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Agenda

THIS WEEK

The skies of Plymouth will light up Monday night at dusk when fireworks commence at Massey Field, and for those who have their own fireworks, protection is a top priority. — For more on Fourth of July activities and fireworks safety, see pgs. 1 and 19.

THE WEEKEND

- The Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post will be holding its chicken barbecue from 1-5 p.m. on Monday at 1426 S. Mill.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Canton school board will swear in new trustees Sue Feiten, Sue Davis and Mark Horvath Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the school board office. The board will then elect its officers for the new year.

TO OUR READERS

The Community Crier offices will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. As a result, deadlines for Crier classified and display advertising is 5 p.m. Friday. The deadline for What's Happening, obituaries and other news items is noon Friday.

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A day for ducks



Despite uncooperative weather — that often was more conducive to swimming with ducks, than playing outside — the Third Annual Canton Liberty Fest went on as planned over the weekend. For more on the three-day event, see today's special Crier coverage on pgs. 8 and 9. (Crier photo by George Gentry)

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

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Dunning-Hough Library

New library building is goal of Nov. millage plan

BY JOHN HORN

If community voters approve an increase in Plymouth's operating millage in November, a new library could be on the way.

Plymouth District Library Board Director Pat Thomas said the Dunning-Hough Library, already cramped for space, may ask voters to approve a possible 0.5-mill increase to cover construction and operation of a new library at the same site on Main Street.

"We are getting squeezed in here beyond the limits. We either make room for what we have or we scale back on our collection," Thomas said.

"It is not a large increase at all."

The Library Board approved the plan for a new building last week.

Thomas said the millage proposal is the only way the library can attain such funding.

She said the Board has set the Nov. 8 general election as the target date to ask for help from taxpayers.

"We can't levy anything without voter approval," she said. "We are looking at the November election to do that."

Farmington Architect Mark McPherson submitted the previous design and said he will wait until after the election to make modifications.

"We have not proceeded with a design of the new building," McPherson said. "We will do that after the election."

Thomas said if the levy is approved,

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Parade, fireworks on tap in City

BY JOHN HORN

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are now ready to kick off the Fourth of July with, that's right, a bang.

Jaycee members Scott Kappler and Cameron Miller have been canvassing the Plymouth community seeking donations for the parade and fireworks show behind Massey field at Riverside Cemetery.

The parade, which will feature floats from local

groups and other performers, will also have a guest participant in the form of Governor John Engler.

According to Scott Kappler, parade coordinator, the celebration will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday as the parade begins on Theodore Street.

He said it will then go from Theodore to Main Street; from Main Street to Hartsough and will end at East Middle School.

Kappler said the parade has been made possible

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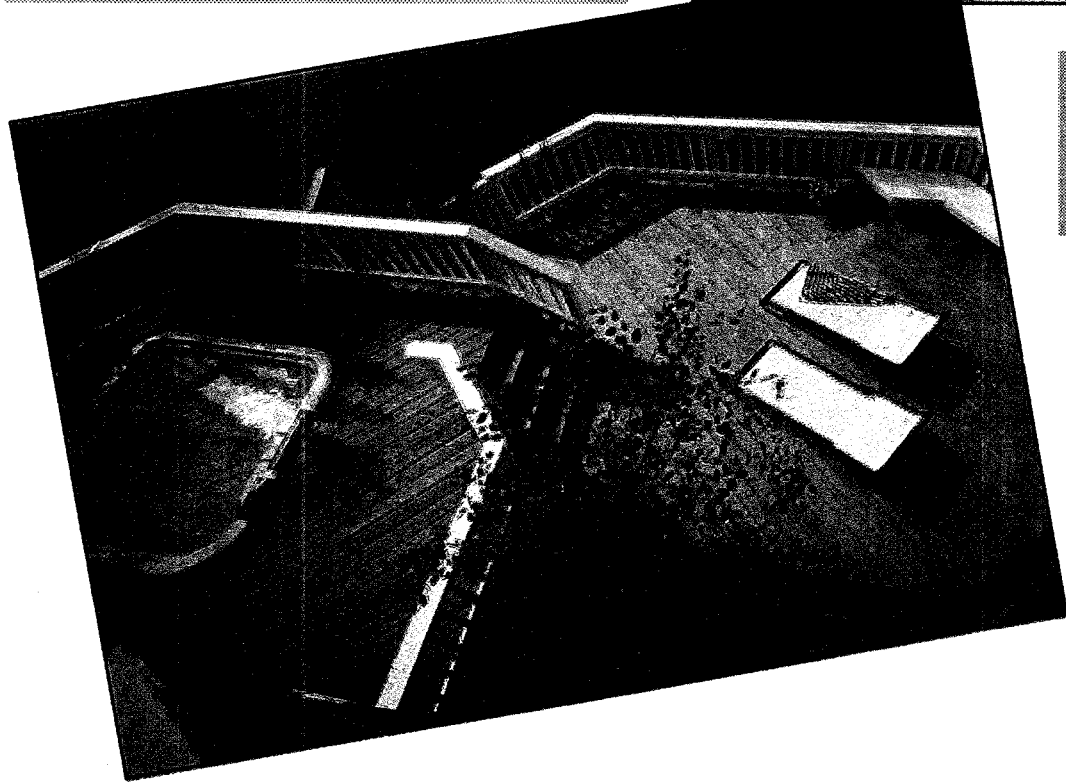


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Rivers banks on Ann Arbor name in campaign

BY CRAIG FARRAND

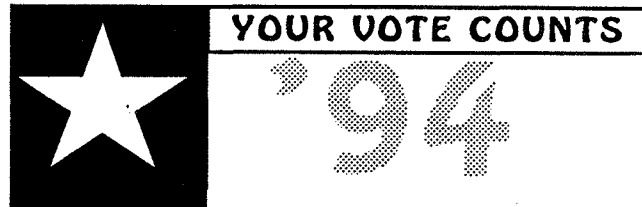
If there is one thread that winds through Lynn Rivers campaign for the congressional seat being vacated by Bill Ford, it's the concept of "connections."

As one of three Democrats seeking that party's Aug. 2 nomination to the big show in November, Rivers is finding that the road to Washington is a lot more familiar than many people might think.

For example, while clearly a Democrat proud of her party's traditions — "I'm not interested in disavowing my party" — Rivers nevertheless finds much in common with those who might see her as otherwise too far to the left.

"I've had a very good response here," the candidate said about her forays into The Plymouth-Canton Community. "And what I've found is that when I tell people about my background, we connect."

In particular, Rivers said there's "no way for me to avoid a liberal label, but if people look at my voting record, they'll see something more."



13th Congressional race

"They'll see that I'm pro-union, but also strong on small business issues; in fact," she said, "I'm pro on a lot of things."

And one of those things she's "pro" on is government accountability.

"As a (Ann Arbor school board) trustee, I was always big on the Freedom of Information Act, the Open Meetings Act.

"And then, when I was elected to the House," she said,

"I only had by OEF (officeholder's expense fund) for month or so before I got rid of it."

That attitude was also found in her acceptance of the Legislature's voted pay raise: She didn't accept it at all, instead, written a check back to the state each pay day for the amount of the increase.

Likewise, she signed on to the so-called "repealer bill" that rejected a previously approved law guaranteeing lifetime health care for lawmakers and their spouses.

"When we're ready to provide for the 9 million Michigan residents who don't have lifetime, guaranteed health care, I'll consider it."

Not surprisingly, she said, "people have responded very positively" to that approach, adding that "so often the people expect politicians to hide their records, not show them."

(As an illustration of her "openness," Rivers faxed The Crier a comprehensive 19-page review of her legislative record.)

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A new TV lineup

Omnicom's new cable rates go into effect in mid-July

Some customers of Omnicom Cablevision will soon see a decrease in monthly billing.

The savings are a result of regulations passed by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in November 1992, according to Omnicom's General Manager, Lisa Boland.

Boland said the FCC stepped in two years ago to regulate how cable companies conduct business and how much cable service will cost.

She said Omnicom is complying with the new guidelines even though they are not required to in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

"Your community rates are not regulated, Omnicom has voluntarily taken the steps to match the FCC's new guidelines," Boland said.

Omnicom rate comparison

Service	old rates	new rates
Basic cable	\$9.38	\$8.80
Deluxe - 45 channels	22.21	21.63
Charges		
Installation	43.70	29.68
Activation	27.31	15.32
Additional outlet	18.21	3.72
Post-installation outlet	27.31	18.88
Field change of service	18.21	13.30
Deluxe VCR hookup	27.31	23.93



Boland said not everybody will get a break on their bill. Some subscribers, depending on the service, may not be affected.

"Some may see an increase or no change at all, depending on the services," she said.

She said the new rates are scheduled to go into effect July 14, with changes occurring on July's billing statements.

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Lowe is not stepping down; 2nd attorney will stand by

City Attorney Ron Lowe, who is a 35th District Court Judge candidate, will not temporarily step down from his duties during the election, as erroneously reported in The Crier last week.

Plymouth's City Commission has approved the appointment of Farmington Hills attorney John Donohue as a second City Attorney to handle any city cases which might pose a conflict with Lowe's candidacy.

Donohue will not replace Lowe, but will step in and handle cases only where a conflict of interest may be present due to Lowe's running for office.

"Donohue will only handle cases where there is a conflict of interest," Lowe said. "I am still the City Attorney and will continue to represent the City in all other aspects."

Vorva, Law face off in state House GOP race

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

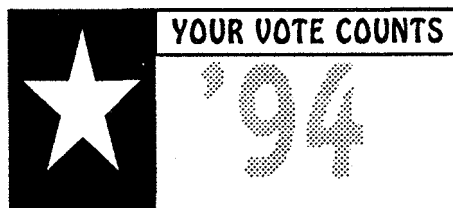
With the primaries coming up, the hot topics of discussion in the race for the 20th House race are tax reform and school finance.

The current holder of the seat, state Rep. Jerry Vorva, said that his constituents can expect more of the same if they send him back to Lansing in November.

"There will be a continuation of a positive, conservative agenda," Vorva said. "We've had tax reduction, welfare reform, I'm going to be running on the record of this last term."

According to Vorva, changing the way that the legislature runs, particularly the removal of Officeholder Expense Funds (OEF) is part of that record.

"(State Rep.) Gustafson and I wrote the legislation that got rid of the OEF's, the slush funds will be gone by the end of the year," Vorva said. "I'm working



20th House race

toward making politicians more accountable and responsible."

According to Vorva, the OEF's had become a haven for corruption because they could be used to evade the campaign finance laws. He also said that legislators have until the end of the year to spend that money, after that the OEF monies will go to charities.

Vorva said that making the legislature accountable for what they do will encourage more people to trust the system.

"This will bring new people into the

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Residence: Plymouth
Personal: married,
Business: 20th District
Rep.
Elected Office:
Plymouth City
Commission, 20th
District Rep.



JERRY VORVA

Party Affiliation:
Democrat
Residence: Plymouth
Personal: married, two
children
Business: Executive,
Michigan Lottery
Elected Office:
Plymouth Twp.
Trustee, 36th
District state Rep., Plymouth Twp.
Supervisor.



GERRY LAW

process that aren't in it now, more voters," Vorva said. "More people involved will make the whole process more interesting."

Gerry Law, who was the 36th District State Rep. seat in the past, said that he is concerned about schools getting the funding they deserve under Proposal A.

"We need to make sure that the schools are getting tax dollars correctly,"

Law said. "We are starting over from scratch and we have to define a system to distribute the money."

Along with the school finance question, Law said that it will take more than just a few good ideas to fix the problems that beset the state.

"Everyone is going to have to sit down and work on this," Law said. "There is not a pat or easy answer to any of this."

School district's budget reflects Prop A's impact

BY CRAIG FARRAND

If you've been looking for a visual aid to understand the impact of Proposal A on the funding of public education, look no further than the Plymouth-Canton School District's \$86 million 1994-95 operating budget.

There it is, on page 6 of the district's budget "blue book" under *sources of revenue*:

In one year the burden on local taxpayers has shifted from 98 per cent of operating revenue to only 15 per cent.

This shift is a direct result of Proposal

A's altering of Michigan's tax structure: Under the new law, the state provides the bulk of education funding through an increased sales tax rate and the central collection of lowered property taxes.

What that means for P-C taxpayers is an 83 per cent drop in their direct contributions to the school district.

In real dollars, that translates into local taxpayers providing \$75 million directly into the \$79 million 1993-94 budget; for 1994-95, local taxpayers will provide only \$13 million of an \$85 million budget.

The new state funding plan is based on a basic per-pupil "foundation grant" that will give P-C somewhere between \$5,498 and \$5,505 for each student.

(The \$7 discrepancy will be cleared up once state officials confirm earlier grant estimates; for budget purposes, the lower figure was used.)

While the overall revenue pie reflects a nearly 8 per cent rise in revenue for the district, much of that figure is offset by expenses that were shifted from the state to local districts.

Altogether, P-C's expenditures rise more than 11 per cent in the new budget, but according to district figures, if the shifted expenses were deleted, the increase would be only 5.4 per cent.

And much of that increase is due to paying deferred raises to the district's union workers.

Nov. millage eyed for new library

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Construction could begin in spring of next year and is expected to take 18 months to complete.

Of the Library Board's \$1.2 million budget, Thomas said approximately 90 per cent of that comes from property taxes.

The new building proposal is a variation of a design proposed to the Library Board in July 1992.

The original plan called for 48,000 square feet on the same site, donated to the city by Margaret Dunning in 1947.

Thomas said McPherson's original design included a limited use of columns, windows to match City Hall, a

brick facade similar to City Hall, various skylights and "glass wall" treatments and courtyard spaces for natural lighting.

Thomas said the only real change from the old plan is a reduction in the size of the new library.

According to McPherson, the front facade is a vital visual aspect of the new building.

She said that the new library is proposed to be 10,000 square feet smaller, but will incorporate space for future expansion.

Thomas said the library currently operates at 12,000 square feet and could fill 25,000 square feet with the equipment and furniture available now.

The future of Miller Woods depends on three situations

BY CRAIG FARRAND

Where will the future take Miller Woods, the nature preserve located on Powell Road in Plymouth Township?

Will the 10-acre site stay as it is or become part of a new home building development?

Those are the kinds of questions being asked as three separate developments have surfaced in the past two months concerning the preserve:

- The pending repair by the Friends of Miller Woods of winter vandalism to controversial fencing, which would indicate a status-quo situation;

- a request by the neighbors of Miller Woods that they take over caretaking duties — in exchange for removal of the fence; and

- exploration by the Plymouth-Canton School District of the site's value in the real estate market — a move that could lead to its destruction in favor of new housing.

A NEW HOUSING SITE?

Clearly, the most radical notion is the potential sale of 40 acres of school property on the corner of Powell and Ridge road — of which Miller Woods comprises 10 acres.

It was nearly two months ago that Plymouth-Canton school Supt. John Hoben recommended that the board deed the site to Plymouth Township.

Instead, the board requested an appraisal of the climax forest — an appraisal that now, according to district officials, sits in the hands of an appraiser

and probably won't be presented to the board until August.

It was during board discussions about the site — which had been struck by heavy vandalism after it was fenced-in during the winter — that Trustee Carl Battishill actually wondered whether the site should be sold to home developers.

At that time Ray Hoedel, the district's associate superintendent for business and operations, said he thought that developers "would love to have it."

In fact, Hoedel said he already had held preliminary discussions with at least one township official about the potential development of the entire 40-acre site.

"It's very valuable," Hoedel said during the board meeting, adding that homes in the surrounding subdivisions cost as much as \$300,000.

On Monday, Hoedel said he didn't expect any action to be taken on the pending appraisal of the site until August, a month after newly-selected Supt. Charles Little takes office.

At the same time, a petition drive already is under way to pave Powell and Ridge, which would open up the area to even more development in the future.

(Monday night, the school board rejected the paving proposal, leaving the decision in the hands of residents in the area. Of the total \$1 million cost of the project, Wayne County has agreed to pay 25 per cent, with property owners in the special assessment district — which includes the school district — picking up

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Omnicom announces new rates

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With the new rates, customers will save money on basic installation, Boland said.

When customers previously had cable service installed, Omnicom listed the rate as \$43.70. The new rate for that service will be \$29.68, a difference of \$14.02.

Another money-saver will occur if customers request an additional outlet at the time of installation. While it used to

cost \$18.21, the new fee will be only \$3.72.

Omnicom also lists a \$27.31 fee to activate cable service in a pre-wired home. Under the new FCC-regulated rates, that service will cost customers \$15.32.

For the frugal cable viewer, basic service (which includes broadcast channels, TBS, WGN and local channels) will drop .58 from \$9.38 to \$8.80.

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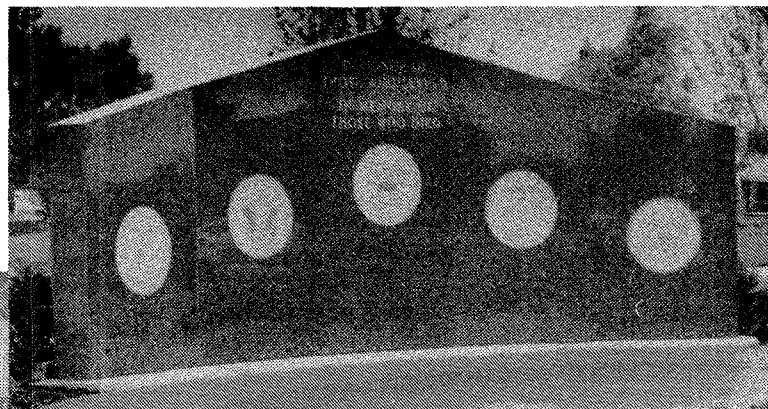
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Liberty Fest, June 24-26

Another part of the Fest that went well was the "Taste of Canton" concessions area. Dates said that all of the participants reported good sales and their willingness to take part again next year.

"It went very well," Dates said. "We hope to make it an even bigger event next year."

According to Dates, the rain and the wind kept the maintenance crews on their toes.

"The rain caused problems that can't be planned for," Dates said. "Some parts of the park got very muddy and the tents were blowing around, some of the vending areas got wet."

Dates said that it was the volunteers that really kept the Liberty Fest from becoming a rain-soaked mess.

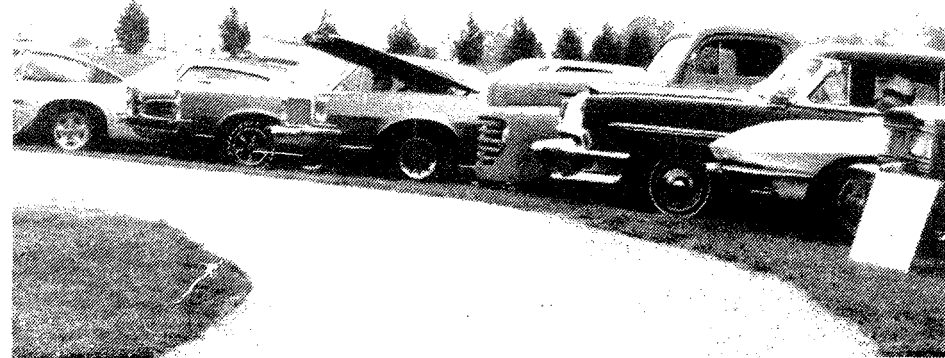
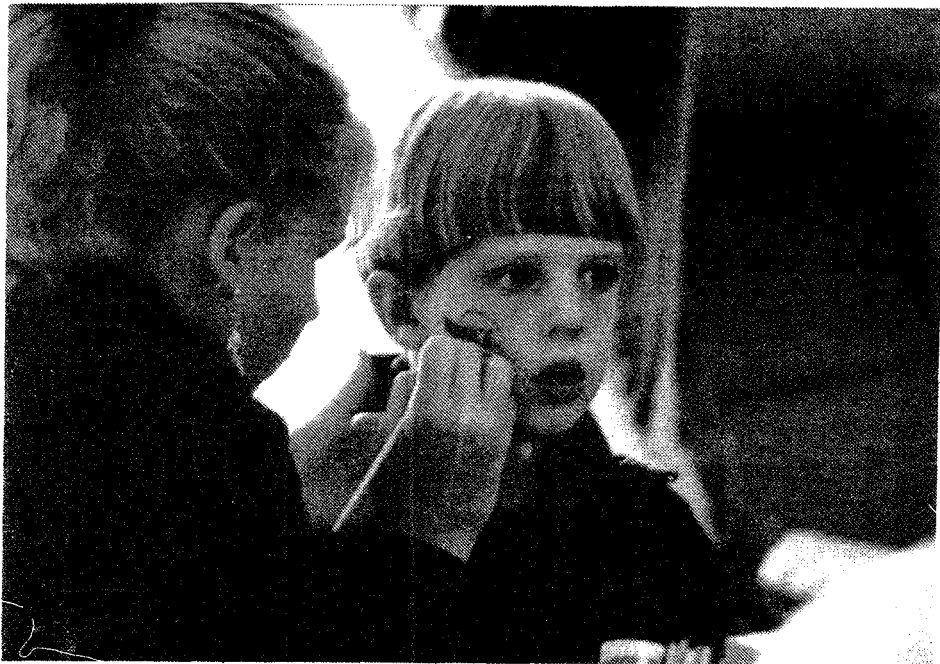
"The volunteers really did a great job," Dates said. "We thought that the rain would have kept some of them at home but they all showed up and worked hard."

Now, with this Liberty Fest in the bag, Dates said that he and his staff would take a few weeks to think about this fest before starting to plan next year's fest.

"We'll get together for a brainstorming session about next year," Dates said. "All of the major sponsors are happy with the fest and said that they want to do it again next year."

Dates said that he would also be going to other fests around the area to take a look at what kind of attractions are popular and would fit with the Canton festival.

"We're always open to try new things," Dates said. "If something works for them it will probably work for us."





Getting down to business

Closers

Real estate agents must work hard to make a living in a rough-and-tumble business

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Out of sight, out of mind.

That is the phrase Patricia Stokes, manager of Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke in Plymouth uses to stress the importance of networking to the company's real estate agents.

"Real estate agents need the ability to analyze, listen, research and create results," she said.

But those are just a few of the skills needed to be a successful real estate agent. It is a long road to the top, but real estate can make for an exciting career for the right person.

Jim Preston, vice president of Remerica of Michigan in Plymouth said there are a number of things people interested in a career in real estate need to do.

"It is important to interview with several brokers to study the different types of programs and commission structures they offer," he said.

Preston said prospective agents face 40 hours of study in a pre-license training course that focuses on how to take the

state licensing test.

Stokes said classes can be taken from a variety of sources and in a number of different ways.

"Classes can be taken at Schoolcraft College or at a real estate company," she said, "it all depends. Classes can be taken in a week, on Saturdays or at night."

The cost to take the test runs from \$200 to \$300.

Once the person passes the state test, Stokes said, the results must be placed with a broker. "A lot of people don't realize they have to work through a broker," she said. "Once you get your license, you can't just start selling homes."

Stokes said that after a person becomes an agent, they need to be prepared to face three to four months without an income.

"Even if the agent has a sell in the first two weeks," she said, "it usually takes 60 days to close it. They must make a plan on how they are going to live."

Agents also face some other expenses, Stokes said. Besides the \$200 to \$300 to

take the state test, the agent also has dues they have to pay to national, state and local boards. The regional board is the most expensive, costing approximately \$200 per year.

Preston and Stokes agree that for the right person, real estate can be a lucrative business.

"A person has to work hard to succeed in this field," said Preston. "An agent can spend a lot of hours - 60 to 80 per week - when they are starting out. Agents must be able to take a lot of rejection and be tenacious enough to keep on going to make money."

Commission is the base of salary for almost all real estate agents, making hustle an important attribute.

"If agents want to make any kind of money," said Stokes, "they have to put in six to eight hours of work per day."

"One of the biggest reasons new agents fail is that they don't treat real estate like a business and put in the time they need to succeed."

Stokes said agents need to actively seek out new business. "If an agent is shy, if they don't have an outgoing personality, they will leave the business in the first two years," she said. "Success means calling around and looking for the opportunity to sell."

"You can't just sit back and think that just because you have a license people are going to come to you."

"This is a very disciplined business

and to succeed you have to follow the discipline."

Discipline is even more important in the rough-and-tumble Plymouth-Canton-Northville real estate market.

Both Stokes and Preston characterize the market as "very aggressive" for real estate agents.

"There's just not enough houses for buyers to buy in the community," Stokes said.

But for agents with drive and determination, there is money to be made.

Preston said besides the money, for those who stick it out and make real estate a career, the job is very rewarding.

"It's great to stay in contact with the families you help to find their first dream house," he said. "A good agent does business with the same family for many years."

"It's a wonderful feeling to keep in contact with the families and end up helping their sons and daughters find their homes."

Stokes said real estate agents feel satisfaction knowing they solved someone's housing needs.

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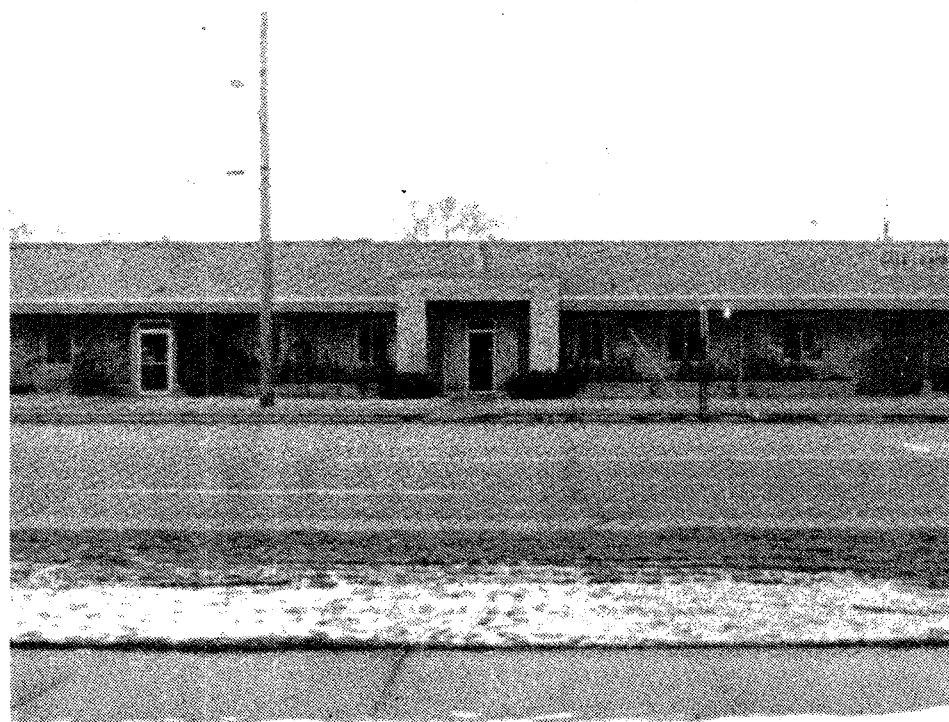
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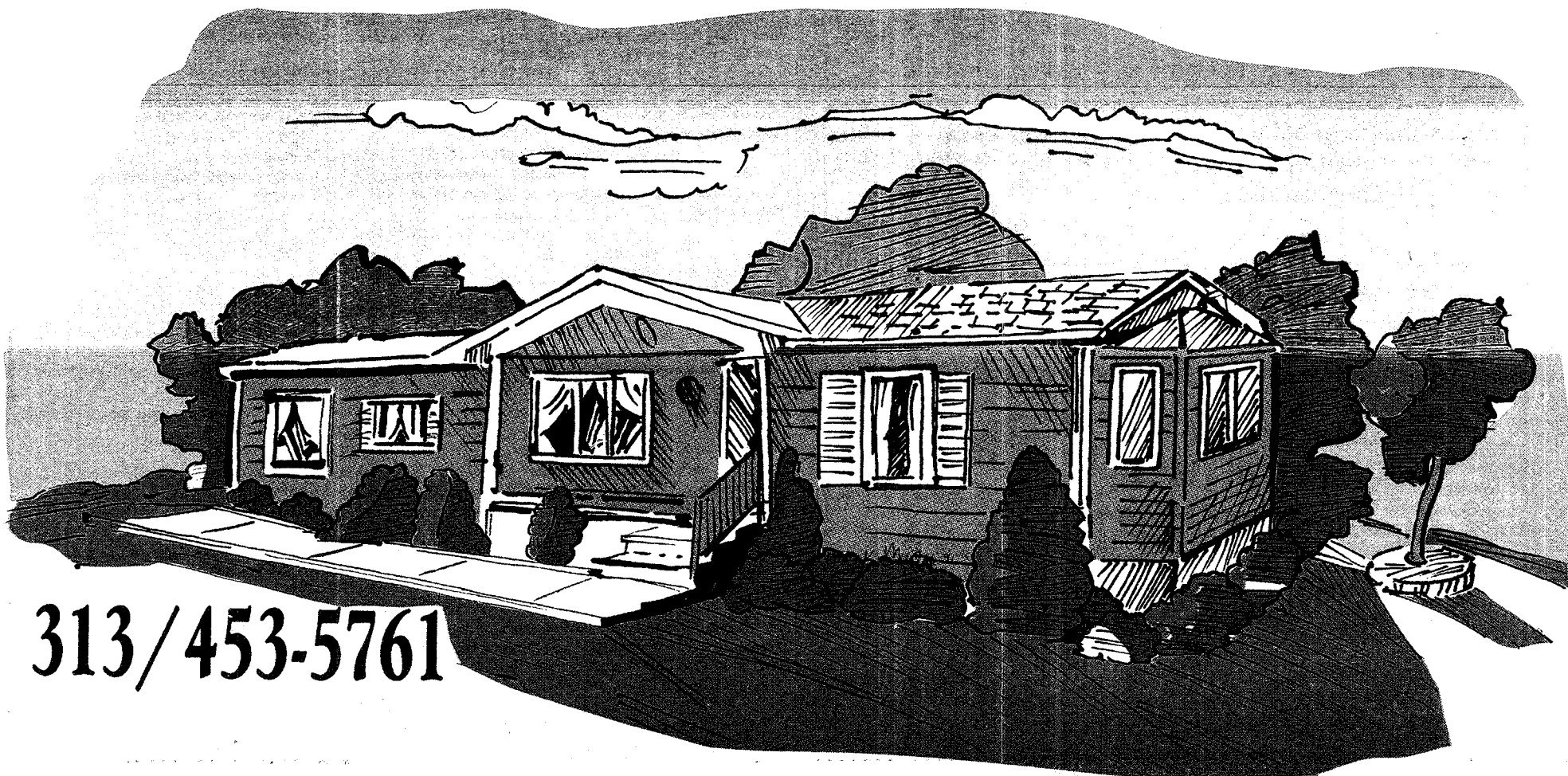
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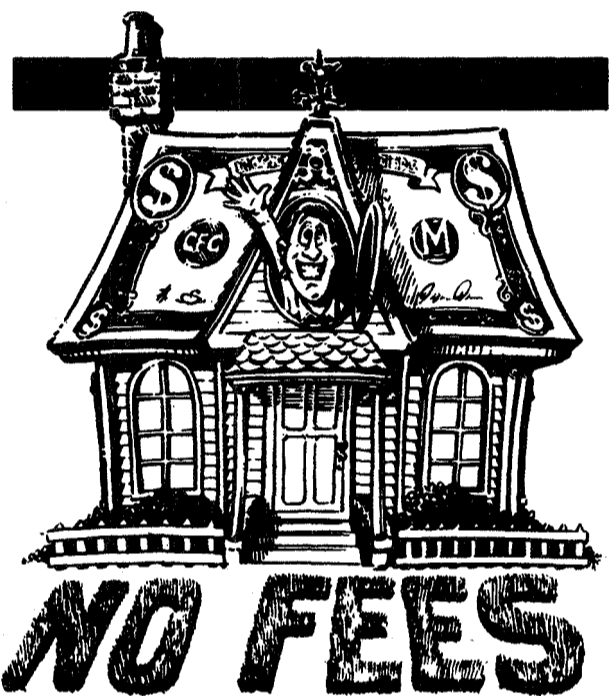
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Wilbanks says she had no say about own raise as Pursell aide

Congressional candidate Cynthia Wilbanks says she had no control over raises given to her as an aide to former U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, contrary to rumors that she gave herself a raise while employed as a district coordinator.

According to both Wilbanks and Pursell, Wilbanks only made pay recommendations for those working in the three district offices, but never made recommendations about her own salary.

Pursell said last week that Wilbanks had no say in the granting of any increases — including her own; such increases were determined by Pursell and his chief of staff, Bill McBride.

But late last year during Pursell's short-lived campaign for the U.S. Senate, the former congressman complained to his inside supporters that Wilbanks' raise was handled improperly.

U.S. Rep. William D. Ford also said that Pursell had blasted Wilbanks' raise when the two had lunch in Washington, D.C.

When contacted by The Crier last week, Pursell called the process "appropriate and proper," even though he admitted that he was unaware of the increase until he was informed by McBride after the fact.

"But I tend to delegate everything," Pursell said, explaining that the raise was about \$20,000 a year over several years

— which, he said, brought Wilbanks' salary up to \$100,000 a year by the end of his tenure.

In defending the size of her salary, Pursell — who is now supporting Wilbanks in her bid for the 13th Congressional seat — said that it was "appropriate that women be given salaries commensurate with men."

For her part, Wilbanks called the matter a "non issue," and said that as a Pursell aide, she had only made recommendations "on the district staff side."

"I never made recommendations concerning my own pay. All I did was... provide some input on district staff salaries," she said.

"The process was really Carl (Pursell) and Bill (McBride) sitting down and approving raises."

And concerning her salary during the 1989-90 fiscal year, Wilbanks pointed to the fact that after Pursell's longtime chief of staff, Bob Webber, retired, "his responsibilities were divvied up between Bill McBride and I.

"And the (pay) adjustments reflected the additional responsibilities."

As district coordinator, Wilbanks was responsible for three field offices — in Jackson, Ann Arbor and Plymouth — and a full- and part-time staff of nine, she said.



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SUMMER ACADEMY

The Plymouth-Canton schools will offer classes for students first grade through middle school over the summer. Class sizes, times and length will vary. Costs for the classes will run between \$35 and \$90. For more information, call Canton High School at 416-2937.

YOUTH LIVING CENTER GARAGE SALE

The Youth Living Center will hold a garage sale to benefit programs that help abused, neglected and homeless children from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 7 and 8. For more information about the garage sale and the Youth Living Center, call 728-3400.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE RADIO PROGRAM

WAAM 1600 AM will be running a series discussing Christian Science every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. This week's discussion will be on "If Christian Science heals, why aren't people flocking to it like they flock to material medicine?"

FREEDOM RALLY

The Canton Community Church and the New Focus Community Church of Plymouth will hold a freedom rally with music and a service in Kellogg Park at 10 a.m. on June 3. For more information, call 455-6022 (Canton) or 451-9722 (Plymouth).

FOLK AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

The 18th Annual Folk and Bluegrass festival in Northville will benefit the Huntington's Disease Society from noon to 9 p.m. on July 31 at Ford Field in Northville. Tickets are \$10 from Ticketmaster and \$12 at the gate. For more information call (810) 349-0522.

WAYNE COUNTY SUMMER FOOD SERVICE

The Wayne County Health Department announced that the Summer Food Service Program for children will be held at Canton Commons through Aug. 26. For more information, call 453-5464.

SUMMER ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

The Plymouth-Canton schools and ARTAG will offer "Fotomania" classes at Pioneer Middle school for kids ages 8 through 15. Class will run July 11 through 22 and the fee is \$38, students must bring a 35mm camera. For more information, call Mary Mack at 459-9355.

FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will once again present the annual Farmer's Market every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 15, with the exception of the Fall Festival. For more information contact the Chamber at 453-1540.

CAMP A.B.L.E.

Canton Parks and Rec will be offering Camp A.B.L.E., therapeutic recreation summer day camp, at Hoben Elementary for boys and girls 4-16 years of age from 8:30 to 2 p.m. beginning July 11 through August 19. The cost is \$60 for Canton residents and the City of Plymouth, \$75 for non-residents. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5344.

CH.A.D.D MEETING

CH.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

CSX gets fine extension

CSX, the railroad company responsible for daily inconvenient delays to Plymouth motorists, was granted an extension on the payment of \$200,000 in fines from the City.

City Attorney Ron Lowe said the transportation company has until Wednesday to pay the fine. He said the extension was granted because of ongoing action in federal court this week.

Some of that action includes a "preliminary hearing," which has been scheduled for Friday in 35th District Court. He said a judgment could be reached in the

federal court by Friday or next week.

U.S. District Court Judge George Laplata's office issued a statement last week to CSX's attorneys, according to Lowe.

"Judge Laplata has scheduled the hearing for Friday and could have a decision by Tuesday or Wednesday," Lowe said.

Lowe said the \$200,000 in fines stem from several hundred tickets issued to the railroad company. He said City law dictates that trains that block city streets for more than five minutes can be issued tickets carrying fines up to \$500.



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CAMP TONQUISH

The Plymouth YMCA will be holding Camp Tonquish at McClumpha Park for children ages 6-12. There will be trips and events Monday through Aug. 22. For more information, call the YMCA.

CANTON FREE CONCERT SERIES

The Canton Parks and Rec department will kick off its free summer concert series 7:30 p.m. on July 7 in Heritage Park with the Tim Hewitt Band. Concessions will be available. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

VFW ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW post and Auxillary #6695 will hold their annual chicken barbecue from 1 to 5 p.m. on July 4 at the post home, 1426 S Mill Street. The cost will be \$4 per person. For more information, call the post home at 459-6700.

SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

The Plymouth Recreation Department will hold a summer park program beginning July 5, Monday through Friday, with activities and field trips. For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Italian Cucina. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

FIREARMS CLASSES

The Board of Directors of Western Wayne County Conservation Association have announced a series of N.R.A. basic firearms classes. Basic Rifle classes, July 6, 13, 20, 23 and 27; basic muzzleloading classes, August 3, 10, 17, 20, 24, 27 and 31. All classes will be held on the grounds of Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp. For further information call Bill Scherer at 535-0436.

50TH CLASS REUNION

Plymouth High's class of 1944 has announced their 50th class reunion tomorrow at the Marriott Inn of Livonia. For further information contact Dora at 453-0769 or Marian at 453-2609.

ROCK AND BOWL

The Canton Police Department is sponsoring and supporting the Super Bowl in a "For Kids only-Rock-N-Bowl," at the Superbowl off of Ford Rd. The bowling will continue throughout the summer from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$5 and all children ages 9-15 are welcome.

CHILDREN'S ART CAMP

D & M Art Studio, in cooperation with the Plymouth Cultural Center, has begun registration for its fourth annual Art Camp Mania. This year's theme is "art from outer space," which will include the creation of aliens, rockets, spaceships and much more. The camp is for children ages 3 to 16. For more information, or to register, call D & M Art Studio at 453-3710.

TINY TOT PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Salvation Army Tiny Tots Program is now accepting registrations for the Fall Pre-school classes. There are openings for the Mon./Wed. morning 3-year old class, and for the Tues./Thurs. 4-year old class. Call 453-5464 for more information.

HEAD START PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS FOR 1994-1995

The Head Start program has announced several openings for 3 and 4 year olds for the 1994-1995 school year. The program will run out of Central Middle School. For more information on the program or registration, call 416-6190.

DETROIT TIGERS GAME

Canton Parks and Rec will be taking a field trip to see the Detroit Tigers take on the Texas Rangers on July 9. The fee is \$14 and the bus will leave the Canton Administration Building at 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 397-5110.

BLACKHAWK DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The 86th Blackhawk Division Association is looking for veterans of the 86th Infantry Division that served during WWII. The next reunion will be held in September of 1994. For more information about the association, contact Alyn Dull, membership chairman at 1226 Kilian Blvd., St. Cloud, MN 56304.

WILLOW CREEK PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS

The Willow Creek has announces several openings in their pre-school classes for 3 year olds. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. For further information call Susan at 981-6918.

DRUG EDUCATION WORK SHOP

Learn & Care is sponsoring a medication evaluation work shop at the Wayne Senior Center on July 21 at 12:30 p.m. Pharmacist Ken Koorhan will host a presentation dealing with the importance of medications and individual evaluations of medications. For more information contact Krissy Todora at 397-8665.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Trinity Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Bible school program for the children of Plymouth and Canton beginning June 27 through July 1 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Registration ends today. To register or for further information call 459-9550.

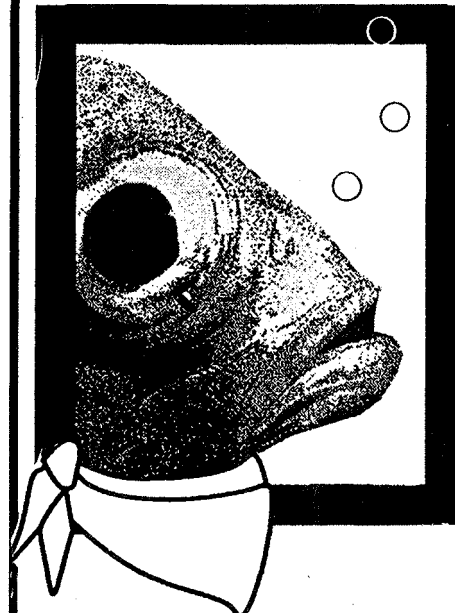
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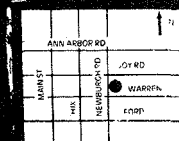
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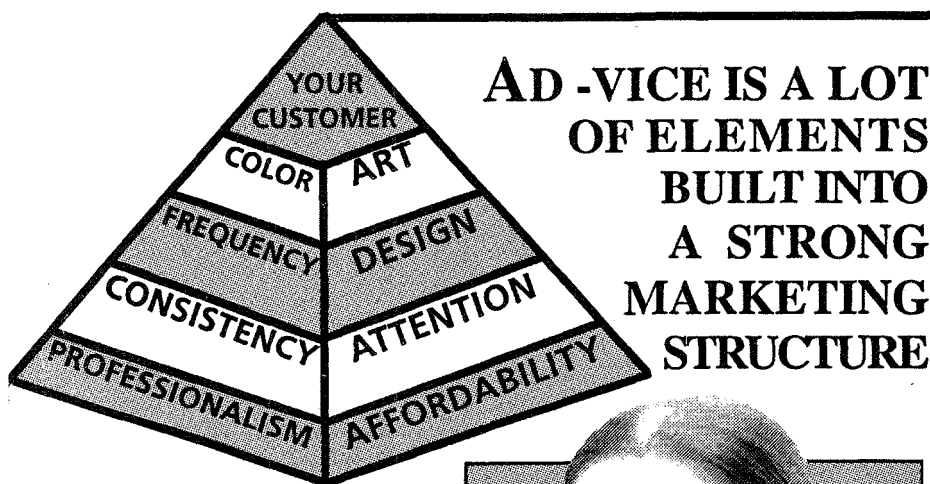
The home construction program offers builders and homeowners incentives for installing energy-efficient wall and ceiling insulation, windows, lighting, major electric appliances and high-efficiency cooling.

Additionally, homeowners qualify for Detroit Edison's lower time-of-day rate. The program is available to owners and builders of "all-electric" homes, which are homes equipped with electric heating and cooling systems.

"Home construction - whether building new or remodeling - is an expensive venture," said William Steele, builder liaison for Detroit Edison.

"This helps homeowners minimize that expense. "It offers initial installation costs, lowers future energy bills and increases resale value."

For more information call Detroit Edison's Heating and Cooling Information Center at 1-800-833-2786.



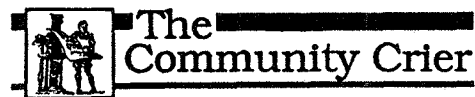
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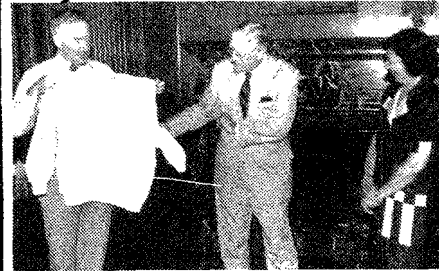
Neighbors in business

Chameleon Galleries, located on Main Street in Plymouth hosted "Fireworks Captured" Sunday.

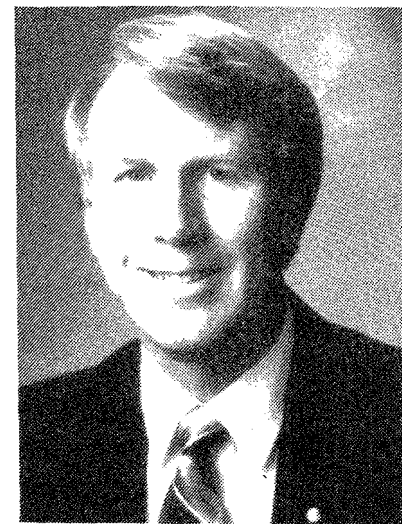
The event was described as the largest kaleidoscope exhibition in the state.

Chameleon Galleries is displaying more than 100 scopes from 12 of the best artists in the country.

The exhibition started Sunday and runs through July 3.



Officials representing Ford Motor Company and the Ford Motor Company fund were feted at Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall recently. Bill Kath of Plymouth, left, examines his OU sweatshirt as Leo J. Brennan, Jr., and OU President Sandra Packard look on. Brennan is executive director of the Ford Motor Company Fund that has just announced a three-year commitment of \$750,000 to the OU School of Engineering and Computer Science. Kath is manager, technology implementation, for Ford Motor Company. Kath is a graduate of OU's School of Engineering and Computer Science and holder of his MBA from Harvard University.



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Rivers banks on her Ann Arbor reputation

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The rest of her connections with the newly-drawn 13th District stems in large part from her personal history: An adult learner who went back to school while raising a family, Rivers boasts of a blue-collar lifestyle underscored by her UAW-member husband, Joe.

Married right out of high school, Rivers said that her life has given her "the perspective of what families really need today."

"Any mistake that was to be made out there, we made," she said.

In addition, her return to school emphasized the importance of continuous learning: "If it hadn't been for higher education, I don't know where I'd be."

And, she's quick to add, "we have to make sure that the grants and loans (for higher education) aren't eroded in any way; we have to make sure that the doors remain open for other people."

Concerning the dynamics of the upcoming primary, Rivers maintains a practical view of her chances: With an eight-year record — and name recognition — coming from her work in that district, she sees her campaign starting from a strong base.

But what about the rest of the district?

"There's always been a cadre of independent voters who decide races, and in this district, they will decide the election."

As a result, she said she'll have to "convince die-hard (Democratic party) voters that I'm the right person (in the primary), and then in November back away a bit to attract all kinds of voters."

"What it's going to come down to is who's most electable in November."

And in this regard, "I have a strong base; I've been on a ballot six times and I've won every election" — including a school board race in which she defeated the incumbent board president.

The bottom line, she said, is that people vote for candidates "who have my kind of accountability."

And that accountability, she said, extends to her views on several key issues facing the country: Crime and health care.

"The one thing that is frustrating to me" Rivers said, "is passing legislation that makes headlines, but that doesn't really impact crime at all; and at the same time is stomps on civil liberties that everyone supports in the abstract."

"I favor community policing, three strikes and your out, truth in sentencing and crimes with weapons sentencing."

"But there's got to be more than that: Should we do more prevention, intervention? Both?"

One area that doesn't make sense to the state lawmaker is criticism of attempts to change the nation's health care system.

"I think we do have a problem," she said, adding what she thought were integral parts of any solution: It must be "universally accessible, universally affordable, cost effective and (making health care) reach into underserved areas, such as the inner city and rural America."

As it is, she said, "there's a lot of

blame to pass around" about the health care mess — "which is why we shouldn't have a blame-based system."

"Instead of looking for the source of the problem (to place blame), we should seek solutions — and although I have the kind of experience that could help (find solutions), it would be foolish to say that this is my plan and this is what I will introduce if elected."

"It's not going to be that simple."

Still, Rivers does stake out an area in stark contrast to some Republican candidates who have discounted the area of streamlining paperwork as a way to cut costs.

"This is not a bogus issue at all," she said, agreeing with statistics that report that the Canadian national health care

system spends only 8 per cent of its budget on paperwork, while the American medical industry spends 24 per cent.

"Of course there's waste," she said. "Remember, many people say that insurance companies only exist for two reasons: to collect premiums and deny claims."

"Does that mean that government can do it better?" she asked. "The fact is that maybe it can: The federal employees health plan works relatively efficiently."

"But you really get people talking about health care when you talk about a single payer (plan); because people don't trust government, they don't think it would work."

"But," she said, "that doesn't mean you reject an idea because of the source."

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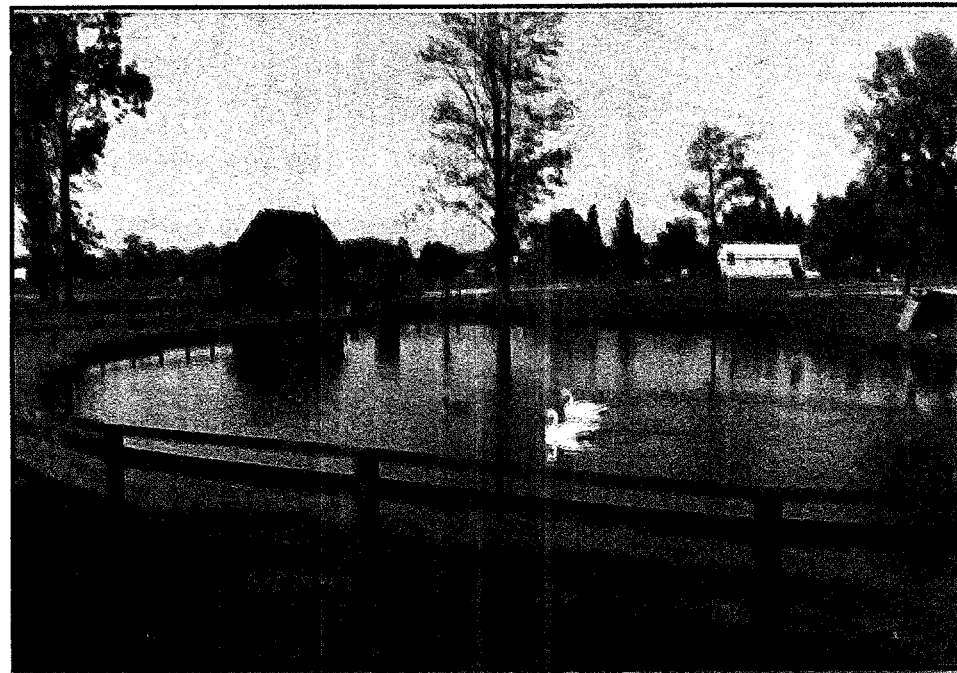
LYNN RIVERS

Personal: 37, married (Joe), two children: Bridgitte, Jeanne.
Education: B.A., University of Michigan; J.D., Wayne State University Law School.
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And for Rivers, the campaign for Congress is linking one separate issue to another.

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