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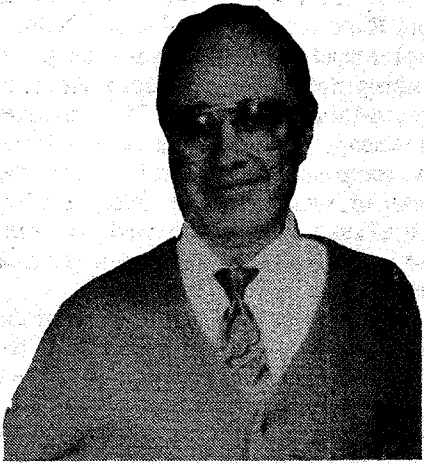
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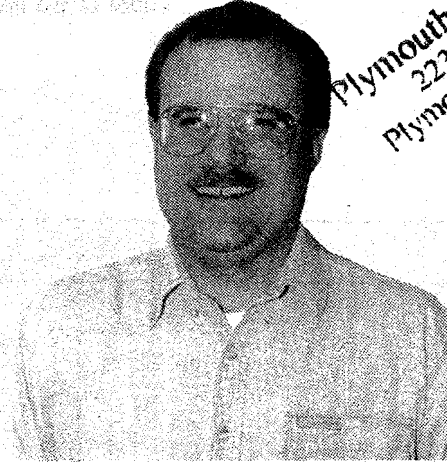
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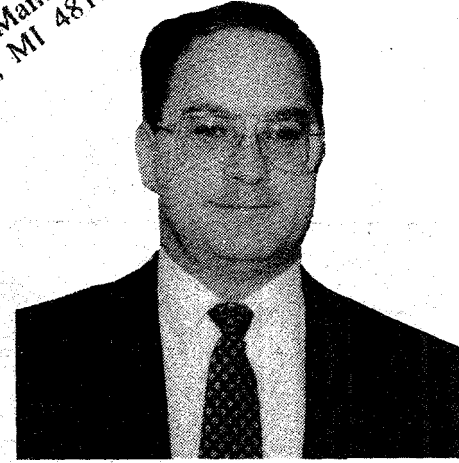
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JEFF PHILLIPS



PAUL SCHRAUBEN

Candidates prepare for P-C School Board battle

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Unless there is a last minute change of heart, there will be four candidates in the June 10 election for the two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton School Board.

Incumbent Trustee Jack Farrow, Paul Schrauben, Liz Givens and Jeff Phillips are the candidates for two four-year terms. The candidates have until 4 p.m. tomorrow to withdraw from the ballot. Trustee Barbara Graham is not seeking re-election.

Farrow, who was elected in 1992, is a City of Plymouth resident who works in Farmington Hills at Medar, Inc. He said his decision to run for re-election was made after his first campaign victory. "It was just a given," said Farrow. "I just decided when I ran in 1992, you know, I made a commitment here. As long as the voters will have me, I'm willing to run."

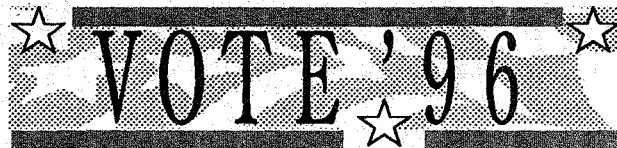
Schrauben, a Canton resident and stay-at-home parent, was a candidate in last year's election. He returned to address some of the same issues, including class size and more long term planning to avoid predicaments such as the problems that he said occurred after the building of Tonda and Bentley elementary schools. "They build them and then they come back and say, 'We can't afford to open them,'" said Schrauben. "If you can't fund them, why open them? You've got to think of those things ahead of time."

Schrauben currently serves on the school district's Finance Committee.

Givens, also a Canton resident, works in media and publications for SEND International of Farmington. She entered the race to improve communication between parents, teachers and administrators. "My goal as a member of the school board is to continue to work for what is best for our children, just as I have as a volunteer," said Givens.

Givens has served on the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council as president and vice president, the School Improvement Team for the high schools, District Goals committees and the search committees for the superintendent in 1994. She has also been involved with PTO groups at Eriksson Elementary School and Lowell and East middle schools.

Phillips, a City of Plymouth resident, works as a sys-

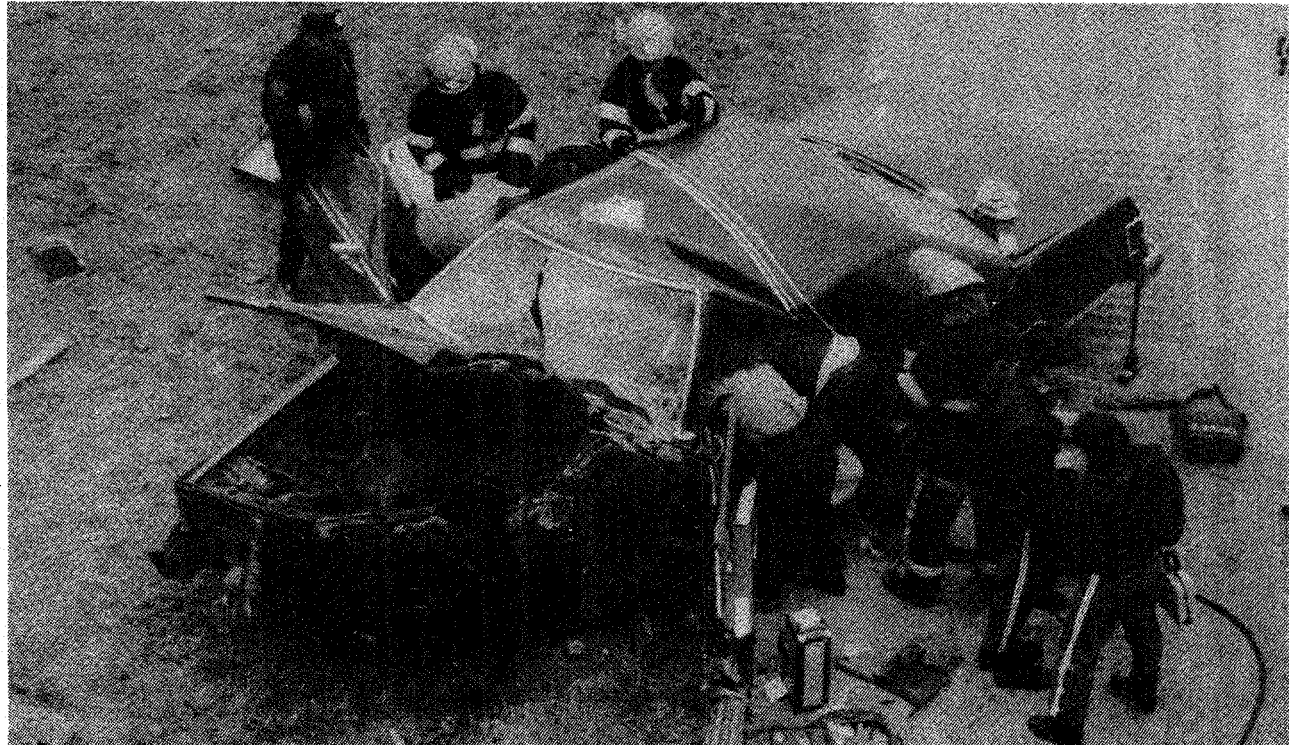


tems engineer for EDS. Phillips said he was almost a candidate last year, and was indecisive about entering the race this year because of a busy schedule that includes serving

on the Health Advisory Council and the Elementary Awareness Committee. "I had to consider if I had enough time to do the job," he said. "It was one of those things, if I run, if I win, will I have enough time to do a good job?"

Phillips believes he can, beginning with the school district's processes and making parents' concerns the utmost priority. "I'm going to stress processes," he said. "Right now, we have none."

Motorist in critical condition



A Plymouth Township man is in critical condition after his car skidded off M-14 and slammed into the overpass support at Haggerty Road. Please see pg. 9 for complete details. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

Hoop dream

Plymouth Township Police prepare for 'Lions den'

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Leadership

Plymouth chamber launches new program in community

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Slow start

Canton baseball team looks for first win of young season

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Canton DDA plan could impact tax structure

The Canton Board of Trustees discussed the possible expansion of the Canton Downtown Development Authority District along the entire length of Ford Road.

Board members pondered the expansion at a study session last week. No formal action was taken.

The presentation for the board focused on the size and scope of a potential new DDA district as outlined by the legal description, as well as overall values of the property and the affect capturing dol-

lars would have on the Canton general, police and fire funds.

The potential expanded DDA district includes some 378 acres of vacant land and stretches along Ford Road from the eastern border of Canton to just west of Canton Center Road. It includes almost all of the commercial zoning on the north and south sides of Ford Road as well as some light industrial zoning and residential zoning east of I-275.

The current DDA district includes 80 acres along Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads as well as some property running north along Sheldon Road to Westminister Way. A \$2 million streetscape project in the current DDA was completed last year and included the burial of overhead utility lines, installation of street lighting, widened sidewalks and extensive landscaping with a brick garden wall.

Expansion of the DDA was one of the recommendations that resulted from the 1994 community-based Ford Road Task Force. It was felt that some of the ideas generated by the task force, particularly for infrastructure improvements, would only be accomplished if Canton found a way to fund the projects.

Last October, the Canton Board of Trustees okayed the preparation of a legal description outlining the potential boundaries of an expanded DDA district. That work was completed by Wade Trim Associates earlier this year and a map and legal description produced. Staff research was also developed, which identified the potential acreage for development in the expanded district and estimated the values of such development. Canton staff also reviewed the potential loss to the municipal funds from dollars captured by the new DDA district.

The board directed the administration to continue researching the ramifications of an expanded DDA district and asked for clarification on several questions raised during the presentation. The administration said it would return to the board with further information sometime in the next two months.

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No more stalling

Plymouth double-decker bus almost ready for service

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

It looks like the double-decker bus may return to Plymouth this summer.

Last June, the Plymouth City Commission voted to sell the bus to the London Double Decker Bus Company for \$1. In exchange, the bus will be available for City functions 50 days during a 10-year period. It took the City about six to eight months to reach that agreement.

The company also agreed to an estimated \$25,000 investment to restore the bus to working condition. Restoration should have been completed in December, according to City Commissioners, who debated the issue at their June 19 meeting.

So what happened to the bus?

"It's been quite a problem," said Thomas Plunkett, a bus restorer who runs the London Double Decker Bus Company.

The City replaced the engine several years ago, he said, and the bus never worked well again.

"We've done everything to try to repair it," said Plunkett, who owns Deacon Brodie's Tavern in Mt. Clemens and Rochester. "Everyone's totally baffled by it."

Finally, last week, he found a mechanic who could fix the engine, he said. The bus should be repaired in about a week.

The City bought the bus used in the early 1970s with large contributions from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

After 20 years of use, the vehicle suffered a series of mechanical failures in 1991 and sat in the public works yard until last year.

In addition to rebuilding the motor, restoration included new windows, new paint and some advertising signs. Plunkett said he doesn't know how much he spent repairing the bus.

"The problem is getting it running," he said. "That's been a nightmare."

City officials hope to use the bus at Art in the Park, Plymouth Fall Festival and an Old Village festival planned for



Work on the double decker bus, formerly owned by Plymouth, should be complete soon. (Crier file photo)

the fall, to shuttle residents to their cars and to add a unique touch to the fairs, Walters said.

Despite the December deadline,

Walters said, "There was no commitment that he would get it done for the Ice Spectacular. The only date we had was sometime in 1996."

Canton fire station plans reviewed by board

The plan to design and build a new fire station in Canton to replace the current facility at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads moved forward recently when the Canton Board of Trustees reviewed a schematic design for the 14,500-square-foot facility.

Earlier this year, the board approved the use of a revenue bond issue for \$3 million through the building authority to help pay for construction of the fire station.

The cost of the project, as outlined last Tuesday, is expected to be approximately \$3 million, including \$1.5 million for the fire building itself. Besides the fire station, the project also includes the construction of a second floor addition to the Canton Public Safety building and the addition of a garage for the Public Safety Department. Those projects come in at approximately \$600,000. Other costs include site work, architect/engineering fees and bond issuance costs.

An additional \$550,000 is also needed for off-site improvements around the proposed fire station location (at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Proctor roads, behind the Canton Historical Museum), including the widening of Proctor Road fronting the station, a traffic signal at Canton Center Road, parking

lot paving, and improvements to other parts of the civic center road network. The overall project cost totals \$3.6 million and includes the fire station, the additions to the Public Safety Department facility and the off-site improvements around the civic center complex.

Besides the \$3 million bond issue, the board also reviewed other funding sources to cover the additional costs. They include dollars from the capital project road paving fund, the community improvement fund, both police and fire funds and possibly from the general fund.

The new station is necessary, said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, because of the overcrowded and deteriorating conditions at the current 50-year-old fire station #1. He also added that when Canton Center Road is widened to five lanes, the roadway will be within a few feet of the fire station.

The schematic design of the new fire station includes four bays for emergency vehicles and fire equipment, a large multi-use room that could be used by community groups, living quarters for on-duty firefighters, training and storage areas and an office. The fire command personnel will be located in the new addition to the Public Safety Building under the current project plan.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton baseball team takes on Milan in a doubleheader today at home at 3:30 p.m.
- It's "Blitz Week" at WSDP for their radio auction. Representatives from WSDP will be intensifying efforts to seek out donation from area merchants. The donated items will be auctioned off during the Radio Auction on May 11. The auction provides funds for the student-run radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall.
- Mail at the downtown Plymouth and Clipper Street post offices will be collected until midnight, April 15 — tax night. All mail collected before midnight will be postmarked April 15 — just in time to make the dreaded tax deadline. Come early. Long lines are expected.
- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a study session. The public is invited to the open meeting.
- The Salem tennis team takes on Farmington at Farmington April 17 at 4 p.m.

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Engler visits Summit

Gov. John Engler was in Canton last week to kick off Project Zero from the Summit on the Park. The governor took a few minutes after the announcement to tour the new Summit facility with Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and State Sen. Loren Bennett. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Hilltop improvements underway

BY LIZ SEYMOUR AND BRIAN CORBETT

Regulars at Hilltop Golf Club may not recognize the municipal golf course when they tee up their ball for the first drive of the season.

Hilltop employees are renovating, landscaping and cleaning up the club located on Powell Road at Ann Arbor Trail and Beck Road.

"We're going to be working on the drainage, and some tees," said Paula Ball, who is Hilltop's new manager. "We've got new ball washers, baskets and flags."

The golf course opened last weekend under new management after the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees had some contentious battles with a previous operator.

Hilltop revenue is expected to increase based on the terms of a new contract with American Golf Corporation. It was approved by the Township Board of Trustees at its Feb. 27 meeting.

"Based on what we had, this is a far cry from that and a big improvement," Trustee Ron Griffith said at that meeting.

"I'm in total support of it," he said.

The previous lease with John Jawar Inc. often prompted disputes between the Township and Jawar about golf course responsibilities. But the lease with American Golf is extensive in its description.

Initial terms call for a five-year lease ending Dec. 31, 2000, with an optional extension for another five years. The annual minimum rent for this year is \$250,000, which climbs to \$350,000 by the fifth year of the contract. American Golf, which operates more than 200 golf courses across the nation, also will offer senior citizens discounts.

Trustee Charles Curmi cast the sole vote against the lease and partnership agreement. "The document here, in general, is very restrictive on both sides," he said. "It tells you how many golf outings you can have and when...I don't think this is a good deal. I think it's restrictive for them and us."

A grand opening celebration is planned for July — even though the club already opened — to allow time for the renovations and landscaping, Ball said.

The club's restaurant is being revamped and extensive landscaping around the course is planned. Hilltop's clubhouse also is slated for interior renovations.

"We want a more enchanting atmosphere," Ball said.

"We're really trying to bring back a lot of people this year and we hope to do it with customer service," she said. That means a beverage and convenience cart circling the course, and improved groundskeeping.

Golfers may already have plans to return. During a recent warm spell in March, about 130 people in two days golfed at Hilltop, Ball told the Township Board of Trustees.

Police aid woman found in Hines Park

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

For the last two years, Hines Park has made headlines for all the wrong reasons.

So it's no surprise that a rumor swept through the area last week that a third body in three years was found in the county park.

There was a body found, according to the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, but the 39-year-old Plymouth Township woman was only sleeping.

The woman, whose name was not released, was found lying near the edge of the water last Tuesday at about 5 p.m. She entered the park in a wooded area south of M-14 and Hines Drive.

Sheriff's deputies were able to wake her, but she began to shake uncontrollably and officials feared she could be suffering from the early stages of hypothermia, said Nancy Mouridian, the chief of staff for the Wayne County

Sheriff's Department.

The woman was transported to St. Mary's Hospital by Huron Valley Ambulance and was treated and released.

She apparently had a fight with her boyfriend, police said.

Officers searched her car and found a note that may have alluded to a suicide attempt.

"The contents of the letter indicated doing harm to herself," Mouridian said.

The woman's name was not released because of the sensitivity of the matter and because there was no criminal activity involved, Mouridian said.

She said she wasn't surprised to hear the rumor that the woman was dead. Both in the fall of 1994 and in the fall of 1995, a female body was found in the park. Both cases remain open, she said.

"Fortunately, this individual was coping with an unhappy situation," Mouridian said.



Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Conference Chambers at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

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Senior housing could replace Twp. eyesore

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

One of Plymouth Township's biggest eyesores could become a boon to the elderly, according to a plan before the Township Planning Commission.

A public hearing on the proposal to turn the defunct Radisson Hotel into senior housing is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday at the Township offices.

The Planning Commission has delayed action on the Independence Village of Plymouth proposal for several weeks, but it could vote on the site plan after next week's hearing, said Shirley Barney, the Township's community development director.

It was 10:30 p.m. one recent Wednesday when the commission turned to review the proposal. Because of the late hour and the absence of three planning commissioners, discussion of the senior housing plan was postponed, Planning Commissioner Kay Arnold said.

"It's a real important issue and we need to look at it very, very carefully," she said. Instead, the commission held a study session the following week to talk about Independence Village.

The P.M.Group, based in Brighton, wants to build 175 units of senior housing on the site of the abandoned Plymouth Radisson Hotel on Northville Road, near Five Mile Road and Hines Drive.

The Village would include 51 congregate living apartments for seniors who are mostly independent and 76 assisted-living apartments for older seniors who need help living independently, but aren't ready for a nursing home or hospital care.

Also included in the plans is a three-story apartment building for seniors who are completely independent.

The developers would renovate the five-story hotel but would demolish the lobby and banquet facilities. The pool area also would be demolished and replaced by a landscaped garden.

The project has drawn praise from Barney and a slew of other local officials.

"They're proposing developing a site that's been vacant for some time," she said. "We certainly want to see it be developed and be a benefit to the community."

Barney said the Planning Commission has thought for some time that the abandoned hotel would be a good location for senior housing. She said she has received several telephone calls asking about the proposal, as well as other senior housing opportunities in the Township.

"It's very exciting to see something being done with that building," Arnold said.

If the project receives Township approvals, construction could begin as early as the summer, said John Moran, a development officer at The P.M. Group. The first housing units could be available a year later, he said.

"A week's delay isn't going to upset anything," he said.

The company has built similar senior housing projects in Brighton and Frankenmuth, Moran said, but has never done a hotel conversion.

In pitching the project, Moran wrote in a letter to the commission: "The proposed 'Independence Village of Plymouth' development could be a feather in the Township's cap. The proposed site has been vacant for quite some time and an attractive development could bolster the surrounding area as well as improve the northern entrance to the City."

P-C Schools' Housing Committee reviews relocation proposal, looks at possibility of new schools

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School District's Housing Committee will likely make amendments to its short term recommendation calling for the relocation of 320 elementary and middle school students.

Also, according to Superintendent Charles Little, a long term plan might include a recommendation to build new schools.

The topics being studied by the Housing Committee are scheduled to be presented to the P-C School Board on April 22, at Bentley Elementary School, 1100 Sheldon Rd. in Canton, at 7 p.m. "I think that the prospects for a five-year and out plan is a challenging plan that will probably include the building of school buildings," said Little.

After meeting 11 times since December, the Housing Committee — comprised of teachers, administrators and residents to provide a solution to the school district's growing student population — held two public meetings last month to cultivate public opinion. The Housing Committee has convened once since then, and plans at least one more meeting before rendering the final recom-

mendation. "We've met once, and I had a sense we weren't quite finished," said committee member and Tonda Principal George Belvitch.

"We've come to somewhat of a consensus," said committee member Sherry Frazier, a media specialist at Canton High School, "but we're taking a week to think it over."

Regardless of some public remarks that pointed to the recommendation as a "done deal," Housing Committee members are adamant that community opinions and concerns are being addressed and considered in discussions.

Belvitch said it is a common reaction. "That whole notion always comes up when committees are formed," he said. "I've been involved in the school district for 20 years, it's not a new line. That always happens with millage votes...That's not the case. On the 22nd, there may be a recommendation that looks somewhat different."

"Our plan was to bring our intentions to the public," said Frazier. "That's been the plan all along. It's certainly not a done deal."

Little said the Housing Committee wouldn't ignore residents. "We're going

to incorporate some concerns in our plans," he said.

Despite the pressure and aggressive schedule Frazier, Belvitch and Little said the Housing Committee has developed a prolific working relationship. "We've had a lot of interaction," said Belvitch.

"Compared to my experiences on

other committees in the school district, I think it's been a very good working committee. Everyone had input, every committee member. Everyone's voice has been heard."

"We've had our differences," said Little, "but it's been very productive."

Baby!

Announcing!

The Crier will print basic information about local births. (Street addresses will not be published, but we would like them for our records). Sorry, photos will not be returned. *Polaroid or Xerox photos will not be accepted.* If you need additional room, attach a piece of paper.

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Woman killed after accident with police car in Northville

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

A Northville woman who ran a stop sign on Saturday night died after she was hit by a Northville police car.

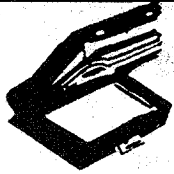
Suzanne Bogden, 50, died of head injuries when she was ejected from her car, said Sgt. Camille Kleinow of the Michigan State Police. Bogden wasn't wearing a seatbelt.

The accident occurred at about 11:15 p.m. on Saturday at the intersection of Eight Mile and Randolph roads. Bogden

ran a stop sign on Randolph and an officer making routine car patrols on Eight Mile Road plowed into her, police said.

The officer wasn't involved in a pursuit or emergency response at the time of the accident, according to a press release from the Northville Police Department. Police would not release the officer's name.

There is no evidence that either driver was speeding, Kleinow said. The accident is still under investigation.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



SUSAN LARMAN

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan (VNA) has named Canton resident Susan Larman as its vice president and chief operating officer.

Larman, with more than 15 years of home health care experience, will be responsible for overall operation of VNA including clinical programs, continuous quality improvement efforts and VNA Hospice.

She was previously vice president and chief operating officer of VNA of Western New York, located in Buffalo, NY. Larman holds an M.B.A. and B.S. in nursing from the State University of New York Buffalo.

Ceco Concrete of Plymouth was recently presented a Safety Honor Roll Award, recognizing the firm for its outstanding job safety performance in 1995. Ceco had a lost work case incident rate below last year's overall average of 4.26.

Plymouth firm C.L. Finlan & Sons, Inc. has been honored by Citizens Company of America. After reviewing the performance of approximately 700 independent agencies in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio that write properly and casualty policies for Citizens Insurance Company, the Michigan-based insurer selected C.L. Finlan & Sons, Inc. for the President's Council Award.

The President's Council Award recognizes agencies for exceptional production and underwriting results.

Phyllis J. Wordhouse, CFP, 9440 Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth, is offering a complimentary audio tape on "The ABC's of CRT's" (Subtitled "Increasing Your Community's Net Worth by Giving a Gift That Lasts for Generations") to 500 non-profit organizations.

The CRT (Charitable Remainder Trust) allows donors to control who spends their taxes: the IRS or charity. Wordhouse said several small to mid-size non-profits have benefited since she presented the speech at a Canton Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Making Leadership Count

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Applications for the first-ever Leadership Plymouth are currently being accepted.

Sponsored and designed by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, heads of government and prominent business people, the eight-month program will enhance the leadership skills of participants through seven full day sessions covering a variety of personal skills topics.

According to Fran Toney, executive director for the chamber of commerce, Leadership Plymouth is unique because the program is commonly utilized by communities with larger populations. "Most leaderships across the country are in larger communities," she said. "Normally, they're held in a little bit larger area, but we decided we'll do it here."

Ford Sheldon Road Plant Manager Cliff Dawson jumped at the chance to get involved. "It's an opportunity," said Dawson, who is also the chamber of commerce vice president. "I've never been involved with one of these programs. It's a chance to work with the people in the chamber's committees."

The chamber of commerce's Steering Committee has been planning Leadership Plymouth for about six months, Toney said, formulating goals, selection process, tuition and designing a schedule. "Each member of the Steering Committee is responsible for one of the session days," said Toney. "I think (retired 35th District Court Judge James Garber) will present the justice system. He has speakers lined up and tours."

Garber, Dawson, Toney, Denny Campbell of Jaguar of Plymouth, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Sutherland & Yoe CPA Ed Schulz, First of America's Margaret Slezak, City Manager Steve Walters and Orion International's Tom Webber comprise the Steering Committee.

"Each of us took a topic, if one could, that would be appropriate for our experiences," said Dawson.

The sessions begin Sept. 13-14 with an overnight retreat at the St. Clair Inn. "For retreats, they recommend you have it far enough away," said Toney, "so people won't go home that night."

Monthly sessions, held at various sites, will follow covering such topics as government, human needs and services, business and economic development, education and learning, the justice system, human relations and labor unions, and quality of life and culture/leadership in action. Each topic, though general in its title, will focus on a specific aspect of the Plymouth community.

"They will include management skills that people will be able to take away and use," said Dawson.

Leadership Plymouth ends April 18, 1997 with a banquet. The graduates will then be expected to return their knowledge and experience to future candidates and community activities. "What we're attempting to do is let others know of interests that they may not even know they have," said Toney. "Maybe they'll find out they want to help the Boy Scouts, or build a new park, help the Salvation Army or join the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Maybe they'll even run for office."

"We hope to equal or better the programs around by adding more content. We hope to have about 20 people," Dawson said, "and have a high level of interest."

Applications for Leadership Plymouth must be received no later than Aug. 13. Enrollment is limited to 20 people, and tuition is \$795 per person.

To be eligible, applicants must live, work or have a sincere commitment to the Plymouth community. For more information, call the chamber of commerce at 416-1540.

Helping public television

Plymouth resident Nancy Lee stands with Channel 56 Celebrity Chairperson Fox 2 Money reporter Murray Feldman. Lee is volunteering as a Channel 56 Auction Shopper, gathering donations from area merchants for the televised event, April 30 through May 5 on WTVS. With more than 6,000 items needed to make the auction a success, Lee will canvass area merchants and business for donations of new items valued at \$100 or more such as appliances, toys, jewelry, sporting goods, and art. In return for their generosity, businesses will receive television exposure, tax benefits and community goodwill for supporting Detroit Public Television. Anyone wishing to contribute merchandise or volunteer their time to the Channel 56 Auction should call (313) 876-8350.



Twp. resident in critical condition

A Plymouth Township resident was listed in extremely critical condition yesterday following a single vehicle crash on M-14 Monday night, according to Plymouth Township Police.

Richard Alexander Shepley, 44, is recovering in the U of M Hospital Trauma Unit after undergoing several hours of surgery to treat injuries suffered in the 5:45 p.m. crash, police said. "The lone occupant was traveling westbound M-14 when, according to witnesses, he left the roadway and struck the cement abutment under Haggerty Road," said Plymouth Township Police Sgt. Jim Jarvis.

Shepley's 1983 Mercury Grand Marquis was mangled in the accident. Jarvis said the investigation is ongoing, but alcohol or excessive speed do not appear to a factor in the crash. "According to witnesses, the vehicle drifted off the roadway," the police report said, "it did not swerve nor was it forced of the roadway by any type of objects."

M-14 was closed for one hour as rescue workers used the Jaws of Life to free Shepley, who was then airlifted from the scene to the hospital in Ann Arbor.

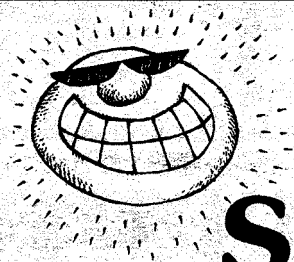
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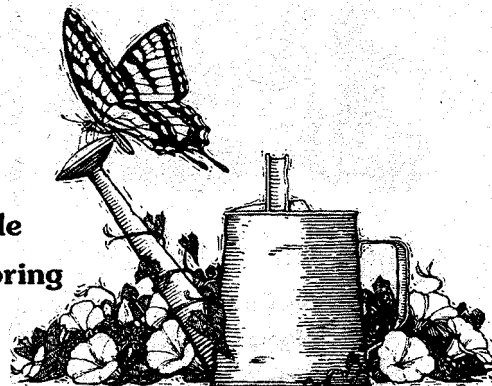
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The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

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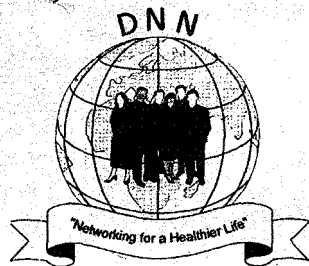
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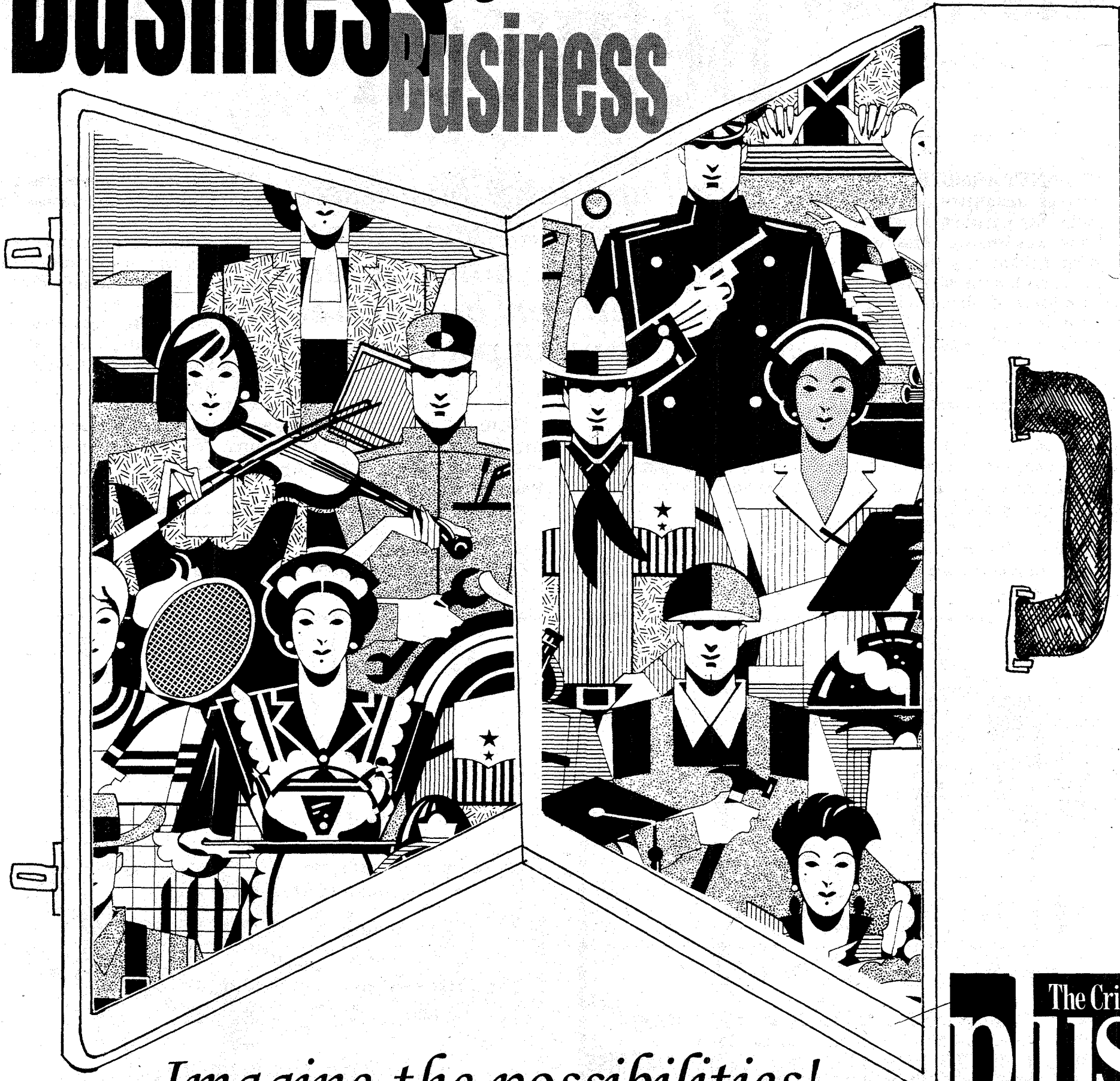
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Business Between Business

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Business accounts can be a good way for corporations and small business owners alike to do everything from buy flowers to catering their business meetings.

It's a matter of convenience for these businesses, according to Vickey Sneath of Bartel Flowers in Canton.

"It's convenient for them, there's no shopping around," said Sneath.

Sneath, who said that 45 percent of her business is made up of corporate accounts, added that the last thing these businesses need is the hassle of finding the least expensive flowers and dealing with the delivery of them.

"No matter where in the world they're going, we'll take care of it," she said. "They call us and we take care of everything."

Sneath added that Bartel's business accounts range from small business to large corporations.

For small and large businesses alike, some of the best clients can be other companies. Accounts between businesses continue to gain in popularity

"We even have accounts from some out-of-state businesses," she added.

The range in account size is something that Margaret Grutza, owner of Papa Romano's Pizza in Plymouth agrees with.

"We have big accounts and smaller accounts," said Grutza, who added that convenience was also the key to her business accounts.

"Some of these big companies have accounting departments that cut all the checks," said Grutza. "So the only way for them to order lunch for a meeting and such, is to have an account somewhere."

According to Sneath these accounts can be very good to have.

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Networking helps business sales

Business group provides leads

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The close-knit businesses of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community rely on each other for help.

Word-of-mouth is critical to their success.

With this in mind, a new group is forming in the community to discuss ways to improve business networking.

Business Network International (BNI) is holding a kickoff meeting for its newly created Plymouth Chapter April 18, 1996 at 7 a.m. at the Mayflower Hotel.

Larry Oldford, president of the Plymouth Chapter, said networking is important for all businesses.

"BNI is designed to form a local network, specifically for referral and leads for each of the members," said

Oldford, who runs a financial planning firm in Plymouth. "This is what business is all about."

Cara Maxson, co-executive director of BNI in Southeast



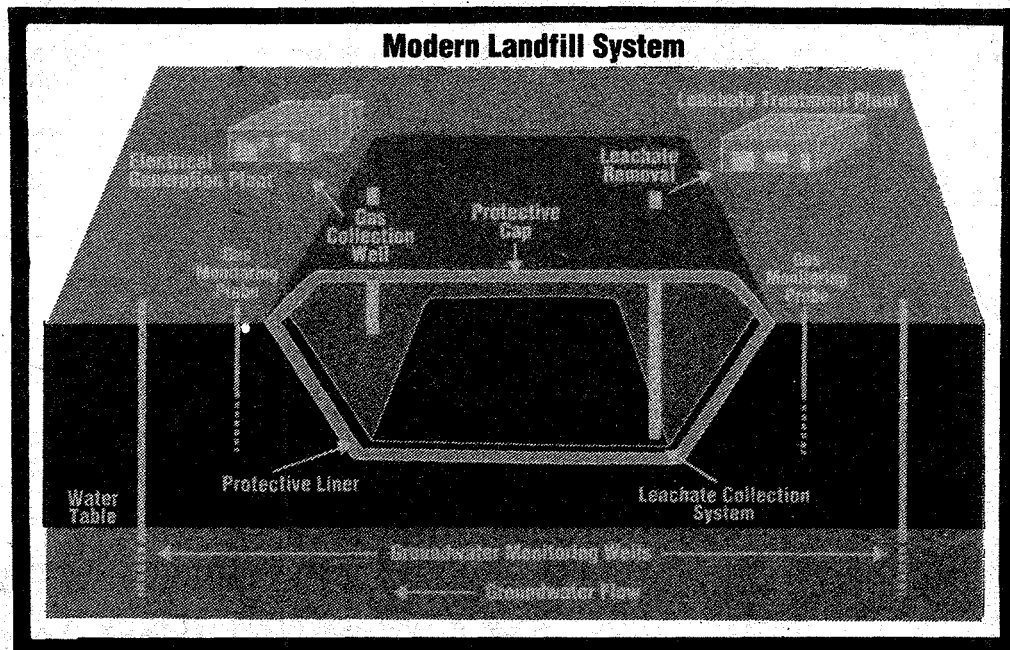
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Business travel still necessary despite new technology

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The new age of technology is here. While this technology may be allowing corporations and businesses to communicate easier all over the world, it hasn't yet made corporate travel extinct.

"On any given flight probably half the plane is made up of business travelers," said Keya Tucker, vice president of World Travel in Plymouth.

And even though these businesses and corporations have people traveling on a regular basis, don't make the assumption that they (the businesses and corporations) are being cut a deal. "As far as airlines are concerned you're (the business traveler) going to pay top dollar," said Tucker.

There are ways to minimize the cost involved in business travel however, according to Ed Kropiewnicki, president of Uniglobe Port to Port Travel Company.

"They can go with a travel agent to make their arrangements," said Kropiewnicki. "There is no charge for the service, and we automatically get the lowest rates available."

Tucker said that if the traveler/company is flexible they can also save money.

"First they need to plan their travel as far in advance as possible," said Tucker. "Sometimes if they change planes as opposed to a non-stop flight we can save them money."

"Or we may offer them an alternative city to their destination, even if their doing a little bit of driving to save money."

It all comes down to one thing, according to Tucker. "They have to be flexible about their arrangements," she said. "For example, if your destination is Dallas we may be able to find you a better rate flying into one of the other Texas airports."

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Business group helps increase customer base

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Michigan, said the group is strictly business oriented. BNI is the only business network founded on the principles of personal referrals and business exclusivity. For instance, only one attorney, one CPA, one financial services provider, one travel agent, and one florist is invited to join the group. Once all the business categories are filled, no more members will be accepted.

A key component to the group is exchanging leads. Each member brings in possible leads for other members, forming a network of business.

"When the group fills to 30-35 members," said Maxson, "the leads they're exchanging will triple to 150 per month."

BNI began in California in 1985 and has spread to more than 450 chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Oldford said he was invited to join a BNI chapter in Bloomfield Hills.

"I thought that if a BNI group was thriving there, I should look into starting one here," he said.

Although the local BNI chapter has only held six meetings, membership continues to grow. Many spots are still available in the local group.

"People interested in the group can visit twice to see what it's like before committing," said Maxson.

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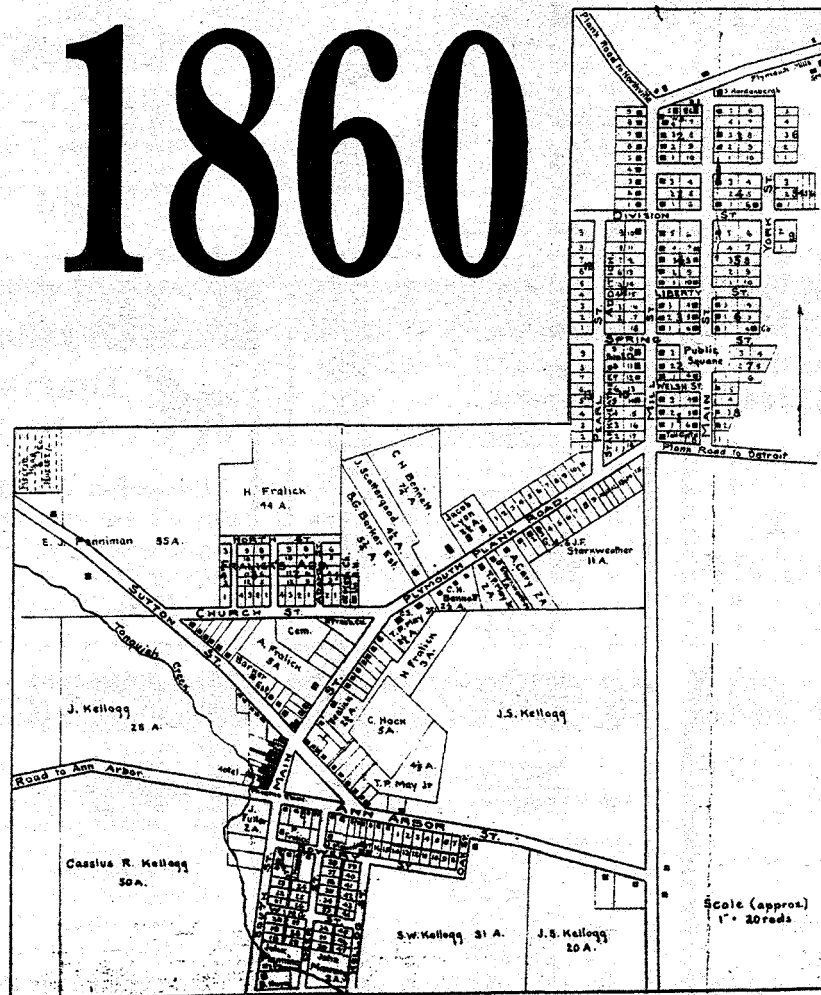
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Upcoming...

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The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Plymouth Elks, 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., in Plymouth from 2-8 p.m. April 17. For more information, call 663-0014.

HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN

Companionship, patient/family care and office support volunteers are needed. Volunteers will provide a variety of services for patients and families as well as vital community relations support. Next training session will be held at Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton. For more information, call 291-9700.

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The Arbor Hospice needs volunteers to assist patients and families. Certified Volunteer Course meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays until May 11. The classes will be held in Plymouth. For more information, call 677-0500.

CHORE WORKERS NEEDED

The Chore Referral Program links seniors with workers who can mow lawns, shovel snow, wash windows, and do minor repairs. Workers are asked to charge seniors no more than \$6 an hour and must provide three references. For more information, call 722-2830.

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PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

CHURCH RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. For more information, call 459-8181.

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At Bowen Field House at Eastern Michigan University June 9. Canton at 1:30 p.m. and Salem at 5 p.m.

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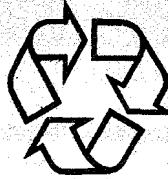
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FLORENCE FLESZAR

Florence Fleszar, a Plymouth resident, died April 4, 1996 at the age of 74.

Mrs. Fleszar was born Feb. 13, 1922 in Detroit. She came to Plymouth in 1951. Mrs. Fleszar was played cards and enjoyed bingo and bowling. She was a member of the Alter Society and Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

Mrs. Fleszar is survived by her husband, Cass; daughters, Jan (Carl) Hansen of Canton and Marie Fleszar of Ann Arbor; son, Raymond (Michele) of Wisconsin; mother, Fran Murawski Bushey; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Fr. Jim Livingston officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West in Westland. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes given to Our Lady of Providence Fund, 16115 Beck Rd., Northville, MI 48167.

LUELLA ELIZABETH SMOLENYAK

Luella Elizabeth Smolenyak, a Westland resident, died April 3, 1996 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Smolenyak was born Sept. 18, 1907 in Detroit. She worked as a PBX switchboard operator for the Detroit Union Produce Terminal.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth M. (Gloria) Smolenyak of Prescott, AZ; daughter, Clarice J. Vega of Westland; sister, Margaret (Sigmund) Konieczny of Allen Park; 15 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces. Mrs. Smolenyak is preceded in death by her husband, Michael.

Services were held at St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland with Fr. John Hall officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154.

ANDREW W. ALBAND

Andrew W. Alband, 55, formerly of Plymouth, died March 30 in Massachusetts.

He was the son of Lucinda M. Alband of Plymouth, the late Andrew L. Jeffrey, and the adopted son of the late Norman F. Alband.

He is also survived by his wife, Judith A. Alband of Pepperell, MA; son, Andrew Jeffrey Alband of Townsend, MA; daughter, Michelle M. Floyd of Townsend, MA; sisters, Arlene Richardson and Ardith Epperson, both of Plymouth, and Muriel Dennis of Waterford; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Alband was a graduate of Plymouth High School and of Franklin Institute in Massachusetts, where he received an associates degree in civil engineering. He was employed as a sheet metal worker at Atlantic Gelatin Co. in Woburn, MA and was the former owner of Jay Engineering in Chelmsford, MA.

Burial was in Pepperell, MA.

WALTER J. KWIATKOWSKI

Walter J. Kwiatkowski, a Plymouth resident, died April 1, 1996 at the age of 69.

Mr. Kwiatkowski was born June 26, 1926 in Detroit. He served in the U.S. army from 1945 to 1946 and the National Guard from 1949 to 1952. He worked as a control room engineer at Cobo Hall. He retired in 1987. Mr. Kwiatkowski worked in the Deputy Service Office at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, was a member of the Polish League of the American Legion, Post 1 and was a member of the Elks Club, Plymouth Post 1780.

Mr. Kwiatkowski is survived by his wife, Helen T. (Bornyak) Kwiatkowski of Plymouth; daughter, Cynthia Kwiatkowski of Canton; son, Walter J. (Connie) Kwiatkowski of Plymouth; and grandchildren, Victoria and Olivia.

Services were held at Resurrection Parish in Canton with Fr. Richard A. Perfetto officiating. Burial was at the United Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made in Mr. Kwiatkowski's memory.

Berdina M. Throne, 78, homemaker

Berdina M. Throne, a former Plymouth resident, died April 6, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Harland E. Harrison; and one sister. She is preceded in death by two sisters.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral home in Plymouth with Rev. Warren Graff officiating.

Richard M. Lanci, 31, truck driver

Richard M. Lanci, a Plymouth resident, died March 31, 1996.

He is survived by his mother, Rita of Plymouth; one sister; two brothers; grandparents; and nieces and nephews.

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

Francis Evelyn Kelley, 82, homemaker

Francis Evelyn Kelley, a Plymouth resident, died April 4, 1996.

She is survived by nine children; 27 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

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

Helen Saam, 64, analyst

Helen Saam, a Canton resident, died April 1, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Saam of Canton; parents, Helen Chesnick and the late John Chesnick of Canton; brother, Frank Chesnick and one other brother; and sister, Josephine Almas of Canton.

Services were held at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church with Fr. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.



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It's a good thing Ed doesn't pick lunches for Bird School!

Curiosities

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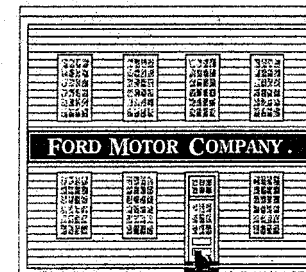
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Ed, will Beauregard eat rutabaga casserole?

SARA CHRISTOPHER: surf's up?!? Calif. here we come.

THE TWO GENTLEMEN FROM VERONA. Thank you for taking me to Fox Hills for fish and chips. Enjoyed the company as well as the dinner.

THE ISLAND POOL: the Ann Arbor Trail island has been down more weeks than it was up. Place your bets.

Kurt and Donna Bobcean are proud parents of a little girl, Kayla Bethaney Bobcean--Born April 5th, 3:10 p.m. The proud grandparents are Nancy and Mel Bobcean.

RAKU--was a splendidly aesthetic experience--looking forward to much more with the Village Potters Guild.

Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

Gifts that are very special are not shared by one who will remain nameless especially when they are scones, Devonshire cream and strawberry jam. Would you believe she ate them all herself?

Thanks to Sally, Cheryl, Mom McKay and my dear husband for outfitting me a few more weeks, as the bulge increases! They are much appreciated! Steph

Mom and Doug McKay thanks for the enjoyable Easter weekend and your hospitality at Casino Club--Very Fun! Rob and Steph Use the classifieds w/a photo to sell those one of a kind treasures that you have--Homes--Cars--Appliances, Antiques, etc. Photo and 10 words, only \$14.50--Personal, private sales only. During April and May.

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DARB--I seem to have misplaced that curio about the soup mugs--Sorry, I'll have to get it again from ya! Steph

Great Easter in Madison--It figures first time I've ever spent Easter in jeans! Thanks R & B

OSA--Thanks for your help last Tuesday! I should have known the end end to my search was as simple as a quick trip across the back parking lot (and cheaper too!) Maura Cady

The Bunny who didn't know how to read.

Once in a house there lived a bunny who was doing his homework. His homework was to read a book about an Easter bunny. But he had a problem because little bunny didn't know how to read.

"Oh, I can't do this stuff," Bunny said. "Bunny, what is your problem, Hun?" his mom said.

"It's just that I need to read this book, Mom, but I can't read.

"I will call somebody to teach you how to read, okay?"

"All right Mom, I will try to while you're calling. I'm going to try. Let me see...this word, B-A-C-K. I don't know this word, I can't read this book. Then I will just have to sit on my bed and wait for my mom to get back to tell me if I will have to go to that one guy to teach me how to read.

"Hun," Dr. Rabbit said, "Come in any time you have time, Mrs. Bunny." "So let's go now and get it over with, okay? Bunny, you're next, okay? Bunny, your mom said you can't read--is that right, Bunny?"

"Yup, that's right, Dr. so let's get reading."

The next night, bunny had to read again. He opened the book and he started reading and read the book all the way through.

"Mom, I read the book all the way through! I can read now!"

And they lived happily ever after.

The End...by Andy Kubiak

Look out Canton and Plymouth! The Crier's coming your way more now than ever!

Val, Beka and Josh--Had a great time Monday Thanks for all the fun! Sis and Aunt

Neal, Nathan, Craig and Justin--I really appreciate you guys thinking about Fergie in her sickness. You guys are great! I love you!

Aunt Maura

Jimmy--Just over 3 more months of THESE FUN CURIOS!!

Steph--Sweets from the Sweet (for the Sweet!). Thanks for thinking about me.

BOB YOU ARE MY FAVORITE EASTER BUNNY.

Curiosities

The Easter Bunny who didn't know where his Easter happiness was

Once upon a time in a forest there lived an Easter bunny who didn't have his Easter spirit. "How am I going to deliver my Easter eggs on Easter if I don't have my Easter spirit?" said Easter Bunny. I just have to find my Easter spirit tonight!

So, off Easter Bunny went looking for his Easter spirit. "Oh, I'm lost. Now I will never find my Easter spirit--Now, oh, oh; "Hey, Easter Bunny!"

"Oh I'm lost Rosy, can you help me get back to my rabbit hole? Rosy please?"

"Okay Easter Bunny let's go home. Easter Bunny I found your Easter spirits under your bed."

"Thank you Rosy for finding my Easter spirits." From now on Easter Bunny kept his Easter spirits. And never lost his Easter spirits again!

The End!--A story by Andy Kubiak

Dr. Steve and PVH Staff: Thanks for all of your concern and help for Fergie. Your support is appreciated. Maura



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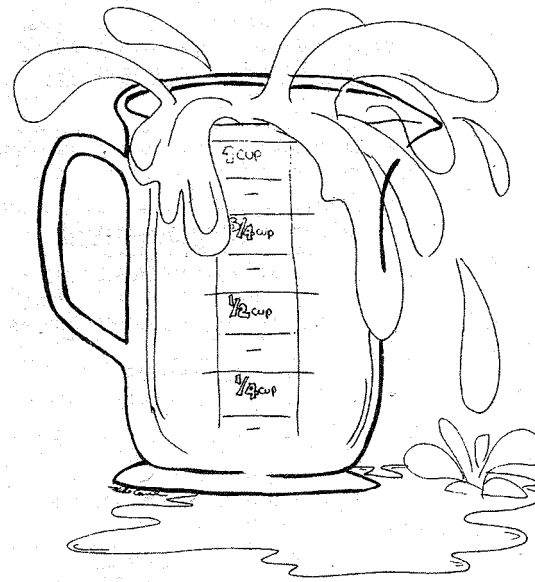
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Rock baseball opens strong, loses second game to Taylor Kennedy

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem baseball team opened the 1996 season with a 6-1 pounding of Churchill last Tuesday, looking as if they hadn't missed a beat since last season's state quarter-final appearance. The Rocks then took on a senior oriented team in Taylor Kennedy the next day and fell by the score of 5-3.

The opening season pitcher against Churchill was senior Ryan Andrzejewski. He helped keep the score close as it was 1-1 up to the sixth inning. He was replaced by junior Tom Demetsenare in the top of the sixth after he reached 62 pitches. Coach Dale Rumberger planned to have Andrzejewski throw only 60 pitches because of cold weather and the earliness of the season.

Salem scored their first run in the second inning off back to back doubles by Kirk Craggs and Kevin Niemiec. Churchill tied the score in the fourth

inning.

A mix of good base running by Salem and mistakes by Churchill led to the last five runs for the Rocks. Churchill committed four wild pitches, threw wild to third base and dropped a fly ball, all of these errors leading to runs for the Rocks.

Keith Boughner closed out the seventh inning while Demetsenare earned the win, making him 2-1 in his career.

In the Taylor Kennedy game a week ago, Rumberger held a few factors as to why his team might have lost.

"They're primarily a senior oriented team and they just thought they were better than us," Rumberger said. "We also might have been a little complacent coming off of a win the day before."

Boughner started and was scheduled to throw 50 pitches. He ended up giving up two hits and three runs in three innings, but his team made four errors to help Taylor. So after Boughner and his 53-pitch effort was done Rumberger brought in Demetsenare. The loss went to Boughner and it was his first ever varsity loss, making him 3-1 in his career.

Taylor scored one run in the fifth inning and one more in the seventh

inning. Rumberger said, "As bad as we were in the middle of the game we were still in a position to win."

The Rocks scored their first run in the fifth inning and their second run in the sixth inning. In that sixth inning the Rocks had the bases loaded but couldn't bring the runners in.

In the seventh inning when the score was 5-2, the Rocks had runners on second and third base but could only score one run to end the game at 5-3.

"The last couple of innings we started swinging the bat better but we just couldn't get the big hit when we needed it," Rumberger said.

Both teams finished with five hits, but Salem was hurt by four errors to Taylor's one.

"We're going to have to battle through the game and make the most of our opportunities," Rumberger said. "Since we're a young team it'll take about 10 games to figure out how to win, and once that happens we'll be fine."

The Rocks played Ypsilanti in a doubleheader yesterday and travel to Grand Rapids to meet Traverse City in a doubleheader on Saturday.

Rocks fall to Churchill, Chiefs crush North Farmington

BY MATT HUCAL

SALEM

The Salem girls soccer team is beginning their season just as the boys did last year — with their first loss coming to Churchill. Who knows? Maybe they'll finish the season as state champions like the boys.

Thinking that far ahead isn't imaginable this early in the year, so with last Wednesday's 2-1 loss to Churchill the Rocks coach Doug Landefeld is going to have to look at what needs work. After giving up numerous breakaways throughout the game, defense is one area that will have to be improved.

"Going into the game we were trying to decide what to do in the back," Landefeld said.

During the game he rotated back and forth from a flat back to a backfield with a sweeper. Either way, Julie Buczek was strong as she saved the breakaways.

"Julie played great, especially in the first half," Landefeld said.

The second goal Churchill scored was in the second half as their player broke through the defense in the penalty box and made a tough angled shot from the corner of the six-yard box. That goal made the score 2-0. The Rocks' only goal came with three minutes left in the game by Mari Hoff, but they have many chances throughout, including a shot off the crossbar by Hoff in the second half.

"The way we played I felt was pretty good. Our intensity inside the box (penalty) wasn't real good, we need to be more aggressive inside of it," Landefeld said.

Two days before the Churchill game the Rocks took on Farmington and won handily, 5-1. The goals were scored by Mia Sarkesian with two, Missy Simons, Hoff and Patti Wong.

Salem is off from the Churchill game until this Monday when they travel to Farmington.

CANTON

Last Wednesday the Chiefs went to North Farmington and after a 0-0 score at halftime they exploded for six goals to gain their first win of the year, 6-0.

"They (North Farmington) are a lot better than last year," Canton coach Don Smith said. "They were hustling and the little field we had to play on made for an advantage for them."

Scoring for the Chiefs were Kelly West, Melissa Marzolf, Julie Majeski, Jennel Cobor, Liza Rissreissenweber and Kristie Drinkhahn.

Two days before the North Farmington win, Canton lost to Northville 2-0 after outshooting them 15-5. "We played well but couldn't score," Smith said.

"They played a good ball game, it was a good wake up call for us."

Canton's next game is Monday at home versus John Glenn.

On deck

SALEM SOCCER

At Walled Lake Western on Monday at 7 p.m. At home versus Stevenson a week from today at 7 p.m.

SALEM BASEBALL

At Grand Rapids versus Traverse City (DH) on Saturday beginning at noon. At home versus John Glenn on Monday at 4 p.m.

SALEM TENNIS

At Farmington a week from today at 4 p.m.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Off this week.

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Off this week.

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At home versus Stevenson on Monday at 3 p.m. At Walled Lake Western a week from today at 3 p.m.

SALEM SOFTBALL

At John Glenn on Monday at 4 p.m.

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At home versus John Glenn on Monday at 5:30 p.m. At Harrison a week from today at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

At home versus Milan (DH) today at 3:30 p.m. At Franklin on Monday at 4 p.m.

CANTON TENNIS

At Riverview on Tuesday at 4 p.m. At home versus Northville a week from today at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Off this week.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Off this week.

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At Walled Lake Central on Monday at 3 p.m. At home versus Franklin a week from today at 3 p.m.

CANTON SOFTBALL

At home versus Franklin on Monday at 4 p.m.

Twisters set organizational meeting

The Wayne County Twisters — a semi-pro football team with an average age of 19-29 — has a full team meeting scheduled for this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Omega Restaurant in Wayne at Michigan Avenue on the corner of Second Street. There are no age restrictions as long as you know how to and can play football. Registration will be available for those wanting to join the team.

The team is still looking for more players and coaches to join the non-profit organization. All revenue made by the team will go to charities or youth groups and nobody receives pay or compensation.

At the meeting there will be a full team discussion on player conduct or, as Twisters president and chief operating officer Glenn Brothers said, "It'll be an offensive and defensive skill session." Another reason for the meeting is to finalize uniform fitting and sizing.

The Twisters are part of the Lake Shore League which includes teams from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. There are 10 games in the season with all league champs competing in four or five playoff games.

The Twisters are part of the American Football Association, which includes 275 teams from around the country and about 12,000 players. A player who is joining the Twisters this year is Brent Reid, an all-Southeast Conference free safety from Auburn.

For any further information about the meeting or joining the team, contact Brothers at 981-7141.



Community opinions

Canton DDA district should be expanded

The Canton Board of Trustees should expand the Canton Downtown Development Authority as an investment in the future of the business community.

The current 80-acre district that runs along Ford Road between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads is a shining example of the DDA's success.

The potential expanded DDA district includes nearly 400 acres of land and stretches along Ford Road from the eastern border of Canton to just west of Canton Center Road. It includes almost all of the commercial zoning on the north and south sides of Ford Road as well as some light industrial zoning and residential zoning east of I-275.

The tax "loss" issue is a moot point. Even though the Canton Board of Trustees would lose tax revenue if the district was expanded, the loss would go to the Canton DDA. The "lost" revenues now would mean a strong business district in the future. It would be an investment in the health of Canton business.

Canton is in a unique position among communities along Ford Road. Canton has the chance to preplan business development to avoid the mistakes of other communities along the busy corridor.

In the short run, expanding the Canton DDA would be painful from a tax standpoint for some. In the long run, the organized growth of the Ford Road corridor and continued business recruitment and retention is on the line.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

American Golf deserves chance to shine at Hilltop

The dust has cleared on the Hilltop Golf fiasco in Plymouth Township.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees designed a new contract that handed over control of the course to American Golf Corporation.

Whether or not the change from John Jawar to American Golf was wise does not matter at this point. Golfers and the Township Board are stuck with the decision.

It's time to sit back and watch.

American Golf said they are pumping thousands of dollars into the course and plan to improve the clubhouse and facilities.

The company should be given a chance.

It seems as though golfers are ready to see what American Golf has to offer. More than 130 have already hit the links this year, despite the cold weather.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Mundy: Nothing hidden during Cricket debate

EDITOR:

In response to Joan Palmer's letter to the editor, I would like to clarify a few items.

First, at no time was any attempt made to hide the fact that Canton Trustee Robert Shefferly is my father. In fact, my father contacted Tom Yack early on and informed him of our relationship to avoid any appearance of subterfuge.

Second, my involvement with the Canton Crickets is as a concerned parent.

I am in no way responsible for the program itself.

And third, yes Mrs. Palmer, I have benefited greatly from the Cricket program as have over 1,000 other families in Canton. I benefit every time my son wants to know if it's a Cricket day. I benefit every time I see a classroom of happy, smiling children mastering new skills. I, like every other Cricket family, have paid our tuition fees each semester. This program is not free, but it is worth every penny and then some.

The Cricket program may soon be gone, but its heart and soul will remain intact.

PATTY MUNDY

Thanks for supporting veterans, park plan

EDITOR:

Rob Kirkbride's coverage of the new Veterans Park was excellent. It is understood that the information used to write the story about the park came from attendance at the City Commission meeting of April 1, 1996, and also from the Veterans Memorial Park proposal package available at the meeting.

To set the record straight, on Sept. 18, 1994, Plymouth Township American Legion Post 112 unanimously voted to morally, physically and financially support the establishment of a Veterans Memorial Park in Plymouth. On Sept. 19, 1994, a letter to that fact was sent to John Pappas, who was heading up the project at that time.

Finally, I commend The Crier for endorsing and encouraging community support in the establishment and construction of the Veterans Memorial Park. Your opinion definitely influences the readers of our community and your

support proves that The Crier supports and respects the veterans of our community.

DERRICK S. LIEBAU

Wendover's column: manure in, manure out

EDITOR:

It is with interest that I read Mr. Ed Wendover's "With Malice Towards None," published on March 20 and 27, 1996.

As a matter of fact, this article reminds me of my college days, and my first computer class. The professor in that class clearly said, "when you're dealing with computers: garbage in — garbage out." It appears, however, that in dealing with Ed's articles, it's manure in — manure out.

ABE A. MUNFAKH

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Community Editorials



Community opinions

Local commissioners 'drop the gloves' for community

The gloves are coming off in the Wayne County Commission political boxing ring.

In our corner, Commissioners Thaddeus McCotter and Bruce Patterson are throwing the first punches.

The flurry of press releases coming from the two commissioners would be considered by some as nothing more than election-year posturing. That may be somewhat true.

But the fact remains that the two commissioners who represent The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, along with several other neighboring communities, have pounded on the Democratic-run commission since the day they were sworn into office.

McCotter issued his response to Wayne County Commission Chairperson Ricardo Solomon's surprise State of the County Address recently — by walking out of the room.

Patterson has lead the opposition to the Willow Run Tradeport idea and in a letter to The Community Crier, he blasts (Deputy Wayne County Executive) Mike Duggan, who Patterson said "...has never been elected to anything — not even dog catcher."

This time around Duggan is helping Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara with the road funding fiasco. Who should motorists blame for the gaping pot holes found throughout the community? Patterson thinks McNamara and Duggan are to blame.

"I know Mike Duggan," said Patterson in his letter. "I have seen him in action. Mike Duggan doesn't care about the people. Just ask residents of Huron Township and

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Romulus who have experienced his callous disregard relative to the incessant aircraft noise; or, the good people of Sumpter Township who were forced by none other than Mike Duggan with his heavy-handed style of government to accept the largest landfill in North America; or, my neighbors — the residents of Belleville, Van Buren and Canton townships, who he threatened with a 'Field of Dreams' Tradeport at Willow Run, which would have killed the fastest growing, most viable area of Wayne County, solely to repay political favors and to punish the conservative, Republican section of Wayne County."

McCotter and Patterson are "fighting the good fight" in Wayne County for their constituents in the community.

This isn't just political wrangling. These two have battled the Democratic commission for the past several years — their steam is still building.

Most of the time, McCotter and Patterson fight a losing battle with the liberal stronghold.

Don't give up hope. McCotter and Patterson will keep fighting for what they believe in.

They're underdogs, no doubt. But just remember the Biblical story of David and Goliath — the big guy doesn't always win.

Admission at Ice Fest?

Funds raised could help community, local charities

Scott Lorenz has a good idea.

Yes, that's right. You heard it here first.

Scott, who helped launch the annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular (before it went through many changes), also organizes the annual Christmas Light extravaganza at Domino's Farms.

As was evident last year, the Ice Fest was TOO successful based on the Saturday night crowd size. Most sources — police, DPW, media — estimated the pre-fireworks crowd at the Ice Fest as the largest gathering ever in history for downtown Plymouth. Its overwhelming nature makes it Plymouth's Woodstock — not enough toilets, parking or room to see.

At the same time, the Ice Fest promoters lament that the support they receive is not sufficient. Last

With malice toward none



year's Streetscape hurt downtown retailers more than they expected and many of the businesses cut back on PR, advertising and Ice Fest support.

Scott's idea is simple and patented after the Christmas Light show:

CHARGE ADMISSION!

As he points out, it may control-reduce the crowd a tad, but raise funding for the ice events.

It might even be possible to raise enough money to donate funds to a good cause — like the Plymouth Community United Way. According to Scott, the Domino's light show

raises \$300,000 with \$65,000 left after expenses for charities.

How do you charge admission?

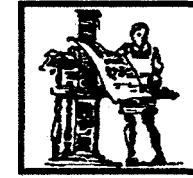
Put up a snow fence down the middle of Main Street, Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail and shut down the streets for four days (make Monday a free day). Admission wouldn't have to be much — \$1 per head or \$5 per family would raise plenty of money.

Scott may well be right.

He may have the answer to solve two problems — crowd control and funding — at one time.

What sayeth the Ice Fest folks?

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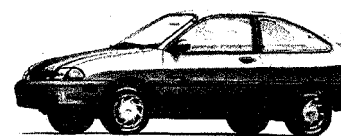
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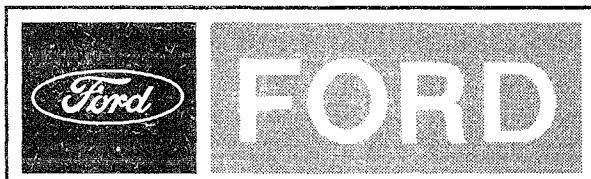
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