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Canton's Liberty Fest

Thursday: "Hercules" shows, 9:30 p.m. in amphitheater
Friday: "Grand Illusion" magic show, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Saturday: Fireworks display, 10 p.m. in Heritage Park
Sunday: Pancake breakfast, 8-11 a.m. in picnic shelters

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Downtown asks: who is Vincenti?

Done, or nearly:



THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL



THE PENNIMAN PARKING LOT

He bought the Penniman parking lot, is closing a deal on the Mayflower and is exploring other opportunities that could bring the biggest developments Plymouth has seen in 40 years

BY BRYON MARTIN

If you like the look of downtown Plymouth as it is now, take a picture: big developments may be coming to the City and if it they do, they'll happen fast.

With the purchase of the parking lot on Penniman Avenue finalized and negotiations under way to take over the stalled Mayflower Hotel renovation project, Novi-based developer John Vincenti is looking to additional projects in the City.

"It's an area I want to be in as a businessman and a homeowner," he says. "These old baby-boomer guys like me like to walk everywhere. I like that the library

is downtown, coffee shops, the theater and the park."

Such resources — enhanced by downtown's aesthetic appeal since completion of the streetscape, he says — make Plymouth an attractive location for the mix of restaurant, hotel, condominium and office developments he and his firm Tri-Mount-Vincenti envision for the Central Business District (CBD).

Vincenti warns about "putting the cart before the horse," but says a conservative total for the projects he is now investigating nears the \$40 million range.

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Being discussed:



THE WILCOX HOUSE



SAXTONS GARDEN CENTER

Plymouth's July 4th fireworks fizzle

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's two weeks until the 4th of July and the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are still hopeful that there will be a fireworks show.

The Jaycees have organized the event for more than 10 years, according to Jaycees Chairman Tim Fedewa. These displays have typically been launched from a site in Riverside Cemetery—until this year, that is.

"Unfortunately the graveyard has been getting more and

more full," Fedewa said. "They didn't like the idea of us shooting fireworks off of graves and grave markers."

Fedewa said the Jaycees are exploring other options and a likely site is in Hines Park, west of Haggerty Road. The Jaycees also scouted the nearby Starkweather Center, but the Plymouth-Canton School District turned them down due to liability concerns, Fedewa said.

"The idea is to find a place relatively close to the same spot so people can watch the fireworks from the same location."

Fedewa said the Jaycees were waiting for county approval of the Hines Park site, because it falls on county property. Wayne County requires a 500-foot clear zone be present between the launching area and spectators before they'll okay a fireworks display, Fedewa said.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department also has to sign off on the permit, but Fedewa doesn't anticipate any problems.

"We're working with the same fireworks company that we

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Father's Day Run

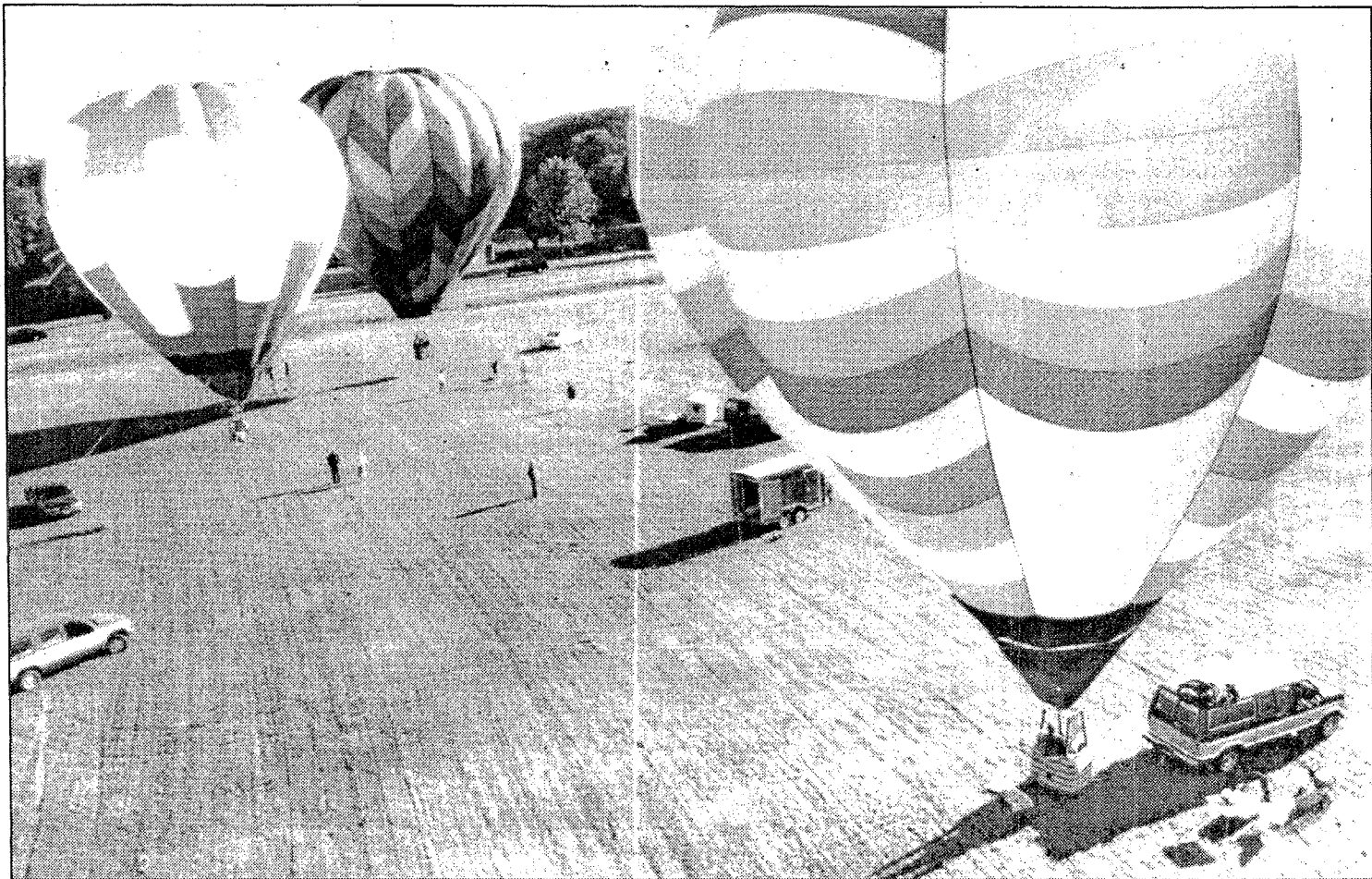
More than 1,000 expected to run, walk in 19th annual event
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Mr. Positive

Canton man motivates over Detroit stations' radiowaves
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Parade's end

After 14 years, Plymouth stationary shop calls it quits
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Dad's Day pick-me-up?... Whether last year's balloons will return is still questionable, but the breakfast is on. Mettetal Airport will once again be the site of the annual Fathers Day pancake breakfast sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association. The breakfast will begining at 8 a.m. in Mettetal's main hanger while outside the EAA will offers helicopter rides for \$15 and Mettetal gives airplane rides for \$8. (Crier photo by Ryan Nuñez).

Twp. gives job to Joyner

Officials insist hiring pro-millage committee member isn't conflict of interest

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Despite possible public misgivings, Plymouth Township has hired Bill Joyner to author and distribute township-funded campaign literature, a decision they made in a 7-0 vote at last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

Currently, Joyner is co-chairman of a separate citizens' committee advocating a "yes" vote on the three millages slated for the August 4 ballot. The "Say Yes to Plymouth Township" campaign has been working for months—distributing campaign literature, recruiting volunteers, even creating a website—to convince voters of the millages' necessity.

Township funding of such advocacy groups is prohibited by law: they can dis-

‘I know my role and I know what line not to cross.’

**– Bill Joyner
Twp. appointee**

tribute only non-biased literature designed to educate the public, according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

Township officials insist that hiring

Joyner, a professional writer by trade, is not a conflict of interest and that anything he writes will be edited by the Township.

"The letters will not be written advocating a yes or no vote," said Keen McCarthy. "And each one will be proofread by the clerk, the treasurer and myself."

In accepting the township position, Joyner said he will remove himself as co-chairman of the citizens' committee.

"My sense is that I will be stepping aside so I can concentrate on the non-partisan aspects of this campaign," Joyner said. "I know my role and I know what line not to cross."

Joyner will be responsible for authoring two or three millage newsletters, each paid

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Plymouth High reunion July 18

"Come one, come all."

That will be the motto again this year for Guy Bunyea and family as they host another Plymouth High School Reunion. For the fourth time, the Bunyeas will open their farm to graduates of classes that attended Plymouth High School.

Two years ago, at the last reunion, the Bunyeas estimated that more than 1,000 people attended. This year they expect even more.

"There's been a lot of interest," Bunyea said. "We've been getting a lot of calls."

You don't have to be a graduate of old Plymouth High School to attend either, Bunyea said. Even if you've graduated within the last 20 years you're welcome.

"A lot of them come from the era of the '30s and '40s," said Bunyea, who was the chairman of his 1957 class. "But it doesn't make any difference to me when they graduated."

Soft drinks and snacks will be available at no charge, but donations are being accepted to cover the costs.

The Bunyeas suggest reunion-goers bring chairs, yearbooks and pictures, old and new. The dress is casual, and so is the atmosphere. "No fancy stuff," Bunyea said.

The reunion will start at 4 p.m. on the Bunyea's 150-acre farm on Joy Road, west of Curtis. For more information, call (734) 996-2456.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Thursday, Canton's DDA meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building.

THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, Jazz cellist Mike Karoub plays with guitarist guest in downtown Plymouth at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Plymouth's American Legion will accept donations for their annual Rummage/Bake Sale. Saturday, the sale runs from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. in Oddfellow's Hall at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Ann Arbor Trail. Call Gary for details at 734-422-8634.
- Saturday, Plymouth's downtown merchants open early for the annual Sunrise Sale. Beginning at 5 a.m., savings start at 50%; at 6 a.m., 40%, etc. The earlier you shop, the more you save.
- Sunday, the Plymouth YMCA's annual Fathers' Day Run-Walk happens in downtown Plymouth; first race at 7:30 a.m. Register at 734-453-2904.

NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday, the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

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Want a "front page" story about your business in The Crier? Call 734-453-6900 for information about the Community Business section, which runs next week.

7th Liberty Fest to be 'more magical'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton officials are keeping an eye to the sky this week, hoping for good weather for Canton's 7th annual Liberty Fest.

Held in Heritage Park behind the Canton Administration Building, this year's festival brings back many popular events and activities and presents new ones, too.

New for Friday is the Grand Illusion magic show, performed by Canton's John Sterlini. Last year's Friday entertainment included a laser light show, which, though curtailed by the Federal Aviation Agency,

was popular with festival goers.

"For the past few years I've tried something different for Friday's entertainment," said Bob Dates, Canton's Parks and Recreation supervisor. "It's not that the activities haven't been fun or successful. I learned about the magician during the winter and since he's from Canton I thought that would add a nice local touch."

Sterlini's magic show is a grand Las Vegas-style performance and will take place at the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

Also new for Friday is a spaghetti dinner sponsored by Rose's Restaurant and

the Canton Firefighters Charitable Association. Dinner includes spaghetti, a salad, roll, beverage and desert. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and can be purchased at both fire stations as well as the Summit on the Park and Rose's. Money raised at the dinner will go to support local and national charities.

This year the Liberty Fest also brings back activities that have been favorites over the last seven years, including an expanded arts and crafts show, a fine art show and more events for children, Dates said. And of course, there's the Saturday fireworks.

Last year's display attracted an estimated crowd of 50,000, according to Dates.


Crowd attendance was about 10,000 - 15,000 for each day of the festival, he said.

The Liberty Fest is an offshoot of several other, less successful festivals in Canton's past, according to Dates.

"We would have a festival that would be good for a year or two, but then interest would dwindle," he said. "We wanted something where the township could get more involved, and the result was the Liberty Fest. It really struck a chord and has grown with the community."

With all the activities planned, this year's festival should be larger and more magical than last year's he said.

"As long as we have good weather."



Public notices

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Plymouth, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED 1998-1999 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1998 - 7:00 P.M.
E.J. MCLENDON EDUCATIONAL CENTER
454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed Operating Budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 1998-99 operating budgets.

Copies of the proposed 1998-99 budget are available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director of Business and Operations at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Roland J. Thomas, Secretary
Board of Education

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Judge grants injunction, agrees to hear Super Majority case

BY BRYON MARTIN

Wayne County's Election Commission won't be able to draft its Aug. 4 ballot until a Circuit Court Case against it is resolved. Judge Micheal Sapala has issued a temporary restraining order against the county Elections Commission and will hear charges filed against it Friday.

Wayne County Commissioners and state legislature candidates Bruce Patterson and Thaddeus McCotter will appear before Sapala in their suit that charges the Elections Commission with illegally strik-

ing a charter amendment from the Aug. 4 ballot.

The amendment, a "Super Majority" tax limitation issue, would require two-thirds of county commissioners' and 60 per cent of voters' approval for county tax hikes.

The full County Commission passed the amendment in an 8-7 vote last Spring.

"They acted without any legal power to keep our amendment off the ballot," McCotter said, explaining he hopes Sapala will instruct the Elections Commission to return it to the ballot.

Committee launches website, campaigns for Twp. millage

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

In an effort to spread their word through every means possible, the "Say Yes to Plymouth Township" citizens' committee has created a campaign website.

The site can be found at <http://people.mw.mediaone.net/sytp/index.html>, and was created Chuck Gelletly, citizens' committee member and past president of the Lake Pointe Homeowners Association.

The site includes details and exact ballot language for the recreation, police and fire, and WTUA millage proposals. It also contains a calendar of meetings and fundraisers for the committee.

"It is one of the most comprehensive

political web-sites out there," said Bill Joyner, co-chairman of the citizens' committee. "It answers every single question about the millages."

The website is the latest effort of a campaign that Joyner said is ahead of schedule. Thursday, at the Ginopolis Parthenon Restaurant in Compuware Arena, the first campaign fund raiser was held and netted more than \$4,000 for the "say yes" effort, Joyner said.

This week, several hundred newsletters will be sent out by Plymouth soccer league officials and the Council on Aging endorsing some of the millages, according to Joyner.

"We are continuing to attempt to involve everyone we can," he said.

Twp. job wasn't open to others


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for with \$2,800 in township money.

Keen McCarthy said Township officials discussed issues of public perception before hiring Joyner but still decided he was the best candidate for the job.

The decision to hire Joyner was not on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Joyner said he was "surprised" by the announcement.

When asked why the Township hadn't considered someone outside the government or campaign committee, Keen McCarthy said, "we wanted that open line of communication between the board and the citizens' committee. If hiring Bill Joyner creates a perception problem, (him stepping down from the citizens' committee) should take care of that."



Public notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate File No. 98-592174 IE

Estate of Catherine M. Clyde, Deceased, 382-50-2660

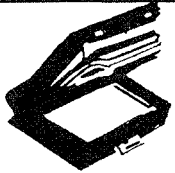
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1246 Sheridan Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 died April 30, 1998. An instrument dated October 15, 1993 has been admitted as the will of the deceased. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, William H. Drake, 127 East State Street, Colon, Michigan 49040, or to both the independent personal representative and the Wayne County Probate Court, Detroit Michigan 48226, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

William H. Drake P12942
127 East State Street
Colon, Michigan 49040 1-616-432-3737

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Neighbors in business

Techna Corporation, a Plymouth-based environmental consulting firm, has expanded by opening an office in downtown Monroe.

The new office will serve as the center for operation for current and future clients in the Monroe County area.

Techna is an environmental consulting firm including scientists, engineers and regulatory management specialists. The company has completed more than 2,000 projects in 15 states since its founding in 1986.

The company has developed a specialty in brownfield redevelopment, reclaiming ten of thousands of acres for use in southeastern Michigan.

Brownfields are current or former commercial, industrial or other sites with varying levels of environmental contamination.

The new office is managed by Jim Sova, who has moved from Techna's Plymouth office.

In an effort to meet the rising need and reduce the shortage of books in the community, **McCabe Funeral Home** is launching "Stand by Me," a charity drive designed to assist the Canton Goodfellows.

The book drive extends from Memorial Day to Thanksgiving. Books for all ages are welcome, and people can drop off new or used books daily at McCabe Funeral Home's Canton location at **851 Canton Center Road** between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Don Massey, of **Don Massey Cadillac** was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration at Madonna University's 51st Commencement.

Massey entered the retail automotive business at the early age of 14, when he went to work at a dealership in Jacksonville, FL. He started selling used cars in Michigan in 1955.

Massey's commitment and support of higher education has assisted more than 30 Madonna students over the past years through the Joyce and Don Massey Endowed Scholarship Fund. Massey has also donated Cadillacs to be raffled off at the 'Around the World' Scholarship Dinner Auction. He also established the Joyce Massey Memorial Gardens, which were dedicated in September of 1994 at Madonna.

Getting down to business

At parade's end

Citing a decrease in walk-in traffic, owners close shop after 14 years

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Jim and Betty Buzuvis have decided that 14 years in business is long enough.

With colorful signs in the windows and regrets to long-time customers, the couple plans to close up their shop, the Paper Parade, by the end of the month.

"It's certainly a bittersweet feeling," John said. "Very nostalgic."

When John and Betty first purchased the business, it was located at the corner of Forest and Ann Arbor Trail. They moved into their current location in Forest Place Mall when their previous building switched owners, John said.

"We used to joke that I bought the business to keep her from shopping," John said.

Betty has primarily been responsible for running the business, which sold custom stationery and wedding and birth announcements as well as other products such as pens and non-Hallmark greeting cards.

She said many factors contributed to the store's closing. Primarily a family-run business, the Paper Parade relied heavily on the contributions of the Buzuvis' children. Those children, now grown and on their own, have moved on to other things, Betty said.

Another factor was the condition of the roads downtown. The levels of construction over the past few years was detrimental to business, according to Betty.

"The streetscape construction really hurt our business. People had a hard time getting to town and the couldn't get around in town. We lost a lot of walk-by business, too," she said. "Having the streets torn up last year hurt us again. We really can't recoup."

"I think overall it did hurt businesses quite a bit during the construction phases," said Plymouth DDA director Steve Guile of the streetscape. "Some businesses didn't market themselves aggressively afterwards, but those that put money back in to the business own his own business. came out okay."

While Betty said she thought the business was beginning to return to



John and Betty Buzuvis are liquidating merchandise in anticipation of the upcoming closure of the Paper Parade in Forest Place Mall. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

downtown Plymouth, she said they didn't want to put the additional time to rebuild the business back to pre-streetscape levels.

John agreed, adding that they would spend the extra time together, instead. Closing the business would free up a lot of it, he said.

John works full-time at Masco Tech Braun, a Detroit firm which supplies auto parts to the Big Three. At night he hand-paints the personalized stationery that has been requested from customers as far away as France and California. He also helps out with the store on weekends and during special events such as this weekend's Sunrise Sale.

The business background is in his blood, he said. His father owned a grocery store for many years in Detroit, and John said he had always felt the desire to

possibilities for the shop was a custom ceramic store, but no lease agreement had been signed yet.

John and Betty plan on closing the store at the end of the month, which means this week for the final time they will rise at the crack of dawn for Plymouth's Sunrise Sale. It's an event that John has enjoyed since he had to sprint home for the store's cash box during their first one.

"Events like that are fun," John said. "If we had the whole thing to do over again, I guess we would. We might do some things differently, though."

The Sunrise Sale is also an event their son hasn't missed since he was eight. In fact he will be returning home from Michigan State University to work during this year's sale, even though it falls on his 21st birthday.

The couple plans to spend more time together after their business is closed, according to John. They might even take a vacation, which would only be their second in 14 years.

Betty said she has some things she wants to do first, however.

"The first thing I'm going to do is go shopping," she said. "Then I'm going to make a nice home-cooked meal."

"I'm going to miss all the people in Plymouth, but I'll be around," she added.

The Paper Parade

470 Forest Avenue
Plymouth
(734) 455-7520

Open: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.,
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.
Noon to 5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

own his own business. John and Betty rent the building from Plymouth lawyer and landlord John Thomas. Thomas said among the

Another Royal Oak?

Officials say City's size and parking revamp will put check on growth that has sacked others

BY BRYON MARTIN

At the completion of Plymouth's streetscape project, DDA Director Steve Guile says experts told him to expect a three-year lag between the project's end and the arrival of big dealmakers downtown.

It's been about three years: enter John Vincenti, center stage.

Just two of Vincenti's projects proposed for the City could bring more development and tax dollars downtown than the entire Central Business District has generated in recent years. Part of what attracts him, he says, is the look of town since the streetscape.

"The visual stuff help developers make up their mind about the community," Guile says. "We've had developers interested all along, but nothing this positive, no one saying 'This is what I'm going to do,' and then doing it."

And now that Vincenti seems to have made up his mind to work in Plymouth, the City stands to reap the benefits. Tri-Mount brings not only deep pockets and a potential \$40 million

increase in the City tax base, but also a reputation that can help attract other developers of a similar caliber.

"He's got a good reputation with his peers," Guile says. "They'll say, 'Hey, if John can work there maybe I can too.'"

But such predictions might inspire skeptics to ask how to control such big-ticket growth in a city of only 2 square miles.

As the climate of Plymouth's CBD has changed — especially with the upscale E.G. Nicks restaurant moving in on Forrest Avenue, Starbucks nosing around the Amoco property on Ann Arbor Trail and Main, and liquor license applications pending — some have forecast a nightlife renaissance in Plymouth similar to that experienced in Royal Oak.

City officials agree this is unlikely.

"I guess we want to become more like Royal Oak, but not too much," says City Manager Steve Walters. The dead-end of too many restaurants, too much entertainment and not enough retail that Royal Oak has hit would be undesirable, and surprising, officials say.

According to Guile, it is Plymouth's parking ordinances and smaller CBD that could help the City avoid the unchecked growth that has sacked downtown Royal Oak.

"We've got a lot more of a contained situation, a condensed core of retail, versus Royal Oak which is spread out," he says. "And parking will be a priority."

The City is now working with property owners to close a deal to lease or buy the individually owned parts of the combined parking lot that runs along Harvey Street between Wing and Ann Arbor Trail. According to Walters, that deal could be finalized by the middle of July.

Then, he says, the City will implement changes to its parking ordinances that will help facilitate more commercial development of second-floor spaces downtown and construction on sites that are now empty.

"Fold that in with what we're trying to do," says Mayor Don Dismuke, "and I think amazing things will happen downtown."

Vincenti: 'an exciting prospect for Plymouth'

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Mayflower & Penniman

Thursday, Vincenti and architect Craig Smith met with Mayflower developer Matt Karmo and City officials to explore an expanded rebuild at the historic Plymouth hotel.

No deal has been finalized yet, but Vincenti says a verbal agreement he has with Karmo for Tri-Mount to become the principal developer in the project should be on paper "real soon."

At Thursday's meeting City Manager Steve Walters, DDA Director Steve Guile, Building Official Jim Penn and Paul Sincock, director of Municipal Services, briefed Vincenti and Smith on City ordinances and other CBD limitations on possible projects.

"It was for the benefit of the architect and engineers to get an idea of the issues for developing a plan," Walters said.

If built as discussed, however, Walters says Vincenti's Mayflower would be the largest development the City has seen since the Western Electric building was built in the 1950s.

"It's a big project," he said.

As planned by the Karmos, the Mayflower renovation would include demolishing the existing hotel and rebuilding a \$4 million - \$5 million structure combining hotel, banquet, restaurant, retail and offices space.

Vincenti plans similar uses, Walters says, but on two to four times the scale at \$10 million - \$20 million. A five-level parking deck could also figure into the rebuild.

Officials acknowledge that this alone would be an impressive step up for downtown and the Mayflower, a project overdue since September.

"This goes a long way toward being that solution we've waited for," Guile says, but there might be more. "This could be just the tip of the proverbial iceberg."

Purchase of the Penniman lot, located across from the Post Office and between The Music Man and the proposed site of Tom's Oyster Bar, was complete last month.

A multi-story office building is planned for the lot and, although Tri-Mount is now building a facility in Novi, Vincenti says he would like to move the company to the Penniman building.

"In about three or four months we will evaluate the Novi site," he says, and then decide whether Tri-Mount will move there or to Plymouth.

In addition to the Penniman purchase and the Mayflower project, Vincenti says he has been talking with Jack Wilcox, owner of the Wilcox house and property, for about six months. A mixed-use development to the tune of \$10 million has been discussed, he says.

Wilcox, who says he is often approached by developers who want to buy his 3-acre site on Union Street near Kellogg Park, says Vincenti is different than the others.

"Money isn't my main concern," he says. "I want something that will make downtown residents proud. I don't want them coming over to Riverside Cemetery and stomping on my grave saying 'This is the guy who brought us the pancake house.'"

The balance of residential, office and retail space he and Vincenti have discussed would bolster commerce, rents and keep people living downtown, Wilcox says.

"He has the greatest potential (of recent developers). It's an exciting prospect for Plymouth."

The whole picture

Other properties in and around the CBD have either been presented to Vincenti or caught his attention as he surveys the City for total growth potential. Some have been ruled out.

Both the vacant Farmer Jack lot on Main Street and Saxtons Garden Center on Ann

Arbor Trail have been considered, he says, but are priced too high.

Bill Saxton says he hasn't spoken with Vincenti and has not listed his business for sale. "Anything is possible, but we haven't been sitting around thinking about it," he said.

Along Penniman Vincenti says he will investigate whether Tom Brandel, owner of the building which might become a Tom's Oyster Bar, would sell that property; he says he has already checked into the lot across Penniman and next to the post office — no go.

Down at the corner, the empty building that was home to NBD's downtown branch would suit a center for his residential clients looking to renovate their homes, he says. But like each of the other Penniman sites, Saxtons and Farmer Jack, the former bank is just a could-be at this point.

Seen together, though, the could-be projects allude to something bigger in Vincenti's planning — visions of a greater Plymouth.

Mayor Don Dismuke gets the picture: "I don't see one project. He wants to make as big an impact on downtown as he thinks we want him to," he says. "It will be phenomenal."

At the same time, Guile says that part of Vincenti's reputation is based on being "very sensitive to his impact on the community. He does quality projects that fit in."

What might balance this ambitious vision for downtown is his relative impatience: whatever he's going to do, he'll do it soon.

"I want to break ground on the properties by the end of the year." "If we can't see that happening I won't wait," he says.

"We'll look at the whole picture," he says, meaning all downtown projects as a simultaneous endeavor. "Doing them one at a time doesn't make sense." If prices are right and the City is agreeable, new

buildings would be going up throughout the CBD.

Vincenti already has work under way in 15 communities around Metro Detroit, including a five-story building Birmingham.

"He's got a pretty good line of credit," Guile says, which allows him to proceed with projects once communities agree to them — no waiting for banks to finance his work.

"He isn't like other developers because he has the money on-hand," Walters says.

Projects would begin "as quickly as humanly possible," Vincenti says. "The City seems willing to work. And the people want to see progress if it's positive for downtown."

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On Your Mark, Get Set, Diaper dash! The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run/Walk will be happening on Father's Day this **Sunday**, at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages and skill levels. Call 734-453-2904 for registration.



Groups

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club is holding their monthly dinner meeting, **Thursday**, dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at John Cleveland's Water Club Bar & Grill, located at 39500 Ann Arbor Road, just east of I-275. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.

SUMMER DANCE BLAST

St. John Neumann Singles present a Summer Dance Blast on **Saturday**, at 44800 West Warren Avenue, in Canton from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Over 21 are welcome with proper attire (no jeans please). Call Pat 313-277-6083 or Jim 386-4890 for details.

SPM BIKING FOR JUNE

Single Point Ministries is sponsoring biking trips for adults every **Saturday** at 10 a.m. through July. Water bottle and bike lock recommended. Helmet mandatory. Locations change weekly. Call the SPM office at 248-374-5920.

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CHURCH GARAGE SALE

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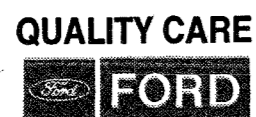
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12 p.m. Rappelling demonstration (Admin. Bldg.)
12 p.m.-6 p.m. "Kids Mania" rides/games (Kids Area)
12 p.m.-6 p.m. Kids Art Workshop (Kids Area)
1 p.m. Flying Aces frisbee demo (off-stage Kids Area)
1 p.m. Salem Rockettes (Amphitheater)
1 p.m. Karate Demo (Amphitheater)
2 p.m. Rappelling demonstration (Admin. Bldg.)
2 p.m. The Spoon Man (Kids Stage)
3 p.m. Jugger Ben Spitzer (Kids Stage)
3 p.m. Gratitude Steel Band (Amphitheater)
4 p.m. Story Telling (Kids Stage)
5:30 p.m. Chautauqua Express band (Amphitheater)
6 p.m. Karaoke (Kids Stage)
8 p.m. Three Men & A Tenor (Amphitheater)
Dusk (approx. 10 p.m.) FIREWORKS display (Heritage park)

Sunday, June 21
8 a.m.-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (north park picnic shelters)
9 a.m.-11 a.m. ALPO-Canine Frisbee disc championships (Kids Area)
11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fine Arts Exhibition & Sale (north side of Heritage park)
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show (north side of Heritage Park)
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Paddleboat Rides (Heritage Park)
12 p.m. Story Teller Jack Hickey (Kids Stage)
12 p.m.-5 p.m. Classic Car Show
12 p.m.-5 p.m. "Kids Mania" rides/game (Kids Area)
12 p.m.-5 p.m. Kids Art Workshop (Kids Area)
1 p.m. Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps (Amphitheater)
1 p.m. Ronald McDonald (Kids Stage)
2 p.m. "Contours" concert (Amphitheater)
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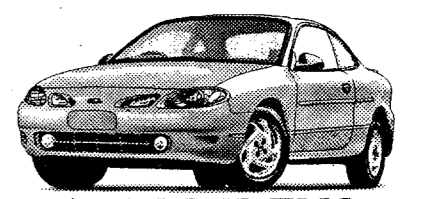
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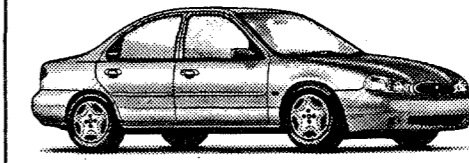
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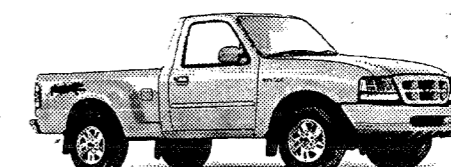
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Community deaths

Obituaries

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LEONA F. VOJCEK

Leona F. Vojcek, a Plymouth resident, died June 9, 1998 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Vojcek was born Sept. 22, 1913 in Byron Center, MI. She was a sales clerk at the S.S. Kresge Company for more than 20 years. She came to the Plymouth community in 1947 from Garden City. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, the Rock Exchange Club and was the editor of their paper for several years. She loved to bake cookies and was known as the "Cookie Grandma." She was an avid letter writer and loved arts and crafts.

She is survived by her sons, James (Diane) Vojcek of Aurora, IL, Victor (Moni) Vojcek of Plymouth; daughter, Patricia (Timothy) Kabel of South Lyon, MI; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Donna Donald of Howell, MI, Thelma Cheyette of Kansas; and brother, Albert Marshall of Florida. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

NORMAN W. GILBERT

Norman W. Gilbert, a Westland resident, died June 8, 1998 at the age of 90.

Mr. Gilbert was born Nov. 12, 1907 in Toronto, Canada. He was a machinist at Associated Spring Company in Plymouth, retiring at age 62. He was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth. He loved people.

He is survived by his wife, Nila M. of Westland; sisters, Dolores (Frank) Shegan, Leona (Morris) Wright, Bernice (Harold) McGregor; and brother, Elmer (Virginia) Gilbert.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Schaefer officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

DANIEL F. JOHNSON

Daniel F. Johnson, a Plymouth resident, died June 7, 1998 at the age of 74.

Mr. Johnson was born Feb. 8, 1924 in Detroit. He worked for Detroit Diesel, retiring in 1985. He served in the Navy during WWII from 1942-1945. He served in the American Theatre, receiving decorations which included the Asiatic Pacific 7 Stars, Philippine Liberation, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal.

He is survived by his nephews, Patrick (Gerry) Dugan of Plymouth, Daniel Gracey of Westland; and several other nephews and nieces.

Arrangements were made by and a memorial service was held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

PATRICIA LEE CURRIER

Patricia Lee Currier, a Plymouth resident, died June 12, 1998 at the age of 57.

Mrs. Currier was born Jan. 23, 1941 in Detroit. She was a receptionist for Elliot I. Greenspan, D.O. and Associates. She came to the Plymouth Community 22 years ago from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She was a former member of the Plymouth Newcomers Gourmet Group. She loved to play pinocchle, enjoyed arts and crafts, and was a gourmet cook.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis P. Currier of Plymouth; daughters, Kathleen Currier of Plymouth, Kelly Currier of Dearborn; mother, Cecelia Kalkhoff of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; brothers, William (Ginger) Kalkhoff of Houston, TX, Theodore Kalkhoff of Harper Woods, MI, Michael (Mary Ellen) Kalkhoff of Mt. Clemens, MI; and sister, Ann Lynn (Ralph) Bushman of Grosse Pointe Park.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, at Resurrection Parish 48775 Warren Road, in Canton with the Rev. Fr. Richard Perfetto officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

FLORENCE L. McKELVEY

Florence L. McKelvey, a Monroe resident, died June 7, 1998 at the age of 88.

Mrs. McKelvey was born May 19, 1910 in Lenox, Iowa. She was a teacher in the Sharpsburg School System, Sharpsburg, IA. She was a member of the Monroe Women's Center and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School. She was a former member of the Golfcrest Garden Club; a volunteer for the American Red Cross and the Campfire Girls.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; son, Lawrence P. of Lathrup Village; daughter Janet M. (Ken) Dersey of Plymouth; Brother, Bud of Salem, OR; five grandchildren; and two-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by an infant son, Robert.

Services were held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jacqueline Holdsworth officiating. Interment is at Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle. Arrangements were made by the Earle Little Funeral Home Bacarella Chapel. Memorial contributions can be given to the St. Paul's United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

RUTH ANN HEIDELBERGER

Ruth Ann Heidelberg, a Northville resident, died June 11, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Heidelberg was born Dec. 6, 1916 in Detroit. She worked part-time at Beyer Drug Store and at the Hillside Inn. She was a resident of the Plymouth Canton Community for 60 years. She enjoyed traveling.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph of Northville; son, William (Virginia) Dely of Lewiston, MI; daughter, Linda (Robert) Dietz of Raleigh, NC; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; step-children, Maureen (Thomas) Malek of Shelby Township, Joanne (Anteo) Opipari of West Bloomfield, Nancy (Robert) Gribb of Livonia, Joseph (Karin) Heidelberg of Ispeming; 10 step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; brothers, Raymond John (Elizabeth) Marsh of Livonia; William (Corrine) Marsh of Phoenix, AZ, Richard (Lois) Marsh of OH; and sister Hope Lee Jesse of Livonia.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at Our Lady of Grace Church, 23700 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights, MI. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

NORMAN THOMAS DOWD

Norman Thomas Dowd, a Plymouth resident, died June 8, 1998 at the age of 56.

Mr. Dowd was born July 3, 1941 in Detroit. He was an assistant manager with 7 Up and Krogers. He served in the Army During the Vietnam War and was a 1969 graduate of Western Michigan University.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Dowd of Plymouth; sons, Daniel Dowd of Plymouth, Timothy Dowd of Berkley, MI; sister, Betty (Joseph) M. Wood of San Jose, CA; and brothers, William (Rosemary) Dowd of Dearborn Heights, Kenneth (Kathlyn) P. Dowd of St. Clair Shores. He is preceded in death by his brothers, James (Lois) Dowd and Earl (Dolores) Dowd.

Services were held at the Church of the Divine Savior with the Rev. Dennis C. Laesch officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Botsford Kidney Center, 28425 W. Eight Mile Road, Livonia, MI 481522 or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliot Avenue, Detroit, MI 48207.

MARTHA HELEN SPAYTH

Martha Helen Spayth, a Canton resident, died June 15, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mrs. Spayth was born Aug. 7, 1924 in Detroit. She was a floral designer for Spring Hill Florist in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1950 from Detroit. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Plymouth and the Plymouth Garden Club. She was a volunteer at the Detroit House of Correction where she taught floral design. She liked her garden. In her younger years she loved to water ski and play golf.

She is survived by her sons, Guy Robert (Janet) Spayth of Wheaton, IL, Thomas Edward (Linda Susan) Spayth of Romulus; daughter, Verna Helen Spayth of Superior Township; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Kidney Foundation.



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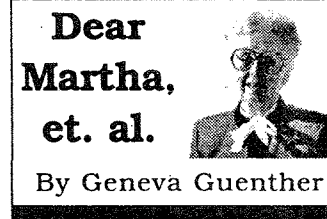
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Martha,
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By Geneva Guenther

How nice of you to call me on Sunday morning. I was feeling a little woe-begone and it was a delight to hear your cheery voice. So much has been going on in Plymouth, it's hard to catch your breath. On Friday, friends of Ed's surprised him with a party celebrating his election as President of Michigan Press Association. Of course, the nicest part of the surprise was his daughter, Jessica, coming from New York City.

On Saturday the Museum held a sumptuous tea party. The food and decorations were "out of this world" and the speaker more than held her own in excellence. I can't, of course, remember her name, but she was Eileen Beaugrand's niece, and "pretty as a picture."

On Sunday, Dr. Bill and his wife Theresa celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel. It was very touching and moving. All of their nine children were there with their spouses and siblings. What a glorious family!

Today, Monday, the Business and Professional Women are having a dinner meeting at Ernesto's with their new president, Mary Elizabeth, (Liz) presiding. This is only four days. Imagine what it will be with an additional three days to make up the week.

Besides that, Phyllis Redfern became a grandmother for the first time, a baby girl, Jessica, eight pounds four ounces. Lucky baby to have her for a grandmother!

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CHAD HOFFMEYER Congrats on Graduation. Go State!

ROB WILSON : Do they have pudding in Traverse City, or do visitors have to bring it? Happy Father's Day Dave Delonis-ALIEN

Curiosities

THE FEARSOME FOURSOME were reunited this weekend. None had lost their edge at Euchre, but some lost their dinner at Bry's.

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JACK WILCOX hides his age well (again). Happy birthday

--Beaugard, Jess, Sally & Ed

BETSY DELANEY-Iceland and Norway sound far away and pretty cold but Gladys Bowen's son Bob will make it interesting. Ask him to tell you about his snakes. What a wonderful Mother he had!

Sharon Pugh's birthday is this Sunday, June 21. Stop by sideways to wish her a happy one!

Curiosities

NANCY AND MARILYN-Where are you going my pretty maids? "We're going to Gettysburg with Museum folks", they said. Don't we wish we were going with them!

Mark and Lee Cady will be home tomorrow! They've been gone so very long & oh, how we've missed them!

Geneva-My new Pooh Bear rises above the mayhem covering my desk.

Thank you Darling!

Crier Carrier Zach Shemon made the upper cut. As a freshman at PCEP, he'll play in The Wind Ensemble! Way to go Zach!

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Sports

Sports shorts

The Detroit Rockers are kicking their way into Plymouth.

The professional soccer team will be conducting a week-long instructional camp July 6-10 at Heritage Park from 9:30 a.m.-noon each day.

Eligible campers must be six to 16 years of age, boy or girl.

Each camper will receive personalized instruction from members of the Rockers' soccer team. Players expected to attend include goalkeeper Bryan Finnerty, Randy Prescott, Tim Ernst, Lars Richters, and Dennis Brose, the team's leading scorer last season.

The Plymouth Camp is one of 22 the Rockers expect to put on this summer.

The camps cost \$119 per participant, and include a replica Kendis NPSL soccer ball, a camp t-shirt, a 4x6 group photo, two tickets to a 1998 Detroit Red Wings preseason game, and a 1998-99 Rockers VIP season ticket pass.

To register for the summer camp, or for more information, call the Rockers at 313-396-7070.

The Western Lake Athletic Association has announced their **all-conference and all-division softball teams** for the 1998 season.

Canton contributed three players to the all-conference team including Gretchen Hudson, Liz Elsner and outfielder Melissa Brown.

On the All-Western team, Canton also had three: Sara Freels, Paula McKernan and Becky Mize.

Three Salem players were named Honorable Mentions: Stefanie Volpe, Becky Esper and Karen Prosk.

Canton also had a trio of honorable mentions: Erica Hantz, Jenny Fisher and Carrie Kouvachevich.

Dream streak ends in semis

Chiefs lose 4-2 to eventual state-champion

SOFTBALL

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

When a tornado rolled through Battle Creek last Friday night, delaying the state semifinal softball games, Canton Coach Jim Arnold might have taken it as a sign.

His team was pumped and ready to go, only two more wins from a state championship. Riding the back of ace Gretchen Hudson, the Chiefs had rode a wave of stingy defense and low run games into the final four, and they were hungry for more.

But Friday night, Mother Nature would not comply. And by Saturday Morning, when the semifinal game was made up, neither would Waterford-Kettering. They knocked off Canton 4-2, and denied Jim Arnold and his cinderella team a chance at a state championship.

"I'm not going to use the weather as an excuse," Arnold said. "It was hard on every team."

Later that night, Waterford-Kettering went on to win the championship over last year's champion Portage Northern.

"If you're going to lose to someone, it's nice to lose to the eventual champion," said Arnold.

After losing 12 seniors last year, this was expected to be a rebuilding year for Canton. But the team fought hard every inch of the way, making up in effort what



Canton first baseman Kristi Even stretches for the out a little too late Saturday at Battle Creek. (Photo courtesy of Sue Kouvachevich)



Canton catcher Erica Hantz looks for the handle on a pop-up Saturday morning in the State semi-finals. Although Canton would commit only one error in their game versus Waterford-Kettering, it was the most costly of the playoffs, opening the gates for two runs in the third. (Photo courtesy of Sue Kouvachevich)

they lacked in experience.

"We went further than anybody expected," Arnold said. "They wanted to win real bad. We talked prior to the game about what a great season we had, and no matter what happens how we should be proud of ourselves."

The game got off to a good start for both teams, each scoring a run in the first. But by the third, Waterford had taken a 3-2 lead and never looked back.

They padded their lead in the seventh with an insurance run.

Gretchen Hudson again went the distance for the Chiefs, but even she couldn't overcome Waterford's quick bats. They smacked eight hits off Hudson, drew three walks, and knocked in three earned runs. Hudson struck out five in the loss.

Liz Elsner was Canton's sole offensive star Saturday, going 2-3 with a home run in the third and grabbing both of Canton's RBIs.

In the first, Elsner knocked in Paula McKernan on a single. Her home run in the third came with the bases empty.

Overall, Canton had six hits, but could never put together a string.

"I thought we were pretty evenly matched," Arnold said.

Ironically, the defense that led Canton

into the semis, let them down in the end. Although they committed only one error, it was the most costly of the playoffs.

In the third, Waterford hit a pop-up in the infield between the pitcher and third. There was a miscommunication, and the ball landed in for a single.

"That really opened the flood-gates," Arnold said.

Waterford's run in the seventh came off a suicide-squeeze.

The loss marks the final game for five Canton seniors including Erica Hantz, Sara Freels and Patty Snook. But unlike last year, Arnold is confident his returning team will be right back in the hunt next season.

"It's not as devastating as last year," Arnold said. "We've got a good nucleus coming back."

Included in that nucleus are Hudson, McKernan, and Elsner.

Hudson returns with an eye toward a state championship, all-state distinctions, and recruitment from a big university.

According to Arnold, she has the tools to do it.

"She has great control, hits the corners well, and has a fantastic rise ball," he said. "She's extremely good under pressure, and most importantly, she always has fun."

Father's Day YMCA Run this Sunday

More than 1,000 expected to race or walk in the 19th annual event

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They'll be scampering madly through the streets of Plymouth this Sunday as the Plymouth Community YMCA hosts its 19th annual Father's Day Run.

Runners from all around the state, both young and old, will descend on Plymouth to compete in one or more of the six scheduled events.

"We're expecting more than 1,000 people overall," said YMCA Director Joanne McCarthy.

Events and Times

Jr. Jog (ages 6-8)	7:30 a.m.
Tot Trot (ages 3-5)	7:45 a.m.
1 Mile Fun Run	8 a.m.
5K Run	8:15 a.m.
10K Run	8:45 a.m.
Diaper Dash	10 a.m.

For the young members of the family there will be three events to choose from. Starting at 7:30 a.m., children ages 6-8 can compete in the Junior Jog. Then, at 7:45 a.m., the Tot Trot kicks off for kids ages 3-5.

The final race of the day, and often the

biggest hit with spectators, is the Diaper Dash, beginning at 10 a.m. Toddlers are placed on a carpet, and sent off in the right direction. In much the same way as a frog jumping contest, the first one to find the other end is declared the winner.

The Diaper Dash is free, but both the Junior Jog and Tot Trot will cost \$10. Each participant receives a ribbon in the younger races, so everybody walks away a winner.

At 8 a.m., the first of the three adult events begins as the One Mile Fun Run/Walk starts at the corner of Union Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

Fifteen minutes later, the most popular event, the 5K Run/Walk begins at the Main Street/Ann Arbor Trail intersection.

Finally, for the endurance runners, the 10 K Run kicks off at 8:45 a.m. Runners will start at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Hamilton Street.

Awards will be given to the top three overall runners, and the top three runners in each age division, for each race.

Also, for the fifth year, runners can participate in the MDG Triple Race. Runners competing in all three adult races are eligible. The winner is deter-



Last year, more than 900 runners turned out for the morning races. For many, it isn't about winning or losing, but just having fun. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

mined by highest overall combined finish.

Pre-registered runners may pick up race packets at the YMCA, 248 Union Street, on June 20 from noon to 3 p.m. or

at the Gathering on race day.

Check-in will take place in the Gathering beginning at 6:30 a.m. the day of the event until 15 minutes prior to each race.

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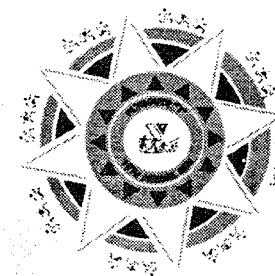
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Blue Jays find room for Stafford

Canton Grad drafted in round 41, follows father's footsteps

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Mike Stafford is headed across the border.

No, he's not headed to Toronto just yet. He won't be making the rarified Al Kaline jump from amateur baseball straight to the pros. Stafford is headed to Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada to play for the Toronto Blue Jays A squad. All draft

picks are sent to this team, including one of Stafford's teammates at Ohio State.

The draft selection marks the end of a fantastic two-year streak for Stafford at OSU, where he spent his time as ace closer and record setter.

The first day of the draft, Stafford sat home waiting for the call from a major league team. "Every time the phone rang

I would get excited," he said. "By the second day, I couldn't sit at home anymore. I couldn't stand the wait."

When he came home the second day, his answering machine was blinking. Waiting on it was a message from Toronto scout Ben McLure.

Stafford has already reported to Medicine Hat, where he is expected to stay in his relief role.

"They usually keep you there for a year so you can get used to minor league hitting," Stafford said.

Stafford's chance at a major league career, where he would be following in the footsteps of his father, a former New York Yankee, remain promising.

"Being left-handed is really my greatest advantage," Stafford said,


Scout Ben McLure agrees.


"Baseball is seriously lacking in left-handed pitching," he said. "Being left-handed opens a lot of doors in the pitching profession."


McLure said Toronto drafted Stafford not only for his skills, but for his baseball mind.


"He knows what's going on," he said. "Mike is not going to be a power pitcher, but he's got good breaking stuff, and his delivery is deceptive. You just don't get a good look at him."

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Sports shorts

Canton Parks and Recreation Mens Softball standings through June 5:

Red League: Equitrust Mortgage, 6-0; MSA Delivery, 6-0; Don Coleman and Associates, 4-3; Shark Club #2, 4-3; Canton Friendship Church, 3-4; Mobility Transportation, 3-4; J & B, 1-6; Shark Club #1, 0-7.

White League: ASAP Machine Co, 6-1; Shark Club #1, 6-1; Shark Club #2, 4-3; Canton Ice Cream Center, 4-3; Mexican Fiesta, 4-3; Fairway Club, 3-4; Greyhounds, 1-6; Geneva Church, 0-7.

Green League: 9 Jerks and a Squirt, 7-0; Prudential, 6-1; St. Michael #2, 4-3; Dental Diplomats, 4-3; Rose's Restaurant, 3-4; Fisher Group, 3-4; Rusty Nail, 1-6; St. Michaels #1, 0-7.

On deck

The 17th Annual Father's Day 3-Person Golf Scrambles Tournament will be held Sunday, June 21 at Fellow Creek Golf Course. Tee times begin at 11 a.m.

Teams will compete for prizes, including awards for longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, and the top three teams.

The \$100 per team fee includes green fees, awards, and a snack lunch. Carts are extra.

There are no residency requirements, or team make-up requirements.

Registration deadline is June 18. Call 397-5110 for information.

Co-ed Sand Volleyball Leagues are opening up in Canton for this summer. Games will be played at the Heritage Park sand volleyball courts on Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 6, 7, or 8 p.m. beginning July 7 through August 19.

Format is four-person teams (eight player team limit). All levels of play accepted. Six teams max per league. There are no residency requirements.

Registration starts June 15 and ends July 2.

Sand Volleyball Tournney Cancelled

The sand volleyball tournament planned for this weekend's Liberty Fest in Canton has been cancelled because of low turnout.

According to Laura Lebbon, program coordinator for Canton Parks and Recreation, the low expected turnout can probably be attributed to Father's Day.

"We aim this thing at people in their 20s and 30s," she said. "And I think a lot of those people want to spend time with their dads."

Sand Volleyball is still on the agenda for Canton however. Their first league slated to begin in July is already looking like a success.

"We've been getting real good response on the league," Lebbon said.

Registration is still going on. (See "On Deck")

CEP's size, diversity benefits students

EDITOR:

The following letter is in response to Cathy Shumaker's letter, "Bigger isn't better at CEP," (Crier 5/13/98).

I believe we should first ask ourselves why do the CEP teachers want the third high school on the CEP campus. Having a third high school on campus would be of no significant benefit to the teachers; they want it for the sake of the students.

Let's say the third high school is its own entity. Would you want to send your student to a high school that barely has any electives, much less a swimming pool, thus less opportunity?

Shumaker sees no need for electives since 20 per cent of the students at CEP *might* drop out or become involved in drugs. So should we should just dismiss the other 80 per cent of students in the high schools? And what of those 20 per cent? Perhaps the students are bored with school and they just need to find their niche or something that sparks thier interest in order to awaken their desire to learn.

According to your letter, Ms. Shumaker, are you saying that if we offer less a diversity of classes in a school of very diverse people, students will learn *more*, or are you not considering any of these things and only the money it would save the district?

Do you also believe that money is more important than the education of children who will one day run your community?

Shumaker asks, "How do other communities (less affluent, by the way) manage two or more free-standing high schools?" Well, yes these other communities have more free-standing high schools, but I also know from speaking with students from several other schools, such as Churchill and Stevenson, that these schools have nowhere near the amount of electives that CEP does.

Yes, these electives are important and necessary.

My dream is to become an anthropologist. As a direct result of the fact that I attended CEP, I was able to take a full year of anthropology, participate in a

week-long archaeological field school in Colorado with my class (for which many students were able to receive college credit), and take 2.5 credits in the other behavioral sciences, sociology and psychology, offered at the Park.

When I go to college, I will already be a step ahead of the other students in my classes because of the extensive education I have receive in those areas. Being able to choose classes that interest me has kept me interested in school. If there are parents in the community who don't want to send their children to a school with opportunities like these, then I hope they do move our of the district as Shumaker said they would.

In response to Shumaker's question, "How many 8th-grade students need to see CEP students smoking dope on their first

visit to their future high school (mine did)." The answer, obviously, is none. In my four years at the high school I have only seen one student smoking something other than a cigarette. Out of 5,000 students and four years, that's not bad. As for the cigarette smoking, it doesn't affect you unless you want it to. Smokers aren't walking around trying to solicit other people to become smokers, too. If your son becomes a smoker, Ms. Shumaker, it's because he wants to, not because people are shoving cigarettes in his mouth as he walks down the hallway.

The tremendous amount of people at the high school has given me an opportunity to meet more people and different types of people. Some parents are afraid that their child will get lost in the crowd, but it has taught me to be more

bold and self-sufficient—two qualities that will definitely benefit me later in life.

CEP is a wonderful school and I feel very privileged for having had the opportunity to attend it. In fact, my parents considered sending me to Mercy or Ladywood and chose CEP instead because of the extensive curriculum. The size of the school and the number of different classes offered has allowed me to find direction in my life even before I begin college. Wouldn't you think that a four-year student and the teachers themselves would know what's going on at their school better than the mother of a boy who has toured the building one time? Maybe Shumaker should be asking herself that question.

MICHELLE WALLON
Salem class of 1998

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The Penn: new owners, new niche?

Editor's note: The following letter was addressed to Ron and Paula Cook, who bought the Penn Theatre from Earl and Bonnie Smith in May.

Just yesterday I found out through a Plymouth resident that the Penn Theatre has changed hands. Apparently the old owner could not make any money and wanted to close the theater's door. You kindly stepped in because you could

not see the town without this theater. This is wonderful because I, too, cannot see Plymouth without the Penn, even though I live on the Plymouth side of Livionia.

I have a suggestion for the future, though. Not knowing any of the business aspects of this, I am still recommending that you consider showing, at least one night a week, the kind of films that do not get to our area. If I want to see an

art film or a foreign film I have to drive to the Main Art Theater in Royal Oak or to the Detroit Film Theater downtown. I am not really willing to do this. Gladly, I would pay the same admission price as they charge at the Main.

I wish you the very best in this endeavor.
KARIN RONCOLI

Vietnam Vets: Thanks Phil, the suds helped

Editor's note: The following letter was addressed to Phil Pursell, owner and operator of Main Street Autowash.

On behalf of the membership of Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528, I want to express our thanks once again for donating the use of your facility Sunday, May 17. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used toward chapter projects in 1998, such as defraying the cost of chapter scholarships totalling \$1,000,

which will be awarded this summer; sponsorship in the Plymouth YMCA Fathers' Day Run; the just-completed Third Annual Children's Fishing Derby in Hines Park; and maintenance of the Memorial in Kellogg Park, plus contributions to other worthwhile projects of veterans' groups and civic organizations.

It is always a pleasure to be associated with an individual such as yourself, not for your generosity alone,

but for your community concern. Many a business owner would brag about being community-minded, but very few would sacrifice a day's receipts to make such a point.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity and friendship, to the Vietnam Veterans of Chapter 528 and to the Plymouth Community.

ROBERT LAMOUREUX
P-C VVA, Chapter 528.



Community opinions

Twp. is pulling 'bait and switch'

EDITOR:

This letter is being written as a wake up call to the taxpayers of Plymouth Township. Be on alert. They're coming after more of your money with the "Recreation" and the "Police and Fire" tax proposals on the August 4 primary ballot. This is a classic "Bait and Switch" tax hike. It works like this:

Remember that there was a third proposal for the new township hall in the original package. It was pulled off the table

because our friends at the township know there is no way the taxpayers would go for it. While it's gone from our sight it remains the hidden agenda. Now, put these two proposals that are hard to oppose on the ballot and get the voters to approve them. Everybody likes recreation programs and we are all in favor of police and fire protection. With these increased revenues they've fooled the voters into paying, they're able to free up other money for the township hall without the taxpayer's

approval.

It also means you and I end up paying twice for recreation and police and fire protection. Aren't these services supposed to be provided to the taxpayers with the funds we are currently paying to the township?

Another very important element to this new township hall business is the fact that last year the township board spent "Americans with Disabilities Act" funds (again, your tax dollars) on barrier-free

restrooms at the current building locations. I know this because, as a disabled citizen of this community, I spoke in favor of those barrier-free improvements based on the fact that the township offices would remain in their current location. That is wasting taxpayer's money. The citizens of Plymouth Township should not only oppose these tax hikes in August but file this in your memory and be ready to clean house in the next township election.

JERRY TRUMPKA

P-C students lack equal opportunity

EDITOR:

We did it. Our youngest child graduated from CEP last Sunday.

Our eldest (Salem '92) graduated from Siena Heights College and is in the work force. Our second (Salem '96) is a student at the U of M and will spend her junior year in Spain. The youngest will attend EMU in the fall in early childhood development.

How much of our success can be attributed to our school district and how much is family influence and how much is personal achievement? Hard to measure.

I believe our children have succeeded in spite of the obstacles this district has consistently placed in their way. I have waited a long time to write this letter, and I might have forgotten about it, except for an unfortunate "user unfriendly" encounter we had on the night of the Senior Party. This situation was so typical at the high schools, I could not let it go unnoticed.

Our relatives traveled from as far away as South Carolina, including our 78-year-old

grandma and 13-year-old niece, to share in our graduation festivities and give us the opportunity to show off our wonderful high schools. They had been so impressed two years ago by the work and effort put into decorating for the Senior Party they were anxious to show off this year's efforts to other family members.

As always at CEP, it isn't what you know, but whom you know.

We were denied access to tour because we were late for the "official" tour time, which I had misread as 7-9 p.m. rather than 6-8 p.m. (when Salem's group was still in Ann Arbor). Someone certainly could have graciously escorted us through quickly. The security person had let us in, but someone who was "in charge" refused to give us any leeway. I am absolutely convinced that if this person had been known to me or my

daughter, we would have had "special" treatment.

I have seen this happen again and again. I am angry with myself that I did not question this person's authority on the spot. We have been involved at the high school for 10 years;

we have paid our taxes for 12. Who was this rude self-appointed gate keeper? It was a terrible embarrassment. It is no wonder our school spirit faded with each passing year. I can relate similar stories of unfair treatment over the past 12 years, by teachers, counselors and administrators, I did not want to embarrass the children by trying to take on the district each time; we (the family) "swallowed it". We were original members of the "I Care" group, until it became a political tool only to achieve the Boards' objectives.

The excellence that our children achieve in this district has a lot less to do with the system and a whole lot more to do with where the students come from. Caring, devoted and supportive parents and families need to take the credit for the many wonderful achievements we enjoy.

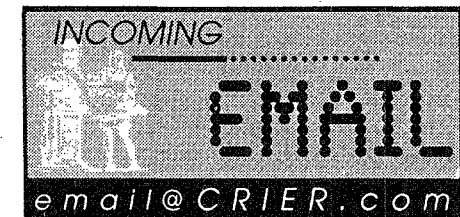
We do have some devoted and excellent teachers. There are excellent programs.

Let's be realistic and stop touting the "system" — it is the residents and students who make it work; certainly not the administration or the Board, or some of the staff- who need to be "out of there" by 2 p.m. sharp, or are often equally rude and some times downright cruel to the children. My anger has mounted to a rage. Don't ask me for any more money—let's start taxing the many retailers who have been allowed to take over Canton, and get those class sizes down to where a student is personally known and treated as the precious child he/she is.

People who are buying expensive homes so their children can attend school in Plymouth-Canton are making a sad mistake, unless they plan to attend with their child daily. Working moms cannot get appointments to see teachers after 2 p.m. Bus stops have been eliminated to accommodate the subdivisions with a higher tax base. Children who live on a dirt road get door to door service for safety reasons, I was once told by the transportation dept., who were also rude and dismissive when I called with a concern some four years ago.

Discipline has moved from the campus to the Plymouth Police Department.

Parking would be a joke, if it were not for the penalties the children pay for tardiness.



Any child who is doing average work is completely ignored. No attempts are made to encourage these students to stretch and reach their potential. If you have an 'A' student or a child who is incapacitated in some way—you will receive all that you need, but forget the average child—their needs go unmet. Children are suspended or expelled for harmless little forays into an exercise in free speech and yet the Prom/alcohol incident is the first time in our experience that honor students or athletes suffered a consequence for breaking a rule. Over the 12 years, our whole family had been involved and supportive in different ways at different times, trying our best for ourselves, supportive of teachers and rules, etc., but now the numbers are way out of hand. The population is out of control. Wouldn't it be nice if graduating seniors had more than 2 seconds of recognition while receiving their diplomas?

Clearly the problem is the numbers. I'm in absolute agreement with the teacher letter writer from Plymouth in your most recent edition, I would like to make a suggestion. Why not build two smaller new high schools, rather than a third Big Mistake? The current buildings are too large, physically. One building should not house more than 1,000 to 1,500 students. The students should NOT have to endure weather by changing buildings. This is akin to child neglect. These are children, not mini-adults. Teen-agers are still children, something that seems to have been forgotten over the past decade. Each child needs to be given Equal Opportunity to Succeed. As Dr. Ostoin enjoys saying at the Commencement—YOU are ready for the world—You Graduated from Plymouth Salem. Yes, they are ready for the real world; when did they enjoy their youth?

M. WECKERLE

Watts thanks P-C voters

EDITOR:

On Monday, June 8 the voters of Plymouth and Canton elected me to a four-year seat on the School Board. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and school system in this capacity.

Thank you for placing your confidence in me to make a positive difference in our school district with a continued emphasis on quality education.

I will do my part as a board member to ensure a positive level of leadership through open dialogue, listening and learning.

DARWIN L. WATTS



Community opinions

Naming the new Twp. Hall

The Joyner Building?

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has gone completely over the edge — unanimously too.

Many township residents who have been demanding recreation programs (like other communities offer) have accused the township board of only grudgingly putting the .5 mill tax issue on the Aug. 4 ballot. They argue the board has never really wanted it to pass.

As of last Tuesday, those critics are obviously correct.

The township board — by a 7 to 0 vote no less — hired Bill Joyner to run a “voter education” campaign about the recreation millage, the 3.0 mill request for police and fire tax increase, and the .75 mill WTUA debt issue.

Bill is a veteran campaigner so that should be a plus, right?

Wrong.

Bill has also been leading the campaign for Township Trustee K.C. Mueller and for the citizens group backing the police-fire millage.

That means that most township residents will be asking: IS THIS LEGAL? After all, a governmental unit cannot spend public money to urge a “yes” or “no” vote on a ballot issue. It can spend public dollars on “voter education” — even when it’s undisguised boosterism like Canton Township’s “Road to Quality ‘98 Improvement Program.”

Joyner will be paid \$2,800 each for “professional” writing services and to oversee the printing and distribution of a minimum of two and a maximum of three “supplemental

newsletters to inform the citizens of Plymouth Township regarding the millage questions.”

It is lunacy for the township board to think that Joyner — who says he will now resign from the pro-millage campaign — can be regarded as impartial. And did K.C. Mueller forget that she should abstain from voting to give township kickbacks to her campaign manager?

The board’s move alone will doom the millages.

The township citizens committee being formed to campaign against the millages should have an easy task... without even starting they got Joyner to join the other side.

It’s a shame that Bill’s personality so often clouds good ideas and good intentions.

Ask the Canton Foundation that nearly lost everything it stood for until it extricated itself from Joyner’s politics.

Or ask the Ghost of The Late Great Robert B. Delaney, Esq. — founding commodore of the Tonquish Creek Yacht Club — about Joyner usurping that once-hallowed name.

Or ask Sheila Friedrich, who narrowly lost the Plymouth-Canton School Board race, who has whined that her being linked to Joyner cost her the race.

Joyner’s early work on Mueller’s campaign to unseat State Rep. Gerry Law has been brilliant. That’s always the Joyner dilemma — as a former Wayne County

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



Commissioner he demonstrated political savvy — but he often blows the deal because of his histrionics.

Even if the township board’s adding the Joyner payoff as a surprise item to its agenda — and without seeking bids from other sources — isn’t enough to kill the three millages, consider this:

The fourth millage item the board was going to put on the August ballot was to raise taxes to build a new township hall.

But they decided not to add that, saying, in essence, there’s enough money in the coffers to build the hall if the millages are passed.

What a message to township voters!

Since the township board has taken such leave of its senses, why not go all the way to kill the millages....

ANNOUNCEMENT!:

After Plymouth Township voters approve the police-fire-recreation-sewer-debt tax hikes, there’ll be enough money left in the budget to build a beautiful marble township hall which will be named the R. William Joyner Hall.

(Seriously though: it’s not too late to rescind the Joyner newsletters resolution.)

Hudson memory lives on

Tributes to the late Jessie Hudson are still being passed along. As the “mother” of the fine arts program at Plymouth-Canton Schools, she was also a known poet and literary fan.

Al and Jean Stanwood had wondered (back in late 1985) where “vale of tears” came from.

Jessie wrote them: “Love to look things up. Sounds like it might be a hymn” and then added the poem.

The quote came from British poet and journalist James Montgomery “The Issues of Life and Death.” But the full quote

describes Jessie’s passing June 3:

*Beyond this vale of tears,
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of years,
And all that life is love.*

But another literary quote also comes to mind, even more fitting for Jessie:

Art is long, life short. — Goethe

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Veterans thank a generous community

EDITOR:

Plymouth is a fine, generous town and it has once again been proved. Once every year for a couple of days the veterans of the foreign wars stand on Plymouth corners with our veteran caps for identification to sell poppies. That little red paper flower is still accepted by everyone (almost). Last

month, three days were chosen by our national organization as poppy days and Plymouth and the general area saw us stand forth. They greeted us most warmly and purchased many poppies. We thank you Plymouth with all our hearts. It gives a warm feeling to know that we are not forgotten. There are still many men in

hospitals around the nation who need our generosity to show that we remember because they may be there for ever. Thank You.

CAL MASON, BOB BRYAN, CARL ADLER, LORRAINE NELSON, TILLIE LAFAVE and the rest of Plymouth VFW Post #6695 and Auxiliary.

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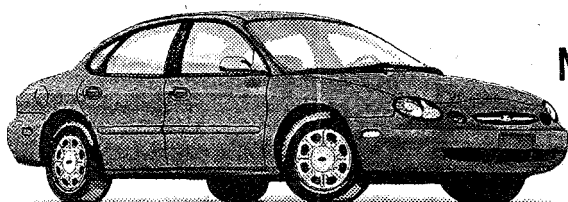


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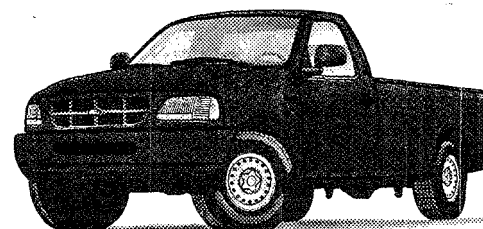
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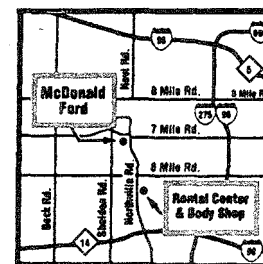


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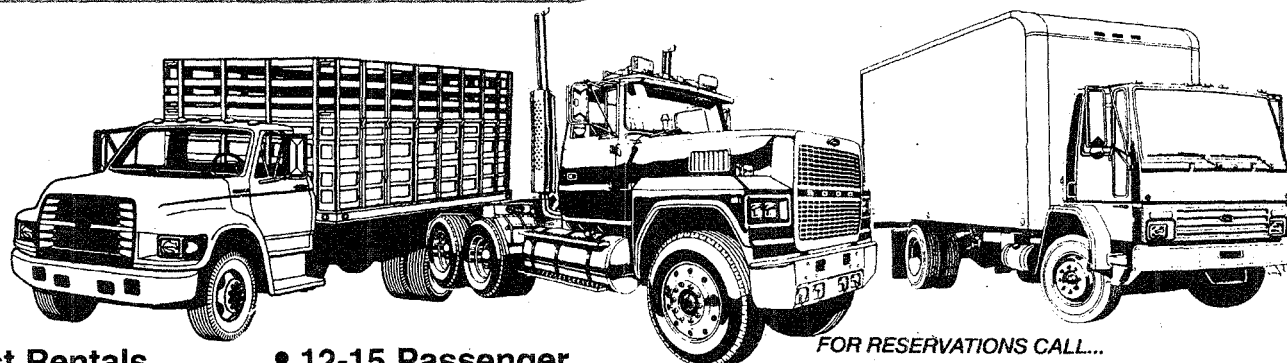
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