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Will Canton hit census jackpot?

Northville Twp. also bets on counts to win State funds

Canton

1990 population: 57,040

Population goal: 65,996

Latest count: 56,862

86% of goal

Canton still counting

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

With only two weeks remaining before the deadline for Canton Township's mid-decade census, the race toward the census jackpot may be a photo-finish.

Preliminary counts are in for 94 of Canton's 112 districts, according to Pat Loder of Information Management Consulting, Inc, the firm paid by the Township to complete the census.

The rapid influx of information makes any official estimate difficult, according to Loder and Canton Clerk Terry Bennett. The numbers change often. Latest estimates put Canton's population at about 56,862, but that number was up from 53,862 just 48 hours earlier, Loder said.

"The number grows every hour. Unfortunately, we don't have time to get an official tabulation every five minutes," Loder said. "We're getting close to our deadline, and things are pretty crazy here."

Communities that grow by 15 percent or more between decennial Federal censuses are eligible for state shared revenues, according to Bennett. These funds can be used to offset the costs of a rapidly growing community.

The size of the township and the necessary attention to detail are two things that make counting the information difficult, she said.

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Northville

1990 population: 17,313

Population goal: 19,910

Latest count: 19,861

99% of goal

Is dumped body linked to previous murders?

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Was it one murder or three?

If the cause of death of a body found along the C/O railroad tracks off of Haggerty Road last week in Plymouth Township has the same modus operandi as an unsolved double homicide from July 1980, police may be looking at a triple homicide.

Or perhaps this is the latest in a string of unrelated homicides where the bodies are dumped in the Plymouth area. (See related story.)

The body found last week is an apparent homicide, cause of death still unknown. A man looking to buy a piece of property discovered the male skeleton rolled in a piece of carpet May 10.

A key piece of evidence in the latest case involved a pair of Olympic socks found on the skeletal remains: "U.S. '80," which police theorize would place this death close to the time of death of two other people.

On Aug. 27, 1980, Michigan State Police discovered the bodies of two men — both wrapped in carpet — in the bed of a truck parked at the Sheldon Road Ford Plant in Plymouth Township.

Plymouth Township Police are investigating whether all three deaths are related, said Det. David Hayes.

"We're investigating a lead," Hayes said. "I'm trying to locate the detective that handled that case."

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Canton artist meets King Henry VII and Giovanni Caboto

Joe DeLauro, noted Canton sculptor, meets the actors playing Giovanni Caboto, King Henry VII, Queen Victoria and their court as part of the Saturday unveiling of his newest, larger-than-life bronze in Windsor, Canada. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.).

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N'ville nearly there

BY BRYON MARTIN

It's the growth that counts, so they're counting their growth.

Like their neighbor to the south, Canton, Northville Township is wrapping up a mid-decade census intended to find whether changes in their population could earn them extra dollars from the state.

Dawn Flynn, Northville Township manager, said the count is about done and shows a population of 19,861, about 99 percent of the growth goal, 19,910.

According to Michigan statutes, communities whose populations grow by at least 15 percent between censuses can qualify for state

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Salem wins

Rocks track and golf edge out Canton competitors. See Sports pgs. 20-21

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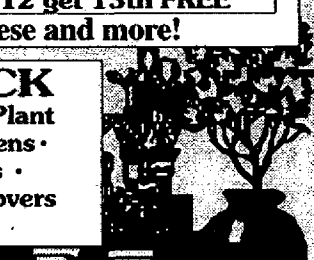
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Bodies dumped here before

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

The recent discovery of skeletal remains wrapped in carpet in Plymouth Township is only the latest of several unsolved homicides.

Police are investigating whether the human remains are connected to another unsolved double homicide from 1980.

On Aug. 27, 1980, Michigan State Police discovered the bodies of two men — wrapped in carpet — in the bed of a truck outside the Sheldon Road Ford Plant in Plymouth Township.

More recently, two women have been murdered and dropped off in Hines Park.

In October 1994 a group of people discovered the body of a 39-year-old Detroit woman in the Rouge River in Hines Park.

Eventually identified as Mary Busby, police said she was most likely raped and severely beaten before she was strangled.

Preliminary investigations indicated Busby was murdered elsewhere and her body was brought to the park, between Edward Hines Drive and M-14.

Almost a year later, in October 1995, the body of Debbie Linkewitz was found in Hines Park near Haggerty Road.

The incident raised fears amongst local residents, to which then-police Chief Carl Berry assured the public Plymouth Township was not becoming a "dumping ground" for bodies.

The murders of Busby and Linkewitz have not been solved and remain open.



Two bodies were found outside in 1980 (Crier photo Robert S. Cameron).

Haggerty bones connected to others?

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Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said his department hasn't ruled out that possibility.

"We're always looking to see if there are connections," Ficano said.

Although Plymouth Township has been the site of at least two other body drop-

offs, Ficano said the area has nothing to worry about.

"Over time, the number of unsolved homicides is not as disproportionate as it seems," he said. "Any single body that is found is unfortunate."



Public notices

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Travis Edward Lee Stevens DOB: 8-29-86

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Locked-out newspaper workers picket Canton man's home

BY BRYON MARTIN

Canton resident John Anthony had visitors Wednesday night — 30 locked-out newspaper workers who came in costume, with placards, a bullhorn and a message for his neighbors.

Anthony, a former F.B.I. agent, is head of security at the Detroit News and has organized countermeasures for the paper at pickets and strike events.

Last week his home on Fernwood became the site of such an event.

From a remote meeting place, members of the six unions involved in the 22-month strike marched with supporters in the rain to Anthony's home.

There, around 7:45 p.m., they began walking a picket line in front of his, and two or three of his neighbors' homes.

Anthony declined to comment on the picket.

Canton Police Sergeant Jerry Hardesty was on hand, dispatched after police received an anonymous tip about the event, according to Canton Officer Lew Stevens.

Two cars, each with two men identifying themselves as Detroit News employees, were also parked at the scene. Each pair of men had video and 35 mm cameras.

Asked if they were present to document the picket, they responded, "somewhat," and did not elaborate on other duties. None of the four men would confirm or deny that they were there to provide security.

Picketers chanted as they walked. "Hey-hey, ho-ho, union busting's gotta go," "Your neighbor is a goon," and others.

Kate DeSmet, a member of the Newspaper Guild and a locked-out Detroit News reporter, said the picket was intended to, "Let his neighbors know he's a goon, the top goon."

DeSmet said that as a countermeasure to a November 1995 picket, Anthony had contacted area fire departments asking to use fire hoses to spray strikers.

"They told him, 'no.' The firemen are union, too. And they actually showed up to the picket and brought us coffee," she said.

"Anthony has no moral compass," DeSmet said. "He's a particularly foul person. I'd be concerned if he were my neighbor."

Cars passing on Fernwood slowed to watch the picket. Some honked, or gave the picket a thumbs-up.

But Mike Libbing, who lives on Fernwood, showed no concern over living near Anthony. While walking his dog across the street from the picketers, he displayed an opened Detroit Free Press.

Libbing, a corporate financial consultant, said he "absolutely does not" support the strike. "They make like \$30 an hour. They want more all the time," he said.

Picketers called out to Libbing, "How can you support a paper that practices unfair labor?"

Libbing shouted back, "How can you support overpaid workers? You make \$30 an hour, and for what?"

Picketers crossed the street. An argument ensued and was close-

ly watched by the other picketers, Hardesty and the News employees with their cameras.

As they filmed and photographed the event, some picketers taunted them — "Hey, it's the littlest goon! Hey peanut! Hey bubba, why don't you get a real job!"

Filming the picket for the strikers was John Peralta, a striking Detroit News mailer.

Peralta and Dennis Nazelli, a locked-out single copy driver, both helped break-up the argument and spoke privately with Libbing. Others returned to the line, marching and chanting, "Knight-Ridder you're next, the fight ain't over yet."

But Hardesty wasn't willing to let the fight go much longer on Fernwood. "I'm going to cut them off not much past 8:30," he said. "There are kids around here." At about 8:30, Hardesty gave the picket "last call."

As a finale, the strikers played a recording of Johnnie Rivers'



Locked-out workers picketing near the home of John Anthony, Detroit News head of security. (Crier photo, B. Martin).

1960s song, "Secret Agent Man," underscoring the intent of the costumes some wore, including one Shawn Ellis dressed as Sherlock Holmes.

"We're goofing on the fact that he's former F.B.I.," Ellis, co-spokesperson for the Metropolitan Council of Newspaper Unions, said.

They also called and spoke to Anthony from a cellular phone.

"We want to let John Anthony know he's not invincible. We know where he lives, too," Peralta said, explaining that the event was not likely to be the last picket staged by strikers. "We'll continue until we get a contract and all workers are back on the job, until there's an end."

As the picket line dissolved, and the News employees and squad car pulled away, the rain began to fall harder.

Before they left, 30 locked-out workers and union members offered one more chant. "We'll be back!"

American Yazaki to build \$61-million headquarters in Canton

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

American Yazaki broke ground for its new \$61 million corporate headquarters facility Wednesday.

The headquarters building will be a 419,000 square-foot facility situated on 28 acres on the west side of Haggerty road across the street from its other two facilities.

The ceremony included a Taru-Sake breaking, in which a wooden cask of sake dedicated to Kami (the Sacred Power), is broken open with a wooden mallet. Everyone attending the ceremony drinks to show appreciation for the luck and happiness granted by Kami.

Most of Yazaki's associates and facilities will move to the new building, according to Tetsuro Suzuki, President of American Yazaki.

The headquarters will include numerous "business communities," teams devoted to different aspects of Yazaki's business such as sales, engineering, production control and finance.

The facility will house development, electronics testing, instrumentation design cluster and vehicle testing laboratories.

Yazaki is a 31-year-old company originally established in the U.S. in Chicago, according to Suzuki. Canton became Yazaki's North American Headquarters in



Canton Supervisor Tom Yack tries to fit into his Happi, with T. Ohe of Plantec Architects (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.).

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, WSDP, 88.1 FM, continues its series of interviews with candidates in the race for school board trustee. John Kreger, host of Community Focus, will interview Suzanne Dersham on the program, beginning at 5:40 p.m., or following baseball.

WEEKEND

- The Northville Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Flower Sale happens Friday and Saturday in downtown Northville. Call (810) 348-0488.
- Walk-in registration for Plymouth-Canton Community Education summer programs will be held Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Starkweather Center, room 106.
- Don Schneider, Plymouth glass artist, will hold an open house at York Street Glass, Sunday and Memorial Day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 459-6419.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold its first annual Road Rally Fundraiser Saturday, May 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. \$25.00 per person; prizes to winners. Call 416-4278

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Public notices

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1997**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 22, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the May 13, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. Mr. Daniel Kompoltowicz asked for an update from the Sidewalk Committee. Mr. Kompoltowicz is requesting a sidewalk along the north side of North Territorial Road from Ridgewood Road to Sheldon Road.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m., on the request to transfer an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Hertel Cutting Technologies, Inc., to Diamond Tool, Mfg. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m. Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 94-05-31-21 consenting to the request to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 88-616, from Hertel Cutting Technologies, Inc., to Diamond Tool, Mfg., located at 14540 Jib Street, Metro West Industrial Park, #3. Supported by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. C-97-02, which amends Chapter 24, of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Code of Ordinances, adopting B.O.C.A. 1996 National Fire Prevention Code. Seconded by Ms. Arnold.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Griffith moved to amend the motion and approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. C-97-02, omitting paragraph F.403.9. Supported by Mr. Curmi.

Roll call:

Ayes: Curmi, Griffith
Nays: Arnold, Edwards, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy

Motion fails.

After further discussion, Mrs. Mueller moved to postpone the Second Reading of Ordinance No. C-97-02, and requested that the Township Attorney and Chief Groth review and reword portions of the Ordinance for the purpose of greater clarity, particularly Paragraph F.403.9. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 97-05-12-22 consenting to the request of Lear Corporation to relocate 70 personnel from Plymouth Township to the City of Southfield. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Edwards, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy.
Nays: Massengill.

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 97-05-13-23 from Arena Management Company to transfer all stock interest in 1996 Class C licensed business, located at 14900 Beck, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, from Peter Karmanos III, Trust; Micodemus Karmanos, Trust; Jason Karmanos, Trust; Charles J. Thomas, Jr., Trustee for all three, to same Trusts with Gregory J. Demars, as successor Trustee (10,000 shares to each); and request NEW Official Permit (misc. - ice skating) in conjunction. Supported by Mr. Edwards.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Edwards, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 97-05-13-24 from Buffalo Restaurants, Inc. to transfer ownership of Class C and SDM licenses in escrow with Sunday Sales from John Ginopolis and Peter Ginopolis and transfer location from 47660 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan, Wayne County, to 15095 Sheldon Road. Supported by Mr. Griffith.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Edwards, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the request from Arbor Drugs, Inc. for a new SDM license at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge Road. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

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Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the request from J&C's Family Food, Inc. for a new SDD Resort License, with Sunday Sales Permit at 15185 Sheldon Road, to be held in conjunction with proposed New SDM. Supported by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 97-05-13-25 authorizing Ron Edwards, Treasurer and Irene Whitmore, Deputy Treasurer, as authorized representatives at Standard Brokerage Services, Inc. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Plymouth a Public Unit, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, hereby authorizes the representatives identified below to open a brokerage account account(s) in the name of said Public Unit, to sell, assign and endorse for transfer securities now registered and hereafter registered, and generally to transact any and all business with respect thereto, upon unwritten request by telephone or facsimile transmission, in the name of said public unit.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Edwards, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Utility Easements for Kenneth J. & Cynthia L. Dwyer, located at 46450 Shamrock Lane and two utility easements for Plymouth Pointe Condominiums located at Ridge and N. Territorial Roads. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated a test run on the Recreation Survey will be conducted Wednesday, May 14, at 6:45 p.m. After the results are received, the press will be notified of the dates for the full survey.

Mr. Anulewicz updated the Board members regarding Gypsy Moth concerns.

Mr. Curmi commented that the community can be notified of the Gypsy Moth problem by a newsletter, water billing statements and cablevision.

Mrs. Massengill informed the Board that she will be demonstrating the Unilect Election Equipment to the Observer Newspaper. They wish to write an article, prior to the June School Election, on how to use the system.

Mrs. Mueller thanked the Fire Department for the information from Food Allergy Michigan Network.

Mrs. Mueller congratulated Supervisor Keen-McCarthy for being selected by Semcog to receive the Taubman Scholarship to represent Plymouth Township as an attendee of the program for Senior Executives of State and Local Governments at the John Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications as listed. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Ms. Arnold that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation;

RE: Plymouth Township Vs Tartaglia
and
Wayne County Vs Plymouth Township (County Jail)

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act. No. 167 of 1967, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph (e). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Edwards to return to open session at 9:50 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mr. Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on May 13, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for approval at the next regular meeting on May 27, 1997.

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Yazaki's 419,000 sq.-ft. headquarters will be unique structure

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1986, when the corporation moved from a small office in Livonia with only 110 employees to its building on Haggerty.

The corporation has done nothing but grow since then, employing 90,000 people world wide and expanding to more than 1,000 employees in North America, with more than 800 located in Canton, according to Suzuki. The completion of the new headquarters will bring the total number of employees to about 1,200.

Yazaki designs automotive instruments, automotive components and wiring harness systems. They also design products related to the energy business, such as gas and air-conditioning equipment and electrical wire and cable for network telecommunications.

The new facility will allow Yazaki to better serve customers by centralizing all departments in one facility with improved communication, according to Suzuki.

The four-story facility will feature some of the company's own innovations as well, such as a double-glass "skin."

The dual layer of glass, with a 10-foot buffer between layers, is used for passive

solar environmental control which will increase the facility's energy efficiency, according to Gwen Knapp, public relations spokesperson for Yazaki.

Also, the facility's technology library

will be suspended from the ceiling and accessible via a bridge on the third floor.

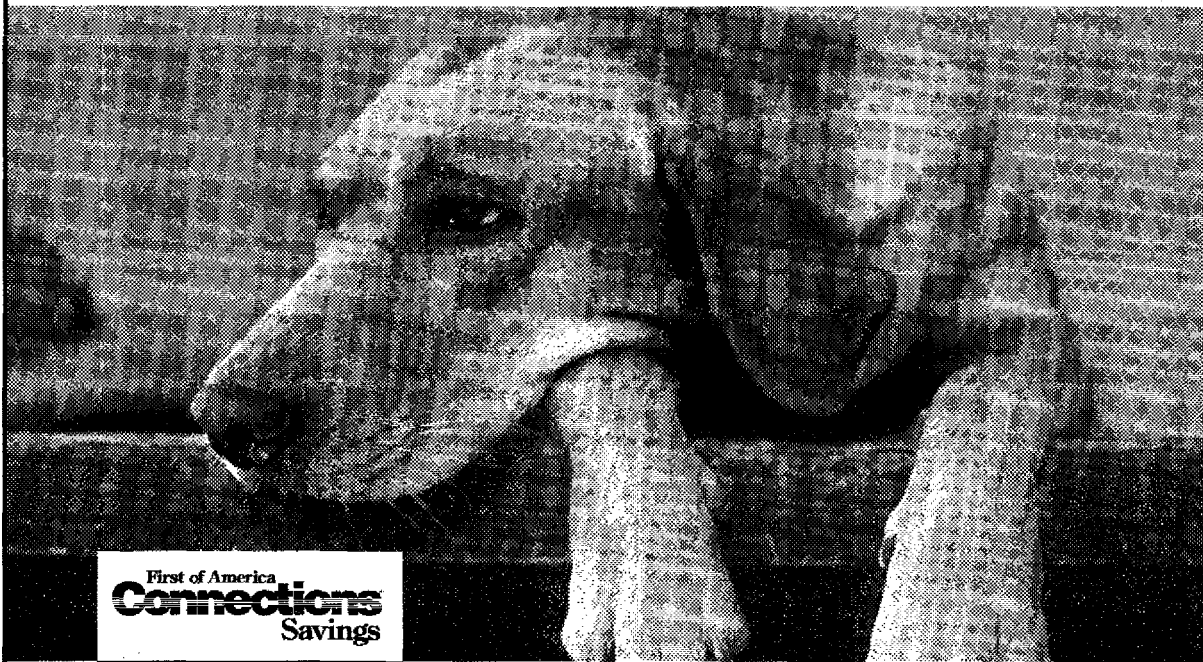
Suzuki said he hopes that Canton will mirror Yazaki's growth.

"We hope that this growth will help to

improve the community by allowing road improvements and by bringing more families into the Canton community," he said.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 1998.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Lisa R. Bares and Kelly Ann Collins, of Plymouth, made the Dean's list for Kalamazoo College's winter 1997 quarter.

Katie Zopf, of Plymouth, and the rest of Alma College's Model United Nations team earned "Outstanding Delegation" honors — the top honor — in competition at the 1997 international conference in New York.

Alma's team was one of three taking top honors among 2,100 delegates from almost 170 teams representing 14 countries.

The Yours, Mine and Ours Blended Family Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Temple Baptist Church.

The workshop will feature principles and strategies that can ease some of the difficulties that surface in making two families one. Cost \$5 per person.

Michigan State University has released the degree candidates for the spring semester of 1997: From Canton: Lisa Anzivino, Andrew Bazakis, Robert Bignell, Lynne Cessante, Mark Cirella, Jeane Delosreyes, Carlos Escurel, Ganya Faust, Kelly Garrett Tracy Hruska, Rebecca Janesem Brett Kearney, Kari Kopinski, Marcey Londo, Jonathan Macleod, Nicole Marcis, Shawn Mcnamara, Sejal Nadani, Michelle Obeirne, Kathleen Okeefe, Rebecca Pratt, Alyssa Rickard, Mindy Rogers, Jessica Sarsozo, Nicole Sequin, Kara Slater, Steven Sobota, Francis Stachowski, Krista Tanner, Craig Taylor, Robert Theisen, and Alyson Wilson. From Northville: Jeffrey Bargeon, Sandra Bosscher, Lindsay Braun, Jason Brown, James Conklin, Margaret Crotteau, Matthew Goebel, Leigh Graves, Tara Gursky, Robert Kukainis, Jennifer Lower, Kevin Mcglinchey, Brian Nawrocki, Shanti Oram, Michael Raffle, Elizabeth Romanik, Darcy Rundell, Lisa Weidenbach, Craig Willey, Brent Williams, Tracy Winter, and Katherine Wright. From Plymouth: Colleen Baker, Jeffrey Baumgarten, Kimberly Berrie, Jodi Buikema, Matthew Burrows, James Buswinka, Scott Carey, Kristin Derderian, Lisa Eisenhauer, Brian Fioritto, Allison Fyke, Kristin Goff, Jannel Hemme, Kristin Honecker, Stephen Horvath, Leah Hutko, Kurt Krause, Brian Kuhns, Sandra Lipmyer, Kevin Malkiewicz, John Marion, Sandra Moore, Ryan Niemiec, Kathleen Orourke, Julie Ratkewicz, Craig Saline, Julie Sheffer, Michelle Umerlik, and Gary Verleye.

Purdue University grants Plymouth vet honorary doctoral degree

BY MATT HUCAL

While Mary Beth Leininger has spent the last 25 years watching her Plymouth Veterinary Hospital grow, Purdue University has built respect toward her.

Leininger received an honorary doctorate of science degree last Sunday at Purdue's commencement ceremonies, 30 years after earning her doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from the school.

About the honor, Leininger said, "I'm humbled, to be very honest. It's been a labor of love. What we (veterinarians) do for people and for the world we live in is very important."

When Leininger explains her profession, she tells of the many roles it plays in our country and the world.

"What veterinarians do touches people everyday, even those who don't own pets," Leininger said.

Leininger said veterinarians do more than just treat pets. They also have a large part in what people eat by visiting farms to check-up on animals that provide food.

She pointed out that veterinarians discovered Mad Cow Disease in the late 1980s, long before it appeared in the press.

The work of veterinarians, she said, helped to prevent tainted meat from Europe being imported into the United States.

Leininger noted that the development of nearly every type of medicine is watched over by veterinarians because of the involvement of animals.

In addition to running the hospital with her husband, Steven, she has been the president of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) for the last two years.

Leininger's role as president is to talk to universities and animal groups about veterinarian medicine and to appear in television interviews.

"My primary responsibility is to represent my profession," Leininger said.

She aspired to be president for quite some time before she was elected to the job, Leininger said.

"I decided to run about three or four years before I began campaigning," Leininger said. "I met with people and did a lot of work learning what would be involved. But coming out of school I never dreamed I'd become the president (of AVMA)."

That work landed her a two-year spot after a 1995 election.

At the hospital, Leininger does basic check-ups, surgery and dental care on cats and dogs.

Asked if she has accomplished everything she had planned in her career, she said that is something which would have



DR. MARY BETH LEININGER

to be left to her clients and her colleagues to decide.

Well, since her clients can't speak, Leininger's colleagues decided she was well-deserving of an honorary degree from Purdue University.

Canton student devotes time and effort to remembering American Revolution

BY MATT HUCAL

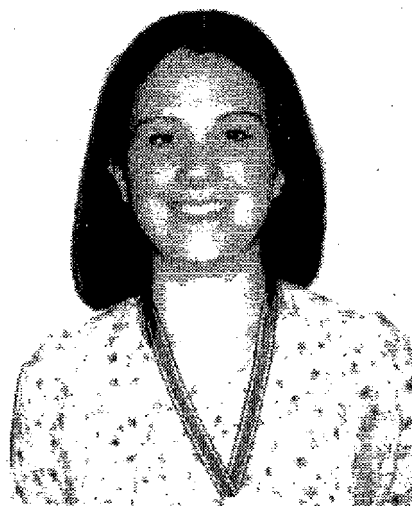
You say you helped a revolution? Or a distant ancestor did? Stephanie Pruitt's family gave a helping hand in the American Revolution, qualifying her to be a member of Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.).

Not only is Pruitt, 17, a member of C.A.R., but she held the position of state president last year. She presided over the Michigan members throughout her tenure, ending her reign by representing them at the C.A.R. National Convention in Washington D.C. from April 18-20.

Of Washington, Pruitt said, "Members from all over come to wrap up the year. The national chairman and state president explain what they've done over the year. Then we vote for next year's positions."

C.A.R. is the oldest patriotic youth organization in the U.S. Anyone under 21 years of age proving to be a lineal descendant of someone aiding the cause of American Independence is eligible.

Pruitt said her grandmother researched the family background in order to join Daughters of the American Revolution,



STEPHANIE PRUITT

providing the proof Pruitt used.

Along with holding meetings four times a year, Pruitt said she and her fellow C.A.R. members used their time to learn and celebrate historic events and to

raise funds for various causes.

As president, Pruitt had a state project in which she collected \$1,000 for the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. The money was raised by selling ink pens, she said.

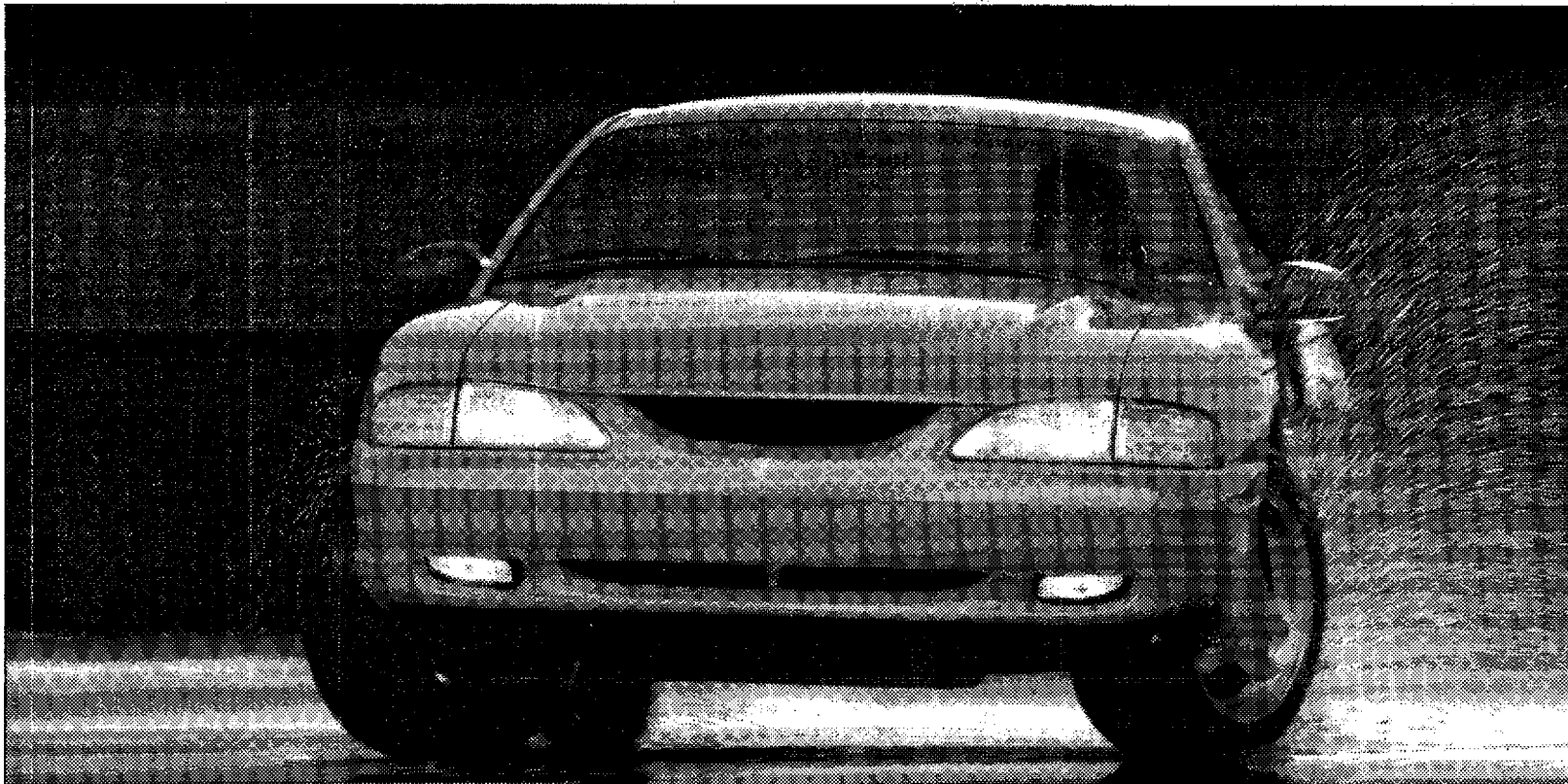
Although Pruitt is not state president anymore, she plans on spending her time as the National Chairman for C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters. She was appointed to that position by the national president.

"I'll set requirements and offer suggestions and ideas for each state's newsletter," Pruitt said.

Since C.A.R.'s members aren't even drinking age, there is always an adult helping the younger crew at their meetings. The meetings are attended by members and their parents, with prospective members always welcome.

Pruitt that she's going to remain a member of C.A.R. until she's 21 years old.

"It's a lot of fun," Pruitt said. "Especially because I get to meet kids from all over the United States."



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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Michigan Department of Transportation has announced it will host a forum to discuss upcoming improvements to 28 miles of I-275 beginning mid-June.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. June 3 in the Canton Township Hall Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a 16-hour program to help people prepare for the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The seminar is set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 14 and 15 at the Quality Inn, 40455 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Preregistration is required with a \$25 deposit by June 11. Send to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton, Rochester Hills, MI 48306.

The Plymouth Downtown Business Association will present recommendations to improve customer awareness of the businesses and customer services that exist in the central business area.

The meeting will take place 8:30 a.m. May 28 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. To RSVP, call 455-1453.

Cary Varblow, of Plymouth, ranked first among more than 1,600 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of life, health, annuity and investment products issued in April 1997.

Varblow is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Karl Mueller Agency in Rochester.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan promoted Joanne Marentette of Northville to manager of clinical protocols.

In her new position, she will develop methods to enhance clinical information exchange with physicians and work on a system for the capture and reporting of patient outcomes.

Marentette is a member of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses. She holds bachelor's degrees in general science and in science in nursing from Madonna University, Livonia.



Funeral home reopens after renovation

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

After a winter that involved a complete renovation, Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Canton has reopened its doors at 45100 W. Warren.

Funeral home owners Leonard and Vicki Turowski hosted an open house Sunday to allow the public a chance to see all the changes.

"It looks just beautiful," said funeral counselor Theresa Bakos. "It's very elegant."

The entire inside and outside of the funeral home was remodeled, with walls

knocked down, two fireplaces added to each chapel and a new library built.

The walls were done in black and gold, accented by a rose floral print carpet. New furniture, such as large chairs and comfortable couches, also fill the funeral home.

Outside, the funeral home has a new look, too. Pillars and a water fountain were added and the site was re-landscaped.

Construction on the project began in October, according to Turowski, whose grandfather, Joseph, established the first

Turowski Funeral Home in 1919 on Detroit's west side.

In 1955, his father, Leonard Sr., opened a second funeral home in Detroit. Leonard Jr. entered the profession in 1973 and soon after bought the L.A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home in Livonia.

In 1986 he bought what became the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home.

"Our relationship with clients begins long before a death occurs and continues for as long as you need support," Turowski said.

DARE-ing donation



John Blackwell Jr. presents a new D.A.R.E. van to D.A.R.E. officers Jamie Senkbiel, of Plymouth Township Police, and Steve Hundersmarck, of the City of Plymouth Police. The bright red Windstar was custom-designed, equipped with standard police features including lights and sirens. Senkbiel and Hundersmarck will use the van to drive to D.A.R.E.-related events. Blackwell Ford also donated a Windstar van to the Canton D.A.R.E. program. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Plymouth firm does work for Hard Rock Cafe

TolTest Inc., an environmental engineering and consulting firm with an office in Plymouth, recently completed an environmental assessment for the Hard Rock Cafe slated to open in Detroit in 1998.

The two-story, 250-seat restaurant will open next to the Fox Theater and near the two planned stadiums for the Detroit Lions and Tigers.

Steve Gach, TolTest senior engineer, described the assignment as "typical."

"We did the geotechnical work, drilling and soil screening for environmental impact," he said. "The work took about a month to complete."

TolTest also recently completed site development services for the demolition of Ford Motor Company's former world headquarters.

The building has sat vacant since 1993 when Ford Customer Service Division relocated its offices.

Fall Fest committee begins fund drive

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Fund-raising for the 43rd Plymouth Community Fall Festival has gotten off to an early start with the introduction of new sponsorship levels for businesses.

Those interested in sponsoring the festival can do so at one of four levels, said Past President Clark Smith. The sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1,000.

"We want to broaden our support in the community," Smith said.

Up until last year, the Fall Festival committee approached many of the same businesses and asked for \$100 donations to help defray festival costs.

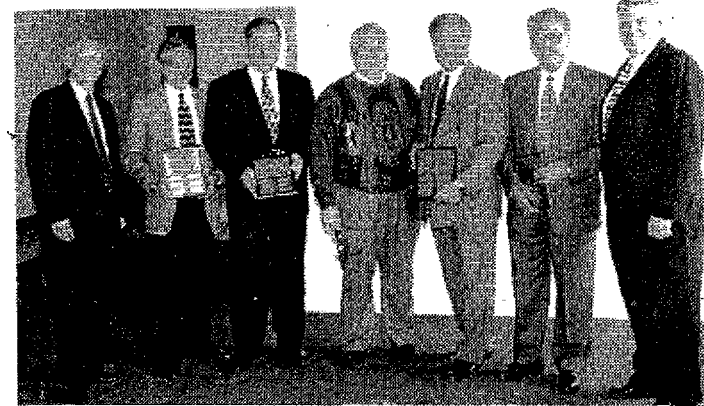
But this year organizers hope to raise \$20,000 — double what was raised last year — to help cover last year's losses due to bad weather, Smith said.

"If we do that, we'll be in good shape," he said.

The committee plans to contact selected businesses in Plymouth Township and the city through direct mail and in person regarding the sponsorships.

"It's going to take a lot of people and a little time, but it will be well worth it," he said.

Money raised through the sponsorships will go to cover festival



The Rotary Fall Festival Awards were recently presented to (from left to right) George Thompson, Steve Norris, of Sunshine Honda; Keith Martin of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; Tom Piotrowski; Jim Schebil of Fox Hills Chrysler; Lou LaRiche of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet and Clark Smith.

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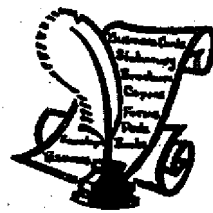
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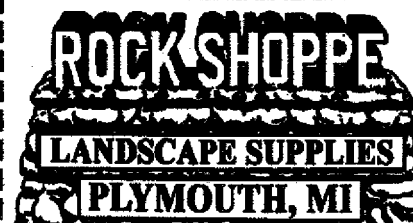
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Northville would use state money for basic Twp. needs

City Manager says, 'We'll have no trouble using the money for services to the community.'

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shared revenues.

Those revenues can be used to meet the needs felt by a quickly growing community — such as Northville Township.

"Costs are going up all the time," Dawn Flynn, Northville Township manager said. Township hall has hired more police, fire and other municipal workers to accommodate the population influx.

A public safety building to house police and fire workers, instead of the temporary trailer they have occupied for six years, is also needed, Flynn said.

"Police and fire are still desperate for space," Flynn said. So is the township's recreation department, which currently needs recreation acres and will lose a few they have now on Wayne County-owned property when it is developed in the next few years.

"We'll have no problem using the money for any number of beneficial services to the community," Flynn said.

Enumerators from Bardon-Kruman Associates, a census contractor, are going door-to-door at each of the township's 7849 residential units to get their population count. The township is paying Bardon-Kruman about \$30,000 to do the count.

"We divide the area into 29 districts," Barbara Moroski-Browne, of Bardon-Kruman, said. "The backbone of the census is going door to door at houses, apartments and condos in those districts and asking, 'Who lives here?' It's a head count, basically."

Flynn said most residents have been cooperative: some expectant mothers have even suggested enumerators return so their babies can be counted; college students home for the summer can also be included.

Populations at the Hawthorne Center, the State Psychiatric and Phoenix Correctional facilities are also counted, but only half of their numbers are used, per state statute.

A small number of residents visited by enumerators have called Flynn, concerned about the use of their names in the census, Flynn said.

But according to Moroski-Browne,

Millaged increase to appear on summer tax bill

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

City of Plymouth residents may notice an increase in their summer tax bill.

The increased millage of 1.88 mills approved last fall for street improvements will appear on summer tax bills, said City Manager Steve Walters.

This shouldn't be interpreted as a tax increase, Walters said, since residents voted to increase the millage.

"Obviously the taxes are going up, but it's an alternative to paying special assessments," he said.

The operating millage for the general fund will remain the same at 11.76 mills.

The 1997-98 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing and City Budget Hearing will take place June 2.

names are used only as a quality control.

When the count is complete, enumerators will revisit a percentage of units to check the accuracy of their count. The names, she said, are simply a convenient way to do that check.

"If people are uncomfortable using their names, they can just use letters instead," she said.

Names given for the count are not used in any other way, she said, and the lists are destroyed after the census is certified by the state.

At present, Bardon-Kruman is doing callbacks, phoning residencies they had visited, but at which they have failed to contact a person.

Enumerators will phone about 200 more units before the count is completed and checked by June 1, according to Flynn.

"It looks like we're going to get our 15 percent, not the 20 percent we'd hoped for," she said. More residents could mean more money for the township, because the revenue shares are given per-capita.

A population increase of 20 percent might have meant bigger bucks for the township, but according to Flynn, "the counts have been lower than we anticipated in multi-family housing. We'll have to adjust our expectations."

But even if the township shows the 15 percent it needs, there is no guarantee it will receive any state money, Moroski-Browne said.

Once the census is complete and certified, the numbers go into a report given to the state legislature.

Portions of the revenue shares — comprised of money from state sales, income

and single business taxes — are given first to those communities with the greatest need.

Flynn and Moroski-Browne agreed: Northville Township should be counted among them.

"The township doesn't levy a lot of tax, so revenue sharing is important," Moroski-Browne said.

The state money could help ease the township's economic growing pains, according to Flynn.

Except for water and sewer budgets which are funded by millages, all municipal budgets and projects are financed through the general fund.

"If we get the money that's where it will go," Flynn said.

"Previous boards of trustees have been concerned about raising taxes and millages," Flynn said, so the revenue share becomes crucial.

"It's a pretty good chunk of our general fund."

Dawn of the addition at New Morning



Students of Plymouth's New Morning School break ground in a ceremony for the school's 1,400 sq.-ft. addition. On hand were Elaine Yagiela, executive director of New Morning, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Plymouth Twp. Supervisor and Bob DeMattia, whose company, The R.A. DeMattia Group, has donated the planning of the addition and will be in its construction. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

Skene bound over on embezzlement charges

Former City of Plymouth Parks and Rec. director goes to circuit court May 28.

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Former Plymouth Recreation Director Charles Skene was bound over last week on five counts of embezzlement.

Skene will appear for arraignment at 9 a.m. May 28 in Detroit's Records Court. Last week's preliminary exam took place before 29th District Court visiting Judge Glen Valasco.

The charges stem from allegations that Skene skimmed monies from both Westland Parks and Recreation Department where he worked as director until late April, and the Westland Therapeutic Booster Club.

Skene declined to comment on the case.

Defense attorney Steve Boak called Valasco's ruling "questionable."

"It was an interesting ruling given the lack of evidence on some points," Boak said. "The fact is that the city doesn't know where the money is because its system is so screwed up."

Specifically, the five counts focused on a trail of personal checks left by Skene and six sums of monies never recorded for deposits.

Finance Director Mike Gorman testified he was tipped off to a potential problem when an anonymous person sent several uncashed checks in an envelope that should

have been deposited.

He then checked all daily cash receipts and found six dates with no deposit recorded. The total amount came to \$6,989.

These cash receipts came from funds raised through ball registration, pool and gym use, volleyball and arts and crafts programs, Gorman said.

On April 14, Gorman examined the safe contents and discovered several checks — some written out to the City of Westland, some with no payee — all from Skene.

The only two people with access to the department's cash flow were Skene and his secretary, Nora Herbert, Gorman testified.

Herbert testified it was not uncommon for Skene to borrow against the funds, but he always replaced the money with good checks.

"It was not something I would have done, but the checks were always good," Herbert said.

Under cross examination, Gorman admitted the department had no rules prohibiting employees from cashing checks through the department accounts.

"Other than Mr. Skene's personal checks found in a deposit, was there any other thing that indicated he did not deposit the money with your department," defense attorney Steve Boak asked Gorman, who

replied, "No."

Some checks Skene wrote for the therapeutic department were not cashed, but held for evidence, Gorman testified.

Two of the five counts allege embezzlement from the Westland Therapeutic Booster Club.

If cashed, those checks would account for some of the missing money, said Margaret Martin, director of the booster club.

During Herbert's testimony, three checks were entered as evidence. The checks, all cashed through the finance department, were part of the day's receipts from a missing deposit, she said.

Herbert discovered this after calling several people who would have given money on the six missing days and asking if their checks cleared.

Skene's preliminary exam was moved from Westland to Wayne to avoid a conflict of interest, since he worked for the City of Westland.

He worked as director of the Westland Parks and Recreation Department since 1993. He started working for the City of Plymouth in 1974.

Embezzlement is a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

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Dear Editor,

I am writing to you about the ultimate act of kindness that I was witness to on Friday, March 21st, 1997. I work in the Emergency Room at Oakwood-Canton Health Center and that evening I began work at 7:30 p.m. As I walked into work, the staff was busy with a cardiac arrest that had been brought in by Canton Fire Rescue. The patient, a 77 year old gentleman from Canton, had apparently collapsed with a heart attack while dining out with his wife at the Old Country Buffet in Canton. As luck would have it, a Henry Ford Hospital Emergency Room nurse was nearby having dinner with her own family. She immediately initiated CPR on the gentleman and continued to do so until the Resuce Squad arrived. But she didn't stop there. She stayed with the man's wife and she drove the wife to the Emergency Room, telling her own family to finish dinner and to pick her up at the hospital later. While at the hospital she kept the wife company until the couple's son arrived to be with his mother. She then looked in on the patient so as to appraise the family of his progress. I am happy to say that the gentleman was successfully resuscitated and flown to U of M Hospital via Survival Flight. Not only did this nurse stay with the family, but when it was all over, she came back into the E.R. to talk with us and even helped us to clean up while we chatted. She is a remarkable person.

Our E.R. doctor made comment when it was all over that the reason that this man survived was due to the timely CPR began by this nurse. He felt that the family owed her a debt of gratitude which I'm sure they made known to her that night. It seems in this day and age of communicable diseases and the multitude of lawsuits that many people would not have done what this woman did on that fateful evening. Was she just "doing her job" or was she truly "an angel of mercy"? All I know is that I am proud to call Elizabeth Hoover R.N., of Canton, a colleague in our profession. I know that her family, friends and co-workers are aware of the kind of person she is and are also truly proud of her. Her community should be, too.

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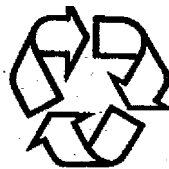
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YMCA RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 18th Annual Run will take place on Father's Day, June 15. The day will start at 7:30 a.m. and includes categories for all ages. All events take place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Call 453-2904.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross will have a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 30 at the Michigan Peer Review Organization, 40500 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 200, Plymouth. Call 454-7219 for an appointment.

ART IN THE SUN

The annual Art in the Sun art and crafts show will take place June 21 and 22 in downtown Northville. More than 140 exhibitors will take part in this juried show. For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640.

SUMMER BLAST

St. John Neumann's Singles Group is having its annual Summer Blast Dance from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. June 14. Cost, \$8. For more information, call Patrick Belanger at 277-6083.

GARDEN WALK

The Women's National Farm and Garden Association Trailwood Garden Club will host the second annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk from noon to 8 p.m. June 24. Cost, \$6 presale, \$7 day of tour. For more information, call Jeanne Hutko at 459-5285.

LEUKEMIA FUND-RAISER

Coldwell Bank Preferred and Vermeulen Funeral Home are sponsoring a fund-raiser for the Leukemia Society of Michigan from 4:30 p.m. to 7p.m. May 21. The event will honor a bicycling team that raised \$3,600 per biker for a 100-mile ride. The public is welcome to attend; tickets are available for a \$20 donation. The event will take place at Station 885 in Plymouth.

ROAD RALLY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host its first Road Rally Fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. May 31. Cost, \$25 per person. All proceeds will help fund a new lighted sign for outside the PCAC building. Mail checks to PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170.



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Groups...

SPEECHCRAFT SEMINAR

The Holy Smoke Toastmasters Club is offering Speechcraft, a world renown speaking program for non-members. The Sunday night seminar will take place at 7 p.m. throughout the months of June and July in the auditorium at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office. Cost, \$30. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (248) 455-1635.

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 15 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Cost, \$500 for a foursome, \$150 individual. To register, call the chamber at (313) 453-4040.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

The Sand Volleyball Tournament at Liberty Fest is set for 10 a.m. June 22 at the Heritage Park Sand Volleyball Court. Registration begins May 19. Cost, \$30 per team. Format: coed, four-person teams, eight teams maximum. Register in person at Canton Township Parks and Recreation, 4600 Summit Parkway or call 397-5110.

DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for the 7th Annual D&M Studio Day Camp is now open. This year's theme is Ancient Egypt. All camps will take place at D&M Studios 8691 N. Lilley, Canton. Register and pay before May 31 and receive discounted session fee. Call Sharon Dillenbeck at 453-3710.

HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED

Local handbell ringers are trying to get a handbell choir together for the Plymouth July 4 Parade. Those from Plymouth and surrounding communities who are interested are asked to contact Fran Loiselle at 459-5440 or 459-4263.

GARDEN WALK SET

The Trailwood Garden Club will have its second annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk from noon to 8 p.m. June 24. In case of severe weather, a rain date was set for June 25. Call Georgia Randinitis at 459-7146.

Health...

OSTOMY CLINIC

McCauley Pharmacy is sponsoring an ostomy clinic featuring registered nurse Barbara Boylan Lewis from 10 a.m. to noon May 22 at McCauley Pharmacy in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, 990 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call 451-7777.

PEW AND IOM REPORT

The Michigan Nurses Association District 51 presents the Pew and Ion Report: How Are They Affecting Your Practice from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 21 at St. Mercy Hospital, Mission Health Education Center, 5305 Building, McAuley Drive.

CANCER EDUCATION CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will present "I Can Cope," a program for cancer patients, from May 27 to July 1. The free six-week educational series is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the first floor conference room. Register by calling 655-2922.

SENIOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTIONS

Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors (MEPPS) offers aid to seniors 65 years and older when: individual/couple monthly income is less than \$968/\$1295 respectively, of which at least 10 percent is spent on prescriptions. Area MEPPS sites include Plymouth Township Hall, (313) 455-7526, and the Northville Area Senior Center, (810) 349-4140.

Volunteer...

YMCA VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteers are needed for the Plymouth YMCA annual run, set for June 15. Specifically, the YMCA needs a volunteer coordinator, people to help direct the runners, to help give water and to help at the finish line. For more information, call 453-2904.


STUDENT EXCHANGE

Families are needed to host international students from the "Academic Year in America," sponsored by the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range in age from 15 to 18 years old and arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands and several other countries. Those interested can call Amy Mullen at 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423. Program Office at 397-5444.

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Early Canton census numbers 'soft,' but officials 'optimistic'

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"In those 94 the number will still go up," she said. "There will be additional call-back cards, and more responses will come in."

There are many reasons for additional responses, Loder said, anything from new babies to people moving into new houses.

"If we go by and leave a call-back card on a completed,

but vacant house, we're allowed to count them when someone moves in," she said. "We had four new houses in one district alone."

Enumerators and counters are working nearly around the clock to ensure the census will be finished on time, according to Loder.

"We're still out there," she said. "The lights are burning

until 4:30 in the morning."

With additional information changing the tally daily, officials are unconcerned about the number of responses so far.

"We're optimistic," Bennett said. "I think we're going to make it, but I think it's going to be tight. It was my stand all along. That's why we waited until now to do it."



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

PETE MITCHELL

Pete Mitchell, a Livonia resident, died May 10, 1997 at the age of 57.

Mitchell was born May 24, 1939 in Canada. He was the general manager with Blackwell Ford since it opened in 1983.

"He was very knowledgeable. Anyone that worked with him learned something from him," said John Blackwell Jr.

Mitchell worked for Blackwell's father for more than 25 years at a previous dealership in Dearborn. He was an avid golfer. He was active with many charities, including the St. Mary's Foundation annual Hollywood Nights dance.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Rita; son, Doug (Dawn); daughter, Michelle (Dan) Ambrose of California; mother, Helen; sisters, Beryl Brandt, Doreen Huff; and two grandchildren, Nicole and Kevin.

A memorial service was held at Harry J. Will Trust 100 Funeral Home on Six Mile Road, just east of Newburg. The family has asked that in lieu of contributions be given to St. Jude Ranch for Children, P.O. Box 60100 Boulder City, NV 89006.

CARMELA PHILLIPS

Carmela Phillips, a Canton resident, died May 11, 1997 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Phillips was born Feb. 3, 1903 in Malta. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Violet Cauchi, of Westland, Carmen Clotworthy of Sterling Heights, Doris (Joseph) Galea of Dearborn Heights, Margaret (Charlie) Bonnici of Windsor, Ontario; sons, Robert (Mary) Phillips of Malta, Harry (Emma) Phillips of Australia, Joseph (Lourdes) Phillips of Canton; brother, Albert (Sylvia) Bugeja of Australia; 23 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at The Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit with the Rev. Grace Agius officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made.

ROBERT W. YAHR

Robert W. Yahr, an Ann Arbor resident, died May 13, 1997 at the age of 75.

Mr. Yahr was born Dec. 28, 1921 in Ann Arbor. He was in shipping/receiving for an automotive company.

He is survived by his brother, William K. (Gwendolyn) of Ann Arbor; sister, Betty R. Yahr of Ann Arbor; Niece, Terry G. (Loren) Bennett of Canton; nephew, Ronald W. (Karen E.); great-nieces, Wendy E. Bennett, Cindy Bennett; and great-nephews, Ronald K. (Shirley I.), and Jeffrey S.

Arrangments were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

MARIE EMILY HOKENSON

Marie Emily Hokenson, a Brighton resident, died May 14, 1997 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Hokenson was born June 19, 1907 in Marquette, MI. She was a homemaker and a long-time Plymouth resident.

She is survived by her sons, William (Irene) of Brighton, Robert of South Lyon; son-in-law, Don Van Atta of Plymouth; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters. Mrs. Hokenson was preceded in death by her husband, Vern W.; and daughter, Shirley Van Atta.

Arrangments were made and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Harry W. McCoy officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to: Martin Luther

Home, 305 Elm Place, South Lyon, MI 48178.

ALICE E. FAHLQUIST

Alice E. Fahlquist, a Westland resident, died May 13, 1997 at the age of 92.

Mrs. Fahlquist was born June 12, 1904 in Nova Scotia, Canada. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, George A. Fahlquist of Treasure Island, FL; daughter, Doris N. Wasilewski of Virico, FL; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Mrs. Fahlquist was preceded in death by her daughter, Ivy Nowka.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Willet J. Herrington officiating. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions can be given to American Heart Association West Metro Region, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI, 48072.

HOWARD D. DERMYRE

Howard D. Dermyre, a Southfield resident, died May 16, 1997 at the age of 33.

Mr. Dermyre was born Jan. 1964 in Detroit. He was a photo technician with Vertec and did contract work for General Motors. He was a member of First United Church in Plymouth and loved photography and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Ann of Southfield; daughters, Amber and Shelby of Southfield; parents, Frank and Lorraine Dermyre of Canton; brothers, Dennis (Karen) Dermyre of Wayne, David (Kimberly) Dermyre of Westland; grandmother, Elizabeth Dermyre of Jackson; mother-in-law, Carol Hiebert of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Gled Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Howard Dermyre Family Memorial Fund.

JULIE ANNE KELLY

Julie Anne Kelly, a Plymouth resident, died May 17, 1997 at the age of 67.

Mrs. Kelly was born April 11, 1930 in Wyandotte, MI. She was a bookkeeper at Newton Furniture in Livonia. She formerly worked at Carriage House Galleries in Taylor, MI. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and loved gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Kelly of Wyandotte; aunt, Winifred (Gerald) Henderson of Florida; step-mother, Betty Henderson of Arizona; and many good friends and co-workers. Mrs. Kelly is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 21 at the Shrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial will be at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Arrangements were made by the Shrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice.

CHARLES F. BRIEN III

Charles F. Brien III, a Plymouth resident, died May 17, 1997 at the age of 48.

Mr. Brien was born Oct. 23, 1948 in Bridgeport, CT. He was an engineer at Ford Motor Company.

He is survived by his parents, Charles F. (Esther) Brien, Jr; son, Charles F. Brien IV of Plymouth; brother, Tim Brien of Westchester, PA; sister, Charlene Mihalcsik of Stratford, CT.

Service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 21 at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Internment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd, Livonia, MI 48154.

A part of Canada

*Joe DeLauro unveiled his work,
Giovanni Caboto, commemorating
Canada's 500th anniversary and tying
the artist to the north*

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

For one day — Saturday — the Ambassador Bridge linked The Plymouth-Canton Community and Windsor, Canada directly.

Even the Canadian customs agent at the bridge knew that they were about to unveil the huge bronze statute of Giovanni Caboto sculpted by Canton's Joe DeLauro.

The dean of this community's artists, DeLauro beamed while on stage with a host of tuxedo-types before an audience of 850 members of the Caboto Club, his friends and family.

Unveiling the statue starts the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Caboto's "discovery" of Canada on June 24, 1497. Caboto, also known as John Cabot, was an Italian hired by King Henry VII and Queen Victoria of England to discover the Far East. He and 18 men sailed aboard The Mathew for 53 days before hitting Newfoundland.

After Saturday's hoopla, the DeLauro sculpture now stands over the intersection of Parent Avenue and Tecumseh East in Windsor. "It was a great pleasure, this sculpture," DeLauro told the crowd.

And once again a little piece of Plymouth-Canton is added to the art world.



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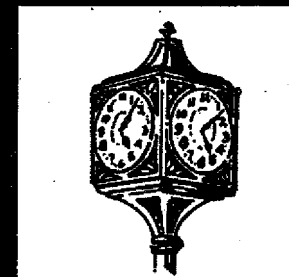
(Top) Joe DeLauro at the unveiling of *Giovanni Caboto*, standing with his wife, "Wan." (Right) DeLauro in his workshop where he crafted his sculpture, *The Storyteller* (inset), on display at the Canton Public Library. (Above), the artist addresses those present at the unveiling of *Giovanni*, Saturday, at the intersection of Parent Avenue and Tecumseh East in Windsor.



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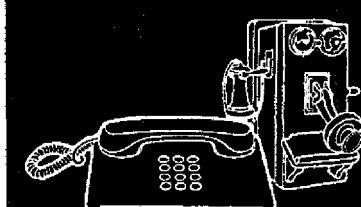
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Watch For
Art In The Park
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July 13

BRYON MARTIN is really older now.

GO WINGS!

BEAUREGARD eats mushroom sauce -- Terri K. tries to beat him to the bowl.

JESS: call home!

CONGRATS JOE DeLAURO! --Sally, Jess, Beauregard, Ed

MOM: great to have you back in Grand Rapids!

SAM LOPICCOLO got older... does he remember it?

TERRI K. falls off the diet wagon.

SCHOOL VOTERS: cast ballots June 9!

ALLEN O. - We miss you. You are gone so much. Annie, Betty, Clara, Dora, Evelyn, Florence, Glenda, Hazel, Irene and Jane.

MARIE CRIGER - Now that you are back on your feet, please come home. Plymouth isn't the same without you.

LYNN - Happy Birthday to one of the nicest people I know. Geneva

EVELYN GILBERT, EVELYN ERDELYI and BETTY HEES gave their all planting flowers in the Township Park and the Garden Club Park while their fellow members were living it up in town. Whee! Who was that devil child "B" in the curios last week?

Don't forget Early Deadlines for next weeks paper.
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Curiosities

DEAR MARTHA ET AL: I've had I don't know how many calls asking why your letter was not in last week's paper. Actually, I think it was too long. So much has been going on it's hard to cut down.

The Historical Museum had their final meeting for the season. It was a pot luck and those wonderful people really outdid themselves as usual. I think being a good cook must be one of their rules of membership (just fooling). The program was super. Steve Watters gave a talk with illustrations on plans for a park dedicated to the nine monuments we have that are now scattered in different places. Steve is a fine speaker. On the following Saturday they had a tea with Scott Kring as the speaker. I'm sure everyone was inspired and went home to brighten our world. A sidelight that might make you laugh was, I thought it would be fun to dress up to attend the tea as "My Fair Lady." I really went to town, all pink, would you believe? Took a good look at myself in a mirror and quickly changed my mind and my clothes. I just didn't have what it took to go in full party dress. I wouldn't say it was a result of that talk on Gardening but on Monday morning, bright and early, the Plymouth branch of Nat'l Farm & Garden Club armed with flowers and tools, planted their offerings around Kellogg Park. Maybe you saw their pictures in the paper. Wouldn't it be great if other clubs would volunteer to beautify the city? At the moment our town is full of Garage Sales and they are really fun. I don't believe the "Powers that be" will print all this. I would love to have told you about the Plymouth Business Exposition, which was wonderful, and Carolyn Goodell's nintie-th birthday but I am pressing my luck.

Love you, Geneva

Hey Bryon, Hope your Bday was happy!



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July 12th & 13th

Jack - Thanks for all the extra help on Tuesdays. You'd think I'd be a better bowler by now, wouldn't you?

Curiosities



You've come a long way baby!
Happy 40th Birthday Mark Stamper

"Belleville is not the country just cause cows graze in our front lawn"

Thanks Janet, you did a great job - Dad John must have met a girl. He actually wore a white T-shirt. Not black - must be serious.

Gerry got a Rob haircut - He doesn't look Italian anymore. I wonder if Nancy had anything to do with it.

Emma Rose & Grampa made Breakfast, Muffin Tops, White Homemade Bread & Dinner - Boy, are we good.

The Red Wings Rule

Linda & Steven - Thanks for calling & letting us know about your alternate plans.

Joanne says she doesn't always have that look! Only when Jeff of Jack's around.

Thank you Bob, Steve & Jerry

I really miss Pete's sharp remarks about this, that & everything.

Lynn had a birthday & she actually looks younger.

It's Monday & it's quiet around here - Is the B.B. off today?

Rhonda says she doesn't live in the country - I guess all the wild animals must be moving to the city.

I saw a wood duck in our pond over the weekend - it looked like a painting straight from Wild Wings.

Girls rule on the pool table - but Steven says he likes it when Linda wins.

Lepping, Hurlids, Barta, Rickert & Pettoross Families it was great to see you!

Josh is a Wing Nut and now he has yellow hair. Do we start calling you Rodman now? or Susan?

Maura...LIVE!

Bob - Thanks for tolerating all these Wings games! I'll make it all up to you in Vegas!

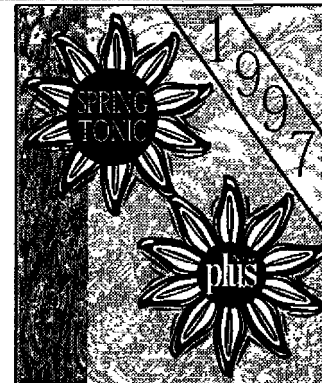
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Bryon - How's Sal?

Michelle Rickert comes to town to get bruised and battered!

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Canton police celebrate department, community heroes

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

What makes a hero?

Eleven years ago Canton Public Safety developed an internal committee to determine just such a thing, according to Public Safety Director John Santomauro: A committee to honor and recognize public safety officers who work beyond their duty.

Canton Public Safety hosted its eleventh annual police awards ceremony to honor officers and civilians for their heroic and selfless acts during 1996.

Among those honored were officers from other departments who assisted Canton Police, Canton Police Officers who exhibited extraordinary service and citizens for outstanding citizen involvement, according to Santomauro.

"It's been highly successful," he said. "We think it's important to honor the deeds of people who perform above and beyond the call of duty."

Honored with a Departmental Citation, the Public Safety Department's highest honor, were Sergeant Charles Raycraft and Canton Officer Chad Baugh for defusing a life-threatening situation.

Certificates of merit were given to officers who exhibited extraordinary quick-thinking, overall professionalism, or for having the patience to track down tough leads and break hard cases, according to Santomauro.

Among those honored with Certificates of Merit: Ofc. Mark Gajeski, Det. Richard Pomorski, PSSO Anastacia Reynold, PSSO Victoria Sliman, Sgt. Jerry Hardesty, Ofc. Michael Steckel, Det. William Keppen, Det. David Schreiner, Ofc. Timothy Wright, Ofc. Todd Koch.

Awards were also given to officers from other departments who assisted Canton Police while either off-duty, or across jurisdictional boundaries.

Civilian awards were given out for reasons varying from saving a drowning child to assisting in apprehending criminals.

"It's pretty amazing what people will do," Santomauro said.

Among those honored were: Skip Barnett, Mark Bomia, Mark Mastie, Henry Budesky Carolyn Nevi, Gary Anania, Terry Ahern and Nancy Hall.

The Department also handed out safe-driving awards to Ofc. Daniel Woodward, Ofc. Robert Smedley, Ofc. Debra Newsome and Ofc. James Harrison.

But the real winner is a department that has such dedicated people working for it Santomauro said. "It's a real source of pride for our department."



Sgt. Jerry Hardesty receives a certificate of merit from Chief John Santomauro and presenter Cpt. Alex Wilson at Canton's 11th annual Police awards ceremony, held Thursday at Canton's Summit on the Park (Crier photo, B. Martin).

Vorva seeks injunction for bond issue; intentions questioned

BY BRYON MARTIN

Questions have surrounded, even plagued, the Plymouth-Canton Schools' March 22 bond vote. Most centering on why 716 voters voted improperly and why the schools don't call for a revote.

But a lawsuit begun last Wednesday by Jerry Vorva, former state representative

and Plymouth real estate agent, brings new questions to the fore.

Vorva's lawsuit, filed through Sempliner, Thomas and Boak attorneys, requests an injunction to hold the bond-sale process, based on three allegations, according to Stephen Boak.

First, Boak said, the board did not get

permission from the Secretary of State to use the Unilect machines.

Second, Vorva contends the voting method was confusing, he said.

Third, Vorva said the board engineered the date of the election to skew voter turnouts.

"This is the time of year when senior cit-

izens are out of state," Vorva said. "I believe it was the schools' intention to skew the vote. That's failure of equal protection."

"Who holds a school election in March on a Saturday," Boak asked.

Judge Rashid James will hear the injunction request May 30 in district court.



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If you hit a hole in one, you receive \$10,000.

The cost of the outing is \$125 per person which includes golfing, lunch, dinner, and the opportunity to win door prizes.

For more information call Beth Sneider at (248) 855-2288.

The Plymouth Canton baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the **Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp** for boys 7-14 years old, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 16-20.

The camp will be at Canton's varsity baseball field and will include five days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game.

The cost is \$85 before June 6. Late registration is \$90.

Lunch and t-shirts are included; baseball hats can be purchased for \$10.

The camp is limited to 150 players. Registration forms are available at Canton Sports and The Trading Post.

For more information call Ken or Diane Oplainski at 981-7313, Ron or Sharon Mortiere at 981-5113, or Mike or Diane Kwiatkowski at 981-2024.

The **Rockers 1997 Soccer Summer Camp** will travel to Heritage Park in Canton two times this summer. On July 7-11 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and on July 28-August 1 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The cost for both camps will be \$119. To register for both camps or for more information, call the Rockers at (313) 396-7070.

The Little Caesars Baseball Federation has formed a girl's fast pitch travel **softball league** that will begin play June 1 with two divisions: 12-under and 14-under. For more information call Gregg Lenhoff at 455-0793 and 455-1295.

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Green League — Fairway Club, 2-0; Prudential, 2-0; St. Michael #2, 1-1; St. Michael #1, 1-1; Team #6, 1-1; Dental Diplomats, 0-2; Ancor, 0-1; Bad Influence, 0-1.

Salem girls track wins regional Canton girls take 5th, Canton boys place 11th

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was regional time at Redford Union on Friday, and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park brought home one team title and numerous records.

The Salem girls track team continued their auspicious season — which already includes a Lakes Division title and a dual meet victory over cross campus rival Canton — by winning their region. The Rocks qualified for the state finals in 11 events. They beat out second-place Detroit Cass Tech, who had 97 points, by 46 points. Livonia Stevenson, Westland

John Glenn and Canton completed the top-five in the 17-team field.

The Rocks' state qualifiers in field events are: Kristin Kosik (five-feet, one-inch) in the high jump, Angie Sillmon (17'-1/2") in the long jump, Jessica Ash (35'-5 1/2") in the shotput, and in the discus Tiffany Grubaugh (115'-4") and Angie Smith (109'-5").

In the relays, Kristie Bonner, Kristie Giddings, Nicole Bolton and Ellen Stemmer set a school record (9:35.4) in the 4 x 800; and Bonner, Lisa Maul, Giddings, and Ruth Viforneau ran the 4 x

400 in 4:13.9.

State qualifying times in other track events were: Maul (15.9) in the 100 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles in 47.9, Bonner (61.1) in the 400 meter dash, and Bolton (11:30.7) and Stemmer (11:48.9) in the 3,200.

The regional win capped a week in which the Rocks won their sixth Lakes Division title in seven years with a 69-59 win over Stevenson. "It is a tribute to the commitment this team has made," said Salem coach Mark Gregor. "We're going into the league meet with lots of momentum. It's going to be tougher than regionals, I think."

The Canton girls track team had 44 points at regionals. Nkechi Okwumabua won the long jump with a leap of 17'-7". The second state qualifying event for the Chiefs came in the 400 meter relay. Alina Boyden, Tiffany Williams, Doris Igwe and Okwumabua were second in 52.2, "which I think is phenomenal for the conditions," said Canton coach George Przygodski.

The Chiefs finished sixth or higher in nine other events, including Brandi Bernard (105'-11") fourth in the discus, Amy Sonnanstine (16.7) fifth in the hurdles and Natalie Wood, Crystal Alderman, Boyden and Igwe in the 4 x 200 relay with a time of 1:53.1.

The Salem boys track team was 11th out of 18 teams with 18 points.

They had one state qualifier, Kevin Keil, who placed second in the discus at 145'-1".

Jason Meagrow (20'-2 1/2") was second in long jump. Shaun Moore was sixth twice, in the 3,200 at 10:13.4, and in the 4 x 800 relay with Jon Page, Adam DioGiori and Steve Blossom.

Salem golf topples Canton But Rocks miss states, 5th at regionals; Chiefs place 15th

It could be called the battle of bunker Hilltop Golf Course.

And the battle of fairway Hilltop, or green Hilltop.

Call it what you want, the Salem girls golf team defeated Canton on May 12, 182-228.

The Katies, Collins and Murinas, were spectacular for Salem. Collins led with 39, and Murinas was just six strokes behind her teammate at 45. Jessica Hedges (48) and Chrystal Kopacz (60) completed Salem's scoring.

On the Canton side, the top four golfers — Alyson Young, Sandra Pavlo, Lindsay Miller and Jessica Dumas — finished within five strokes of each other, from 56 to 61.

Good scores and competition on both sides, considering the cold weather Canton and Salem have played through this winter, er, spring.

It sure felt like winter Friday at the regional competition at Oak Pointe Golf Course where the wind chill fluttered around 40 degrees.

The elements weren't the only disappointment of the day, however. Salem placed fifth, missing out on a chance to qualify for the state finals as a team. Murinas qualified as an individual with her round of 88, but she will be going on alone. Collins, who had shot 81 on the Oak Pointe three weeks ago, finished at 96, a stroke behind Hedges' 95.

"It was very disappointing that (Collins) did not play well," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "I feel bad for her, because she really deserves a chance at the state finals."

Licata's 116 rounded out Salem's 396 team total.

Canton was 15th. Young shot 103, followed by Pavlo with 113, Dumas with 120 and Julie Dziekan at 123.

Call to arms

Canton, Salem pitching staffs face late season test

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Canton and Salem baseball teams had to delve into their pitching reserves in order to play four games in five days.

The scheduling back log was the result of the spring's inclement weather. It offered an opportunity for the Chiefs and Rocks, both struggling this season, to play underclassmen and possibly piece together a winning streak heading into districts next week. The former happened, the latter didn't.

SALEM

Salem coach Dale Rumberger loves baseball, "But I'd like it a lot more if we were winning," he said.

The Rocks (9-14) lost four games in a row and were rained out Saturday. Will happy days return again? "I feel like we're a better team than we play, or at least what our record indicates. We've lost some close games," said Rumberger.

It certainly wasn't close Monday versus North Farmington, who mercied Salem, 10-0, in six innings. Junior Jeff Iroz, one the top prospects in the state, threw a one-hitter for North Farmington. He struck out 11.

"He wasn't throwing anything but fastballs, and we couldn't catch

up," said Rumberger.

Tom DeMetsenare took the loss for Salem on Tuesday, Jason Lukasik became the first freshman in school history to start a game for Salem. He was knocked out in the fifth inning of the Rocks' 4-3 loss to Livonia Stevenson.

Salem had only three hits in the game, but led 2-1 in the fourth on runs batted in (RBI) from Dave Barker and Tim Sisler. The Spartans answered with a two-run homerun and a sacrifice fly for a 4-2 lead; and held on to win. The Rocks finally strung together some hits on Wednesday at Farmington Hills Harrison, but the Hawks had eight hits and scored two runs in the fifth and sixth innings for the 8-3 win. Kurt Berlin pitched two-hit ball for four innings, before he tired and the Hawks rallied. "It's been like that all year. When Kurt hits the 80 pitches area, he begins to struggle," Rumberger said.

The team continued to struggle on Thursday, an 8-1 loss to Walled Lake Central. Scott Hay, typically a long reliever, made his first varsity start for Salem.

The Vikings scored five runs in the fifth inning on the way to victory.

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Salem outlasts Canton in softball

Carson, Hudson shutdown Chiefs

It had been a long wait for the annual spring showdown of the Canton and Salem softball teams.

The game had been moved back several weeks because renovations to Massey Field were incomplete, and the lingering rain clouds threatened the May 13 date to even later in the season.

But in between the rain drops and hide-and-seek sun, the Chiefs were able to beat their cross campus rivals, 8-2.

"I thought my team played a great game. They always put a lot of heart into this game," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "One bad inning cost us the game. We keep improving and don't give up easily. We are now 11-16, but we have a much better team than that. We keep plugging away and now must move on and prepare for districts, which I think we have a great shot at being contenders. I'm proud of my players and the way they keep their heads up. Our day will come — it has to. Canton is having a

great season so far. Salem is just getting warmed up."

Not an easy task in this weather. Neither is effective pitching, but Salem's Shannon Coultas did just that in a losing effort. She walked seven, struck out two and allowed seven hits.

The Rocks took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Karen Prosyk was walked with the bases loaded. Salem went up 2-0 in the third on Carah Best's RBI double, scoring Becky Esper.

Salem held the lead until the fifth inning when Canton scored two unearned runs. Coultas hit the first batter, got the next two Rocks out, but then walked the next two batters. Canton's Kristen Witt singled to bring two runners home, and tied the game, 2-2. It was still even in the top of the sixth when Salem went down in order facing pitcher Gretchen Hudson, who relieved starter Sarah Carson. Canton loaded the bases in the bottom half of the frame on a hit and two walks,

setting up Jenny Sikora's run-scoring single. The Chiefs then scored five unanswered runs.

North Farmington 12, Salem 10 — Maureen Buchanan was the losing pitcher for the Chiefs in the May 12 game against the North Farmington. She walked eight, struck out two and allowed three hits. Kristan Los, Coultas and Best each went two for four. Stefanie Volpe had two doubles and two RBI. Buchanan was three for four at the plate with three RBI.

Salem 10, Farmington Hills Harrison 8 — The Rocks rebounded from their losses earlier in the week behind the complete game pitching performance of Buchanan. She allowed six hits, walked five and struck out one. Volpe led the offensive attack with two singles and three RBI.

Five Rocks had one single a piece.

Spartans kick Canton in WLAA final

It was one heck of a time to lose your first game of the season.

But the Canton girls soccer team's 1-0 loss at the PCEP in the WLAA championship game was to a fellow perennial power, Livonia Stevenson.

"They were upset, and they should be," said Canton coach Don Smith of his players. "But they recover quick."

Good thing — the state tournament began Monday versus Ann Arbor Huron. And if the Chiefs want to add more victo-

ries to their stellar record, they'll have to win the important battles for the loose ball, one they lost versus the Spartans.

Stevenson scored the only goal of the game with approximately 10 minutes left in the second half when the loose ball was batted out of crowd and past goalie Kristin Lukasik.

"That goal came in a crowd," said Smith. "But that's the way you've got to get them in games like this."

Lukasik faced 18 shots, and Canton

peppered Stevenson with 11 shots on goal. "They pretty much showed us how to play. They played tough. They beat us to the ball, in the air. They played a pretty good game," said Smith. "They were a little more up for it. They were eager to prove their point."

Canton 5, Walled Lake Western 0 — On May 12, Jennel Cobor scored two goals and Becky Haner got the shutout for the Chiefs. Jenny Reissenweber, Angie Libbon and Melissa Marzolf also scored for Canton.

Chief baseball wins 2, loses 2

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CANTON

The Chiefs fared better than their cross-campus rivals last week, they did have winning streak; it was just really short.

The Chiefs had wins against Livonia Churchill, 10-6; and North Farmington, 9-5, bookended by losses to Walled Lake Western, 11-1, on Monday and Northville, 6-2, on Thursday. Ryan Dahlman (1-4) took the loss in the week's opening game against Western. Warriors ace Kevin Thomas threw a one-hitter and had seven RBI at the plate.

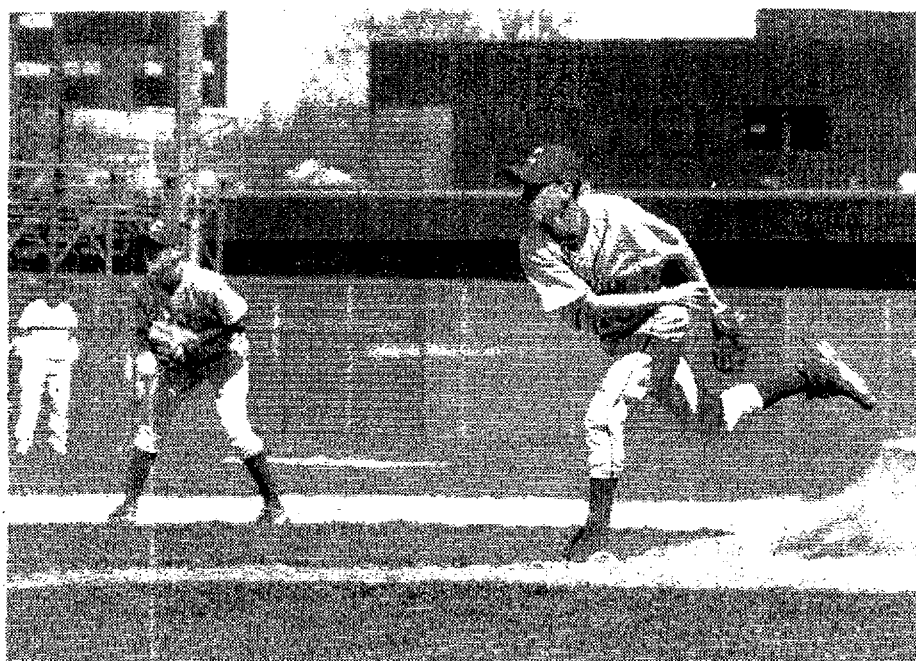
The four-run victory over Churchill was spearheaded by Jeff Page, who pitched a complete game five-hitter. He also struck out eight. Neil Wildfong went two-for-three for Canton, scoring two runs and stealing two bases. Dave Kwiatkowski (three-for-three) scored three runs. Jeff Oplainski was two-for-three with one double.

It was another fine pitching performance that led Canton to its second win in as many days, a 9-5 victory versus North Farmington. Sophomore Ben Tucker pitched a complete game in the eighth inning dual, allowing three earned runs on eight hits and striking out 11.

Canton fell behind, 4-0, but tied the game with a four-run sixth. The Chiefs won with two runs in the eighth. Jason Mortiere fell to 1-5 on the year after allowing nine hits, walking three and striking out four in Thursday's 6-21 loss to Northville. "It was one of his better out-

ings," said Canton coach Scott Dickey.

"The problem was we had six errors." Canton is 8-13 overall.



Both Canton and Salem baseball teams relied on their pitching staffs to get them through a busy week. Canton went 2-2 during the week while Salem lost four games in a row. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On deck

CANTON BASEBALL
WLAA cross over game today. At the Madonna Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

At the Meet of Champions in Ypsilanti at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

CANTON GOLF

At the WLAA Conference meet tomorrow.

CANTON SOCCER

District and regional games this week.

CANTON SOFTBALL
WLAA playoff game today.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Today at Farmington for the WLAA Conference meet.

SALEM BASEBALL
WLAA crossover game today. At the Madonna Tournament Saturday and Sunday.

SALEM BOYS TRACK
At the state meet May 31.

SALEM GOLF
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SALEM SOCCER
Districts and regionals this week.

SALEM SOFTBALL
WLAA playoff game today.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK
At the WLAA Conference meet, and the Lady Braves Relays on Friday.



Community opinions

Smith gone, his legacy lives on

Not many folks in The Plymouth-Canton Community remember Royce Smith.

He was a mountain of a man, a Southern-drawlin' "good ole' boy," large-cigar-chomping masterful politician and the beginning of getting more county services for out-Wayne-County.

In the days he served as Wayne County Commissioner, Royce's district included all of the western tier of townships and cities that were long overlooked by the county. He personally inspected county drain and road complaints and then pestered the county agency to get on the stick.

Royce's personality was hard to miss. He developed his heavy Kentucky accent into a warm greeting while running

his gas station in Belleville, and built that into his political platform. He was mayor of Belleville before capturing the county seat.

But as nice a guy as he was, ask the county department heads how difficult he was to avoid when he was demanding that a certain Canton road be introduced to a road grader for the first time in many years (if ever).

Royce died last Wednesday.

Living on is Royce's level of Wayne County representation for The Plymouth-Canton Community. Former and current Wayne County reps from here — Bill Joyner, Bart Berg, Milt Mack, Shirley Poling, Bryan Amann, Susy Heintz, Maurie Breen, Thad McCotter and

With malice toward none



Bruce Patterson carry that banner still.

It's true that county government has long ignored western Wayne County.

But ever since Royce, the elected county reps from here let those folks downtown know that working with them is what voters and taxpayers here expect.

C.E.P. teacher, 'can't understand why we lack discipline'

EDITOR:

I want to thank the Board of Education, Dr. Little, and the community for sending me to the Character Counts Training. It was an honor to represent my school district and profession. CHARACTER COUNTS! is religiously and politically neutral. It is a nationwide initiative that embraces six core ethical principles which allow parents, teachers and community members to teach and evaluate character. The six core principles are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. I am now a trainer.

I would like to tell you what happens at Canton High School with students who are not going to their classes. If a student skips a class, there is no consistently enforced discipline.

One teacher *may* do something like a conference with the student, call home, have the student lose participation points, make up time with the teacher, or they may do nothing! I'm not blaming any teachers or administrators. We have a communication and policy problem.

Our young people need preestablished consequences for misbehavior and need to have those consequences administered immediately.

Parents need to know about students not going to their classes immediately so they can help their young people make good decisions. Not being in class is a bad

decision and does affect their learning. Teachers and administrators should also help the student and the parent work together toward this goal of learning.

At the Plymouth-Canton Park right now parents are not contacted by the Attendance Office until eight absences (excused or unexcused) occur. It is not an Attendance Office problem. It is *our* problem.

We need to change our methods of communicating unexcused absences with students, parents and teachers. It needs to be consistently done by all teachers and all administrators so parents and students will understand the consequences. Students not in classes lose out on education.

One thing we could do is get an electrical call back machine like Livonia, Westland and other school systems have had for many years. This system would call back any student's home who was unexcused during a period of time and leave a message.

If anyone is loitering in the hall after the bell rings, we must follow the rule and give an after-school detention with no ifs, ands or buts. This will also stop tardies to classes. We should also have all teachers and administrators follow the same rules for each and every unexcused absence.

Another thing that would help is a Saturday detention program for students who are having a difficult time learning and following rules.

This is a great school system, yet I can't understand why we let the lack of discipline affect the education of our youth.

I'm sorry, but I can no longer give tours

of the building, due to a verbal directive from my administrator.

KENNETH H. SMITH

Teacher, Canton High

Bond backer berates Vorva

EDITOR:

I love living in this country because it allows publicity seekers such as Jerry Vorva to say whatever they want, even though it doesn't make sense, or what they say is incorrect. But freedom of speech also allows citizens, like myself, to debate people like that.

Mr. Vorva, in his lawsuit against the school district, indicates that the March vote was held on a Saturday so people would not have an opportunity to vote. If he was at any of the school board meetings or at any of my presentations on the bond election, Mr. Vorva would know that the exact opposite was true.

We made it very clear in these open, public meetings that the purpose of a Saturday election was to allow MORE voters the opportunity to vote. In fact, the March election had the fourth highest voter turnout since at least 1980.

He also contends that the election was held in March so senior citizens would not be afforded the opportunity to vote. Again, wrong!

The Citizens' Election Committee's intent was to go after the Senior vote by educating senior citizens on the state of our school district and what the bond issue was about.

We had two well respected senior citizens, Dr. E.J. McClendon and Esther Hulsing, on our committee and they made presentations to the senior citizens at a number of meetings. A luncheon was also held at the high school for seniors to attend to see the high school and hear information regarding the bond issue.

I also take issue with the newspapers that report Jerry Vorva was a former this and a former that in our community. Tell the readers his true background. He was a former police officer with a controversial past, a former state representative that was voted out of office, a current real estate agent, and a current law school student.

Mr. Vorva does not know what he wants to be when he grows up and, yet, he is attempting to ruin educational progress for my son and all of our children!

SUSAN KOPINSKI

Teacher pleads proud

EDITOR:

It is appropriate for The Crier to publish letters by M. Johnson and me. The community needs lively debate on the issue of funding education.

As Johnson points out so clearly, the bond issue will have an effect on the future of education in Plymouth-Canton just as the passage of Proposal A has already had an effect, and will continue to have in the future. As Johnson is certainly aware, we are only experiencing the initial effects of Proposal A.

Certainly property taxes are not going up

at the rate they used to, but how much more are you paying in sales tax? Have you bought a refrigerator, a washer or had your car fixed lately? Notice anything there? Have you bought or sold a house and seen the taxes rise astronomically? Have you seen the cost of a school text book, paper or software observe the tenant of Proposal A?

Johnson expresses concern that I only "pick and choose and take parts out of context." I choose to discuss those areas of major concern.

I work long hours. I have a major responsibility for the welfare and education

of 27 human beings. I manage the flow of these people from the time they step off the bus until their feet hit that step again.

Then, I talk with their parents, I clean their workspace, I evaluate their efforts and mine, prepare the work area for the next day and go home. There I just correct their papers in language arts, math, science and social studies (that is generally more than 100 papers graded, at least four subjects times 27 students)).

Now, I am not complaining, Johnson. I am proud. I made a conscious decision to become a teacher just as you made a

conscious decision to leave teaching.

I imagine that you are as proud of what you do right now as you are obviously proud of your wife's career as an engineer. The students have a right to teachers of whom they can be proud also.

These students are of inestimable value. The people to whom they are entrusted should be held in the same regard as we hold these students.

JOANNE KOKOSZKA



Community opinions

Harvest Moon book a celebration

New book, Moon Food, waxes wise on fare, family and feel

The wide, warm Harvest Moon-light dances on Forest Avenue. The restaurant and juice bar has been operating for three years now, recently publishing a cookbook that celebrates their success.

It doesn't seem that long ago that my husband and I were peeking eagerly through the doors on opening day to sample the vegetarian cuisine. I was quite impressed with the creative way in which the floor was finished: real leaves of various sizes, shapes and colors were scattered about the floor.

What a natural way to communicate. And this is the ongoing theme of the management — to enlighten people, challenge their taste buds, make them

Like the restaurant, the presentation is unique

— simple and powerful.

reflect on their lifestyles and how they affect the world around them.

It is a nice path that they walk: running a business, with a conscience without alienating possible "veggie newbies" with

an overly political and graphically honest manner, yet teaching, nudging all of us to tread lightly.

There are a variety of books to read while you wait, or while you dine, ranging from homeopathy to juicing. The staff are always friendly, often humorous, and very courteous. You can choose from a large list of sandwiches, juices, soups, salads, a special entree that changes daily and a cookie to curve your smile a bit.

"Moon Food: Harvest Moon's Recipes for Compassionate Cooking" is the title of their cookbook, and like the restaurant, the presentation is unique — simple and powerful.

The recipes are handwritten and organized by month. Each month has a different color and flavor palette that corresponds to the climate. For example, Winter Squash Stew and Stuffed Mushrooms in February, and Mexican Bean Salad and Cold Fruit Soup in the heat of July.

What makes this publication even more sincere is the effort the author and original co-owner, Erika Williams, put into its completion and circulation. Erika was at the ripe end of her pregnancy and yet still managed to put out a satisfying and well-

The Abstract

By Stephanie Everitt



developed piece, with original artwork by she and her sister, Jennifer Burt, and poems for each month.

There is quite a feeling of family and cooperation at this place. Erika's mother and father, Marilyn and Steve Yochum, and her aunt, Pat Sellers, all played a significant part in the restaurant's success. Now that 'lil baby moon has made her entrance, there is a new owner, Pat Cahill. I have faith that he will walk a similar path.

In addition to the Plymouth location, the "Moon" caters events and markets their products elsewhere. It is fun to be in other communities and notice their "Bliss Balls," or "Vermont Chews" displayed.

It should make us proud to see that our "climate" is not only ready to be sown, but also reaping a nice "harvest."

"Moon Food" is available at Harvest Moon, Forest Avenue, Plymouth. For daily specials and more information call, (313) 454-7593.

WSDP thanks for winning auction

EDITOR:

WSDP would like to thank everyone who assisted us with our ninth radio auction. We met our primary goal and raised over \$5600. Your help made it possible for the station to donate \$500 of the proceeds to Community Hospice Services of Plymouth and Westland.

Special thanks to all the businesses that donated items for the auction. Your willingness to help us is greatly appreciated. We are proud to be part of the Plymouth-Canton Community. Thanks to Continental Cable for their cable production of the auction. Special thanks to Tom Scallen and David Zmich for their leadership of the Continental team. You are a joy to work with.

Thanks to Tom Yack for the donation of the Red Wings tickets. We appreciate the gift and your help as a guest auctioneer. Thanks to Dave Wellington and WRIF for the Stone Temple Pilots Lithograph. Thank you also for serving as a guest auctioneer. Special thanks to Carol Bollman for her help answering phones during the auction.

Thank you to all our sponsors:

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Thanks to our staff and their families. I especially appreciate the help of everyone who took time to solicit for the auction. Your help made our auction a major success.

Buff from the Hills calls P-C schools' auto fundraiser a hit

EDITOR:

I wish to inform you of a wonderful day I spent in your community. Sunday I had the opportunity to participate in the first annual P.C.E.P Car Show fundraiser.

As the owner of a 1968 Oldsmobile Convertible, I have attended many fine car shows. However, this one really struck a positive chord. The show was a fundraiser for the Plymouth-Canton High School vocational auto program run by the students with, no doubt, assistance from instructors. I was most impressed!

The show was organized, the students well behaved, helpful and they knew their

Special thanks to The Community Crier for the wonderful article and help with the full page ad. Bryon Martin did a wonderful job spotlighting our effort. Thanks to Jack Armstrong for help with the ad.

Thanks again to everyone. Your help with the auction is appreciated.

BILL KEITH
WSDP STATION MANAGER

assigned jobs. Any questions I had were easily handled. There were more than 100 amazing cars, including two Ford concept cars. I even won the grand prize!

I wish to commend all the students and instructors: Mark Bondy, Mike Duff, Frank Pavia, George Bachman and Dave Bobee. I was happy to be able to support such a worthwhile and important high school program.

I look forward to participating next year and hope to see even more old car buffs like myself.

RON MAYO
Beverly Hills, MI

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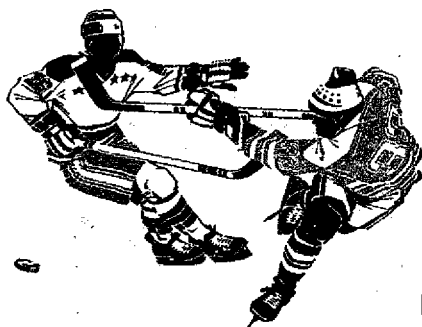
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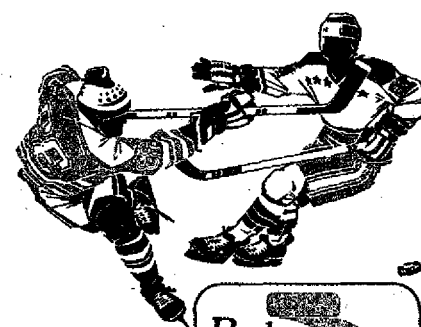
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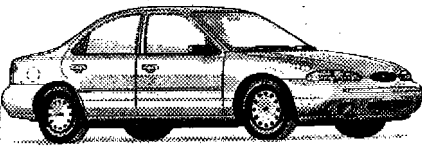
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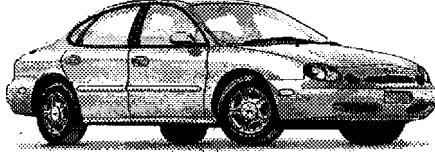


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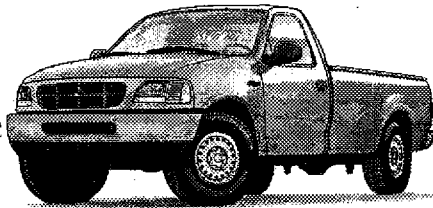


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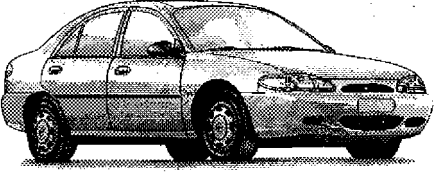


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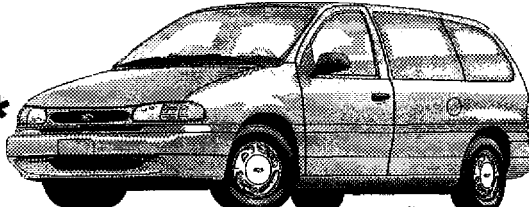


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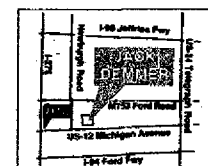
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