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EXTRA MILER: Vada Starr really makes an impression. Starr, a reading specialist, was nominated by the entire staff at Allen Elementary School for going the extra mile in her job. "She's our best listener and our most reliable source of help," one of her colleagues wrote. Starr, with many family members and friends on hand, was formally honored by the school board last week. Her days of service to children in the community will take on a new focus after this spring with retirement.

SPRING WALK: The annual Spring Walk will be held in Old Village from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 27. There will be flowers for the ladies, a window decorating contest, sidewalk sales, a model train show, and at 5 p.m. a balloon bust in Cobblestone Alley.

SPRING FLING: "Spring Fling" is the name given for an After School Special 4:30-5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Plymouth Public Library. Mary L. Curtin, reference librarian, says there will be a story, film, and a craft for children age 6 to 11. Reserve your spot by dropping by the library today or by dialing 453-0750.

WILD ARTISTS OF MICHIGAN'S foremost wildlife artists and world champion wood carvers will show their works at the River Crab Salmon Stakes fishing tourney from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26, near St. Clair, Mich. The tourney is a benefit for the Blue Water Clinic's child abuse prevention and treatment program in the Port Huron area.

Jim Foote of Gibraltar, one of the top wildlife artists in Michigan, will appear with the Wildwing Gallery exhibit and sale on the porch of Chuck Muer's River Crab on the St. Clair River just north of St. Clair. Wildwing Gallery, owned by Jim Jabara of Plymouth, has stores in Plymouth, Birmingham and Grosse Pointe. The Wildwing exhibit will feature carvings and taxidermy pieces plus paintings and watercolors. Foote sold his first print, a ruffed grouse, for \$45 in 1979. His paintings now bring from \$3,500 to \$10,000 each.

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City police draw good reviews

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Residents and merchants in the city of Plymouth apparently are pleased with the performance of their police department.

Eight of every 10 persons who responded to a recent survey indicated that they had no problems with the delivery of services.

When respondents were asked to list three serious concerns, the most frequently mentioned were: Burglary (46 percent); a wide-ranging category including youth gatherings, vandalism, Kellogg Park and property damage (30 percent); and speeding (15 percent).

Patrol, juvenile services and crime prevention programs led the listing of categories where more attention was requested.

Results of the survey — taken via the mail and in person last month —

Prevention tools underused

meeting. Nearly 70 percent of those who haven't indicated they weren't aware of such programs locally.

Sixty-six percent also said they weren't aware of the free home and business security inspections offered by crime prevention officers.

Myers said he was surprised by the unawareness, especially considering all the publicity the programs have received in the local press, on cable TV and in the city newsletter.

"It tells us we have to sell our crime prevention program more than we have," he said, adding, "I don't know what more we can do."

As many as 100 persons surveyed said they would want a home or business security inspection, Sincok noted.

However, with summer approaching, more calls for service expected and staff vacations, most of those surveys probably won't be made until fall. "Please don't be angry if we don't get right back at them," Myers asked.

THE CHIEF conceded that concerns about burglary are well placed.

"We are doing some things to address the B&E problem," he said, declining to get more specific about internal strategies. "I would stress crime prevention, Neighborhood Watch, Operation Identification."

Youths trespassing or loitering in businesses or parking lots can expect to receive one warning before tickets are issued this summer, Myers said.

Crime prevention officers are in the process of alerting business people to the procedures which must be followed before police will issue citations.

"These guidelines have been established by the city attorney and the court. It's making more work for police officers. None of them are happy. It's what we have to do."

Officers have been observed in recent weeks timing motorists for excessive speeds on Main Street, especially during early morning hours.

More neighborhood patrol — requested by 22 percent of the survey respondents — wouldn't necessarily make an impact on crime in a city of 2.2 square miles like Plymouth.

Besides, only three officers — at most — are on duty at any time. "When you have a mature group of officers who have worked in the city awhile, they know what the trouble spots are," Myers said.

Pughs gear for adventure with job transfer to Brazil

By Doug Funke
staff writer

The opportunity to experience life in a different culture will take a former Plymouth mayor and his wife, who owns a shop in town, to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for a two-to-three-year work assignment.

Dave Pugh, a supply manager for Ford Motor Co., already has departed. Wife Sharon, who owns Sideways on Forest Avenue, and daughter Jennifer expect to join him when school lets out in June.

While you can take the Pughs out of Plymouth, it's clear you can never take the community away from them.

Both resolutely say they will return and live here when Pugh's stint in Brazil is over. Sharon says she will continue to own her business. Both expect to return annually for visits.

"It's not like we're leaving forever," Dave said.

"That's the beauty of it," chimes in Sharon.

The couple jumped at the chance to take an overseas assignment.

"THE CHANCE to know a different culture and a different people is rewarding in itself," said Dave.

"I think it's exciting for David to do something different and the

chance for our family to be exposed to a totally different way of life," said Sharon. "Our daughter will be learning a third language (Portuguese). For her, I think it will open a lot of doors."

The Pugh's other daughter, Sigrid, 22, will remain in the states to finish up at Northern Michigan University, Marquette. She will be a senior this fall.

The actual decision to go sometimes must seem easy when compared to such preparations as selling their Plymouth house, getting visa approval, taking a pre-assignment trip, finding a house to rent in Sao Paulo, deciding which household furnishings to ship and which to store and language lessons.

"We are approaching it somewhat as an adventure," Dave said.

Sharon said she's looking forward to taking things easy the first six months but suspects that some activity will eventually catch her fancy.

"I've been extremely independent," she said. "That's going to be a big adjustment. This country is a very male-oriented society. I will be going down as a woman who doesn't work outside the home, which will be very different."

Because Sharon has no working visa, she technically can't hold a job there.

"Let's just say she hasn't discounted the possibility of investigating potential business opportunities," Dave said with a smile.

TERRORISM entered into their deliberations, the pair conceded, but it didn't weigh heavily.

"I'm not a paranoid person," Sharon said. "It did concern me. My major concern was communicating with people there. We found people to be very receptive. They're most cordial and very pro-American."

"There is a little concern," Dave said of terrorism. "It's like any city — you're cautious, more careful than you would be at home."

Cars actually posed a greater threat to safety during a pre-assignment trip, Dave said, adding that almost everything seemed to go on the road. "The driving is like getting on the Grand Prix in the morning."

Both said they would miss the associations and good feelings that arise from involvement in community affairs. Sharon concedes it will be a big adjustment moving from a quaint city with 10,000 people to a busy metropolis of 13 million.

The opportunity, though, was just too good to pass. And we'll be back, they added.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Sharon and Dave Pugh say they're looking forward to leaving the community for a couple of years to live in Brazil.

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Warning sounded on gypsy scams

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Criminal gypsies are expected to hit the township this year with repair scams, utility frauds, store thefts and countless other schemes.

Canton police are warning businesses and residents — especially elderly people — to beware of the trickery and criminal acts characteristic of the nomadic culture that originated in 14th century India.

Warm weather in Michigan breeds criminal gypsies, according to Canton officer Eddie Tanner who said gypsies tend to have a pattern to their traveling.

Every two years they are expected to return to the same community. Last year Garden City and Westland had the largest concentration of gypsies in the Detroit area, he said.

Canton is due.

"We're expecting a problem this year," Tanner said. "And no one is immune."

HE DRAWS a definite distinction between "good" and "bad" gypsies, noting the potential of lawsuits by referring to all gypsies as being involved in criminal activity.

"The good gypsies go out and perform work. They're not involved in the scams."

Even criminal gypsies sometimes walk a fine line inside the law, complicating arrests and convictions. It's common for gypsies to use as many as five different names and vary the spellings of each. The women sometimes use distracting devices — like baring their breasts — during arrests.

Brush fire danger up

Do yourself and Plymouth Township firefighters a favor this spring, advises Fire Chief Larry Groth.

Watch how you dispose of cigarettes and matches and resist the temptation to burn brush.

Several consecutive days of balmy weather enhances the chance of a brush fire developing, especially in tall grasses uncut since last fall.

High winds can quickly fan a fire over a wide area.

Firefighters have already responded to several brush fires, none serious.

Outdoor burning of all kind is unlawful in the township. Careless disposal of cigarettes along freeways and major thoroughfares also has sparked grass fires locally, Groth said.

rests.

"They're very intelligent people," Tanner said. "They know the law and they work right around the edge in the gray areas. It's hard to get that criminal offense and it's almost impossible to track the person down and get a warrant. In a lot of cases the victim can't identify the actual person who did the fraud, and in situations like that you end up dropping the case."

Common rip-offs involve using extremely poor-quality materials for repair work. Finding the suspect is difficult because shoddy receipts are left, Tanner said. Victims are out the money they pay for the job and they have to fix the damage.

The most common tactics used by criminal gypsies are as follows:

- Offering blacktopping jobs that are poor quality and often necessitate costly repair bills.
- Luring people out of their homes under a number of pretenses while other gypsies enter the houses and take valuables.
- Telling fortunes and convincing victims their money is cursed.
- Shoplifting scams done by creating a commotion and diverting attention to get into the manager's office and into safes.
- Impersonating utility workers to get into homes.

• Selling faulty equipment, especially travel trailers and mobile homes.

• Completing bad concrete work.

SENIOR CITIZENS are often targets, Tanner said.

"They usually pick on elderly people because they oftentimes keep a lot of money around the house."

He warns homeowners against allowing contractors to do house repairs unless they've already solicited the company and know whom they are hiring. Another precaution is to ask for business cards and identification of utility workers, Tanner said.

Utility frauds often involve two people who announce the homeowner is eligible for a \$50 gas rebate. They say they have only a \$100 bill, and watch where the person goes to get the change. One person asks the homeowner to show him where the gas meter is, and the other goes to the room with the money.

"They're uncanny about going into a room and getting the stuff without tearing the room up," Tanner said. "Beware of doing any type of selling or dealing where cash changes hands and don't keep it in the house."

THE GYPSY culture is rich with folklore, customs and codes. One legend gives gypsies the right to steal. It says that a gypsy blacksmith was hired to make four

spikes — one for each hand, feet and heart — for Jesus Christ's crucifixion.

The gypsy supposedly stole the spike to be used for Christ's heart. God said gypsies could go out in the world, the story goes, and make their way the best they could because Christ had been saved from the added pain.

Some gypsies maintain a permanent residence, Tanner said, but most travel in mobile homes and stay in parks as well as "less expensive" motels. American gypsies mostly drive nice-looking pickup trucks, he added.

There are an estimated one million gypsies in the U.S. and Canada.

MANY GYPSIES won't eat off other's silverware and view their heads as sacred parts of their bodies, which shouldn't be touched by others.

Leaders of extended families are referred to as the "king." They're often called upon by the arrested gypsy for jail bond. Police departments often get stolen goods and cash returned from these leaders.

The "king" of a local family is John Stanley who lives in the Detroit area. His son, "the prince," is Johnny Stanley. They refer to themselves as "good gypsies," and Johnny is often interviewed by media promoting the image of gypsies.

recreation news

● CANTON SOCCER CLUB

The Canton Soccer Club is looking for boys born in 1973 to fill team openings for the spring season. The fee for registration is \$20. Interested players may call Carol Shasko at 459-2133 for more information.

● MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

The men's golf league plays Wednesday evenings starting May 7 at Fellows Creek Golf Course, Canton. Canton Parks and Recreation sponsors the league, which is limited in size and open to Canton residents only. There is a \$20 registration fee plus weekly greens fee. Returning players may register now and new players can begin registering April 15 in person or by mail to Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton 48198. For information, call 397-1000.

● WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a women's golf league starting in mid-May at Fellows Creek Golf Course which is being expanded to 27 holes and adding a new clubhouse. The league will play Friday mornings beginning May 9. The charges include a registration fee of \$10 plus weekly greens fees. A league meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 2, at Canton Township Administration Building. For information call 397-1000.

● SENIORS GOLF LEAGUE

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Senior Citizens Golf League starting on Thursday mornings in May at Fellows Creek Golf Course. Registration fee is \$5 plus weekly green fee. For information, call 397-1000.

● SENIOR SOFTBALL

Practice has started for the 55-and-older softball league for men and women from Canton and neighboring communities. The league will be practicing indoors from 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursdays at the Plymouth Salvation Army Community Center until weather and field conditions permit outdoor practices. For information call Canton Seniors at 397-1000, ext. 278.

● SOCCER VOLUNTEERS

The Canton Soccer Club is looking for volunteers to help run its concession stand during spring and fall soccer games. The stand is open for

Saturday and Sunday games. Anyone interested may call Wanda Nash after 6 p.m. at 459-0578.

● POLKA DANCING LESSONS

The Polish Centennial Dancers of Plymouth are taking registrations for adult beginners and advance polka ballroom dancing. Beginners will learn the polka, oberek, and waltz. The advanced class will dance to a fancy polka ballroom routine. Classes will begin the second week of March with an experienced dance teacher. For more information, call Joanne Yeagl at 464-1263 or Chris Gajewek at 459-5696.

● MEN'S OPEN HOUSE

The gym at the Plymouth Salvation Army Community Center will be open 7-10 p.m. for an informal pickup game of basketball on a first-come basis. Fees are \$1 per night for members, \$1.50 for non-members.

● LADIES VOLLEYBALL

The Salvation Army Community Center, Main south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, will be open for

free ladies volleyball from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and 12:30-2:30 p.m. Thursdays.

● HEALTH ENHANCEMENT

Health Enhancement With Aerobics is being offered beginning today through June 2 by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA at Masters of Dance Studio. The class includes an overview of nutrition and weight management as well as fitness exercise and relaxation techniques. Sessions will be 8-9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:15 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday, or 7-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Call the YMCA at 453-2904 to enroll.

● THE FITNESS FIX

An exercise program for men, women and teens at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The walk-in fee is \$3 or \$25 for 10 classes. A special spring rate being offered now through May 1 is eight classes for \$12. Call 349-6881.

● AEROBIC DANCING

Jackie Sorenson's Aerobic Dancing will be offered through the Plymouth Community Family YMCA beginning today through June 12 at Dance Unlimited, Joanne's Dance Extension, and Fiegel Elementary School. The classes will be 8:30-9:30 a.m., 1-2 p.m. or 5:15-6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. To register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

● DANCE SLIMNASTICS

Get in shape for the summer with Dance Slimnastics classes at 10 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays beginning April 28 at Dance Unlimited. Babysitting available in the morning. Evening classes also are available. For information, call Janice at 420-2893.

● CARDIO-FITNESS AEROBICS

An eight-week aerobics class is being offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Salvation Army Plymouth Community Center, 9451 Main south of Ann Arbor Road. For information, call 453-5464.

Canton boy drowns in lake

Michael James Korte, 15, of Canton drowned in Belleville Lake recently trying to retrieve a fishing pole.

Korte, a ninth grader at Stevenson Junior High School in Westland, was fishing about 6:30 p.m. April 13 at the French landing dam. The lake is in Van Buren Township.

Witnesses reported he dropped his fishing pole into the water and went in after it. He was last seen at the water's edge. Rescuers located the

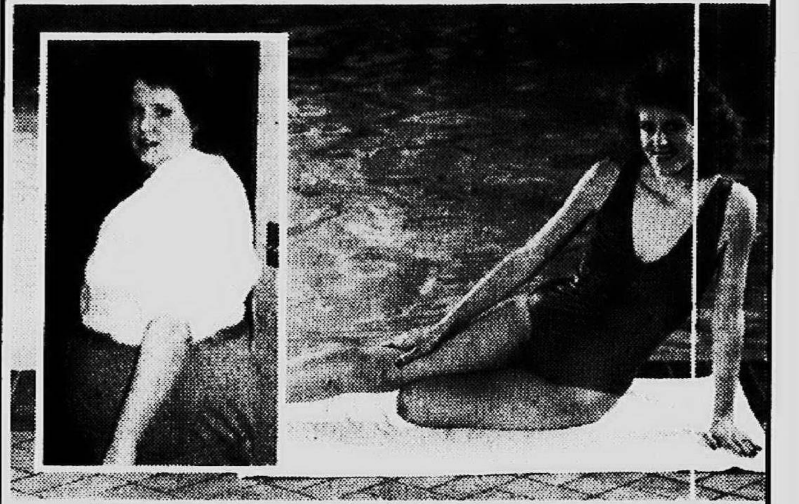
boy beneath the water's surface about 9 p.m. and attempts to resuscitate him failed.

He was pronounced dead at 11:24 p.m. at Annapolis Hospital.

Korte is survived by parents, Thomas and Bup. sister Marie; brother Thomas; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Korte and Mr. and Mrs. Bo Nguyen.

Funeral services were last week at Lents Funeral Home in Wayne.

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Focus put on India

An introduction to the culture and peoples of India was presented recently to students attending Miller Elementary of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The assembly program was led by Mina R. Bhavsar of Canton who is on the bilingual/bicultural staff of the Wayne County Intermediate School District. She works with Hindi, Gujarati and Urdu languages.

While informing students about India, the assembly also provided an opportunity to let students, staff and other community members know about "Celebration Of India" being presented by the intermediate district May 2 through June 4.

EACH SESSION is 3-5 p.m. at the school district building at 33500 Van Born Road west of Venoy in Wayne. A free saree will be given away at each session.

The sessions open with "Tourism in India" in the Discussatorium and continues Tuesday, May 6, in the annex auditorium with a display of fine arts, dance, music, and culture.

R. N. Bhavsar, M.D., of Canton will participate in the Wednesday, May 21 session in the Discussatorium with a slide presentation and lecture on the religions of India. Wednesday, May 28, will feature a lecture by a University of Michigan professor in the discussatorium from 3-5 p.m. followed by a dinner from 5:40-7:30 p.m. in Rooms 250 A.B.C. Reservations for the dinner are needed and may be made by calling 467-1387.

Vegetarian cooking of India will be featured 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, in the I.S.D. kitchen area. Reservations required.

THE BILINGUAL program of the intermediate district provides tutorial help in English acquisition



Mina Bhavsar introduces Miller students to the wonders of India.

and work with students in subject matter classes.

The intermediate district works with local school districts to help all students with a second language function equally well in English and their dominant language, and provides students with coping skills.

In its bilingual efforts the intermediate district works closely with Wayne State University and the

Michigan Department of Bilingual Consortium.

At the present time the intermediate district is servicing 17 districts accommodating at least 47 different languages. Plymouth-Canton and Wayne-Westland school districts are among those 17 districts. The bilingual department has been in existence since 1980 with Mauricio Jimenez, Jr. as program director.

brevities

● BREVITIES DEADLINES

Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 489 S. Main.

● GOOD NEWS REVIVAL

Sunday, April 27 — Main Street Baptist Church at 8500 N. Morton-Taylor, Canton, will hold a "Good News America, God Loves You" Revival through April 27 with services beginning 7 p.m. each day. Preaching will be the Rev. Charles F. Polston and leading the music will be Charles Eugene Spencer, both form Old Hickory, Tenn. The services are part of simultaneous revivals the Southern Baptists are having March 16 to April 27.

● YMCA CLASSES

Monday, April 21 — The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is taking registration for spring and summer classes. Spring classes begin the week of April 21 and summer classes the week of June 16. Call the YMCA from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 453-2904 or stop by its office at 248 Union for more information or to register. Some of the classes are: health back, swimming for all ages and skills at the Plymouth Hilton, aerobics for all levels, karate, self-defense for women, Kreative's, dog obedience, youth tumbling, backyard swim program, Stop Smoking, Weight Loss, ballroom dancing, tennis clinics, baseball clinics, preschool dance, fitness, ballet, tumbling and parent/tot exercise.

● SMOKING & WEIGHT CONTROL

Monday, April 21 — Stop Smoking and Weight Control clinics will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, Ann Arbor Road at Mill, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. The Stop Smoking clinic will be from 6-8 p.m. and the Weight Control from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Both use hypnosis as a technique. For information, call 453-2904.

● HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, April 22 — The final in a series of lectures sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum will be featured Thomas Forshee talking on "Chinese Export for the American Market" beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the museum, Church at Main. Single tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the museum.

● SPRING FLING

Tuesday, April 22 — "Spring Fling" is an After School Special sponsored by Plymouth Public Library from 4:40-5:30 p.m. in the library. A story, a film, and a craft will be offered for children ages 6-11. Sign up at the library, either in person or by calling 453-0750.

● LIBRARY STORYTIMES

Friday, April 24 — A four-week Pre-schooler Storytime will be held at 10:30 a.m. May 1-22 at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main at Church, Plymouth. The storytime is for children age 3½ through 5. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in person at the library on April 24.

A four week Toddler Storytime will be held at 10:30 a.m. May 7-28 at the Dunning-Hough Library for children age 2 to 3½ accompanied by a parent. Registration will be in person at 10 a.m. April 30. For more information on both storytimes call 453-0750.

● WHITE CANE SALES

Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26, May 2-3 — The Canton Lions Club will observe White Cane Week April 25-26 and May 2-3 by offering white canes for donations at shopping centers throughout the community.

● USED SPORTS SALE

Saturday, April 26 — Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its Spring Used Sports and Recreation Equipment Sale. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the meeting room on the first floor of Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Everyone is welcome to sell their used sports equipment. Bring the equipment to the Township Administration Building from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, April 24. The seller sets the price for each item and Canton Parks and Recreation gets 15 percent of each sale. All unsold equipment can be picked up from 2-3 p.m. April 26. For details call 397-1000.

● ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

Saturday, May 3 — The DuMouchelle Art & Antique Appraisal Clinic will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road at Proctor. Bring your antiques you may wish to sell and find out the fair market value. DuMouchelle's also are interested in purchasing select items for their galleries in Detroit. The charge is \$3 per item carried in. Half of the fee will go to the Canton Historical Society. Light refreshments will be available.

● FLOWER & VEGETABLE FLAT SALE

Monday, May 5 — Madonna College, Schoolcraft at Levan in Livonia, will hold its Flower and Vegetable Flat Sale on the campus parking lot Monday through Friday, May 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

● A'BECKET GARAGE SALE

Wednesday, Thursday, May 7, 8 — St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church of Canton is sponsoring a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 7 and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 8 (with the last hour being a bag sale). The church is at 555 S. Lilley Road, the first block south of Cherry Hill and east of Lilley.

● A'BECKET FESTIVAL

Friday-Sunday, May 8-11 — St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church will have its fifth annual festival May 8-11 at the church on Lilley just south of Cherry Hill in Canton. There will be rides, a crafts tent, entertainment tent, Las Vegas tent, food tent, bingo tent from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, noon to 1 a.m. Saturday, and 1-10 p.m. Sunday.

● INSPIRATION WORKSHOP

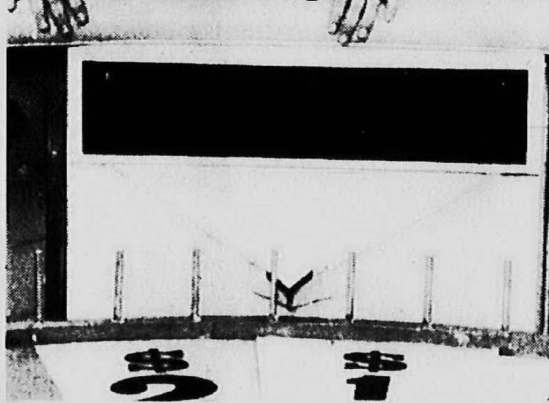
Saturday, May 10 — An inspiration workshop will be sponsored by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Phase III (gym) of Plymouth Canton High School. The workshop is for adults and teens ninth grade and higher, and will include forms of fitness, aerobics, water exercise, self-defense, makeup glamour and color techniques, stress management/relaxation, health back exercises, goal setting/achieving. The fee is \$15.

● YMCA ANNUAL RUN

Sunday, June 22 — The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will hold its seventh Annual Run with check-in and late registration beginning at 7 a.m. in Kellogg Prk, downtown Plymouth. The One Mile and 5 K Run will begin at 8 a.m. and the 10 K Run at 8:45 a.m. There will be T-shirts for all preregistered runners and to the late registrants the day of the race as available. Ribbons will be awarded to all One Mile Fun Runners; trophies for first, second and third places overall (male and female), and medals to first, second and third places in all age divisions for the 5K and 10K runs. Advance registration fees are \$4 for the One mile, \$6 for the 5K and 10K runs; late registration fees are \$6 and \$10 respectively. For information, phone 453-2904.



John Brinkman (left) of Plymouth and Ed Weidenbach of Canton have taped appearances on the popular TV game show, "Wheel



of Fortune." Both enjoyed the experience even though neither won a grand prize.

Wheel of Fortune yields no fortune to these guys

That's right, Don Pardo — add two men to the roll of local contestants recently appearing on the nationally televised Wheel of Fortune game show.

Ed Weidenbach of Canton and John Brinkman of Plymouth have joined Gary Walker of Plymouth as recent area players of the popular show. Weidenbach's appearance aired April 8; Brinkman's will air at 7:30 p.m. today on WDIV-TV.

Neither made out as well as Walker did in his March 31 appearance, when he won a car and trip to Hawaii. While Weidenbach won no prize money, he said: "Lots of experience is what I won." Brinkman on the other hand won "\$4,300 worth of stuff."

The three were chosen to appear on the program from among 1,000 who auditioned in Detroit last fall, as part of a nationwide contestant search.

Featured on the Wheel of Fortune, the No. 1-rated game show nationally, is a word board displaying a phrase or saying contestants try to guess as letters are revealed one by one after successful spins of a game wheel.

WHILE WEIDENBACH says he routinely guesses puzzles at home, the distractions behind the scenes made it hard to concentrate. The puzzle he missed was "Don't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes" — "I shall never forget that phrase," he said.

On his third try, Brinkman won by

'Lots of experience is what I won.'

— Ed Weidenbach contestant

guessing the puzzle "Fair Market Value." Interestingly, Brinkman, a salesman with an Ann Arbor ball-bearing maker, had appeared on the "Family Feud" game show. "That was six years ago. We won \$6,700."

And even more irony — a female opponent at his "Wheel" appearance also appeared on "Family Feud."

Brinkman admits he was a bit nervous at the taping, adding, "I'm more nervous now with the anticipation of the show airing."

Weidenbach, a salesman with Copy Duplicating Products Inc., praised the show staff for their courtesy, adding "I got a very nice feeling from Pat Sajak and Vanna White," the co-hosts. "When Vanna comes out, everybody goes bananas; they really like Vanna."

Brinkman, who is two-for-two in his game show appearances, says he may try to appear on "Jeopardy" next.

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CANE SELLERS: Some 60 members of the Lions Club of Plymouth will conduct the club's

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annual White Cane Drive Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, at shopping centers and street corners in the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. This will be the 38th year the Plymouth Lions have handed out white canes in return for donations to support sight conservation, aid to the blind, and community service projects.

Among the community service projects undertaken by the Plymouth Lions are: Leader Dogs for the Blind, white canes and Braille watches for the blind; Michigan Eye Bank Research Center building fund; glasses, eye exams, hearing aids and hearing exams for the needy in Plymouth (more than \$2,000 each year for children's eyeglasses); Penrickton Center for blind and deaf children; Welcome Home Apartments for the blind; Plymouth Gathering building fund; Salvation Army Fund; local YMCA van; construction of picnic tables and bridges for Plymouth Centennial Park; trash receptacles in downtown Plymouth; playground equipment and other improvements at Lions Park (former Barroughs Park); large-print books at the library and senior citizen apartments; support of drug awareness programs in the schools, and other youth projects.

This year the Lions again are collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids, which may be dropped off with any Lions Club member. Jim White of Plymouth is chair of this year's event. Additional donations may be mailed to: Plymouth Lions Club, White Cane Week, Box 159, Plymouth, Mich 48170.

GOOD TASTE: The culinary art students at the

Centennial Educational Park last week put on their first Parent-Employer Appreciation Dinner at Plymouth Salem High. The dinner was prepared by the commercial foods students who also supplied waiters, waitresses, and the mistress of ceremonies. The dinner was a way of thinking restaurants in Plymouth-Canton who hire students or who use co-op students as well as those who have donated to the program. Dinner music was provided by the CEP Chamber Ensemble, directed by H. Michael Endres. The buffet menu, directed by Carey Gary, included such numbers as: chicken Veronique, Hawaiian ham balls, lemon rice pilaf, spinach Rockefeller, vegetable streudel, fresh asparagus vinaigrette, carrot fruit salad, sauteed mushrooms in sour cream, green pea and cheddar salad, pasta primavera, strawberry seafoam salad, fresh fruit, plus desserts. Guest speaker was Chef Tom MacKinnon of MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville.

FOR CHILDREN: Spaulding for Children, an adop-

tion agency headquartered in Chelsea, has been honored with an innovative program of the year award from the Michigan Federation of Private Child and Family Agencies. Among those who are actively involved with Spaulding are these Plymouth residents: Ruth Koepke, member Board of Trustees and chair of the development committee; Eileen Thompson, development committee member; and Catherine Thoburn, program committee. The agency was recognized for excellence in providing adoptive homes for developmentally disabled children and black teenagers.

AGENCY FUNDED: The United Foundation has allocated \$5,955 for the Turning Point Aftercare program operated by Growth Works Inc. for youth in Plymouth-Canton. The Aftercare program is aimed at youth age 12-20 who have completed residential treatment for chemical dependency. The program helps young people develop a sober, drug-free lifestyle by using the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, May 1, 1986, at 7:30 pm in the Commission Chambers of City Hall to consider the following:

Appeal Case Z-86-9 685 Starkweather - seeking variance for no off street parking. Sect. 5.196. Property zoned RT-1.
 Appeal Case Z-86-10 315-317 N. Mill - seeking variance relative to 20' driveway requirement. Sect. 5.174. Property zoned RM-2.
 Appeal Case Z-86-11 550 Forest - seeking approval to purchase parking credits. Sect. 5.195. Property zoned B-3.
 Appeal Case Z-86-12 235 Adams - seeking variance relative to rear yard setback requirement. Sect. 5.185. Property zoned R-1.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting and will be given an opportunity to participate in the meeting. At the close of the hearing, all comments and suggestions of those citizens participating will be considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to rendering its decision.

GORDON G. LIMBURG,
 City Clerk

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Thief flees with purse

A purse stolen last week from a Plymouth Township woman at the Bradbury Condominiums was later recovered at the Honeytree Apartments in Canton — minus \$20 cash.

The victim, 67, told police she was approached from behind as she was walking from her car to a unit. She wasn't injured.

The woman couldn't provide a good description of the thief.

Checkbooks and credit cards belonging to the victim were recovered with the purse.

A wallet containing \$100 was reported stolen from an open desk drawer at E&E Fastener Co. on Industrial Drive.

Radar detectors were reported stolen from one car each on Starkweather and Farmer. Windows were smashed in each instance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 12, 1986, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to a Consent Judgement.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO MOCERI ET AL CONSENT JUDGEMENT TO PERMIT A SHOPPING CENTER KNOWN AS COVENTRY COMMONS EAST TO BE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF JOY AND MORTON TAYLOR ROADS.

Charter Township of Canton Planning Commission
 RICHARD KIRCHGATTER, Chairman

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Male clubs, phooey

Mahaffey criticizes clubs for excluding women

By Teri Banas
staff writer

Corporations such as Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and Burroughs Corp. have stopped sponsoring memberships at the Detroit Athletic Club because to do so would give conflicting messages to their employees, said Detroit Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey last week in Birmingham.

Mahaffey told the story of one Burroughs attorney who found that while her company was working internally to "advance women in executive positions," sponsoring a corporate membership at an all-male club served an opposite purpose.

"Companies pay dues to private clubs because they want a presence in that organization, because that is where the movers and shakers meet," Mahaffey told an audience of mostly professional women at a breakfast last Thursday in the Community House.

Likewise for women, she noted: "Belonging to a club where business is conducted is necessary to equal opportunity and options."

BUT EQUAL opportunities stop when private organizations block memberships for women, she said.

"Women cannot achieve their full potential if denied access to where business is conducted because that means they don't have free access. For me, the women's movement has meant opening up options."

"One member told me it's very important to belong to this club and to get included in activities because it can help you move up the ladder. It's where the deals are made," she said.

A guest of several local women's groups, Mahaffey was asked to talk about the downtown Detroit club's exclusion of women, an issue that sparked controversy when its board of directors voted to exclude women members by class.

MAHAFFEY EMERGED as an outspoken critic of the club's practices at that time. She is continuing the battle by drafting an anti-discrimination ordinance for the city of Detroit.

Modeling it after similar laws in New York and Philadelphia, she said she would not introduce it for a vote until she lobbied for public support to put pressure on her council colleagues.

Mahaffey reiterated to the group the root of her opposition.

"Corporate dues and entertainment expenses are deducted as business expenses on one's income tax. When you deduct those expenses, you're not paying taxes on it and that deprives the rest of us. My position has been if they want to discriminate, that's OK, but don't ask for special parking privileges and business deductions," she told the group.

While most of those who spoke up agreed with Mahaffey's position, a few did not.

ONE AUDIENCE member objected saying, "You have one governmental body trying to set parameters (on membership) for a private club, which is their right."

Mahaffey responded by likening the involvement to government's role in outlawing racial discrimina-

'Belonging to a club where business is conducted is necessary to equal opportunity and options.'

— Maryanne Mahaffey
Detroit council member

tion and child labor laws.

"If private clubs want to discriminate, fine, but don't deduct your business expenses when you discriminate. Another thing, at the DAC we've assigned police officers there and asked them not to ticket. Now we're using tax dollars for that, and we're missing tax dollars for an institution that discriminates. That's the argument."

Thursday's topic struck close to

home for a number of women in the group, who related personal experiences to each other of being rejected from full membership in a number of local country clubs.

ONE WOMAN, who enjoys playing golf and likes to entertain clients on the golf course, said she was "very disappointed" by one turn-down. "That was in spite of the fact that I could afford it," she said.



Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey speaking in Birmingham.

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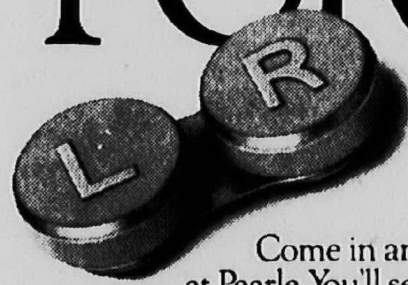
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 5 p.m. . . . Tell Me A Story — Gina talks about the letter "O" and the numeral "8," discusses animals that live in the water, and reads the story "A Fish Out of Water."
 5:30 p.m. . . . Healthcize — A program about exercising your arms, legs, and other parts to get in shape.
 6 p.m. . . . Masters of Dance — This week's program takes a look at competition routines.
 6:30 p.m. . . . The Food Chain — Debi Silverman talks about sodium.
 7 p.m. . . . Come Craft With Me — Host Kay Micallef. How to make a Teddy bear.
 7:30 p.m. . . . High School Sports — Plymouth Salem vs. Livonia Churchill in soccer action plus highlights of Salem tennis.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Single Touch (live) — J.P. McCarthy takes calls and talks about upcoming events for singles in the area.
 10 p.m. . . . Videotunes (live) — Hosts Jimi Ray and Dr. Z with an hour of videotunes of local bands.

TUESDAY (April 22)
 11:30 a.m. . . . A Fighting Chance — A discussion about the National Institute for Burn Medicine of Ann Arbor with a film about treatment of burn victims.
 5 p.m. . . . Cinematique — Hosts David Daniele and John Martin review movies to be shown on Family Home Theater: "Secret Agent," "Magnificent Rough-

necks," and "Moonlight Masquerade."
 5:30 p.m. . . . Economic Club of Detroit — Casper Wienberger, Secretary of Defense, elaborates on national security and terrorism.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Chef Bui-Carb — The chef prepares "Intoxicated Steak in Sherry" and peaches in brandy for dessert.
 7 p.m. . . . After The Pain.
 7:30 p.m. . . . Beyond The Moon — Host Mike Best talks about Tarus. Also Part III (final) of the movie from NASA "The Fourth Planet," Mars.
 8 p.m. . . . Come Craft With Me — How to make a teddy bear.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Melody On Ice — Figure skating competition.
 9:30 p.m. . . . Single Touch — J.P. McCarthy and co-host talk with area singles about issues of concern.

WEDNESDAY (April 23)
 (Programming today is the same as shown on Channel 8 on Monday.)

CHANNEL 15
MONDAY (April 21)
 Noon . . . Total Fitness — Jackie Starr works with aerobics.
 12:30 p.m. . . . For Your Health — Host Pat Sciberras talks with Lois Burroughs about health issues in prisons and jails.
 1 p.m. . . . Cooking With Cas — Cas cooks Sidra Supper.
 1:30 p.m. . . . Michelle's Craft Show.
 2 p.m. . . . Congressman Ford Speaks — A discussion on current events by U.S. William D. Ford, D-Taylor, whose 15th District includes Canton.
 2:30 p.m. . . . Illustrators Contest — Presentation of awards for grades 7-12 in Cantn Public Li-

brary Illustrator Competition.
 3 p.m. . . . Human Images — Students at Plymouth Centennial Educational Park discuss questions related to family life styles, growing up in today's society, peer pressures, drugs, etc. Today author Hyman Skenkman discusses his book "Partains Against the Nazi War Machine" and the effects of the Holocaust.
 3:30 p.m. . . . The Sandy Show — Host Sandy Preblich talks with Barbara Simons about preventing suicide.
 4 p.m. . . . Informed Kids Are Safe Kids — The mother of a molested child who later is found dead discusses how to inform and protect children. A special from K.E.N.N.Y. (Kids Everwhere Now Need You).
 5 p.m. . . . 1st Presbyterian Church of Northville Presents: A Celebration. Sermon title is "Priorities."
 6 p.m. . . . MESC Job Show — Local job listings with Jeff Tressler of the Canton MESC and tips on career opportunities.
 6:30 p.m. . . . China's Pearl of Freedom — A comparison of the lifestyles of people in Communist China and Taiwan.
 7 p.m. . . . Legislative Floor Debate — Information about what's going on in Lansing as it relates to Plymouth and Canton. Host Maria Holmes with State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth.
 7:30 p.m. . . . The Governor's Report — The governor talks on current issues.
 8 p.m. . . . Optimism: A Way of Life — Plymouth Optimist Club presents high school students in an evening of optimism.
 9 p.m. . . . Northville High Choir Concert.

TUESDAY (April 22)
 Noon . . . Hamtramck Rotary.

12:30 p.m. . . . Psychic Sciences — Ellie talks about astrology.
 1 p.m. . . . Ethnic Horizons.
 1:30 p.m. . . . Canton Update — Canton Township Supervisor James Poole and Sandy Preblich talk about what's happening in Canton.
 2 p.m. . . . The Hamburg Chamber Orchestra — A German group of students demonstrate their talents.
 3:30 p.m. . . . Omnicom Game of Week.
 5 p.m. . . . Idle Chatter.
 6 p.m. . . . Summertime Music.
 7 p.m. . . . Government: A 5th Grade Perspective — Students at Allen Elementary discuss the three branches of government.
 7:30 p.m. . . . Live Call-in With WSDP Radio — High school radio station at Centennial Educa-

tion Park is featured.
 8:30 p.m. . . . Canton Chamber Annual Meeting — 14th annual Canton Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Installation of officers, guest speaker Ann D'Arcy on "Personalities and Temperment," and a performance by CEP Swing Ensemble. (a repeat).
 9:30 p.m. . . . Youth View — Playwright Paul Patton and excerpts form his "Starting Over Slowly."

WEDNESDAY (April 23)
 Noon . . . First Presbyterian Church of Northville Presents: A Celebration.
 1 p.m. . . . MESC Job Show.
 1:30 p.m. . . . China's Pearl of Freedom.
 2 p.m. . . . Legislative Floor Debate.

2:30 p.m. . . . The Governor's Report.
 3 p.m. . . . Optimism. "A Way of Life."
 4 p.m. . . . Northville High Choir Concert.
 5 p.m. . . . Total Fitness — Exercise with Jackie Starr.
 5:30 p.m. . . . For Your Health — Host Pat Sciberras.
 6 p.m. . . . Cooking With Cas.
 6:30 p.m. . . . Michelle's Craft Show.
 7 p.m. . . . Congressman Ford Speaks.
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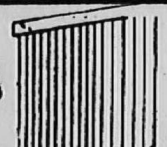
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The old Wilcox House had a colorful past

He made his first fortune in Plymouth, pioneering the manufacture of inexpensive air rifles. He scandalized the community by taking up with his secretary when his wife wouldn't agree to a divorce.

He left Plymouth to go to Hollywood where he made an even greater fortune in real estate. The colorful career of W.F. "Phil" Markham, and other sketches of community personalities of the past, appear in a book I wrote about Plymouth in 1976.

But Markham's story deserves a brief retelling here because of an event soon to take place at the corner of Union and Penniman Avenue at the apex of Kellogg Park.

TO BE DEMOLISHED is the old Wilcox House, a landmark at the corner since 1903. It is to be torn down to make way for the construction of a number of expensive condominiums — a venture to which risk-taker Phil Markham, the first owner of the house, were he alive today, would probably give his stamp of approval.

A bit over 100 years ago, Markham claimed he had a dream which revealed to him a model of an air gun made entirely of wood. At the time, he was the owner of the Markham Manufacturing Co. which made wooden troughs and cisterns used for watering livestock.

He was still in that business in 1885 when he began making his wooden air rifles. He was granted a patent for the rifle in 1887, three years before the Daisy Manufacturing Co. got into the same business.

When he received the patent, Markham changed the name of his firm to the Markham Air Rifle Co. The rifle, made primarily of wood, had considerable power, accuracy and dependability. It was the first air rifle made and sold at prices

within the means of boys. Prior to its introduction, boys had to use sling shots to bedevil birds, squirrels and tall silk hats.

Markham's business prospered. In the fall of 1877, he turned down an offer of \$10,000 for his patents. The offer came from a Howell, Mich., minister.

Whether the good reverend was on the side of the birds and squirrels, and intended to keep the rifle off the market, or had merely capitulated to the great God Mammon is not clear.

MARKHAM HAD A wife and two children.

His wife, a hard worker, had helped him hoe potatoes on their lot on the north end of town when they were getting started. When good fortune came to them, however, she was not able to adjust to the new style of living that appealed to her husband.

He bought a fine landau drawn by two handsome bob-tailed horses and tended to live up to their new wealth. When she couldn't, or wouldn't, keep up with him, he began to turn his attentions to his young, pretty secretary.

Eventually he asked for a divorce so he could remarry, but his wife, a devout churchwoman, refused.

The big, white house, soon to be torn down, now enters the picture. Markham had it built in 1903. He designed the structure himself, equipping it with fancy millwork, stained glass windows and velvet drapes.

It was one of the first homes in Plymouth to be illuminated by gas, which was manufactured in the basement. Even the stable had hardwood box stalls. The garden had a variety of rare trees and shrubs, a goldfish pond and three pet deer kept in by a magnificent iron fence.

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Sam Hudson

his secretary, a circumstance which shocked many in the village. Markham's wife lived in another, less imposing residence, across the street. When she died, Markham and his secretary married and settled down to enjoy the new home with all of its modern conveniences.

But enjoyment was not to be. The women of Plymouth, who had sided with the first Mrs. Markham, refused to accept the second wife. If she happened to be sitting on her porch when they drove by in their buggies, they would turn their heads

away to indicate that she had been sent to Coventry.

By 1911, Markham decided that enough was enough. Leaving Ernie Roe to run the air rifle plant, he pulled up stakes and moved to Hollywood. In 1912, he sold the plant to Ed Hough and Charley Bennett, prime movers at the rival Daisy firm.

The big white house was sold to George Wilcox, one of the owners of the Wilcox Mill and father of Jack Wilcox. Jack is the current owner of the historic mansion, and one of the

principals in the condominium venture.

In 1913, the Plymouth Grange bought the stable from George Wilcox for \$3,000. The building, on Union Street, still is in use as the Grange Hall.

When Markham arrived in California, Hollywood was a quiet, suburban community. He bought property at a corner then far out in the country — today's Hollywood Boulevard at Vine. Ten years later, the dramatic growth of Hollywood engulfed Markham's holdings which became part of a major retail and residential section of Los Angeles.

At the time of his death, in 1930, Markham owned about 100 parcels of land in and around Los Angeles. All of them were out on 99-year leases. At Cosmo Street and Holly-

wood Boulevard, he built the Markham Building, for several years one of the largest in Los Angeles.

In 1927, the Markhams moved to Glendale, where he cultivated flowers and made his seven-acre estate a sanctuary for birds, which he loved. Ironically, the man who put the air rifle within the reach of small boys was the same man who made a refuge for their favorite targets — songbirds.

If you want to read more about Markham and what happened when his two children contested the will which left \$1,800,000 to his second wife, go to the Plymouth Historical Museum and ask for a copy of *The Story of Plymouth, Michigan*. It is not expensive and the Historical Society gets all of the proceeds from the sale of the book. It can use the money.

A special way to murder English



the stroller

W.W. Edgar

For months on end, the folks who live in the little white house with the green shutters cursed and damned the mail man for stuffing our box with what we came to call junk mail that fell out and scattered over the street when you tried to take it out.

But a great change took place over the weekend for in the so-called junk mail came a large envelope asking The Stroller to join in a move to make English the official language of the United States.

The Stroller read the letter and laughed. He thought the letter was addressed to him because he came from the Pennsylvania Dutch Country and the folks back there really murdered what we had come to believe was then King's English.

AS HE READ the letter and agreed with the drive, he got to thinking of many of the expressions at home and he thought the time had come to correct it.

For instance, the young girl who lived next to us came home from school with a big smile on her face. When asked what made her so happy, she said:

"I used to be behind before but

now I am first at last."

It was her way of saying that at last she got to be head of her class.

Then there was the woman who was standing at the railroad crossing when a freight train went by.

The Lehigh railroad always had red cabooses.

So that he would understand, she said, "When the little red car comes there ain't any more." She was much like the lady who lived on a small farm near us who hollered to her son, "Throw the horse over the fence some hay."

The Stroller came in touch with this type of language even when he met Archie Witt, a graduate of Detroit Western High School who

earned a football scholarship at Muhlenberg College.

We went to a small restaurant for dinner and Archie ordered some porkchops.

After a while, the waitress returned and said, "The pork chops is all and the new ain't yet."

BACK IN OUR little town, the major industry was a plant that was headquarters for making horseshoes. We always referred to it as the "The Horse Shoe."

When the company decided to expand, one of our neighbors came over to tell my mother: "They are beginning to start to commence to enlarge The Horse Shoe bigger."

These are just a few of the examples of Pennsylvania Dutch. Is it any wonder that the group in California has started a drive to make English the official language of the United States.

The Stroller is all for the drive; he has had enough of the Pennsylvania Dutch language.

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● BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Catherine McAuley Health Center in collaboration with the American Cancer Society will sponsor a free program on "Breast Cancer - Early Detection at Any Age" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at Arbor Health Building, Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth. The episode of television's "Cagney and Lacey" show in which Mary Beth Lacey faces breast cancer will be shown. There will be a demonstration of self-examination techniques, a chance to practice this technique on models, a tour and a demonstration of the mammogram machine.

● EARLY-INFANT CARE

The Henry Ford Hospital Plymouth Center is sponsoring a free early-infant-care class for soon-to-be parents and parents of newborns 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 27. The group discussion will be led by Dr. John Howard, a pediatrician at the Plymouth Center. The class will focus on the proper care of infants up to 6 months old. Topics will include feeding, when to call the doctor, and a recommended schedule

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● FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

Catherine McAuley Health Center will offer free health screenings from 1-5 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Arbor Health Building at Ann Arbor Trail at Harvey, Plymouth. Free blood pressure screenings, hearing tests, and health risk appraisals will be available. For information, call 455-5869.

● CHILD COMPLIANCE

The Institute of Behavioral Development will offer a program on "My Child Doesn't Mind... Enhancing Child Compliance" on effective strategies in achieving better mindings and listening skills in children. The program will address concerns of parents of children from toddler age through adolescence. The seminar begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at the institute in Suite 200 at 18600 Northville Road, Northville. For reservations call 348-5080.

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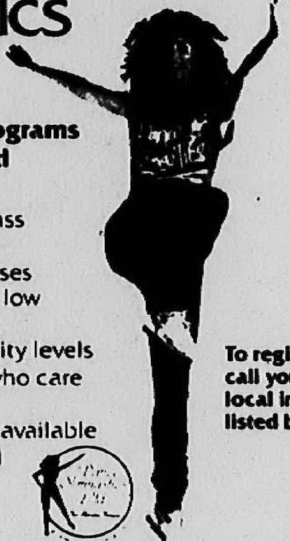
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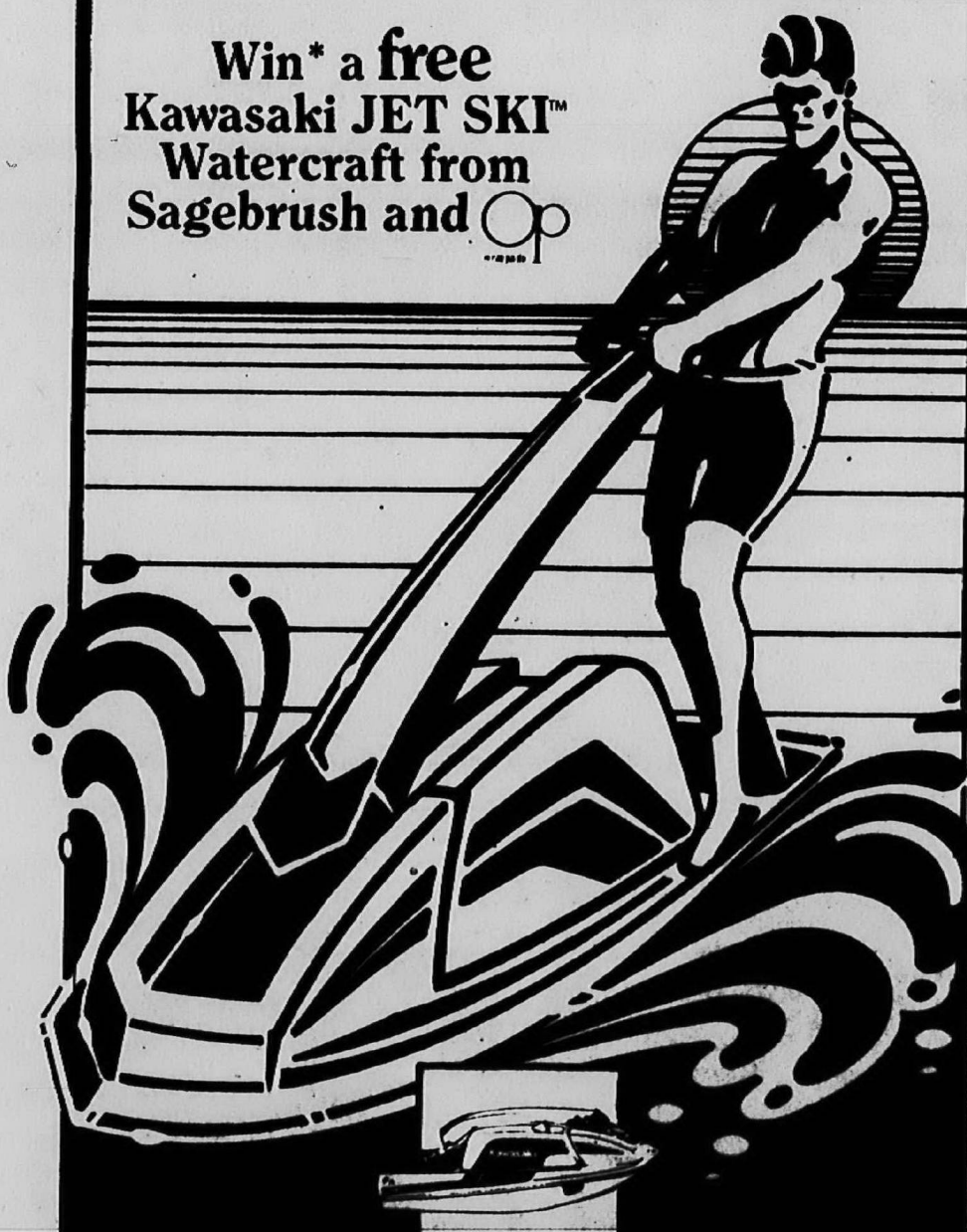
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Birmingham battles busing bill

Lawmaker sees 'creeping parochialism' in school bus proposal

By Tim Richard
Staff writer

On paper, it looks like a bill to make one school district — Birmingham — knuckle under.

But it's "creeping parochialism" to state Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, who led an unsuccessful floor fight in the State House to block it.

The House passed, 75-29, the bill which would require school districts to bus non-public school students to sites where they would receive such public school auxiliary services, such as remedial reading and math.

BIRMINGHAM was the only district, of 569 in the state, which refused to follow state Superintendent of Public Instruction Phillip Runkel's order to do so.

So Runkel is fighting the district on two fronts: He has taken the district to court, and his department is seeking passage of House Bill 5341 to require compliance as a matter of state law.

But the issue is wider, Berman argued on the House floor.

"Not only is it opening a whole new door, but building a whole door and giving away the keys," she said. "It's creating a state mandate for transportation for private school students, whether or

not the child lives in that district."

Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birmingham, branded it "special interest" legislation. She said Birmingham School district objects because many students attending non-public schools within the district actually reside outside.

Thus, she said, Birmingham school taxes would be used to serve non-Birmingham residents.

BIRMINGHAM'S BOARD of Education last week unanimously passed a six-page statement opposing the legislation. Superintendent Roger Garvelink said Friday the district would continue to fight the legislation. But if it becomes law, he said, "We don't intend to break the law."

Supporting the bill, introduced by Rep. Michael Griffin, D-Jackson, are Runkel, the Michigan Association of Non-public Schools and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Opposed, besides Birmingham, are the Michigan Association of School Boards and Detroit Public Schools.

Joining Berman and Miller in opposition were several Oakland County representatives.

Favoring the bill were Reps. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia, John Bennett, D-Redford, James Kosteva, D-Canton, and Gerald Law, R-Plymouth.

Absent were Democrats Justine Barns of West-

land and William Keith of Garden City.

The bill was sent to the Senate, where its fate is uncertain.

THE ISSUE arose from a U.S. Supreme Court opinion that public schools couldn't send their teachers into church-affiliated schools to provide remedial reading and other services. The services were constitutional but would have to be provided at a geographically neutral site, the high court said.

In Michigan, Runkel directed public school districts to continue providing the services by transporting non-public students to such neutral sites. Birmingham, with eight parochial schools, refused.

Garvelink said for the district to bus all its non-public students would be more costly than it was to send a teacher, which the court ruled was entanglement with the parochial schools. "This is even more entanglement," he said.

Runkel argued that providing services is a meaningless gesture if children don't have access to the classroom site. Withholding transportation for services to which non-public students are legally entitled denies them the services with potentially devastating consequences.

nature

Mussels, bald eagle are found on Belle Isle

By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

Detroit River are considered endangered, or threatened of becoming extinct in Michigan.

Belle Isle and its surrounding waters support a great diversity of wildlife that is hard to find in southeastern Michigan. In addition to the endangered mussels, a bald eagle, another endangered species, was recently discovered on the island.

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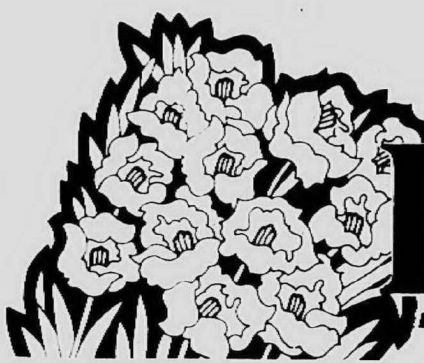
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Take a break from ho-hum coffee

By Peter Salinas
special writer

WARM, RICH, full-bodied memories of leisurely brunches with friends, fabulous dinners and just plain 'relaxin' are brought to mind as we hear water surging through a brewer. Sipping good coffee with a house guest stimulates conversation the way a tropical sun ripens a coffee bean. It warms and enriches.

Coffee has been a way of welcoming guests for almost 2,000 years and now — more than ever — we can treat those guests to a taste of such exotic lands as Kenya, Zimbabwe, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Sumatra and Hawaii.

Coffees from around the world have found their way onto many suburban Detroit retail shelves and into the lives and souls of thousands of area coffee lovers. Growth in the specialty coffee business has been on the increase since the mid-1970s when a frost in Brazil pushed up the price of the traditional brand coffees. Many found they could enjoy a specialty brand at, or slightly above, what it cost to purchase those traditional brands.

Distinctive flavors

Just as different types of grapes from various wine-growing regions produce distinctive flavors, so do coffee beans. There are two main types of consumable coffee: Coffee arabica trees bear fruit in five years and the beans are known for their richness of flavor, aroma and taste; coffee robusta trees bear in two to three years and produce harsh coffees. Robusta beans are used in instant coffees and are blended with better beans by large roasters to produce many major brand name coffees consumed in the United States.

Robustas also contain twice as much caffeine as arabicas. Robustas have about 2 1/2 percent caffeine; arabicas contain about 1 1/2 percent.

Arabica bean shrubs are cultivated mostly in Latin America and on lesser scales in semi-tropical, elevated regions straddling the equator.

Coffee shrubs or trees produce a fragrant white, jasmine-like flower; then fruit known as "cherries" appear. They ripen fairly slowly from green to red, then to a deep, rich crimson. Each cherry contains two seed halves. Cherries are usually picked by hand then undergo a lengthy washing process where the green beans are separated from the succulent pulp surrounding them. Green coffee has no palatable flavor until it is roasted and the aromatic oil (caffeol) rises to the bean's surface.

Tom Isaia, owner of Coffee Express Co. in Ann Arbor, has been roasting beans for about four years commercially and has been in the coffee business for 15 years.

Isaia supplies about 50 stores with some 30 brands of roasted beans, including stores in Troy, Bloomfield Township, Southfield, Plymouth, Farmington and Detroit.

Smell the aroma

"It takes a few hours for the oils of the bean to rise to the surface once the coffee has been roasted," he said. "Once that happens you can begin to smell the aroma of the bean. After two to three weeks the coffee begins to lose that aroma and then is when you can tell the coffee has gone stale."

Knowledge of coffee is important when making a purchase. For instance, Jamaica produces three main types of rare coffees: Blue Mountain, High Mountain and Prime and various grades of each. Top quality

Blue Mountain costs between \$22 and \$28 per pound in metropolitan Detroit. It's expensive not only because of its limited production, but because of its highly regarded taste.

But beware of imitations. If Jamaican Blue Mountain is being sold for \$10 per pound, it is likely it isn't Blue Mountain. It's a good idea to purchase coffee from a reputable retailer whom the buyer knows and trusts.

The only state in America that produces coffee is Hawaii. This coffee comes from only small plots in the strictly delineated Kona district

on the big island. Kona coffee is expensive for two main reasons — its limited production and the high labor costs associated with the United States.

Mary Reeve, owner of Cook's Pleasures, a gourmet food and cooking utensil store in downtown Plymouth, said most of her customers are repeat buyers and their friends who have tried a specialty coffee.

"Coffee lovers prefer the better quality of specialty coffee and are willing to spend extra for it," Reeve said. "There are days when the biggest portion of my sales are coffee sales."

On those days, the largest part of her coffee sales are of the dessert or flavored coffees.

Flavored coffees are usually high-quality Colombian arabicas given exotic flavors like cinnamon, almond, chocolate mint, cherry chocolate, orange and spice, cognac brandy or amaretto.

"A flavored coffee satisfies the taste for something sweet without the calories," said Pat Steel, manager of Cook's Pleasures. "And it's non-alcoholic. Of course, you can add liquor if you want."

The roasting

Another important aspect of coffee taste is roasting.

Roasters in the United States roast some seven million pounds of

coffee each week, most of which are robusta beans.

Roasting removes the moisture from the bean. The less moisture removed, the more the bean weighs, and there are obvious economic benefits in having heavier beans.

Each batch of beans roasted needs a specific amount of roasting time and moisture removed to give the best brew. If the moisture content is too high, the roasted bean will offer less quality coffee taste.

There are a variety of roasts a bean may be cooked to. There are the lighter roasts called city and full city. These produce a mild coffee when brewed.

The dark roast includes Viennese, French and Italian in order of darkness. French roast is probably the most popular of the dark roasts. It is strong and is often used in varying amounts with lighter roasts. Italian roast is the darkest of all the roasts. It is the blackest, oiliest and most burnt.

Pamela Johnson, vice president of gourmet coffees with Superior Coffee and Foods Co., Chicago, says the French and Italian roasts are used for the potent coffee drink, espresso.

Espresso is a dark roasted, finely ground bean. Steam or water is forced through the grounds under pressure in a special coffee maker. The resulting brew is very thick and strong. It is usually served in a very small cup with a twist of lemon.

Specialty brands

Suburban Detroit is an excellent market for specialty coffees," John-

son said. "While coffee consumption is declining on the whole, the use of gourmet coffees is on the increase."

"Specialty coffees are far better than anything else out there. They have a distinctive taste and are more natural. People are also given a wide variety of choice. This is something everyone appreciates."

Brian Kingston, one owner of Merchant's Cafe in the Main Street Plaza in Rochester, offers his customers a Kona-blend coffee over the counter and with his meals and croissants. He sells eight brands of coffee including Kona, Colombian and flavored varieties.

"Specialty coffees are very popular. We have some people who come in and fill two Thermoses every Saturday morning," Kingston said.

Kingston has been a caterer for many years and noted that flavored coffees are always a big hit.

"We had a party for over 600 people recently," he said, "and the Almond Amaretto was running about peck and neck with the champagne."

Another twist to the varied world of coffee is decaffeination.

Decaffeinated

Caffeine is a colorless, odorless alkaloid and is a stimulant. For those who can't tolerate it, but still love a good cup of coffee, there are the decafs.

Two chemical decaffeination processes use methylene chloride. These processes have been approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration, but there is a relatively new process which uses no chemicals at all — something many desire.

The Swiss Pure Water Decaffeination Process involves soaking green beans in very hot water for several hours. Because caffeine is water soluble, it is removed from the bean, but then so is some of the bean's flavor.

Johnson said people tend to desire the water process although it is more expensive — because it is natural.

"Psychologically, people would rather miss out on a bit of flavor than fear the risk of health concerns," she said.

Ann Feder, an employee at Merchant of Vino in Southfield, says 25 to 30 percent of the store's customers take their coffee home unground. "That shows they are serious enough about their coffee to get the grinder and do it themselves for a fresher cup of coffee."

Since grinding the coffee exposes more of the bean to the air, the oxidizing process occurs more quickly and the bean loses its freshness faster.

Watch out for the grinders, however. In the finer retail outlets there will be two grinders — one for flavored coffees and one for straight. Running a straight coffee through a grinder which has just had Dutch Chocolate coffee ground in it will undoubtedly leave a flavor residue with the straight coffee.



Try a change of pace

The Coffee Development Group, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to the promotion of coffee in the United States, offers these favorite coffee recipes from around the world.

ICED COFFEE CONTINENTAL

2-3 cups prepared cold coffee
1/2 tsp. bitters
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 Tbsp. sugar
1 1/2 cups prepared hot or room-temperature coffee

Pour the cold coffee into ice cube tray and freeze until firm. Stir bitters, vanilla extract and sugar into hot or

room-temperature coffee. Fill 2 tall glasses with frozen coffee cubes. Place a long teaspoon in each glass to prevent glass from cracking if hot coffee is added. Pour in hot or room temperature coffee and serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

CAFE MEXICANO

4 tsp. chocolate syrup
1/2 cup heavy cream
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1 Tbsp. sugar
1 1/2 cups extra-strength hot coffee

Put 1 tsp. chocolate syrup into each of 4 small cups. Combine cream, 1/4 tsp. cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar. Whip. Stir remaining 1/2 tsp. cinnamon into hot coffee. Pour coffee into cups. Stir to blend with syrup. Top with whipped cream.

CAFE A L'ORANGE

1/2 cup whipping cream
1 Tbsp. powdered sugar
1 tsp. grated orange peel
3 cups prepared hot coffee

1/2 cup orange liqueur
1 orange slice, cut in 4 wedges

In a small bowl, beat cream until stiff. Fold in powdered sugar and grated orange peel. Chill. Pour hot coffee equally into 4 coffee cups. Stir 2 Tbsp. liqueur into each cup. Top with chilled whipped cream. Garnish with an orange wedge.

ICE CREAM PARLOR MOCHA SODAS

1/2 cup hot water
8 tsp. instant coffee powder
2 cups milk
4 scoops chocolate ice cream
1/2 (1 qt.) bottled club soda
Sweetened whipped cream or prepared whipped topping

Place hot water in a medium pitcher. Stir in instant coffee powder until dissolved. Stir in milk. Place 1 scoop ice cream in each of 4 ice cream soda glasses. Pour coffee-milk mixture equally into each glass. Fill glasses almost to brim with club soda. Top with sweetened whipping cream or prepared whipped topping. If desired, sprinkle with instant coffee powder. Makes 4 servings.

How to brew perfect cup

HOW DOES one make the best cup of coffee possible? As with coffee bean choice, this will depend on the individual's taste, but there are some tips that will help.

Ideally, one would purchase the beans green, roast them only as needed, grind and brew immediately. If this is impractical, start by purchasing the desired coffee from a reputable dealer to ensure it is what the label says it is. Bring it home unground.

Get the roasted beans home as quickly as possible and store them in an airtight container. Some recommend freezing the coffee; others say to just keep it in the refrigerator. Take out only as much coffee as will be needed and grind it.

MAKE SURE to use the right grind for the type of brewing appliance to be used. Use a finer grind for filtered or drip coffee makers and a coarser grind for perking and steeping. Beware! Some cringe at the thought of using a percolator. Since drip coffee makers are inexpensive and easy to use, it may be best to use one.

Coffee is mainly water, so it is important to use clean, cold and fresh water. If there are a lot of minerals in your water, they will leave a taste in your coffee. There are always bottled waters available for those who have problems with their supply.

WHEN BREWING, a good rule of thumb is to use one tablespoon of coffee for each cup, but that can vary depending on one's taste.

Coffee should never be boiled. Never, never, never. It ruins the brew by giving it a burned and bitter taste. That warmer on your drip coffee maker? Forget it. Coffee will stay fresh all day if you put it into a Thermos and serve it as needed.

Cook's Pleasures owner Mary Reeve says she never keeps coffee on a stay-alive burner. "The water evaporates and all you get is mud, mud, mud," she said. "That would be a crime."



Think spring

Produce adds sparkle to rice dish

Great the warm weather with fresh, exciting meal ideas. Put aside winter's hearty soups and stews and look to the lighter fare based on the wide variety of fresh produce now available.

Easy to prepare, this mealtime favorite is a main course that provides a delicious, light, and healthy meal. It's a great choice when serving guests.

Next to the standard greens with dressing, salads today combine exciting flavors and textures. A wide variety of ingredient selections, vegetable, fruits, meats, cheeses and dressings are an endless menu of salads with which to appeal.

THE EMPHASIS is definitely on fresh in Springtime Wild Rice Salad. The asparagus and bell pepper add a crisp, bright color and the sea-food mixture of nutty wild rice and spring grain rice add flavor and texture to this chilled, accompaniment salad dressed simply with an apple vinegar dressing.

This prepared-ahead, refreshing salad is a welcome accompaniment for a favorite grilled protein choice.



Capture the flavor of fresh produce when you serve Springtime Wild Rice Salad.

SPRINGTIME WILD RICE SALAD

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) long grain & wild rice
- 1 lb. asparagus, cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 1 small red or green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Red onion rings

Combine water and contents of rice and seasoning packets in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir in asparagus, onion, and continue to simmer until all liquid is absorbed, about 10 minutes. Transfer to bowl. In another bowl, combine oil and vinegar. Stir into rice mixture. Add pepper, onion, and onion. Garnish with red onion rings. Makes 6 servings.

BEST EVER WILD RICE PICNIC SALAD

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) long grain & wild rice
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 5 radishes, sliced
- 1 cup diced cucumber

Combine water and contents of rice and seasoning packets in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer until all liquid is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Transfer to bowl. Cover and chill. Combine oil and vinegar. Stir into rice. Add onion and celery mix well. Chill. Stir in radishes and cucumber before serving. Makes 6 servings.

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Offbeat romance pairs phony cop with policewoman

"Off Beat" (PG). Touchstone Films' latest entertainment, is a mature comedy that emphasizes character rather than situation. In so doing, it engages our interest. Most importantly, however, the characters and the situations in which they become embroiled are very funny.

Joe Gower (Judge Reinhold) works in the New York Public Library stacks, retrieving books as requested. He roller skates unapologetically from shelf to shelf. Things just aren't going well, particularly when Mary Ellen Gruenwald (Amy Wright) moves in with a more highly placed library co-worker, Neil Pepper (John Turturro).

Joe's good friend and high school chum, Abe Washington (Cleavant Derricks), sums it up: "Joe, you never could go to your left" — a sports reference reflecting Joe's lack of polish and talent. But Washington, one of New York's finest, isn't on top of the world either when he is assigned extra duty representing his precinct in the Police Benefit Ballet. The show is being choreographed by August, played by noted choreographer Jacques D'Amboise, founder and artistic director of the National Dance Institute in New York.

WELL, THE COPS aren't too happy but the show is the commissioner's pet project. Joe reluctantly agrees to impersonate his friend, Officer Washington, for the ballet rehearsals, believing, of course, that he will be cut in the first round.

It turns out quite differently, with Joe becoming the star of the troupe along with Officer Rachel Wareham (Meg Tilly), who is hounded by a tough cop, Pete Peterson (Joe Mantegna), with whom she had spent one night. Joe the librarian, running around New York City in a police uniform, naturally gets involved in a number of humorous situations, and winds up hostage in a bank robbery.

Everything works out, as it should in a romantic comedy, and the performers develop characters with whom we can empathize. It's not just that they are involved in humorous situations. Their problems as human beings, relating to daily life and to each other, are sensitively presented in an eminently credible manner.

Tilly and Reinhold, in particu-

lar, project warm individuals who are struggling day-to-day just like everybody else. Tilly's representation of a no-nonsense lady cop is such a different character from her role as a nun in "Agnes of God" that one must admire her versatility. Reinhold plays a lovable, semicompetent (on his good days) kind of guy, who somehow manages to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. He does it with an engaging air about him.

While I enjoyed the film and feel it is a well-done comedy without objectionable content, I am disturbed about its offhand attitude toward sex out-of-wedlock. Such an attitude is now widespread in our society and the media reflect, reinforce and create that problem-laden public morality.

SUCH MORALITY — sexual intercourse without obligation, responsibility or consequences — appears everywhere — and often quite subtly. In "Back to the Future" it is the slick, successful, "modern" parents who buy Michael J. Fox a Jeep Wagoneer for his weekend in the country with his girlfriend. The unpleasant parents had appeared as an obstacle to the illicit weekend retreat.

Without demanding that sexual intercourse be confined to marriage, one has to be concerned at the unrestricted public presentation of sexual intercourse as a matter-of-fact element of socialization. In "Off Beat," Mary Ellen Gruenwald moves in with Mr. Pepper and then turns up nude in Joe's apartment when that relationship sours. Meanwhile Rachel spends one night with Pete before deciding Joe's her man.

Remember, this is a PG film with no restrictions on admittance. What parental guidance does one offer in a society where the media teach sexuality without responsibility or consequences but do not teach birth control?

It is an interesting anomaly in our society that sexuality is so widely discussed and birth control so widely ignored. Yet annually more than one of every 10 teenage girls (15-19) becomes pregnant. That is a tragic problem of major proportions for which the media bear responsibility, as does the entire society.

Nonetheless, "Off Beat" is a funny film, well-done, a movie that will entertain many.



Judge Reinhold is Joe Gower, who roller skates on his job stacking books in the library. Somewhat inept, he finds himself in unusual circumstances when he impersonates a policeman.

upcoming things to do

● 'SOLDIER'S TALE'

Chambers Players' narration and mime will be fetured in "A Soldier's Tale" by Igor Stravinsky, at the Vivace series of the Birmingham Temple at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27, in Farmington Hills. Dr. David Daniels will conduct, with the performance by the Mime Ensemble. A lecture demonstration will be part of the program. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$8 for non-members and \$6 for students and seniors. For reservations or further information, call Bob Phillips at 661-5633 or Joan Rose at 543-5912.

● COMEDY PLAY

The show "Matchmaker" will be presented by the Farmington Players, opening Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27, at the Farmington Players Barn. Performances continue Friday-Sunday, May 2-4; Thursday-Sunday, May 8-11, and Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17. For ticket information, call the box office at 625-5061.

● MUSICAL HIT

The Windsor Light Opera Association will present "Bye Bye Birdie" from Saturday, April 26, through Sunday, May 11, at Cleary Auditorium in Windsor. This is the association's 74th major musical production directed and produced by John H.L. Watson of Birmingham. For ticket information, call (519) 969-9514.

● TALENT SHOWCASE

Professional talent will be featured at the (so-called) "112th annual Detroit Talent Showcase" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at the Smith Performing Arts Center on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. The cast includes some 30 performers. Jim Ochs will guest host the showcase. Tickets at \$5 are available by calling 548-2500. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar 7-8 p.m. in building J on campus, followed by the one-hour showcase.

● MIDWEST PREMIERE

The midwest premiere of "The Adventures of Stanley Tomorrow" by Alan Foster Friedman continues through Sunday, May 4, at the Detroit Repertory Theatre. The play by Alan Foster Friedman is about the adventures of an 11-year-old boy, "Stanley Lark 3," who in turn is married and has his own 11-year-old boy, "Stanley Lark 4." For ticket information, call the theater at 868-1347.

● THRILLER-COMEDY

Stagecrafters will present Ira Levin's thriller-comedy, "Death-trap," Fridays-Sundays, April 25-27 and May 2-4, and Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, at the Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre in Royal Oak. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for seniors and students (Sundays only). For



Pi Douglass (left) and Jess Richards are Broadway actor-singers appearing in "Sing for Your Supper," Rodgers & Hart show opening Thursday, April 24, at Meadow Brook Theatre.

tickets, call the box office at 541-6430 anytime.

● RODGERS, HART

Five Broadway actors are starring in "Sing for Your Supper," with music by Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, opening a four-week run at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Meadow Brook Theatre on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. The five are Pi Douglass, Jess Richards, Joy Franz, Bev Larson and Karen Eubanks. Also in the cast is Steve Steiner. The musical celebration was produced on Broadway in 1975 as "Rodgers & Hart." For tickets, call the box office at 377-3300.

● COMEDY CROSSING

Bob Posch continues with comedy and music through May 31 at the Comedy Crossing at the Red Cedars restaurant in Southfield. Show times are 8 and 11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays. Warmup comics are Tommy Manion, through April, and Mark Sweetman, in May. Cover charge is \$5 Fridays, \$6 Saturdays. For reservations, call 353-3798.

● 'THREE WOMEN'

Encore Cinema will screen "Three Women" (U.S.A. 1977) at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Kingswood Campus Auditorium at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. The film won Best Actress for Shelley Duval at the Cannes Film Festival. Speaker/discussion leader will be Jeff Welch of the Cranbrook Schools English Department. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. Discounts are available for students and seniors.

Drama focuses on Viet Nam

"Medal of Honor Rag," continuing through May 17, closes the season at the State Fair Theatre in the Community Arts Auditorium at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in Detroit.

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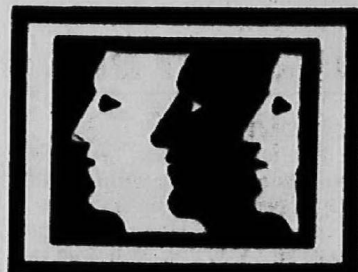
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Credit trap can snare the unwary

By Julie Brown
staff writer

High school and college graduation season is almost here. Soon, the doors of the schools will swing open, with their graduates descending in droves on the job market.

For some, those monthly paychecks will represent an opportunity to enjoy financial independence and security. Others, however, will overspend and, before too long, find themselves caught in "the credit trap."

It doesn't have to be that way, however. Learning to manage money the right way can keep young wage-earners from getting caught in the trap.

The credit card phenomenon has been a major source of financial woes — and not just for younger people, according to Vanessa Harris, extension home economist for the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service.

Many consumers find that those little plastic cards make it all too easy to get heavily into debt.

"It can be very easy to do."

For some credit card holders, the only solution may be to get out the scissors and cut the cards into little pieces. It may be helpful to confine credit card purchases to one major card, Harris said, particularly if a consumer doesn't have the discipline to handle more than one account.

CONSUMERS ALSO need to shop around for credit and for other services, such as insurance. Often, consumers are less likely to shop around for those services than they would for goods.

"They want to shop around for credit, just like anything else," Harris said.

It's important for consumers to read the fine print, and to know just what they're getting for their money. As with any kind of purchase, comparison shopping is a good idea.

Young consumers should remember that credit is a privilege that must be earned, according to Diana Wessel from the marketing department at the Community Federal

Credit Union in Plymouth. It's best to start out slowly with small payments that can be met readily.

It's also a good idea to ask about a simple interest loan, Wessel said, which allows a borrower to make additional or more frequent payments without penalty.

"You'll save a lot of money in the interest," she said.

CREDIT CARD holders need to be aware of the interest rates they'll pay for those cards. Steep interest rates for credit card purchases can make for major financial problems before too long.

"They've got to realize they're paying 18 percent," said Nancy Zimmerman, a branch officer for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit. "Generally, charge cards are around 18 percent."

Banks generally don't like to see an individual's total debt exceed 40 percent of take-home pay, Zimmerman said. That rule of thumb is used for auto or personal loans.

Lenders may require a parent to co-sign for a loan to a young wage-earner, Zimmerman said. Once that wage-earner has a loan, it's important to make all payments on time — including those for student loans.

"That history is going to stay with them," she said.

Credit counseling firms or organizations can provide help for those who are deeply in debt. Once again, however, it's important to take a close look at what's being offered and what the costs will be.

The reputable credit counselors include an educational component in their programs, the Cooperative Extension Service's Harris said.

"It's designed to really help the people with some preventive measures for not getting back into that situation."

THE IDEAL, of course, is not to get deeply into debt to begin with. Financial planning should begin with a budget that's both realistic and flexible.

"Certainly, a key is keeping a budget that's flexible and meets



Illustration by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The credit trap can catch unwary consumers, who then find themselves deeply in debt. For some, cutting the cards up into

little pieces may be the only solution. Financial planning can, however, help consumers avoid the trap in the first place.

their needs at that time," Harris said.

Some areas to consider in setting up a budget are housing/utilities, transportation, food, clothing and recreation/entertainment.

The old rule of thumb for housing costs was one-quarter of an individual's income. Current housing costs, however, make that rule difficult to meet.

"Thirty percent is a pretty good percentage," Harris said of housing costs, which include utilities.

FOR YOUNGER wage-earners, the recreation/entertainment category can be the source of problems.

"Sometimes, they can spend a little more there than they should," Harris said.

Lump-sum payments are another thing to watch out for. A bill for auto insurance, for example, may suddenly appear in the mailbox, requiring immediate payment for six months worth of insurance. Young wage-earners need to plan ahead for such expenses, Harris said, or they may find their carefully planned budget wrecked.

It's a good idea to make a year-long projection of expenses, and then to compare each month's actual expenses to that projection. Doing so will allow young wage-earners to identify any potential trouble spots.

SETTING UP a budget should also include doing some goal-setting; the individual should consider what short-term and long-term financial goals he or she would like to achieve.

"The goal-setting helps in knowing what their savings plan should be," the home economist said. One financial goal, for example, could be providing the funds to finance higher education.

"There'll be a number of new expenses to meet," the Community Federal Credit Union's Wessel said of the college-bound.

Savings plans should be a part of financial planning — right from the start.

"I think what most people should start doing is setting up a regular savings plan immediately," said

Manufacturers National Bank's Zimmerman. "People just have to develop a routine and get into the habit of saving."

The amount of money a younger wage-earner can save will vary according to financial needs and obligations, said Zimmerman, who recently transferred from the Manufacturers location at Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads in Plymouth to a Farmington Hills location. The important thing, however, is to make saving money a habit.

"It's surprising how that money adds up," she said. "They've just got to get into the habit of saving."

Employers can help out with savings plans.

"They should check into what benefits are offered by their employer," Zimmerman said. Some employers offer savings plans, which include direct deposit of funds.

RETIREMENT PLANNING should also be given some consideration — even in the younger years.

"We need to become a society that plans well ahead for our retire-

ment," the Cooperative Extension Service's Harris said.

Younger people today have a greater tendency to switch jobs, she said, which means they're less likely to build up large pension funds. The uncertain future of Social Security also makes retirement planning important.

Opening an Individual Retirement Account can provide a younger wage-earner with significant tax advantages, along with helping to plan for retirement. Once again, however, it's important to shop around for the best buy.

"The younger you start out, the more your money's going to multiply," Zimmerman said. Younger wage-earners don't need to put in the maximum amount each year.

"If they can put in what they can afford, that's good," she said.

(Bulletins on financial planning and budgeting are available from the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service, 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne 48184. For additional information, call 721-6565.)

Musicians plan Pops Concert

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's annual Pops Concert, "Fascinating Rhythms," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Plymouth Canton High School cafeteria.

Conductor Charles Greenwell has chosen selections from "My Fair Lady," "The Desert Song," "Carousel" and "Porgy and Bess." The concert also will include such favorites as "Blue Tango," "The Syncopated Clock," "Funeral March of a Marionette" and "Emperor Waltz."

Guest soloist Bob Angus, a tenor, will perform with the orchestra. His list of credits includes solo performances with the Chicago Lyric Opera, Piccolo Opera Company, Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Dearborn Symphony, Saginaw Symphony, St. Clair Shores Symphony and the Detroit Women's Symphony.

ANGUS ALSO has appeared on television with Donald O'Connor, Dick Haynes, Milton Berle and Johnny Desmond. He performed at the White House for former President Gerald Ford and in the Governor's Mansion for former Michigan Gov.

William Milliken.

There also will be a special appearance by Wayne Dunlap, the former conductor of the Plymouth Symphony (1951-1979). Dunlap is now retired and living in Denton, Texas.

Paul Burnett, assistant conductor, will lead the orchestra in "Two Slavonic Dances Op. 46" by Antonin Dvorak.

Tickets may be purchased at Sack's of Forest Avenue, 550 Forest Ave., Plymouth, or by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a check (payable to the Plymouth Symphony League) to: PSL, 45287 Woodleigh Way, Plymouth 48170.

RESERVED SEATING tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students in kindergarten through the 12th grade.

The concert time will be 7:30 p.m., with the doors opening at 7 p.m. For additional information, call 453-3042.

The Staccato Group of the Plymouth Symphony League is arranging the concert, with proceeds going to support the orchestra.

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● PLYMOUTH BPW

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting Monday, April 21, at the Hillside Inn, Plymouth. Happy Hour will be 6-6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. The speaker for the evening will be Officer Wayne Carroll of the Plymouth City Police Department. His slide presentation, "An Act of Violence," will deal with the subject of rape. The organization will also hold its annual election of officers. Members and women in the community who are interested may attend. For reservations and additional information, call Odile Fast at 459-3520 (days) or Mary Brooks at 420-0320 (evenings). Dinner is \$8.

● SUNSHINE GARDENERS

The Sunshine Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the home of Pat Anderson, Plymouth. The monthly meeting will include a slide presentation by William and Evelyn Edgar, "Four Seasons in Miller Woods." For additional information, call Shirley Connors at 459-7410.

● XI BETA ZETA

Xi Beta Zeta will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the home of Peggy Pirschel, 19675 North Ridge Drive, Northville. Speakers Donna Theek and Martha Edmonds will discuss the importance and use of literature prose in daily life. Those attending will also discuss upcoming service and social events.

● OPTIMISTS

Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Mondays of each month in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel, Plymouth and Canton residents may call 453-8547 for membership information.

● CANTON NEWCOMERS

The Canton Newcomers will hold a "Moms and Tots" activity 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, April 23 at the Skating Station in Canton. The \$2 per person cost includes skate rental. For reservations, call Ann at 981-5717. The Canton Newcomers will also meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at a member's home for arts and crafts. A spring silk flower arrangement will be made. All flowers and a container will be supplied. The cost will be less than \$15. Those participating should bring wire cutters, scissors and a knife. For reservations, call Terri at 459-2260 or Lynn at 397-0854.

● RETIRED PERSONS

The Plymouth-Northville Chapter No. 1311, American Association of Retired Persons, will meet at noon Wednesday, April 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. A representative from Huron Oaks will discuss "Medications and the Older Adult." Those attending should bring their own brown bag lunch. The board of directors will meet at 11 a.m. prior to the regular meeting.

● EXERCISE CLASS

A daytime exercise class for pregnant women will begin at 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in Plymouth. The class is recommended for early pregnancy. It will cover relaxation techniques, gentle stretches to help keep flexibility and muscle tone, and specific exercises to strengthen abdominal muscles. The six-week class is based on yoga principles. For additional information, call the instructor at 459-2678 or 455-0215.

● GOLF LEAGUE

The Plymouth Women's Golf League will hold an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Hilltop Golf Club, Plymouth. The meeting will include voting on a new scoring procedure and rules revisions. There are openings for new members. Golfing will begin Thursday, May 1, and will run for 17 weeks every Thursday morning. There is a \$15 registration fee. For additional information, call 455-9155 or 349-3529.

● PLYMOUTH-CANTON PWP

Plymouth-Canton Parents Without Partners will hold an orientation for new members at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24. For additional information, call Ellen at 455-3851 or Pat at 721-2202.

● GERANIUM SALE

Bird Elementary School Cub Scout Pack 293 is holding a red geranium sale. Orders will be taken until Thursday, April 24. The cost is \$1.75 per plant. Plants will be delivered Friday through Sunday, May 2-4.

● WELCOMING SPRING

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will hold its "Good Morning Spring" card game benefit, beginning with a continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. "Lynn's Leathers" will be on display. A raffle will be held during the card party. All proceeds will go to Plymouth community charitable groups. Tickets, at \$5, are available by calling 453-6315.

● POST-NATAL EXERCISE

A Post-Natal Exercise Class for mothers and young infants will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Faith Community Moravian Church, 46001 Warren Road, Canton. The program will include exercises for mothers and infants, relaxation and breathing techniques, baby massage, and informal discussion. For additional information, call the instructor at 459-2678 or Childbirth and Family Resources at 459-2360.

● ANNUAL SALE

The Friends of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens will hold the annual sale of herbs and perennials from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27. The sale will be held in the auditorium of the Botanical Gardens at 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. A presale for members of the Friends organization will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 25. New members may join at the presale. The sale is one of the organization's fund-raising events for projects at the Botanical Gardens. For additional information, call 763-7060.

● COUPLES' EVENT

The Canton Newcomers will hold an event for couples the evening of Saturday, April 26, at the Rose Shores Racquet Club in Canton. Cost will be \$7 per couple for "wallyball," volleyball played on a racquetball court. A party at a member's home will follow. For reservations, call Terri at 459-2260.

● FOUNDERS DAY

Canton's third annual Founders Day Ball will be Saturday, April 26. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing, an open bar and door prizes. Tickets are available at Canton Township Hall, 397-1000, the Canton Historical Society, 397-0088, or from Arlene Woods, 455-5915. The tax-deductible donation is \$17.50 per person or \$35 per couple. The event is sponsored by the Canton Beautification Committee and the Canton Historical Society.

● CHILDREN'S THEATER

"Midas Gold Touch" will be presented by the Ann Arbor Good Time Players at 6 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Geneva United Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon Road just north of Ford Road in Canton. The cost will be \$3 per person, including dessert. Reservations are required. For additional information, call 981-5637.

● THEATRE GUILD

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will present the comedy "Everybody Loves Opal" by John Patrick. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, May 2, 3, 9 and 10. Curtain time is 8 p.m. at Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at the door. Group discounts are available. For additional information, call 397-2779. The newly formed University of Michigan Club of the Plymouth

Community will attend the opening night performance. Alumni and friends may purchase tickets from Dr. Robert Evans, at 496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For additional information, call 420-2366.

● CHORUS COOKBOOK

Plymouth Community Chorus cookbook, "All Our Best," is available at Plymouth Book World and from chorus members. Price is \$7.95.

● POPS CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony's Pops Concert, "Fascinatin' Rhythms," will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Plymouth Canton High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens. They may be purchased at Sack's of Forest Avenue, 550 Forest Ave. Tickets may also be ordered through the mail by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Plymouth Symphony League, 45287 Woodleigh Way, Plymouth 48170. For additional information, call 453-3042.

● FOLK ART SHOW

Craft Gallery will hold its annual Country Folk Art Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The event will be held at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy. Admission is \$1.50, with gift certificates as door prizes. A variety of items will be displayed. For exhibit information, call 336-9267 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

● BOTANICAL GARDENS

Carlton B. Lees, landscape designer, author and photographer, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. The lecture is sponsored by the Herb Study Group. The illustrated lecture, "Art and Conservation in the Landscape Using Wildflowers," will be preceded by a basket supper featuring wildflowers. Advance reservations are required; donation is \$20 per person. Checks, payable to the Herb Study Group, should be mailed to: The Herb Study Group, University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor 48105. For additional information, call the Botanical Gardens at 763-7060 or Sandy Hicks at 769-9414.

● DINING OUT

The Canton Newcomers will dine out the evening of Saturday, May 17, at the Gandy Dancer Restaurant in Ann Arbor. Those attending will meet at a member's home before dinner for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. For reservations, call Arlene at 459-

1797 by Tuesday, May 13.

● MUSICAL COMEDY

The musical comedy "Bye-Bye Birdie" will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at Lowell Middle School, 8400 N. Hix, Westland. Tickets are \$5 for adults (\$6 at the door), \$3 for students (\$4 at the door). They may be purchased at Divine Savior Church, 39375 Joy Road, Westland. For additional information, call 455-3620 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Proceeds will go toward youth group activities.

● 4-H FAIR

The 4-H Country Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at 5454 Venoy Road, Wayne. More than 40 crafters will exhibit their work. For those who are interested in displaying their work, the fee is \$10 for a 20-by-20-foot booth space. The acres of the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service will be transformed into the site of a variety of family fun activities. Those activities will include pony rides, buggy rides, a fashion show, rope tricks, live entertainment, a race horse demonstration and others. For additional information, call 721-6576.

● FARM AND GARDEN

The Lake Pointe Women's National Farm and Garden Association has two cookbooks available from group members. A number of salads from the Spring Salad Luncheon are included, along with other recipes submitted by the members. The price is \$5. For additional information, call Jean Pink at 453-2802.

● PLYMOUTH SENIORS

The Plymouth Township Seniors

meet at the Friendship Station Club Hall, 42375 Schoolcraft, on the following days: Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon for euchre and pool, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for pinocle, Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for bridge and pinocle. Seniors living in Plymouth Township or the city of Plymouth may attend. For additional information, call Helen Krupa at 459-6259.

● DANCERS' COOKBOOK

The Polish Centennial Dancers of Plymouth cookbook, "Secrets from Centennial Cupboards," is available from group members. It features a number of Polish recipes, along with American recipes. The price is \$5. For additional information, call Kathy Floied at 459-7255.

● FAMILIES ANONYMOUS

Families Anonymous, a self-help program for relatives and friends concerned with drug abuse or behavioral problems, will meet at 8 p.m. Thursdays in St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren in Canton.

● MOMS/TOTS PLAY

A Morning Play Group for Moms and Tots, sponsored by the Canton Newcomers, will meet on the fourth Friday of each month in members' homes. Sit back and relax over coffee with other mothers of infants and preschoolers while they play. For reservations and more information, call Linda, 981-0727.

● CANTON ROTARY

Canton Rotary Club meets at noon Monday in the Roman Forum on Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley. Lunch is \$5. For information, call Richard Thomas, 453-9191.

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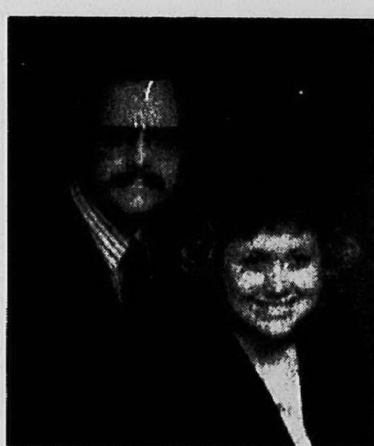
Modson-Koldys

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Modson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Jeanne, to Bruce Christopher Koldys, son of Mrs. William Koldys of Dearborn.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed as a dental assistant in Farmington Hills.

Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Southern Florida. He is employed by the Dearborn Public Schools.

A July wedding is planned at St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn.



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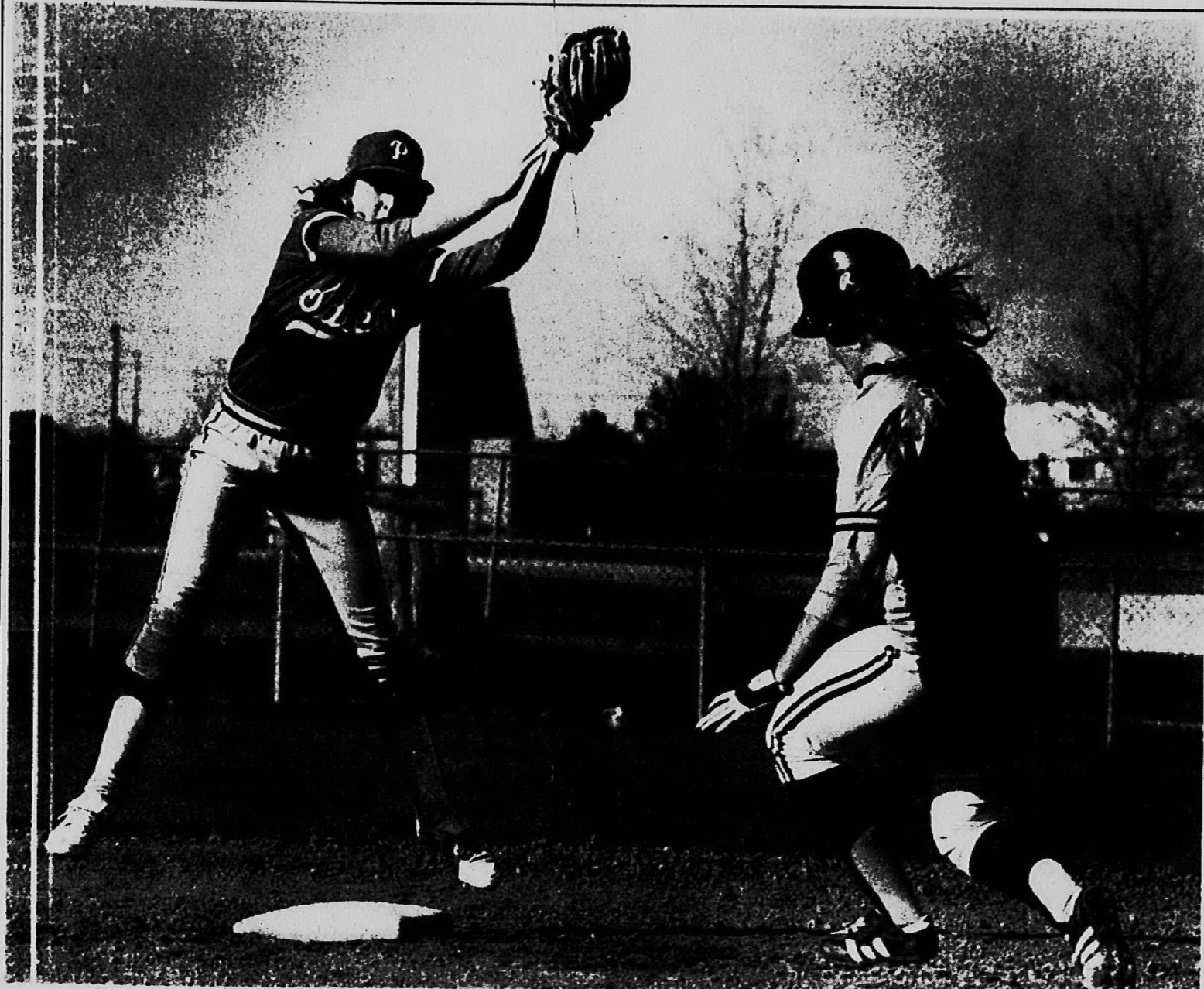
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Salem shortstop Jessica Handley has the ball in plenty of time to tag out Harrison's Kristi Rugh during the Rocks' 6-1 win Thursday.

Grand slam lifts Salem

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Rob Adams' dramatic bottom-of-the-seventh grand slam home run did more than give Plymouth Salem a 6-3 victory over North Farmington Friday. It may well have saved Salem's season.

Believe it. The Rocks, fresh off a humiliating 13-12 loss to Farmington Harrison Thursday, wore a hang-dog look as they took the field Friday — it was the look of a beaten team ready to be beat again.

"This game was vitally important to us," said Salem coach John Gravin. "We had let a couple of games slip away from us, yesterday especially. Our defense just completely fell apart and we never expected that. The guys were really mad after yesterday and they were not real of sure of themselves today. They didn't seem fired up to play."

TO MAKE matters worse, starting catcher Steve Dawson is out with a separated shoulder, center fielder Brian Tiller left the game in the fourth inning with a sore arm, and sophomore pitcher Fidell Casero, who was blasted by Harrison the day before, didn't show up for the game. If the Rocks weren't ready to play before the game, North Farmington hurler Rob Knapp wasn't about to offer any encouragement. Through six innings, the slender right-hander was razor sharp. He had scattered five hits and walked two.

He made only one mistake: he yielded a two-out two-run double to Brian Dawson in the fourth which gave Salem a 2-1 lead. Salem right-hander Chris Davis also made but one mistake. His came in the sixth, a long two-run homer by Trent Hiner that gave North a 3-2 lead.

Unfortunately for North, Knapp tired after one batter in the seventh.

"Robbie will tell me when he can't go anymore," said North coach Irv Horwitz. "His legs were gone. He couldn't go anymore."

Salem pinch-hitter Sean Worden led off the bottom of the seventh with a double to the left-center field fence.

At that point, Knapp left the game, and Todd Shepard came on to pitch.

PAUL MAKARA worked Shepard for a walk. Gravin sent in Tom Henig to run for Worden. Henig was promptly picked off second by North catcher Mike Rudin.

You could sense the mood of the Salem bench at that point: "Here we go again."

But Tim Dowd ripped a shot past first baseman Tim Seabolt for a double. Shepard walked Mike Kesson intentionally.

That set the stage for Adams. He sent Shepard's 1-1 offering on a high arc way beyond the 355 mark in left-center field.

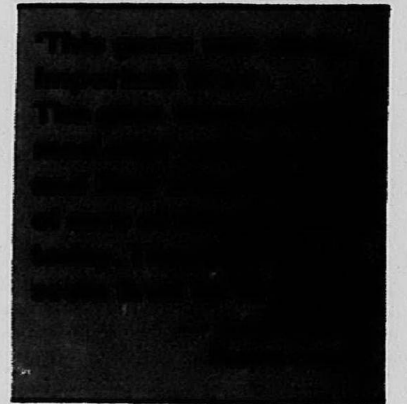
"It wasn't a matter of 'would it make it,'" said Gravin. "It was a matter of 'when will it come down.' It was like a shuttle shot."

Salem reborn.

"Nobody has worked any harder than that kid," Gravin said of Adams. "We put him at a new position (catcher) and he's just done everything we've asked of him. It was nice to see him get the hit."

Gravin was also pleased with Davis' performance. Davis, Salem's ace, didn't make it through the first inning last week against Livonia Churchill.

"It was the Chris Davis of old," Gravin said. "Just a tough, teeth-gritting performance; a little wild, a



little goofy, throwing pitches I don't want him to throw. But he was the all-conference pitcher we knew from last year."

Davis gave up four hits (two to Hiner), walked three and fanned five.

North's first run was more or less stolen by Shepard. He walked to lead off the fourth and stole second. He stole third also, and came home when Adams' throw went into left field.

"This was an exciting ballgame," Horwitz said. "I know our guys are down right now, but they'll realize they played a pretty good game. I'm proud of them. I said before the season that we'd give people some headaches."

The loss evens North's record at 2-2.

For Salem (2-2), Dowd and Jerry Sumner each had two hits.

HARRISON 13, SALEM 12: With the Western Lakes schedule as it is (games played Monday, Wednesday and Friday) this type of game may occur more frequently than usual.

Salem is hoping it never happens again.

The Rocks blasted out to a 7-0 lead after one inning Thursday, then watched Farmington Harrison gradually chip away.

Salem took an 8-4 lead into the fourth. Harrison scored five times to take a 9-8 lead. Salem scored three in the top of the fifth: 11-9.

Jon Weisberg blasted a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game. Jerry Sumner hit his second homer of the game in the top of the seventh to put Salem back up 12-11.

Harrison won the game in the seventh. Brian Smolinski opened the inning by reaching second base via a Salem error (one of nine Rock errors on the day). Ken George singled him to third and Shawn Brennan brought him home with a sacrifice fly. George then stole second and Mark Schmidt drove him home with a single.

George, the last of five Harrison pitchers, was credited with the win. John Storm took the loss for the Rocks.

The Hawks didn't have as much fun on Friday, losing to Livonia Franklin 9-2.

Franklin scored five times in the first inning off Harrison starter Gary Schwedt. Franklin hurler Bob Solnikowski never allowed the Hawks back into contention, giving up just four hits.

Ken George knocked in the two Hawk runs with a single in the third inning.

The Hawks are 2-2 on the season.

W.L. CENTRAL 5, FARMINGTON 6: Central pitcher Mike Kohler blanked Farmington on just four hits Friday, keeping the Falcons winless in Western Lakes play.

Steve Howell took the loss for Farmington (1-2 overall).

Strong out of the gate.

Rocks unbeaten, rout Harrison, North

Livonia Franklin is getting most of the attention around the state relative to softball this season.

And with good reason. After all, the team was second in the state last year and has returned all but two starters.

But there is another Observer-

land team lurking about that could make some serious noise as this season progresses.

Plymouth Salem is quietly, but convincingly, off to a 3-0 start.

Hitting has always been a constant with Rob Willette's teams. The question mark — in fact, the

reason for Salem's bridesmaid's role the last two years — has been inadequate pitching.

So far, the Salem pitching is looking good.

The Rocks knocked off Farmington Harrison Thursday, 6-1, and North Farmington Friday, 15-5. In both games, senior hurler Maggie Meissner was strong.

"She's doing pretty well," said a forever low-keyed Willette. "She still walks too many people, but she's getting better."

AGAINST HARRISON, Meissner allowed just one hit in seven innings. She walked seven and struck out eight.

The Rocks scored all six of their runs in the third inning. The key blow of the inning was a rocket-like three-run homer by Denice Tackett. Darlene Gaglead roped a run-scoring double in the inning and Leslie Plichta scored another with a single.

Heidi Reyst took the loss for Harrison.

Against North, a tired Meissner went four innings, allowed four runs on four hits. But Kim Berrie pitched three solid innings in relief to post a save. She allowed one unearned run, didn't give up a hit and walked one.

North pitcher Robin Weatherford was the victim of Salem's 15-run, 10-hit attack. Jessica Handley led the way knocking in three runs with two hits. Marci Walker also had a pair of hits.

Kara Karhu had a big day for North, ripping three hits in four at-bats.

"I'm glad to be undefeated at this point," Willette said. "But I

still think we can improve. We still have a lot of work to do. I'm just glad we didn't have to play Franklin right away."

FRANKLIN 9, HARRISON 1: Franklin's all-state hurler Tracy Lectka shut down the Hawks on just one hit Friday. She didn't walk anyone and fanned 12.

Lectka also led the Patriots' eight-hit attack with two bunt singles.

Dawn Culbertson worked the first three innings and took the loss. Heidi Reyst worked the final three and gave up one run.

Diana Raddatz broke up Lectka's no-hitter with a fifth-inning single. Harrison is 1-3 on the season, Franklin is 2-0.

W.L. CENTRAL 12, FARMINGTON 0: Twelve walks led to the Falcons' demise Friday.

Becky Philp, normally a catcher but pressed into mound duty, took the loss.

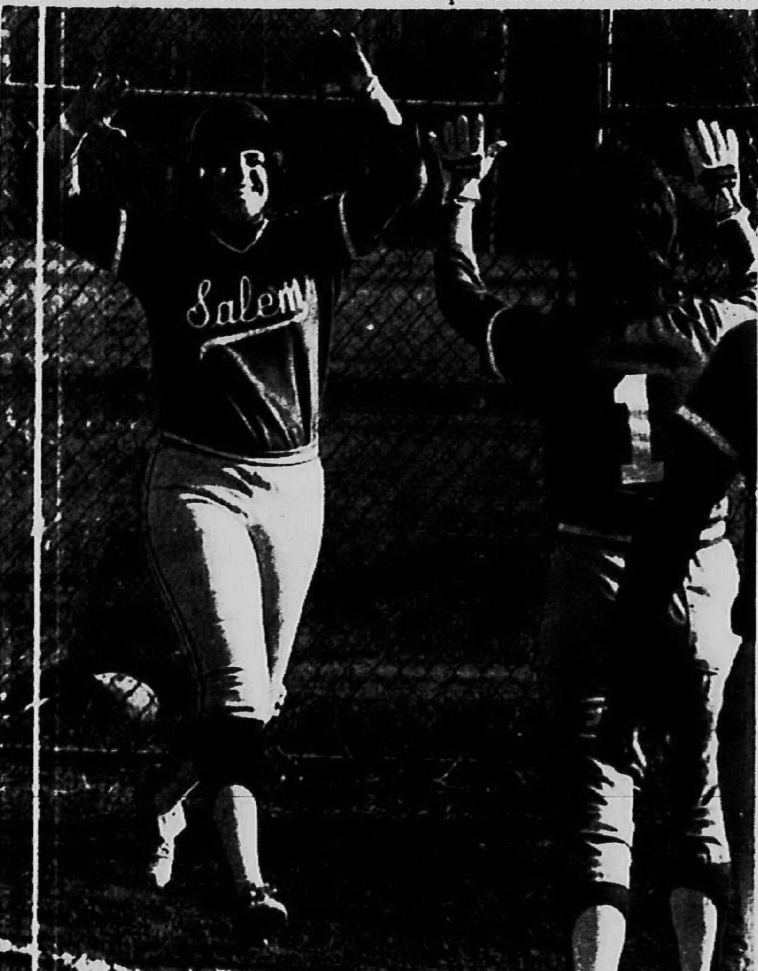
The Falcons (1-2) could muster just one hit, a single by Michelle Edwards in the second inning.

MERCY 18-11, MARIAN 0-1: Farmington Hills Mercy is off to its best softball start in at least four years.

The Marlins (3-0 in the Catholic League, 6-0 overall) rapped out 41 hits in Friday's double-header at Birmingham Marian.

Terri Nalodka not only pitched the 5-hit shutout in game one, but went 5-for-5 at the plate, as well, with three RBI. Molly McWood had four hits and Amy Edwards three.

In game two, Edwards was the winning pitcher. Jean Wassenberg and Linda Raymond each had three hits and Nikki Frazier two.



Denice Tackett is all smiles after hitting a three-run homer to help defeat Farmington Harrison.

Churchill's defense KO's Salem

Colleen Churchill had a hand in all four Livonia Churchill goals in leading the Chargers to a 4-0 win in a Western Lakes soccer game at Plymouth Salem Thursday.

Churchill scored twice and assisted on the Chargers' other two goals, scored by Julie Myers and Jennifer Hugg. But it was the defense that made the difference for the winners, according to Churchill coach Ed Dudek.

"I have to give the whole defense a lot of credit," Dudek said. "We have four shutouts in six games this year, and we've given up one goal in

each of the other two games."

Shari Acitelli, Jenny Sawicky, Chris Paciero, Chris Schultz, Kelly Davis, Rosemary Hally and goalie Liz Monroe kept Salem from scoring and saddled the Rocks with their first loss. They are 2-1-2. Churchill improved to 5-0-1.

MERCY 2, MARIAN 2: Jan Herberholz powered in the game-tying goal with just five minutes left for Farmington Hills Mercy Thursday at Mercy.

Colleen Raftery assisted on Herberholz's goal. Stacy Nolita, who also

soccer

played a half in goal, got Mercy's first goal with Margaret DeMatteis assisting. Kelly Beaudry also played a half in goal for Mercy, now 1-1-1. Birmingham Marian, which led 1-0 at the half, is 2-1-1.

STEVENSON 4, N. FARMINGTON 1: The defending state champion Livonia Stevenson Spartans re-

mained perfect after five games, outshooting North Farmington 18-3 Friday at Stevenson.

Kim Paterson, Paula Divens, Maureen Sudek and Mary Pelloni each scored for Stevenson. North's goal was the first allowed by Stevenson this season.

On Wednesday, Stevenson belted Walled Lake Western 14-0. Sue Zaboriski and Paterson each notched three goals and Divens and Karen Carney had two apiece.

Western shackles Chiefs

Jeff Lyle deserved a better fate. The Plymouth Canton pitcher turned in a solid performance Friday which yielded only a 4-2 loss at the hands of Walled Lake Western.

"It was a strang ballgame," said Canton coach Fred Crissey. "Lyle went the distance (seven innings), he fanned nine batters, outside of the No. 3 hitter, their first seven batters don't touch him. But the No. 8 and No. 9 guys get two hits apiece."

The difference in the game turned out to be Walled Lake Western's three-run second inning. And even that could've been avoided

with a bit of luck. Western put runners on second and third without the benefit of a hit. An attempted suicide squeeze bunt was popped into the air. Lyle came charging off the mound. If he catches the ball, it's a double-play. Lyle fell down in his pursuit and the ball landed safely.

Canton trailed 4-0 going into the fifth. Tony Aiken blasted a long home run to left to make it 4-1. Then Canton proceeded to strand seven runners in the next three innings — leaving the bases full in the fifth and sixth.

"Our hitting is just pathetic right

baseball

now," Crissey said. "Our big hitters aren't hitting and we're aren't getting the key hits."

A two-out double by Lyle scored Canton's second run in the seventh. Brian Altherr went the distance to earn the win for Western (2-0). Canton is 1-1.

PLYM. CHRISTIAN 8, H.V. LUTHERAN 2: Very few games were played on Wednesday — this was one of them.

But Rod Windle made the most of it, leading the Eagles to their fourth straight win. He rapped a double, two singles, walked once, stole two bases and scored two runs.

Jeff Leach added a pair of singles and Todd Gentry hit a triple. Steve Windle pitched four innings to pick up the win. Pat McCarthy pitched three scoreless innings to record a save.

The Eagles are 4-0.

the week ahead

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 21
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Ply. Canton at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Cherry Hill, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at Hamtramck, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Dearborn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Woodhaven at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Trenton, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Hamtramck St. Florian at Redford's Capitol Pk. (2), 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
W.L. Western at Liv. Churchill, 4 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Wald. John Glenn, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wald. John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Milford, 4 p.m.
Red. Thurston at D.H. Annopolis, 4 p.m.
B.H. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha at Red. St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
Catholic Cent. at Brother Rice (2), 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Bishop Gallagher at Redford's Capitol Pk. (2), 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK
Monday, April 21
Wald. John Glenn at Wayne, 5 p.m.
Taylor Center at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at Harper Wds. ND, 4 p.m.
Catholic Central at UD-High, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha at Holy Cross, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Churchill, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
B.H. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 4 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Monday, April 21
Wald. John Glenn at Wayne, 5 p.m.
St. Agatha at Holy Cross, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Taylor Center at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 21
Liv. Churchill at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Farmington at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Ladywood at Belleville, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22
Garden City at Novi, 4 p.m.
Star of Sea at Liv. Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Farm. Mercy at Bish. Gallagher, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
Liv. Churchill at Ply. Canton, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Southfield at Farmington, 5 p.m.

Mercy's Ford selects U-D

By Chris McCosky
s' aff writer

She sat on the end of the bench, she was the one with the long face. Her crutches and the cast on her leg explained why she was on the bench and why she wore the long face.

Terri Ford's basketball career at Farmington Hills Mercy ended prematurely and traumatically last season. While Mercy was winning state Class A district and regional championships, Ford, once the team's top gun, sat on the sidelines with a severe ankle injury.

Ford's season was equally frustrating before the injury. She had lost confidence in her once-vaunted shooting ability and, eventually, her overall game began to crumble.

At the outset of her senior season, she was arguably the most sought-after girls basketball player in Observerland. By season's end, people were wondering if perhaps track wasn't her ticket to a college scholarship.

saw his team play a lot last year and I thought, 'Hey, I could run with them.' And I thought about going to Missouri — how am I going pack everything up and move to Missouri?"

BAKER THINKS Ford made the right choice. "She will get some good coaching and direction from DeWayne and Terri is someone, I think, who will benefit from staying close to home and playing in her own backyard.

"Missouri has an outstanding program but Terri will fit into the U-D program better. DeWayne likes to play the run game and that suits Terri well."

Ford burst upon the Observerland basketball scene when, as a sophomore, she earned a starting role on the defending state championship team in 1983. That team returned four of five starters from its title team.

Her junior season was easily her best. She averaged 11 points, six rebounds and three steals per game and won All-Area honors for a Mercy team that made it to the final four.

(Her junior season was noteworthy academically, as well. Her PSAT scores placed her among the national merit commended students for outstanding black students.)

Her athletic ability has never been questioned, even amidst her senior slump. She had the ability, particularly in her junior year, to take command of games at both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor. She was among the fastest players in the area (with and without the ball) and one of the best leapers.

GIVEN THAT, you can imagine the frustration she must have felt sitting on the bench as her final season drew to a close last fall.

"The slump didn't really bother me that much, it was the injury that made me mad," she said. "I wanted the chance to show people I could play. But I was just hobbling around. It was awful. I really wanted the chance to play in one last game."

With the Titans, it would appear that Ford's basketball career has been granted a respite.



Mercy standout Terri Ford chose to play her college ball at U-D instead of the University of Missouri.

tennis

NORTH FARMINGTON 6 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1
Thursday at Glenn

No. 1 singles: Jason Weiss (NF) defeated Andy Grazulis, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 2: Josh Hoffman (NF) def. Hyong Park, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Jeff Seifman (NF) def. Dan Ford, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 4: Jim Ragland (NF) def. John Surdock, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Cliff Englehart-Ross Killingback (JG) def. Alex Steinbock-Brian Seifman, 7-5, 7-6.
No. 2: Sanjay Ghosh-Scott Johnson (NF) def. Ricky Brown-Don Rohratt, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Jeff Zonder-Jayson Greenberg (NF) def. Jeff Englehart-Mike Quinn, 6-0, 6-3.
Dual records: North, 1-3 overall.

THURSTON 7 TAYLOR KENNEDY 0
Friday at Taylor

No. 1 singles: Phil Brosnan (RT) def. Larry Ambrose, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Dave Romain (RT) def. Dan Dishorn, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Dave Korpi (RT) def. Jeff Gijiva, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Jim McEwen (RT) def. Jarrett Schroeder, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Bob Grayson-Jim Main (RT) def. Nick Scott-Nick Manesio, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Dan Kanopsky-Dave Ferranti (RT) def. Tim Diosozi-Rob Mehl, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 3: Gary Glass-Jim Kopacko (RT) def. Stacy Moore-Jason Boughman, 6-1, 6-2.
Dual record: Thurston 5-1 overall, 2-1 in the Tri-River League.

THURSTON 6 D.H. CRESTWOOD 1
Thursday at Thurston

No. 1 singles: Dale Schmatz (C) def. Dan Snyder, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 2: Brosnan (RT) def. Tom Teurach, 6-2.

No. 3: Romain (RT) def. Dave Worth, 6-0, 6-3.
No. 4: Korpi (RT) def. Eric Green, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Grayson-McEwen (RT) def. Steve Lowisz-Rich Novaco, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 2: Glass-Kopacko (RT) def. Brian Kierszkowski-Dave LaBroff, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.
No. 3: Kanopsky-Ferranti (RT) def. Jack Murock-Pete Waskul, 6-0, 6-2.

CHURCHILL 4 SALEM 3
Friday at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Ken Wood (C) def. Mark Rearick, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2: Mike Gould (C) def. Clyde Binguit, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 3: Rich Lundiff (S) def. Mark Janda, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 4: Mike Comble (C) def. Hong Yu Chow, 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Bob Breach-Wade Garard (S) def. Ed Yee-Bob Johnson, 6-1, 7-6.
No. 2: Tod Hanosh-Rich Cooper (S) def. Dave Janda-Tom Fagan, 3-6, 7-6, 6-6.
No. 3: Tom Yang-Bob LaChance (C) def. Gary Kroll-Matt Lure, 6-3, 6-3.
Dual record: Churchill, 3-0.

NORTHVILLE 6 FARMINGTON 1
Friday at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Mark Reitenga (N) def. Jeff Mobley, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Mike Reitenga (N) def. James Vanderhill, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Doug Kamienski (N) def. Dave Graham, 6-3, 7-6.
No. 4: Scott Mazey (F) def. Dan Boland, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Don Norton-David Kaminski (N) def. Dave Goodman-Brian Krygier, 6-0, 6-4.
No. 2: Mark Bertagnoli-David Merrifield (N) def. Scott Yoder-Eric Pavetka, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 3: Matt Oliver-Thierry Desmet (N) def. Sean Cahill-Scott Cameron, 7-5, 6-1.
Dual records: Farmington 1-3, Northville 3-0.

Canton kickers blitz Hawks

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GARDEN CITY 6, CRESTWOOD 0: The Cougars got three goals from Denise Taggart in winning their first game of the season Thursday at Garden City.

Kathy Kusza contributed two goals and Lori Hodges added one for the winners, now 1-2. Garden City led 3-0 at the half.

CANTON 14, HARRISON 0: Plyr outh Canton overwhelmed winless Farmington Harrison Wednesday at Harrison. The Chiefs im-

proved to 4-1 overall, 2-1 in the W.L.A. Harrison is 0-4.

Shannon Meah had three goals and two assists, Beth Frigge collected two goals and two assists, Jenny Steinhebel finished with two goals and an assist and Kristi Redmond scored twice for Canton.

NORTHVILLE 2, FRANKLIN 0: Jenny Schuerman and Jodi Smalec scored for Northville, boosting the Mustangs to their first win of the season Friday at Franklin.

Northville outshot Franklin, 18-6. The Patriots fell to 2-2; Northville is 1-0-2.

B.H. ROEPER 5, BORGESS 0: Bloomfield Hills Roeper built a 4-0 lead by halftime in handing Redford Bishop Borgess a season-opening loss Thursday at Roeper.

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