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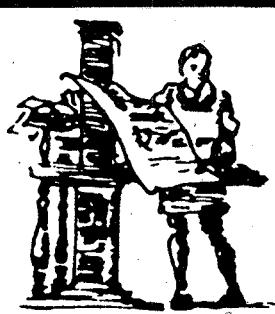
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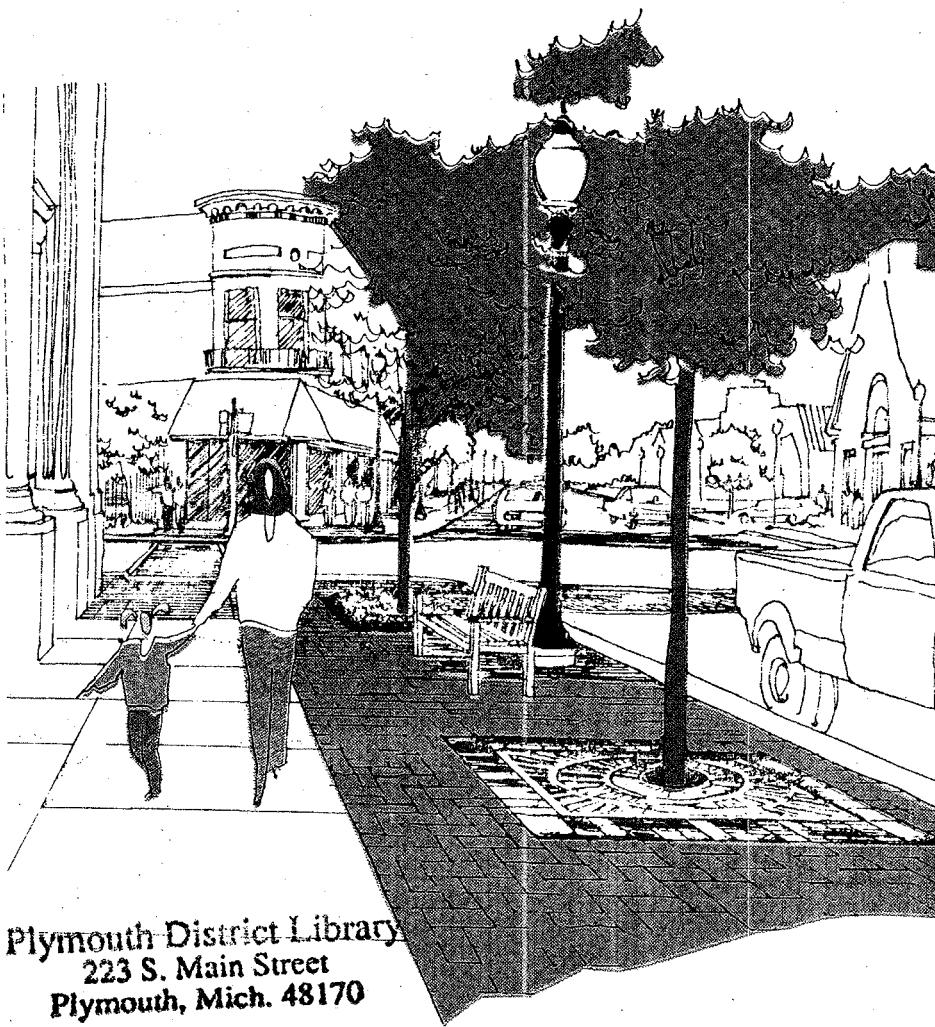
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A view of the future?

This is an artist's rendering of what Main Street in Plymouth could look like later this year if a planned "streetscape" project is brought to fruition. As part of the planning process, a public hearing regarding the project is scheduled for 7 p.m., April 20 in the multi-purpose room of the Cultural Center. Last night, however, the city finally addressed the issue. For more on the streetscape plan, see pg. 2



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Jawor offers to build new Hill Top clubhouse

BY AMY KIDWELL

Golf season is getting closer and duffers are starting to wonder when Hill Top Golf Course will get a new clubhouse — or how it will operate in the meantime without one.

Well, a solution is not far away.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees has called a special April 12 meeting to hear John Jawor, the golf course operator, propose the demolition and removal of the current clubhouse and the construction of a replacement building.

The proposal is expected to include provisions that Jawor will pay up to \$125,000 for the new clubhouse in exchange for a two-year extension on his lease, which ends in October.

If, at the end of the two-year extension, the board decides to

go with another lessee, however, Jawor will be asking to be reimbursed up to about \$62,500.

The township has a contractual obligation to provide Jawor with a clubhouse.

If Jawor's plan is approved, construction of the building should take about six weeks, according to Charles McIlhargey, chief building official for Plymouth Township.

In the meantime, Jawor plans to operate the golf course without a formal clubhouse. Instead, he plans to move onto the site a trailer with a cash register and bathroom facilities to service golfers, according to McIlhargey.

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Farmers get their day in 'court'

Canton officials blame assessment increases on township's assessor

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Why did the assessments for farmers in Canton rise by more than 500 percent in one year?

According to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the blame rests on the shoulders of the township's assessor, Wayne County Appraisals.

That was the word farmers got Monday night at a special meeting called by township officials to explain the dramatic rise in property assessments in 1993.

The point of the meeting, according to officials, was to "share information" with the group of farmers — which included the Bordine brothers, Duane and Roger. On hand for the session were Yack, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter and Clerk Loren Bennet.

Yack told the roomful of farmers that that the board would look at petitioners' claims for relief from two angles.

"The Board of Review looks at hardships," Yack said, "and legitimate questions about the amounts that land is assessed for."

"If you're not pleased with the results that the board gives you, you can file with the state tax tribunal and talk with the assessor."

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City OK's next step for streetscape plan for downtown business area

BY AMY KIDWELL

The City of Plymouth started the process for its long awaited street scape plan at Monday night's meeting.

The City Commission voted 5 to 2 to publish a notice of intent and start the process of selling bonds not to exceed \$2.4 millions. Commissioners Stella Greene and Dennis Shrewsbury voted against the plan.

City Manager Steve Walters emphasized that the commission can back out at anytime, but felt that getting the process started was important in order to start construction in July, which is the most valuable construction season.

Some of the major plans include the addition of islands to slow traffic and make the area "shopper friendly." Those islands are proposed for Main Street, between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, and Ann Arbor Trail by Forest Avenue. Rounding out turns is also included to help regulate traffic.

Plans also include moving the clock from its current location to the island on Main Street.

Maintenance was one of the major concerns brought up by citizens at the meeting. Some were concerned that the \$2.4 million would be a waste if proper upkeep was not established first.

Another concern was safety. The

proposed plans include moving the west edge of Main, by Ann Arbor Trail, more towards the west to make room for the island. One citizen noted that the design brought southbound traffic on Main Street flowing directly at the northwest corner, in front of the Mayflower Hotel.

Color drawings of these proposals will be available for the public to view at an April 20 public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. at the in the multi purpose room of the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Third challenger enters race against Artley on P-C board

Another person has entered the race for the single seat opening up on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

In addition to incumbent David Artley, and challengers Robert Burger and the Rev. William Myers, Steve Kilijanczyk of Canton has joined the fray.

The filing deadline for the June 14 school board election is Monday at 4 p.m.. Candidates who wish to withdraw their names must do so by April 15 at 4 p.m.

Also appearing on the June ballot will be a 17.74-mill tax renewal and a 4-mill tax increase questions.

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McNamara: county could run Metetal

Says he hasn't been asked; still a local issue

BY CRAIG FARRAND

It's far too early in the game to know what might happen with the state's plan to purchase Metetal Airport, but Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara says it's a possibility that the county could end up running the facility in the future.

"It's not a done deal, yet," McNamara said, "but once the state did take over Metetal, we could be operating it."

"But we've had no discussions with anybody about that — this is still between the state and the (local) communities."

McNamara made his comments after speaking before more than 100 members of the Plymouth Rotary Club Friday afternoon.

When pressed on what could happen at Metetal should the county take over operations, McNamara said that the airport would be used to "keep general aviation planes off of Metro."

"If we were to lose Metetal, there just aren't any other small airports around that could take these little planes," he said. "And that would mean they'd all end up at Metro trying to land with jumbo jets."

"And we don't need that."

He discounted rumors that Metetal would be expanded in any way or that activities at Metro and Metetal would in any way be "coordinated."

McNamara's views ran counter to those expressed by Commissioners Bryan Amman and Thaddeus McCotter, who told a meeting of Canton and Township officials two weeks ago that they were opposed to county involvement in Metetal.

Police probe pair of attempted abductions involving youngsters

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Canton police are still investigating a pair of attempted abductions at West Pointe Manor Mobile Home park.

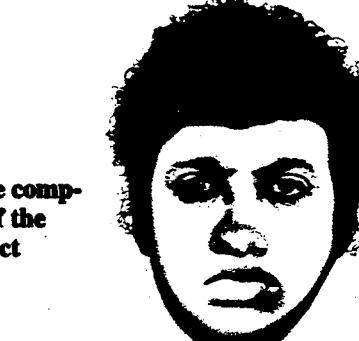
According to police reports, at 8:30 a.m. on March 19, an 11-year-old boy was heading to the bus stop when a blue pickup pulled up close to him.

According to the report, the suspect — a black male with short black hair wearing a blue T-shirt — reportedly told the boy to get into the truck. The report went on to say that the boy ran away and saw the truck leave the park.

The second incident, which was reported as taking place on March 24, also involved the school bus stop at West Pointe Manor.

According to the report, a group of four girls were waiting at the bus stop when the suspect came from behind one of them and grabbed her shoulders.

The report then said that one of the other girls screamed and the victim pulled away and all four girls ran to the unit manager's office.



Police composite of the suspect

The suspect is described as a black or Mexican dark skinned male — 25 to 30 years old, approximately 180 pounds — wearing a blue work outfit.

According to Canton Police Officer Tammi Colling, no connection has been made between the two attempts and that "both incidents are being investigated."

Colling said that a third similar event involving four elementary school girls was an "innocent prank" and totally unrelated to the other two abduction attempts.

What did the P-C school district's top administrators make this year?

What appears below are the current salaries of the top 25 administrators in the Plymouth-Canton School District plus that of Supt. John Hoben. The information was supplied by the district in response to a Freedom of Information request filed by The Community Crier.

Name	Title	Gross wages	Total cost*
Hoben	Superintendent	\$116,328**	\$119,973
Hoedel	Assoc. supt. bus.	\$ 92,443	\$ 99,818
Homes	Asst. supt., instr.	\$ 89,675	\$ 97,615
Goldman	Asst. supt., emp rel.	\$ 84,140	\$ 92,080
Tattan	Exec. dir., instr.	\$ 83,664	\$ 90,939
O'Donnell	Exec. dir., instr.	\$ 83,664	\$ 90,939
Ostoin	Salem principal	\$ 81,044	\$ 87,899
MacKenzie	Canton principal	\$ 79,292	\$ 85,582
Workman	East Middle principal	\$ 75,499	\$ 81,789
Stone	West Middle principal	\$ 75,499	\$ 82,774
Patton	Lowell Middle principal	\$ 75,499	\$ 82,774
Moore	Central Middle principal	\$ 75,499	\$ 82,774
Goby	Dir. of transportation	\$ 75,349	\$ 81,969
Cummings	Athletic director	\$ 75,349	\$ 82,059
Jacobs	Canton coord. of security	\$ 74,473	\$ 80,763
Egli	Assoc. dir., comm. rel.	\$ 74,268	\$ 78,758
Masteller	Dir., comm. education	\$ 72,143	\$ 78,998
Johnson	Pioneer Middle principal	\$ 72,143	\$ 78,433
Young	Fiegel Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,060
Miller	Field Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,060
Ireson	Eriksson Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,060
Deren	Hoben Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,625
Clason	Smith Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 75,730
Burt	Allen Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,625
Belvitch	Ilsbister Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,625
Barresi	Miller Elem. principal	\$ 71,770	\$ 78,625

*Total cost includes salaries and the cost of fringe benefits

**Represents a salary freeze from 1991-92 and includes the district travel/auto reimbursement.

Salary update and clarification

Last week's published lists of salaries for top officials in The Plymouth-Canton Community were for the 1992 positions.

However, as of January, a few Plymouth Township officials saw a drop in their gross earnings because of the elimination of office-holder expenses.

The supervisor's earnings were reduced by \$5,000, and the clerk's and treasurer's by \$2,500.

Curmi awaits exam on misdemeanor

Judge Susan Moiseev of 46th District Court in Southfield has been assigned to hear the case against Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi, according to the state court administrator's office. The date for his preliminary examination has yet to be set.

Curmi stood mute last Tuesday on the misdemeanor charge of being a disorderly person, and 35th District Court Judge James Garber entered a plea of not guilty.

Because Curmi is a member of the governing unit that operates the court, his case is being processed through the state court administrator's office.

Charges against Curmi stem from an alleged incident that took place on March 16.

A cashier at the Shell gas station at Ann Arbor Road and Tavistock reported to Plymouth Township police that a man, later identified as Curmi, disrupted early morning business by swearing at the woman and kicking over a newspaper stand.

She identified Curmi because of a signed charge receipt and a license plate number that the woman said she looked for as he left.

Curmi is denying all charges.

Farmers get special hearing on tax assessments

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Yack emphasized that those choosing to go the tax tribunal route should file before taxes are due.

The supervisor started the meeting by recapping some of the situation's history.

"The community had two chances to preserve the farms on the western end of the township," Yack said. "Both times it was voted down on the ballot."

Yack went on to explain that in 1991 there was a two-year freeze on property tax.

The current problem arose, he said, when he talked with the assessor this year about new assessments: Yack said it was the assessor who proposed a gener-

Bordines grab the attention of attorneys, too

Aside from the meeting Monday night, the Bordine brothers, Duane and Roger — Canton farmers whose plight has gained local attention — have received another kind of attention that may help them in their fight to keep their farm.

Legal attention.

"We've had calls from three attorneys since the (Crier) story ran,"

Duane said. "All of them wanted to represent us."

According to Bordine, the potential loss of their farms means more than a loss to the farmers — it means a loss to everyone.

"In the future, when there aren't any farms left (in the U.S.), we're going to have to buy our food from foreign countries." Duane said.

al 30-per cent increase in assessments.

"I said yes to a 30 per cent raise,"

Yack said, but added that "I need to talk to the assessor about" the rural assess-

ments that rose more than 500 per cent.

"The assessor interprets the value of the land by using current sales values," Yack said. "But a large increase like this, even if justified, should have happened over time."

He explained that the Board of Review looked at the assessments and saw that, in the past, assessments were made on the basis of per acre yield.

According to Yack, the ultimate solution to the problem could be in a statewide tax plan proposed by Gov. John Engler.

"If the June 2 state tax plan passes, all of these assessment problems will be solved," Yack said.

Vorva steals page from Perot; makes case, plea for money

BY CRAIG FARRAND

There's no 800 number, but tearing out a page from the H. Ross Perot campaign manual, state Rep. Jerry Vorva is taking his cause to the people — asking residents fed up with a lobbyist-controlled government to send him money to fend off special interest groups in Lansing.

The similarity between Vorva and Perot ends there, however: Perot clearly demonstrated last year that he has enough money to do things on his own.

Vorva, on the other hand, is seeking public money to pay off his own campaign debts without having to be behold-

ing to lobbyists in the state capital.

Since he's been in Lansing, Vorva said, "I've been asked to join in the free drinks and money" from lobbyists.

"You can certainly tell it's spring in Lansing with all the green showing up," he said. "Lobbyists are lining up with their checkbooks."

Being \$20,000 in debt — to himself — from his last two campaigns, Vorva admits the temptation to take money from the PACs is strong, but is emphatic in saying he campaigned against such largess, and isn't about to "feed at the trough" now.

"I could make (the debt) disappear

tomorrow if I wanted to, but when I ran I was serious about making changes in how government works.

"I wasn't giving lip service."

So, taking that page from Perot, Vorva is now "asking my fellow citizens to help me change the system."

"I need their help."

Not skipping a beat, Vorva quickly added that he also would like citizens who send cash to also send along their own ideas for changing "the system."

"I would like to see the everyday citizen get politically active," he said, adding that the money angle gives the voter "a financial stake in the process."

"I'd rather let their money (have) weight, and not the money from lobbyists."

"It's a matter of them investing their money in politicians who are willing to take the heat (to) operate in their best interests," he said.

When asked what amounts of money he's talking about, Vorva said that \$5 to \$25, "nothing more" would send the right message.

"I want to show other politicians that you don't have to be at the trough to be

successful."

Although critical of the role of lobbyists, Vorva admitted taking PAC money for his latest campaign: He said he accepted \$3,000 from a Realtors PAC — in large part, he said, because he had been a real estate agent himself.

Vorva said he spent \$12,000 on last year's campaign, but spent \$20,000 on his unsuccessful attempt the year before. Of that \$32,000, he said \$29,000 came from his own pockets — and that \$20,000 is still outstanding.

When asked how his call for contributions might sit with the public, Vorva said such support would put him "in the catbird seat" when dealing with lobbyists.

Besides, "I have a family, too; a new baby," he said. "The public can't really expect someone to keep paying for it out of his own pocket."

Completing his Perot-like pitch, Vorva said that checks — made out to "Vorva for State Representative" — could be mailed, along with ideas for change, to his home address: 1349 Elmdale, Plymouth, 48170.

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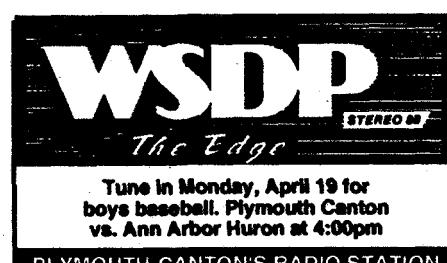
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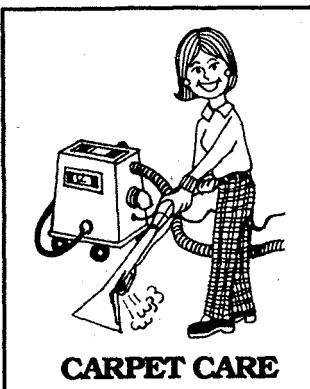
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2 p.m., Thursday, April 15, 1993

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Plymouth, Michigan 48170

The public is invited to the bid opening. At that time, all bids will be opened, read aloud, and forwarded to administration for analysis and summary. Administration will make a recommendation to the Board of Education in May, 1993.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any, or reject all bids, as it judges to be in the best interest of the school district.

Sincerely,
David P. Artley
Secretary Board of Education

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Four students from East Middle School placed first at a regional math competition called Mathcounts. Eighth-graders Betsy Oatley, Angkana Roy, and Monica Prasad, and seventh-grader Michael Roberson went on to the state competition at MSU, where they placed seventh of 30 teams. Team member Betsy Oatley placed second in the overall competition in the regionals, and 10th in the state finals.

The Optimist Club of Plymouth recently announced the winners in its Oratorical contest for boys and girls up to age 16. For the boys, the first-place winner was Casey Swanson of Pioneer Middle School, second place went to Timothy Sisler also of Pioneer Middle School, and Prabhat Bhama of East Middle School took third. Of the girls, the first-place award went to Holly Hamerink of Our Lady of Good Council School, Valerie Lonegro of Pioneer Middle School was the second place winner and Danielle Orlewicz of Our Lady of Good Council School came in third.

Canton student Jessica Smith, an eighth-grader from Lowell Middle School, was one of 30 students from a group of 850 Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio schools who qualified for the Lawrence Tech/Detroit News Spelling Bee on March 30.

Where to go Easter egg hunting:

The Plymouth-Canton Jacees will host its Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at the township park at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and McClumphia. There is no charge for admission.

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation is planning a Family Easter Party from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Cost is \$15 per family for residents of Plymouth and \$20 for non-residents. Call the Plymouth Parks and Recreation to register.

The Canton Parks and Recreation will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday at Heritage Park. There is no charge to attend the event that is open to Canton children only. Parking space is limited so participants are asked to carpool.

Santa's back for Easter



Gene "Santa" Reaves is working overtime this year, giving Easter dolls to kids in the area — and he has given The Crier 30 dolls (far left) to give away to the first group of lucky children able to complete the words to the "Peter Cottontail" song at right.

Gene Reaves, The Crier are offering free holiday dolls

BY AMY KIDWELL

It's that time of year again.

A season when children get excited about the upcoming Easter holiday and a season when family and friends spend time together.

It's also a time when people like Santa look forward to spreading some holiday joy.

Yes, Santa.

Or, at least, Gene "Santa" Reaves.

As he does every Christmas season, Reaves has been working hard this holiday distributing Easter dolls to children in the area. And he has a special offer to Crier readers.

He has given The Crier 30 dolls to give away. A free Easter doll will be given to the first 30 children under 12 who stop by The Crier office, 821 Penniman Avenue, with the correct answers to the Peter Cottontail song, written by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins.

That's right, it's that easy. Just fill in the blanks to the Easter song — yes, your mom and dad can help you — turn it in at The Crier office and receive an Easter doll autographed by Gene "Santa Reaves" himself.

The 30 dolls will be given out on a first come/first served basis.

Reaves is known throughout Michigan and the country for the special charity work he does every Christmas.

He is admired and recognized by many organizations because of his crusade to give with no questions asked. He does most of his charity work with needy and retarded children.

Some of his accomplishments include being named Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year and being named as the offi-

cial Santa.

Born April 13, 1902, he began his work as Santa more than 60 years ago when he appeared as the first Santa in the Thanksgiving day parade sponsored by J. L. Hudson's.

His charity started one Christmas when an organization asked his second wife, Madeline, for a Christmas tree. Ever since, he's been working to provide gifts to needy children.

Do you know this song?

Here comes Peter Cottontail,
hoppin down the bunny _____,

Hippity hoppin,
Easter's on the way.

Bringing every _____ and boy,
baskets full of Easter _____,
Things to make your Easter
bright and gay.

He's got jelly _____ for _____,
colored _____ for sister _____.
There's an orchid for your
mommy

and an Easter bonnet, too.

Oh, here comes
Cottontail,
hoppin _____ the bunny trail,
hippity hoppity,
Happy _____ Day!

On a roll

Paul Dobbs of Canton was one of hundreds of metropolitan Detroit members of the Knights of Columbus who manned areas streets over the weekend offering Tootsie Rolls to raise funds to help the retarded. Dobbs "worked" the intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street in Plymouth Friday afternoon. (Crier photo by Craig Farrand)





Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth is hosting a Town Meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, featuring William Odom, chairman of Ford Motor Credit Co.

The meeting, which will include a question and answer session, will be held at the Mayflower Meeting House.

Lunch is \$8 and reservations can be made by calling 455-8120.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for the Small Business Person of the Year Award for 1992.

The award is held in conjunction with the National Small Business Week in May.

Nominations may be submitted by any area business. The award banquet is planned for May 12, and will feature guest speaker Larry Meyer, Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Retailers Association.

Something new this year will be a mini-expo beginning at 5:30 p.m. Chamber Member businesses may rent 4 feet of table space for \$30. The chamber suggests making early reservations as space is limited.

For more information, or reservations, call the Canton Chamber at 453-4040.

The Community Development Committee of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will host its fourth annual Secretary's Day Luncheon Wednesday, April 21 at the Italian Cucina on Ann Arbor Road.

Scheduled events include a drawing for secretary of the day, a flower for each secretary, a mini-fashion show, door prizes and cash bar.

Advance reservations are necessary and may be made at the chamber office, 453-1540, before April 19.

Mark J. Baldwin & Associates, a Plymouth-based landscape firm, received the Diamond Award for the best garden at the 1993 International Builders Show at Cobo Center.

The award was given by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The garden was designed by James C. Scott & Associates and sponsored by Comerica Bank.

Plymouth resident Julie Blackman has been appointed Executive Director of the Community Literacy Council.

Solberg is salesperson of the year

BY GARY GOSSELIN

Plymouth resident Pamela Solberg was awarded the Salesperson of the Year for 1992 by The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Solberg sells homes for S.R. Jacobson at a new development in Novi. Last year she sold 56 houses for a total of \$12.8 million.

But the award wasn't based solely on sales or dollar amounts.

"They interviewed 10 of us," Solberg said, "along with supervisors and people we worked with. This award was based on sales, leadership and creativity."

One instance of that creativity happened recently when about 10 sets of new homeowners had to pick color schemes and accessories for their new homes.

"I invited them together for a couple 'meet your neighbor parties,'" she said, "and it was a great success."

"Everybody got to meet each other and pick their accessories at the same time."

Solberg started her sales career more



Pamela Solberg

than 20 years ago, and has sold cosmetic display racks, commercial carpet cleaning and, most recently, cutting tools and abrasives.

"Home sales are much the same as selling anything else," said Solberg. "You

have to provide service and people recognize that you're sincere."

Solberg started in the home sales business 12 years ago, but said the turning point was really the result of a New Year's resolution made at a party two years ago.

The hostess asked guests to write their New Year's resolutions. Six months later, Solberg saw it come true: She had written that she wanted to work for a successful company, and a builder with integrity.

Shortly thereafter she began with S.R. Jacobson.

"They're very much a part of my success," she said. "If I didn't have a quality product to offer, I wouldn't be where I am today."

She added that it's been a banner year for her family as well. Husband Jim has recently been promoted from executive engineer at AutoAlliance International Inc. to executive vice president.

"I just want people to know that married people can succeed together," she said, "and Plymouth helps provide the atmosphere to make that happen."

Jawor offers to build new Hill Top clubhouse

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If the weather gets nice before the April 12 meeting, Jawor will likely use a part of the current clubhouse to set up a cash register.

According to McIlhargey, one section of the building is not condemned and would be suitable for such a purpose.

Two types of proposals for replacing the structure will likely be presented at the session: The first is a modular facility, built in a factory and assembled on-site; the second is a stick building, built on-site.

Problems with the current clubhouse were noted in December when an independent engineer reported sagging floors, buckling walls and roof deterioration. The engineer suggested tearing it down and building a new facility.

"I was asked by the administration not to condemn the building in December because the building was semi-closed anyway," McIlhargey said. "There was no occupancy."

"Now that it's spring, I had to put my foot down. I'm afraid the building will collapse with people in it."

The building was moved to its current location in 1979 after being used as a district court house and as a meeting room for Plymouth Township.

Its purpose was to serve as a temporary facility at the golf course, and should have been replaced in 1985, Jawor said in December.



The Hill Top clubhouse (above) has been condemned since last fall, and a new proposal by golf course operator John Jawor calls for him eventually building a new facility in exchange for a two-year lease. (Crier photos by Lukasik)

Fate of Hilton may be determined Friday

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The fate of the abandoned former Plymouth-Hilton-Radisson — and its \$450,000 in back taxes — may be determined on Friday.

Owners Columbia-Sussex, who bought the property from Prudential Insurance, are scheduled back in Wayne County Court Friday.

They were ordered on March 19 to reconnect heat and fire suppression units

and are now providing 24-hour security.

"We want them to do something to keep the building from being destroyed," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy.

She said the township also is continuing to pursue the back taxes owed since winter of 1990.

"We have not released responsibility on those," Keen McCarthy said.

Look up, look out!

Local tornado watch group looking for volunteers to help man Skywarn

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Long before the alert sirens wail, before the National Weather Service issues the official statement that tornadoes are touching down, the members of Plymouth Township's Skywarn will be watching the skies over Western Wayne County.

And how would you like to help?

That's the question being posed by Plymouth Township Emergency Manager Charles VanVleck, who is looking for volunteers to serve as an "early warning system" in Wayne County.

A recruitment rally and tornado spotting class, held at the Plymouth Township boardroom Saturday, drew about two dozen residents and 12 of them joined the Skywarn team.

But VanVleck said he can always use more help.

"The Skywarn team is called in when the conditions are right for a tornado," VanVleck said. "That means they've got to be able to move when they get the call."

With the tornado season afoot, Skywarn needs volunteers to keep the operation up to the challenge.

According to VanVleck, one of the problems associated with fielding a team of volunteers is dealing with differing schedules.

"Most of our volunteers have day jobs," VanVleck explained. "That makes it difficult to get the posts covered at, say, 3 in the afternoon."

As a result, he said he is looking for retirees or people with night jobs to join Skywarn and bolster the day shift.

County could run airport in future

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rights.

"The problem is that we have about \$200 million in bonds we want to sell this year, but they're guaranteed by the airlines — including Northwest — so it's going to be difficult to sell them."

On the positive side, McNamara said two new airlines — KLM and a Japanese company — are now flying into Metro, and that Lufthansa is trying to get landing

McNamara wants plan to aid cities

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effect, you would have one less officer, chief."

Looking at the plan from a different vantage, however, McNamara said the millage rollback ad freeze could have a profound impact on Detroit's future housing market.

"With Detroit levying 100 mills — which means \$7,000 or \$8,000 of taxes on a house valued at less than \$200,000," he said, "the city could benefit tremendously as (homebuilders and homeowners) move back."

Still on the subject of local govern-

"Basically, we need someone who can drive," VanVleck said, "and can sit at one of the posts and report back to the office."

The key is the time required to do the spotting: A concern of VanVleck's is the effect of a long posting on a spotter.

"I'd like to have enough people to be able to rotate spotters," VanVleck said. "The ideal way would be able to relieve them after two hours."

"It's hard to focus after a few hours of looking at the sky," VanVleck said.

According to VanVleck, when a Skywarn member sees a tornado, he or she calls back to the Emergency Management Office via two-way radio. The Skywarn team works in close association with radar and each sighting is confirmed before being relayed further.

After the office is notified, a call goes out to the National Weather Service in Kansas City where the sighting becomes official.

According to VanVleck, they spotters are looking for more than tornadoes.

"We also keep an eye out for (abnormally) large hail and whenever the wind gets up around 45 to 50 mph," VanVleck said.

"We're trying to give the people of the community more time to react in the event of a destructive storm."

And if you think a storm is coming?

"Call the emergency management office at 453-3869," VanVleck said. "Don't call 911 with a weather sighting."

"If you see damage or injuries, then call 911," VanVleck said. "If you're calling to report a storm call us."

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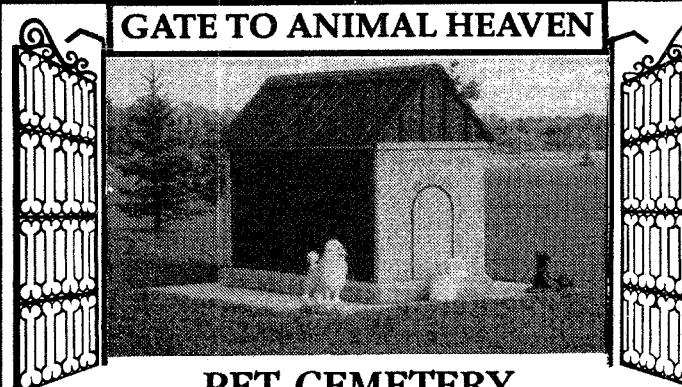
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Groom, 72, church member

Freda May Groom of Canton, who retired from Great Lakes Plastic Co. in Salem Township 11 years ago, died March 28, 1993, at the age of 72.

Mrs. Groom, who was born May 19, 1920, in Arkansas, lived in The Plymouth-Canton Community 39 years. She was a member of Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Canton and the Golden Girls and the Canton Zesters.

Preceded in death by her husband, Delbert, in 1972, Mrs. Groom is survived by her daughters, Jean Graham of Taylor, Shirley Caksackkar of Florida and Carolyn Rathurn of Northville; sons Kenneth and Donald, both of Westland; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four brothers; and one sister.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Good Shepherd, with the Rev. Roger Aumann officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Karl, 76, Coast Guard vet

Joseph Karl of Livonia, who was a member of numerous area clubs and served in the Coast Guard during World War II, died March 4, 1993, at the age of 76.

Mr. Karl, who was born March 28, 1916, in Danville, IL, was the owner and operator of Karl Electric for 40 years. He was a member of the Nomads Air Travel Club, the Dearborn Edison Club, the Elks Club of Plymouth, the Detroit Yacht Club, the Power Squadron, the Plymouth Historical Society and the National Association of Electrical Inspectors.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held March 8 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be made to the National Lung Association.



Your Guide to Worship

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Community deaths

Gall, 80, bank vice president

Donald Gall of Plymouth died Feb. 26, 1993, at the age of 80.

Mr. Gall was vice president of the Bank of Commonwealth where he worked for 44 years. He was born March 11, 1912 in Greenfield Township and moved from Detroit to Plymouth in 1959. He was also a member of the Exchange Club in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Paulina.

Funeral services were held March 1 at Schrader Funeral Home. Entombment was in Grandlawn Mausoleum in Detroit.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the Capuchian Soup Kitchen in Detroit or to the Alzheimers Disease Association.

McFall, 95, homemaker

Hattie K. McFall of Plymouth died Feb. 26, 1993, at the age of 95.

Mrs. McFall was born April 20, 1897, in Pendleton, IN and worked as a homemaker. She is survived by her son, Carl of Plymouth; daughter, Dorothy Waara of Pontiac; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 2 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Wall, 78, Karson Tool retiree

Francis Wall of Plymouth died Feb. 27, 1993, at the age of 78.

Born in Thayer, KS, on July 6, 1914, Mr. Wall came to Plymouth in 1936. He had retired from Karson Tool in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Edwin and Donald—both of Plymouth and Larry of Pinckney; daughter, Norma Johnson of Pinckney; brother, Ben of Kansas; sisters, Hazel Cornett, Adeline Hopper and Grace Kennedy — all of Kansas.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 2 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Depew, 67, served in Navy

Clifford J. Depew of Plymouth, died on Feb. 27, 1993 at the age of 67. Funeral services were arranged by Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Depew was born Feb. 14, 1926, in Highland Township and served in the Navy during WWII and was a foreman with Dunn Steel Products.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Susan Gronau of Canton; son, Gary; brothers, Raymond and Calvin—both of Marion; sister Velma Dunn of Kalamazoo and grandchildren Laura and Lisa Depew.

Finley, 75, military veteran

Francis I. Finley of Plymouth died Feb. 27, 1993, at the age of 75.

Mr. Finley was born April 13, 1917 and was life long resident of Plymouth. He belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary, Plymouth Post and worked at Burroughs for 30 years.

He is survived by: son, James Williams of Plymouth; step-daughter, Dawn Schwarz of South Carolina; sisters, Erma Collins of Plymouth and Doris Kottke of Lake Orion and two grand children.

Funeral services were held March 1 at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

Parents withdraw complaint against teacher in 'bumping' incident at Pioneer

Parents of a teen-ager enrolled at Pioneer Middle School have declined to file a formal complaint with Plymouth Township police after their child was allegedly "bumped" by a teacher during an incident in the school Friday.

According to police and school officials, the parents never approached

the district about the incident and instead went to police to file a report.

By late Tuesday, however, Chief Carl Berry said the parents had declined to take any further action.

Richard Egli, associate director of community relations, said the district was investigating.



Community deaths

Hayes, 88, worked in hospital

Vannie S. Hayes of Plymouth died March 1, 1993, at the age of 88. Born in Union City, TN on Sept. 31, 1904, Mrs. Hayes moved to Plymouth 46 years ago.

She was a member of the United Assembly of God Church in Plymouth and was a retired employee of Northville State Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Bookout of Plymouth; four grand children and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allie, and son, Waymon Hayes.

Funeral services were held the same day at Schrader Funeral Home. Interment was at Cobbs Chapel in Hombeak, TN. Memorial contributions can be sent to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Wilson, 90, retired timekeeper

Harold Wilson of Plymouth, who came to the Plymouth Community 12 years ago, died March 29, 1993, at the age of 90. Mr. Wilson, who was born Oct. 13, 1902, in Toronto, retired in 1971 as a time keeper for the Cross Company of Fraser.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Lola Valley Masonic Lodge in Redford.

Mr. Wilson, who was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite, in 1984, is survived by his step son, James McBride of Lansing, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a sister-in-law, Emma Morrison of Plymouth.

Services, arranged by Shrader Funeral Home, were held at St. John's, with the Rev. Robert Shank officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Garden in Westland.

Morningstar, 65, former teacher

Sylvia Morningstar of Westland, a former school teacher in the Livonia School District, died March 29, 1993, at the age of 65. Mrs. Morningstar, who was born June 1, 1927, in Rutherford, NJ, worked in Livonia for 20 years, teaching at both Franklin and Stevenson high schools.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wayne State University, Mrs. Morningstar is survived by her son, Dain of Farmington Hills, and Todd of Milan; daughter Barbara of Northville; four grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

Services were held at Shrader Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Interment was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton. Memorial contributions can be made at the American Heart Association.

Funk, 80, former county worker

Paul Funk of Livonia, a former employee of the Wayne County Road Commission, died March 25, 1993, at the age of 80. Mr. Funk, who was born Oct. 1, 1912, in Haviland, OH, worked as a heavy equipment operator for the county for 25 years. Prior to that he was a Campground host at the Ottawa National Forest in the Upper Peninsula.

He moved to Livonia from Plymouth in 1950, and was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel and a life member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Funk is survived by his wife, Bernice; sons Ronald of Pickney and Roger of Dexter; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Good Counsel, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

Egner, 93, insurance manager

Rudolph Enger of Westland, a 30-year manager for Western-Southern Life Insurance Co., died March 14, 1993, at the age of 93.

Mr. Enger, who was born Feb. 26, 1900, in Austria-Hungary, came to the Plymouth Community from Wyandotte in 1963. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel and a former member of the Lion's Club.

He is survived by his sons Rudolph Jr., of Plymouth, Richard of Northville and Robert of Riverview; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by Schrader Funeral Home, were held at Good Counsel, with the Rev. David Lesniak officiating. Interment was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

Lewis, 85, church member

Cecilia Peggy Lewis of Westland, a homemaker and member of St. Theodore Catholic Church, died March 18, 1993, at the age of 85.

Mrs. Lewis, who was born May 14, 1907, in Canada, was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. T.E. Lewis, and is survived by daughters Donelda Carson of Virginia and Shirley Brown of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

Services, arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, were held at St. Theodore's, with the Rev. Michael Molnar officiating. Interment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

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AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Passage Gayde Post 391 will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 8 at 173 N. Main St. in Plymouth. Nominations for 1993-1994 Post Officers will be accepted at this meeting. For more information, please call Commander Jim Maahs at 455-5541 or Adjutant Jim Barbour at 451-8659.

BLOOD NEEDED

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, tonight between 2 and 8 p.m.

HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County, with offices in Garden City and Plymouth, is offering a free five week Grief Recovery workshop to the community. Workshops will take place on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Garden City office, beginning April 21. This is in addition to their regular Grief Support Groups on Saturdays and Wednesdays. For more information on Hospice services, please call 522-4244.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AUCTION

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VIETNAM VETERANS PARADE SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

The Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 is looking for organizations who wish to participate in their Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held at 10 a.m. on May 31, and will honor the veterans. For more information, contact either Henry Giles (591-3068), Tim Lagrow (981-2848), or Mike Schlott (455-9381).

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PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES

The Plymouth YMCA is offering several classes for local residents. "Half Pints in the Kitchen," "Supersitters," "Driver's Education," "Bumper Bowl," "Pillo Polo," and "Arts and Crafts" are just some of the classes available at the YMCA. For further information, please call 453-2904 during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TOWNSHIP POLICE vs DETROIT LIONS

The Plymouth Township Police Department "All-Stars" will be playing the Detroit Lions in a basketball game to benefit the Police Officers Association, and several local charities, including Special Olympics and Growthworks. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 in the Central Middle School Gym. Celebrities participating in the event will autograph program books at halftime.

Tickets are \$10 for individuals, \$18 for couples and \$25 for families.

"SEARCHING THE SKY" FOR KIDS

The Plymouth District Library has adapted their "Searching the Sky" series for youngsters aged 8-13 years old. Three programs, "The Spring Sky and Celestial Oddballs," "The Inner Solar System," and "Phantoms of the Night" will be presented on April 13, May 4, and June 1, consecutively, from 7-8 p.m. Registration for any or all of these programs begins April 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the library, 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH RECREATION DEPARTMENT TOURS

The Plymouth City Parks and Recreation Department and Bianco Tours is offering two special trips in April. On April 14, a tour of Point Pelee National Park and the city of Windsor, as well as the Pelee Dinner Theater production of "The Fourposter" will be included in the Pelee Theater tour. Price is \$46 for City of Plymouth residents, \$47 for non-residents.

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EASTER EVENTS AT CANTON CHURCH

Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Canton is holding several special events to celebrate the Easter season. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will take place on April 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. on April 11, followed by an Easter breakfast. The Festival Service is at 10:30 p.m. All services will be held at the church, on Cherry Hill Road in Canton, and more information is available at 981-0286.

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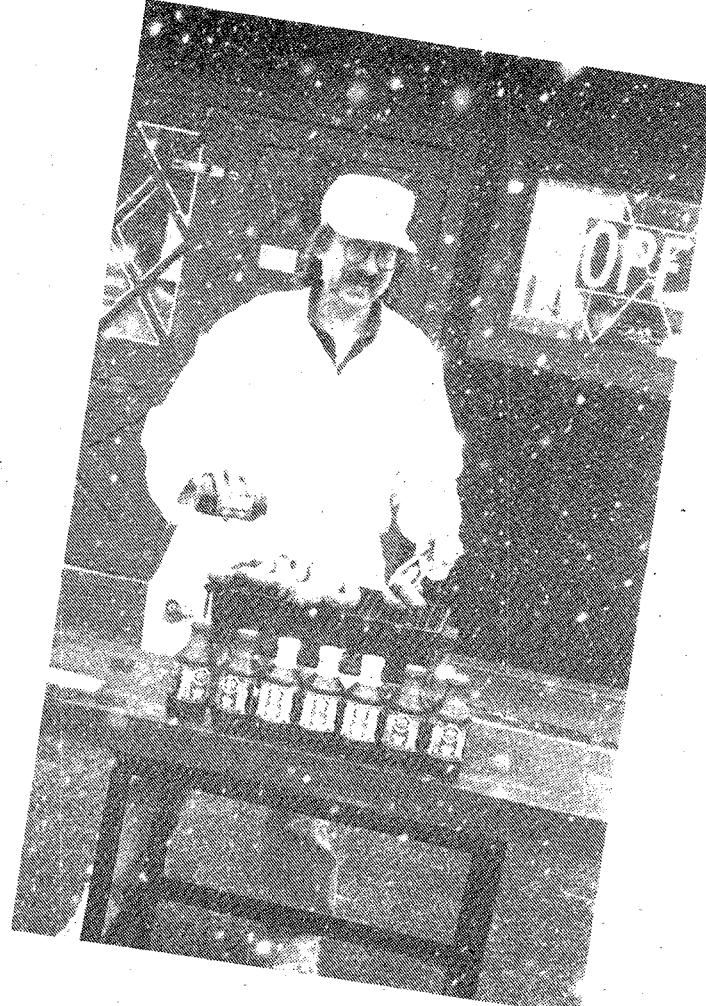
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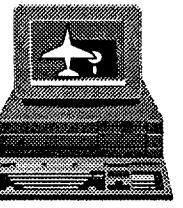
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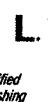
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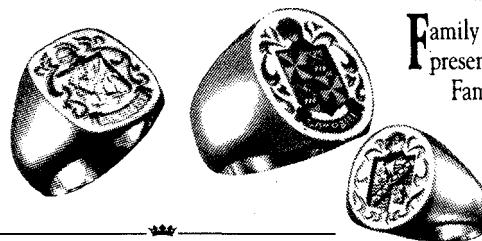


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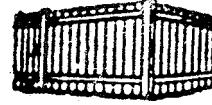
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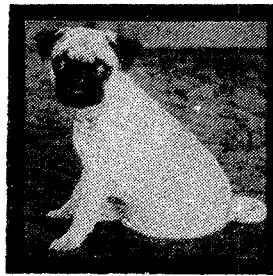
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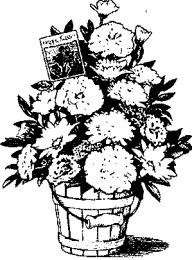
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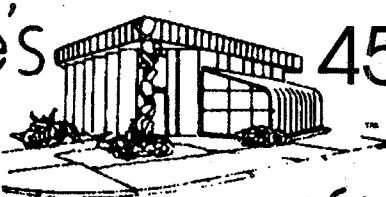
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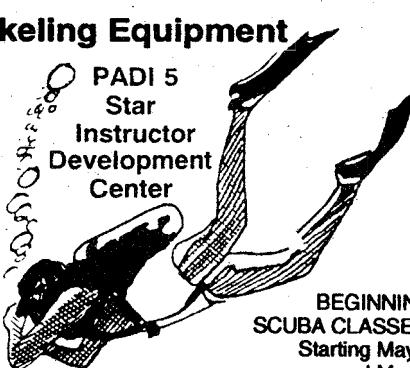
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DATE	TEAM	PLACE
Tue. 4-13-93	Royal Oak Kimball (DH)	H 12:00
Thu. 4-15-93	S'gate Anderson (DH)	H 12:00
Tue. 4-20-93	W. L. Western (DH)	H 3:30
Thu. 4-22-93	Churchill	H 4:00
Sat. 4-24-93	Monroe Tournament	T
Mon. 4-26-93	W. L. Central	T 4:00
Thu. 4-29-93	Farmington	T 4:00
Mon. 5-3-93	John Glenn	H 4:00
Thu. 5-6-93	Stevenson	T 4:00
Sat. 5-8-93	Midland Invitational	T
Mon. 5-10-93	N. Farmington	T 4:00
Wed. 5-12-93	W. L. Central	H 4:00
Fri. 5-14-93	Farmington	H 4:00
Sat. 5-15-93	Adrian (DH)	H 11:00
Mon. 5-17-93	John Glenn	T 4:00
Wed. 5-19-93	Stevenson	H 4:00
Fri. 5-21-93	N. Farmington	H 4:00
Mon. 5-24-93	Plymouth Canton (DH)	T 3:30
Wed. 5-26-93	Play-off	4:00
Tue. 6-1-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-5-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-12-93	Regionals	
Tue. 6-15-93	Quarter Finals	
Fri. 6-18-93	Semi-Finals	
Sat. 6-19-93	State Finals	

COACH - John Gravlin

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Mon. 4-19-93	Stevenson	T 4:00
Wed. 4-21-93	N. Farmington	H 4:00
Fri. 4-23-93	Harrison	T 4:00
Mon. 4-26-93	Franklin	H 4:00
Wed. 4-28-93	Plymouth Canton	H 4:00
Fri. 4-30-93	W. L. Central	T 4:00
Mon. 5-3-93	Northville	H 4:00
Wed. 5-5-93	John Glenn	T 4:00
Fri. 5-7-93	Farmington	H 4:00
Sat. 5-8-93	Fenton J. V. Invitational	T
	Woodhaven Var. Invit.	T
Mon. 5-10-93	Churchill	T 4:00
Wed. 5-12-93	W. L. Western	H 4:00
Tue. 5-18-93	Conference	T
Fri. 5-21-93	Regionals	
Sat. 5-22-93	Regionals	
Fri. 5-28-93	State Finals	
Sat. 5-29-93	State Finals	

COACH - Judith Braun

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Wed. 4-7-93	Churchill	H 5:30
Sat. 4-17-93	Dearborn Elks Relays	
Thu. 4-22-93	Stevenson	H 3:30
Sat. 4-24-93	Tiger Relays	Bellefonte
Thu. 4-29-93	W. L. Central	H 5:30
Tue. 5-4-93	Mangan Meet	H 4:00
Thu. 5-6-93	Farmington	T 3:30
Sat. 5-8-93	Observerland Relays	Red. Union
Thu. 5-13-93	N. Farmington	T 3:30
Tue. 5-18-93	John Glenn	T 3:30
Thu. 5-20-93	J. V. Invitational	H
Sat. 5-22-93	Regionals	Novi
Tue. 5-25-93	Conference	T
Sat. 5-6-93	State Finals	Churchill

COACH - Geoff Baker

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Thu. 4-22-93	Churchill	H 3:00
Mon. 4-26-93	W. L. Central	T 3:00
Wed. 4-28-93	Northville	H 3:00
Fri. 4-30-93	Brighton Invitational	T 9:00
Mon. 5-3-93	Stevenson	T 2:45
Wed. 5-5-93	W. L. Western	H 3:00
Wed. 5-12-93	Franklin	T 3:00
Tue. 5-18-93	Conference	9:00
Fri. 5-21-93	Regionals	
Mon. 5-24-93	Regionals	
Fri. 6-4-93	State Finals	
Sat. 6-5-93	State Finals	

COACH - Jim Stevens

SALEM GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Wed. 4-7-93	Stevenson	T 7:00
Wed. 4-21-93	Harrison	T 5:30
Fri. 4-23-93	Franklin	H 7:00
Mon. 4-26-93	Plymouth Canton	H 7:00
Wed. 4-28-93	W. L. Central	T 7:00
Sat. 5-1-93	Troy Athens	H 3:00
Mon. 5-3-93	Northville	H 7:00
Sat. 5-8-93	Troy	H 1:00
Wed. 5-12-93	Churchill	T 7:00
Mon. 5-17-93	N. Farmington	H 7:00
Wed. 5-19-93	Playoff	T
Sat. 5-22-93	Grand Blanc	H 1:00
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6/1/5	Regionals	
Sat. 6-12-93	State Finals	

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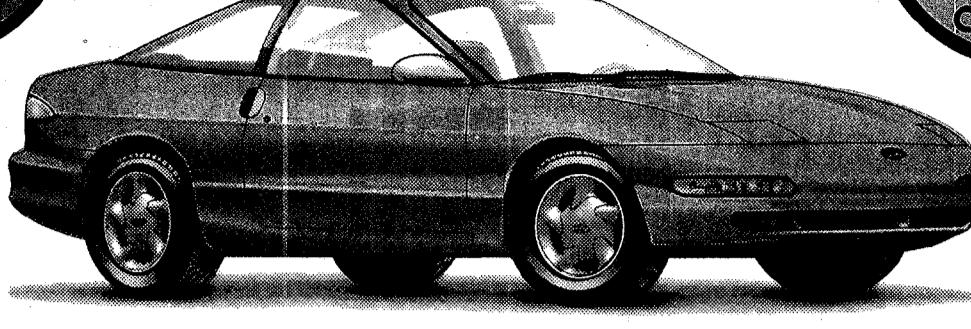
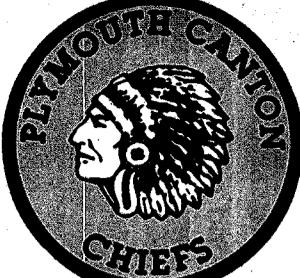
Tue. 4-13-93	Allen Park Invit.	T 9:30
Mon. 4-19-93	A. A. Huron (DH)	H 3:00
Thu. 4-22-93	Churchill	T 4:00
Sat. 4-24-93	Monroe Invitational	T
Mon. 4-26-93	W. L. Central	H 4:00
Thu. 4-29-93	Farmington	H 4:00
Mon. 5-3-93	John Glenn	T 4:00
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Sat. 5-8-93	Farmington Invitational	T
Mon. 5-10-93	N. Farmington	H 4:00
Wed. 5-12-93	W. L. Central	T 4:00
Fri. 5-14-93	Farmington	T 4:00
Sat. 5-15-93	Canton Classic	T 10:30
Mon. 5-17-93	John Glenn	H 4:00
Wed. 5-19-93	Stevenson	T 4:00
Fri. 5-21-93	N. Farmington	T 4:00
Wed. 5-26-93	Playoff	T 4:00
Tue. 6-1-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-5-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-12-93	Regionals	
Tue. 6-15-93	Quarter Finals	
Fri. 6-18-93	Semi-Finals	
Sat. 6-19-93	State Finals	

COACH - Al Campbell

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Sat. 4-3-93	Spartan Relays	
Wed. 4-7-93	Churchill	T 3:30
Tue. 4-13-93	A. A. Pioneer Quad	
Sat. 4-17-93	Lady Chief Relays	T
Thu. 4-22-93	Stevenson	T 3:30
Fri. 4-23-93	Central Mich. Relays	T
Sat. 4-24-93	Tiger Relays	Bellefonte
Thu. 4-29-93	W. L. Central	T 3:30
Sat. 5-1-93	Stafford Relays	T 9:00
Tue. 5-4-93	Mangan Meet	H 4:00
Thu. 5-6-93	Farmington	H 5:30
Sat. 5-13-93	N. Farmington	H 3:30
Tue. 5-18-93	John Glenn	H 5:30
Fri. 5-21-93	Playoffs	T
Wed. 5-26-93	Playoff	T 4:00
Tue. 6-1-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-5-93	Districts	
Sat. 6-12-93	Regionals	
Tue. 6-15-93	Quarter Finals	
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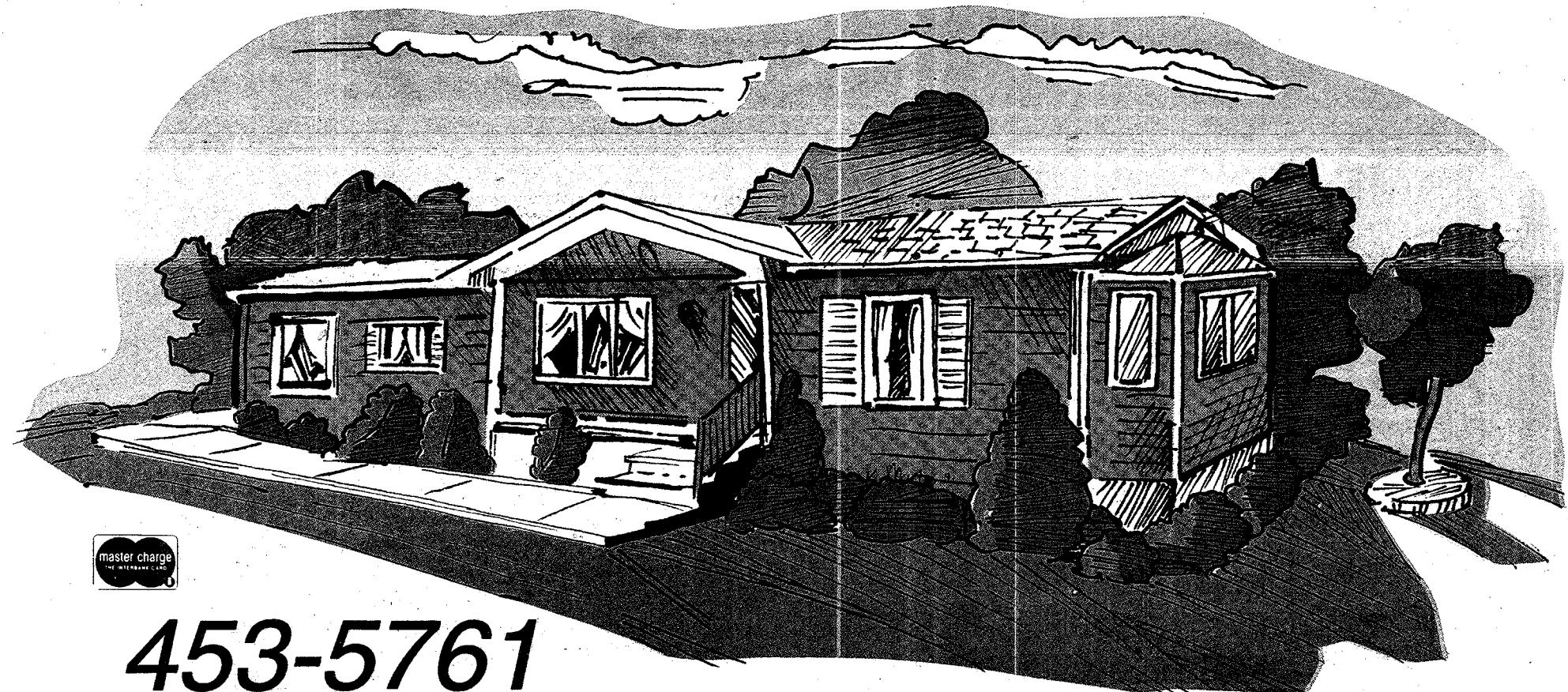
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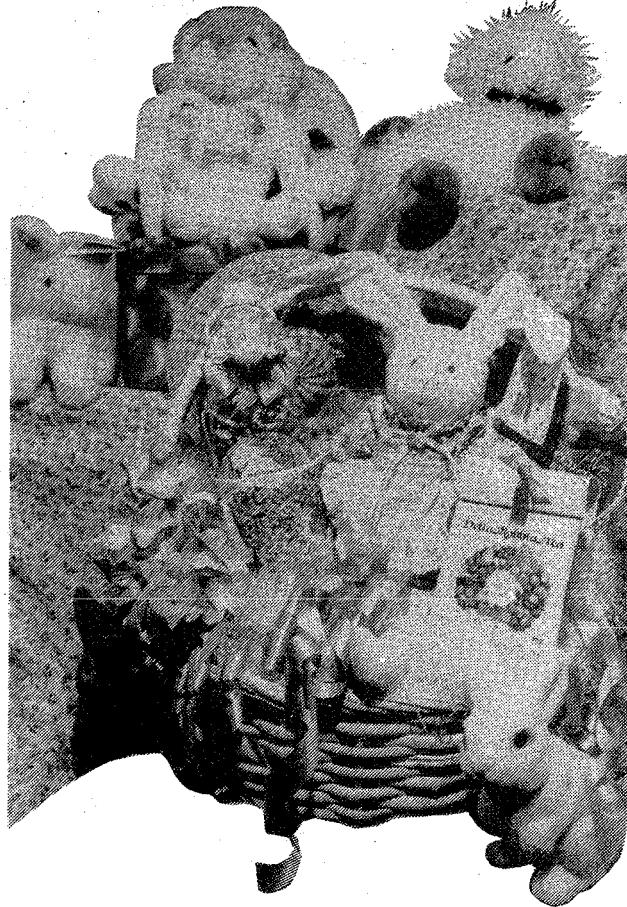


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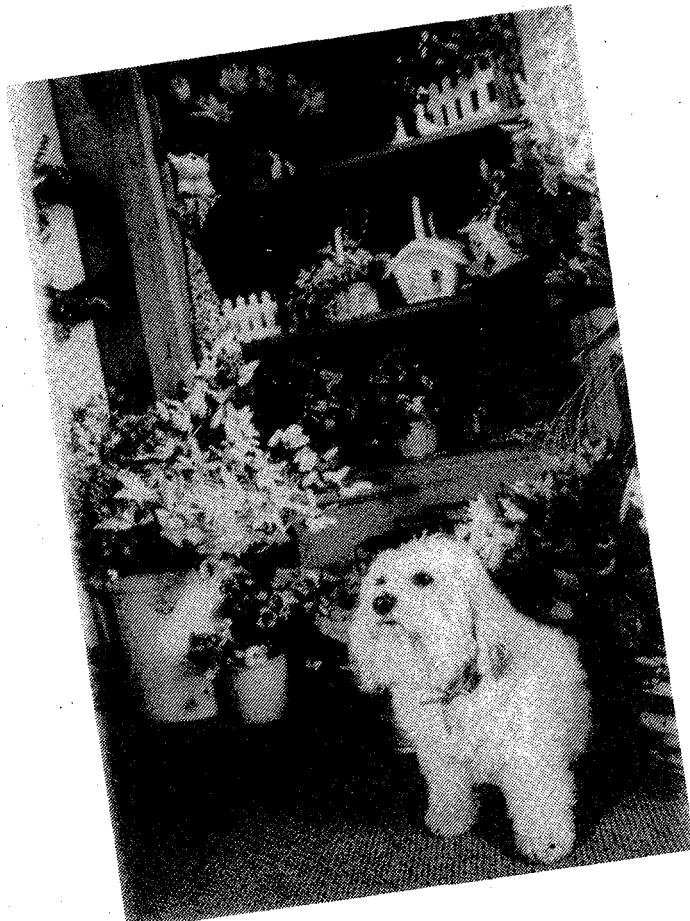
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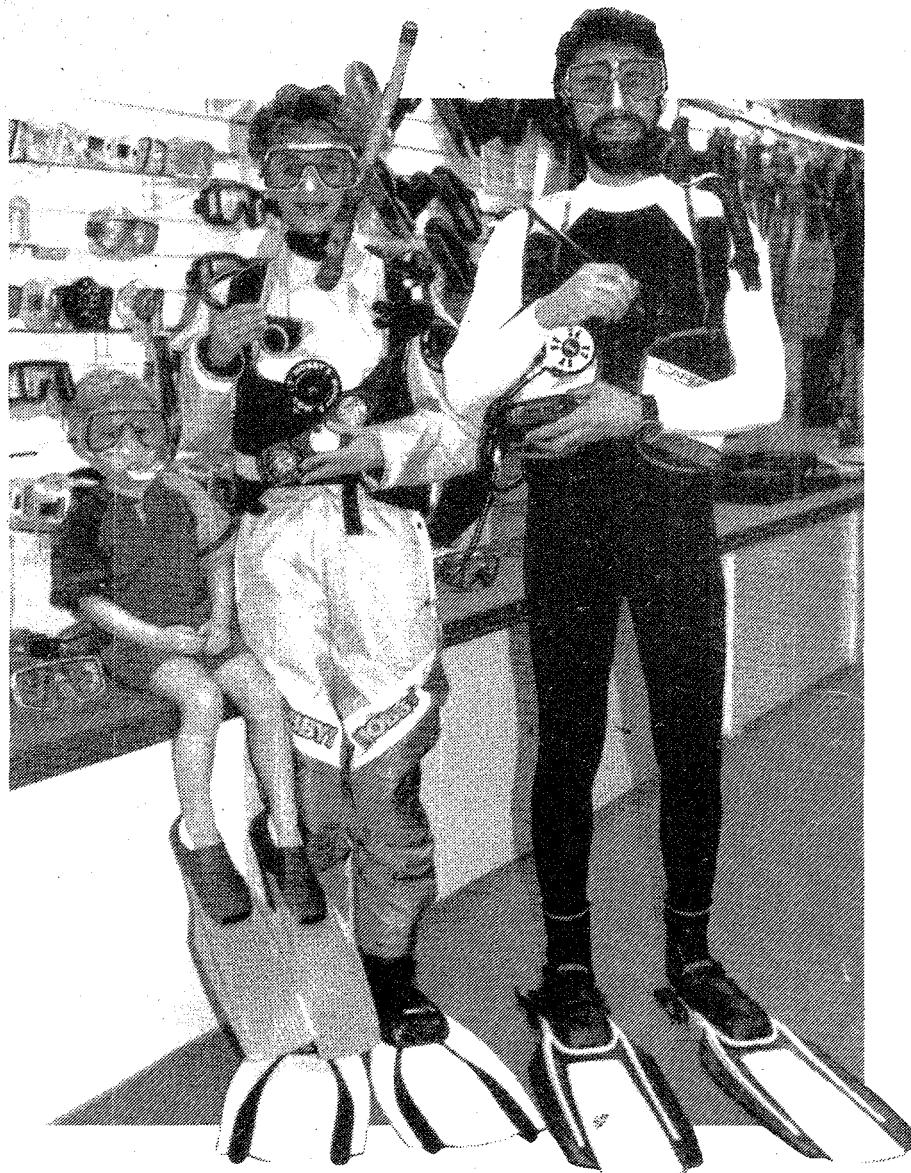
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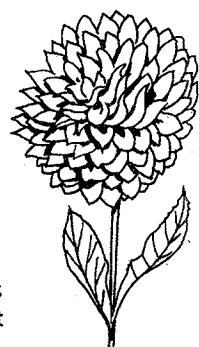
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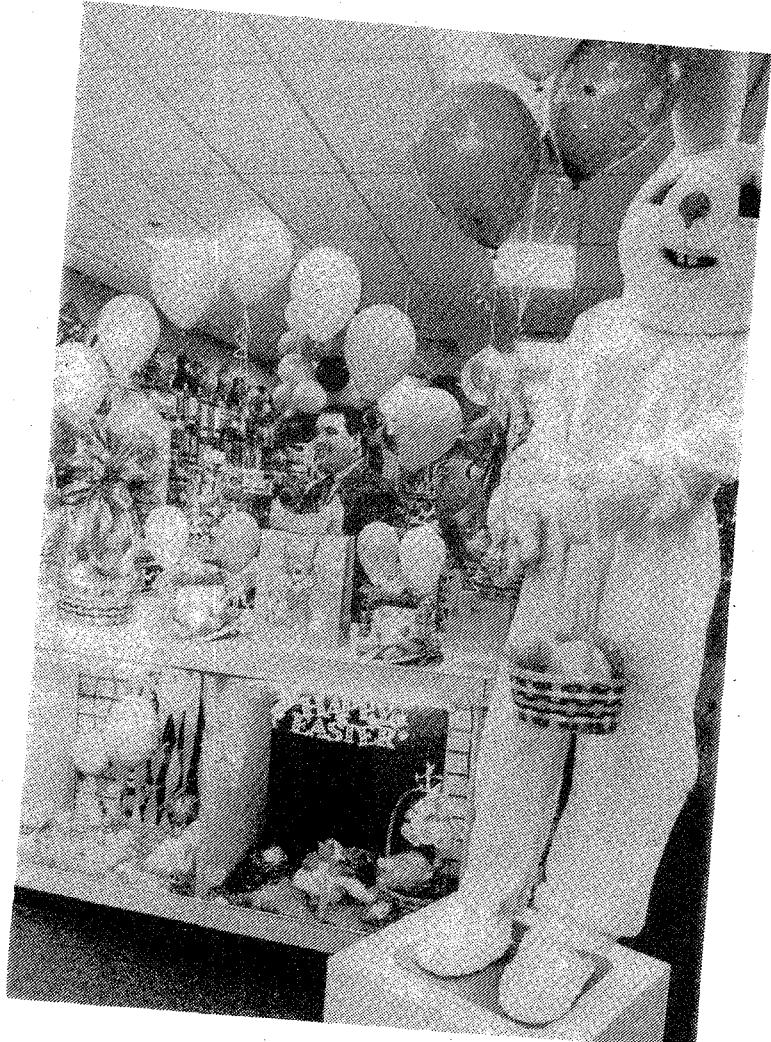
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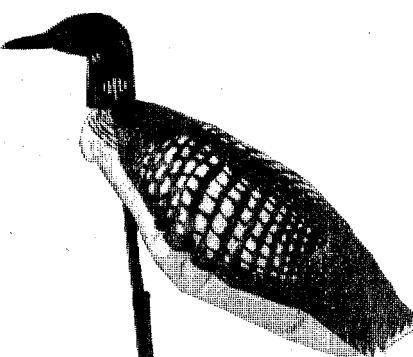
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HOLY THURSDAY - April 8th, Mass at 7:30pm.
GOOD FRIDAY - April 9th, 12:45pm, Stations of the Cross; 1:30pm Liturgy
HOLY SATURDAY - April 10th, 3pm, Blessing of Easter Food. 8pm Easter Vigil (Welcoming of New Catholics into the Church). Blessing of Easter Food after Easter Vigil.
EASTER SUNDAY - April 11th, 10am Mass at Pioneer Middle School. Blessing of Easter Food after Mass.

Trinity Presbyterian Church (EPC)
Ann Arbor Rd. & Gotfredson, Plymouth 459-9550
Dr. William C. Moore, Pastor, Rev. William T. Branham Jr., Assoc. Pastor, Daniel Weidman, Youth Dir.
Maundy Thursday, April 8, 7:30pm "Messiah in the Passover"
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 9, Noon-3pm
Combined Services at Ward Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday, April 11
7am Sunrise Breakfast
8am Sunrise Service
Dan Weidman preaching
9:30 & 11am Worship Services
"The Only Lasting source of True Hope"
I Peter 1:3-9, Dr. Moore preaching

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth 453-5252
Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
A Passover Seder Celebration
Good Friday 7:30pm
"The Suffering Savior"
Easter Sunday . . . 7:30am & 11am
"Seven Easter Blessings"
Easter Breakfast . . . 8:30-10:30am will be served

St. Johns Episcopal Church
574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth 453-0190
Maundy Thursday . . . 8pm
Holy Eucharist & Tenebrae
Good Friday . . . 12:30pm & 6pm
Stations of the Cross . . . 1-2:30pm Liturgy
EASTER SUNDAY:
6am Easter Vigil
9 & 11am Festival Holy Eucharist
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First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
Main and Church, Downtown Plymouth 453-6464
David E. Krehbiel Leland L. Seese, Jr.
Interim Sr. Minister Associate Minister
Philip Rodgers Magee Minister Emeritus

HOLY THURSDAY - 7:30pm Communion Service
GOOD FRIDAY - 12:30pm Community Service
EASTER DAY - 7:30am Communion Service
The Rev. Mr. Seese preaching on "Home"
9:00 and 11:00am Festival Services
The Rev. Mr. Krehbiel preaching on "The Kingdom, Power, and Glory, Forever!"

Our Lady of Good Counsel
1160 Penniman • Plymouth 453-0326
Good Friday, April 9
9am Morning Prayer
Noon Stations of the Cross
1:00pm Good Friday Liturgy
8:00pm Tenebrae Service
Holy Saturday, April 10
9am, Morning Prayer
11am Blessing of the Food
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
(Initiation of new members into the church)
Easter Sunday, April 11
6:00am, 8am, 10am, noon - Masses

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 N. Sheldon, Canton Township (just south of Warren Rd.) 459-3333
Dr. Jerry Yamell, Sr. Pastor
Drex Morton, Pastor Abe DeVries, Pastor
David Woodby, Pastor Darrell Smith, Youth Dir.
Maundy Thursday . . . 7:30pm Worship
Good Friday . . . 8:00am, Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday . . . 7:30pm Worship
Easter Sunday . . . 7am, 9am, 11am Worship
(Nursery provided at all Services)

Plymouth Baptist Church
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FAMILY EASTER PARTY

The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department invites everyone to their family Easter party from 6-7:30 p.m. on April 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Admission is \$15 per family for Plymouth City residents, and \$20 for non residents, and includes games and refreshments with the Easter Bunny. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

CANTON ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Heritage Park at 10 a.m. on April 10. The event is open to Canton children only, and parking is limited so parent's are asked to carpool.

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

The American Red Cross Blood Services will have a Mobile open to the community at Northville Christian Assembly between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 9. Northville Christian Assembly is located at 41355 Six Mile Road. For more information, call Connie McOaker at 422-4090.

SPRING CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Chorus announces its Spring Concert, "Best Seat in the House." Performances will be held April 24 at 8 p.m. and April 25 at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. The performance will include pieces from "Phantom of the Opera," "Beauty and the Beast," "Alladin" and others.

Tickets are available at Sideways, Agape Booksellers, Dearborn Music in Canton, the Northville/Novi news or by calling 455-4080.

FALL FEST MEETING

A regular meeting of the Plymouth Community Fall Festival Board will be held at 7:30 tonight at Plymouth Township's Building Annex, located at Lilley and Ann Arbor roads.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America, chapter 528, will hold a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 12. The meeting will be held at the Mayflower-Lt Gamble V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 Mill Street.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will hold a coffee for members and prospective members at 7:30 p.m. on April 15. Membership is open to residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township who have lived here for two years or less.

The club's purpose is to introduce newcomers to the area. For more information, call 459-5328 or 453-3902.

SENIOR ARTS SHOW

The Canton Senior Citizen Program is sponsoring a Senior Fine Arts Show on April 25 between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Canton Public Library.

There is no charge for admission to this show that will feature paintings by the students of Sharon Dillenbeck and woodcarvings by the students of Paul Kitti.

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETS MONDAY

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m., April 12 at the Cultural Center.

Physical Therapist George Andrews will lead "Fitness is Ageless" and Fire Chief Al Mathews will give life saving tips.

"COUNT ON ME" PRODUCTION

The Plymouth American Association of University Women (AAUW) will jointly sponsor the production, "Count on Me," a play about how Michigan women got the vote. The presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., April 22 at Ernestos. For more information, call 459-3197.

GOLF LEAGUE FOR WOMEN

Women who would like to play nine holes of early morning golf without rigid league rules are invited to join The Thursday Group. An informational meeting will be held at Hilltop Golf Course at 9:30 a.m. on April 22. Play begins on April 29. For further details, call 451-0575 or 455-9496.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The High School Class of 1943 is holding its 50th reunion. The event is scheduled for July 10 at Fox Hills Country Club. Anyone needing information can call Lois Bowden Merriman at 453-6666 or write to: 1085 Carol St. in Plymouth (48170).

The 1943 class of Chadsey High School in Detroit is also planning a 50th year reunion scheduled for Sept. 19 at Vladimirs on Farmington. For information, call 278-6249, 565-4543, 278-5970 or 561-8389.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Detroit Institute of Arts is looking for volunteers to help with its Art to the Schools Committee, a program that helps people learn about art so they can then pass on the knowledge to area schools (grades 4, 5, and 6). For information, call 833-7975 or 833-5921.

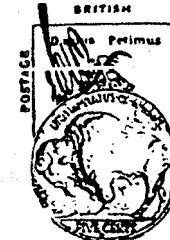
RUMMAGE SALE

The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a rummage sale in the school gym of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1062 Church Street. The event is scheduled for April 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 453-4669.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on April 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Mary Scott will talk about locating your ancestors with the "family search" computer program. For information, call 425-8832 or 455-1122.

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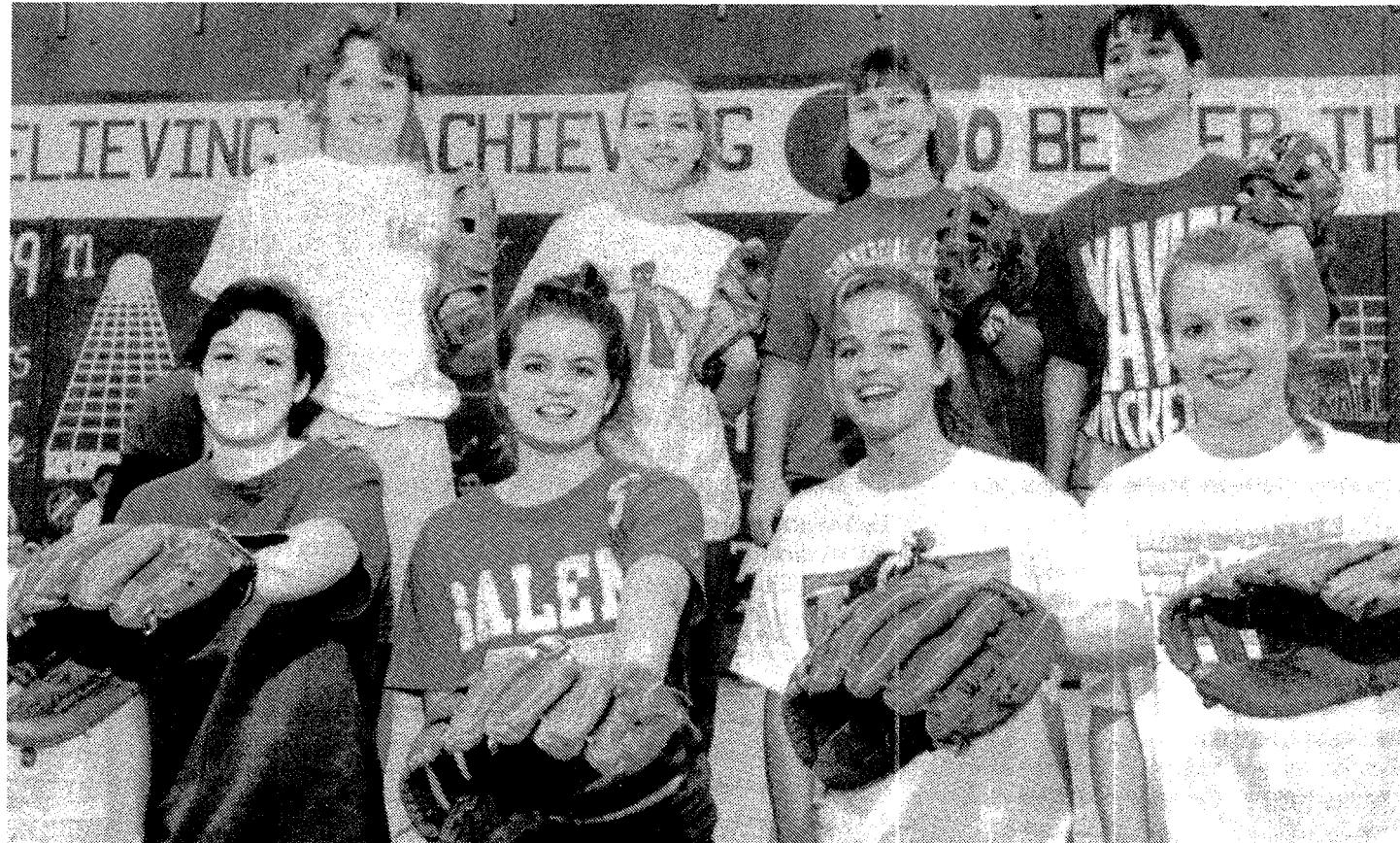
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Sports

Campbell eager for Salem softball to start



Salem's softball team is dominated by seniors this year. Team members are Dawn Marrocco (front, left), Jenny Garvey, Kristin Stackpoole and Christy Parimucha. Jenna Stanton (back row, left), Amber Trombetta, Amanda Tubaugh and Lori Thomezek. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Preparing for his second season in the Salem softball program, head coach Al Campbell is eager for the season to start.

"We're healthy," said Campbell. "We've got an experienced team; I anticipate a good year."

The squad has been working hard getting ready for the season and believes if working hard has anything to do with how the season will end.

Last year Salem finished its season with an 18-8 record.

With 10 returning varsity letter winners, Campbell hopes the time he spent teaching fundamentals last year will pay off this season.

Eight of his veteran varsity players are seniors, including four-year letter winner Jenny Garvey. She made all-division last year and will be returning to the pitchers mound for the Rocks.

Kristin Stackpoole is back for her fourth season and will take the shortstop position. Amber Trombetta is out for her third season on the varsity squad and will play catcher.

Dawn Marrocco starts her second year with the Rocks. She was all-conference last year, and will play center field this year.

Lori Thomczek earned all-division last year and will be at second base in her second year on the varsity squad.

Marcy Londo, Jenna Stanton and Amanda Tubaugh are back for their second season. Londo and Tubaugh will be in the outfield, and Stanton is slated for the infield.

Senior Christy Parimucha is out for her first year on the softball team, she switched from soccer this year and will play in the outfield. Junior Jenny Coleman is in her third season with the Rocks and will play infield.

Up from junior varsity this year are Jaime Viau, she will play first base, pitcher Amy Ruthig, and catcher Lisa Girardin. Sophomore Stacy Sinke is in her second season with the varsity squad, she will play first base and outfield.

Joining the varsity squad this season are sophomores Brenda Kask and Jennifer Gibson in the infield, and Michelle Gibson in the outfield.

Kelly Knight will be moved up from the junior varsity to pitch as needed throughout the season.

Looking ahead for the season, Campbell thinks the team is further ahead this year than they were last year and believes the experience on the team will pay off throughout the season.

"I have eight seniors who are experienced and I think we're in better shape this year," said Campbell. "We know what we have to work on from last year. The kids know us and they know what we expect."

The Rocks' first home game April 19, against Ann Arbor Huron.

Salem's new talent complements veterans

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

New and talented freshman and many seasoned players will highlight the Salem tennis team this season.

Seniors Jason Grimm and Kevin Laber will lead the team as captains this season. Both are four-year players. Grimm will play number one singles and Laber will take number four singles.

With no indoor courts at Salem to practice on, the Rocks have been running around looking for place to practice, occasionally trekking out to Huron Valley, which hasn't left much of an opportunity to vie for position.

Fortunately for coach Judie Braun, the singles line-up hasn't changed from last year. Junior Harry Lee will take the number two spot and junior Mike West will take the number three singles. Lee and West have each been with the team three years.

David Bell is in his fourth year and will play on the number one doubles team. He will be teamed up with Ryan Hawley who advanced from number two doubles last year. He is in his second year on the varsity squad.

Joining the second doubles team is Mike Cermak, up from the junior varsity ranks. He will pair off with Chris Dusbiber who is in his fourth year on the



Captains for this year's Salem tennis squad is Kevin Laber (left) and Jason Grimm. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

team.

Freshman Li Xinning will play number three doubles, Braun isn't sure who he will be teamed up with yet. The fourth doubles team is also open.

Sophomore Brian Courville will be part of a doubles teams.

Faisal Khan and Patrick Chun are two freshman bringing fresh talent to the team.

With so many veteran players, Braun is hopeful the team will play a little smarter this year.

Injuries hurt the Rocks last year. Bell suffered a severe sunburn in the confer-

ence match, and some of the players had problems with cramping as a result of not taking in enough water during the hot days throughout the season.

"Hopefully this year they've learned to take better care of themselves, (and) learned about heat tolerance and knowing enough about taking in water to keep from cramping."

The Rocks finished fourth in the conference with an 8-3 overall record.

Their opening tournament was canceled last weekend. The Rocks will open April 20.

San Andreas fault in Canton

Waves, cracks and poor conditions hamper netters



Cracks like this one are among the many hazards Canton and Salem players have to deal with each day on the high schools tennis courts. (Crier photos by Eric Lukasik)

Strong singles players lead Canton netters

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Experience and dedication are the weapons Canton tennis coach Fred Libbing has on his side this year.

The singles players look especially strong to Libbing, with three seniors and one junior with three or four years varsity experience.

Two senior captains will be leading the team, Steve Dale and Jeff Fuerst.

Dale, in his fourth season with Canton will be play number two singles.

Fuerst will team up with four-year veteran Alex Warden for the number one doubles team.

Seniors Eric Braden and Scott Boersma are back for their third season and will be playing number one and three singles, respectively.

Junior Chris Bray is in his third season and will take the number four singles position.

Juniors Mark O'Keefe and Joe Kim are back for the their third season and will play number two doubles.

Mike Rackiewicz and Dave Vig are in their third season with the Chiefs and will be teamed together for the number three doubles position.

The fourth team is still open.

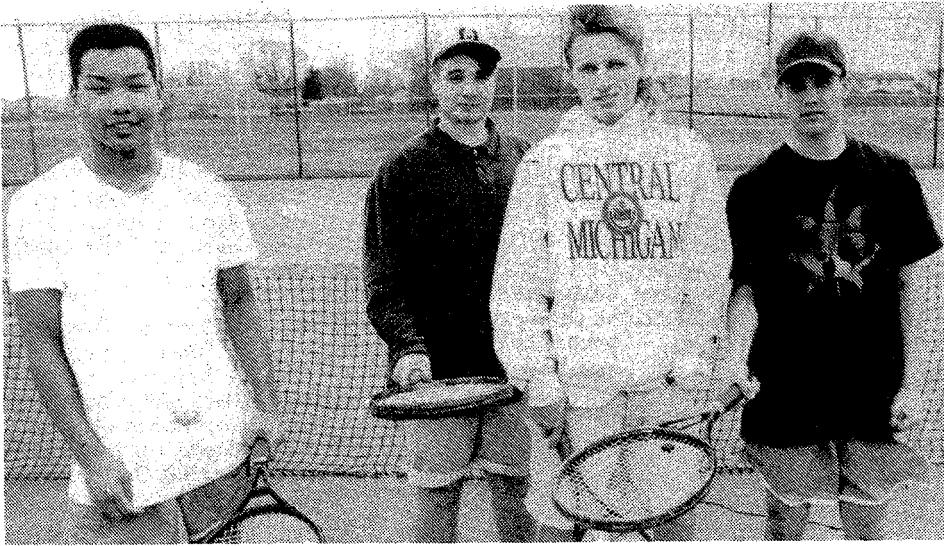
Poor weather conditions and the uncertainty of using the courts at Canton have prevented the Chiefs from getting outside to play and compete for positions.

"The courts have been for years in very, very poor condition," said Libbing. "There are cracks wide enough to put your foot in."

With plans to build new courts behind Salem, Libbing said he understands why the administration doesn't want to put money into courts that are planned to be moved, "but we have to get through the season."

Canton was Western Division champs last year and finished with a 9-2 overall record.

The Chiefs were scheduled to open their season yesterday against Grosse Ile.



Canton's tennis team will feature Eric Buden (left), Ryan Byrne, Jeff Fuerst and Scott Boersma. (Crier photo by Eric Lukasik)

Anneecdotes

By Anne Sullivan

If awards were given out for dedication and commitment to a sport, the Canton and Salem tennis teams would certainly lead the pack.

The boys and girls on these teams come out because they love their sport, certainly not for the prestige of playing tennis at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Each season the coaching staff complains about the condition of the courts and this spring is no different.

Common complaints are about cracks in the courts, posts sticking out of the ground, net strap holders coming out of the ground, wind shields that were removed from the tennis courts and never returned, and concern about whether the fences could support the wind shields.

These complaints aren't just annoyances to the coaches and players, some are potential hazards to any players on the courts.

While speaking with the spring coaches last month, neither coach was sure if they'd be able to have a home match this season or would have to play all their matches away, because of the condition of the courts.

There are 14 tennis courts at PCEP, five of the north side courts do not have nets. The coaches told me they had heard those courts were "basically condemned."

However, athletic director Paul Cummings said he did not know where that rumor started and the courts are "not condemned, we have some problems."

Cummings said the nets will be put up on the five courts without nets as soon as the weather breaks and cracks can be filled.

The staff has repeatedly said the south courts are the better courts, but the players make jokes about those courts.

A drainage pipe which runs through the courts has created a wave through

each of the south courts, and it affects play, according to the players and coaches.

"We call it the San Andreas fault," said Jason Grimm, Salem captain. "It runs through seven courts and cost me a crucial point in a match."

When the ball hits the "fault" it bounces up real high or quickly back.

Although Grimm has never run into any of the obstructions on the court, he said they have interfered in his game, but believes it is a greater problem for doubles players.

The courts have been bad for quite some time, last year Braun had her players come out on alternate days because of the problems with the courts. But with pay to play initiated this year, she didn't feel it was fair to ask the players to only come out every other day when they were paying to be there.

Something needs to be done with the tennis courts.

The coaching staff believes the courts should be moved. A site behind Salem has been discussed as a possible relocation to build 20 courts. Talk has been that the current location is slated for a parking lot.

Cummings said PCEP's situation is unique, with a high water table underneath the courts, maintenance is high on the tennis courts. Current plans are to repair the courts, long range plans are to relocate the courts.

The real challenge will be when the league season gets under way after spring break and one team is hosting a match and the other is trying to practice.

Canton and Salem tennis teams deserve adequate facilities to play their sport. It helps build morale on the team and pride in themselves, their team, school and community, rather than making jokes about them.

Sports shorts

Canton and Northville Parks and Recreation departments are taking softball team registrations.

For more information call 397-5110.

Northville has openings for women's and coed leagues. For more information call 349-0203.

Canton Softball Center begins its 1993 First Season on April 18.

For more information call 483-2913,

or 483-5600 ext. 102 or 103 Monday-Friday 4-9 p.m., and weekends 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

A slo-pitch umpire clinic will be held for potential slo-pitch umpires. The clinic is open to novice and experienced umpires. The clinic is also open to players or managers. For more information, call Bob at 483-5600 ext. 102.

Northville Parks and Recreation is taking registration for spring volleyball league.

Entry fee is \$158 per team, \$7 per team per match for referee and \$15 for each non-Northville resident.

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\$4.50 for the first 10 words, 20¢ each additional word. Deadline: Monday, 4pm. Call 453-6900

Crier Classifieds

Curiosities

VIVIAN & WARREN BRADBURN - Isn't Peggy great!

ETHEL BURNS - FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. - Hope you got your paper. Wish you were here to pick it up in person.

DAMON TYMAN got older in Carbondale, Illinois. (We were a little late in noting this big event.)

GO TIGERS! You gotta' believe ... it's like 25 years ago. (Right)

PIZZA MAN gets into GOLF POLITICS.

KATHLEEN KEEN-McCARTHY eats Rusty Nail chili.

JESSICA eats escargot lasagna on snowed-out track meet days. Congratulations on your report card.

ANNE FEATHERSTONE - the dolls you make are exquisite. Ruth Ricks is a happy recipient of one and it is now in a place of honor at her home in Spring Lake.

TURMOIL in the City Hall is reflected in the City of Plymouth all 7000 population in their 2+ mile square. SHAME!

In the midst of winter,
I finally learned
that there was in me
an invincible summer - Albert Camus

MOM ON MELTON: This week you'll get your Crier with dinner!

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MYMONIE JABARA - your homemade yogurt is "out of this world." Thank you.

ERNIE ARCHER - thank you for the beautiful flowering plant. I needed that!

DOROTHY MODRACK - I dearly love you! The fact that you are my sister has little to do with it.

Did Karen take over Kevin's job?

Speaking of which, where is Kevin?

OK Carol, I won't tell anyone it's May 18th. I do wonder if the party will be as big as the one Sat. night in Ann Arbor after they beat Kentucky.

BEAUREGARD eats Specialty Pets treats. And folks who break into cars.

PETER Poulos GOT A JOB! Counting in Chicago. Great But you've only got 2 weeks before your 3 months are up. -- J, S, and E (and B)

"YOU CAN ALWAYS arrange for a land-contract kind of arrangement." -- Joanne Delany, 1993, on buying fast and fancy cars.

Wonderful to see Sally in and about. Bless her sweet face!

CHELSEA - had her first birthday party and is looking forward to her next receiving session. Easter, maybe?

Harold & Elsie - Congratulations & best wishes for a happy future.

"40 IS NOTHING, 47 is something" Barb Van Pelt, 1993.

"What I want to know is, can you fill the vase?"

Dorothy S. and Sonia W. are care-givers and are making me fat!

Mrs. Gantz - thank you for being so nice to our Flower Child. She's special.

MARGARET BRUSHER - I loved renewing our acquaintance. Say hello to Irene McNamara for me. Geneva.

Curiosities

THE REGULAR BOYS (& girl) ROCKED RIFLES!

DAVE & LITA POPKE: MRS. SCHULTZ says 'Hello.'

LISA: tell them to keep Guy Hollerins open 'til Midnights Sunday.

The hardest part of working at The Crier is Karen & Lisa.

Thanks Jim I had a great time in California even though the good weather was back here in Michigan, at least until I brought the rain & snow back with me.

Mike, one of these times we'll come back winners.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Everyday in every way I'm getting better and better. (1924 philosopher)

BROOKE JABARA - delivered chocolate Girl Scout cookies to our house, and we ate them all up.

Rita A. are you ready for your sister to join you in being a cut-up?

ORDER TODAY FOR EASTER - call Heide's Flowers and Gifts, 453-5140. Insure timely delivery.

GARY MIRTO hit 50 without hitting the office next door. (Win & Mike lost another...for now.)

Debbie, we took a vote and you should get the blue one!

Boy, she sure blushes a lot!

Congratulations Kay OHIO STATE finally won one for you.

The Easter Bunny is going to visit EMMA ROSE.

Brent said, "OH GOOD, I CAN CONCENTRATE ON MY DART GAME."

Craig - COMMA, loves you.

Kathy Petlewski thank you! - Amy.

Curiosities

GARY - does having a PRINCESS in your family mean you are King? I would think so. You are both so special!

Is Ed expecting visitors?

Some people clean their office whether it needs it or not!

JACK at the CABBAGE SHED: Great "Whitefish." Nice to see you and Houston! - MR. VACATION.

Hey gang: Great 3/31 paper! The GM.

Tom, Sue, Spaghetti, Chase and Mike eat Mayflower Brunch.

KENN C. - you should demand faster oil change service.

IT MUST BE SPRING: the Deli Deck is in!

THE PENN THEATRE SANG "This land is your land" with Tom Rice and Craig Roney and lots of kids Saturday morning. Thanks PCAC and Penn.

JEAN WENDOVER got older in St. Pete, Florida. Again. Happy day!

BRANDY - I'm checking on the date. In the meantime don't forget to let your step brother Jack know when you start at the airlines.

Boy, your dart game goes to pot when you take a week off.

The help goes to Florida and the Boss gets to go to the Bahamas.

TERRY L. - Wonderful to talk to you. Hang in there!

Curiosities

"The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug." - Mark Twain

LISA - HAPPY TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY! This will be one you'll never forget, I promise! P.S. Happy Easter, too! Love always and forever, Mark!

Happy Birthday Gene "Santa" Reaves!

Send your recipe NOW -- and get your 15 minutes of fame in MR. VACATION'S COOKBOOK CALENDAR (Actually you get 30 days' worth of fame.)

ATTENTION BREAK-IN ARTISTS in the Central Parking Deck: if the police don't get you the Beauregard Vigilantes will.

THANKS TO THE CREDIT UNION customer who returned the withdrawal sent to the wrong car with humor. -- The right car.

PLEASE! "Don't make me laugh" Jacque.

Janet is going to be a TV Star.

FRIDAY NIGHTS #1 couple Jack & Carla. (at golf that is)

CREON - MISS YOU!

DUNBAR DAVIS - You're so smart, don't know how to stump you but I'll work on it, so watch out.

BAXTER - You're so intent on going to the Bank you don't ever look in The Crier where we are waving at you like mad?

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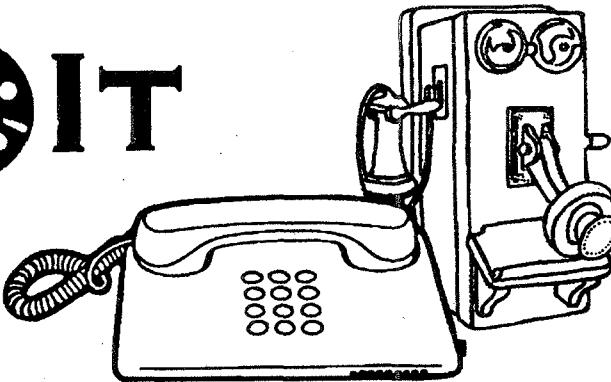
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Community opinions

P-C: Take lead from N'ville, include schools in shared services talks

In these times of tight school money, contract talks and millage controversy, it is time to look for new solutions to old problems.

The top elected and administrative officials of the two Plymouths, Canton, and the two Northvilles have met — privately — to discuss sharing services. The two school districts and the public were excluded.

Last week, the Northville Board of Education was part of an intergovernmental get together with The Northville Community's township, city and Chamber of Commerce officials. One of the topics discussed was shared services.

Throughout the discussion, one thing became abundantly clear: combining services saves money. Police, fire and dispatch services were the primary focus of the conversation, but they weren't the only ones. With school officials being present at the Northville meeting, education — in its broadest sense — is now part of the equation.

The same needs to happen in The Plymouth-Canton Community talks. It's time to look into the merits of a shared services plan in this area linking the schools. Start with the buses and then look into establishing a network of teachers and teaching services.

Think about the level of academic excellence that would rise from such a broad-based pool of educators and facilities.

Fewer students would fall through the cracks if the right services were available to them. For example, the truly gifted would benefit from the expanded teaching pool as well.

Think about sports and recreation. Imagine the savings if local communities work with the school district to share and better utilize facilities. This is especially timely with Canton launching a \$13 million recreation center.

Remember, none of us are as strong as all of us. Northville and Northville Township are on the right track; let's make sure that talks involving Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township follow that lead.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

We must cut back in the schools

EDITOR:

How's \$4,219,000 for a student?

It is unfortunate that we cannot use our money to pay for our schools, but until we get a better system, we'll have to make due.

As a prospective teacher, I am dismayed at the current system. I feel that it is time to force parents to become better at parenting. I realize what the long-term effects of taking away all the services that we currently offer to children.

We are, however, in a dire situation

and we simply must cut back to the bare minimum.

I would like further explanation of what many of these categories consist of before making the cut. I would like to see all lease cars turned in and teachers should give up some benefits — like vision coverage, and pay (some of the) premiums on health insurance, like the rest of us.

Let's look at Kalkaska — what we have is better than nothing.

BARBARA COTNER

Let's keep the 'country' flavor of Canton intact

EDITOR:

I just had to respond to your story on March 31, 1993: "Farmer's Fallout."

What a shame that the Bordine family could be forced to sell their property,

because our politicians in Canton want to collect more tax dollars for the hundreds of new homes that would be built on the farm.

Just maybe; new families moving to

More Mettetal debate

Same old myths continue to be perpetrated

EDITOR:

The same old myths seem to be endlessly perpetuated about Mettetal. Perhaps a fact or two would make for clearer thinking.

Myth: Mettetal Airport will save us from low flying superjets heading to and from Metro.

Fact: I quote from the Aug. 23, 1991 letter directed to the Office of the Canton Township Supervisor from Dennis R. Ragle, Air Traffic Manager, Air Traffic Control Tower, Detroit Metro Airport:

"Detroit Metro Air Traffic Control Tower has jurisdiction and authority to establish flight patterns, altitudes and air traffic control procedures... The closure of Mettetal Airport would, in no way, affect the flight patterns or altitudes used by air traffic arriving or departing Detroit Metro Airport. The existence or nonexistence of Canton Mettetal Airport would have no effect on the air traffic operation at Detroit Metro Airport."

Myth: Some would have us believe another subdivision at Joy and Lilley would be less beneficial to the community.

Fact: I quote from state Rep. Deborah Whyman's publication to her constituents:

"How to Successfully Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment...Step 4. If you live near an airport, major road, landfill, business or industry, your home is less desirable than the same home in a purely

residential neighborhood."

So let's plow away for more homes (assuming the property isn't contaminated), and everybody's home will be more valuable.

Myth: Local government could take control of an airport.

Fact: Local control allowed by the FAA consists of the ability to say "how high" when the FAA says "jump." If you believe otherwise, I have a bridge to sell you.

Some would say that Mettetal is "historic." A year ago I checked with the Canton Historic Society to see what was historic about it. I believe they dug up an old photo somewhere, but that was about all they had on the subject.

So much for history. If, however, 50 years renders something "historic," I must be a real museum piece.

Finally, I want to thank Rep. Jerry Vorva for his inquiries into the news about the Michigan Aeronautics Commission's plotting to buy the airport. I believe his quick action brought this purchase plans to public attention before it became a fait accompli.

Since the purchase was approved last fall, we can only guess when the commission would have carried out its intention of telling us. Thanks again, Rep. Vorva, for having the courage to be on the side that is too often politically unpopular — the side of the people.

SANDRA KOSKY

How can purchase be justified with tight budgets?

EDITOR:

We have been residents of Plymouth Township for nearly 25 years and to our knowledge, we have never sought to alter the community.

We are not hysterical, but we are angry. The only special interests we have are our own property values and the use of our hard-earned tax dollars.

We are in the midst of difficult economic times and government spending needs to be cut, so how can the purchase of Mettetal by the state be justified?

It has been reported that after Mettetal is purchased, it will be turned over to a local government for day-to-day operation — probably Wayne County.

If Mettetal does not presently make a profit, as we have read in the local newspapers, then who will subsidize the operation of this airport? Our guess would be the taxpayers of Wayne County.

We feel that these negotiations to buy Mettetal were purposely kept secret so that the opposition would not have a chance to be heard.

Furthermore, we feel that the purchase of Mettetal by the state will be pushed through regardless of how much opposition is voiced. This certainly is not government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is government of, by and for the special interests.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DEGENHARDT

The decision makers in Canton must review their decision again. I hope the residents of Canton speak out for the Bordine's before it's too late!

KEVIN D. URBAN.



Community opinions

An education warranty?

What a great concept — sounds like an Big Three idea

I was listening to the radio last week when I heard about a novel new plan of attack in education: a warranty.

Think about it, an employer will be able to make the school system pay for the re-education of its high school graduate employees. If Johnny has a high school diploma and still can't read, the schools will have to pick up the tab for correcting the mistake.

Wow. Accountability — not just for the product, but for the process of education. A brand new idea indeed.

I had stopped by the Side Street Pub for a beer when I ran into an old friend of the family that worked for one of the Big Three automakers.

"What's up, Bob?" I asked. "You look like a man with a problem."

"Hey, Al," He said. "Things are pretty bad right now."

"Having a hard time of it?" I asked.

"You don't know the half of it," he said. "We had our weekly Quality Circle meeting today. I had to explain to my boss how one of the rookies calibrated the computer dashes on a hundred cars the wrong way."

"100 cars?"

"Yeah, he did the job completely backwards. The speedometers read 270 mph at a standstill."

"This kid's working on a multi-million dollar piece of equipment and, come to find out, he can't read what the screens are telling him." Bob said.

"Wow," I said. "He really couldn't read the data?"

"Not only that," Bob said. "But he really can't do his math either. It's a shame what they're calling a high school graduate these days. What other industry blames product failure on the product?"

"He graduated and can't read?" I was incredulous.

"Not at the levels we need him to, not well enough."

"You know," I said. "There's a new idea floating around the

Wordsmith

By Alex Lundberg



educational system these days. It says that a diploma should be treated like a warranty."

"What?"

"A warranty," I said. "If an employer finds out that his employee can't do his job properly because of something they didn't learn in school, the schools have to pay to bring that employee up to par."

Bob's eyes lit up, "Like a warranty claim?"

"Right, this way, the school has to be accountable for the products it produces."

"It's about time," Bob snorted. "If we put those cars with the bad speedos on the market we'd surely have to do something when the consumers complained."

"Exactly. If the Big Three didn't get wise to the whole Quality Control concept, the Japanese would have eaten you alive in the mid-'80s," I said.

"Careful..."

"But the Big Three did get wise, and now the American market can compete. If the schools don't do the same thing, they'll be eaten alive, too."

Bob stood up and laid a few bills on the table, "I'll see you later, Alex."

"Where are you heading?"

"To the Board of Education customer complaints office. I've got a product that needs to be re-tooled immediately." Bob said.

"We can't wait for the general recall."

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Why make such a fuss over teacher raises?

EDITOR:

Why are we throwing such a fit over a 3 per cent raise (for teachers) when the money set aside for it has nothing to do with a projected budget shortage? Why even suggest teachers take wage cuts while program cuts have already made their job tougher than ever?

Why was the suggestion to allow another round of early retirements rejected? This move could have brought back some laid off teachers and saved the district money. Just try to tell those yet unemployed teachers they haven't done their part in these tough times.

Try to tell those observing students and work formerly done by other teachers they aren't doing their fair share.

We should be asking questions about how TVs, VCRs, phones and voice mail could ever be justified when teachers are begging for books. We should be asking how the declassification of dozens of special ed could ever happen.

A move like this has left every student to suffer the negative results, especially the children in need. A good teacher is rendered helpless to do but little for these children, especially when four or five are thrust into many classrooms at one time.

How can a teacher of 30 or more teach successfully when several have needs he/she cannot meet? I just do not see how a teacher with 30 students can handle four or five at once. Replacing needed programs with a few classroom aides may save dollars, but the cost to education in general is horrible.

A 3 per cent wage increase isn't all these teachers should receive. They deserve our gratitude and support for not walking

out on situations we could not begin to handle every day.

Instead of zeroing in on teachers' wages, which take attention away from real issues, we need to look deeper. I'd rather pay the salary of a few internal budget watchdogs and center attention on just how our children are being taught.

Waste in this district does deeper than a raise seemingly timed poorly to some. Waste is in hiring an aide to do what a certified teacher should be doing. Waste is a fifth-grader who can't read because developmental ed puts focus on self-esteem instead of phonics. All you get is a fifth-grader who feels good about not comprehending what he/she just failed to read.

Declassify a child in real need and eliminate a label now, but what happens later when the system has completely failed that child?

Millage or not, it is my opinion that parents need to wake up to the fact that past actions are already hurting our children. Past cutbacks have taken a toll on many, many teachers. They can't take much more, people.

Next, we'll have tapes in all those VCRs teaching our children, and voice mail to tell us just what those tapes taught today.

You can bet it won't be the voice of a good teacher on that voice mail in a few more years, either. But what do we care? Machines can't ask for a living wage and teachers can always go into the educational tape business.

In the meantime taxes will still rise; new millages will still be requested.

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