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Twp. seeks 4 millage increases

1st tax increase since 1985

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

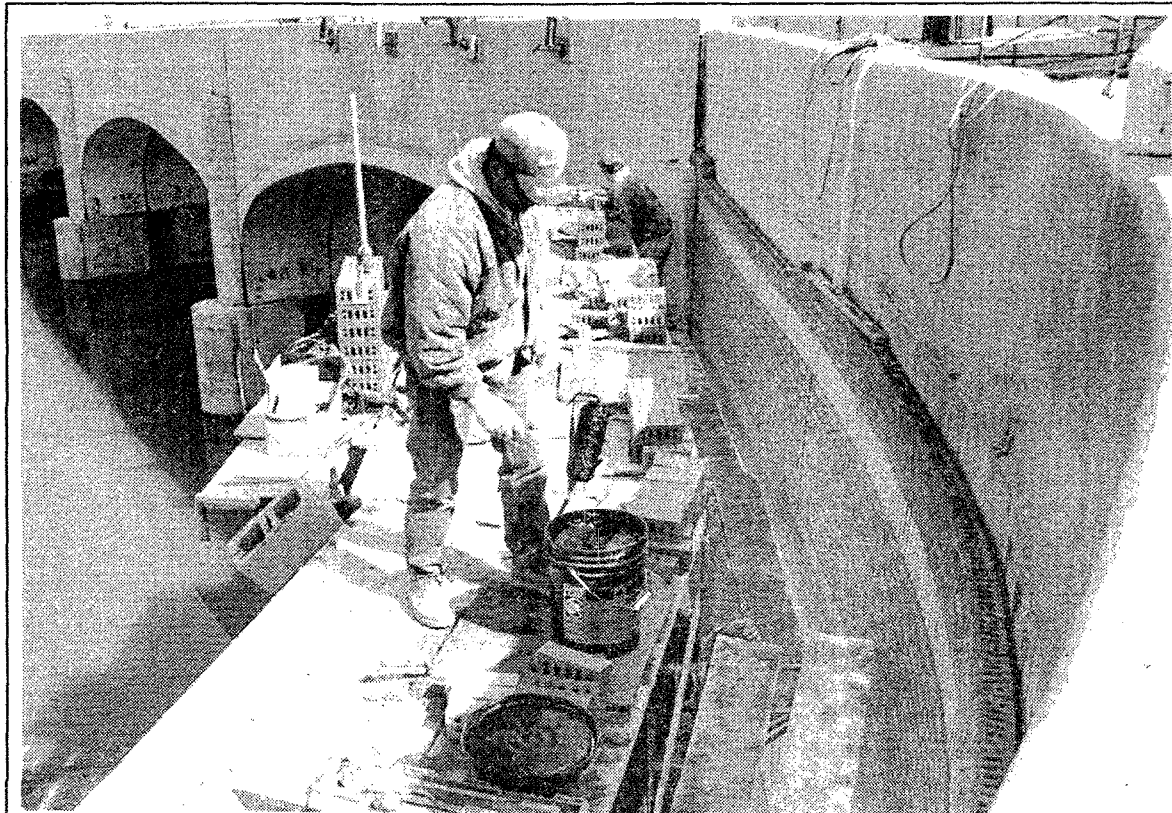
Residents haven't seen a Plymouth Township tax increase since 1985. When they go to the polls August 4th they'll find four separate millage requests.

In addition to a millage to finance shared recreation with The City of Plymouth (0.5 mills), Township residents will also be asked if they want:

- A new township hall (0.5 mills);
- More fire and police services (2.5-3.0 mills);
- A transfer of sewer service fees from their water bill to their tax bill (1.56 mills).

"We are presenting what we think are the needs of the township," said Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Plymouth Township supervisor. "We are asking the citizens if they agree. We're not pulling any punches."

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Bridge to the best... As the project nears completion, workers dress up concrete arches with bricks on the \$5 million bridge leading to Ginnopolis' Parthenon restaurant at Compuware Arena. Crier readers rated the Parthenon Plymouth's Best New Restaurant in the 1998 Readers Rate poll. Results from the poll, naming what's best and worst in P-C-N, appear in this week's issue beginning on pg. 7. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

\$7.2 million court plan chosen

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

After about two hours of discussion Thursday, members of the 35th District Court Advisory board voted 5-0 to approve a preliminary plan for a new courthouse.

While officials seemed satisfied with the plan, court staff were reticent to say the building would satisfy the court's needs until the year 2020, a goal set in the first proposal.

"We think this is a workable courtroom, but we can't attach a flag to say it's good until the year 2020," said Judge Ron Lowe. "With this plan, you're only a few improvements over what we had. There's a lot of good to it, but we don't know how long this building will serve."

The plan chosen Thursday is a smaller version of the fourth plan proposed in an ongoing selection process.

At about 45,000-square-feet, the courthouse is a scaled down version of the 53,000-square-foot structure proposed by architects earlier this year.

The board balked at that plan — and its \$9 million price tag. Architects developed four additional proposals, ranging from a rebuild of the courthouse that burned July 2, to a smaller version of the original \$9 million proposal.

This latter plan was the one the board chose, with construction costs at \$5.8 million and a total project cost of about \$7.2 million.

"We omitted some functions and everything has been tightened and tightened," said Dennis Dundon, vice president of architectural firm Coquillard, Dundon, Peterson and Argenta (CDPA). "If we tried to scale it back any

further, there are places where the building design would begin to hurt."

Design concerns

Lowe said he was concerned about security issues, such as removal of separate elevator for prisoners. Without the elevator, prisoners escorted to and from court could potentially cross staff or semi-public areas, he said. The elevator originally proposed would have prevented this, and its elimination is inconsistent with other security measures proposed for the building, he said.

"The work stations are designed to protect the staff, and you lose all that protection if you eliminate the other elevator," Lowe said.

The courthouse will consist of three floors and a basement, according to Dundon. The basement will be used for mechanical and electrical uses, long term file storage and secured parking for judges and police vehicles. Staff offices, the probation department and payment windows will be located on the first floor.

Second and third floors will contain a total of three courtrooms and a magistrate courtroom that can be used as a fourth courtroom. Judges chambers and jury rooms will also be located on these floors, as well as several small

School Board hopefuls' voting records: lots, less

BY BRYON MARTIN

They hope you'll vote for them in June, but some might not even be at the polls if they weren't running for the P-C School Board.

A list of voting records of the five candidates running for three trustee seats indicates some vote in P-C school elections more often than others—a lot more.

Current board member Susan Davis has voted more often than any other candidate: 26 times since she registered in the community in 1979.

Since he registered in August, 1996, Darwin Watts has missed both school elections held—the most recent votes for school board and the contested school bond.

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Twp. anticipates uphill battle for taxes

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Anticipating an uphill battle, the township has already begun campaign plans with the help of a citizen committee. Campaign Manager Bill Joyner said the township hopes to win votes by educating voters who might otherwise pass up the primary.

"If only the normal people vote during the primaries, it is my sense that (the millages) won't have a snowball's chance in hell of passing," Joyner said. "That's why we need to get the right people to the polls."

Also on the ballot are a controversial county jail millage and gubernatorial primaries, which are officials expect to increase turnouts.

The township plans separate campaigns for each of the four millages, according to Joyner. During Monday night's meeting, campaign officials said they wanted to run only positive campaigns.

"I don't think we want to put fear in people," he said. "Like if you don't vote for this, these are all the bad things that will happen."

With the police and fire millage in particular, voters need to be convinced that the township needs extra services, said Keen McCarthy. But, she added, if the millage is passed, two of the three mills would

go toward replacing funds that are already used for police and fire services.

Of the \$4.6 million to run police and fire services each year, only \$2.6 million is covered by a millage, Keen McCarthy said. The other \$2 million is taken from the general fund

"We would like to be able to use the general fund for other purposes," Keen McCarthy said, "like park improvements and such."

The August increase, if passed, would allow the township to fund police and fire services without tapping general fund monies.

Discussion Monday night compared a new

Township Hall project to the new Plymouth library.

"I think we should do the same thing," Joyner said. "We have a great opportunity to seize the moment. We can say 'look, here's what happens when a community pulls together.'"

According to Keen McCarthy, the recreation millage should take less convincing. "We took a survey that said 55 per cent (of Twp. residents) would be willing to pay a little more for recreation services," she said. "The question is, who gets out to vote."

The most difficult to explain and, according to Joyner, the "least sexy" of all the millage requests is the WTUA debt millage.

The township now pays \$2 million each year to the WTUA sewer authority. Of that payment, \$1.1 million comes from sewer tap fees charged to developers when access sewer lines. Residents pay the remaining \$900,000 in fees that appear on their water bills.

According to Keen McCarthy, residents could deduct that fee from their taxes if they voted to transfer it from their bills to a millage.

"It offers voters a chance to change the service fee into a debt millage and save some money on their taxes," she said.

Proposed Twp. taxes

Cost per year for \$150,000 home:

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New Twp. Hall	\$37.50
WTUA debt	\$125.25
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Smokestack lightening

This summer brings the fall of a longstanding Plymouth landmark

BY BRYON MARTIN

If the clocktower proposed for I-275 at Ann Arbor Road is built, it may take over as the dominant landmark on Plymouth's horizon.

The Burroughs smokestack is coming down.

A sight associated with the drive into Plymouth for more than 60 years, the brick smokestack with "Burroughs" spelled out in white tiles will be all but gone by June, according to Unisys spokesperson Brian Daly.

Shortened twice before, Daly says Unisys decided to disassemble the stack altogether because it is too costly to maintain and doesn't fit with corporate identity.

"There is an image factor that plays into this," he says. Having the Burroughs name attached to the Unisys plant is a sign of what was, not of what is to come.

The plant began operating as Unisys 11 years ago after Burroughs merged with Sperry, another electronics manufacturer. Signage around the plant was changed. The Burroughs name stayed, according to Daly, because it is laid in the brick with white ceramic tiles. "They'd be impossible to replace."

"We have to cherish our heritage," he says. "Burroughs certainly made significant contributions to the computer industry. But we are now Unisys and we're very much focused on the future."

According to Daly, the company is also focused on costs.

If the smokestack stayed up the FAA would require Unisys to add a beacon, Daly says. Taking down the stack was more cost effective than adding and maintaining the beacon, and removing the tiles that spell out Burroughs, he says.

According to Arthur Michalak, an analyst



A sight associated with the drive into Plymouth for more than 60 years, the brick Burroughs smokestack will be taken down this summer. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

at the plant for 15 years, getting rid of the Burroughs name was an idea inspired from the top.

When Unisys CEO Larry Weinbach visited the Plymouth plant in March he said he want-

ed the name on the stack changed, covered with a black veil, or the stack taken down completely, according to Michalak.

"There aren't any emissions coming out of
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Questions after the crash

Canton Public Safety and residents discuss incident, airport issues

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Public Safety held a public debriefing Friday for residents of the Nottingham Forest subdivision, where a plane crashed last week.

Attended by about 40 residents, the meeting was designed to give those responsible for helping rescue two downed pilots last week a chance to ask questions and voice concerns.

It was also a chance for Public Safety officials to say thank you.

"It's not normal behavior for people to go toward a plane that is on fire with a person inside and render aid," said John Santomauro, Public Safety director. "You people did that. It says a lot about the community."

Santomauro complimented the residents for their bravery and assistance during the first minutes when a Cessna 150J airplane crashed on Avon Street, just west of Willow Creek, in the heart of residential

"The pilots do a good job of flying safely out of there every day. We're fairly pleased and hopefully it will continue."

— Randy Coller
MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics

Canton. The plane, piloted by flight instructor Philip Kahler of Ypsilanti and student Malcolm Stinson of Canton, caught flame and residents rushed to the scene with fire extinguishers and hoses. Their actions were instrumental in saving the lives of the fliers, according to Santomauro.

Santomauro, and Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher were on hand to answer questions regarding the department's procedures at the crash site.

Some of the questions raised involved the placement of Canton's heavy rescue equipment, the length of time before victims were transported to hospitals. They also asked about the overall safety of Mettetal airport.

Santomauro said the department made the correct decisions in parking the heavy rescue unit at the end of the street. The vehicle's weight

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today at 8:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center, the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority will hold a meeting on the latest development and maintenance projects and summer policing. R.S.V.P. by April 27 at (734) 455-1453 ext254.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, the Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of Aresenic and Old Lace opens at The Water Tower Theatre. Tickets are \$8, available in advance. Call (248) 349-7110.

NEXT WEEKEND

- Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Plymouth Farmer's Market kicks off its 1998 season downtown at The Gathering. Open every Saturday through October 24. Call 453-1540 for details.
- Sunday, the Plymouth Oratorio Society presents the PCEP Chamber and Madrigal Singers with the Michigan Sinfonietta at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 18-25, 1998, as Big Help Week.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under Closed Session Anderson vs. Plymouth Township. Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the April 14, 1998, Regular Board of Trustees meeting as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public.

Bill Joyner encouraged the Board to place a recreation millage proposal on the ballot for the August 4, primary election. Greg Pappas, Richard Teeple and other residents from the Plymouth Community stated they would support a recreations millage proposal. The supervisor stated that the language is being prepared and must be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the May 26, 1998, deadline.

Mr. Joyner also announced that the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club has formed a Plymouth Township Beautification Committee. The Committee will design and implement and award recognition program acknowledging those who have landscaped and beautified their property. Nomination forms will be available on May 1, for residents who wish to recommend monthly awards. Certificates will be awarded for May, June, July and August in residential, industrial, commercial and governmental categories. The first Wednesday of September they will host a reception for the winners and announce the recipients of the Annual Beautification Awards.

Beginning December 1, they will begin accepting award nominations for neighborhood Christmas lights and holiday decorations. The awards will be presented at a reception the last Wednesday of January to the most beautifully decorated neighborhood, with an award for the outstanding home in the community.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-04-14-14, authorizing Wayne County to complete final Engineering Drawings and to take bids for the paving of Ridge Road and authorizing the Supervisor to prepare final Special Assessment Roll for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period provided no objections have been filed. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve Resolution No. 98-04-14-15, granting a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Ilmor Engineering, Inc., located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Lot 14, in Plymouth Oaks Business Park Subdivision, subject to receiving the abatement contract. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Cluster Housing Agreement for Hunters Park Condominium, Application 1374/296, for the property located on the southeast corner of Beck and North Territorial. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve for second reading, Ordinance No. C-98-01, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code by amending Chapter 25, to provide for the adoption of the 1998 International Mechanical Code. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve for second reading Ordinance No. C-98-02, adopting the 1997, BOCA International Plumbing Code, adding Chapter 27 to the Plymouth Township Code. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-98-03, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinance, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by adding Section 5.70b regarding the no insurance/no proof insurance provisions. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Policy Prohibiting Harassment and Discrimination. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the request to furnish a Police Department vehicle for the second in command in the Police Department to be used to commute to and from work and in the course of his official duties. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller.

Roll Call: Ayes: Arnold, Griffith, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi, Edwards, Massengill
Motion passed 4-3.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-98-04 amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinance, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by amending Section 5.67 regarding the graduated licensing provisions. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-98-05, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinance, Chapter 51, Section 51.1200 regarding minors possessing alcohol. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-98-06, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinance, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by amending Section 5.16b regarding open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved that May 12, 1998, be established for public hearing on Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc.'s request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new machinery. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve proposal for additional wells, ground water sampling and preparation of the Final Assessment Report with Corrective Action Plan by CTI & Associates for Fire Station No. 2 underground storage tank removal, in the amount of \$22,797 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to adopt resolution No. 98-04-14-16 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-24592 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with the developer of Country Acres of Plymouth Sub. No. 3, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Griffith moved to adopt Resolution No. 98-04-14-17 authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-24585 and approve the Storm Drain Agreement with the developer of Hunter's Park Condominium and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into Summer Tax Collection agreements and sign contracts with The Plymouth Canton School District, Schoolcraft College and Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the purchase of three plain paper copiers from Pitney Bowes at a total cost of \$21,171.00. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 98-04-24-18, amending the 1998 budget and authorizing the purchase of computer equipment for the Treasurers office. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the purchase of an InFocus, LP420 portable, computer projector with case from Blue Water Visual Services in the amount of \$5,870.00. The purchase order will include a remote control accessory pack and a new 84" X 84" screen. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller thanked Chief Carey for providing the commendation letters to Police Department employees. Mr. Curmi questioned the bids dates for voice communication.

Mr. Martin stated that he supports the paving of Ridge Road.

At 9:27 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Griffith that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing a proposed settlement-Dietz vs Plymouth Township (Kroger site); and Anderson vs Plymouth Township.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1967, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978, Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (c). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

At 10:29 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Mueller to return to open session. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mueller moved to accept the attorney's recommendation concerning Anderson vs Plymouth Township. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the Dietz vs Plymouth Township (Kroger) Consent Judgment as presented and authorize the Supervisor, Clerk and Township Attorney to sign same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Plymouth Charter Township

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on April 14, 1998. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on April 28, 1998.

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Canton may seek 2-mill road tax

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The results of Canton's Road study are in, and residents could be looking at a dedicated road millage proposal this year.

Canton Trustees met in a study session last week to discuss what gaining control of county roads would cost the township and—ultimately—the taxpayers.

Recommendations from the meeting included establishing an ongoing roads evaluation committee and a roads capital improvement millage, or a partnership with Wayne County for increased road services.

Last year Canton proposed assuming jurisdiction of county roads within the township to Cameron Priebe, Wayne County's director of roads. The proposal was the result of years of frustration on the part of Canton officials, who claimed that county response to requests for road improvements were unbearably slow.

The negotiations seemed to be moving smoothly, and Canton hired Plante Moran, a Southfield-based information-gathering firm, to study other communities' road expenditures.

Begun in early January, the six-week study was recently completed, according to Yack. Even with their figures and those supplied by Wayne County, a decision is a long way away, Yack said.

"We know the amount of funds that Wayne County is saying they spend but we don't have any way to break it down into how much they spent in each community," Yack said. "They don't track it that way."

Likewise, the information gathered by Plante Moran is not necessarily helpful in making the decision, according to Yack.

"We wanted to find out how much it costs every time they sent a street sweeper out, and adjust that figure to meet our needs," Yack said.

For example, if Canton knew it cost 'x' amount of dollars, then we could get a sense of how much it would cost to send a sweeper out a certain amount of times, he said.

"The information didn't break down that way. It was difficult to determine exactly how the funds broke down within

the communities because they went to different aspects of street maintenance. The study was helpful in that it told us we can't get the information."

Yack said the study session was designed to bring the rest of the board members up to speed on issue as well as open the door for any questions they may have.

Those questions can then be posed to county officials in another series of informational meetings, Yack said.

But Canton officials know one thing for certain:

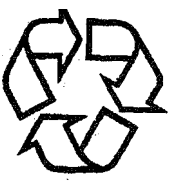
"The conclusion we've come to is that our community is probably not going to get the base level of service that the county can provide," Yack said. "What we're doing is a gap analysis between what the county can do and what we believe the services should be. If there's going to be more road improvements they will only come from Canton."

Yack said the board would look at a ballot proposal for a dedicated millage of 2 mills for a roads capital improvement plan. The proposal, which would be discussed at the board's May 5 study session, could be on a ballot during the primary in August or general election in November, Yack said.


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— Tom Yack
Canton Supervisor

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Neighbors in the news

The following students from Plymouth were recently recognized at the University of Michigan's annual Honors Convocation: **Kathleen Barker, Theodore Betlet, Gabriel Burnstein, Sarah Carson, Eduardo Castillo, Derek Clemens, Caroline Curtiss, Lora David, Bernadette De Guzman, Karen Eisenhauer, Nicholas Farrell, Tracy Forrester, Andrea Frey, Brian Galvin, Laura Giles, Meredith Giles, Thomas Gould, Benjamin Greanya, Scott Hall, Marie Harrison, Geoffrey Kandes, Julie Katcherian, Melissa Kowalis, Aaron Leanhardt, Scoot Lefurgy, Jennifer Ma, Kimberly Madsen, Kirk Metzger, Matthew Mish, Steven Mondry, Casey Moothart, Tami Morse, Jennifer Munfakh, Tiffani Natalini, Alison Nemier, Rebecca Normile, Elizabeth Oatley, Lisa Pang Christopher Parrott, Rupa Patel, Lauren Pilarski, Monica Prasad, Christopher Pratt, Jeffrey Reed, Erin Reid, Angkana Roy, Carrie Russell, Christy Russell, Lynette Santiago, Christine Sauber, Amy Siegrist, Lisa Sikorski, Jennifer Single, Sara Steffanni, S. Louise Townley, Neelesh Varde, Kirk Wahtera, Anne Ward, Alexander Warden, Marcus Zevalkink, and Olivia Zinn; and from Northville: **Kathryn Amatangelo, Amir Baghdadchi, Craig Black, Nicole Czarnomski, Gerald Daneshvar, Jessica Doinidis, Mariel Estigarribia, Meghan Gian, Marla Hackett, Tariq Hafeez, Amity Heckemeyer, Bradd Hemker, Lisa Hojnacki, Patrick Hunt, Lyndsay Huot, Eva Kilian, Emily Kniebes, Sean Kolassa, Mary Lynch, Avedis Magar, Diane Miller, Matthew Minard, Andrea Morrow, Ahmad Nassar, Ernest Nolan, Elizabeth Orłowski, Kajal Parikh, Cynthia Phillips, Jennifer Pollock, David Rhee, Dana Rossiter, Kashif Siddiqi, Jennifer Sloane, Paul Stachura, Traci Stachura, Michael Vartanian, Adam Weber, Neil Yaekle, Amanda Hallberg, and Luke Wilcox.****

Jennifer Grutza of Plymouth, recently earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Dance from Alma College.

Grutza is a graduate of Ladywood High School.

Brooke L. Kilby, daughter of Gregory and Molly Kilby of Plymouth, pledge Albion College's Beta chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority during the spring 1998 semester. **Laurel L. Weinman**, daughter of William and Christine Weinman of Plymouth, also pledged the sorority.

Saving the world

Students from Field Elementary School featured on 'Big Help Week'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Like 100 Captain Planets, they descended on a section of the creek, plucking weeds, planting trees and picking up debris.

Under a cloudless sky, students, teachers and volunteers from Field Elementary School labored Wednesday to celebrate Earth Day, to do their part to clean up the Rouge River Watershed, to save the planet.

And to be on television.

The clean-up was started by Rick Plecha, Patte Rupert and Sue Seelya, three Field teachers who sought a grant from Media One to subsidize their clean up of the Truesdell Drain, which neighbors the school, according to Seelya.

Media One agreed.

"It's really been a dream of ours for about 20 years to clean this up," Rupert said. "This is the first real opportunity we've had to do it and we're just thrilled to death."

The grant supplied the three teachers with \$23,000 to clean up the drain. Rupert said about \$15,000 of the grant went toward equipment such as lap-top computers. The remainder will go to plant indigenous trees along the drain and to construct an observation deck near the school.

The kids have their work cut out for them.

Wednesday they began removing several Russian olive trees and cattails, building bat houses and testing the water.

"The olive trees grow too rapidly," said Chester Marvin, a Friends of the Rouge board member who was on hand offering expertise. "They choke off the sunlight, kill the grass and cause erosion."

Students planted indigenous trees and



Jonathon Cross (with hammer), along with fellow students Anna Nash and Sarah Young get lessons on how to build a better bat house at Field Elementary. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

shrubs to take the place of the olive trees, provide food for insects and places to put bat houses the students had built.

"Bats are very important to the stream," Rupert said. "Right now it's overloaded with insects and bats will eat more than 40 or 50 times their body weight in insects each night."

The clean-up project was not restricted to Field School kids alone. Several students from Tonda Elementary were on hand to discuss results of their own experience cleaning up the creek basin that borders their school.

"Kids are becoming their own teachers," Bill Black, director of public relations for

Media One, said.

Media One thought the project was important enough that they proposed it to Nickelodeon for possible broadcast on the children's cable channel's "Big Help Week."

Nickelodeon must have agreed, because of the 700 proposals they received. The Field project was one of seven broadcast nationwide, according to Black.

The final stages of the project included building an observation deck the kids can use and testing several different aspects of the river and posting the information on the Internet, which is where the laptop computers come in, according to Rupert.

"The kids will be able to see the results of experiments other children are doing too," He said. "We hope that each grade level will take some responsibility for cleaning up the river."

Getting the children involved early in life is one of the benefits of the program and the driving force behind Nickelodeon "Big Help Week," according to Nickelodeon Spokesperson Candice Riegelhaupt.

Several parents agree that getting kids involved through school is the way to go.

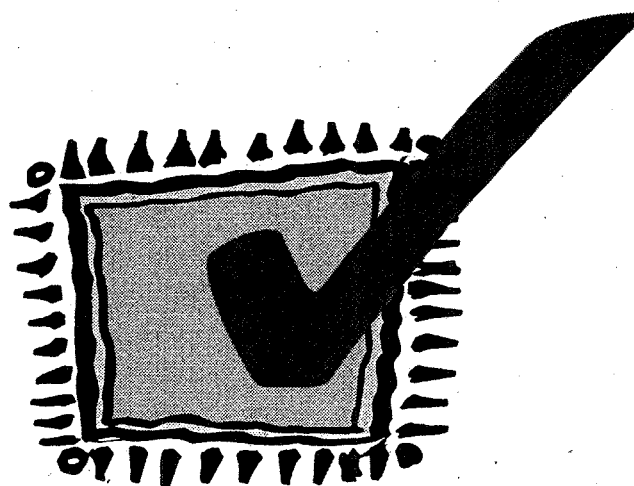
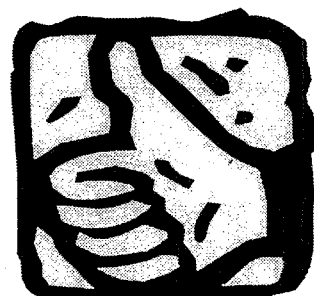
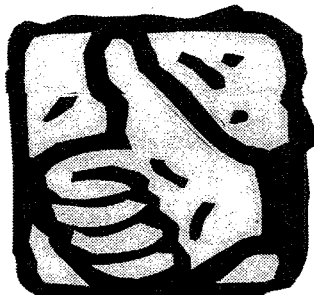
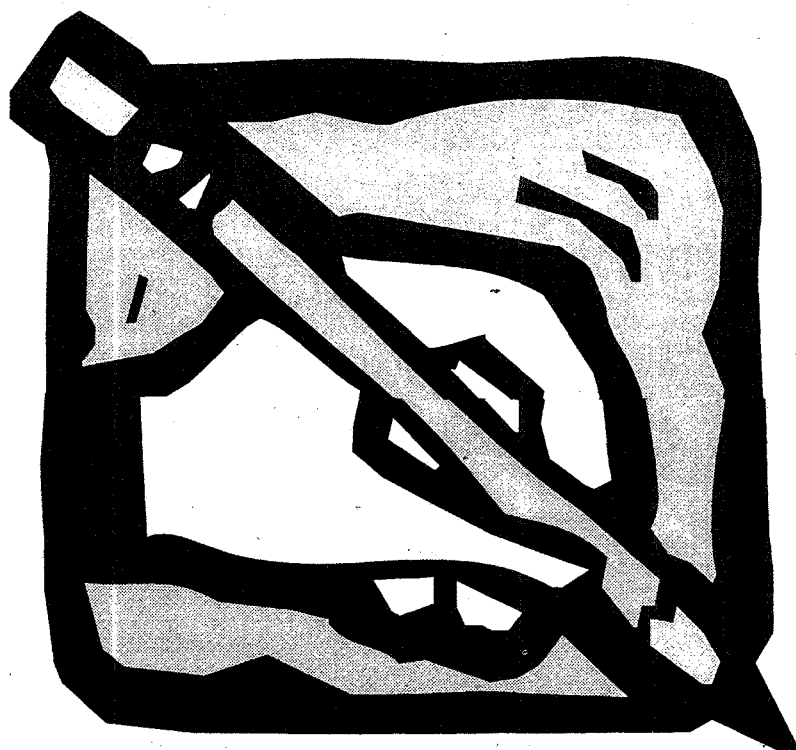
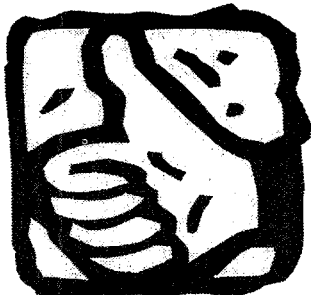
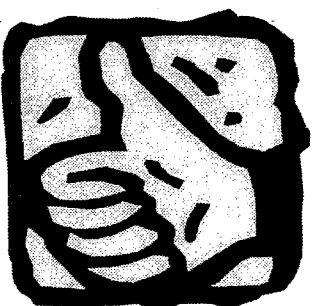
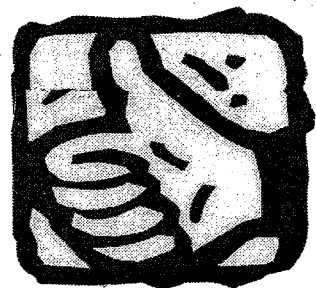
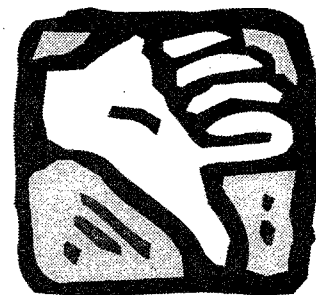
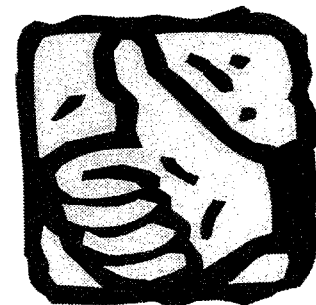
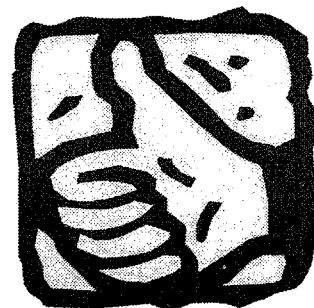
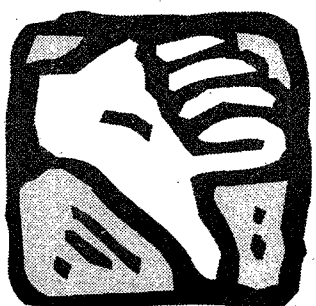
"These are kids that are going to be hooked for life," said Wendy Sadler, teacher from Detroit who volunteered to clean up with her sister. "Whenever I look at a river or stream they'll be picking things up and paying attention to what's going on. I think it's wonderful."



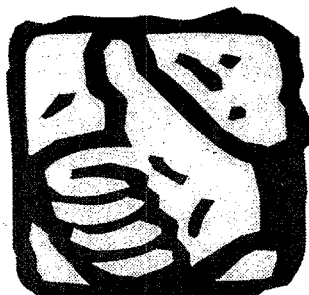
Danny Jamoul, Matt Tripi, Erik McKee and Nathan Bransoy, students from Tonda Elementary School, explain some of the experiments they performed in cleaning up a creek bed near their school last year. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

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One last question: what do you think of this survey? Write us at The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth MI 48170; or email us: email@Crier.com.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City of Plymouth Commission	3.26
Plymouth Township Board	3.04
Canton Township Board	3.22
Plymouth-Canton School Board	2.75
Plymouth-Canton Schools, overall	2.80
Elementary schools	3.37
Middle schools	3.19
High schools	2.77
Community continuing education	3.22
School Superintendent	2.45
Central Administration	2.75
Building Principals	3.25
Teachers	3.28
Parent-Teacher groups	3.41
Schoolcraft College	3.61
Plymouth library	3.45
Canton library	3.96

Canton Parks & Recreation	3.76
City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation	3.41
Plymouth Twp. Parks & Recreation	3.18
Wayne County Parks	3.38
Huron-Clinton Metroparks	3.62
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink	3.47
Plymouth Township, overall	3.30
Canton Township, overall	3.49
City of Plymouth, overall	3.72
Plymouth City Manager	3.17
Canton Supervisor	3.17
Plymouth Township Supervisor	2.91

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Americast (cable TV)	3.24
Media One (cable TV)	3.06
WSDP, 88.1 FM	3.45
The Community Crier (also see "Rate Your Crier" at end of section)	4.14
The GUIDE to P-C-N	4.0
Oakwood Hospital, Canton	3.6
McCauley/Arbor Health, P-C	3.9
St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia	2.8
Henry Ford, Plymouth, Canton	3.3
M-Care, Plymouth, Northville	3.4
Plymouth Community United Way	3.4
Canton Foundation	3.3
GrowthWorks	3.5
Plymouth Family Services	3.5
Canton Family Services	3.6
First Step	3.6
Salvation Army	4.1
Goodfellows	4.1
Service Clubs	3.1
United Way	3.1
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs	4.1
Canton Senior Citizen programs	4.1
D.A.R.E.	4.1
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce	3.1
Canton Chamber of Commerce	3.1
YMCA	2.1
Close-up	3.1
Community Literacy Council	3.1
Secretary of State, Canton	3.1
M.E.S.C., Canton office	3.1
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PUBLIC SAFETY


City of Plymouth Police		4.21
Plymouth Township Police		3.43
Canton Township Police		3.42
35th District Court		3.69
Wayne County Circuit Court		3.50
Wayne County Sheriff		3.88
State Police		4.28
Plymouth Community Fire & Rescue		4.39
Canton Township Fire & Rescue		4.38
Have you ever called the police?	Yes: 59%	No: 41%
Do you feel safe here?	Yes: 86%	No: 14%

ISSUES IN THE NEWS

	Yes %	No %
City and Plymouth Twp. share recreation services	63%	37%
The YMCA should run such a program	21%	79%
City and Plymouth Twp. should share police services	51%	49%
City and Plymouth Twp. should unify governments	56%	44%
Plymouth Twp. should increase fire/police millages	32%	68%
Plymouth Twp. should build a township hall	31%	69%
Downtown Plymouth should change parking requirements	57%	43%
The City of Plymouth needs a stricter noise ordinance	37%	63%
Canton should become a city	46%	54%
Canton should pass a local road millage	42%	58%
Canton invest \$3 million in Ford Road-I-275 development	46%	54%
Plymouth Twp., Canton and Northville are growing too quickly	68%	32%
P-C Schools should hold a revote for contested school bond	73%	27%
If the Lowell Middle School lease is lost, P-C Schools should pass a bond to build another	47%	53%
Overcrowding is a problem in Plymouth-Canton's:		
Elementary schools	41%	59%
Middle schools	47%	53%
High schools	63%	37%
You get your money's worth for local government taxes in:		
City of Plymouth	50%	50%
Plymouth Township	26%	74%
Canton	39%	61%
You get your money's worth for Plymouth-Canton School taxes	21%	79%
If one road/intersection were to be improved in 1998, it should be: Ann Arbor Trail/Sheldon		
Your favorite pothole is located at: Ann Arbor Road/Lilley Rd.		
Most under-covered issue has been: Schools		
Most over-covered issue has been: School Bond Revote/Vorva		
Have you heard enough bickering bout the contested school bond?	62%	38%

WHAT YOU SAID...

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EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival	3.45
Canton Liberty Fest	3.42
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	4.00
Art In the Park	3.61
Good Morning USA (July 4th parade, Plymouth)	3.55
Canton Businessperson of the Year	3.34

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Events continued from above

Santa comes to Canton	3.35
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	3.51
Kellogg Park Nativity scene	4.25
Canton Chamber Auction and Dinner Dance	3.40
Plymouth Chamber Auction	3.60
Chili Cook-off	4.00

CULTURAL

Plymouth Community Arts Council	3.8
Canton Historical Society	3.9
Plymouth Historical Society	4.2
Plymouth Symphony	4.0
Canton Seniors' Kitchen Band	4.1
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	4.4
Plymouth Theatre Guild	4.0
Plymouth Community Band	4.2
Plymouth Community Chorus	4.1
CEP Park Players	4.5
CEP Marching Band	4.6
CEP Symphony	4.0
CEP Percussion Ensemble	4.0
Plymouth Whalers	4.0



Readers Rate



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THE BEST!
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- Best event: **Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular**
- Best spot to spend two hours: **J.C. Auction**
- Best community volunteer: **Joe Carli**
- Best elected official: (t) **DonDismuke, Bill Clinton**
- Best store clerk: **Hope Sims, Plymouth Auction**
- Best tradesperson: **Joe Carli**
- Best City/Twp. worker: (t) **Brian Barna, Dave Orr**
- Best local website: **www.community-GUIDE.com**
- Best vegetarian meal: **Harvest Moon Cafe**
- Best ice cream shop: **Dairy King**

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The best spot to do lunch....you liked Maya's Deli in Plymouth. Shown here are owner Vicky Jovanouski and her mother, Kristine Jovanouski; Julie Striegel and Gary Newport. (Not pictured, owner Tony Jovanouski.)

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Rate your Community Crier/ What would you change?

	Rating	Run More	No Change	Run Less
School coverage	3.96	34%	55%	11%
Canton coverage	3.71	24%	47%	29%
City of Plymouth coverage	4.14	44%	53%	2%
Plymouth Township coverage	3.94	27%	59%	14%
Northville City/Township coverage	3.49	18%	40%	43%
Police-Court coverage	3.90	35%	53%	12%
Business coverage	4.02	41%	52%	7%
Sports coverage	3.95	18%	66%	16%
Opinion pages	3.96	33%	59%	9%
Letters to the editor	4.07	35%	59%	7%
Friends and Neighbors	4.06	42%	56%	2%
What's Happening	4.00	44%	53%	2%
Go P-C-N	3.87	25%	63%	13%
Local history	3.98	52%	45%	2%
Classified ads	3.82	27%	60%	13%
Curiosities	3.39	22%	47%	31%
Display ads	3.88	19%	62%	19%
Other	3.97	29%	65%	6%



Ordinary Orpheus

An East Middle School event links everyday heroes and literature lessons

BY BRYON MARTIN

In ancient Greece it went like this:

Orpheus loved his wife. He loved her a lot. Her name was Euridice and she was quite a dish.

So when a scorpion stung her just after they were married, killing Euridice, Orpheus was pretty upset.

So upset, in fact, he went after her. Down into the Underworld. Hades, who had a thing for beautiful women, ruled the Underworld and wanted to keep Euridice. But Orpheus fought for her. He fought the fire and he fought Hades, that possessive brute. Why? He loved his wife. He loved her a lot and he was willing to do anything for her.

Sheri Downs can relate.

Not that Sheri has made any trips to the Underworld (it seems this kind of thing happened a lot more often in ancient Greece). But Sheri knows about love. She has three kids and she's raising them by herself. Sheri doesn't know about Hades but she knows she's willing to do anything for her kids. And now other people know, too.

Wednesday, 8th-grade English students at East Middle School gathered with family, friends and teachers for Ordinary Heroes day. It was an occasion to honor people the kids had chosen and studied as everyday heroes. It was also a way to connect their coursework to the real world, according to Mary Mack.

Mack teaches English at East and organized the event. She

said it was a way to wind up their four-week study of heroes.

Students studied heroes in literature and history: Orpheus, King Arthur, The Highwayman, Harriet Tubman and Walter Mitty. Each is considered great for a different reason, Mack said. But common among them, even those from literature, is a quality of virtue or willingness to sacrifice for others. Mack thought her students probably knew someone like that in their own lives.

"Sometimes kids don't make the connection between what they're reading and real life," she said. "Many of the qualities heroes in literature had were virtues. And Ordinary Heroes have them too."

"It's a little bit of civics, but mostly the project takes abstract concepts and makes them real."

Kelly Downs can relate.

In class she liked Orpheus best. "He would go through anything to save his wife." When assigned to pick a hero for her report, Kelly had options. She thought about it and chose her mom. The similarity to Orpheus was obvious to Kelly.

In Canton the story goes like this:

Sheri was divorced six years ago. Since then she has raised Kelly, 15-year-old James and 11-year-old Ryan on her own.

"Ryan is the rambunctious one," Kelly said. According to Sheri, all of her kids are active. And she loves them.

She loves them so much she spends her time on giving them rides to work. Rides to hockey. Rides to Boy Scouts. Rides to

school assemblies. Sheri works out of her home. When she steps out of the office it's often into the kitchen to make lunches or dinner for a break.

These are the things that most families, not to mention other single moms, have to do.

"For the most part these are qualities you don't see written up in the newspaper," said Mack. "But they're heroic nonetheless."

"I never thought of it as heroic. You just do what you have to do when you've got children," Sheri said. "It's nice to know you're appreciated."

"A lot of people have been there for me," Kelly said. "But my mom has been there longer. I admire her strength."

Wednesday, Kelly brought Sheri to the East cafeteria, gave her an award and told her classmates about her mom, the hero. "She's strong like Orpheus is. And she'd do almost anything for us."

In Sheri's world this has meant schlepping to the ice rink, the modern equivalent of a trip to the Underworld. (If you don't have a hockey player with ice time at midnight you might not recognize the similarity.)

According to Mack, this is what defines the Ordinary Hero, and what she hopes the event taught the kids.

"It's about how they can take what they learned in 8th grade English class and answer the question, 'How can it apply to me.'"

Is Mettetal safe, residents ask

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meant moving it any closer, such as on one of the lawns closer to the scene, would have caused it to be bogged down and useless, he

said. The victims had to be properly secured before Westland's Advanced Life Support vehicle before it could transport them, according to Santomauro.

Officials had a harder time answering questions about Mettetal's safety.

Mark Merlanti, a Canton resident and president of Mettetal's advisory board, said the airport's safety concerns usually center on the proximity of the runway to Joy Road. The board was established when the State of Michigan purchased the airport and was originally charged with limiting airport expansion. It has since provided a forum to deal with other issues, such

as maintaining local control of the property.

"We haven't been focusing on safety because expansion and noise problems were bigger issues with the community," Merlanti said. "The community has kind of grown up around the airport, and the issue has been around a long time in that sense. But is the airport so inherently dangerous that it becomes a problem? I don't have the qualifications to answer that question."

Residents asked if student-instructor flights out of Mettetal could be better regulated, or if any changes could be made in the approach and landing patterns for the airport to direct traffic away from residential areas.

"Flight patterns are pretty standard from airport to airport," said Randy Collier of the MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics. Collier is the state liaison to Mettetal's advisory board, which is comprised of representatives from Plymouth and Canton. "You want to keep them pretty much the same, the way everyone drives on the same side of the road."

Collier said that Mettetal's approach and landing patterns did differ slightly from other airports because of a cooperative agreement with the airport and pilots. The agreement asks pilots to avoid noise-sensitive neighborhoods, such as The City of Plymouth.

Such a cooperative agreement would be possible for Canton, but would require working with pilots and the airport, Collier said.

"But when the entire area is suburban it doesn't leave many options," Collier said.

Looking for candidate votes

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Richard Ham-Kucharski voted for the school bond, but not in June's board election. He has been registered since October, 1996.

Sheila Crayne Friedrich made the March bond vote but missed the board election in June. She has voted six times since she registered in 1990.

Registered in 1986, Judy Mardigian began

"Even then, in an emergency situation (such as the recent crash), pilots could supersede it."

Canton resident and long-time pilot Bill Brown offered his suggestions as to why the pilot might have deviated from the standard flight path and flown over the subdivision.

"Traffic and wind a lot of time dictate when you have to turn," he said. "And the three tall cranes at Haggerty and Warren might have caused him some concern."

Although Collier said the state-owned airport wasn't considering limiting flight instruction schools, practices such as touch-and-go landings were prohibited.

In a touch-and-go landing, pilots land the plane, apply power and take off again, Collier said. At 2550 feet long, Mettetal's runway isn't long enough for that practice.

Collier said that although the crash is still under FAA investigation, witnesses said that Stinson had not practiced that procedure at Mettetal.

"It's my understanding that he didn't do a touch-and-go. He touched down and took off from another direction," he said.

With about 70,000 operations a year, Mettetal's airport has a strong safety record, according to Collier.

"The pilots do a good job of flying safely out of there every day. We're fairly pleased and hopefully it will continue," Collier said. "We do everything in our power to make it as safe as possible."

voting in P-C school elections in 1989 and has missed one board vote in 1992.

Liz Adams, P-C schools election clerk, says "there's more to a candidate than his or her voting record. It's important to attend the public forums and hear what they have to say."

"You've got to read about them in the newspapers and learn about them."



Pilot and Canton resident Bill Brown offered his theories on last Saturday's crash (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

'Always a landmark to me'

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it," he says. "As a shareholder I feel that there has to be a better way to spend our money."

Scaffolding appeared Friday around the base of the stack. It stands 210 feet high on top of the power plant building which no longer operates. Alone the stack is 150 feet high.

By June, according to Daly, 110 feet will be removed from the stack.

It was 10 years ago that workers removed 15 feet of deteriorating brick, according to Daly. Another 20 feet came off five years ago after lightning struck it.

Taking it down in stages is more cost effective than doing it all at once, Daly says. Eventually, the remaining 40 feet will come

down, too. "I couldn't say when. But it's part of our long-range plan."

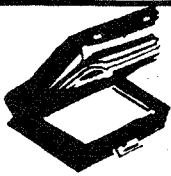
Unisys workers "are not very happy," about the teardown, says Michalak.

"My kids think it's the coolest thing," says Cathy Clarke, who works at the Unisys help desk. "When we're on I-275 they point to it and say, 'That's where mom works.'"

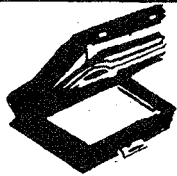
More than just a smokestack, some say it's a piece of Plymouth.

"I think it's a landmark," says Charlie McIlhargey, Plymouth Township chief building official. His grandfather worked at Burroughs as an engineer.

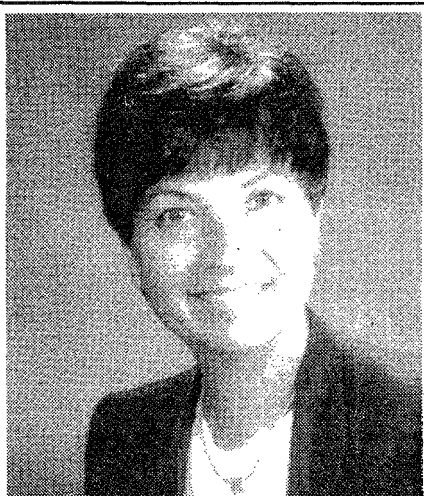
"I've been here some 50 years and it's always been a landmark to me."



Getting down to business



Getting
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business



Nancy Austin, of Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors in Plymouth, has earned membership into the company's International Diamond Society. Personal performance must be in the top 10 per cent of all sales associates across the country to earn the designation.

Austin has been affiliated with Coldwell Banker Preferred since 1995, and has been serving the community as a realtor for 15 years.

Kenneth W. Kramer, PE, president of **Soil and Material Engineers, Inc.** of Plymouth, has named the following associates to the firm: **E. Laney Henson**, business Development Coordinator in the Plymouth office, responsible for management of marketing activities and customer development and maintenance.

Herbert a. Hoskins, CHMM, Senior Consultant in the Plymouth Office, responsible for managing regulatory compliance projects including audits and permits.

Gerard P. Madej, PE in the Plymouth office has been named a Principal of the firm. He is responsible for managing construction materials services in the southeast Michigan area.

Thomas P. Rozman, PE CFM, Manager-Facility Services in the Plymouth office has been named a Senior Associate. Rozman has 27 years of experience in facility planning, management, design and construction.

Mark K. Kramer, PE, Senior Project Engineer in the Plymouth office, has been named a senior associate. He has eight years of experience in performing geotechnical and environmental evaluations for various types of projects, including landfills, roadways and large commercial and industrial facilities.

Community Bank goes public

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

In an effort to continue the company's expansion, Community Bank of Dearborn offered its stock for public sale last week.

According to Mike Ross, president and CEO of Community Bank, Dearborn BanCorp, the bank's holding company, offered 1,380,000 shares for public sale at \$14 per share. They quickly sold out, Ross said.

"We had a very strong response," he said.

Ross said money generated by the sale, a total of \$18.1 million after expenses, will be used for expansion of the bank.

"You can generally leverage capital 12 times," he said. "You can use \$1 million to raise \$12 million, for example. We'll use about \$3 million to facilitate normal

bank growth this year."

Ross said that other monies from the sale will go to add additional branches in Western Wayne County. Ross said there were no final plans for where the two sites would be located.

Ross said account holders will benefit from the sale, as well.

"It assures them that we have sufficient capital to ensure our progressive expansion," he said. "As the company expands we'll be able to attract better qualified employees, which means better service. The additional locations will help, too."

Community Bank of Dearborn was founded in February of 1994 by Ross and chairman Jack Demmer, of Jack Demmer Ford, according to Ross. The original

branch was located on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn and has since expanded to locations on Warren Road in Dearborn Heights and at Five Mile and Sheldon Road.

"We're off to an excellent start," he said.

According to Ross, the reasons leading to the public sale were to improve liquidity of the bank's stock and to gain access to additional capital.

"Now we're on the national stock market, which is good for shareholders," he said. "They can buy and sell the stock more freely now than in the past."

Community Bank's holding company is listed with the NASDAQ small market listings, under the DEAR trade symbol.

Building a new business

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A licensed builder for more than 20 years, Plymouth's Charlie Heid is now looking at the other side of the business.

Drawing on his construction experience, Heid opened another facet of business: FYI Home Inspection Services.

"Basically home inspections have been around for as long as homes have been, but it was usually a friend or parent that did the inspecting. It was more informal," Heid said. "It evolved into a professional service about 25 years ago."

Home inspection services were originally for prospective homeowners, Heid said. The inspector would take a two-hour tour through the house and examine it from a construction standpoint, evaluating the house's flaws and strong points.

The inspection includes a check of the house's major systems, such as electrical, plumbing and heating as well as checking for signs of a bad foundation. The inspection is good for new and old homes alike and can help identify problems while they are still inexpensive to fix, according to

Heid.

Home inspection has since grown into preliminary step that can be taken before homeowners undertake a major renovation he said.

"It's very helpful. There are a lot of common questions, like whether or not a particular wall is a load bearing wall, or if it can be removed to make way for an additional room," he said.

"A home inspector can also tell you how difficult it is to relocate plumbing and electrical fixtures, and tell if a renovation project is feasible or would cost too much he added.

Heid said a home inspector can also help identify which of a house's particular features can be accentuated.

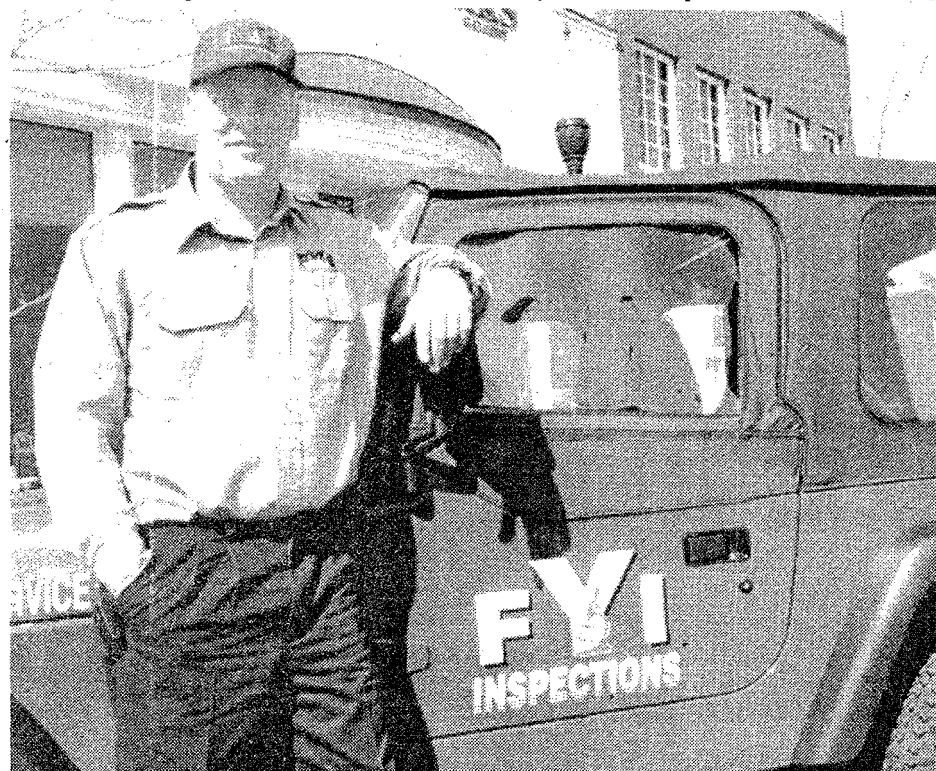
Heid, who also owns a home remodeling and construction business, has plenty of experience in the field. And although he can give a rough estimate as to the project cost he can't directly solicit any clients through his home inspection business.

"One of the things I learned when I went into the home inspection business was that in the inspector's code of ethics I'm not supposed to solicit work. I keep the two businesses totally separate.

"It could really create a lot of problems with inspectors looking at a house, so if it needs major renovations and then give the owners their other business card added.

Heid said keeping the two businesses separate means he sometimes refers clients to companies that directly compete against his own.

"It gets a little tricky, but I'd prefer to give just an honest, thorough report," he



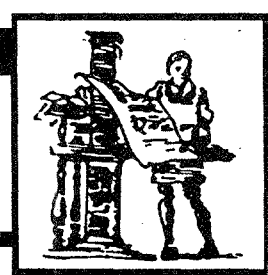
Charlie Heid's previous experience serves him well in his new business, FYI Inspection Services (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

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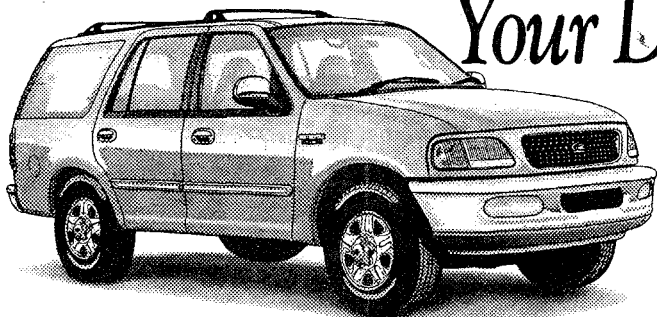
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Rotary volunteers spent the day Saturday renovating Judy Fifer's Plymouth Township residence. The program, called Rotary Cares, fixes up one house per year. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

Rotary Cares, transforms home

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They came with their hammers, their saws, and their nails, ready to pound, cut, and fix. When they arrived, the house needed work and a new style. When they left, it gleamed, the result of many helpful hearts and hands.

Last Saturday, 55 volunteers from Rotary Cares, a foundation to help needy people fix up their homes, converged on the Plymouth Township residence of Judy Fifer. Their mission: to make Fifer's house whole again.

They replaced the furnace and installed a new electrical system. They remodeled the kitchen with a new sink, countertop, and a fresh coat of paint. They pulled down the hallway wallpaper and added new bedroom doors. They even did landscaping, filling in lowspots and fertilizing dead areas.

"I feel like I won the lotto," said Fifer, as she sat inside a mobile home parked in front of her one-story brick ranch. "I don't want to see it until they are completely

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Yard accents easy to build

Decks, walkways dress up yards

BY JULIA NELSON

Spring is in the air, a time of freshness and beauty that reminds everyone that it is time to spruce up their yards.

Few places are as nice to enjoy a pleasant spring or summer afternoon on than a custom-made deck.

And decks are easy to custom-make, according to Doug Man of Man's Building Center in Canton.

Man's Building Center offers many services for the do-it-yourselfer. They sell custom-made deck kits to help anyone easily build an outdoor deck on their own.

According to Man, all the homeowner has to do is "come in with measurements of the deck area and we will give you a drawing that you can take to the city to be approved for building."

The Building Center then sells the wood needed to construct the deck and simple instructions on

how to build it.

The materials can be selected from three types of wood: treated wolmanized wood, the popular cedar wood, and the maintenance-free trek material, which is comprised of composite recycled wood chips and plastics, according to Man.

Trek material is perfect for busy people who do not have time for yearly maintenance, Man said. They last as long as traditional wood decks but don't require yearly maintenance, stain or touch-ups, he said.

If this still sounds difficult, the Building Center can make a kit and recommend builders in the area to help with assembly. But Man assures that decks are fairly easy to build.

Man's role in maintaining the deck doesn't end when it is complete, he said.

"We supply a full line of deck sealants and cleaning products, he said."

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Fixin' up the neighborhood

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finished."

Fifer, who four years ago was paralyzed in a car accident, was selected for the project on the suggestion of her pastor, Hugh McMartin of Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

"I am very pleased with what the Rotary is doing," said McMartin, who was among the volunteers helping out Saturday. "They are basically giving her a new house."

According to Carrie Blamer, chairperson of the Rotary Cares Project, "We look for people who are either financially or physically unable to maintain their house. Rotary cares was founded on the old philosophy of neighbors helping neighbors."

The entire process takes about

They are
Basically giving her a new house
- **Hugh McMartin**
Pastor
Risen Christ Lutheran

one year, Blamer said. "It took us six months to find a project," she said. The rest of the time is spent collecting donations and volunteers.

Founded three years ago, Rotary Cares is a subsidiary of the Rotary Club, with an annual budget of \$1,400. This year's project cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000, according to Blamer. All materials were either bought with monetary donations, are donated directly to the project.

Fifer was allowed to pick all the colors and styles of her refurbished home. "I think I will like the kitchen the best," she said. "I know they've done more than I thought they would."

Through therapy, Fifer, who once managed the Box Bar in Plymouth, is slowly beginning to regain her ability to walk, and hopes to one day add a garage to her home. But for now, Fifer is thankful for the support of her neighbors.

"I am deeply honored and touched," she said. "May God hold all of them in the palm of his hand."



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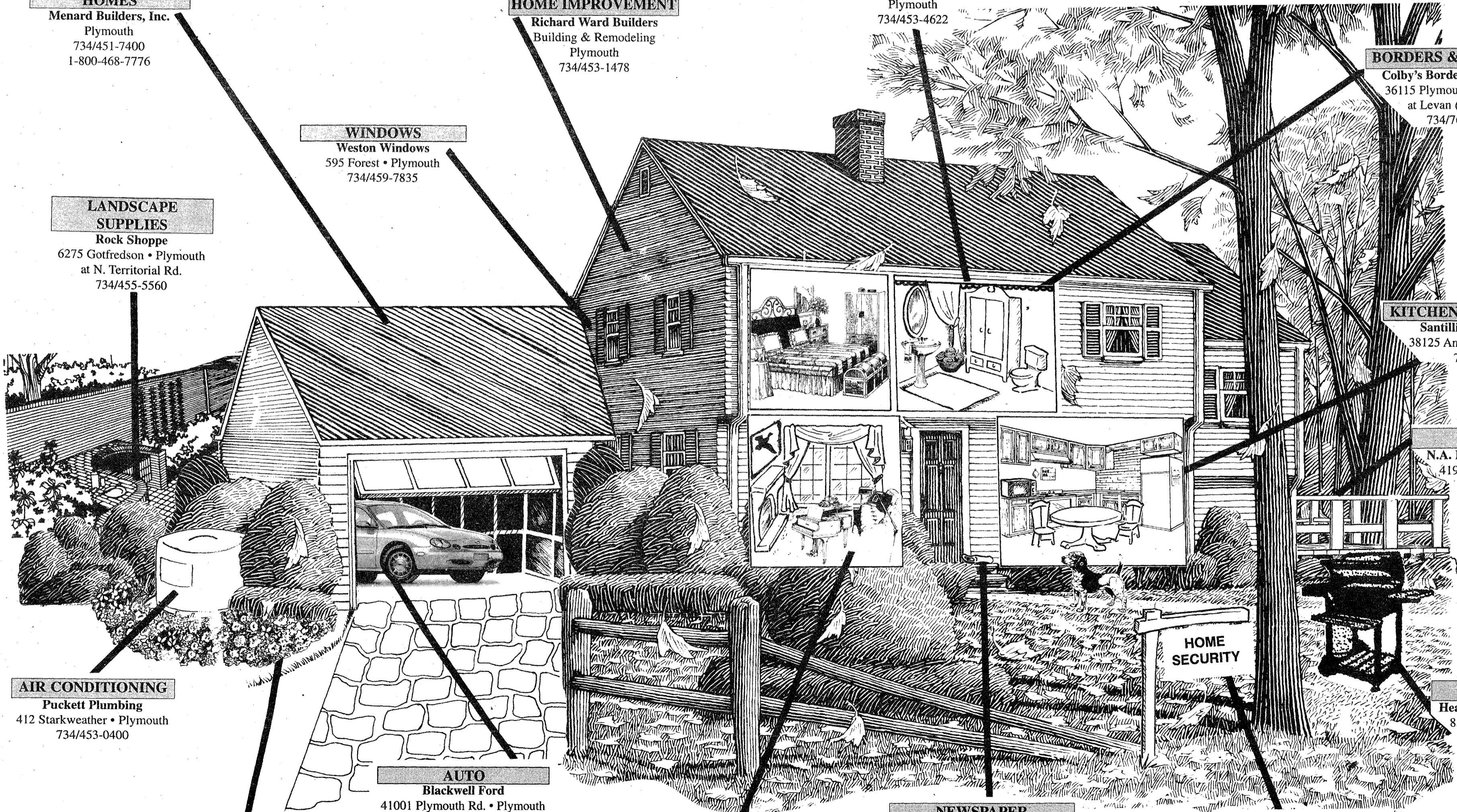
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Outside accents

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If brick patios and walkways strike your fancy, head over to the Rock Shoppe in Plymouth. They sell all types of interlocking brick kits, pavers, cobblestones, concrete blocks and stepping stones, to help the homeowner create driveways, walkways, patios, or planters.

For the ambitious, the Rock Shoppe will sell the bricks or interlocking pavers, and rent out

brick splitters and plate compactors, which owner Helena Scaptaticci describes as gas-operated machines that pound down the earth to help keep the brick constructions level.

The store offers videos, pamphlets, and all of its knowledge to help the

homeowner assemble the brickway they desire.

It is a more difficult process than building a deck, however.

"You really need to have an idea of what is involved," Scaptaticci said. "It's labor intensive and you need to know how to level both the bricks and the earth underneath."

Despite the tough labor, Scaptaticci said brick walkways are very durable.

"They last forever through thawing and freezing, don't crack like cement, and are easy to fix or replace if they crack."

If this still sounds too difficult, the shop also carries a wide variety of cement blocks that can be used as stepping stones, in gardens or around swimming pools, or they will suggest a local company that can aid in the assembly.

"We also sell statuary,

They last forever through thawing and freezing, don't crack like cement and are easy to fix or replace if they do.

— Helena Scaptaticci
Rock Shoppe

fountains, natural rock, artificial rock, waterfalls, and all types of gifts for the gardener," Scaptaticci said. They also deliver bricks, machinery, or mulches and soils to help fill in areas.

Once the lounging area is established, flowers, shrubs, and trees can be added for

decoration and enjoyment.

According to Carol McCreedy, a salesperson for Clyde Smith Greenhouses and Garden Center, now is the perfect time to start planting flowering trees and shrubs. Also cold hardy flowers, such as pansies, can be planted.

Other annuals and perennials, such as inpatients, begonias, and geraniums, should be planted

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Tool shed basics

The right tool can make any job go much easier

Looking back on my formative years, I recall venturing to the converted coal bin/workshop in the basement of our Detroit home to explore the wonderful world of tools. I quickly began to learn that using whatever tool I felt like didn't always work, including the use of an ax to cut my finger instead of the board I had clamped in the vice. Needless to say, early on, it became obvious the guessing game was not the suggested way to discover the tool of choice. From that day forward, I began carefully watching and asking my father about the myriad of tools contained in his workshop before venturing down life's road to creativity or repair.

Although I can safely say I do not know all there is to know about tools, I have learned that there are the basics which most of us cannot live without in the

midst of our home improvement and everyday repair jobs. From that, I have compiled a few of the basic hand tools that you have either seen in your toolbox or have actually used.

The hand tool which most often comes to mind is the hammer. Hammers are handy for a number of jobs, such as pounding and removing nails, hitting chisels, or driving stakes. Though the temptation to pick up that framing hammer (you know, the one with the claw, passed down from generation to generation) to do any of the aforementioned jobs is irresistible, just keep in mind there are at least 30 varieties of hammers in different styles and weights and all created for different tasks.

I've discovered that the framing hammer is definitely the best for pounding and removing nails,

In the workshop

By Maura Cady

especially with wood. On the other hand, the ball pein style (the funny-looking one with a flat face on one side and a ball-shaped face on the other) makes up for where the framing hammer has left off. The ball pein is the one to consider for hitting metal objects, like rivets, chisels or pipes. And, for those who have stakes to drive into the ground, get your sledge hammers out. They have longer handles for leverage and a heavier head to complete those heavy-duty jobs faster and more efficiently. Though, for any hammering job,

grasp the end of the handle to create better balance and a much greater pounding force.

If you're not one who has had the hammer make its way into your life, fear not. There is still hope for you. Screwdrivers help to create a well-balanced life. Without screwdrivers, we would not be able to secure those funny, yet brilliantly crafted objects

called "screws".

Screwdrivers, like hammers, come in many shapes and sizes and have their own purpose. The basic screwdrivers, though, coordinate with their counterpart screw heads, standard or flat blade and Phillips. Now, I can

only speculate that a guy by the name Phillips created the Phillips head screw or the screwdriver. Nevertheless, don't be fooled into thinking that one size of either of these screwdrivers will complete the job for you.

First, you must determine the size and

type of screw you're using for the job. The Phillips screw is quite distinct: It has a recessed + shape and is to be driven with its counterpart screwdriver. Slotted or flat head screws demand a standard or flat screwdriver that fits snugly into the slot on the screw. Once you've learned that, you'll be able to instinctively sniff

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Just keep in mind there are at least 30 varieties of hammers in different styles and weights, and all created for different tasks

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Spring planting

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after the danger of frost and cool nights are over. McCreedy suggests waiting until the middle of May to plant less hardy varieties of flowers.

"It can frost until the last full moon in May, which falls on May 11 this year, she said." Clear nights have more of a chance of becoming cool, and flowers and new growth on other plants should be covered.

It is, however, an excellent time to plant trees, shrubs, and cold crop vegetables like tomatoes, because they can establish their roots before it becomes too hot.

Clyde Smiths has a large variety of flowering fruit trees and lilacs, which are either blooming or will be soon. The greenhouse also grows and carries all types of perennials like Coneflowers, the perennial of the year, and the 1997 best seller Snowflake Bacopa.

If flower beds aren't yet ready for planting, McCreedy suggests preparing them by adding peat moss, manure, or fertilizers if your soil lacks certain nutrients. Fertilizing existing plants is not necessary yet, but can be done at any time to promote growth, or added when items are planted. Now is also a perfect time to prune trees and shrubs before much growth begins.

Know your tools

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out the right screwdriver your project. Just remember, with either type of screwdriver, use the proper size, hold it firmly and keep it square with the screw or else you'll find out the hard way that you've just destroyed the last screw you had in stock!

One of the last basic tools left in the toolbox of life is the saw. Don't let the fancy-shmancy electrical saws scare you away since they are best for bigger jobs. Bear in mind this bit of advice: if you can't remember the names or the differences between varieties like table, radial arm, circular or reciprocating saws, then you mustn't have a real need for any of those. That's why hand saws and hacksaws exist. The ax mishap lead me to discover these two varieties for most of my cutting needs. Though much different in design, shape and size, I believed for many years the two saws were meant for the same types of jobs (sorry, Dad!). I learned that hand saws were created to cut wooden objects, while hacksaws were created to cut metal. Whichever basic saw you use, be sure to choose the right tool for the right job, keep your fingers out of range and use long strokes for faster, more effective cutting.

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Events



VIVA LAS DIVAS... The Plymouth Salem Rockettes Pom Pon Annual Variety Show "Rockette Review: Disco Divas" will be May 1 & 2 at Plymouth High School at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

GENITTI'S PRESENTS: "BEANIE BABY CAPERS"

This interactive show is for anyone who loves Beanie Babies. In addition to the mini luncheon and children's theater, two Beanie Babies will be raffled off. The show will be presented tomorrow. For more information call Genitti's 248-349-0522.

RAINBOWS IN THE SKY CELEBRATION

The New Morning School invites you to its Rainbows in the Sky Celebration on Sunday, May 3. There will be field day activities, a pot luck picnic, photo exchange and more. Alumni please bring photos, videos and memorabilia you would like to share. Activities will run from 1-4 p.m.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL SPRING CLASSES

Registration now for spring classes: Painting with Robert Blanchard, Creative Writing with Renee Skoglund, Drawing and Sketching with Pam Grossman, Ongoing Batik with Katie Wall Fox, and Summer Stuff for Kids. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Call 734-416-4ART for information and registration.

PLYMOUTH YMCA 19TH ANNUAL RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run/Walk will be happening on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, taking place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages and levels. Call 734-453-2904 for registration.

ART IN THE SUN

Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual fine art and craft show "Art in the Sun" the weekend of June 20 - 21. More than 150 exhibitors will take part in this juried show. For more information call Laurie Marrs at 248-349-7640.



Volunteer

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call 313-561-8880, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retirees are very welcome.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program needs volunteers in Canton to help children with basic math and reading tutoring. Free training. Call 313-883-2100 ext. 368.



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Health

INTRODUCTORY HATHA YOGA CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is sponsoring introductory yoga classes Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Wear loose clothing and bring a small blanket. Regular six week class starts May 6. Call 734-416-4ART for details.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road is offering a free five-week grief recovery program Thursdays through June 18, from 7-9 p.m. The program is designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Call 734-459-2250.

WEIGHT AND CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT

St. Joseph Mercy Health System is sponsoring the Nutriway weight and cholesterol management series. The program includes cooking demonstrations, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival and more. Classes available at Canton Summit on the Park. Call 313-712-5110 for details.

THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.

INTRODUCTORY HATHA YOGA CLASSES



Groups

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW POST # 6695

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post # 6695, 1426 Mill Street, is sponsoring the 21st Annual Loyalty Day tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Community service awards will be presented and the public is welcome to attend. Call Alice Fisher 728-7619.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR SENIORS

Canton's Summit on the Park Senior Center is offering a book discussion group which meets the first Wednesday of each month, in the Summit's Parkview Room. On May 6 they will meet to discuss *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Givans. For more information call 734-397-5444.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, in Northville on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold Sunday mornings between services. Ticket prices are: 3-6 years \$8, and for 7 and older \$10. For more information call 734-422-1826.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING

Mother's Day Music and Fun with Steve LaHaie is being presented at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging Monday, May 11. This monthly meeting will be held at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street, at 1:30 p.m. Call 734-453-1234 ext. 236.

CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Canton Beautification Committee is hosting a Spring Plant Exchange on Saturday, May 16, from 9-11 a.m. at the Pavilion behind the Historical Museum. Bring your healthy perennials, herbs, seeds, bulbs and house plants. Please label with common name, latin name and growing conditions. Call Chris at 734-495-0042 for more information.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all Spring 1998 classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.

WOOL GATHERER'S KNITTING GUILD

The Wool Gatherer's affiliated with Knitting Guild of America meets at the Salvation Army the third Thursday of each month 7 - 9 p.m. Call Dorie at 459-7343.

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The heart cancer support group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, 7 a.m., at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

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Canton grad, fiance found slain in Arizona home

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Police are looking for clues in the April 24 murder of a Canton High School grad and her fiance.

According to a story in the Arizona Republic, Karen Swan, 24, and her high-school sweetheart Bill Schmidt, 23, were found slain in a bedroom of their northeast Phoenix home.

Police found little evidence at the scene, according to the Republic. There were no signs of forced entry, robbery and no indication of drugs.

Swan was a 1991 graduate of Canton



KAREN SWAN

Fred Swan, Karen's father. "Her sister and a friend were supposed to go down there this

High School. She met Schmidt about nine years ago at a dance in Michigan, according to Al Schmidt, Bill's father.

"They were supposed to be married in August," said

Saturday and help with the preparations. The atmosphere around here was pretty happy."

Kay Swan, Karen's mother, said Karen graduated with honors from Eastern Michigan University in 1995. She then moved to Florida with Bill, who began a business with his 24-foot charter fishing boat.

The couple moved to Arizona about two years ago, Kay said. Karen had been working as a high school recruiter for the Art Institute, a Phoenix vocational school.

Police said the couple were found bound and with plastic bags over their heads, which

apparently caused them to die of asphyxiation.

Karen is survived by her father, Fred. W. Swan of Plymouth, mother, Kay L. Swan of Plymouth, and sister, Kimberly (Thomas) D. Fugaban of Royal Oak.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. A visitation will be held at 4 p.m. today for family, and at 5 p.m. for friends.

"If she were killed in a car accident or something it would be easier to take," Fred said. "But this, this is just terrible."

Court: '2 months behind schedule,' bids out in 5 months

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conference rooms, Dundon said.

Removed from the plan to save space and money were a law library, a prisoner elevator, several small conference rooms and a larger conference room.

"There's a probability that out of the four courtroom, one may be free, and that can be used for meetings," Dundon said.

The magistrates courtroom was originally proposed to be a full courtroom, but would be outfitted with simpler

furnishings to bring down the project's cost.

Discussion, delays

The proposal was accepted after the board discussed a two-story plan and discarded it as impractical. Such a structure would require a larger footprint and cut into potential parking places, Dundon said.

"The problem with a two-story scheme is that it stretches the building out so much it becomes very inefficient. The closer a building is to a cube-shape, the more efficient it is," he said. "If you remove the third floor and place the courtrooms elsewhere, you're not saving any space."

"My concern as a member of the court advisory board is that we're two months behind schedule and we rarely meet," said Steve Walters, Plymouth City manager and chairperson of the court advisory board.

CDPA had originally planned an 18-month timetable from design to completion, which would have the new courthouse operational well before the expiration of the court's lease of portable buildings and the Unisys parking lot.

The proposal now goes to the design

development stage, where the architects take a closer look at every technical system in the building and produce a more complicated set of plans, Dundon said. Issues such as security will be addressed during this phase, which is the first step in producing documents that can be used when the project goes out to contractors for bids.

"That's where we'll really get an idea of how accurate our estimate is," Walters said. One of the concerns the board has is the current building boom in P-C-N will inflate the project's cost above the estimate.

Dundon said he has tried to compensate for that in the estimate. "We've got a pretty good record in that aspect," he said. Canton's Fire Station number one, also planned by CDPA, was completed under its estimated budget, he said.

The project will be ready to go out for bids in about five months, according to Dundon.

"Now we can really move forward. There's a lot that we can get done now," he said.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know, who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by May 15th to be considered for the May page.

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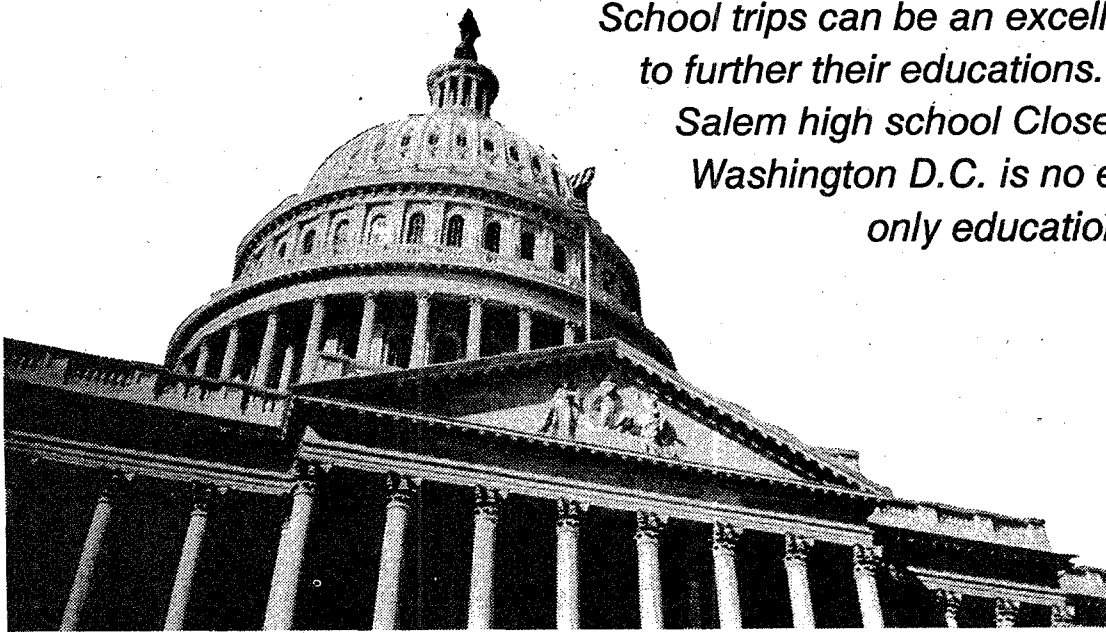
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School trips can be an excellent way for students to further their educations. The trip Canton and Salem high school Close Up students took to Washington D.C. is no exception. But it's not only educational, it's fun!



Students in Close Up, a government class at CEP, traveled to the Capital over their mid-winter break and stayed for one week. The trip was a great opportunity for students to acquaint themselves with new people, places and situations, all while learning how our government works. As tomorrow's leaders, they were shown the important roles they will play in that government.

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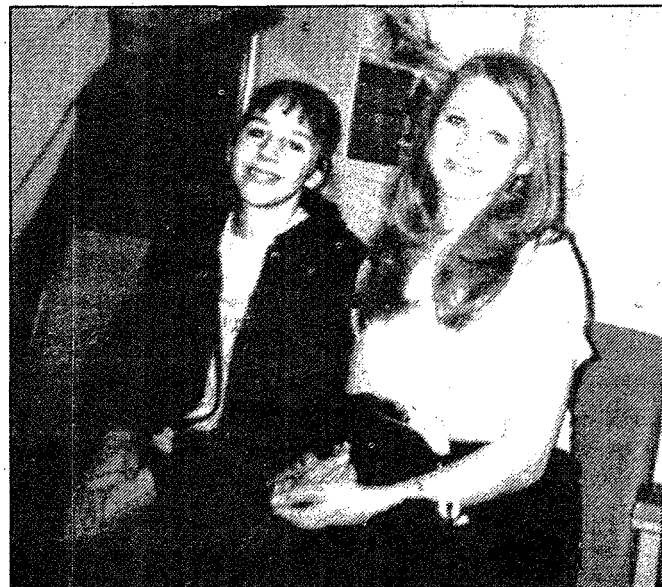
on the Capital



Jessie Lobenherz, Sarah Huth and Mandey Ryan near the Washington Monument (right).



A great time... Between lectures and guest speakers, students like Rachel Brown and Mandey Ryan (below) could relax and take the D.C. Metro to favorite spots such as the Hard Rock Cafe or Planet Hollywood. During the week they also visited such memorials as the U.S. Holocaust Museum and Arlington National Cemetery.



Democracy in action... Students were given perhaps their best opportunity to learn about the government when they spend a day on Capital Hill. That day students toured the Senate, House of Representatives and the rest of the Capitol and the Supreme Court. They sat in on legislative committee meetings and met with Michigan's lawmakers in congress. After speaking with U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers, students and teachers took a rest on the steps of the Supreme Court. (Left to right from front): Rachel Brown, Lisa Jasnowski, Liz Kraydich, teacher Darrin Silvester, Sarah Huth, Robyn Saudry, teacher Bill Boyd, Peter Hoskins and Melissa Shoemaker.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY

Jessie Lobenherz

Jessie is a Salem sophomore who studied in D.C. with her Close Up classmates.



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director, or call (734) 453-6900.

CONSTANCE ANN DRISTY

Constance Ann Dristy, a Plymouth resident, died April 20, 1998 at the age of 52.

Mrs. Dristy was born Nov. 28, 1945 in Detroit. She worked at Maryknoll Missionaries in Detroit for the past nine years. Previously she worked at St. John's Seminary in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church. She also did volunteer work with the Plymouth School System.

She is survived by her husband, Garry of Plymouth; son, Eric of Plymouth; daughter, Nicole of Plymouth; and mother, Mary Korbutiak of Howell. She is preceded in death by her father, Russell, and brother, Russell Jr.

Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

LEROY WILLINGTON REEVES

Leroy Willington Reeves, a Plymouth resident, died April 20, 1998 at the age of 78.

Mr. Reeves was born March 10, 1920 in Detroit. He was the owner/operator of Leroy's Appliance in Flat Rock, MI for more than 50 years. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was an active member of the U.S. Navy L.S.M. He was a life-time member of the U.S. Power Squadron, and an officer of the Dearborn-Fairlane Dance Club.

He is survived by his son, Ronald (Susan) Reeves of Woodlands, TX; daughters, Lilah (Mike) McKoven of Lansing, Linda (Terry) Owens of Ridge, NY; seven grandchildren; brother, Ralph Reeves of Riverview, MI; and friend, Beulah Jacobson of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Gilbert Sanders officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI.

HARRY E. MINER, JR

Harry E. Miner, Jr, a Plymouth resident, died April 21, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mr. Miner was born April 15, 1918 in Chicago, IL. He was an accountant.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy E. Miner of Plymouth; daughters, Patricia (David) Artley of Canton, Kathryn Ghent of Fort Collins, CO; sons, Harry (Cindy) E Miner III of Prescott, AZ, Thomas (Carol) R. Miner of Canton, Timothy (Jackie) Miner of Wixom, Dennis (Debbie) Miner of Novi; brother, Frederick Miner of Royal Oak; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170-3446.

PAULINE ARETHEA HELLER

Pauline Arethea Heller, a Plymouth resident, died April 23, 1998 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Heller was born Sept. 12 1911 in Detroit. She was the secretary for the National Association of Credit Management in Detroit for almost 20 years. She was a member of the Plymouth Eastern Star No.115 and the Sunshine Senior Group. She was also a member of the Newburg United Church in Livonia and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Dearborn.

She is survived by her daughter, Joanne (Norman) Wilson of Flushing, MI; sons, David (Barbara) Heller of Miami, FL, Paul (Ann) Heller of Romeo, MI, William (Elaine) Heller of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; sister, Mary Lou Horen of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Edward C. Foley officiating.

THEODORE "TED" PREBISH, JR

Theodore "Ted" Prebish, Jr., a Canton resident, died April 23, 1998 at the age of 67.

Mr. Prebish was born April 8, 1931 in Glen Lyon, PA. He worked for the National Bank of Detroit. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club and the Lions Club-Detroit branches. He liked to play golf.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, June M. of Canton; son, Craig (Cathy) Prebish of Fairport, NY; daughter, Mary Prebish of Plymouth; and sister, Gloria Brennan of Florida.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Father George Charnlet officiating. Entombment was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

PATRICIA M. BECK

Patricia M. Beck, a Plymouth resident, died April 24, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Beck was born Dec. 7, 1917 in Hillsdale, MI. She was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority and a member of the Hillsdale College President's Club. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth where she served as secretary to St. John's Episcopal League. She was also an office assistant for the church and a member of the D.A.R. and the Plymouth Women's Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Bender of Plymouth; son, Robert H. Beck of Redford; grandchildren, Eugene (Andrea) Pensari of Garden City, Robert (Lynn) Pensari of Canton, Anthony (Melissa) Pensari of Wixom, Aaron and Marisa Beck of Brooklyn, MI. She is preceded in death by her husband, S. Howard Beck.

Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Burial was at Oakgrove Cemetery in Hillsdale, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be given to St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170; or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010; or the American Lung Association of Michigan, 18860 West Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075-2689.



WILLIAM CLAIR CARR

William Clair Carr, a Plymouth resident, died April 21, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mr. Carr was born July 13, 1914 in Turtle Creek, PA. He was a truck driver. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Mae Carr of Plymouth; daughters, Nancy (Gerald) R. Patterson of Houston, TX, Susan Larkins of Plymouth; son, Donald A. Hahmann of Leadville, CO; and brother, Wilbert C. Carr.

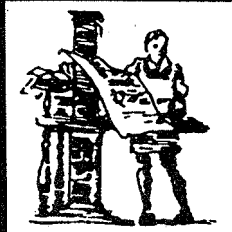
Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park West in Redford Township, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 27694 Franklin Road, Southfield, MI 48034.

CYNTHIA O'DAY ESTERMYER

Cynthia O'Day Estermyer, a resident of the Wayne/Westland community, died April 26, 1998 at the age of 47.

Mrs. Estermyer was born Sept. 24, 1950 in Concord, CA. She was a case manager supervisor at Services to Enhance Potential in Dearborn. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, the National Association of Female Executives, and an associate life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. She was president of the Plymouth Canton Jaycees from 1989-1990 and associate liaison for the State of Michigan Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America from 1990-1994. She was a committee member of the Vietnam/Korea Memorial in Kellogg Park in Plymouth from 1988-1989.

Services will be held today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint with Bishop Kirk Leifson officiating. Burial will be at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the America Diabetes Association.



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Sports shorts

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Ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. Prizes will be raffled off each hour. Each participant must bring their own equipment and bait.

The event is open to Canton residents only and advanced registration is required in person or by phone. Open registration may be available the day of the event, space permitting.

The Plymouth Whalers have announced their team award winners for the past 1997-98 season. As expected, rookie center Dave Legwand took the most honors, including Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He also won the statistical awards of Top Scorer and +/- winner.

Legwand also received OHL Rookie of the Year honors for this season.

The Whalers top defenseman was Troy Smith, and Kevin Holdridge was named Scholastic Player of the Year. Captain Andrew Taylor was best on face-offs, while Harold Druken was deemed most sportsmanlike.

Goaltender Robert Esche was named Playoff MVP.

More news from the Whaler front: Dave Legwand and Robert Esche have been named to the OHL all-star team. Legwand received first team honors, while Esche made the second team.

Outdistancing the division

Searcy continues to lead way Confidence builds for Chiefs

BY BRYAN BOYD

As expected, the Plymouth Salem track team continued to roll over WLAA conference opponents with a 76-61 victory over Walled Lake Central last Saturday.

"We had a good day," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "We knew they would give us a tough time, however we thought we could win."

The Rocks have been paced all season by senior Ian Searcy and Thursday was no different. Searcy won the high jump (6'0") and 400 meter dash (51.1) while also anchoring the winning 3200 meter relay team of Andy Briggs, Nick Allen, and Bobby Cushman (8:16.6).

Two other Rocks were double winners. Mike Shull took both the 100 meters (11.1) and the 200 meters (23.2). Dave Hester won the shot put (47'7") and came back with a 142'11", good enough for first place honors.

John Little took the 1600 in 4:34.5. Allen beat out Walled Lake Central's Todd Mobley to win the 3200 meters in 10:02.4.

Salem also fared well in the 400 meter relay. The team of Dave Clemons, Kevin Conte, Chris Mason, and Mark Sheehan posted a 45.9.

BOYS TRACK

BY BRYAN BOYD

Canton Track coach Bob Richardson knew his squad was going to have a tough time with division foe Walled Lake Western last Thursday.

"They beat Harrison so we knew what they could do," Richardson said.

Yet, with only the 3200 meters and the mile relay remaining, despite a three point deficit, the Canton Track chief knew his troops were in the driver's seat.

"We knew our distance team could out-man theirs," said Richardson. "We needed our distance guys to overcome their speed advantage."

And that's just what they did. Shaun Moore won the 3200 meters in 10:45.2, teammates Bryan Boyd and Jerry Reynolds following closely behind in second and third. This turned a three point Western advantage into a six point Canton lead, clinching the meet with one event to go.

The Chief mile relay team of Jerry Gaines, Jack Tucci, Wally Stang, and Larry Anderson then put the exclamation point on a hard fought 74-62 victory in 3:50.5.

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Every play counted in the Salem-Canton doubleheader this past weekend. In the two pitching duals like they had, any past ball, any pick off, could mean the difference between a win and a loss. The two Canton victories could mean the start of an impressive run. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Chiefs double take, drop Salem twice

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Entering Saturday's matchup versus Canton, Salem was still searching to put all the pieces together. They had, at one point or another during the season, dominated one part of the game, but, usually at the same time, flopped another.

Different day, same result.

This week it has been Salem pitching that has come to the forefront. Led by the two Jasons, Lucasik and Cox, Salem throwers have been on target the last five games, allowing only four walks through that period.

Unfortunately, their bats haven't followed. They dropped two tough games

Saturday versus a suddenly surging Canton team.

In the first game, things were going Salem's way early, when Tony Bernhardt led off the game with a homer. Down 3-0 after six innings, Canton was down to their last strike with the bases loaded when they rallied. Behind an Oliver Wolcott double, Canton surged into the 4-3 victory.

"That was a real typical Canton-Salem game," said Coach Dale Rumberger. "The kids took that hard, and I think that may be why we lost the second."

Game two, Salem bats could produce only two hits off Jeff Grey. Steve Gordan took the 2-0 loss for the Rocks, despite scat-

tering five hits through four innings. Scott Hay went the rest of way with three shutout innings.

Salem suffered another tough loss Saturday when Ben Szczepanski had his arm broke when he was hit by a pitch. "It looks like he'll be out the rest of the season," Rumberger said.

Heading now into the heart of the season, Salem needs to regain the offensive spark. "We've been pitching just superb," Rumberger said. "If we could just put that together with some hitting, we could get a streak going."

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Salem softball hits stride, takes 2nd at Invite



Churchill gets their only run of the game Thursday afternoon at Salem. Salem dominated play behind the arm of sophomore Amanda Sutton. The 7-1 victory started a good week for the Rocks. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

For Salem 'Sky's the limit'

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The victory leaves the Rocks still undefeated in dual meet competition with Farmington, possibly the conference's worst team coming in Thursday.

The Rocks also made a strong showing at the West Bloomfield Relays last Saturday, finishing second behind Pontiac Northern.

The Rocks performance was headed by the strong performance of Salem thrower/hurdler Dave Hester. Hester won the shuttle hurdle relay team of Clemons, Charlie Fisher, and Ryan Thomas to a second place finish (64.0).

The Sprint medley of Briggs, Shull, Sheehan, and Searcy took top-honors with a time of 3:31.9. Salem's 3200 relay team of Briggs, Allen, Cushman, and Searcy took second in 8:02.5.

Nick Allen and John Little finished 3 and 4 in the 3200 meters in 9:50.8 and 9:53.9.

The Rocks strong finish leaves them in good shape for big meets in upcoming weeks. "Hopefully, we can put together our top line-up," said Baker. "We're finally getting a chance to practice as a team. We have some great athletes who are willing to work hard. The sky's the limit if we want it bad enough."

Canton win places them atop division heap, undefeated Franklin Thursday

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"We took a 26-18 lead into the track events," said Richardson. "It was then our sprinters against their distance runners and we came out on top."

Kevin Keil lead the charge with continued domination of area throwers. Keil took both the shot put (51'6") and the discus (146'0").

Moore, the Chiefs' other double winner, anchored the two mile relay victory with help from Steve Blossom, Marty Kane, and Dave Hylko (9:12.8) and also won the 1600 meters (4:56.5) to add to his 3200 meter honors.

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The victories are coming a little quicker, a little easier, and a little more frequent. And for the first time in two years, the Salem softball team is knocking on the door of a winning record.

"We're improving overall as a team," said Coach Bonnie Southerland. "It's still early, and we should get stronger as the season progresses."

Salem has gone 4-3 in the past week, including an impressive second place finish in the first ever Salem-Invite.

In the first game of Saturday's tournament, Salem got a complete game victory from sophomore Amanda Sutton. She allowed seven hits and struck out three en route to the 11-3 victory.

Freshman shortstop Katie Kelly continued her impressive play, going 2-4 with three RBIs.

Salem dropped a high-scoring game two to Detroit Country Day, 15-10. The Rocks were up 10-9 heading into the final inning, but couldn't hold off a fierce

Country Day surge.

Senior captain Stefanie Volpe, who was batting .483 through Saturday, went 2-2 with one RBI in the contest. Karen Prosyk added three hits.

Game three Salem dominated, mercying Dearborn in five innings 13-3. Kelly had three RBIs and scored three runs in the victory.

The Rocks were in the championship game, again playing Ladywood. But they couldn't duplicate their earlier win, falling 11-1. Ladywood blistered Salem pitching with 14 hits.

On Monday, Sutton was on the mound again versus a tough North Farmington team. But this time the results weren't so pretty.

The Raiders got eight runs on only six hits against Sutton, capitalizing on all their opportunities.

At 6-7-1, Salem has stepped into the driver's seat of their season. They've got several tests this upcoming week, including a match-up tonight versus Canton.

Chiefs shutout Churchill, 8-0

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

The Canton softball took it to Churchill last Friday with an 8-0 shutout. The victory took previously unbeaten Churchill down from the top spot in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton now shares that spot with Churchill, as well as Farmington Hills Harrison. Each is 3-1 in the division.

The win came easily to Canton, who had strong pitching and hitting the entire game.

Gretchen Hudson, a junior co-captain started the game. Despite a slow recovery from an early season injury, Hudson allowed only two hits and didn't walk a single batter.

In the fifth inning, junior Jenny Fisher came in to finish the game for Canton. Fisher also only allowed two hits; both of which didn't come until the seventh hitting.

The rest of Canton's defense played solid as well, with minimal errors. Junior Becky Mize had a running catch during the right field foul line in the sixth inning.

Offensively, Canton worked together throughout the game and was able to start scoring early in the second inning. Senior co-captain Sara Freels started it off with a single. Erica Hanz, also a senior co-captain,

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was able to get on base off an infield error. Freels and Hanz were able to score after Churchill was thrown off by bunts made by Canton.

In the third inning, Hanz had a double which allowed Paula McKernan to run in. The score was then 3-0. Canton didn't score again until the top of the seventh, when the collected five runs off of only two hits. Two of the runs came from a single hit by McKernan.

Even though Canton played well and deserved the win, Churchill didn't fight for the cause too much, committing ten errors.

With recent victories over Livonia Franklin and taking the Taylor Tournament Title, Canton's record is now 9-5 overall.

Their first loss in the WLAA was against Walled Lake Central last Wednesday. The Chiefs fought hard, but couldn't hold of Central, who scored once in the fifth inning and then twice again in the sixth.

The Chiefs opened the scoring in the second inning, with McKernan hitting a single bringing in a run. A sacrifice bunt by Fisher brought in the second run.

Anderson took the 400 meters in 53.5 Marty Kane narrowly won the 800 with a personal best of 2:05.9.

The victory moves the chiefs to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western division. The Chiefs run Thursday against Livonia Franklin, the Western division's only other undefeated team. The winner appears to be in the driver's seat for a Western division championship.

"Their a tough team," says captain Shaun Moore. "Everybody is going to have to give 110 percent if we are going to take them."

Young linkers continue to improve

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Neither Canton nor Salem are staring down the barrel of a golf state championship this year, but as they take their lumps this year, the young teams prepare for the future.

"We have some very inexperienced players," said Salem Coach Rick Wilson. "But they seem eager to learn."

Despite going winless thus far in dual matches—they're 0-5 overall—Salem continues to improve. Top scorer Jessica Hedges shot a 98 at the Brighton

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said Wilson. "Last year we lost two of the top players in the state, both of whom are playing at the collegiate level. I guess you could call this a rebuilding year."

The Canton team has fared a bit better. They secured two dual-meet victories, one a 230-239 victory over Salem last Wednesday, and are playing up to Coach Dan Riggs' expectations.

Salem girls leap into 3rd place at tourney

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem Girls Track Team had an excellent performance at the West Bloomfield Invitational on Saturday.

Salem placed third out of the fifteen teams in attendance with 70.25 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer took first place with 82 points.

The Rocks placed in almost every event. Autumn Hicks placed fourth and Aiesha Chappel placed fourth in the high jump.

Tiffany Graubaugh took fourth in shot put with 35'8". Graubaugh also placed third in discuss with 112'11". Wendi Leanhardt placed fourth in the long jump with 15'4".

Michelle Bonier took fifth with a time of 13.5 seconds in the 100 meter dash.

The team of Becky Phelan, Ellen Stemmer, Evelyn Rahhal, and Alison Flohr

"We're doing pretty much what I thought we would," he said. "I figured we would be shooting in the mid-50's."

They played in the same tournaments as Salem this past week, including a 14th place finish at the Brighton Invite and 22nd in Ann Arbor.

Sophomore Julie Dziekan and Sandra Dalvo continue to lead the way. Dziekan had the best score at Friday's tournament.

They have some tough tests ahead, including a dual meet tomorrow versus Franklin.

placed second place in the 4 x 800 with a time of 10:04.8.

The shuttle hurdle team placed third with a time of 1:12. Those who competed were Brown, Rieber, Chappel, and Sanitski.

In the 1600 meter race, Flohr placed second with 5:30. Rahhal took third with 5:39. Stemmer took first in the 3200 with a time of 12:25.2.

The 4 x 400 team placed sixth with their time of 4:21. Deneen, Flohr, Hicks, and Shannon Will ran in this event.

"We were pretty solid and did as well as we could in most areas," said coach Mark Gregor. "Because this was our third meet in six days, we were a little tired. But through competition, we get stronger."

"Overall, this was a positive experience," said Gregor.

Raiders' ace blanks Rocks

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North Farmington 2, Salem 0 — They did better this year against him than they did last year, but they still didn't score a run. The Rocks faced one of the state's top pitchers Monday night, Jeff Troz of North Farmington, and for the third consecutive game lost by two runs or less.

Last year, left-hander Troz smoked Salem with 17 strikeouts (in a seven inning game), but this year grabbed only 9 en route to victory. Troz, who will attend the University of Michigan next year, has a fast ball in the low 90s, and is only one element in a superb Raider pitching staff that could lead them to a conference title this June.

Rock hurler Jason Cox matched up pretty well in the loss. Each gave up the same amount of hits (five), but Cox didn't get the breaks. Salem threatened twice, in the sixth and the seventh, with two men on and two men out, but couldn't get the hit they needed.

"I'm real happy with the way we played (Monday)," Rumberger said. "That was a tough game to lose."

The Rocks are still better than .500 on the year at 9-7. And their 2-3 record in the division doesn't reflect how well they've played.

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Friday at home versus Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Sturgis Tournament, time TBA. Monday at home versus Farmington at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Today at Walled Lake Western at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Stevenson at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Warrior Classic at 9 a.m. Monday at North Farmington at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Canton at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Thursday at home versus Farmington at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Holly 9/10 Invite at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at home for the Mangan Meet at 4 p.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Today at Massey Field versus Canton at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Walled Lake Western versus Walled Lake Central at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Temperance Bedford Tournament at 9 a.m. Monday at Farmington at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today at home versus Harrison at 7 p.m. Friday at Utica Eisenhower at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Franklin at 7 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Thursday at Farmington at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the C.S. Mott Relays at 4:45 p.m. Saturday at the Stafford Relays at Walled Lake Central at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Mangan Meet at 4 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Today at Northville at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Walled Lake Western at 3 p.m. Friday at the Pinckney Invite, time TBA. Monday at home versus Franklin at 3 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Today at home versus Novi at 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Northville at 4 p.m. Saturday, a doubleheader, at home versus Lakeland at 11 a.m. Monday at Harrison at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Today at home versus John Glenn at 4 p.m. Friday at Harrison at 4 p.m. Monday at home versus Farmington at 4 p.m.

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CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Today at Franklin at 7 p.m. Saturday at home versus Ladywood at 1:30 p.m. Monday at home versus Churchill at 7 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Thursday at home versus Franklin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson for the Spartan Invite at 10 a.m. Tuesday at home for the Mangan Meet at 4 p.m.

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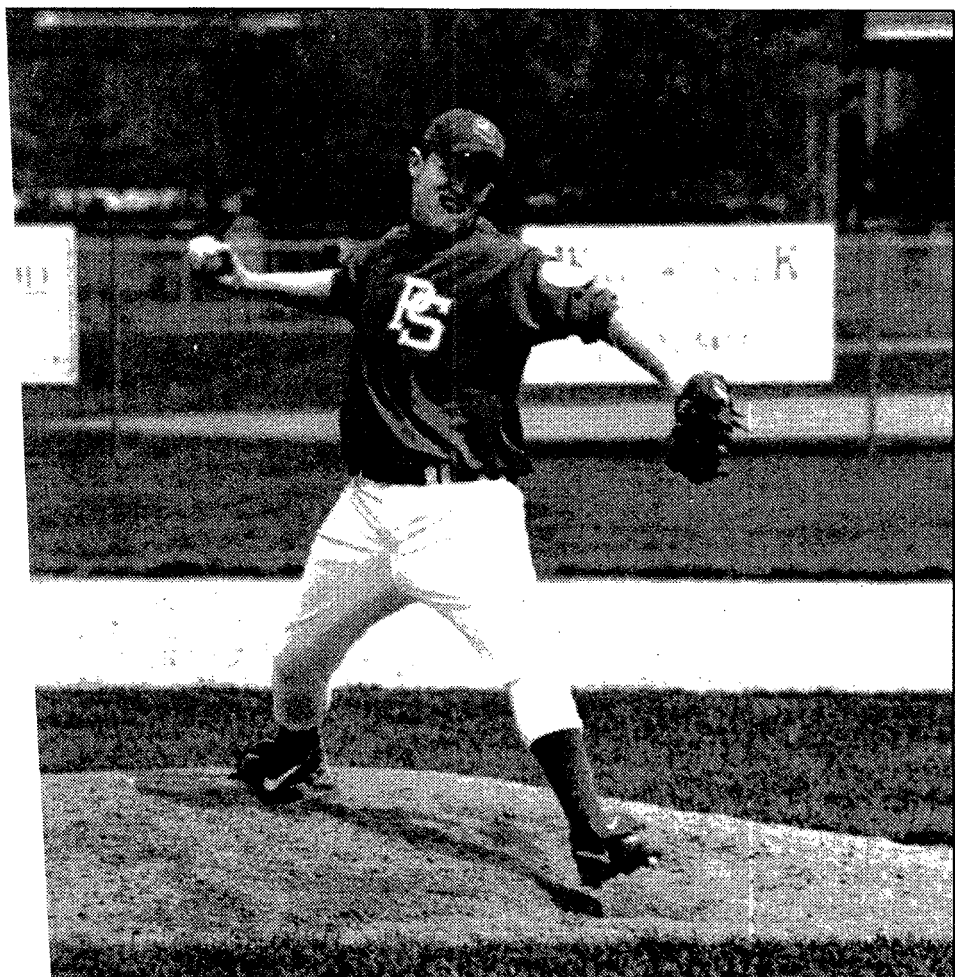
"I guess you could call this a rebuilding year."

— Rick Wilson
Salem Girls Golf Coach

Invitational, but couldn't help her team place higher than 22 out of 24 teams.

Monday was a bit better. They played another 18-hole tournament, this time at the tough U-M golf course in Ann Arbor. Hedges again led the team, with a 108, as they grabbed 12th place out of 15 teams. Angie Jones shot a 110, Grace Yelonek a 124, and Kim Tamme added a 132 for the Rocks.

"These aren't typical Salem scores,"



ching has been the fuel behind the Rocks recent play. Unfortunately, it seems their have run out of gas at the same time. If the Rocks' hurlers can continue their precipitous, and there lumber can regain the form it had last week against Fordson, n could be a force come playoff time. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Community opinions

Uncertain motives

Whyman's past record shadows effort to publish sex-offender list on the internet

When State Rep. Deb Whyman announced the addition of a Western Wayne county sex offender list to her site on the world wide web, she struck right at several of the controversies surrounding the Internet.

Freedom of speech, freedom of information and the right to privacy, all are involved.

After a law passed in 1996, names and addresses of convicted sex offenders were made available through local police departments. All a person has to do is go down to the station and ask. Apparently, Whyman thought the legislation she fought so hard for wasn't getting a big enough response, so posting the information on her web site was a logical next step.

On the one hand, Whyman has the right to post virtually anything she wants on the internet. Whyman states in a press release that "given the extremely high rate of recidivism among sex offenders, we must know where they are in our community."

Call me a bleeding heart, call me a liberal, call me what you will but I still think about the one guy who made a mistake when he was young, paid his price and wants to put the past behind him. Or maybe an innocent person pled guilty to save him or herself the shame of a trial.

These people don't necessarily deserve the public scrutiny or to be ostracized by their neighbors.

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



That Whyman feels the need to keep tabs on sex offenders after they've been deemed fit to rejoin society doesn't speak well for her confidence in the legal or judicial system. That the information is on the internet, and so readily available says to me that it should be presented responsibly. How about simply sex offenders on probation? Or those recently released?

Is posting the list a way to help parents protect their children? Possibly. Can it be used for good? Maybe.

But given Whyman's less-than-progressive approach to alternative lifestyles (the Triangle Foundation brought a suit against her for anti-gay and lesbian comments in some of her campaign literature), I just wonder what kind of list will be next.

Twp. unresponsive

EDITOR:

I would like to know when and how earthly gods became the rulers of Plymouth Township? Our family lived in the Plymouth-Canton area for more than 85 years and until the past several years, city dwellers and county folks got along fine. Now that the gods have taken over, they decide the laws, they decide who shall do what, when, why and how. One person is fined and laughed at for one thing and the next person is told that is ok, why?

I have called and written letters to everyone in authority and still my questions go unanswered. Why does the supervisor have a phone if she never answers it? Why does she have an office if she never answers letters? Again why doesn't the board answer its letters?

You may say that important boards like the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission don't

have time to answer every little letter, but they sure find time to make sure the right color is used on every building and that one driveway lines up with another.

I have asked, and requested answers of five simple questions and with all their studies they have done about the township, they should be able to answer right off the top of their heads, but no, they don't. Maybe they are doing a study on why I could not do something that they have now let others do! Or maybe, just maybe it is they didn't want farmers any longer in the township so they harassed us till we left?

At this time I will answer the BIG question every one has asked us. Yes, there will be an old Plymouth High School get together this summer. July 18th. Watch for signs around town. We have left Plymouth, but we have not forgotten our friends.

PAT BUNYEA

Mayflower stay a shame

EDITOR:

I read the letter to the editor from the McClures about their stay at The Mayflower Hotel.

I feel that somebody in town should be ashamed. In fact, everybody should be ashamed to see an article like that in the paper.

The Mayflower is supposed to be one of Plymouth's prime spots, and we can't even be proud of it.

We should be able to support a decent, clean environment. Can't The Mayflower even keep one room decent enough to have guests?

There are other hotels around Plymouth, but when people come to Plymouth they want to stay at the Mayflower. That's *the* place—or it should be.

What's going to happen there? It can't sit there forever without deteriorating. Like the Hudsons's building in Detroit, they let it sit so long they have to tear it down.

What's the city doing? Where are they?

I don't want to go on a diatribe, but something needs to be done, and now.

MARGUERITE POOLE

A Tale of One City

It was the best of signs, it was the worst of signs....

Here we have one sign. It is made of vinyl, and supported with built-in ropes. We also have a second sign: made of vinyl and supported with built-in ropes.

The first sign is illegal in the City of Plymouth. Hanging it at your business will net you a warning letter, followed by a fine. The second sign was *hung by the city* in Kellogg Park. The city-hung sign is not illegal. Both signs are exactly the same. Businesses are being treated unfairly. Period. Or is it just businesses? How do city residents fare with the "sign police?"

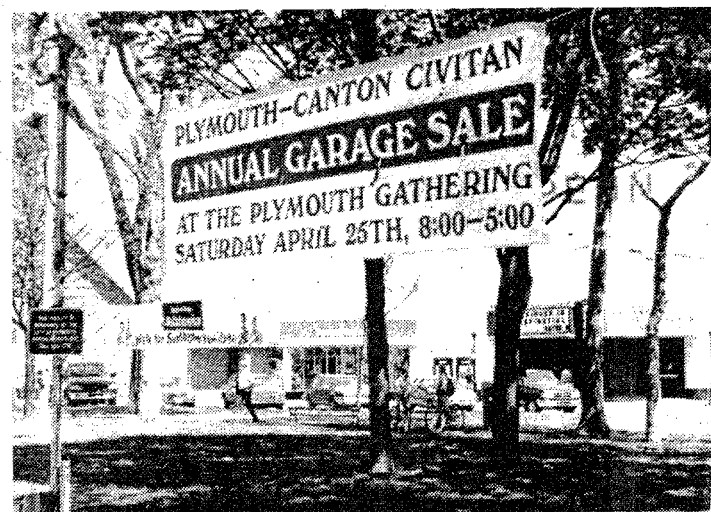
Look closely at the city's sign (on city property): it advertises a garage sale.

Guess what happens if you advertise *your* garage sale by putting a sign on that little piece of "city property" between your sidewalk and the street?

Try it sometime and see what happens to your garage sale sign.

The bait shack

By Mike Carne





Community opinions

Bring the noise

Hot spots or homes?

Let's not kid ourselves. The noise ordinance battle in Plymouth can be narrowed to one incident: Lower Town Grill versus Starkweather Street residents. This is where it started. And when the noise ordinance is finally approved, this is where it will first be tested.

So why all the fuss? Why has this one incident occupied so much of the city's and the public's attention?

At last week's City Commission meeting, discussion of the standards set by the proposed noise ordinance lasted more than two hours. Several citizens, led by Starkweather residents Alan and Terri Kariniemi, complained that the standards were set too high, that decibel levels were excessive and not conducive to residential living.

For their part, drafters of the ordinance contend that the decibel levels are comparable to communities of similar size and structure. And if those communities can live by such standards, why can't we?

Commissioners have also been quick to point out that this new ordinance should not be designed around one particular case. But it is clear to everyone involved that the Starkweather-Lower Town case will be the test of success.

So if the commissioners decide to lower the allowable level of noise, have they taken the side of the residents? And should they really

Write of way

By Scott Goodwin



spend so much time squabbling over a few measly decibels?

The answer to both of these questions is yes, but not for the reasons you might think.

When this ordinance is finally put into the books, its effect on the city will extend far beyond the Lower Town case. Indeed, it may go a long way toward determining what type of city Plymouth will become.

In terms of development, Plymouth is standing at the proverbial fork in the road. To the left is the quiet residential lifestyle, the one the Kariniemis presumably aspire toward, and the one that currently characterizes "The City of Homes."

To the right is something with a bit more flare. There has been a drive of late to turn Plymouth, particularly downtown and Old Village, into a nightlife hotspot with more bars and restaurants to serve a burgeoning younger population.

Restaurants and bars looking to open Plymouth locations, including Tom's Oyster Bar and E.G. Nicks, are pursuing liquor licenses. If successful, Plymouth could enjoy a measure of the growth Royal Oak has, albeit on a smaller scale. The area is ripe for this sort of entertainment and if Plymouth plays its cards right, it could come away from the table a jackpot in hand.

Which is where the proposed noise ordinance comes in. The decibel standards set will likely be either resident-friendly or commercial-friendly. If lowered, those residents who are worried about the late-night stomping of live bands and large crowds will have their way. But those businesses interested in developing downtown and Old Village may be scared off by the stricter standards.

On the other hand, if the current decibel level is maintained, the flurry of potential nightlife ventures could continue, free of complaints from either the city or its residents.

Rarely are stricter government standards good for business. This case is no exception. If discussion of the ordinance continues to be muddled in the minutia of specific situations, the big picture may be blurred. The City Commission must consider the larger effects of their decision, despite the amplified grumblings of certain citizens.

Unfortunately for nightlife fans, residents interested in a quieter standard have dominated the ordinance debate.

Right now, they're the only ones making any noise.

P-C teachers' contract:

A lesson learned

There is a poster that has been popular in classrooms and educators' offices for a few years now. "Everything I needed to know I learned in Kindergarten," is its title. On the poster is a list, written in crayon, of basic important principles to getting along with others.

Teachers and school officials must have taken a look at their own copies of the poster, and congratulations are in order.

Early approval of a contract drafted between Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Association (PCEA) mark a shift toward getting along, possibly a changing trend.

It wasn't very long ago—roughly 18 months—that management and teachers were locked in contentious negotiations over contract issues. Chief among them was the benefits. Talks stalled and lingered. Labor-management animosity grew. Even parents protested in a walkout at CEP.

With this legacy on the record and in the minds, the PCEA and school management went again to the bargaining table this spring. Again healthcare is an issue not yet settled. But through the efforts of the PCEA school officials and recently formed Labor-Management Council, it was okay that the camps didn't see eye-to-eye because none came away wounded. When the camps couldn't agree on health care, the issue was handed to the arbitrator and talks proceeded.

The job. Teachers have taken a leap of faith in the interest of more open negotiations and applauded them. In the past, teachers

fought to wrest as much as possible from the grip of management. Management gave what it wanted to give. But with the L-M Team the process has taken a step toward collaboration.

Such efforts to work out disagreements peacefully, to open up new dialogues and meet where possible on issues suggests that his words were heard and heeded well when Bob Chase, president of the National Education Association, spoke here in March.

A focus on shared interests, on what can be done—these are the virtues Chase extolled in his "new unionism" address to Plymouth-Canton.

Put more simply they are compromise and cooperation, a spirit found in classrooms and offices where the "Everything I needed..." poster hangs.

And while it may yet be premature to shout that a new day has come for teacher-management relations, early news of an uncontested contract certainly suggest such a day could dawn soon.

We're glad to see teachers and management found their posters, and encourage them to remember compromise and cooperation when each group votes on contract ratification in the coming week.

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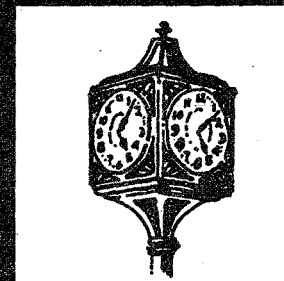
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