering my son's questions. For some, Friday the 13th is bad luck. For my mom, my son, and me, it was one of the luckiest days of our lives. My mom and I are on the road to recovery, and my son on the road to his career. I'd like to thank Mark and all the staff at Hands On Therapy for truly - a random act of kindness - helping a suffering 76 year old lady by working her in" even though there was no opening. God Bless Them All!
 Extremely Grateful to Mark and the staff at the Hands on Center in Plymouth
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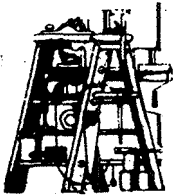
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news



Tracy Rutkowski, of Canton (above), will again receive a Catholic Student Award from Madonna University. Rutkowski, a junior majoring in accounting, will receive \$800.

The award is given to students who possess and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Also receiving awards are Melissa Poma of Plymouth and Derek Rutkowski of Canton.

Marine Pfc. Nathan M. Branin, son of Debra J. Lehner of Canton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC as an honor graduate and high shooter.

He is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Marine Pvt. Joel C. Laderoot son of Carolyn Maday of Plymouth recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Laderoot acquired the specialty skills and technical ability necessary to operate light and medium tactical-wheeled vehicles using various field and convoy operations.

He is a 1996 graduate of the Stark Weather Center in Plymouth.

David M Rhein, son of Thomas M. and Helen P. Rhein of Canton, has been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Rhein is a squad leader with the 21st Military Police Company Airborne at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC. He is a 1987 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia.

Canton girl a model in the making

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's newest beauty queen is quite the topic of conversation.

Hawaiian Tropic, that is.

The Hoben Elementary school kindergartner has been entering and winning beauty pageants, including the Little Miss Hawaiian Tropic and ethnic competitions such as the Puerto Rican Queen Pageant.

Sasha Sepulveda has been modeling since she was two years old, according to her mother, Patrice Sepulveda.

"She won the regional and state competitions for the Little Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant and we were supposed to go to the international competition in Mexico, but we didn't have enough funds," Sepulveda said.

Sasha models at the Affiliated Models Inc. agency in Troy, Sepulveda said. Originally, it was Sasha's original camera shyness that made Patrice decide to try and enter her into beauty pageants.

"When she started modeling she was really shy," she said. "I tried entering her in pageants to build her self-esteem. It's really helped."

Entering pageants is a long process, Sepulveda said.

"It's like going through a modeling agency," she said. "You send in photos and the company sees what they want. It all depends on what they're looking for and what is popular at the time."

The Hawaiian Tropic pageant, Sasha's first, was also a milestone. After she won, Sepulveda started getting all types of mailings on other pageants around the country, she said.

"We get a lot of information now, but there's a lot of shows we can't go to because of distance," she said.

The pageants are set up much like the popular Miss America Pageants, with the girls competing in several areas: a formal wear competition, a model walk, stop and pivot, an interview and talent competitions. Occasionally, as in the Hawaiian Tropic pageant, there is a swimwear competition.

Since she was new to the pageant scene, Sasha wasn't required to enter the talent or interview sections, Sepulveda said. But she already has a good idea of what she'd do if she decides she wants to continue entering pageants.

"She loves to sing and dance," she said. "Sometimes when we're in a store she'll just start singing."



Sasha Sepulveda stands next to a trophy she won in a Puerto Rican Queen Pageant. (Crier photo, Scott Spielman.)

But the decision on whether to enter the pageants rests on Sasha, Sepulveda said. "If she wants to, that's fine. If she doesn't want to, that's fine to," she said. "I don't tell her; I ask her. It's all up to her."

Sasha said for now she likes entering the pageants, because she makes a lot of friends.

Scouts learn history, culture in D.C.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It was the latest in interactive learning.

When a local Weblo pack wanted to learn more about American government and history, they went a step beyond reading a book or logging on to a Web Site.

They went to Washington.



L to R: Nathaniel Wallace, Brian Barton, Mathew Lazzaro, Patrick Slavens and Chrliie Nahra in Washington, D.C.

"We thought it would be a good idea for them to see the government in action," said assistant cubmaster Mark Slavens, who organized the trip.

The boys saw various sites in Washington, including the FBI headquarters, where they saw more than 250 guns confiscated from various criminals. They also visited traditional sites like the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial.

In Washington, the boys met State Rep. Lynn Rivers' aides Peter Brown and Donna Childers.

"They took us on a nice, special subway ride that only members of congress are allowed on," Slavens said. "Then we were allowed to walk on the floor of the House of Representatives and sit in the seats."

The boys also had an opportunity to see a reenactment of the Battle of Antietam in Maryland, one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles.

"There were about 15,000 soldiers reenacting the battle," Slavens said. "It looked pretty authentic. Cannons went off, the ground exploded and caught fire; there was all this confusion. It was wild."

Slavens said the trip was a success, and everyone learned a great deal about government and history.

"Everyone had a great time," he said. "We may go back next year when they reenact the battle of Gettysburg."

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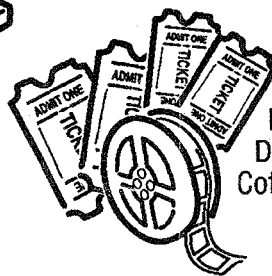
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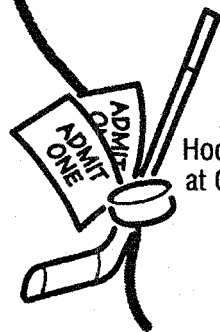


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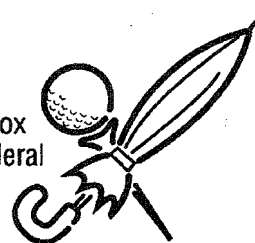


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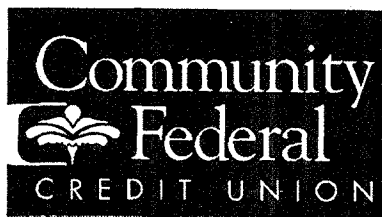
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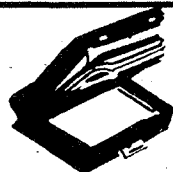
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Lisa N. Prevatte, of Canton, has been hired as Media Relations Assistant at LovioGeorgeInc, a Detroit based marketing communications and public relations firm. She will be responsible for supporting the media relations department with copywriting and strategy implementation.

Prevatte received her Associate of Science degree from Schoolcraft College, and her B.A. in public relations from Wayne State University.



Gerald M. Belian, P.E. was recently elected President of the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) for the 1997-98 program year.

Belian holds a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame, and is a registered professional engineer in several states. He serves as Vice President/Principal at the corporate office of Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. in Plymouth.

Ronald G. Loiselle, formerly of Mariner Financial Services, has joined FSC Securities Corporation as a Registered Principle.

Through higher affiliation with FSC Securities Corporation, Loiselle can offer access to general securities brokerage services, U.S. Government securities, municipal bonds, and mutual funds. His office is located at 865 South Main Street, Suite 2 in Plymouth.

The Longaberger Company recognized Kristine Moga, from Canton, as a 1997 Sales Achiever for generating annual sales of more than \$20,000.

Northville lawyers make firm commitment

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Courthouse or no, Plymouth makes a good spot for a law firm.

Two more promising lawyers have joined the flock of attorneys who make their home in town.

The Barone Law offices, located at Main and Wing streets in Plymouth, opened last month with two young attorneys from small towns determined to make their mark in this one.

Joe Barone and Maria Kanjuparamban have similar backgrounds, and have known each other for years.

Barone, from Grand Blanc, received a business degree from Michigan State University before earning his Juris Doctor from Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Kanjuparamban, from Mount Pleasant, first earned a B.A. in communications from Michigan State before graduating from Cooley with a law degree in May of 1996.

"We met at Cooley," Barone said. "We attended Michigan State during the same time, but we didn't know each other."

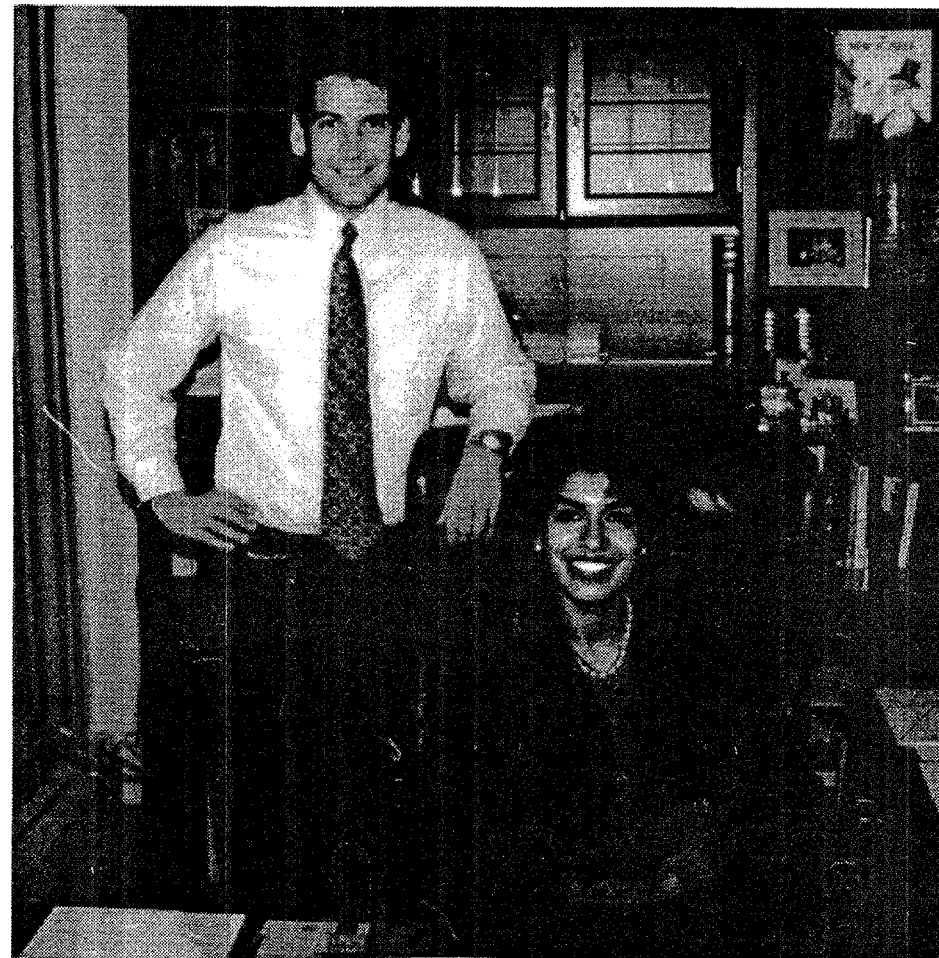
Each decided that they would practice law for their own firm, according to Kanjuparamban.

"We wanted to work for ourselves and thought that just starting out would be a good time to try it," she said. "We didn't want to wait and get settled into something else, because then we thought we'd never be able to do it."

The pair made several trips to Plymouth and other areas to scout out the best location for their firm, Kanjuparamban said. Since they were both from small towns, they wanted to move to another small town. They settled on Northville, and moved their burgeoning practice to Plymouth.

"We heard Plymouth was a growing community, and still a small town," Kanjuparamban said. "And even though it's a small town there's a lot going on."

Although Barone and Kanjuparamban are general practice lawyers now, they plan to diversify and specialize as they



Joe Barone and Marie Kanjuparamban, of Northville, opened a law firm in Plymouth last month. (Crier photo, Scott Spielman.)

gain clients and experience. Barone says he will specialize in personal injury and estate law, while Kanjuparamban plans to specialize in family and immigration law.

They also said they like what they've seen of the community so far, and plan on making Plymouth more than just a place to run their firm.

"What we want to do is get involved, not just do business and leave," Barone said. "I want people to think of us as their lawyer, neighbor and friend."

"I like getting involved with people and the public, especially helping people one-on-one," said Kanjuparamban, who also teaches an Introduction to Law Class at Cooley as an adjunct professor.

Barone agrees. "There are a lot of things out there that people who don't have a legal education don't always understand," he said. "After law school you know what you can do and what you can't do. I want to take the benefit of what I know to other people."

Plymouth D.A.R.E. van wins award

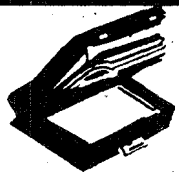


John Blackwell, Jr. presents the D.A.R.E. van of officers Jaime Senkbiel (left) of Plymouth Township and Steve Hundersmarck of City of Plymouth (right).

The van recently won Best in Show, Van Division at the annual D.A.R.E. convention in Lansing.

"Every D.A.R.E. division that has a vehicle shows it in a car show," said Plymouth Township Police Ofc. Bill Groff.

The van is multifunctional, and used in D.A.R.E. events and directing traffic, according to Groff.



Getting down to business

A bankuet of opportunities

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The recent growth in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area has manifested itself in many different ways; but perhaps no way more obvious than the business community.

Three financial institutions recently opened new branches or expanded old ones in Plymouth.

Community Federal Credit Union

CFCU's new 25,000 square-foot headquarters is fully functional, complete with a drive-through (yes, it's open, just enter off Maple) and two drive through ATMs. The facility is about 7,000 square feet larger than their previous building, located next door.

CFCU plans to provide the same services it has provided for the Plymouth Community for more than 40 years

"We're traditionally consumer related," said Sue O'Conner, vice-president of marketing. "Our focus has always been consumer related. It's our forte, and we think we can be competitive with any bank."

Community Bank of Dearborn

Although it is the community's youngest bank, started in 1994 by President Mike Ross and Chairperson Jack Demmer, it is also one of the fastest growing, from one branch in 1994 to its three present locations.

Community Bank of Dearborn is a different kind of bank. Fully independent, the bank makes all decisions locally, Ross said.

"We make our own policies and procedures," he said. "All decisions are made locally. We can tailor all our services to the community."

The bank offers a full range of services for consumers and small business alike, Ross said, everything from mortgage loans to business loans to a seniors community club, where senior

citizens can qualify for premium interest rates, free services and even a travel club.

Peoples State Bank

Peoples State Bank's five person management team brings more than 70 combined years of experience in banking in Plymouth and Canton.

The 88-year-old institution will provide a complete range of services at its Plymouth Regional Office, from individual accounts to commercial loans and residential mortgages.

"This office is part of one of the safest banks in the country which allows it to effectively serve the community with an array of competitive products," said Bill Graham, Vice President of Peoples State Bank.



Peoples State Bank employees celebrate the grand opening of the Plymouth Regional Office on Main Street (above). Star Mitchell (below, left) and Jenny Farrell (below, right) move office equipment into CFCU's new headquarters on S. Harvey Street. (Crier photos, R. Alwood, Jr.)



L to R: Denis Nissle, branch manager, Michele Begley, personal banker, Jessie Callan, TV winner, and Katherine Weed, senior personal banker at the newly opened Community Bank of Dearborn on Five Mile Road (Crier photo, B. Martin.)



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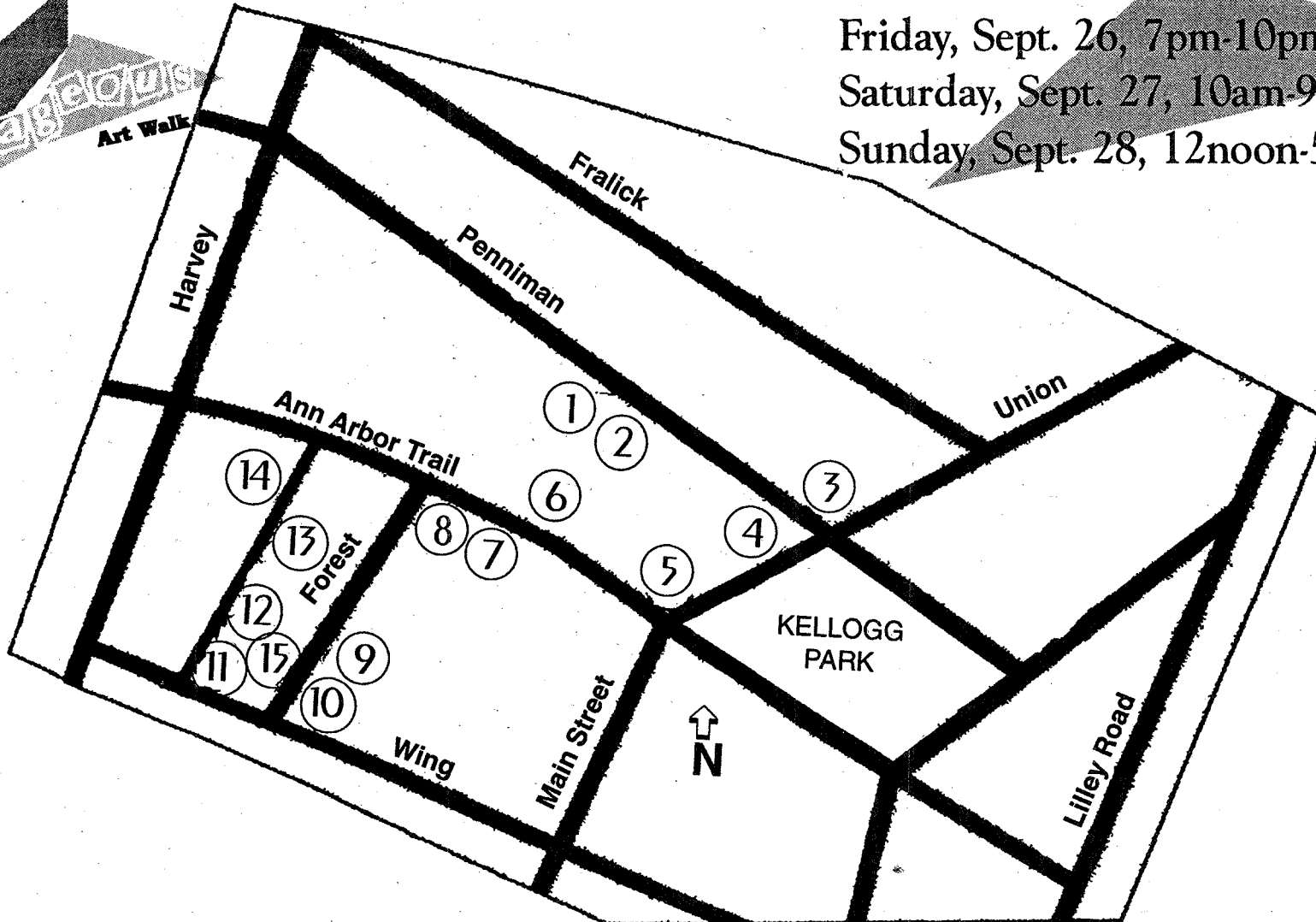
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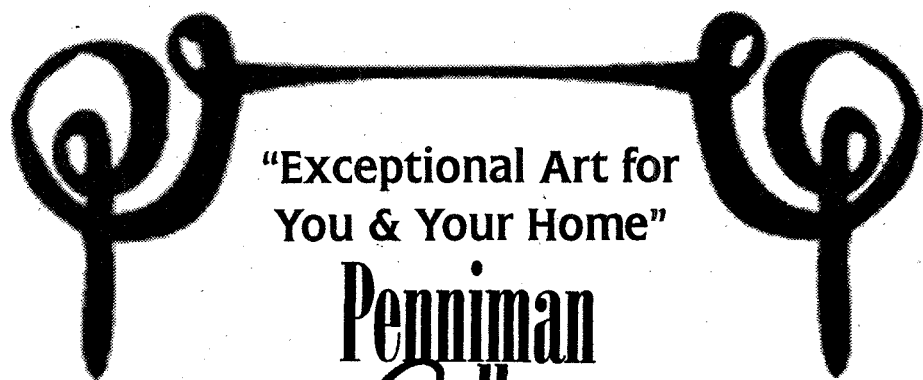
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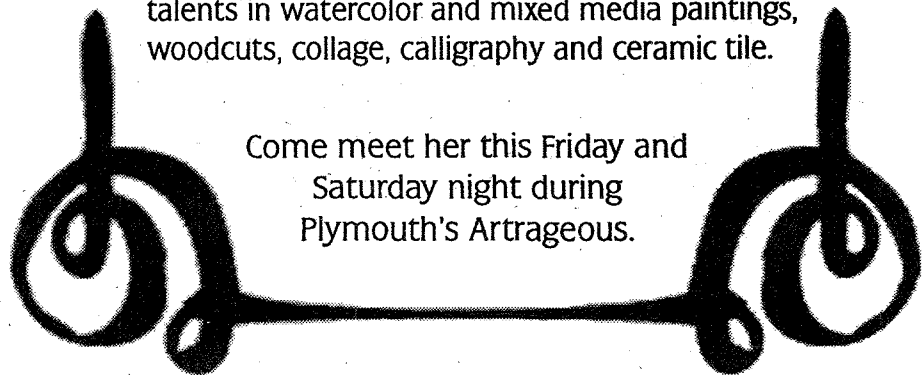
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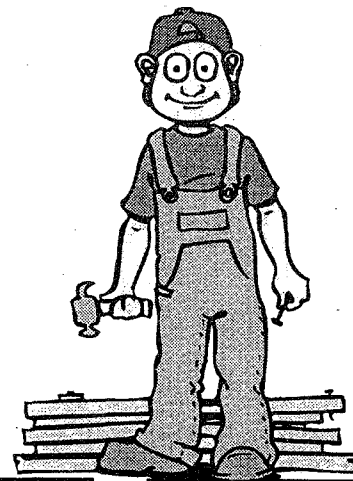
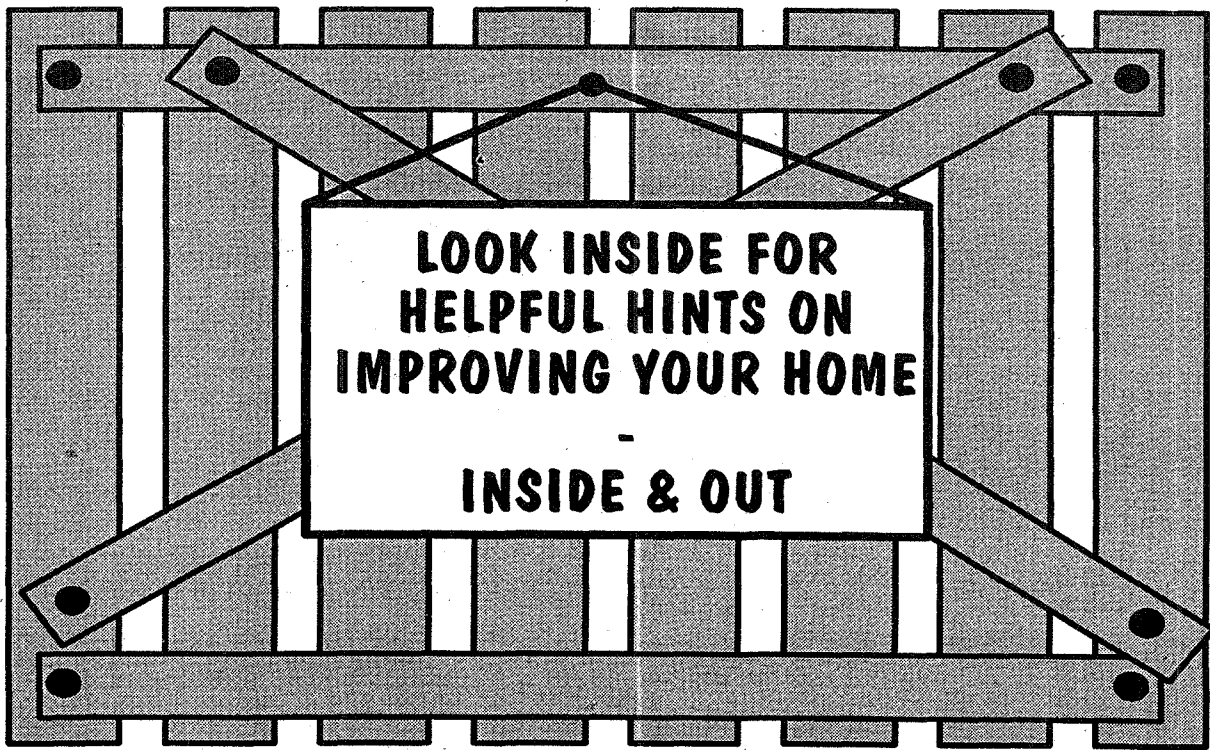
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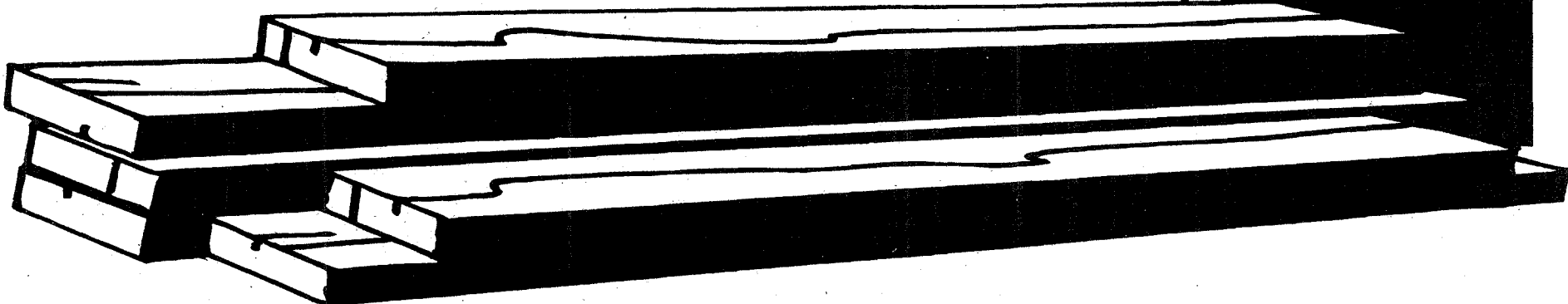


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Creative homeowners customize homes

Accessories, landscaping makes homes unique

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

'Cookie cutter subdivisions' keep popping up all over P-C-N and residents are finding creative ways to make their newly built homes look unique, both on the inside and outside.

When it comes to the exterior of your home, Doug Mans, manager of NA Mans Building Center in Canton, said "Have fun with it. The more creative you are, the more power to you. The home's entry is a key," he adds. "People can paint their front door or replace it with a leaded-glass door."

Mans said that when it comes to landscaping, it is well worth hiring a professional to help with designing the layout of the yard. Then, if the homeowners like, they can do the work themselves.

"In our area the theme for custom new homes is Victorian," says Jeff Stella, certified kitchen designer. "People are paying attention to details and spending more time on the

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The addition of exterior accents such as landscaping, bushes, and shaded window treatments can help transform any home (before, above) into a singular work of art (after, Below.) (Courtesy photo)





Accents offer personal touch

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exterior of their homes. They are looking for curb appeal."

"Residents are also using brick paved porches instead of decks," says Stella. "Or a combination of both."

"A custom deck helps to set a home apart from the others," Mans agreed. "It makes a home unique and creates more livable space."

In addition to painting the shutters and doors and adding accessories such as Victorian siding and fishscales on gables to add details and colors to a home, people are now getting creative with items such as window treatments and mailboxes, Mans said.

Interiors are also getting a lift.

"In kitchens people are using all of the wasted space," says Stella. "They are making every nook and cranny count with roll out shelves and pull out wastebaskets."

The hottest colors right now in kitchens are natural cherries and light maples. Standard white is also still popular.



New homes offer their own set of problems

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

Buying a newly built home is an adventure. Choosing the builder, location, and style are just the beginning. Even after moving in, homeowners still need to keep an eye out during the first year of ownership for problems that may occur.

"With new homes people need to look out for things such as nail pops," says Northville Architect Greg Presley. "The lumber may still be green, so it shrinks. The house must be aired out before the drywall is installed or the wood will continue to shrink and the nails will pop out."

Presley warns that settling foundations can cause cracks in walls, and may knock doors and windows out of alignment.

"If the roof is going to leak it most likely will happen during the first year," says Presley.

Presley's advice to new home buyers: Know right from the beginning that your builder is insured.

"Choose a builder that has been around for awhile. That way there's a good chance that they will still be there for call backs if you need them."

Presley says that builders are responsible for up to 18 months after

occupancy to repair building problems in new homes.

Landscaping may have its pitfalls, too, according to Jim Bonadeo of Bonadeo Builders.

"To help avoid cracking your sidewalks talk to your landscaping company before they start working," says Bonadeo. "Don't let them drive their tractors over the concrete sidewalks unless they use planks or dirt on the walkways."

When landscaping near the outside walls of your home there are also some things to watch for.

"If your landscaper is working near

brick walls, make sure that they do not grade about the brickline or else you will have water leaks," says Bonadeo. "If they do go over the brickline make sure that they tar the bricks beforehand to prevent leaks."

Bonadeo asks that you be patient with your builder about drywall problems.

"At the end of one year we go through the entire house to spot any problems," says Bonadeo. "If a builder is good and reputable they will take care of any problems you may have, even after the 18 months are up."

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Other domestic violence gone public in Plymouth

Monday's murder-suicide at the Johnson Controls office is the third such incident Plymouth Township has seen in the last 32 months.

Since 1995, four people were killed in two separate incidents about a mile and a half east of the Johnson Controls office. All three have occurred among people who knew each other and were involved in personal disputes.

Jan. 7:

A worker at Ford's Sheldon Road Plant, Michael Lee Brattin, had an argument with his estranged wife and co-worker, Sandra. Her alleged boyfriend and fellow Sheldon Plant employe, Michael O'Brien of Canton, attempted to break up the argument.

Brattin fired 10 shots, killing O'Brien and wounding Sandra. Brattin then turned the gun on himself and took his own life.

Aug. 18:

In an early morning nearly two years later, Ford employe Stephen Cox entered the same Sheldon Plant and walked into the security office in the building's Southeast corner.

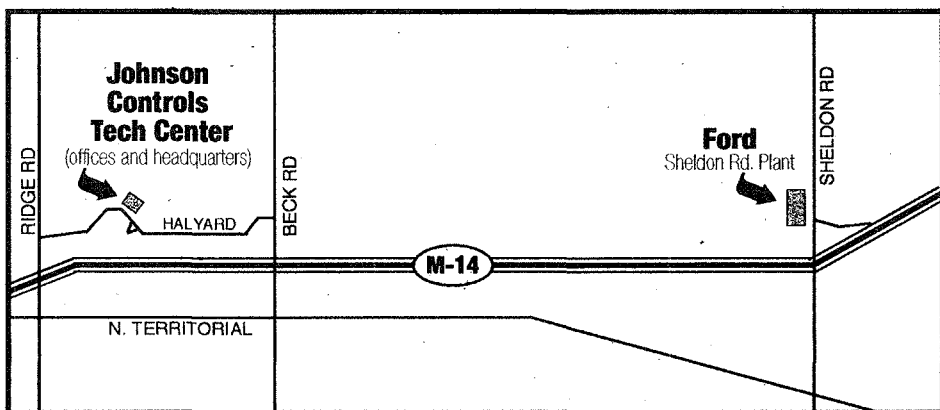
There, Cox fatally shot Donald Jagod, a security officer at the plant and father of Donna Jagod, before killing himself.

Donna had reported Cox for sexual harassment, for which Sheldon Plant management was investigating him.

Sept. 22:

Ernest Hall, Jr., shot and killed Ingrid Marshall at the Johnson Controls Plant on Beck Road, then shot and killed himself.

According to plant workers, Marshall, a Johnson Controls employe, had lived with Hall in Detroit for years. The couple recently began to have problems, workers said.



The Western Wayne County Special Operations unit is a cooperative SWAT team, gathered from different police departments in the county. Lt. John Sherman of Northville Township Police (left) leads the unit. Officers had been conducting rappelling drills earlier in the day in Canton. See the story, pg. 3.

Why at work? *How personal problems end in violence, and what can be done to prevent it*

What causes domestic violence in the workplace; and, how can it be prevented?

According to Karen Porter, assistant director of Canton's First Step shelter, domestic violence stems from "a control pattern of social, economic and emotional abuse. This happens in a number of ways but over time increases in frequency and intensity. The violence usually occurs when the partner tries to step away from the relationship."

Experts say the workplace is most often chosen by attackers for a number of reasons.

"Attackers put a lot of thought into where to do it," said Judith Barr, also from First Step. "They don't want to do it in front of children, and it's very easy to find someone where she works. It's very easy to predict when the victim will be there."

So, what can be done to prevent an

attack? First, it is important to recognize the warning signs. Does he have a past history of violence? Does he make threats? Does he have control issues? Does he break or strike objects, or resort to force in an argument? Does he have easy access to weapon? These are all signs that a relationship may end in an act of violence.

The next step is to make a safety plan. Involve others; let them know what he and his car look like. Take different route home each night. Talk to your employer about where to park, moving your desk, posting a description, and possibly increasing security. Attempt to solve problems in a non-violent way.

There is no surefire way not to be attacked. "Many times she will do all the right things and still be attacked," said Barr, "it's important not to blame the victim."



Police had to evacuate four employes from the area where the shootings took place. Here, a witness is given some space away from the excitement in the back of a Plymouth Twp. Police car.

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murder at work

Police still asking questions

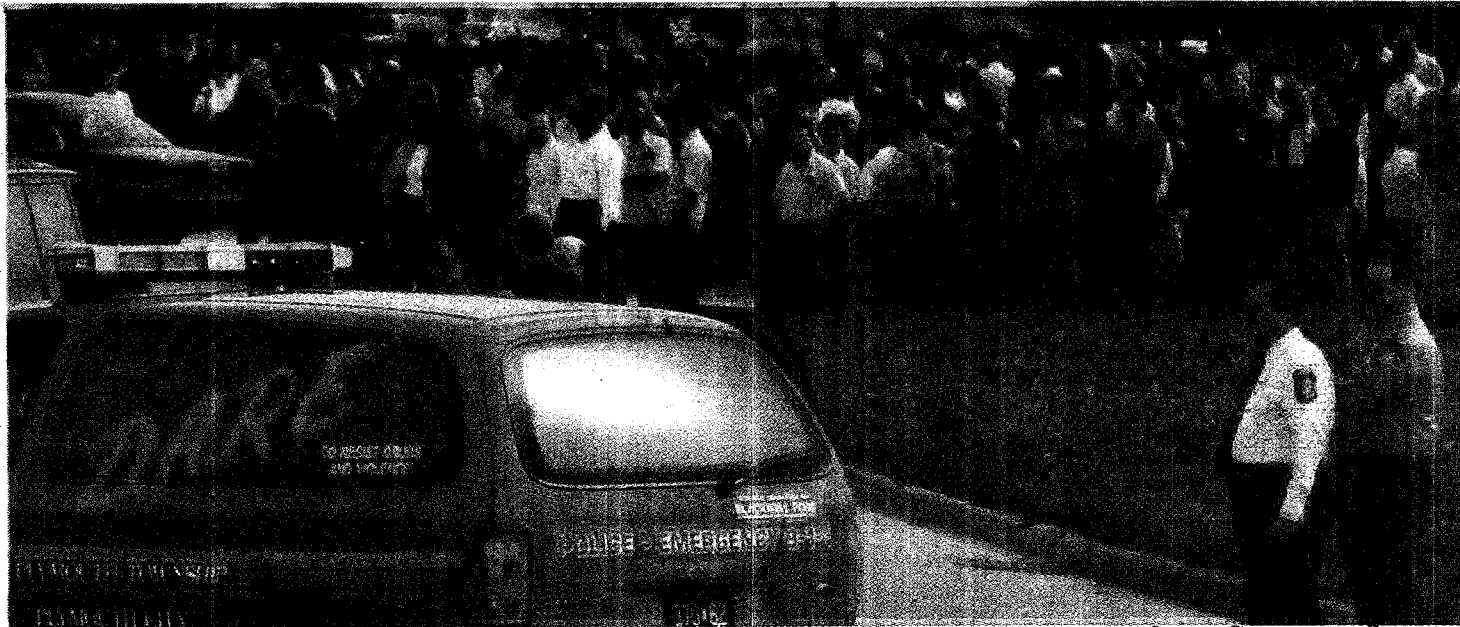
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Police are also uncertain how long Hall was in the building before he killed Marshall, according to Robert Smith, Plymouth Township Police acting chief. Different reports of multiple gunshots suggest different timelines, he said. "We're continuing to investigate how the events unraveled."

Based on what police know now, Smith said Hall entered the tech center's western building at 1:22 p.m. where he located Marshall. He then took Marshall into an office cubicle, and shot her with a .357-caliber revolver.

Plymouth Township Police received a 911 call from the building reporting shots.

At the time of the shooting, four employees other than Marshall were in the



About 500 of the Johnson Controls offices' 1,400 workers were evacuated during the incident. Most were taken to Compuware Sports Arena until danger subsided.

building. They took cover under desks and in closets Smith said.

The Western Wayne County Special Operations team, a unit of officers with SWAT training, was called to the scene. City of Plymouth police, Canton and Northville Township police, and Wayne County Sheriff

officers were also present at the scene.

Although more than one hostage negotiator was on the scene, authorities never made contact with Hall or Marshall during the incident, Smith said.

After about an hour of preparation, the SWAT team went into the building with two goals, according to Smith: evacuate those employees still hiding in the building, and eliminate the threat Hall posed.

While evacuating the remaining employees, SWAT officers found Hall and Marshall. Both were dead. Marshall had been shot three times. Hall had killed himself with a shot to the chest.

Although questions remain unanswered, Smith said a phone call has brought to light a few details.

While inside the building Hall phoned a friend in Southfield, Smith said. Hall had visited the friend earlier that day and had left a manila envelope containing a wallet, keys and a possible suicide note, according to a Plymouth Township Police report.

The friend described the conversation to police. Over the phone, Hall told his friend, "She won't die," then there were shots.

These may have been the final shots which killed Marshall, Smith said.

Hall then said, "I have to kill myself, I don't want to go to jail," according to the report. The phone then went silent.

Much like the two separate murder-suicides that happened at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant in 1995 and '96, Monday's

bloodshed was the culmination of a personal conflict resolved with violence, in public, at work.

For about ten years the two lived together in Detroit. With them lived the couple's daughter. Marshall also had a daughter from a previous relationship.

According to police and Johnson Controls employees' reports, Hall and Marshall had been having difficulties in recent weeks.

In August, Marshall filed a personal protection order against Hall, Smith said. That same month, Marshall had accused Hall of assaulting her in their home. Smith said Johnson Controls management knew of the assault, but when they suggested calling Plymouth Twp. police, Marshall

said she would handle the issue through Detroit police instead.

Yesterday, nearly all of the tech center's 1,400 workers were back at their jobs, according to a Johnson Controls spokesperson. Flags at the plant were flown at half mast. Counselors arrived at 7 a.m. to help employees make sense of the incident.

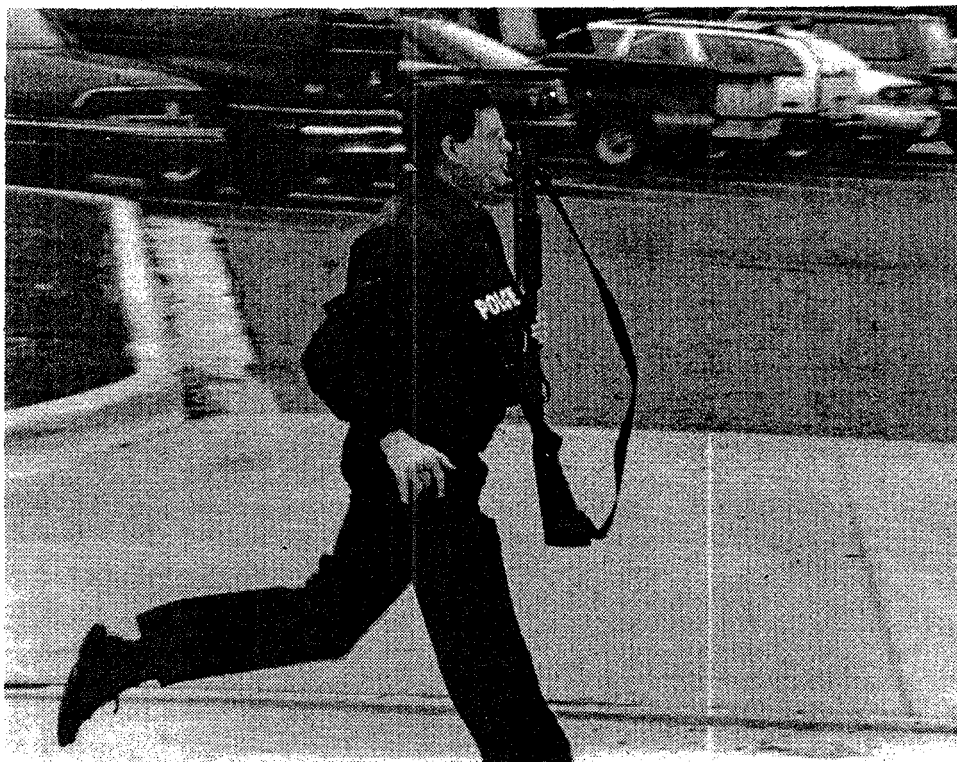
Smith said the department does not know what led to the violence, but suspects it was the culmination of Hall's and Marshall's personal difficulties.

Smith also said that even the tightest security cannot prevent such instances from occurring. "If someone is willing to exchange their life for another, there's a good chance they'll succeed."

'If someone is willing to exchange their life for another, there's a good chance they'll succeed.'

Robert Smith

Plymouth Twp. P.D. acting chief



Robert Smith, Plymouth Township Police acting chief (above) worked to secure the site before other support arrived, with the help of Township Det. David Hayes (in white shirt below) Ofc. Wilson, who was first at the scene, and others.

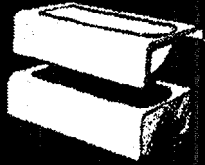


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Replacing windows an overlooked option

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

Replacing the windows in a home may not be a project that people look forward to, but with a little research and creativity it can be fun.

"Many homes in the P-C-N area are 20 to 30-years-old," says Dick Anderson, former owner of Plymouth Glass Company. "Insulation glass seals start to fail and that causes condensation to make the inside of the window look clouded. One solution is to replace the glass portion, yet use the same frame."

Anderson says the most important advice to homeowners is to get referrals.

"There is no license required to install windows," says Anderson. "Watch out and do your research on the company. Make sure that they will honor their service calls."

"Other concerns when looking for a window company should be the number of years in business and membership with the Better Business Bureau," says Gary Weston, owner of Weston Window Replacements.

"If you are going to replace your windows, make sure that you have to do it just once," says Weston. "Price isn't what you should be looking at, you should look for quality. Good windows will keep paying you back over the years."

New advances in windows include Argon gas in-between window panes and Low-E glass as new energy saving ideas in windows.

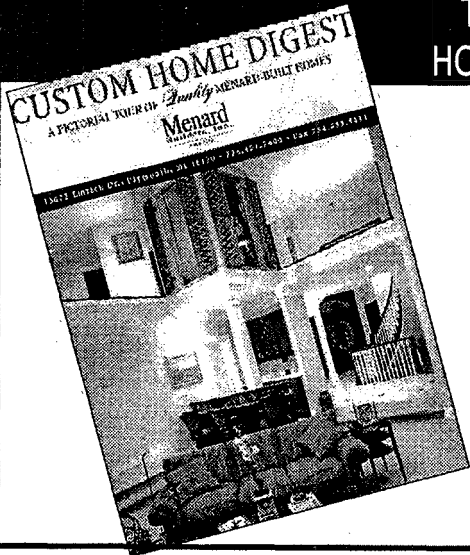
"People should look for Low-E glass," says Weston. "It blocks out ultra-violet rays from the sun, protecting carpet, drapes and furniture. Also it helps to keep the room cool in the summer and warm in the winter."

New designs in windows add up to more options.

"There's two new features in windows," says Weston. "Slim-shades are available with mini-blinds inside the two panes of glass that can be raised and lowered. Also new are windows with wood on the inside and aluminum clad on the outside."

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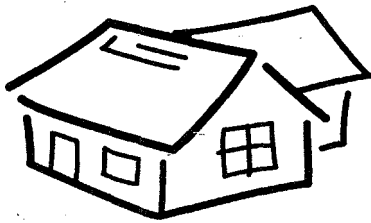
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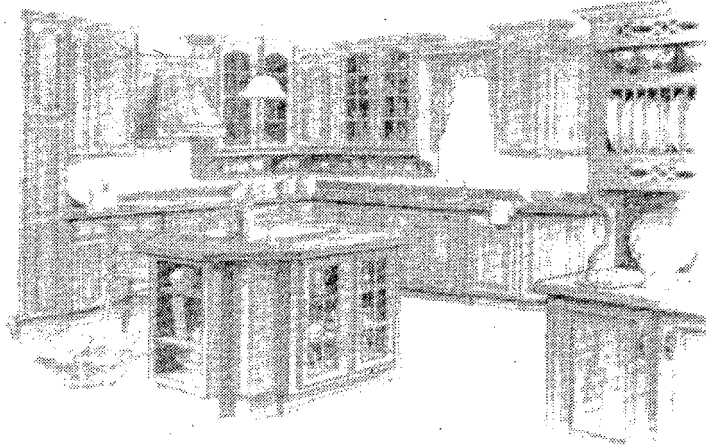
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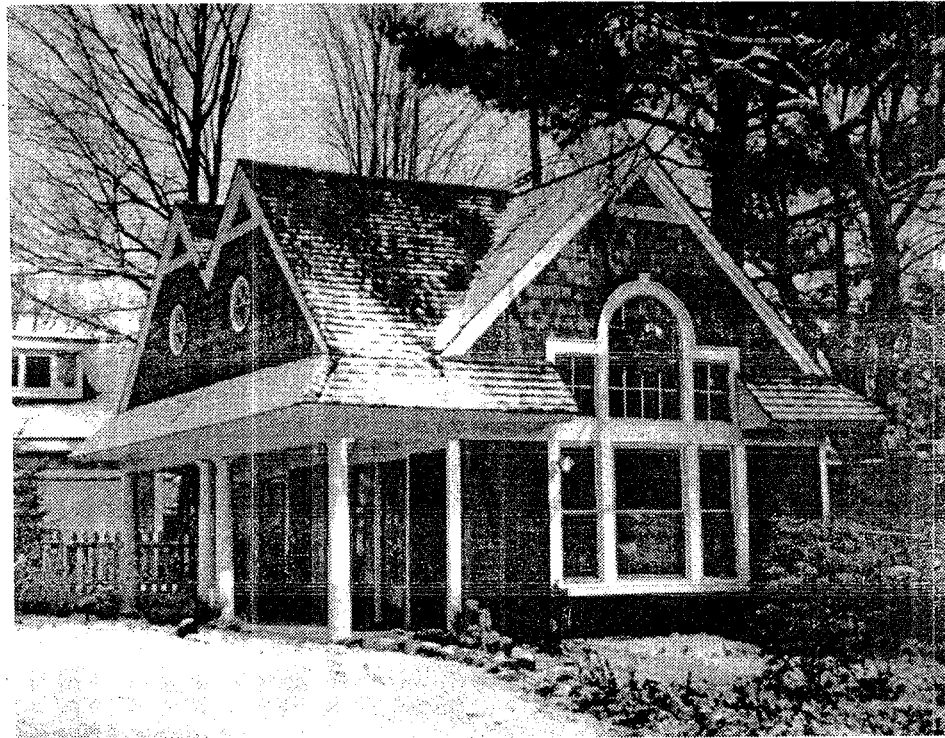


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Replacement windows can add classic touch



When replacing windows in your home, no matter what the age it may be think about special ways you can make you house better and add in more light. This carriage house, redesigned by architect Greg Presly optimizes these concepts during

the renovations. Note how enlarging window spaces and using custom trim can transform even the most average looking house (left) to a showroom quality cottage. (Courtesy photo.)

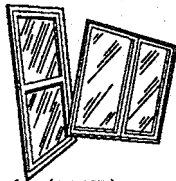


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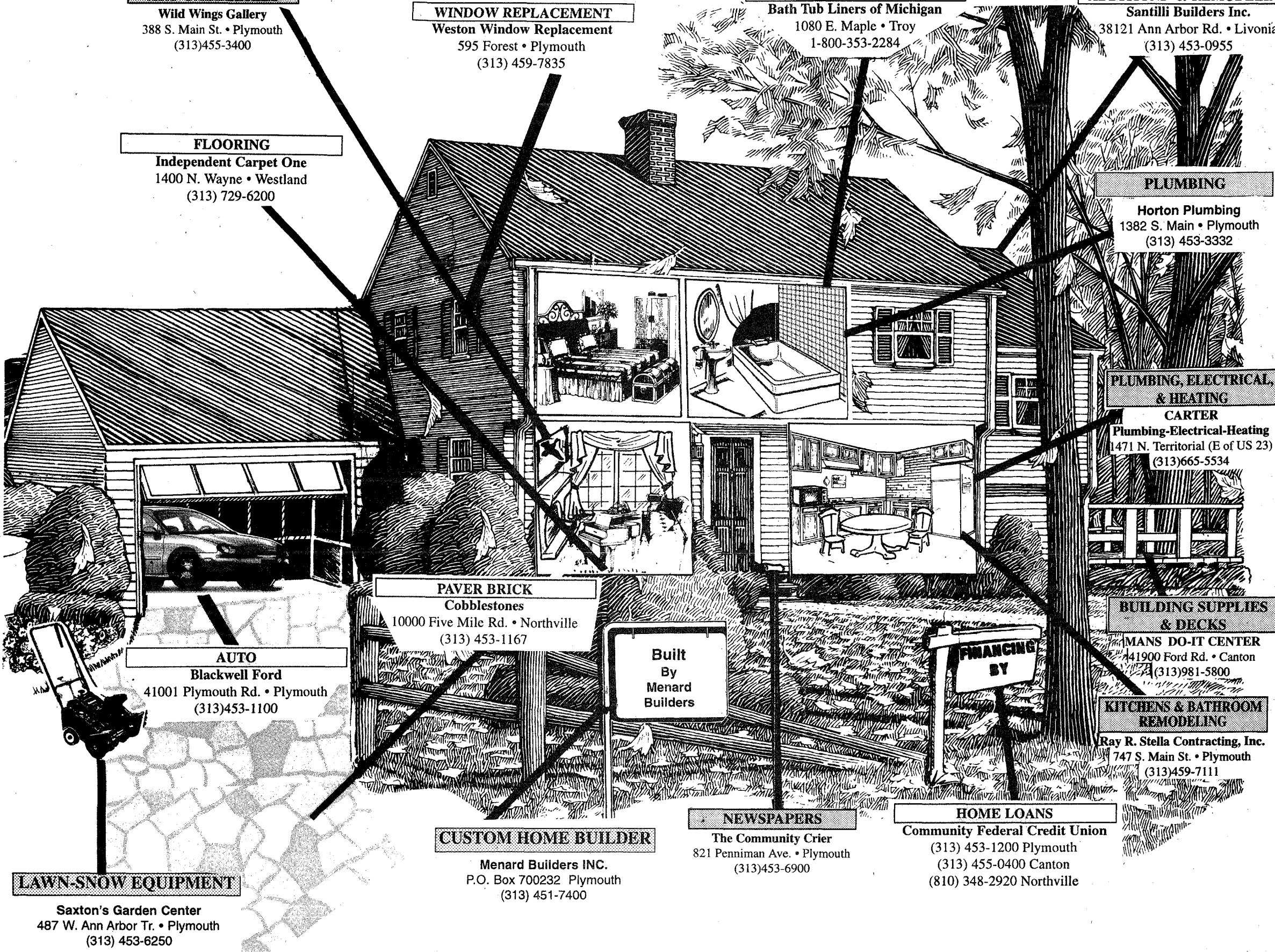
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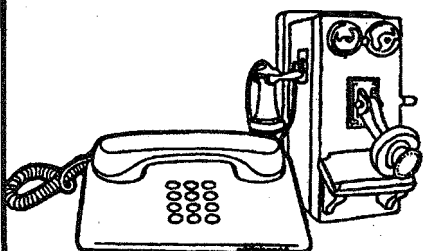
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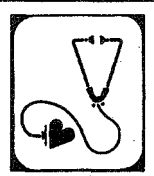
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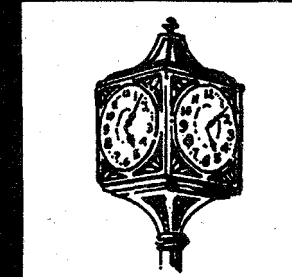
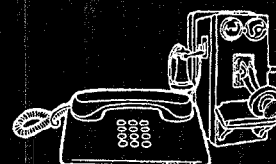
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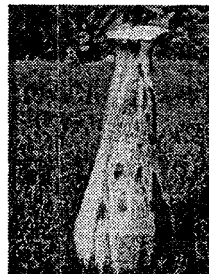
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Guy Samples, assistant golf professional at Canton's Pheasant Run Golf Course, tied for eighth in the recent Michigan PGA golf tournament held at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

Samples outshot more than 250 other entrants with daily scores of 70, 74 and 73 in the tournament, which is one of three major Michigan PGA tournaments for Michigan club pros. His three-day total of 217, one over par, placed him eighth in the field. This is Samples' second season as assistant golf pro at Pheasant Run.

Salem girls tennis team vs. Livonia Churchill Sept. 15. Salem's No. 1 singles player, junior Amanda Miller, defeated Churchill's Chrystal Tomczyk, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. In No. 2 singles, Salem junior Yuka Kurisu lost to Ashlee Mehl, 6-4, 6-4. In No. 3 singles, junior Erin Griffith of Salem defeated Julia Arciero, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. In No. 4 singles, junior Sarah Mateer of Salem beat Megan Vollick, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

In doubles competition, Salem's No. 1 duo Jennifer Koloski and Danielle Winkler lost to Aditi Sayena and Rachel Walley of Churchill, 6-4, 6-4.

Salem's No. 2 doubles team Sarah Kindred and Molly Martin won, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). The Rocks' No. 3 doubles team, Kelly Lehane and Sam Guile won, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The Rocks' No. 4 doubles team — Jill Stein and Megan Bohr lost, 6-1, 6-3.

Salem boys CC places 4th at Jackson Canton boys CC 5th, Canton girls CC 4th at Monroe Invite

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Salem boys cross country team didn't have its best meet of the season finishing fourth at the Jackson Varsity Invitational Saturday.

But that's okay with Rocks coach Geoff Baker.

"Everybody's times are still dropping a little bit. I'm happy with our progress. We didn't run our best race Saturday, which is good, because I don't want to run our best race and finish fourth," Baker said.

Makes sense. And Baker must know what he's talking about. His Rocks are 4-0 overall and 2-0 in Lakes Division action this season.

That will probably increase to 5-0 with tomorrow's meet against Farmington, but let's not count our runners before they've ran.

Instead, a review of the past few weeks confirms the Rocks are well on their way to capturing their first Western Lakes Activities Association title during Baker's 11-year tenure.

On Saturday in Jackson, the Rocks (127 points) finished behind Class A title favorite Rockford (42), perennial Kensington Valley Conference powerhouse Lakeland (67) and OK Conference member Traverse City Central.

As usual, Ian Searcy led the Salem field, taking ninth place with a time of 16:24.

Junior Jon Little (16th place) was close behind at 16:43. Nick Allen came in 16:49, and Bobby Cushman finished in 34th place with a time of 17:19.

Matt Anderson (17:37) placed 48th and Dave Rowe was 67th with a time of 17:57. Trevor Davis came in at 18:16, good for 91st place.

On Sept. 13, the Rocks won the 13-team New Boston Invitational with 58 points. Searcy took fourth in 16:11. Allen

was eighth at 16:39. Little was one place behind Allen at 16:40.

Cushman finished in 17:27, good for 18th place. Anderson was 19th with a time of 17:30.

CANTON BOYS CC

It's hard to sell the importance of sixth place to anyone in sports.

"I always tell the guys it is," said Chiefs coach Mike Spitz.

It was Saturday in the slop at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

'We didn't run our best race Saturday, which is good, because I don't want to run our best race and finish fourth.'

Geoff Baker
Salem boys CC coach

Canton and Trenton were tied for fourth place in the team standings out of 13 squads at the scenic course running through a state park along the shores of Lake Erie.

But since the Trenton's sixth-place runner finished ahead of Canton's, the tiebreaker and fifth place went to the up-and-coming downriver team. "The schools downriver, I think, over the last three or four years have gotten really strong," said Spitz.

Example: Wynadotte Roosevelt, who won the 13-team invite, and second-place Woodhaven.

Saline took third. Sean Moore was Canton's top finisher, taking third place in 16:51.

"That's three seconds off last year's time there, which was in a lot better conditions," said Spitz.

Brian Boyd (17:56) finished in 14th place.

Jerry Reynolds was 16th in 18 flat. Joe Niemiec came in at 18:47. Taggart Anderson ran the course in 18:58, good for 40th place.

Vishal Sharma took 54th with a time of 19:35.

"We've had our share of success down there (Monroe), but not in the last three years. This was our sixth season going there, and I think we won it the first three years. Since then we've finished third, fourth and now fifth," said Spitz. "We're going in the wrong direction."

CANTON GIRLS CC

They call it cross country and not track for a reason. You're expected to run across the countryside, no matter what the ground may be like.

The Monroe Jefferson Invitational Saturday tested the Chiefs' resolve one day after the summer's last storm dumped a deluge across lower Michigan.

Canton placed fourth in the meet with 121 points. Livonia Churchill won the meet with 35 points.

Saline's "B" team placed second with 74. Belleville was third with 112.

"It was a good meet," said Canton coach George Przygodski... "The course was muddy, sloppy; there were a lot of big puddles."

Senior Lori Schmidt was Canton's top runner with a time of 22:25. She placed 16th.

Sophomore Sarah Rucinski took 17th in 22:28. Sophomore Darcy Crain was 19th with a time of 22:30.

Erin O'Rourke finished in 23:14, nabbing 34th.

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Whalers split season-opening homestand

Knights spoil Whaler debut Saturday, 6-4; Plymouth wins Sunday, 5-4, over Windsor

BY BRIAN CORBETT

They say history repeats itself, and it certainly did at the Plymouth Whalers' season opener Saturday night before 3,588 fans at Compuware Sports Arena.

It was seven years to the day that the Whalers franchise played its first game — also the OHL's inaugural game in the U.S. — at Cobo Arena in 1990. The Whalers, then known as the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors, skated away 5-0 losers to the London Knights.

The Knights were again the culprit in 1997, defeating the Whalers, 6-4.

It also continued a trend started last season: The Knights' surprising success against the Whalers.

London was the worst team in the OHL in 1996-97, finishing 13-51-2, but four of those victories came versus Plymouth, who was 26-34-6.

With the win Saturday, London's all-time record at CSA improved to 3-2.

The Knights know their history, and they stole a page from the Whalers' textbook to earn the minor upset.

London played conservative, closing the lanes and negating end to end rushes by the faster, more talented Whalers. They created turnovers and capitalized on the Whalers' defensive lapses. Just what Plymouth did last season, resulting in a fourth-place finish and a playoff appearance despite playing with a roster that included about 15 rookies.

"We fell into the trap," said Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer.

"That's basically what happened. We got beat on our own game. They kept it simple."

"They played a better game. They outworked us," said forward Mark Cadotte, who had a goal and an assist. "Last year, we were the hardest working

team in the league and it paid off."

The Whalers were shorthanded, however. All-star goaltender Robert Esche and last year's leading scorer, Andrew Taylor, missed the game while attending NHL preseason camps.

And there were several noteworthy performances in the Whalers' loss. A line of Kris Purdy, Brian Passmore and Andy Burnham — a trio of rookies — were impressive, crashing London all night. Kevin Holdridge took his first step to becoming a premier OHL defenseman with a solid night.

Top European draft pick Stevie Lyle stopped 22 of 28 shots in Esche's absence.

He allowed one soft goal — a five-hole shot by forward Mike Stalk from the left circle during the second period. "That was probably the only questionable goal, the rest we hung him out to dry on," said DeBoer.

Julian Smith (two goals) and No. 1 draft pick Dave Legwand also scored for Plymouth.

The Whalers held 2-0 and 4-3 leads in the first and second periods, respectively, but London replied with three unanswered goals in the game's final 28 minutes to win.

The Whalers were completely outclassed in the third period, managing only four shots on goal to London's 11.

While a laser light show and smoke greeted the Whalers during the pregame introductions, the season's first big bang came when London's rookie defenseman John Erksine, eager to prove his heavy-weight reputation and worth as the second overall OHL draft pick, slammed Whaler forward and resident tough guy Jesse Boulerice into the boards in front of the Plymouth bench just seconds into the game.

The two squared off moments later



Whaler defenseman Jason Lawmaster rushes the London zone and threads a pass between the Knight's Jeff Brown and Tom Kostopoulos during Saturday night's season opener. The Whalers lost, 6-4, but rebounded to beat Windsor Sunday night, 6-5. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

with Boulerice landing several big rights on his challenger, Erksine, who staggered but didn't fall.

With Detroit up 1-0 early in the first, Smith turned on a loose puck between the circles and buried a wrist shot high under the crossbar past Knights goaltender Gene Chiarello.

London tied the game with goals 1:15 apart. Both were loose puck battles that the Knights were able to win and bang past Lyle.

Plymouth seemingly took control of the game in the second period, on the scoreboard at least, with goals by Cadotte and Legwand.

The first goal came on the power play, and was set on a beautiful pass by Smith; he circled the London net and shoveled the puck across the crease to Cadotte, who was breaking in on the left side and simply redirected the pass.

The game was tied, 4-4, when a third period brawl at 8:40 stopped play for several minutes, resulting in four game misconducts.

When the game resumed, London's Mike Mazzuca scored on a two-on-one with Rich Pittiri (three assists). London center Rico Fata scored an empty net goal at 19:43.

Plymouth 6, Windsor 5 — Cadotte scored two unassisted goals, including the Whalers' first-ever on a penalty shot, to even Plymouth's record at 1-1.

Windsor fell to 0-2. Scott Holsinger got the win in net for Plymouth. Rookie forward Yuri Babenko also had two goals for Plymouth, and Legwand added his second goal in as many games.

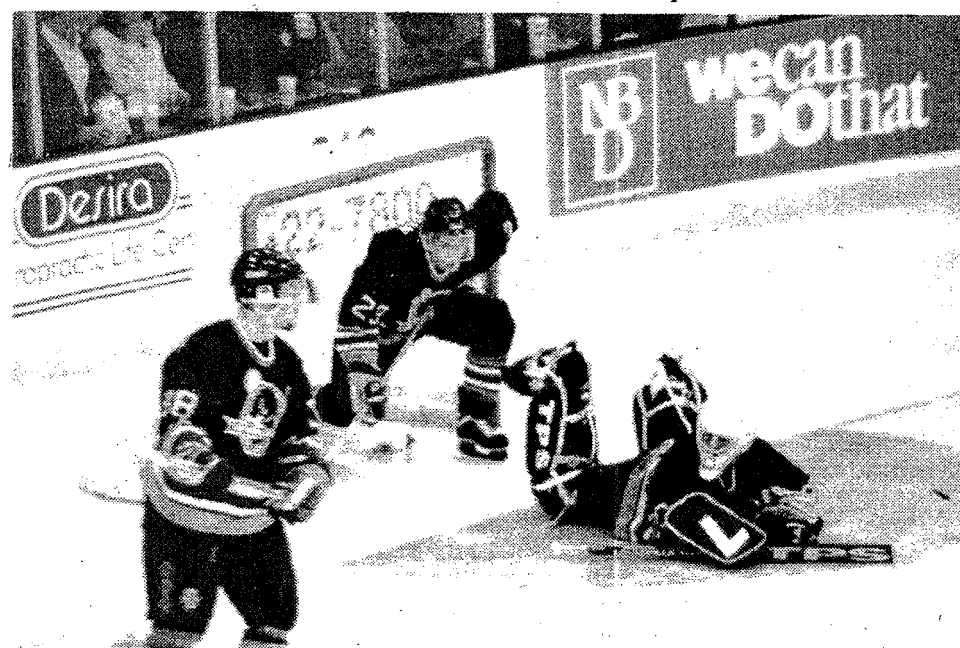
Smith jump-started the Whalers for the second night in a row with a goal 22 seconds in. It was his third of the season.

Whale Tales:
The Whalers' official fan club, the

Whale Watchers, will make their first road trip of the season to London this Friday for a 7:30 p.m. against the Knights at the Ice House...

Taylor, who's attending Carolina's camp as gree agent, was reportedly optioned Monday by the Hurricanes' to New Haven, a minor league team of the American Hockey League. His status with the Whalers will likely remain uncertain until sometime next month...

Esche should return shortly after an extended stay with the Phoenix Coyotes.



With Whaler starting goalie Robert Esche still at NHL camp, top European draft pick Stevie Lyle was in between the pipes for Saturday's season opener versus London at Compuware Sports Arena. Lyle stopped 22 shots, but not right wing Andy Burnham (23) in the 6-4 loss. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)



UPCOMING GAMES:

Where? London Ice House
When? Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Who? Plymouth vs. London

Where? Compuware Arena
When? Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Who? Plymouth vs. Ottawa

Where? Compuware Arena
When? Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.
Who? Plymouth vs. Bellv.

Salem soccer ranked No. 1 in state

Undefeated record gives Rocks top billing

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Meet the state's top-ranked boys soccer team: the Salem Rocks.

That's the reward after the Rocks went 2-0-1 last week, outscoring their opponents, 14-1.

"We knew it would be coming once we got to 5-0 and knew what the schedule looked like. We knew it was inevitable," said second-year Salem coach Ed McCarthy.

Welcome to the pressure cooker.

But McCarthy isn't afraid the top billing will go to his players heads; he's the first one to remind them otherwise. "We still have plenty areas where we have to improve," he said.

Salem's week opened up with a 10-0 road win over Lakes Division foe Farmington.

That set the stage for Wednesday's showdown with Livonia Churchill of the Western Division. But the game turned into more of a downer than a show.

Six Charger players, including several starters, reportedly were suspended for disciplinary reasons prior to game time. As a result, Churchill altered its game plan, opting for a conservative approach with less offensive pressure.

It didn't work.

Forward Brett Konley scored his 13th goal of the season in the first half to put Salem up, 1-0. That lead increased to 2-0 25 minutes into the half on a goal by Andy Power. He added another on a penalty shot 10 minutes into the second half to complete the scoring, 3-0.

Brian Wozniak recorded the shutout for Salem, who was disappointed at a missed chance to play one of the state's other top teams with a full roster. "Our players were very disappointed, no doubt about it," said McCarthy. "They're definitely one of the best teams in the conference, and probably one of the best teams in the state. We were hoping for real tough game as a barometer."

But there was another big game on the horizon, Saturday's contest with Troy, another state powerhouse. And this game

lived up to all the hype.

The Trojans scored first on a penalty shot a couple of minutes into the game.

Just minutes later, Joe Ianni took control of the loose ball and fed it to outside midfielder Dan Wielechowski about 40 yards from the Troy net. Wielechowski used his speed to beat several defenders and go in one-on-one with the Trojan goalie. He blasted the ball with the outside of his foot to the back of the net in the upper left corner. "He really had a terrific game," McCarthy said of Wielechowski, "probably the best game on our side."

Salem junior netminder Jeremy Finley also was impressive. "He made a couple of pretty good saves," said McCarthy, who has been rotating goalies all season.

Salem sinks Canton tankers, 123.5-62.5

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Last week, the Canton girls swim team finished in third place, 28 points behind arch-rival Salem at the Western Lakes Activities Association relays.

That meet was in the Rocks' pool with several other teams, and the Chiefs were hoping they'd have little more success in their own water, going one-on-one with Salem.

They'll have to catch the next wave.

Salem won its first dual-meet of the season, a 123.5-62.5 victory over the Chiefs.

"We swam pretty strong. We had some good times, but they had a lot of depth and just out-swam us," said Canton coach Sarah Eubanks.

Canton recorded two first-place finishes: Junior Teri Hanson (25.58) in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly (1:00.9).

The rest of the firsts went to Salem. Lindsay Harst won the 200 IM in 2:26.53. Kari Foust took home first in the 100 backstroke at 1:05.60. Katie Bonner won

Salem had a majority of the scoring opportunities in the second half, but the game ended in a 1-1 deadlock.

McCarthy must decide which goalie will play tonight against Livonia Stevenson. The game likely will decide the Lakes Division championship.

SALEM-STEVENSON SHOWDOWN

Where? PCEP soccer field.

When? Tonight at 7 p.m.

What? Salem versus Stevenson in a battle for the Lakes Division championship.

Prediction? Salem 2, Stevenson 1.

the 100 breast-stroke in 1:13.92. First place in the 500 freestyle went to Sarah Rodgers in 5:40.91. Lori McKay won the 100 and 200 freestyle competitions in 58.43 and 2:06.28, respectively.

Michelle Wallon won the diving competition with 208.5 points.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Bonner, Kathy Kelly, Harst, and McKay swam to first with a time of 1:47.94. Audrey Hala, Jess Hala, Kelly and McKay combined to win the 400 freestyle in 3:56.74.

Foust, Bonner, Hartz and Carrie Dzialo won the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:59.17.

Salem is 1-0.

Canton is 1-2 in dual meets. The Chiefs' win came on Sept. 16 against Farmington.

Diver Maureen Kearny (134.6 points) help lead the Chiefs to an easy 116-64 win.

The other dual-meet loss was the season-opener at home to Monroe. The Trojans won, 117-68.

Chiefs rip Glenn in hoops league opener

BY TIM DAVIS

The Chiefs tipped off their league season with a defeat of the Westland John Glenn Rockets on the road Thursday, 70-24.

The win is encouraging, but Canton coach Bob Blohm knows that there is still a lot of hard work ahead. "It's a pretty tough league: Farmington Salem, and Northville are all excellent teams," said Blohm. "It will be hard to repeat as either division or league champs."

Canton was up 35-5 at half and scored another 35 points to finish the game with a 70-24 win.

Notable players were top scorers Mellisa Marzolf, with 19 points, and Janelle Twietmeyer, with 15 points. Blohm was adamant, however, in pointing out that the whole team played well. Nine out of their 10 players scored during

the game.

The team played in the Flint Powers Tournament Sept. 11-13. Although they lost their first game to Flint Powers, Blohm was content with the team's third-place finish.

"Flint Powers is a very competitive team," said Blohm, "I think we played well."

The Chiefs won their second-round game with Harper Woods, 67-34. It was 20-14 at half time. The Chiefs pulled away in the second half, said Blohm.

Canton scored 22 points in the third quarter and 25 in the fourth. The Chiefs held Harper Woods to only 20 points in the entire second half.

"The girls were outstanding at rebounding and defending in the third and fourth quarters," said Blohm. "We out-rebounded them by a significant mar-

gin."

Canton finished off their non-league season with a loss to Birmingham Marian on Sept 16. Blohm was not disappointed with the loss to the No. 1 rated team in the state. "We didn't rebound as well as I thought we could, but the girls played well," said Blohm.

Addenda & errata

The Sept. 10 edition of The Community Crier included incorrect information. The headline "Salem wins Mercy Hoops tourney" should have credited Canton with the tournament championship.

On deck

CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at Northville at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Tonight at Harrison at 5:30 p.m.
Saturday at Troy at 1 p.m.. Monday at home versus Farmington at 7p.m.

CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tomorrow at Farmington. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS CC

Tomorrow at Northville at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS CC

Tomorrow at Northville at 4 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at home versus Northville at 7p.m. Saturday at the West Bloomfield Invitational. Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF

All tee times 3 p.m. Today at home versus Harrison. Friday at home versus Farmington. Monday at Franklin.

CANTON GIRLS TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. Today at Franklin. Friday at home versus Churchill. Monday at home versus Salem.

SALEM FOOTBALL

Friday at home versus North Farmington at 7:30 p.m.

SALEM BOYS CC

Tomorrow at Farmington at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Dearborn Crestwood Invitational.

SALEM GIRLS CC

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. versus Farmington at Oakland Community College. Saturday at the Dearborn Crestwood Invitational

SALEM BOYS SOCCER

Tonight at home versus Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. Saturday at Brighton at 1 p.m. Monday at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tomorrow at Harrison. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at home against Adrian at 2 p.m.. Tuesday at home versus Flint Northern. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at home versus North Farmington at 7p.m. Saturday at home for the Rock Invitational at 1 p.m.

SALEM BOYS GOLF

All tee times 3 p.m. Today at Hilltop versus Livonia Stevenson. Friday at North Farmington. Monday at Hilltop versus Harrison.

SALEM GIRLS TENNIS

All games at 4 p.m. Today at home versus Harrison. Friday at Livonia Franklin. Saturday at the Essexville Invitational at 9 a.m. Monday at Canton.



Community opinions



Tracks through the wet cement show the panic as employees of Johnson Controls fled their offices after hearing gunshots in their offices Monday. One observer said, "Here's the company trying to make this a better place for employees — building a patio and all — but no one can make this or anyplace absolutely safe." (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)



Hundreds of employees at Johnson Controls waited outside their offices Monday while police attempted to deal with the reported hostage incident that left two dead. After an hour, they were taken by school bus to the Compuware Arena. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Domestic violence, workplace solutions

Even when not part of the problem, steps at work can reduce risk

For the third time in 32 months, The Plymouth-Canton Community has been shocked by violence at a workplace.

Ironically, it can be argued that each of the incidents had nothing specifically to do with the workplace in which they occurred. (Some violent incidents elsewhere have been tied to disgruntled workers.)

Monday afternoon's tragedy in Plymouth Township is more aptly a lesson on coping with domestic violence which can follow a woman wherever she goes — including to work.

The common thread here leaves those who work in plants and offices here with a nagging fear:

"What if a domestic or personal feud or grudge involving the person next to me boils over at work?"

As a spokesman for Johnson Controls said Monday night after the shocking murder-suicide, "I don't know if any level of (office-plant) security could prevent this." The same could be said of the two incidents that occurred at the Ford Motor Co. Sheldon Road Plant in 1996 and 1995.

Johnson Controls says it is evaluating its security in light of Monday's incident. With two similar incidents occurring so soon before it, many would be tempted to label this as a workplace issue — and that would miss the proper focus.

'It is time for employes and employers alike to realize that personal security at the workplace may affect hundreds of others in that plant or office, and the community at large as well.'

As unbelievable as the coincidence of these three murder-suicides happening here may be, it raises real concerns about coping with domestic violence at home and in the workplace. It tells employes and employers alike that threats and concerns about violence should not be taken lightly.

Dr. Frank Ochberg, and "The Victims and the Media Program" at Michigan State University, visited The Plymouth-Canton Community to study the first incident at the Sheldon Road Plant. After hearing of Monday's incident, Ochberg said:

"The worksite may not be part of the problem, but it can part of the solution to help women."

According to Plymouth Township Acting Police Chief Robert Smith, the woman who was shot and killed in

Monday's incident had obtained a personal protection order against her common-law-husband-assailant after he visited her at her offices a few weeks ago.

At that time she notified her employer but asked that police not be called, Smith said. Such attitudes are not uncommon in instances of domestic abuse.

But it is time for employes and employers alike to realize that personal security at the workplace may affect hundreds of others in that plant or office and the community at large as well. Involving the existing community programs on domestic abuse with the program on workplace safety that Plymouth Township Police have been offering would be a step forward.

While this latest tragedy affects

everyone who works with others, the underlying concern stems from how to adequately deal with domestic violence. Obviously, obtaining a personal protection order is not security enough.

Three such incidents here in the past 32 months have made everyone edgy here. But actually this is not new. In the early 1960s, a man entered the Western Electric Plant on Sheldon Road, killed his girlfriend and then killed himself.

Since then, this type of tragedy has become more common — especially in auto plants and post offices. And with three incidents in 32 months, it's on everyone's mind here.

"It can't happen here," shouldn't be said for The Plymouth-Canton Community anymore. Everyone should be more aware of domestic abuse and the dangers it poses for everyone.

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New fountain brings old memories

EDITOR,

Seeing the new fountain for Kellogg Park in the Crier made me feel a little sad. I think the new fountain is a lovely replacement but will miss the old one.

For several years now I have photographed my grandchildren at the fountain as a record of their visit to Plymouth and also as a record of their growth as the enclosed pictures demonstrate.

We certainly will continue the tradition as my youngest son and his first child will be visiting this summer.

The new fountain and the new grandson will begin a new era of pictures and a record of the fountain's first year also.

CAROLYN KLEINSMITH



Alexander Kleinsmith "standing" at Kellogg Park fountain to show off his height.

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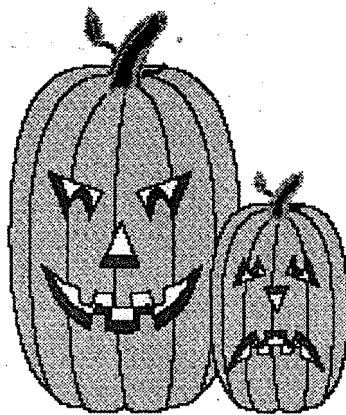
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