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Public hearing in mid-April

Two finalists vie for manager spot

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Two final candidates for the City of Plymouth's city manager position have been to the city and met with consultant Rod Bartell.

Steven Walters, who has been city manager in Northville for more than 16 years, met with Bartell on Monday.

Gordon Jaeger, former city manager of Battle Creek with more than 20 years experience in the field met with the consultant in Plymouth on Tuesday.

The two men have been identified by Mayor Dennis Bila as the only finalists for the job at this time.

"We have a number of applicants, but those two are the only final candidates right now," he said.

Walters, 46, was assistant city manager in Plymouth from 1967-1970. He indicated a willingness to return to the area.

"Plymouth is a great community and a community I used to live in," he said.

Walters, who has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan, left Plymouth in 1970 to take a city manager job in

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STEVEN WALTERS



GORDON JAEGER

Hangings under investigation

Student deaths stun P-C Schools

BY KEN VOYLES

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district was still reeling Tuesday from the apparently unrelated deaths of two Canton youths Saturday night.

Canton Police are continuing their investigation into the deaths of the students, Stephen Nalepa, eight, and Doug Briggs, 16. Both were found hanging in their township homes by family members Saturday, said police.

The youths were discovered between 9 p.m. and midnight Saturday, said police.

"We are not listing either one as a suicide at this time," said Canton Police Lt. Alex Wilson. "They do not appear to be related in any way."

Wilson said that although the deaths had not been "classified," the police were not ruling out "anything" during their investigation, including foul play

But Wilson added that the department "never had anything to lead us to suspect foul play.

"We are investigating all of the leads," Wilson continued. He said the medical report for both youths said they died from asphyxiation caused by hanging. He said further information on the case would not be available until the end of the week.

The younger victim, Stephen Nalepa, was a popular student at Gallimore Elementary School, said his father Larry Nalepa.

"He was just a beautiful, beautiful boy," Nalepa said Monday. "He was so creative. Maybe too creative."

"It was definitely not a suicide," he said. "He was a happy boy. Everyone loved him."

Nalepa said he went shopping with his older son Jason, 13, Saturday, while Stephen remained at home with his mother Debbie watching a movie

about the Titanic.

Stephen went upstairs during a "boring" part of the movie, said his mother, and asked to be called down when the ship hit the iceberg.

Nalepa returned from the store and told his son Jason to go upstairs and get Stephen.

"Jason let out a blood curdling scream and I knew we were in bad, bad shape," said Nalepa, who rushed upstairs to find his older son holding Stephen in his arms.

Nalepa said Stephen had a belt around his neck and there were other belts on the floor.

"It looked like he was trying to build something, or try something," said Nalepa, who said he found one of his son's belts looped around the guard rail of a bunk bed.

Stephen's mother, a nurse by profession, tried CPR on her son before EMS units arrived and worked

on the youth for an hour, said Larry Nalepa.

The youth was rushed to the Oakwood Canton Center, after all CPR efforts failed, where he was declared dead on arrival, said police.

Besides his creative side, Stephen loved to play soccer and swim, said his father. He also loved to draw, work jigsaw puzzles and "create things."

"This is the worst loss a family ever had," said Larry Nalepa, who added that the coroner's report said Stephen died of asphyxiation from hanging -- "motive unknown."

"Only Stephen could tell us that," said Nalepa. He also expressed thanks to the "tremendous support" shown for his family by the district, friends and the community.

The youth's organs have been donated to the medical community to help other youths, said his father.

Joyce Deren, principal at Gallimore School, said the administration put its new policy on dealing with death into action Monday.

"We asked that the students think about the good memories of Stephen," she said. "We tried to make Monday as normal as possible. I think the day went well."

District Superintendent John M. Hoben, in a prepared statement Monday, said, "We have done, and will continue to do the things necessary to minimize the trauma which death brings to the school community.

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Canton landfill agreement calls for extension, \$\$\$\$

BY KEN VOYLES

As much as \$4-5 million could be paid to Canton under a two-year agreement for a volume increase at the Woodland Meadows Recycle and Disposal Facility.

The agreement, which would allow the facility to accept solid waste for two more years, was expected to be voted on by the Canton Board of Trustees during last night's regular meeting.

The details of the agreement first became public Monday during a meeting of some 25-30 community

leaders hosted by Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and Clerk Loren Bennett.

Present for the discussion were other trustees (Robert Shefferly, Elaine Kirchgatter, Treasurer Gerald Brown), members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Canton Foundation, various homeowners' associations and other residents.

Waste Management, Inc., which operates Woodland Meadows, approached the township about such an extension on the landfill a few months ago, said Yack.

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PLUS: The Crier looks at preventing flooding, and the art of gardening in its annual spring home improvement section. See pg. 11.

Bond issue may be considered

School budget calls for 'restorations'

BY KEN VOYLES

The proposed 1990-91 operating budget for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district calls for restoring a variety of funds which had been cut during the district's leaner financial years.

Among the areas where a "restoration" of funds is being suggested include: transportation, athletics, textbooks, capital outlay, major maintenance projects, staff development, and the student radio station.

The budget also includes a proposal

for reopening the Central Middle School swimming pool, buying instructional computers and finding funds to revive the district's research, testing and planning program.

"This is one of the better budgets we've ever had," Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business in the district, told the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education during a budget session Saturday. "It's a great feeling not to have to come to you with suggested cutbacks."

Hoedel said the restorations, if

approved by the board, would total nearly \$2 million. He said the proposed budget is based on the cost of funding the same programs developed for 1989-90 as well as restoring the others.

The budget proposed was discussed again after Monday's regular board meeting when board members were asked to come to some kind of consensus on the major items. The budget may be approved by the board as early as April 9.

During the Saturday discussion, district Superintendent John M. Hoben said the board should consider

asking for a bond issue in 1991.

He said the "strategy" would be to return the four special mills approved by voters during last year's election and not request their renewal.

"I want to live up to that commitment," Hoben said Monday.

At the same time, said Hoben, the district might be able to ask for a bond issue without an increase in taxes. Hoben said the budget's fund balance will be an important factor in deciding

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Advisory group votes to delay ballot 35th judgeship on hold for 2 years

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

There'll be no third judgeship for the 35th District Court -- at least for two years.

By a 4-1 vote, the court's advisory board yesterday passed on creating a new judicial position in time for this year's elections.

The judgeship was recommended by the Michigan Supreme Court Administrator and included in a State House Bill that creates several new judicial positions around the state. The bill awaits State Senate action.

According to a state report, the Plymouth-Canton-Northville court is the third busiest district court in Wayne County behind Detroit and Dearborn. Its 38,000 cases in 1989 were up about 10 per cent from 1988, court figures showed. The caseloads in 1987 and 1988 posted increases of about 15 per cent in each of those years.

Only Canton's representative, Supervisor Tom Yack, voted against putting the judgeship on hold. Those voting to wait on creating the post were: Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen, Plymouth City Attorney Ronald Lowe, Northville City Manager Steve Walters and Northville Township Supervisor Georgina Goss. Estimates of the cost of creating the

new judgeship were \$350,000 to \$450,000 for architectural work to the courthouse and \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a new phone system. (A new computer system, expected to cost \$150,000, was approved by the advisory board yesterday morning.)

The costs would be split to each of the five communities based upon the court's caseload from each area -- 34.2 per cent to Canton, 30.87 per cent to Plymouth Township, 15.74 per cent to the City of Plymouth, 11.53 per cent to

Northville Township and 7.65 per cent to Northville.

That would mean, for example, that the City of Plymouth's share of the judgeship startup costs could be \$80,000. But budget woes in Plymouth have led the City Commission to question whether it could afford the new judgeship this year.

Breen questioned whether the caseloads warranted creating a new judicial position.

According to Breen, who chairs the

advisory board, the board will recommend to the five local governmental units that a reserve fund be created over three years out of court proceeds which now total about \$1.2 million annually. (Those funds are currently completely distributed to the five communities based on caseload.)

The resolution passed by the board yesterday said, "the third judgeship and remodeling will be put on hold and funds will continue normal distribution pending a report from the Court Administrator on statistics such as caseload increases."

Commission met Monday Offer likely in Vorva suit

BY PHILIP TARDANI

A settlement between the City of Plymouth and former police officer Jerry Vorva appears imminent.

Mayor Dennis Bila said the city commission agreed at a closed meeting Monday night to offer Vorva a settlement that would involve one of two options.

Bila would not elaborate on what the choices may be, but Vorva, who as city commissioner was excused from the

meeting, said he has an idea.

"Apparently they voted to offer me one of two things," he said. "My job as an officer back, or a cash settlement."

City attorney Ronald Lowe said the commission, "set some parameters as to where we should go," in negotiations with Vorva.

"We kind of have an idea of where we should be going," he said.

Lowe said the process at the moment

is in the hands of the attorneys from both sides -- Howard Shifmann, the city's labor attorney and Vorva's counsel Frank Guido, of the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM).

"We're going to try and let the attorneys do the talking," Lowe said.

Vorva said that if the city makes him an offer, he will announce a decision

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As district grieves, questions remain

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"Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families involved," Hoben said.

Yesterday Hoben said it was "inappropriate" for the district to discuss the circumstances surrounding the youths' deaths during the police investigation.

"I think we're doing the best that we can under the tension created by this," Hoben said. "We're most concerned about sympathy for the family."

Deren said Nalepa had recently begun testing to enter the district's talented and gifted program (TAG), having taken one such test earlier on Saturday.

"The kids' memories are of what an artist Stephen was," she said of the second grade student. Besides the efforts at Gallimore, school social workers and counselors have visited the Nalepa family to offer whatever support they can, Deren said.

Deren said Nalepa had recently become heavily involved in a new recycling program begun at the his school. Nalepa had taken on the project "with vigor," she said. Students are collecting aluminum foil for a giant "foil ball," she said, and Nalepa was a daily contributor to the effort.

Briggs, who was a sophomore at Canton High School, was also a member of the school's football team. Police said he was found suspended by the neck from a scarf looped over a hook in the family basement about three hours after Nalepa's death.



STEPHEN NALEPA



DOUG BRIGGS

The district's grief policy was also put into action at Canton, said Hoben, where teachers and students reacted in shock to the notification of the tragic death of their classmate.

Besides students, "The families come first in a situation like this," said Dave Artley, a member of the district's board of education. "The bottom line is our concern for the families."

Hoben said comments about the deaths should be "guarded" since there was a potential for libeling the youths by declaring their deaths suicides when police had not yet classified the cause.

At Gallimore the tragedy has caused other problems, including the presence of local television crews. Deren said that at one point she asked WXYZ, Channel 7 to leave school grounds

yesterday. She said "the potential is certainly there for disruption," when television crews are interviewing children and parents on their way in to school.

"I'm pleased, though, with the way our community and school have responded to this tragedy," Deren said.

School officials declined to comment on a suggestion being made that a film Nalepa saw Friday while in class may have somehow played a role in his death.

The film, from John Fitzgerald's "The Great Brain" series put out by Encyclopedia Britannica, said Hoben, traces the story of a youth who loses a limb and has to deal with his painful and frustrating recovery.

Hoben said the film has been used in many classes in different school

districts.

Diane Daskalakis, a leader of the Citizens for Better Education (CBE) said Tuesday that she spoke with the Nalepas on Monday night about the film. According to Daskalakis, Stephen's parents will be viewing the film Tuesday with Canton police.

"It's only a likelihood," that the movie played a role in Nalepa's death, said Daskalakis, who called it a "very, very sad day" for the community.

"This is incredibly tragic and it possibly has got something to do with classroom materials," she said, adding that the youth does not commit suicide in the film. "It's just a possibility that people should consider."

Daskalakis said the movie could be related to the youth's death on a "mimicry basis." She said the Nalepas were unaware of the movie before seeing television reports Monday.

Deren said too many people were "jumping to all kinds of conclusions," about Nalepa's death.

Visitation for Stephen Nalepa is from noon to 9 p.m. today (March 28) at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth. The funeral service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday (March 28).

Nalepa is survived by his father and mother, brother Jason, grandfather Stephen Nalepa, of Warren, grandmother Lee Paxton, of Dearborn Heights, grandfather Charles Paxton, of Morristown, TN, among others.

Funeral services for Briggs will be at 10 a.m. today at the St. Raphael Catholic Church in Garden City. Arrangements are being handled by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City.



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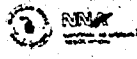
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These youths are fine citizens

Most of us at one time or another wonder what it is that concerns the youths of this community.

Since we don't come into daily contact with the youths of today it's hard to get a handle on what issues they find important and what upsets or delights them about American government.

Last week I got a rare glimpse inside the minds of our youth while reading through 35 essays for the annual Plymouth-Canton Civitans high school student essay contest.

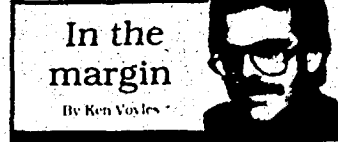
The essay topic -- the meaning of the Bill of Rights today -- drew a diverse array of writings, many in original form, others with vast scope, and still others pointing a microscope at a particular idea or message.

Many of the essays dissected various themes on free speech and expression, especially free speech for students and student newspapers.

Others favored a broad range of topics including:

Gun control, student locker searches (a big favorite), flag burning (also well represented), privacy rules, search warrants, "un-American" ideas (racism), limits on rights, censorship, and the banning of books in schools.

There were also a few brave students who took on the task of discussing altering, changing or eliminating various amendments (never the First Amendment, however).



In the margin

By Ken Voyles

Some found the amendments dealing with the quartering of troops in a home, the right to bear arms and the right to a jury trial for lawsuits exceeding \$20, obsolete and actually damaging to our nation.

It was truly surprising to see so many thoughtful essays from young students. Even many of those students that failed in their effort to state a clear, logical case were at least average or above average in the attempt.

Maybe the surprise shouldn't have been so apparent, but I'm used to the idea that kids nowadays are some kind of cannon fodder for videos, movies, television, computer games, Nintendo, Ninja turtles, Batman and a million other phenomena of the late 20th century.

Of course, this district is blessed with teachers and parents who care enough to help students find more out of life than who has the newest style in Air Jordans.

And it is blessed with students that

care.
Oh by the way, the winners of the contest were:

First, Paul Croll, a Canton High student; second, Julie Ann Thomas, a Salem High student; and third, Michelle Lewis, also a Salem student.

Other fine efforts, but not winning ones, came from a variety of students, including Matt Miller, Stacey Thompson, Sasha Engle and Mike Krot.

All of the essay contestants deserve recognition and a nod from the community at large. They carry on a heritage for probing the core of what makes a society important started long ago when our forefathers first considered the Bill of Rights.

If one were to ask me what the Bill of Rights means today, I'd have to say that its meaning is in every one of those 35 essays -- staring back at us with the vibrant color of youth and the glow of one who has yet to find out that the world is simply too difficult to understand let alone accept at face value.

The Bill of Rights lives on through the writings of these young adults all about to enter the real world.

May it work for them as it has worked for the many who have preceded them. May it perplex and confound them as well. Then, and maybe only then, will they come to know what it means to be an American citizen.

Paper provides needed City news

EDITOR:

I would like to thank your newspaper for supplementing the statutorily mandated minutes of our Plymouth City Commission. It has consistently detailed the progress, or lack thereof, of the City Commission in their quest for a new city manager.

The commission's minutes only reveal that Bartell & Bartell was hired and Randall Bryne was their choice. The minutes are void of everything else. The picture is clear that the selection committee has failed to report back to the commission as a whole. This has reinforced the perception that the selection committee acts independently of the commission.

We have a right to have the entire elected body

discuss and act in this vital selection.

The commissioners beg the public not to believe everything they read in the newspaper. Yet, it is the paper and not the minutes that provide the public with the details. What the public should hear at an open meeting must be read between the lines of the press. Unfortunately I do not believe that this satisfies the intent and purpose of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Periodically there should be on the commission agenda a report by the selection committee. Regardless of their perception, they are a sub-committee.

Thank you again for providing what our elected officials fail to do.

THOMAS DOETSCH

EDITOR:

I didn't realize Plymouth was going to be such competition for the circus. What wonderful clowns on the city commission. It's exciting to guess when they will do something right! They certainly have taken an oath not to save any money for the people of Plymouth.

Rather than go back to the consulting firm, I suggest that they try Jim Henson. He's done well for the Muppets. Isn't that what the commission wants, a puppet on a string?

The way our mayor handles the gavel makes me wonder if he wouldn't be better off playing drums for Alice Cooper.

Last, but not least, we the people elected you and we also can recall you.

JOAN EILEEN RANK

Call in Muppets for City



Community opinions

It's election year! Beware of manure spreaders

They're off!
It's election year -- as if you haven't already noticed -- and that means the candidates are posturing to hit the campaign trail.

And just to poke a little fun at a topic some of them take a bit too seriously, it's a tradition to speculate on who'll be a "manure spreader" this election year. (Office hopefuls should note that the author admits to entering the "manure spreader" arena in the past.)

The opening salvo comes in the Plymouth-Canton School Board races, where the two incumbents -- Jeanette Wines and Marilyn Schwinn -- have announced they won't seek re-election come June 11.

Why won't they run? They each offer a host of personal reasons, but others say they didn't like their treatment in the press.

Considering the controversy over the Citizens for Better Education (CBE) and conservative-Christian candidates' efforts in the past school elections, two wide-open seats should really draw fire.

Who'd want to serve in the community's most thankless job?

Strong runner Carl Battishill has already filed petitions to enter the lion's den. He was edged out by incumbent David Artley and CBE-backed Robert Anderson a year ago in a race that set new campaign spending heights for school board races in Plymouth-Canton.

With malice toward none

Diane Stamp, a frequent school board meeting patron, has filed and would likely get CBE support. Can Anderson's petitions be far behind? Those two would try to add to the existing CBE-backed Barbara Graham vote on the school board making a 3 to 4 split on some curriculum issues. Or would Diane Daskalakis herself jump in?

Les Walker, former board member has petitions out.

Richard Sumpter is running again. And Jack Farrow, Catherine Maki, John Engdahl, and Thomas Fellows have petitions pending.

The school supporters who have been rankled over the "Christians" running for the board will have their work cut out to keep CBE from winning any more seats. Many local Republican stalwarts were upset about the CBE run at the precinct delegate positions and, as a result, the schools won some support they might not have otherwise enjoyed.

But, with two open seats, all qualified candidates should be encouraged.

How about Annette Remsberg, Joan Gerigk, Betsy Volaric, Therese Gall,



Janet Campbell, Bob Jones, Bruce Mirto, Ronald Turner, Dan Herriman, Carole Currie, Jamie Flora, Denny Campbell, tree-hugger Dr. Norm Cepela, Keith Schut, Mel Blunk, Cam Miller, Janet Zinn, Kay Williams, or former school board members Steve Harper, Carol Davis, Carl Berry?

Also, George Dodson, retired school principal, has been said to be considering a run and would be a formidable candidate.

But even if all of those folks run (suggested here out of the blue to their very great surprise -- or, in Janet Campbell's case, rage), it still would boil down to a CBE-backed slate of two against all others.

Unless... a couple ministers jump in to focus the religion issue. Would Ken Gruebel or Bill Myers run?

Although the school race is first up to wrest headlines away from the Plymouth City Commissioners (who are busy trying to imitate Canton's halycon political history), the biggest would-be election brouhaha for 1990 is now bust.

Yesterday's meeting of the 35th District Court advisory board, discussed the possibility of adding a third judgeship.

Ironically, two of the five advisory board members are thought to be potential judges -- Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen and Plymouth City Attorney Ronald Lowe.

Both voted against adding a new judicial post in Plymouth-Canton-Northville. Breen questioned whether the caseload warranted another judgeship and Lowe saw postponing it as a way to spare the city during this woeful budget year.

Another theory has it that Breen had decided he didn't want to run for judge but didn't want Jeanne Stempien, the Schoolcraft VP, to get it either. That's why he nixed the idea, say some. One rumor was that if Breen were elected judge, Gerry Law would come back from Lansing to become Plymouth

Township Supervisor and then John Steward, Plymouth Township Trustee, would run for the legislative spot -- sort of a three-way deal.

Nixing the judgeship leaves Bruce Patterson of Canton without his goal in-life -- for now. Will he run for Circuit Court Judge instead?

Would Steward have run for the judgeship if it were created? How about City Commissioner John Vos? It's more likely that Vos will wait to run for District Judge Jim Garber's seat in four years, since Garber likely won't seek re-election.

Rather than list all the judicial hopefuls here, you can simply name all the Plymouth-Canton-Northville "attorneys" you know for a complete roster running for an open judgeship.

What of the partisan races?
A whole host of county, state and federal posts are up this August and November.

With finishes at 55 per cent and 65 per cent respectively two years ago, U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell (the Republican who represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township) and U.S. Rep. Bill Ford (the Democrat whose district includes Canton) seem relatively secure thus far.

Pursell's challenge by State Sen. Lana Pollack in 1988 was considered one of his toughest -- and she's not going to give up her state senate seat to try again this time. In that primary, Pollack beat Pursell's challenger of four years ago, Dean Baker, who recently admitted to forging Pursell's mail -- so it looks like the Democrats are on the run in the 2nd Congressional District.

Years ago, State Treasurer Bob Bowman was said to be interested in taking on Pursell -- but that doesn't seem likely now.

There'll likely be someone... anyone interested, call the Democrats.

Ford's apparently already facing his challenger of two years ago -- Burl Adkins. Actually, the minor parties

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You can do it!

How to run for office

You, too, can run for office!

To run for Plymouth-Canton School Board, file petitions by 4 p.m. Monday, April 9. (Petitions are available at the school offices, 454 S. Harvey St., Plymouth.) The election is Monday, June 11.

To run for Wayne County or State of Michigan sanctioned offices as a candidate of an existing party, the filing deadline for the Aug. 7 primary is now THREE WEEKS EARLIER THAN IT WAS IN PAST YEARS -- 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. (Petition information is available from the Wayne County Clerk or from the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections, P.O. Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901; by phone 517-373-2540.) The earlier deadline allows for greater lead time in complying with federal rules for absentee voters. Filing as an independent candidate has a later deadline but is more complicated.

Federal office candidates (U.S. Congress or U.S. Senate) must also file by May 15. Further information can be obtained from the state office listed above or from the Federal Election Commission at 800-424-9530.

One word of warning in calling the state office: it took three phone calls, half an hour on hold, being connected to an Upper Peninsula reporter who was also seeking information, and one disconnect to get through. (Perhaps it's a test of persistence!)

Precinct delegates must file with the Wayne County Clerk's office by 4 p.m. May 8.



Community opinions

On the beat

By Phillip Tardani



Plymouth residents paying any attention to what's coming out of city hall lately have heard a lot of talk about a "user fee" to help combat the high cost of solid waste disposal.

City finance director William Graham has recommended the fee, and consultants Plante & Moran of Southfield also mentioned it in their March report on the city's finances.

But what is a user fee and what would it mean for city residents?

A strong possibility is implementation of a "bag and tag" program. Simply put, garbage collectors would only collect rubbish put into specially marked bags or tagged by a similar item purchased from the city for about \$1 each.

The obvious incentive is to reduce the amount of bags used by taking appropriate material to the recycling center where it is disposed of free.

Implementation would be accompanied by a reduction in the 2.3 mills levied for refuse collection.

"This kind of program puts the responsibility on the individual homeowner," says Graham, who will recommend levying less than two mills if the program is enacted. "A user fee should be reflective of the cost of providing the service."

The problem stems from the high cost of landfill space, which recently went up from \$6 to \$9 a yard and is blamed for the city's projected

\$115,000 deficit. The 2.3 mills levied for refuse collection is simply not enough to cover the increased costs. increased costs.

That's where the user fee and possible bag and tag program come in.

"My gut reaction is that the bag-tag program is the way to go," says Assistant City Manager Paul Sincok, who oversees recycling at the center behind city hall.

Sincok said the City of Mount Pleasant has implemented a bag-tag program with a good measure of success and that Plymouth can benefit from other city's experiences.

"They got a lot less going to the landfill than they anticipated," he said. "We've got some good examples out there."

Graham said he favors a combination of user fee and millage initially to "build a kitty" for advertising and promoting the new program and in case of another unexpected increase in landfill costs.

"You've got to have something to cushion yourself with," he said.

Mayor Dennis Bila has asked that the topic of a city-wide user fee be put on the agenda for the Monday (April 2) commission meeting. He also requested Acting City Manager Kenneth Way to schedule a public hearing on the matter as soon as possible.

"We need more information," he said. "We hope to get it implemented as soon as possible."

More manure spreaders

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have about as much chance of upsetting the quarter-century Congressman who moves up the U.S. House leadership ladder this Fall.

There'll be some other names rounded up to challenge, but no heavy-hitters mentioned yet. The only vulnerable area for Ford is his reluctance to debate, now that he consciously tries to visit the 15th District more.

The apparent lack-of-interest in facing The Plymouth-Canton Community's two Congressmen may stem from (first) the difficulty of unseating an incumbent and (secondly) the re-districting which will result from the 1990 Census. Why knock your brains out now when the district may not even exist in two years?

State Senator Bob Geake, a Republican, is up this year. He reportedly may face former Livonia City Councilman Jerry Raymond, but Geake's last run captured 61 per cent of the vote in the GOP-heavy district.

At the state representative level, Gerry Law (Republican) and Jim Kosteva (Democrat) don't have any serious challenges yet. Law -- with 72 per cent last election -- and Kosteva -- with 65 per cent -- seem reasonably safe.

Then, there're the two Wayne County Commissioners, Milt Mack and Suzy Heintz. Mack's district includes Canton and Heintz's the Plymouths-Northvilles. He's a Democrat and she's the only Republican on the county board. No challengers here yet either.

With re-districting looming for the state and county seats as well, it's possible that serious contenders would want to wait until that's over with.

Or could it be that everyone's content with government as usual?

Taxes and education reform should be exciting those with state agendas, while at the Wayne County level, services are still a concern -- or are they?

If you're interested in rising to the occasion, you've plenty of time: nominating petitions are due on May 15 -- but that's three weeks earlier than in the past because of the new state law.

Although this bit of fun-poking at the process is traditional, it's intended to inspire a healthy look at the political system... and to point out the elected officials who deserve a challenge EVERY time they run.

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It's awkward that an error confuses some of the forms mailed to Canton Township residents -- some were marked "City of Wayne" -- but U.S. Census officials maintain that they'll sort out the discrepancy.

Fill out your forms!

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Early contract: good news

Teachers and administrators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are to be commended for their early efforts to hammer out a new contract.

Without getting into the substance of the contract terms -- although, at first glance, they appear to be in line with other districts and the local out-of-formula school district financial picture -- the fact that accord is reached early is a positive sign.

Past teacher strikes in Plymouth-Canton have diminished in intensity over the years, and a new three-year contract being settled early shows even greater cooperation.

As difficult as it is to predict the schools' financial picture with Michigan's confused education finance picture, it's refreshing that both sides here had the courage to forge ahead. (A two per cent cost of living adjustment provides some hedge.)

On a personal note, this is the "legacy" left in part by long-time assistant superintendent for personnel, Norman Kee, who retires at the end of the school year.

This is a positive step.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Thanks for our fame

EDITOR:

I would like to take a brief moment to express my gratitude for allowing us the privilege to adorn the cover of your Guide '90 publication and for your invitation to the celebration in completion of your fine efforts.

It was with regret that I was unable to attend your celebration, but I wanted to express a desire to participate and demonstrate an appreciation for your thoughtfulness and interaction with my colleagues and myself. It was very flattering. I was very disappointed that I was not able to attend, but even more so that my colleagues did not attend.

I have finally had the opportunity to read your publication and I am very proud to be a part of it in an indirect way. You deserve so much credit for such an outstanding job in such a vital community service.

And isn't that what we are all about? The information that is made available by you can only help make our communities better places to live and work.

Since your publication, I have been having so much fun. I have had people

recognize me on the streets, and friends treating me like a celebrity. The power of the press is amazing. I do nothing and reap rewards.

I wish you all the success in your future endeavors, and again, want to say "thank you!" for your consideration, thoughtfulness, generosity and friendliness. If there is any way that I may be of service to you or your staff, please feel free to contact me.

THOMAS H. LUTKENHOFF
FIREFIGHTER/EMT
CANTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.

Ooops!

EDITOR:

I stopped by to pick up my copy of The Crier as well as the '90 Guide. The Guide was great, except for one thing ... Community EMS is still listed as the City of Plymouth's ambulance provider!

Could you please note the change in your tickler file for next year's edition? Thanks for your help, and best wishes.

DALE J. BERRY
HURON VALLEY AMBULANCE

WTVA gets grant for composting facility

BY KEN VOYLES

A new composting facility will be located in western Canton as a part of a project being funded by the State of Michigan.

The Western Township Utilities Authority (WTUA), which represents Canton, Plymouth and Northville townships, recently won a state grant to develop a composting facility for yard waste.

According to Loren Bennett, Canton clerk, the grant will allow a Ypsilanti based firm to create a private composting facility to be located in Canton.

"WTUA, through the grant, will be providing the equipment to run this

facility," said Bennett during a special gathering of Canton leaders Monday. He added that it will be located on Geddes Road near Beck Road.

The company, Composting Systems Inc., will charge the communities about \$1.95 per cubic yard of composting material for the "regional type facility," as Bennett called it.

Bennett said other communities, such as the City of Plymouth, Livonia, Wayne, Westland, would be able to "buy access" into the site.

He added that the three WTUA communities would pay about half price for access and would also receive a royalty from the income collected as

"compensation."

Bennett said the royalty may eventually match the access costs for the three townships.

The composting material will be sold on the open market, he said. Other ways to develop its use might be through a "sod farm."

"WTUA's direction, in fact, is to make it a mandatory program over time," Bennett said, and residents would be required to separate yard waste for collection.

Each of the three communities would set up its own composting program to deal with collection, he said.

"It could be up and running in a month to six weeks," said Bennett.

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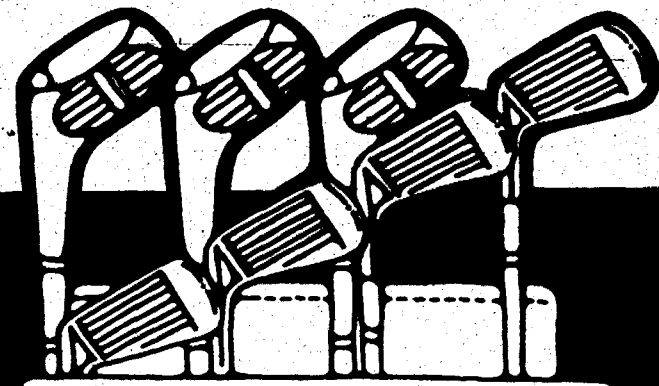
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Landfill agreement could mean \$\$\$

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The township, he continued, entered into negotiations with the company to "find out what they're willing to do for the community" in return.

"This contract would give them a two-year extension," said Yack. The size of the landfill would not increase, he added, only its height (by about 60 feet).

Woodland Meadows South, a 105-acre site on Hannan Road, has been in operation since 1984. It was due to reach capacity in November of this year.

Waste Management will still have to get a permit from the state, said Yack, even if the township agrees to the plan.

"We believe the benefits package (to Canton) could be, on the low side, \$4 million, and, on the high side, \$5 million," said Yack.

He added, "This agreement presents a unique opportunity for us to meet

community needs now."

One benefit of the agreement, he said, would be free disposal for Canton. That could begin as early as next week, Yack added. Canton currently disposes of its waste at BFI Arbor Hills in Salem Township.

Other elements to the agreement include:

- Five per cent gate receipts (could amount to at least \$2.5 million).

- Free "tipping" (the deposit of household waste in a landfill), which could be worth \$1.4 million. Canton currently pays \$9 per cubic yard, and the price may increase soon. Yack said the township could "broker" some of that "tipping" space to another community.

- Approximately \$350,000 to Canton for the volume increase application (to the state).

- Environmental testing access for the township for testing and an off-site

litter agreement.

- Up to four recycling cents throughout the township, serviced by Waste Management.

Canton officials said money from the landfill agreement would be used for such items as roads, sidewalks, drains, ditches, recreation, and street cleaning.

"Our feeling is that if dollars do come to the community they should not be used for operating purposes," Yack said.

Bennett said the agreement could be a double benefit to Canton, by both meeting solid waste needs and also providing revenue to the community.

He added that through the agreement the township can study long-term approaches to the solid waste issue, while also "obtaining resources that will benefit our residents."

Currently, Woodland Meadows

receives more than 90 per cent of its waste from Wayne County. It services approximately 200 trucks and is equipped with a recycle drop-off.

Shefferly has also already endorsed the agreement, though expressing a concern about the eventual height of the landfill mound.

"My concern is that there is a limit to the height, and that is restricted by certain state regulations," he said.

He said those restrictions "makes it possible for us to go ahead with this important deal that will benefit the community."

Yack said Waste Management could probably have overfilled the site without township approval, but instead the company choose to work with the community.

He added that Canton would not receive any revenue from the agreement until after approval by the state for the extension permit.



Friends & Neighbors

Census volunteer begins prison count

BY KEN VOYLES

One U.S. Census taker has a special assignment beginning next week.

Avonella Slagle is the 1990 census enumerator in charge of counting prisoners at Western Wayne Correctional Facility (WWCF) in Plymouth Township, and Phoenix Correctional Facility, across the street in Northville Township.

Slagle, who will begin her work next week after Census Day (April 1), plans to interview prisoners in the two facilities and help them fill out the census forms.

"It will take us as long as it takes," said Slagle, an administrative assistant for the census district office for Wayne-Oakland County areas. "This is my first census and I'm excited about it."

"The prisoners are very important," she added. "This is an area that's of interest to me. I'll be there for whatever it takes." It is expected that the prisoner count will last about two weeks.

Slagle is a familiar face at the two institutions having conducted worship service, bible study, prayer and fellowship gatherings with prisoners for the past 14 years.

"I've always enjoyed working with the inmates," she said. "They're so delighted to have contact of any kind with the outside world."

Slagle will be obtaining information on such things as: sex, name, race, age, marital status, education, how long they have been at the prison location, language, military status, health condition, if they worked last year, occupation and income.

The census bureau's objective, according to Pat Cunningham, the Livonia district office manager for the census, is to obtain as complete a head



Avonella Slagle will begin counting local prisoners as a part of this year's census. There are approximately 500 prisoners at Western Wayne and another 350 at Phoenix. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

count from the prisons as possible. Census takers have already attempted to count homeless residents in shelters and on the streets. Forms have also gone out to homeowners.

The local prisons will be among those nation-wide counted during the census effort, said Cunningham.

Slagle got the prison post after a conversation with Cunningham during

which she revealed her work at the prison through the Sterling Heights based Bethesda Christian Church.

"The prisons have been very receptive," said Cunningham. "It's just worked out all the way around. It will help us and it will help the prisoners."

Slagle's worship efforts at the prisons started as an outreach program

through her church. She has also conducted services at nursing homes, the county youth home and other prisons.

About 35-50 prisoners attend the weekly services, said Slagle, who added that during those services prisoners often discuss what the "world is like on the outside" and their fears of rejection once they get out of prison.

Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Diana Rosinski, daughter of Edward and Barbara Rosinski of Plymouth, was awarded a scholarship from the Michigan Restaurant Association. She is a student at MSU.

Plymouth students on the Dean's List at Hillsdale College are: James Nesbitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nesbitt of Meadow Drive; Amy Pastori, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pastori of Beacon Hill; James Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Patterson of Hillside Drive; Nancie Petrucelli, daughter of Nancy Petrucelli of Parkview; and Jeffrey Pinto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pinto of Danbridge.

Stephen Grinage, son of James and Anna Grinage of Lynn in Canton enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He is a 1987 graduate of Salem High School.

Douglas Mandic of N. Evergreen in Plymouth, received a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University.

John Stocker of Beck Road in Plymouth and Jennifer Pye of Scottsdale in Canton were included on the Dean's List at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Natalie Brohl of Plymouth is the recipient of a Madonna College Merit Award. She is a senior at Divine Child High School.

Plymouth students receiving degrees from Madonna College are: Martha Satwicz of Turtlehead; Donna Barnes of General Drive; Laura Barnes of General Drive; Sheryl Callen of Sunset; Kristin Hamblin of Coolidge; Mary Anne Ryan of River Oaks; Carol Van Slyke of Inbrook; Bridget Volinski of Main; Carla Vollmer of Manton; and Ellen Zurich of Maplewood. Marilynn Peterson of Brookside received an associate degree.

Pvt. Felic Robertson completed Basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. The son of Ora and Felix Robertson of Indian Creek in Canton, he is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School.

Suspect arraigned

An Allen Park man has been arraigned in 35th District Court after allegedly asking women and girls to pose for pictures at two Plymouth Township businesses.

Sheldon Carter Powell was arraigned Tuesday by Judge John MacDonald on three counts of conducting a fraudulent scheme and two counts of trespassing, according to MacDonald. A pre-trial hearing date has been set for April 23, he said.

Powell was arrested Monday on warrant charges, according to Plymouth Township Police spokesman Erik Mayernik. Carter allegedly approached women and girls at the Plymouth Raddison Hotel on Northville Road and Vic Tanny's spa on Ann Arbor Road and told them he worked for the respective establishments. He then reportedly asked if he could photograph the females.

Mayernik said Powell has posted bond on the misdemeanor charges and was set free.

Each charge Powell faces carries a maximum of 90 days in jail and a \$500 fine, MacDonald said.

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Jack Armstrong, The Community Crier's assistant advertising director, has been named The Crier-COMMA, employe of the month.

Armstrong, a two-year veteran of the advertising business in The Plymouth-Canton Community, was previously a veteran of the real estate business and a manufacturer's rep. He is the father of two former Crier employes, Janet and Julie, as well as a son in California.

"Jack's leadership in making The '90 Guide to Plymouth-Canton-Northville a record-breaking effort was outstanding," said Phyllis Redfern, general manager of The Crier. "He helped his colleagues in advertising and production pre-solve many of the hurdles faced in producing a 160-page, full-color book," she said.

A Northville resident, Armstrong, 52, (he said 49 though), wins dinner for two at Ernesto's Italian Country Inn.

Phyllis Redfern
General Manager

W. Edward Wendover
Publisher & Chairman

Promoting new captains

Canton begins police reorganization drive

BY KEN VOYLES

A major reorganization of the Canton Police Department is about to begin.

Last night the department requested the Canton Board of Trustees approve a move to create and fill two captains positions.

Current Canton Lts. Larry Stewart and Alex Wilson, who have both already been through an assessment testing program developed by consultants Bartell and Bartell, are expected to get the nod for the two posts.

"We cannot progress any farther as a department than the capability of our front line people," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "We've arrived at point where we need someone in charge."

Canton presently operates with eight sergeants and two lieutenants, Stewart and Wilson. There are also 37 sworn patrol officers.

Santomauro, who is the "chief" of both police and fire departments, said that the current department configuration was acceptable during what he called its "training mode."

He said the department has now arrived at a point in terms of size where it needs to add command officers to run each shift.

At the same time the department continues to need patrol officers. Five positions for patrol officers were created under the current budget but not one has been filled, he said.

Santomauro said the department is getting applicants but the "standards are not being met." The chief has even developed a recruitment team to solve the staffing problem at patrol officer level.

Santomauro, who said the department needs "the bodies," is not

"willing to sacrifice quality for quantity" in the search for patrol officers.

"We've just had a tremendously difficult time getting people hired," Santomauro told the board during a recent workshop discussion on department goals and objectives for 1990.

The current promotion plan is one based on finding leadership qualities, said the chief, and ways of "identifying leadership potential."

At the heart of the promotion plan is the assessment testing program, said Santomauro, which measures leadership style in candidates. The first phase of the restructuring calls for the hiring of captains, while the second will involve promoting new lieutenants, he said. All of the candidates will be tested by the consultants through the assessment.

Wilson, who attended the testing in Pennsylvania recently, said it was the most "psychologically draining experience I've ever had."

Santomauro said that although the existing organization has allowed for the development of sergeants, the department has evolved to the point of where "responsibility for operations of the shift must be delegated" to one command officer.

Among the goals and objectives for the department outlined in Santomauro's recent report to the board are: completing the department's command restructuring; developing mandatory training programs for sworn and dispatch personnel; and developing a performance evaluation system for the department.

Canton's department is a blend of a semi-military structure, said Santomauro, and a "participative" progressive management style.

Census forms slight Canton

BY KEN VOYLES

A number of Canton residents last week received U.S. Census forms incorrectly listing their community as Wayne, according to officials of the district census office in Livonia.

But Pat Cunningham, district office manager, said Canton residents need not worry -- their township will indeed be counted as a part of the census record this year.

"The bottom line is that our vendors printed Wayne on some of the Canton forms," said Cunningham. "But the zip code is correct.

"They will be credited to Canton," she added.

Cunningham said residents who have incorrectly labeled forms should double check their questionnaire to make sure the return address is to the Livonia census office.

She said residents should also check a series of numbers under the bar code on the form. If the number series is 2443, she said, the form will be returned to the Livonia office and be correctly recorded.

If the form is not addressed to be returned to the Livonia office, Cunningham said residents should call the U.S. Census Hotline, 1-800-999-1900.

"We've received a few calls on this," she said. "Less than dozen, though, for both Canton and Redford."

Cunningham said a similar problem has affected forms sent to Redford Township residents.

"I'd be concerned too if I didn't know all of the procedures involved," she said.

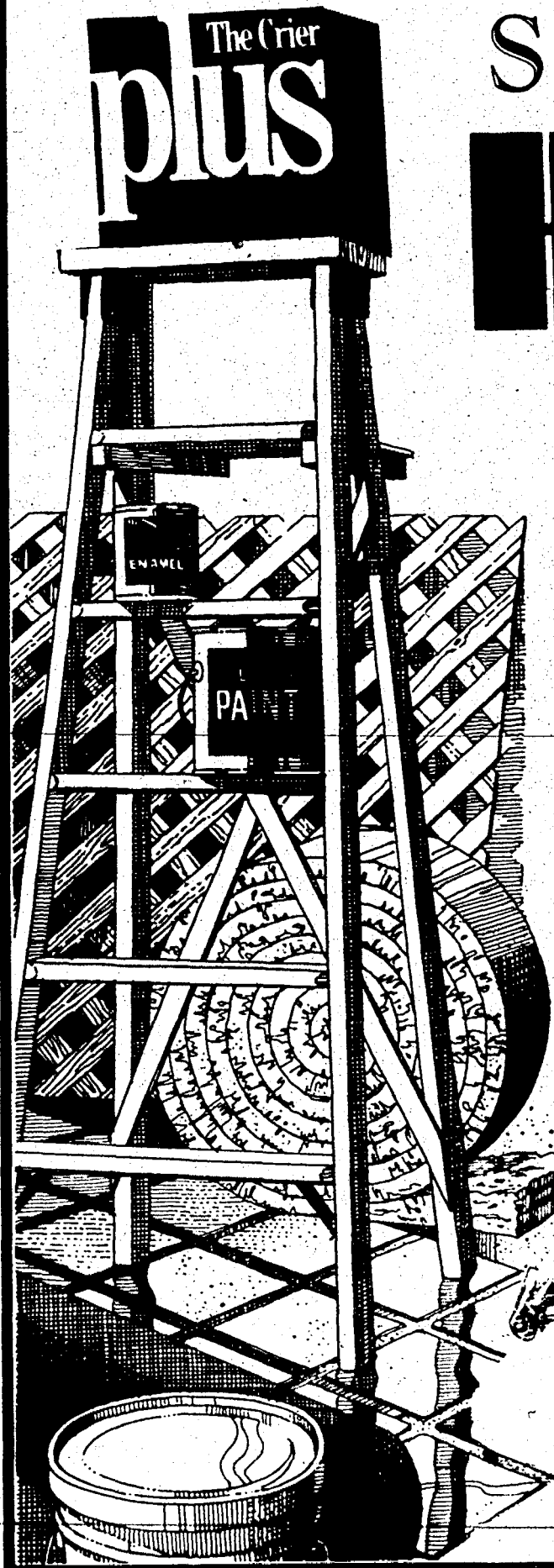
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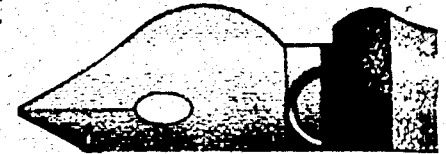
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2:00 PM, April 10, 1990

At that time all bids will be opened and read aloud. They will be referred to Administration for review, and recommendations to the Board of Education. The Board will make a final award at a regular meeting in the near future.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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Jeanette A. Wines, Secretary
Board of Education

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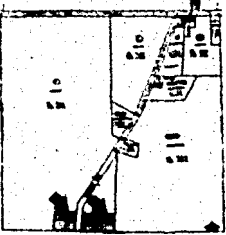
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THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH HOME IMPROVEMENT SECTION



Flooding: How to fight it in your home

BY KEN VOYLES

Spring means plenty of rain.

Plenty of rain can mean a major headache for residents and homeowners — just remember back a few weeks ago when homes in Canton were flooded after unseasonably (and early) heavy rain showers.

That's why it's important to know how to prevent a variety of problems associated with large amounts of rainfall.

Besides the threat of flooding of local creeks and drains, homeowners have to deal with backups in the sanitary and storm water sewer lines as well as the potential for seepage.

Local engineers in The Plymouth-Canton Community offer some basic information on ways to stem if not reduce and eliminate some of the above problems.

Obviously, there isn't a lot a homeowner can do about a stream overflowing its banks and filling up the back or front yards, said the engineers.

But there are ways of combatting the other problems.

Michael Bailey, an engineer with Dietrich/Bailey Associates in the City of Plymouth, said that most of the township, at least, is "not sensitive" to that kind of flooding concern. Homes generally, he said, are not constructed in a 100-year flood plain.

"There's more of a problem from hard rains and seepage," said

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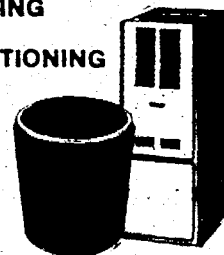


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How to lick a wet basement

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Bailey. "They can be really difficult to lick."

Bailey said "wet basements" are generally caused by cracks in the walls or foundations, which in turn leads to seepage. He said footing drains which wrap around a home and collect rain water for transport through a sump pump must be properly maintained also.

Bailey said improving the landscape around a home can help, especially by improving the grading to route the water away from the edge of a home.

As for the actual footing drains Bailey said not a lot can be done to those by a homeowner unless the homeowner is prepared to dig up the drains. He called that "quite an exercise."

Bailey said extending downspouts anywhere from three to five feet away from a home is a fairly simple way of attacking seepage problems in a basement. He said the downspouts need to release the water as far away from the home as possible.

"You really want to avoid puddling next to the house," he said. "If you have a wet basement with seepage improve the drainage to keep the surface water away from the house."

Homeowners can use dirt fill and even lawn sod to combat any problems around the footing drains.

Bailey said it is also very important to make sure a home's sump

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When you find a leak along the basement wall, chip away all loose material, dampen the area, then trowel in a cove of cement mix. A good material is the pre-mixed mortar that sets even in very thin layers.

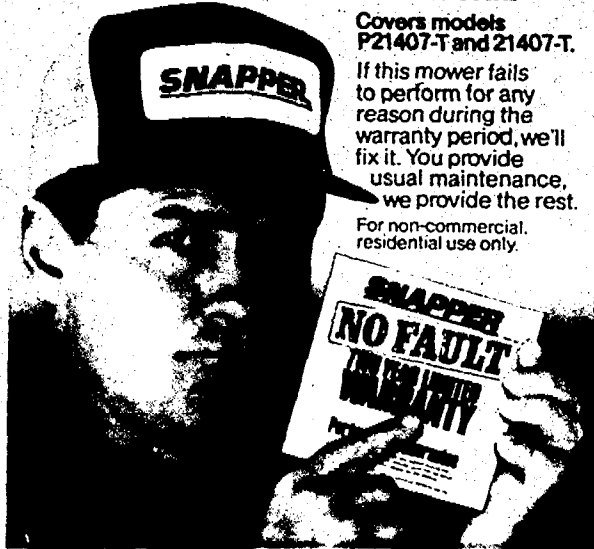
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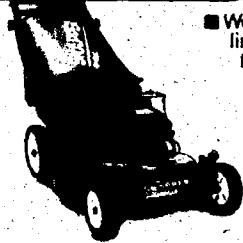
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Flood problems often site specific

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pump system is operating effectively.

A long term solution, and one that is out of the hands of homeowners, is the separation of sanitary and storm water sewers so that during a heavy rain the system is not overloaded creating backups and the discharge of sanitary water into a basement, said Bailey.

Bailey said Plymouth Township has five areas where the water lines are combined. He said work will begin in the next two months to separate the lines.

"It's important to realize that homes may have similar problems but each one is different. They have to be handled on a case by case basis. The problems are generally 'site specific,'" he said.

Tom Casari, Canton's engineer, said in the case of "extreme events," or major rainfalls, the best thing a homeowner who has experienced problems can do is to "keep valuable items on blocks or crates and off the floor."

Casari agreed with Bailey that roof gutters and downspouts must be effective in keeping the water at least three to five feet away from a home when draining. He also said that dirt fill around a house is necessary to help slope the grade away from the basement and foundation walls.

"Use an extension on the downspout or a splash block to keep water away from the footing drain," said Casari. "You've got to force the water away from the footing drain."

Casari said unclogging the "trap" on the footing drain can reduce seepage also. He said the drain is probably the most important feature since it collects the surface water and takes it to a sump pump.

Casari said cracks in basement walls are usually related to "certain stresses" put on those walls by weather -- freezing/thawing actions, for example, or water pressures.

He also said that most homes sited in a flood plain area cannot be constructed with a basement.

The first step in stopping leaks in foundations walls is to relieve the water pressure against the outside of the walls.

Make sure the ground slopes away on all side of the house for a distance of five-six feet. This will serve as an apron which shunts surface water away from the home.

If a home is on a hillside, separate the apron from the uphill slope by a ditch or drain which leads water coming off the hill around the sides of the house.

If a house has gutters, water from the leaders should be carried away from the house as far as possible by underground drains or troughs. The most effective drain is a shallow trough made of concrete or blacktop.

When a leak is located along the basement wall, chip away all of the loose material dampen the area, then trowel in a cove of cement mix. A good material is the pre-mixed mortar that sets even in very thin layers.

Trouble can also occur at joints around doors and windows and where two dissimilar materials come together. The first step in every case is to make sure that water falling from the roof does not run down the walls due to faulty gutters and leaders or because the roof lacks a drip edge.

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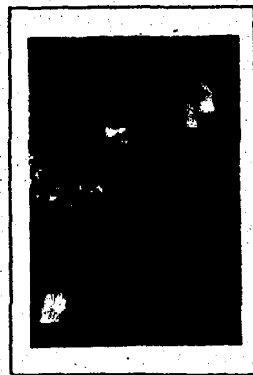
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Although current conditions create no immediate cause for alarm, the degree of spring flooding in Michigan depends on the amount of rainfall, according to officials at the National Weather Service (NWS).

Terry Buckles, president of the Michigan Association of Insurance Companies (MAIC), said, "There aren't too many areas in Michigan free of flood danger. It is wise to be prepared just in case Mother Nature doesn't cooperate."

Many homeowners are unaware that regular homeowners insurance policies do not pay for flood damage. Coverage is available usually through a federal program, but Buckles said only about 14,000 such flood policies are in force in Michigan.

Currently, there are about 600 communities eligible under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To purchase insurance under the program, residents must live in one of those areas.

The three communities that make up The Plymouth-Canton Community — City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton — are all eligible under the NFIP program, said Buckles.

Buckles added that currently only 29 homeowners in Canton are in the program. There are 16 more such policies in the city and seven in Plymouth Township, he said.

When a community is eligible for the insurance, it is placed in an emergency program, under which, federal agency personnel study a community's "flood-prone" status and develop recommendations

and safeguards.

A home can be insured up to \$35,000 and contents up to \$10,000 under this plan.

After the initial studies, a community can qualify for the regular program by meeting "comprehensive standards." Under this plan, dwellings can be insured up to \$185,000 and their contents up to \$60,000.

Under NFIP, a flood is a "general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters or from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source."

Direct physical losses by the flood are covered as well as losses due to erosion, flash flood, abnormal tidal surge, and mudslides (mudflows).

Losses from water seepage, sewer backup or hydrostatic pressure are covered only when they occur in conjunction with a general condition of flooding in which the insured property has been, at the same time, damaged by flood, said Buckles.

MAIC is a non-profit, public affairs organization headquartered in Lansing.

MAIC suggests other precautions in anticipation of flooding:

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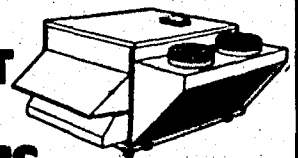
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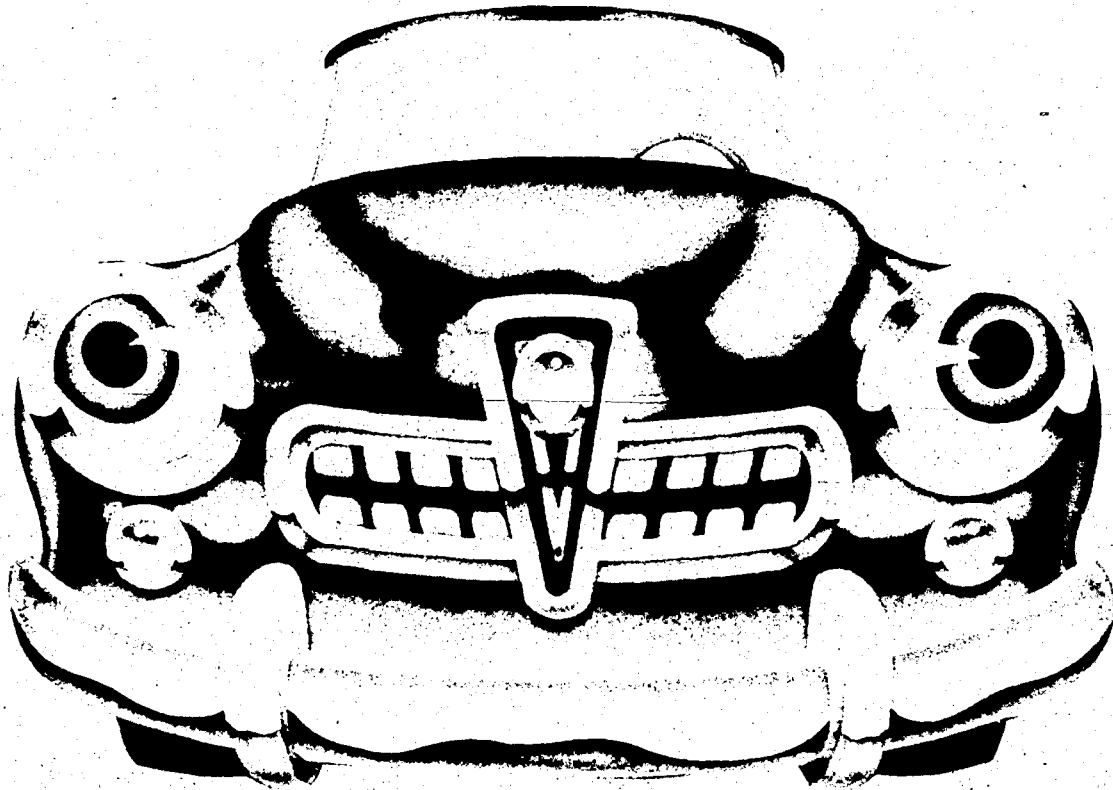


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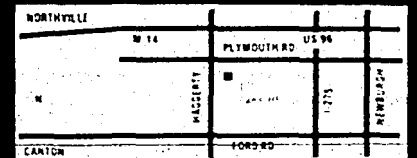
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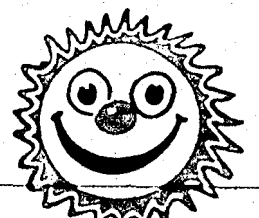
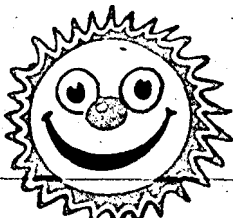
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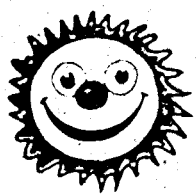
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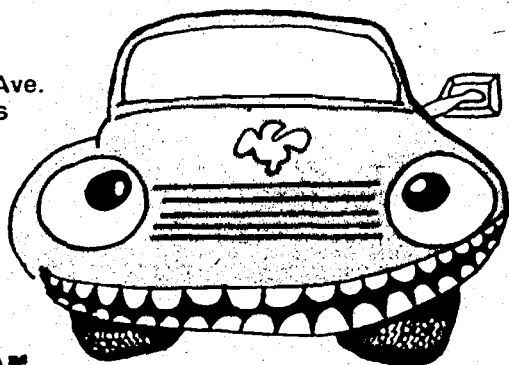
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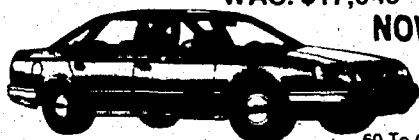
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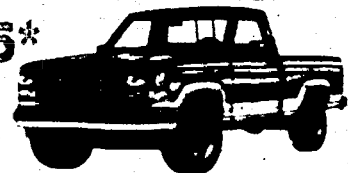
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BY BOB WHEATON

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Volaric cited salespeople who are concerned with customer satisfaction, *Formula One* technology in the production of the highly-popular Acuras, and ultra-modern showroom facilities as reasons for strong sales at the dealership located at 34900 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills.

"To us, the customer is number one," Volaric said. "We consider the customer to be the boss."

Volaric said salespeople are trained to find a car that will fit a customer's needs.

"The most fun part in sales is taking a customer that walks in the door and finding a product that's going to make them happy," Volaric said.

But the obligation for customer satisfaction doesn't end with the sale. The dealership also emphasizes service, Volaric said.

Sunshine Acura-Suzuki offers 100 per cent money-back guarantee on service. The dealership also features a Suncare Number One Club that offers customers coupons for savings on service and discounts on rental cars, and other service specials such as professional detailing of Acuras and Suzukis.

The professional detailing specials that has been running this spring costs \$69.95 and includes exterior washing and waxing, interior shampoo, window cleaning, reconditioning of door jams and seals, tire and side trim dressing, interior vacuuming, leather interior refurbishing and a tape player tune-up. A free oil and filter change is included in this special through the end of April.

Volaric said the professional detailing

special is popular with customers. "They love this," she said.

The Acura, manufactured by Honda in Japan, has become one of the most popular imported cars. The car comes in two lines - the smaller Acura Integra and the luxury Acura Legend. The price ranges from \$12,000 to \$31,000, Volaric said.

She said the Acura comes with "all the little necessities," so the customer doesn't have to pay for extras.

For the past three years in a row, the Acura Integra has placed first among all cars in the J.D. Powers and Associates "Customer Satisfaction Index" survey of products quality and dealer service.

Use of technology obtained from Honda teams on the Formula One racing circuit, the quality of fit and finish and painting, and good service are reasons for the success in the Powers survey, Volaric said.

"The best thing about selling the Honda Acura is seeing your customers two and three years later and they're happy and want to do business with you again," Volaric said.

"People say once they've owned one, they won't own anything else," she said.

Volaric, a long-time resident of Plymouth, has worked at Sunshine Acura-Suzuki for just over a year. She previously worked at Sunshine Honda on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The sales department at Sunshine Acura-Suzuki is open on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

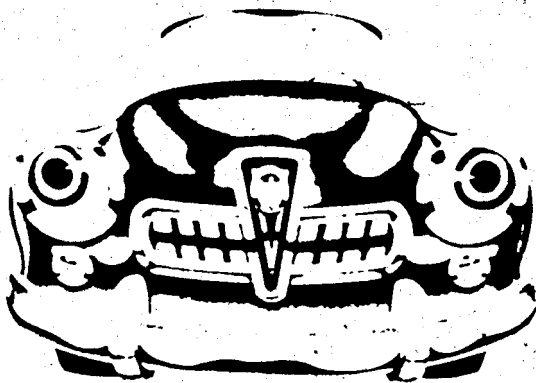
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The art of gardening

BY PHILIP TARDANI

When nature comes alive again this spring, it'll be the perfect time for residents to get into the act raising their own flowers.

Gardening can be an inexpensive and highly rewarding past time, according to local greenhouse owners and avid cultivators.

"It's nice to have a little plot of land and watch the plants grow," said Dennis Sparr, owner of Sparr's Greenhouse in Canton. "For \$10-\$20 you can have quite a bit."

And it won't be long before gardeners can get to work on their hobby.

"You can start planting as soon as the danger of frost has passed," said Alice Humphrey who works at Graye's Greenhouse, also in Canton. "Traditionally, the time is about Memorial Day."

First, however, you'll have to make some decisions. There are two basic types of flowering plants -- annuals, which flower once then die; and perennials, which come up year after year, Humphrey said.

Eli Mettetal, of Mettetal Greenhouse, in Canton, said each type has its advantages.

"If you don't want to have to replant every year, you go to perennials," he said. "If people want a little variety, they go with annuals."

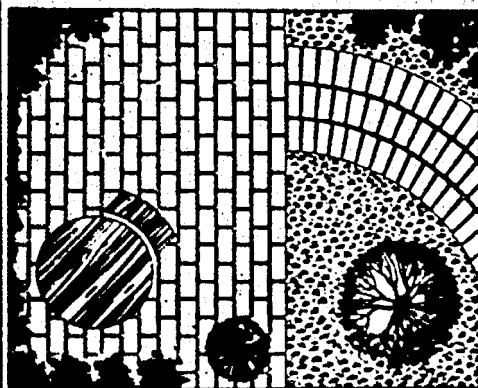
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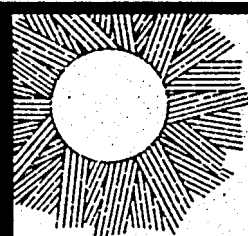
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RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Schoolcraft College April 2 from 1-7 p.m. in the community room at the college's Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff, Garden City. Call 462-4400, ext. 6022 for an appointment.

SENIORS POTLUCK

All senior citizens are invited to the monthly potluck luncheon at noon April 2 in the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road. Bring a dish to pass and table service. A slide lecture by Jean Curtiss.

CLASS OF 1955 REUNION

The Plymouth High School Class of 1955 reunion is being planned for July 6 at the Mayflower Meeting House in the City of Plymouth. Call Peggy Wingard at 459-6594 or Charles VanVleck at 453-7377 for further information.

SALEM, CANTON CLASS 1985 REUNIONS

The Salem and Canton high school classes of 1985 will celebrate their five-year reunion Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For further information call Sue Moyer at 459-1389.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet April 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth beginning at 12:30 p.m. Program on antique purses. Call 453-5034.

CITY ELM TREE SPRAYING

Beginning the week of April 9 the City of Plymouth DPW will start spraying all of the city's Elm trees. Homeowners are asked to keep their vehicles off the streets for at least a two-week period. Spraying will start at 4 a.m. each week day and go until 9 a.m. For questions call 453-1234.

AUXILIARY MOUNTED UNIT

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is seeking volunteers to join the Auxiliary Mounted Unit. The reserves will participate in parades and other special events. To qualify, applicants must be over 18 years of age, own a horse and trailer, pass background investigations and attend orientation. Applications now being accepted. Call Aaron Vincent at 224-2234 for further details.

NEWCOMERS MEMBER COFFEE

The Plymouth Newcomers Club is planning a membership coffee for prospective member at 7:30 p.m., April 26. For those who have lived in City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township for less than two years. For more information call 459-5593.

PREPARED CHILDBIRTH SERIES

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association offers a prepared childbirth series starting April 3 at the St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. A cesarean film strip will be shown April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Newburgh Methodist Church, Livonia. For more information call 459-7477.

PLYMOUTH CITIZENS FOR RECYCLING

A group of Plymouth residents are forming a new group, Plymouth Citizens for Recycling, to promote recycling. For more information call Anne Donn at 459-3931.

SOFTBALL OPENINGS

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in its mens and womens softball leagues. Interested teams should call 397-5110 for registration and entry fee information.

WSDP ON-AIR AUCTION

Plans are underway for the "Auction II" WSDP on-air fundraising auction. The auction returns on May 19-20. WSDP is the student radio station at Centennial Educational Park (CEP). Residents interested in helping should call 451-6266.

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPARD

"One Flock, One Shepard," is the theme for the Christ the Good Shepard's 10th anniversary April 22 starting at 10:30 a.m. The service will be followed by a catered dinner at the church (located on Cherry Hill in Canton). For ticket information call the church office at 981-0286.

ANTIQUe APPRAISAL CLINIC

The Plymouth Historical Museum is sponsoring an antiques appraisal clinic with Ernest Dumouchelle April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a limit of four hand held items and the cost of the appraisal is \$4 per item. Call the museum at 455-8940 to set up an appointment. No walk-ins. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes.

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PROJECT HEALTH-O-RAMA

The Starkweather Community Education Center in the City of Plymouth's Old Village has been named the local site for Project Health-O-Rama, 1990. The center, located on Holbrook Street, will offer free health screening April 10 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free tests include: blood pressure, vision, pulmonary, glaucoma, height and weight measurements. Small charges for others - ex., colorectal cancer. Call the project hotline, 544-3595, for further information.

LWV MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The League of Women Voters (Northville-Plymouth-Canton) will host a membership drive meeting tonight (March 28) from 7-9 p.m. in the Canton Public Library.

PCJBA LATE REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association will hold late registration April 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Canton High School. A late fee of \$10 per family will be required in addition to regular fee of \$30-\$40 per player. PCJBA is still looking for directors for softball and umpires. Call 420-0223.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt for Canton children ages 10 and under on April 14 at 10 a.m. in Griffin Park (Canton Center Road side). Children will be divided into age groups and search the park for prizes and goodies. Parents asked to car-pool since parking is limited. Call 397-5110 for further details.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL SIGN-UP

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Junior League Football sign-up will be held April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Canton High cafeteria. Cost is \$50 per player, \$40 per cheerleader and \$135 family maximum. For more information call Sue Herman at 455-7299. Bring birth certificate. Cheerleading positions are limited.

CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB

Former acting city manager in the City of Plymouth, William Graham, will speak at the next Canton Economic Club meeting April 3 at Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road. Lunch served at 12:10 p.m., with speaker at 12:40 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call 459-7886 for a reservation.

MOVIE PRODUCERS TO SPEAK

Pam Conn and Sue Marx, Oscar winning film producers, will speak at the Canton Public Library April 24 at 7 p.m. as a part of the National Library Week celebration in the township. The free program is open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. Refreshments will be served. Call 397-0999 for further information.

EARTHDAY EVENT

An Earthday activity is planned through the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve Association. It will be held April 21 starting at 9 a.m. at the Newburgh Road entrance to the nature park. Spring clean up. Bring gloves and a trash bag. For more information call 476-5127.

SPRING FLORA TOUR

A wildflower spring tour is being planned at the William P. Holliday Nature Preserve. It will be held April 29 at 1 p.m. at the Koppernick Road entrance in Canton. For more information call 476-5127.

TOASTMASTERS MEETING

Holy Smoke Masters dinner meeting is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 7725 N. Wayne Rd. For information and reservations call 455-1635.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGE

The Canton Police Department is warning businesses and residents of the township that callers asking for monetary donations are not being made by the police department. For questions about such phone solicitations call Pat Nemecek at 397-5344.

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

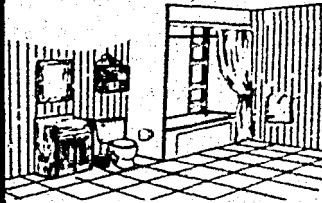
The Three Cities Art Club will be hosting its monthly membership meeting April 2 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Hall on Ann Arbor Road. Caroline Dumphry will be demonstrating that night in watercolors. A \$2 donation will be asked at the door. For further information call Kay Fill at 455-5805.

SCHOOLCRAFT REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College spring mail-in registration begins April 2 and continues through April 13. Classes begin May 7. For further information or a copy of the spring course listing call 462-4426.

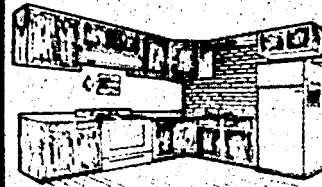
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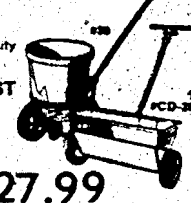
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After you've decided on a plant, it's important to know what it needs to stay healthy. Some plants, such as begonias and impatiens, thrive in shady areas, others need lots of sun or water.

"You need to get what the plant needs, and that's highly in-

dividual," said Humphrey. "They all like their own thing."

Once you have your plant in the ground and are familiar with its needs, raising it can be cheap and easy, said Jared Sparr, of Sparr's.

"With most of these plants, it's the kind of thing where you can let them go and they'll take right off," he says, adding you can get 48 shoots for about \$8, or spend about 60 cents a plant.

Quality soil is important once the plants are in the ground, Humphrey said.

"If you have good soil it helps tremendously," she said. "It's much more rewarding to work in."

Good soil is imperative, Jared Sparr agreed, but he also said that provided a garden is weeded once a week, fertilizers are not required.

"Outside fertilizer isn't that important," he said. "Some people think it's real important, but most in general don't use it."

Humphrey said the biggest mistake people make in gardening is in not seeing that they their plants get enough sunlight.

"Most people do not provide their plants with enough sun," she said. "Sunlight produces nice stocky plants with a lot of flowers."

Jared Sparr felt that the most common mistake is putting annuals in the ground too early. His father Dennis, however, said he thought a much more ironic mistake was quite common.

"Most people are too good to their plants," he said. "They drown them or over-fertilize them."

But word of warning here: gardening can be addictive.

"I'm out in my garden evy working day until I get it going," said Nancy Kummer, a floral designer at Sparr's and avid gardener.

Kummer said she is a member of two gardening clubs and grows so many different plants she cannot name them all.

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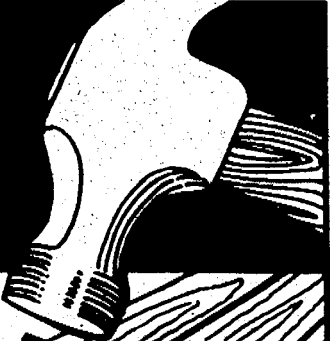
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Many indoor plants have the added advantage of being easy to keep alive, according to Kelly Schacht of Ribar Floral in Plymouth.

"We carry mostly easy to grow plants," she said.

A popular flowering plant at this time of year is the Easter lily, she said. Other indoor flowering plants include azaleas, chrysanthemums and african violets.

Ivys, ferns and philodendrons are among the green plants available.

"Just as long as you keep them watered and give them a little light, they should be all right," Schacht said.

In case you're having trouble keeping an indoor plant alive, most gardening centers sell products that could help.

Soil amendments help to aerate plant roots, hold moisture in and give good drainage, according to Bill Saxton, of Saxtons Garden Center in the City of Plymouth.

Saxton's also sells potting soil that is lighter than regular dirt and drains better, he said.

Handy stick fertilizer are also popular, Saxton said.

If the plant needs special lighting conditions, two types of lights, are common: bulbs that give off a wide spectrum which simulates daylight, and low intensity bulbs for plants such as philodendrons that require more shade.

Gardening

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Kummer said she enjoys gardening "for the rewards, the flowers. "I find it relaxing," she said. "I love anything that has to do with flowers."

The rewards from growing your own plants are more than watching your flowers come to bloom, Humphrey said.

"You hear all over the place how therapeutic gardening is," she said.



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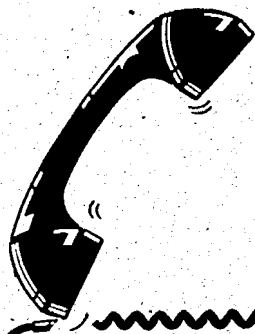
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School budget calls for reopening Central pool

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whether or not the district can ask for a bond.

According to the budget, the district's revenues are up 8.1 per cent, while expenditures have increased by 10.2 per cent. Total district revenues are projected at \$69.2 million, while expenditures are projected to reach \$67.8 million. That leaves about \$1.3 million which could be added to the fund balance, said Hoedel, to bring it up to about \$4.4 million.

The district's operating millage would be 35.16 under the proposed budget.

The proposed budget calls for restoring operational funds for the athletic department at Centennial Educational Park (CEP) to the 1986-87 funding level. The budget would increase by \$91,000, including a restoration of \$55,000. It also calls for another \$9,500 to be restored to the middle school athletic program.

The transportation department budget would increase by \$363,000 under the proposed budget, including a restoration of \$250,000 for bus replacement.

Dale Goby, district transportation director, said moving all district ninth graders to CEP in 1990-91 "offers the opportunity to make some major improvements in the transportation system."

He said elementary school transport will also improve with the changes at the middle and high school level, especially if the district changes transportation eligibility for all elementary students to one mile or more. (Currently it is one mile or more for K-2 and one and a half miles or more for grades 3-5.)

Goby said the district transports about 9,500 students at a cost of \$192 per pupil. The total transportation budget is approximately \$2.6 million.

The budget also calls for adding about \$74,600 for the purchase of instructional computers for the elementary and middle schools. Another \$280,000 would be restored to the textbook purchase fund if the proposed budget is approved.

The district's capital outlay budget will be about \$276,000 under the proposed budget, of which \$251,000 would be newly restored funds.

Under the proposed budget the Central pool would be reopened for the 1990-91 school year. The restoration cost would be \$47,7000, said Hoedel.

The largest proposed budget request would be \$29.9 million for certified staffing. Another \$4.1 million is being requested to fund special education programs.

The budget also calls for a \$370,000 restoration of the district's major maintenance program, an increase of \$245,000. Among the projects planned are the Starkweather Center boiler replacement, asbestos removal and cafeteria table replacement.

The budget also calls for restoring \$14,000 for the district's print shop; \$18,200 for the CEP security fund; and \$5,000 for WSDP, the student-run

radio station.

Staff development funds would increase by \$270,000 to \$320,000 under the proposed budget request; and \$52,500 is being requested to restore the district's research, testing, and planning program eliminated two years ago.

New funding requests in the 1990-91 budget package include \$50,000 for CEP athletics; \$150,000 for an elementary counseling program; \$104,000 to update elementary school libraries; and \$300,000 for a middle school student assistance program. The requests total about \$604,000.

Seniors benefit thru City block grants

BY PHILIP TARDANI

City of Plymouth senior citizens will benefit most from 1990-91 block grant funds, according to the funding approved by the city commission March 19.

The senior citizens dial-a-ride program will get about \$35,000 of the \$56,000 available, according to assistant city manager Paul Sincok.

"Dial-a-ride is a very active program and a needed service," he said. "For a lot of senior citizens this is their only transportation."

Sincok said the program is used by seniors who are picked up at their home and taken to places such as the bank or grocery store.

In 1989, he said, dial-a-ride gave 5,623 rides to senior citizens in Plymouth and Plymouth Township and logged over 20,000 miles in the area.

Residents from Plymouth's Old Village had appeared before the city commission earlier in the month to protest that they deserved more than the \$8,515 preliminarily allocated to them.

The residents wanted more funds for physical improvements such as park benches and new planters for the area, according to Mark Oppat, president of the Old Village Association.

The group was unable to convince the block grant selection committee, however, and will get \$8,515. Oppat said his group will fight for more of the 1991-92 block grant funds for the improvements.

"Obviously the senior citizens need money, but at the same time Old Village deserves funds," Oppat said. "They're getting the lion's share and have been for a number of years."

Other recipients of funds will be the council on aging projects (\$6,000), Plymouth family service and adult day care (\$3,000), the senior chore service program (\$2,000), and growth works youth assistance program (\$1,000).

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Places to be

'The passion' presented by Oratorio Society

The Plymouth Oratorio Society (POS) will perform "The Passions According to Saint John," by Johann Sebastian Bach at 7:30 p.m., April 1 in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

There is no admission charge for the April Fool's Day concert, but a free will offering will be collected.

This is the fourth season for the Oratorio Society, a group formed to perform major choral works each spring. There are about 80 singers from 14 communities and 26 churches involved in the ecumenical chorus.

The artistic director of the POS is Robert Pratt, currently conductor of the Chancel Choir at the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor. Pratt is the former chairperson of the music

department at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Soloists for the "Passion" include soprano Carolyn Pratt, tenor Robert Cassidy, baritone Philip Pierson and baritone Morand Zimmer. Other roles will be sung by Ben Kerner, Clark Lefurgy and Melissa Lenzner.

Accompanying the POS will be the Michigan Sinfonietta and organist Joy Schroeder.

The concert is presented with the support of the Detroit Council for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts. The church is located on North Territorial Road west of Sheldon Road.

The "Passion" is a dramatic musical, setting the story told in the Gospel. Bach first performed it in 1724 in Leipzig, Germany.

Guild offers 'mornings'

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents "Mornings At Seven," a portrait of four sisters in "small town America," on March 30-31 and April 5-7.

The shows will be held at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital (along Seven Mile Road). Shows are at 8 p.m. on all of the above dates.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students on Friday and Saturday. Tickets for the Thursday, April 5 show are \$5 adults and \$4 seniors and students.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Group rates are available.

For further information call 420-2161.

The play, by Paul Osborn, has been described as "wickedly funny."

All-school play at Central

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade student at Central Middle School will present an all-school play, "Off the Track," April 5-6.

The three-act comedy will be presented in the Central cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 students. Tickets are available in the school office or at the door on the night of the performances.

Stage setting, props and crew members are provided by the special education classes at Central under the direction of Jim Johnson, Mary Kalasz-Ennis and Kathleen Meyers.

For further information call 451-6580.

Graham to speak in Canton

Former acting city manager in the City of Plymouth, William Graham, will be featured speaker during the next Canton Economic Club gathering.

Graham will discuss development in western Wayne County during the April 3 meeting. The talk will be held at the Geneva Presbyterian Church on Sheldon Road in Canton.

Lunch will be served at 12:10 p.m. with the speaker to follow at 12:40 p.m.

To reserve a spot either mail a check for \$10 to 44920 Ford Rd., Canton, 48187 (made payable to the Canton Foundation), or call 459-7886.

The Canton Economic Club will also feature Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara May 1 and Robert DeMattia, well-known developer and builder, June 5.



Janice Jones is Canton's newest author. She will present her new book during a book signing Sunday. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

At local bookstore Canton author to sign books

Janice Jones, Canton's newest publisher author, will be on hand at the Metro News Center signing copies of her recently published young adult novel, "Secrets of a Summer Spy."

The book signing will be held Sunday (April 1) at the Canton bookstore from 4-6 p.m.

Metro News Center is the only local bookstore currently stocking the story of a young girl who meets an eccentric neighbor on an island during the lazy days of summer.

The story, while set in Michigan, is based on Jones' experiences as a youth growing up in Ohio.

LWV seeking members

The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Chapter of the League of Women Voters (LWV) is trying to increase membership rolls in Canton and Plymouth with a membership drive.

The drive is set for tonight (March 28) from 7-9 p.m. in the Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road.

State representatives James Kosteva and Lyn Banks from the Michigan House of Representatives, will speak on being "effective citizens through membership" in the LWV.

The newly formed Canton Foundation is partially underwriting and helping to plan local membership drives, said the LWV.

Kiwanis present Patterson

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will host L. Brooks Patterson at the group's Thursday noon meeting April 5.

Patterson, a well known public figure and former Oakland County prosecutor, will speak on "Lowering Michigan Property Taxes."

The public is invited to the talk, which will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes lunch.

For reservations call 455-8120. Seating is limited.

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Getting down to business



Robert and Jean Scoggins offer a touch of the Orient at their new shop in Plymouth. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

Alive in City shop The Oriental touch

BY PHILIP TARDANI

There's a little bit of the orient available at the Oriental Accent shop on Forest Avenue in the City of Plymouth.

The store is brimming with accessories from Korea, Japan, China and Taiwan, most of them hand-made.

"We look to try and get the unique items that people just aren't going to find," said Robert Scoggins, who co-owns the shop with his wife Jean. "We've tried to take unique items of good quality and put them together in one shop."

Toward that end, the Scoggins' have filled their store with oriental necklaces, furniture with mother-of-pearl inlays, silk robes, and jade carvings, among other things.

The Scoggins' purchase their items from importers in Chicago and New York, who in turn get them right from the orient, according to Robert, who is also an officer with the city's Police Department.

Jean Scoggins said that some of the more popular items available are hand-

carved jade or glass flowers, which come in a variety of colors.

"Most items are hand-carved, even the glass flowers," she said.

The store also features intricate cork carvings, wood burnings, satin dolls, porcelain vases and fur-covered panda bears.

Oriental Accent started out at the Universal Mall in Warren more than one year ago but moved to Plymouth just last November, Robert Scoggins said.

"We wanted to bring things closer to home," he said.

The Scoggins said they met and married 18 years ago while Robert was stationed in Korea with the U.S. Air Force. They have three children, one a senior at Salem High School and two in West Middle School.

The family is also active in the Main Street Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Commerce director to speak

Larry Meyer, new director of the Michigan Department of Commerce, will speak to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at noon tomorrow at Ernesto's Country Inn (formerly the Hillside Inn).

-- Tickets are \$15; reservations may be made by calling the Chamber at 453-1540.

Meyer will speak on the state's economy and economic development efforts.

City search down to 2 candidates

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St. Ignace, where he stayed for three years before moving on to Northville.

Among his accomplishments there, he noted a successful downtown development and construction of the Allen Terrace senior citizens housing project.

However, Walters said the city came to him with the job offer, and he has not said he will accept if asked.

"I did not apply," he said. "I was asked to consider it (the position)."

Jaeger, 59, now works for the Cereal City Development Corporation, a private non-profit organization promoting Battle Creek. He said he missed being in the city managerial field, however.

He said he likes what he has seen of the city.

"My wife and I visited Plymouth and it's the kind of community where we'd like to be," he said.

Plymouth's budget deficits do not worry him, Jaeger said, because he dealt with high unemployment and a reorganization of the city administration in Battle Creek in the 1970s.

Coming from the larger city of Battle Creek (pop. about 56,000), Jaeger said managing in Plymouth would be "more of a hands-on experience."

Jaeger cited his help in the merger of Battle Creek and Battle Creek Township as one of his main accomplishments while city manager there. Kellogg Corporation had

threatened to move out of Battle Creek if the two didn't merge.

Bila spoke highly of both men. "Every source we checked with said he (Jaeger) is very good," Bila said. "A lot of people were impressed by Steve Walters also."

Walters is not the only former assistant city manager in Plymouth to look at the open manager spot.

Mark Wollenweber applied initially for the position but withdrew when he was offered the city manager's job in St. Clair Shores. He had served as manager in Huntington Woods until "I ran out of things to do."

"I've already made my move, so it's too late for me," he said. "I feel bad that people have turned them (the city commission) down. It's a good community," Wollenweber said.

The former city manager of Lowell, MI, Ray Quada, was with the City of Plymouth as assistant from 1973-1976.

"I've always had a warm spot in my heart for Plymouth," he said.

Recently, Quada said, he discussed the open position with Commissioner Mary Childs (who was mayor when he was with the city). Bila said yesterday that he was unaware that Quada might have been interested.

But Quada has just taken a new position as chief executive officer of 23 Wendy's restaurants in western Michigan. "No I really don't want to consider it now," he said of the Plymouth job.

Bila said hopes to hold a public interview with the two candidates on April 16 and possibly have a new manager picked by April 23.

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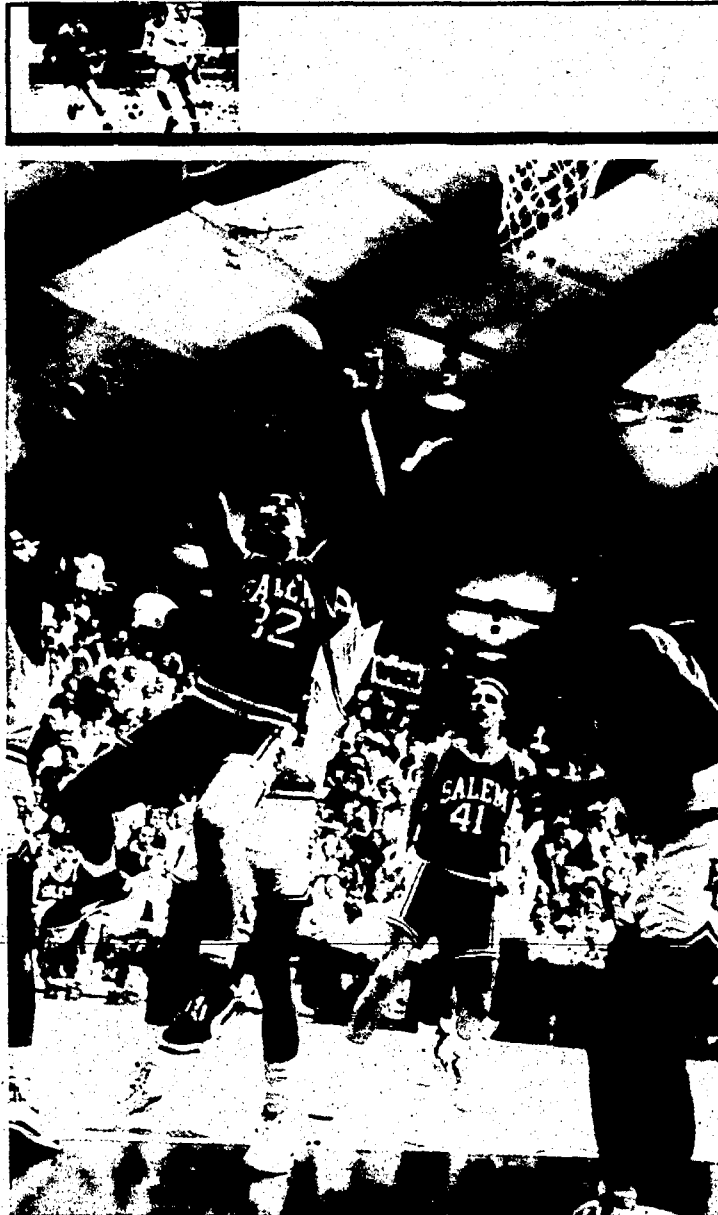
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Salem's Ryan Johnson drives toward the basket during last week's state hoop action. The Rocks ended a noteworthy season with a loss to Battle Creek Central. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaszik)

Best season ever

Salem seniors proud of campaign

BY RITA DERBIN

The 1989-90 season was special for Salem High's starting five basketball players. The Rocks enjoyed their best season in 15 years going 23-3, and finished as one of the top eight teams in the state.

"I'm not ashamed of anything -- I love these guys," said junior center K.C. Kirkpatrick, who averaged 10 points, eight rebounds and 53 per cent from the field. "We had the best time this year. No one fought, we all got along -- it was just a great year."

"K.C. was definitely an asset inside," said coach Bob Brodie. "He's improved from last season and will be back next year."

"We accomplished a lot more than we thought we could," said senior forward Ryan Johnson, a three-year varsity player. "We had great senior leadership from all the seniors, not just the starters. It was just a real team

effort all year."

Johnson also credited Brodie's attitude for the team's success. "I've been playing for Coach Brodie for three years and he's never put the team down or yelled at us. He's been a great coach."

"Ryan gave us a mental and physical toughness on the floor as well as being an asset inside," said Brodie of Johnson, who averaged 10 points, and eight rebounds and shot 56 per cent from the field.

Senior guard Jeff Gold, another three-year varsity player, said the critics were calling this a "rebuilding year," for Salem, but he was happy to prove them wrong. "We came together and became real close as a team," he said. "We played well and had lots of fun -- we proved everyone wrong."

"Jeff did a nice job leading the team as captain and floor leader," Brodie said. Gold averaged five points, three

Defeated in quarterfinals

Dream hoop year ends for Salem

BY RITA DERBIN

Salem High's boys basketball dream season ended last Wednesday when the Battle Creek Bearcats defeated the Rocks, 89-77, in the state Class A basketball quarterfinals.

Salem finished with its best season in 15 years, setting a new school record of 23 wins to go with three losses.

"Any time you play 26 games you've had a great season," said coach Bob Brodie. "I'm happy with the effort the kids put forward tonight. It was a fun year with lots of good times -- the kids did great."

"(Battle Creek Central) was the better basketball team tonight," he added. "The game was streaky -- there were streaks and letdowns by both teams, they just had more streaks than us."

The Rocks appeared to be on a roll when they led after the first period, 24-18, but couldn't hold off the Bearcats' press and were behind 42-34 at the half.

"We had so much success against their press early on," Brodie said. "But we couldn't slow down our game."

"We started having a little trouble in the zone -- the tempo was a little quick for us in the second and third periods," he added. "We were shooting the ball too quick and not getting the shots and they were getting the ball back and converting on their end."

The Rocks were taken out of their game plan when senior guard Jeff Gold

picked up three quick fouls and couldn't play his aggressive game.

"Our guards got into foul trouble and their guards had a height advantage," said junior forward Jake Baker. "But it was their penetration and second shots that hurt us the most."

"Battle Creek played well and we were a little off," added senior guard Tom Noonan. "If we were on our game I think we could have won or made it a one-point game -- we played good enough to win most games."

Baker, usually a good perimeter threat, was being covered up outside and the Rocks weren't getting the rebounds under the glass, limiting them to one shot a possession.

"In the first half they were getting two and three rebounds a shot and then getting the tip ins," Brodie said. "They won the offensive glass -- that's how you win games."

"We were a little off as a team and couldn't get it working tonight," said junior center K.C. Kirkpatrick. "They were quick and wouldn't let us penetrate. We were denied us a lot of inside chances."

Baker finished the night with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Noonan had 14 points including two three-point baskets, four assists and three steals in the game. Kirkpatrick had 13 points and eight rebounds in the game. Senior forward Ryan Johnson added 16 points and seven rebounds in the game. After missing most of the game due to foul trouble, Gold had three steals making his season total 99, a school record.

For the Bearcats, Marc White, playing a strong inside game, finished with 27 points and outside shooter David Freeman had 26 points.

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rebounds, four assists and four steals a game. He also holds the school record for steals with 202 career steals in-

PCJBA registration

One last chance.

That's all Plymouth-Canton residents have to sign-up their sons and daughters in the upcoming Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association (PCJBA) season.

The PCJBA will hold a later registration drive for the upcoming season April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria.

A late fee of \$10 per family will be required in addition to the regular registration fee of \$30-40 per player.

The league is also still looking for directors for softball, and umpires.

Call Rich Madsen, president of the PCJBA, at 420-0223 for further information.

Seniors lead Chief kickers

BY RITA DERBIN

Senior leadership from the state's top Class A soccer player, and a talented group of underclassmen will be main factors to how far the Canton girls kick team goes this season.

Senior forward Jenny Russell, voted the top soccer player in Michigan last season, will lead the Chiefs as they defend their Western Lakes Activities Association and district titles.

Canton Coach Don Smith thinks Russell will set a good example for the younger players and her determination will be a key motivator for the younger players.

"Jenny played with so much intensity she stood out last year," Smith said. "There may have been other players more skilled than her -- not that she isn't highly skilled -- but she was the most intense player. That was the difference.

"She's got a good attitude and is a hard worker," added Smith. "There's no doubt she's definitely setting a good example for the younger girls."

Helping Russell out are returning seniors defender Erin Morgan and midfielder Becky Shankie.

Returning juniors are forward Ayana Nash, midfielder Lynn Nichols, defender Laurie McNamara, midfielder Christina Riley and defender Denise Koontz. Sophomore midfielder Christina Stansell will also be back from last year's 14-3 team.

New juniors on the team are Jenny Huckaba, a midfielder; and goalkeeper Kim Babut.

New sophomores are defenders Amy Frigerio and Danielle Meyka; and

midfielders Amy Tortora and Jenny Davis.

Making the team as freshmen are the tentative starter in goal, Jori Welchans; midfielder Leah Hutko, forward Colleen Connell and defender Kathy Bahr should also see playing time.

'90 Previews

"We'll be small this year," said Smith. "But we'll be quick and aggressive out there."

As in the past, Smith will give everyone playing time this season, using as many as 16 or 17 girls in a game.

"One strong point we'll have is that we play as a team, we don't have superstars," Smith said. "Jenny has the ability to score but she'll be marked all season. We'll have to depend on everyone to contribute, if that happens we should be successful."

Smith looks at Northville and Livonia Churchill to be strong contenders to unseat the Chiefs within the Western division and a familiar rival to challenge them for the conference title.

"We beat Salem for the conference and the district titles last year," Smith said. "I think they'll want some revenge this year."

The Chiefs begin their season at home on Saturday April 7 at 1 p.m. against Adrian.

Salem counts on experience

BY RITA DERBIN

The Rocks are ready to have yet another successful soccer season.

After seeing their season end prematurely last year when Canton beat the squad in the conference playoffs and then the first round of the districts, the Salem team will be using a combination of experience and youth as they try to improve on last season's 12-2-2 record.

'90 Previews

Returners include co-captain Michele Minton. The senior forward was an all-state player last season, scoring 16 goals. Joining Minton will be returning junior forwards Kim Goff and Erin Harvey (11 goals), and sophomore Mandy Drummond (nine goals).

Returning midfielders are senior co-captain Sara Hayes and juniors Jenny Oleksiak and throw in specialist Amy Krajewski (eight assists).

Returning defenders include seniors Jenny Marshall and Tracey Shough and sophomores Lisa Ferguson and Gwen Gibbish.

All state sophomore goalkeeper Jenny Emmett will also be returning. Emmett had 11 shutouts last season.

Newcomers include freshman forward Kris Goff, sophomore midfielders Julie Thomas and Erin Bagoczi, freshman midfielder Shelby Carey, junior defender Anne Thoms and junior backup goalkeeper Sara

Egloff.

"We have a young team," said Salem coach Ken Johnson, who lost All-American midfielder Jill Estey, all league defender Mellissa Uhl and defenders Maria Wordhouse and Teri King, to graduation. "But the team's got a good attitude, they're very coachable."

"The main thing is that we've got a lot skilled players returning," Johnson added. "We've got good passing and solid man-to-man defense going into the season."

Within the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Rocks will be competing against some of the toughest teams in the state, including five teams that placed in the top 10 last year.

In the Lakes division, Farmington, with three all state seniors returning this year, will be the team to beat. Farmington went to the state semi-finals last season and is a pre-season favorite to win this year. Livonia Stevenson will also be a strong team, according to Johnson. In the Western division, Northville, Churchill and Canton will all be in contention for the conference title, Johnson said.

The Rocks' will open at home Tuesday April 3 against Grand Blanc at 7 p.m.

A dual scrimmage with Salem and Canton taking turns playing Dearborn Edsel Ford and Royal Oak Kimball will be held Friday (March 30) at 4 p.m. at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) fields.



The agony of defeat. Salem's Jake Baker hangs his head after the Rocks lost in their bid to reach the Class A state finals. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Rocks hoop season ends

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cluding 99 this year, another record.

Senior guard Tom Noonan, who averaged eight points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals a game was pleased with his final year.

"It was a real good season, it meant a lot to all of us," he said. "We had a lot of wins and lot of fun...I knew we could win like this but you just don't think of it during the season."

"Tom was the most excitable player out there," said Brodie. "He also gave us a scoring threat from the perimeter."

Junior forward Jake Baker, who averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds in addition to having 33 blocked shots and shooting 53 per cent from the field and 71 per cent from the line, is already looking forward to next year.

"I've gained a lot of confidence in the team," Baker said. "Now we all know we can play with the best teams in the state...and with the experienced

underclassmen returning we'll be good next year."

"Jake is probably the best all around player on the team," said Brodie. "He's able to handle the ball and because of his work ethic he'll be even better next year."

Two other seniors, Bryan Schultz and Curt Wachlarz, didn't get the playing time, but Brodie emphasized their importance to the team.

"You win with senior leadership," Brodie said. "Bryan and Curt both contributed by playing hard in practice and being there in the games when they were called upon."

Looking back on the season one more time, Brodie was happy with what he saw.

"It was real fun, I can't think of anything negative about the season," Brodie said. "The most important thing about high school and high school athletics is learning about growing up and life.

"That's what my team did."

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3rd Round
Rockets 79, Sonics 77; Celtics 78, Spurs 67.

Consolation Game: Sonics 77, Spurs 76.
Final Game: Celtics 90, Rockets 89.

In N'ville Twp. accident Twp. woman dies

A 68-year-old Plymouth Township woman died last Wednesday following a head-on collision along Sheldon Road in Northville Township.

Shirley Tucker at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia from injuries sustained when the vehicle she was driving collided with one driven by a Ludington man, said the Northville Township Police Department.

Harry Smith, 55, of Ludington, was injured during the accident but was released from the hospital Friday, said police.

According to police, the accident occurred along Sheldon Road at the bottom of a hill just south of Six Mile Road at about 3:45 p.m. last Wednesday.

Sheldon Road was closed between Five and Six Mile roads for more than an hour while rescue workers converged on the scene.

Police officials said they are continuing their investigation into the accident.

Tucker was wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident, said police. Police have ruled out alcohol as having played any role in the accident.

Shields awaiting trial in LA

City of Plymouth resident Michael Lawrence Shields is in a Los Angeles jail awaiting trial after pleading not guilty to sending threatening letters to actress Stephanie Zimbalist.

Shields was arraigned on 20 counts of mailing threatening communications in a Los Angeles court before U.S. District Judge John G. Davies, according to FBI special agent Fred Reagan.

"He's in the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles and we expect it to go to trial in mid-May," said Reagan. "He's being held without bond."

Reagan said the charge against Shields is part of a federal extortion statute.

According to City of Plymouth Police Department records, Shields was arrested in 1978 after being accused of harassing a Schoolcraft Community College teacher, including sending her threatening letters.

Shields was charged with minor damage of property after allegedly throwing a brick through the teacher's window, according to the records. He pleaded guilty to prowling on May 24 and was ordered not to contact the complainant.

Police Lt. Robert Commire said at one time that the department had a "foot-high" stack of letters allegedly mailed to the teacher by Shields.

There is no record of complaints against Shields after 1978.

Zimbalist was a co-star in the recent television series "Remington Steele."

Canton to appoint cable committee

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to appoint a new and "permanent" five-member Canton Cable Advisory committee last night.

The group, said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, will "play a key role in dealing with problems and negotiating

contract renewal" with Omnicom Cablevision.

The candidates last night included Harold Winters, William Simmerer, Daniel Baldrice and Jim Kronberg.

The new committee will replace one chaired by Frank McMurray.



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Community Deaths

Behrendt, Walker student

Crystal Lynn Behrendt, 8, of Canton, died March 19 in Canton. Funeral services were held March 26 at the Lake Orion Chapel, Sparks Griffin Funeral Home in Lake Orion with the Rev. Thomas E. Dunn officiating. Burial was at East Lawn Cemetery.

Crystal was a student at the Walker Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland School District.

Survivors include: mother Tamara Wrathell, of Canton; father Dennis Behrendt, of Garden City; sister Destiny Anne, of Canton; grandparents Jerry and Elaine Schefko, of Lake Orion, Don and Deanne Wrathell, of Holly, and Richard Behrendt, of Rochester; and great grandparents Leo and Edna Schefke, of Rogers City, Mary Wrathell, of Ferndale, and Frank and Opal Crim, of Barryton.

Tucker, homemaker

Shirley A. Tucker, 68, of Plymouth, died March 21 in Livonia. Funeral services were held March 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Timothy Hogan officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Tucker, a homemaker, came to Plymouth in 1972 and was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church as well as an active member of the Vivians Club of the BPOE No. 1780 in Plymouth.

Survivors include: daughter Sharon Bolduc, of Livonia; son Michael, of Northville; sisters Emma Dayhoff, of Dearborn Heights, Cora Murty, of Frontenac KA, and Margaret O'Connor of Dearborn Heights; and brothers Clarence Meisnitzer, of Dearborn Heights, and Eugene Meisnitzer, of Utica.

Memorial contributions may be made in the form of mass offerings.

Jones, church member

Helen E. Jones, 79, of Plymouth, died March 13 in Ypsilanti. Funeral services were held March 17 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Pastor Dr. William Stahl officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Jones came to the community in 1942 from Detroit and was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Survivors include: sons Robert Kropf, of Bell Canyon, GA, and Frederick Jones, of Livonia; and sisters Margaret Fashing and Theresa Kropf.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Chomin, army nurse

Wilma J. Chomin, 78, of Canton, died March 12 in Canton. Funeral services were held March 15 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Chomin was a homemaker who came to Canton in 1980 from Romeo. She served with U.S. Army as a nurse during World War II and was a member of the VFW Post No. 4553. She was also active with the Michigan Humane Society.

Survivors include: daughters Linda A. Chomin and Gwen M. Chomin, both of Canton; son Gary S. (Randy) Chomin, of Northville; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given in the form of mass offerings or donations to the Michigan Humane Society.

Jordan, of Plymouth

Mary Mae Jordan, 62, of Plymouth, died March 4. Funeral services were held March 7 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor John A. Shinn officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Jordan was retired from Burroughs Corporation after 37 years of service. She lived in the Plymouth community all of her life and attended the Calvary Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Survivors include: husband LeRoy, of Plymouth; daughter Dianne Jordan, of Detroit; sons LeRoy J., of Whitmore Lake, Danny, of Canton, and Cary and Fred, of Westland; sister Kathryn Groff, of Plymouth; brother Kenneth Sockow, of Plymouth; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Ann Arbor Hospice.

Leszczynski, homemaker

Genevieve B. Leszczynski, 79, of Canton, died March 9. Funeral services were held March 12 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Chaplain E. Wayne Byrum officiating. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery in Westland.

Mrs. Leszczynski was a homemaker.

She is survived by son Roger, of Ypsilanti; brother Kenneth E. Witt, of Canton; and sister Bernice Wriska, of Canton.

Canton is building sidewalks

Canton's Board of Trustees recently approved the installation of sidewalks near Canton High School and Gallimore Elementary School.

The planned sidewalk near Canton High will run along the east side of Canton Center Road from the southern tip of the school's property to Joy Road and east to Lincolnshire Apartments.

Vorva grievance nearing settlement?

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soon.

"I'm going to make a decision on this before the week is over," he said Tuesday. "I'm not going to let this thing go on and have the taxpayers suffer more than they have to."

Lowe said that even pending an agreement, it will take a week or more to draw up the required contracts and

The sidewalk at Gallimore will run in front of the school along Sheldon Road, and along a section of Sheldon just south of Joy Road.

Tom Casari, Canton's engineer, said the township's goal with the project is to begin work in early summer and have the sidewalks in place by the beginning of the 1990-91 school year this fall.

settle the matter finally.

"It would take at best a week or two to iron it out," he said.

Vorva filed a grievance against the city after he was suspended then fired as a police officer after making comments about alleged traffic ticket quotas in the police department.

The grievance process has been going on for a year and a half.

In Canton Egg hunt

It's nearly time for the annual Canton Parks and Recreation Department Easter Egg Hunt for township youths ages 10 and younger.

The hunt for red eggs (and other colors) is April 14 starting at 10 a.m. in the Griffin Park (along the Canton Center Road side).

Children will be divided into age groups and get a chance to search Griffin Park for goodies and special prizes.

Parents are being asked to car-pool since parking space at the park is limited.

For further information call the recreation department at 397-5110.

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Curiosities



Ha, Ha, Rick Hall is 40 today and I'm not... Love, Shila

Happy Birthday Peg Paul - she didn't age, but became younger last weekend in Chicago.

Paul Liney is 15. Move over Steven Spielberg, he's gaining on you!

Judy, thanks for our goody bags - The Chicago Kids

I CAN'T WAIT FOR BASEBALL SEASON!

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrongs that are done to me and You are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with You, my loved One, in your Perpetual Glory. Amen. Persons must pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After 3 days your wish will be granted, no matter how difficult it may be. Then, promise to publish this dialogue as soon as the favor has been granted. Thanks, St. Jude, for favors received.

THINK SPRING TOURS meet at Roman Forum Tues. 4/3, 7 p.m. Dinner, cruise info. - bring Toronto pictures and check book!

Mom, Spring is here, why don't you take a walk.

Peg Paul - some secrets can't be kept - HAPPY BIRTHDAY! - Sonja

I hear George got a nose job. Does he look any different?

AUTOMOTIVE PLUS SECTION coming April 18th - great vehicle (pardon the pun) for new and used car dealers, auto related services, insurance, car washes, & many others. Call 453-6900 now to reserve space.

Curiosities

The Wings may not make the playoffs but Probie is beck better than ever. He can still score and fight with the best of them! Chicago better look out next time they see number 24!

VINCE shares Cocoa Krispies with Sprint on the kitchen floor.

ROBBED BY THE CLOCK.

GOT A '90 GUIDE for each phone? They're going fast.

Rebecca - great to see you and the gang this weekend!

Maricell - sorry we didn't get to say hi to you this weekend!

Terry, it's always nice to see you - you flash scores so well!

Mary Jane, practice up on your jokes for April 3rd.

To all the moms of college students, get ready, summer break is almost here.

Judy & Peg P. - next time coordinate your days.

The "Purdue Crew" softball team wins by intimidation - not by forfeit! (Must have been because of the pitcher.) - The pitcher's mom

Peg Paul thought that if she left town no one would know she passed another anniversary of her birth. Oh, sissy girl - now everyone from here to Chicago knows! HAPPY BIRTHDAY PEG PAUL

Julie, can't wait to see you. Still waiting for the tickets.

Mom, sorry I forgot your curiosities last week. I hope you're still not looking through last week's paper for them!

Kim & Dale: you know the old saying, "When the cat's away the mice will play (house)." Have a good week.

Sue, don't even think about running away to join the circus! I don't care how good you would look up there on the flying trapeze!

Miki slipped into town during Spring Break and slipped quietly out again. (Miki - I've never known you to be so quiet!)

Dani - see, you made the curios this week, too!

Julie, please use your mitt - not your leg - to stop the softball.

Mike & Bev - thanks for Friday! The company, dinner and "entertainment" was great. Let's do it again - soon!

Can I get Carey's autograph on one of her curios? Someday she may be a star.

Leza's brother was punished last week. He had to spend the day with Lesh.

Curiosities

Scottie, the pest is our bridge to the future.

Kevin's new role model is Bart Simpson. (Scary thought!)

Donna Thomas - which restaurant will we meet at next?

Thanks to Aunt Hazel - The Crier/COMMA, staff is two pounds heavier. o

Donna & John: sorry I didn't see you. I was concentrating on my driving. (ha ha)

Congratulations Kevin Kelley! Making the dean's list & receiving an invitation to the honor's convocation made your family very proud. (At least they know your studying some of the time!)

The garden level ladies are known as the P.A. of Fleet Street.

I don't care if it is past the deadline - I have to say HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Peg Paul - Kathie

If it were for anyone else but Peg I wouldn't have put that one in - the meanie in charge of classifieds

PCEP Marching Band - selling bags - April 8-28. \$12 - a useful way to help the band.

Gene, thanks for taking me away from it all on Sunday!

Club will be at Sue's Tuesday night - of course if you're reading this we already had it! The winners will be announced next week.

SARAH AND ANNA - come back anytime! - Beauregard

FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM!

PHIL gets the best window in town.

What horse is the lizard riding? - signed Snort

Hi Gary, sorry you missed out this weekend.

Dale does sleepovers.

Scott, spendex pants - what next?

Melinda, work hard, almost one year finished.

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Curiosities

The Princess Sonja of Snickerstien Denmark will be visiting Plymouth in celebration of her 50th birthday. Her sister K.C. will be entertaining the entourage at the Roundtable Tuesday April 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Key is the only person I know who puts an answering machine on hold. (After lunch.)

Chris: We need the date for UCLA Graduation.

Gordon: New furniture always follows new carpeting.

Good luck to the Salem tennis team.

Matt: Call home at least once a week.

Chris: The same goes for you.

Matt, Dan, Joe, and Steve - will Zimmerman Hall ever be the same without you?

Matt: ASU is a great school! You'll have lots of fun in the sun. Tanning while getting an education is the only way to go. - A Sun Devil Grad (p.s. there's lots of tennis courts, too, if you're interested.)

"IF IT WAS WOMAN who put men out of Paradise, it is still women, and women only, who can lead him back." - Albert E. Hubbard, as retold by Fran Henning

BOB HENNINGS got older.

Carey! You are a con artist after my own heart!

"GEORGE" I understand you don't want your name in the curios. We'll have to be careful so your teacher doesn't see this.

George, I understand from your mother that she is going to use the curios as an incentive for you to behave. If you don't, she has one of your baby pictures to put in the paper.

"Only the mediocre are always at their best" - Jean Giraudoux

Break a leg, Todd. You're always a head with me! - Mom

Darren and Tony will be delivering Route 80 - the Foxhorn/Berchester area - starting in April. Good luck, guys! Welcome to The Crier Carrier Team! - Kathie and Sonja

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Mark, be sure and check your tires before you go to bed.

Dee, Happy 23rd!

Jim, you are looking good - even though you don't like chicken and fish.

Larry, I know you are the head of our department but I just couldn't do it. -Peg

Congratulations and best wishes to Shirley and Hilda at Unique Accessories. -PP

Nancy, your name is music to my ears and your generous donation will make music for hundreds of people in the future. Thank you, Peg

Send Nancy Gray a card. She was an organ donor this week.

Happy Birthday, Heather Linsley, my 13-year-old "Camille."

Happy Birthday to two of my favorite brothers - Ed and Pat. With all the candles you have to blow out, I hope all your wishes come true. Love, Rita

Basketball and hockey are taking too long to be over with! Let's here it for the boys of summer!

Good luck to all the CEP spring sports teams! I hope the weather starts cooperating with you.

I hope Will "The Thrill" didn't lose that \$4 million swing during the baseball lockout.

THANKS MARC AT DOUG'S (runs like a top).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...er, EARTHDAY!

LYNN THORPE - IL was just a birthday joke!

DEBBIE & PAT: great turkey and great gravy on real mashed potatoes.

KAY ARNOLD is older!

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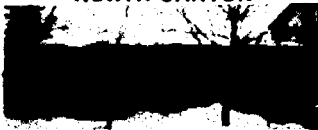
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504-841-8003 EXT. 1283

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE in 3-6 months; no selling. Work from home. Call 748-8646.

Help Wanted

DRIVERS NEEDED

The Community Crier is looking for drivers to deliver papers to carriers in the Plymouth-Canton area. Substitute positions open - possibly leading to regular weekly schedule. Reliable car a must. Knowledge of community helpful. Call Kathie - 453-6900 for details.

Adult Reference Librarian - Part-time, 20 hours per week, includes regular evening and weekend hours. MLS from ALA accredited library school or second year master's degree student. Salary \$10.70 per hour. Available immediately.

Send Resume to:
Patricia A. Thomas, Director
Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
By April 6, 1990

"ATTENTION: EARN MONEY TYPING AT HOME! 32,000/yr. income potential. Details: (1) 802-838-8885 Ext. T-6581."

Part-time cook needed, flexible hours, experience helpful but not necessary. Apply within - Kenny's, 8188 Canton Center Rd.

Receptionist/Secretary for commercial real estate office in Plymouth. Full-time duties to include light typing, filing, answering and routing incoming telephone calls and computer input. Experience with word perfect version 4.2 or 5.0 a must. Must be dependable and willing to work. No benefits - great pay and lovely atmosphere. Call Lara, 488-8111.

Part-time bartender for Knights of Columbus lounge. Flexible hours - 8033 welcome, contact Skip Melin, 453-8833.

Temporary/part-time - yard and other outside work, \$7/hour. 3-48-1884, 7-8 p.m.

Part-time drive-in teller needed to work Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat. Challenging position for a mature, hard working individual who enjoys working with people. Must be accurate with figures, have a positive attitude and be professional in attitude and dress. Apply at Community Federal Credit Union, 808 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

Help Wanted

Earn \$600 - MORE Weekly Assembling Products At Home! Recording Reveals Details. (407) 837-3150, Ext. 245.

Quality medical receptionist to work for busy podiatry office(s). Must be well organized, articulate and have a genuine regard for people. Experience preferred, attractive salary and benefits. Call 626-3106 evenings; 971-8396 days.

Medical assistant wanted for busy podiatry office(s). Must be fast learner, well groomed and have a genuine regard for people. Attractive salary and benefit package commensurate with experience. Call 626-3106 evenings; 971-8396 days.

Membership salesperson on need for local organization. Excellent for retiree, 453-1540.

Silverman's Restaurant office has full-time position open for a receptionist/general office clerk. Must be able to use 10 key calculator, some accounts payable knowledge helpful. Apply in person between 9 and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 41980 Joy Road.

Several sales positions available for new and improved Avon products. Set your own hours, be your own boss. Make 10/50 per cent of every order you take. Also receive 10/50 per cent off all your personal orders. Territory optional. No experience necessary - we will train. Call Carol, evenings until 11pm, 456-4468.

Hair designers and nail technicians. We are the Hair Performers, a nationally known chain of hair salons. We need two qualified people now for our friendly Canton salons. Full and part-time positions available. Education and advancement. Call Carol at 981-7100 or 451-8288.

EARN MONEY Reading Books! \$36,800/yr income potential. Details: (1) 805-687-6000 Ext. Y-4836.

POSTAL SERVICE Jobs. Salary to \$86K. Nationwide. Entry level positions. Call (1) 805-687-6000 Ext. P-4636.

Small office in downtown Plymouth looking for dependable person to work 11-3 Mon. through Fri. Responsibilities include answering phones, etc. Please call Terry at 455-8888.

The Canton Community

WEDNESDAY REPORT

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

THE CANTON ABC'S: ACCOUNTABILITY, BETTER BUYS, CONVENIENCE

"ALWAYS BUY IN CANTON" "ACCOUNTABILITY, BETTER BUYS, AND CONVENIENCE" are words that you look at; shopping in Canton pays off. It benefits the local merchant, helps create a thriving local economy, and encourages other retailers to open in our community.

Canton is fortunate to have a wonderful town to the north of us, Plymouth. We also have several large in-door malls within driving distance. Many of us shop in these stores. We should take a few minutes and give a close look to the stores that we have right here in our town. Stores that help to underwrite the cost of many worthwhile programs, such as the Canton Challenge Fest, Santa Comes to Canton, scholarships, the soccer tournament, and many others.

As President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, I am proud of the jobs I appreciate the way people get involved and make things happen. I want to support the merchants that are supporting our town.

Take a minute and write me. Let me know which stores you like to shop in the most. Which stores have the friendliest employees, and what type of store you would like to see open up in Canton. Use the form at the right and mail it in today.

Until I hear from you, **GOOD SHOPPING!**



Met Morris
President
Canton Chamber of Commerce

My nomination for the Canton business that has the friendliest employees is: _____

My nomination for the store or stores in Canton where I shop the most is (are): _____

I would like to see the following type business open in Canton: _____

My favorite restaurant in Canton is: _____

Clip and mail to: 1745 Copeland, Canton 48187

CANTON ECONOMIC CLUB

Bill Graham, Plymouth finance director and former acting city manager, will be the speaker at the April Canton Economic Club meeting. Graham is a former Canton resident who served as a Canton trustee from 1967 through 1971. He was serving as acting City of Plymouth manager until he was removed from the job earlier this month.

Graham will speak at noon Tuesday, April 3, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, on Sheldon Road, one block North of Ford Road.

Other Economic Club speakers will include: Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara at the May 1 meeting; Robert DeMattia, developer and builder, at the June 5 meeting and Keith Butler, Detroit councilman, at the September 4 meeting.

The luncheon is \$10 and tickets are available by calling 459-7886 or 455-3645. This program is funded by the Canton Community Foundation.

CANTON ARTS COUNCIL

The Canton Arts Council has had a busy month and plans are underway for an even more active Spring. The Arts Council, which receives its funding from the Canton Community Foundation, sponsored over 350 children from elementary schools to attend an opera production in Ann Arbor sponsored by the University Musical Society. By donating \$1,000, these students experienced firsthand a professional opera theatre company at the University of Michigan.

The Canton Arts Council is sponsoring a juried art show during the Canton Challenge Fest. The Art Show, to be held in the Canton Township Hall, will take place the second weekend of the Challenge Fest, June 2 and 3. Canton artists wishing to be in this show need to send a slide of their work to the Canton Arts Council for consideration by the judges. The jury will consist of the owners of the FRAME WORKS and the ART STORE.

In addition to the art show, the Canton Arts Council will be sponsoring a play-a-thon for piano players during the Challenge Fest. Piano players using a piano donated by Arnold Williams Music Store will collect pledges for their allotted time. The donations will go toward the Canton Arts Council.

THREE CITIES ART SHOW

The CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY will be the scene for the THREE CITIES ART CLUB juried show the first weekend in May (4, 5, 6). Activities will kick off Friday with a judging at 1 p.m. by Ed Joppich. Awards, including the Grumbacher Award for use of color, will be presented during a reception on Saturday at 1 p.m. The show is open to the public for viewing on Saturday, from 10-5 p.m., and Sunday, from 12-6 p.m.

THE CANTON ARTS COMMUNITY SAYS --- "WELCOME TO CANTON."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Plans are underway for the FRIENDS OF THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE . . . May 30 through June 3. Books are needed. All used books may be dropped off at the Library. If you need a special pick-up, please call Marcia at 397-0999. This activity is part of the Canton Challenge Fest held from May 25th through June 3rd.

**CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE — MARCH 31st**

WE GET LETTERS:

March 28, 1990

R. William Jopich
Canton Community Foundation
4488 Ford Rd.
Canton, MI 48187

Dear Bill,

Just to let you know I had several copies, including myself, attend the Canton Self-Inspection and everyone thought it was great & positive. A great thing to do & we all shared every community would do this same thing. Lots of good information.

Yours Truly,

[Signature]
Canton Community Foundation
4488 Ford Rd.
Canton, MI 48187

LWV (CANTON/PLYMOUTH) MEMBERSHIP NIGHT . . . TONIGHT, Wednesday, March 28, 7-9. Canton Public Library

This month the Canton Community Foundation would like to recognize the spirit of Ann Van Sledright and VAN SLEDRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP for students in the area. By providing financial support for the education of students, VAN SLEDRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP makes it possible for students to be able to go to college. If you are interested in this scholarship, please contact the Canton Community Foundation at 459-7886.

COMMUNITY. In 1989 Joe Van Sledright was a co-sponsor of the 1989 Plymouth Field Day during the Challenge Fest. This year VAN SLEDRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP is sponsoring a continued financial support for the Challenge Fest. Additionally, Van Sledright was a major sponsor of the efforts for the PCP Marching Band State Competition held last Fall in Canton.



For a copy of the application form, please call 459-7886. The deadline for applications is March 31st.

The Canton Community Foundation wishes JOE VAN SLEDRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP to be a source of support for you.

459-7886
1745 Copeland
Canton, MI 48187