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Instructional millage fails by 197 votes

Maloney, Blamer win in school board election, renewal millage easily passes

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Depending on who you were, yesterday's election was either a good day or a really bad one.

For Michael Maloney and Carrie Blamer, the day was a good one as the two were elected to four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton School board.

For Supt. Charles Little and the existing Board of Education and administration, it wasn't a very good day at all. The renewal of 18 non-homestead mills passed by a better than two-to-one margin, but the request for a 2.3 mill enhancement for instruction fell by only

All night, yes votes on the enhancement were less than 100 votes ahead of the no's. Toward the end of the night, the offices of the P-C School board were filled with anticipation as people waited to find out the fate of the enhancement. When the news came, it was greeted with resignation and the grim fatalism of "I thought this was going to happen."



Michael J. Maloney

It was the absentee votes, which came in nearly two-to-one against the enhance-

According to Supt. Little, the behavior of the absentee voters may have had something to do with the loss.

"10 per cent of those who requested absentee ballots never returned them," Little said.



Carrie F. Blamer

Little said he didn't know what was going to come next in terms of another millage request.

"Who knows," Little said. "This was

an opportunity that we weren't able to capitalize on. The need for that money does not diminish just because we lost the request.'

Michael Maloney, who took the lion's share of votes for the position of trustee (2,754) said that running for the board has given him new respect for elected

"I'm tired," Maloney said. "These past four weeks have been grueling."

Maloney credits his win to a good organization, his father helped him campaign, and a message that the voters responded favorably to.

'We need the district to focus on listening to the voters, understanding the issues that are important to them and developing long-range strategic plans to

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Court order stops work on Streetscape pedestrian island

Ann Arbor Trail plan fought by local business owner

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Downtown business owner Bill Beitner has been granted a temporary restraining order from Wayne County Circuit Court, stopping construction on the pedestrian island scheduled to be built on Ann Arbor Trail as part of the Plymouth Streetscape project.

Beitner's case against the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and the city of Plymouth stems from his concerns over pedestrian safety, traffic flow and loss of business.

The DDA and city have been issued an order to show cause — with a hearing scheduled for Friday before Judge John A. Murphy. At the hearing, the DDA and city will have to show cause why a preliminary injuction should not be issued.

Plymouth DDA Director Steve Guile said he has no comment on the temporary restraining order or possible injunction at

Former Plymouth City Engineer Kenneth West, in an affidavit to the court, said: "The installation of the subject median will cause a narrowing of the roadway width creating 'friction' between the motorists and pedestrians who may be exiting their cars on the east or west side of Ann Arbor Trail. In addition, the subject median will create additional traffic congestion, all of which creates a significant hazard both to the motoring public and pedestrian traffic.

'This hazard can be reduced or minimized by the elimination of the subject median.'

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Great vear



Salem's Andrea Sudik (right) defends against Lindsay Michelotti of Birmingham Seaholm Saturday. The Rocks fell to the Maples 4-2 at home in the state finals. (Crier photo by John Larson)

Circus

Walker Bros. Circus comes to town Tuesday

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regional title

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Election decides millages, board members, S'craft trustees

address those issues," Maloney said. "We need to look at ways to put those plans into effect."

Maloney said that his first order of business would be to encourage the board to communicate better and to study the failure of the enhancement millage to find out what went wrong.

'The question is: do we go back to the voters?" Maloney said. "If the people didn't pass it because they are tired of taxes, then it is pretty clear. If it was a problem with the plan itself, there are things we can do to tweak it to fix the problems."

Carrie Blamer, who came in second with 2,082 votes, said she won the elec-

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tion on hard work.

"We had approximately 100 volunteers," Blamer said. "We ran a campaign and we worked our butts off.'

Blamer said her first move as a trustee would be to get familiar with the operations of the district.

"The first goal for me will be to educate myself and get more information," Blamer said. "From the school code to past board minutes."

Blamer said that the failure of the enhancement millage was a message.

"I think Dr. Little's and the district's campaign has built goodwill in the community, but the community has said 'sorry." Blamer said. "People are telling the board to change their thinking. We have to do more work with the communi-

Blamer said that the board needs to analyze the votes and find out who supported the millage and who didn't.

"There may be a clue there," Blamer said. "We need to get more feedback."

The race for three seats on the Schoolcraft College board of trustees filled three six-year seats, one two-year seat and saw a longtime member of the board voted out of office.

Mary Breen, Brian D. Broderick and present board chairperson Steve Ragan were all elected to six-year seats on the board. Carol Strom ran unopposed for the two-year seat.

Harry Greenleaf, a longtime member of the board and the board's former chair, was voted out by a 119 vote margin.

Steve Ragan, the number three votegetter, said that the loss of Greenleaf was the college's loss as well.

"Harry was a great member of the board," Ragan said. "He's a strong questioner and has a lot of fiscal knowledge. It's a loss to the college. He was a good friend and mentor."

Ragan, who's unofficial vote count was 5,307, accounted for his slim victory to a number of factors. Not the least of which was a quote he jokingly took from Joseph Kennedy: "I'll be damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide."

"There was a low turnout, and Broderick ran an aggressive campaign," Ragan said. "The MEA (Michigan Education Association) opposed me. I was against rising health care costs and high faculty salaries.'

Ragan said that health care costs for the college were rising at twice the rate of inflation and teacher salaries at the school were the second highest in the

Ragan said a mass mailing by the MEA didn't help him at all.

"If I was not reelected because of my stance on those issues I would not have minded," Ragan said.



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BY ALEX LUNDBERG

A female employee of Ernesto's Restaurant was assaulted while getting into her car late Wednesday night.

According to Plymouth Township police, the woman suffered some cuts and scratches but did not require medical

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said that the incident is being investigated as an assault with intent to commit rape.

According to police reports, the woman was going out to her car at 11:25 p.m. when she was grabbed from behind by a man who then tried to drag her into the woods.

The report said the two struggled, a back and forth, with the woman escaping and being caught by her attacker. Finally, the woman got into her car and locked herself in.

Police reports said the attacker then fled in a northwestern direction. A police dog, on loan from the Novi Police Department, could not follow the trail.

The attacker is described as a white male in his late 20's or early 30's, six feet tall with a medium build and dirty collarlength blond hair. He was reported to be wearing dirty blue jean shorts, tennis shoes and a dark-colored tank top. The report also said that he appeared intoxi-

Twp. police seek attemped rapist, abductor

According to Ernesto's Manager Paul Kerkechian, steps have been taken to prevent this from happening again.

"We have taken precautions to educate the staff on where to go and what to do," Kerkechian said. "Were still looking at the situation."

According to Berry, the investigation is still ongoing.

Canton buys new EMS vehicle

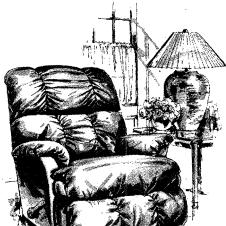
BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Like all emergency response teams Canton's Fire Department needs equip ment to save lives — now they have way to transport that equipment.

Tools such as the Jaws of Life, chair saws, breathing air systems, salvage cov ers and hand tools need to be at emergen cy scenes and the new Hackney Emergency Support Vehicle — the purchase of which was approved at a recen meeting of the Canton Board of Trustee — will be used to transport the equip

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Big top comes to town

The Walker Bros. Circus will be in town next week thanks to the Plymouth Lions Club who are sponsoring the event which will be held in the Unisys parking lot on Plymouth Road at Haggerty.

Based in Sarasota, FL, the Walker Bros. Circus travels north each year helping raise money for service clubs like the Lions. According to Bill Baxter of the Plymouth Lions, this is the group's first attempt at a circus. "We've heard nothing but raving reviews about this circus," he said.

The circus will include an old-fashioned bigtop with elephants, horses, a trapeze show, a petting zoo, elephant and pony rides, and much more including all the classic Circus food and of course — plenty of clowns. The two scheduled shows are at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Baxter said that if enough tickets are sold, a third show may be added. Just before the 5:30 show, Danny's grocery store will be making "The world's largest salad" for "Liz" the elephant to enjoy.

Children under 12 get in free, but must have a children's ticket. Every three children with tickets must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available for \$6 in advance at the Mayflower Hotel, Beitner Jewelers and The Trading Post, as well as at Kellogg Park on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets at the door will be \$8. Baxter said there is enough parking for about \$800 cars, and each car will be asked for a \$1 donation.

All proceeds from the circus will go to the Plymouth Lions Club to help the many charities they assist throughout the year.

Friends find furry cure for Emily

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Sue Nisch and Amy Burns of Plymouth have been friends with Mary Mauro and her family for as long as any of them can remember.

Although Mauro and her husband, Craig; 10-year-old daughter Emily; and five-year-old son Colin now live in Rockford, the three friends still remain close and visit each other often.

The strength of their friendship became even more evident on May 20 when the Mauro's were traveling back to Plymouth for Nisch's surprise birthday party.

A car, traveling at approximately 100 mph, crossed the median on US-23 in Green Oak Township and struck the Mauro's truck, which carried the entire family — including Emily's pet collie — Molly Rose.

"It was the most horrific thing that could have happened to us," said Mary, who was not seriously injured in the accident.

Emily and her father Craig were not as lucky. Craig suffered leg injuries and Emily was rushed to Mott Children's Hospital to undergo emergency surgery on her eyes.

"When the accident happened," said Mary, "we all got out of the truck. We saw Molly Rose running up the highway and we called to her to come back, but we obviously had to direct our attention back to Emily, who was injured."

Molly Rose had become a part of the family — and one of Emily's best friends — since Craig and Mary picked up the dog from the humane society for Emily's



Sue Nisch and Amy Burns of Plymouth helped their friends, the Mauro family, recover from their accident with a little bit of "puppy love." Nisch and Burns helped the family find their daughter's pet collie by making many calls and having a little luck. When Emily was reunited with the dog, it made the healing process much easier. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

10th birthday. The dog was nowhere to be found.

Emily underwent four hours of successful surgery to repair her vision. When she woke up, she asked for Molly Rose. That's where Burns and Nisch come in.

"When Emily woke up (and found out the dog had ran away) she could not stop crying," said Burns. "That's when Sue (Nisch) and I started making phone

Nisch and Burns contacted all the area police departments hoping someone had

information on Molly Rose's whereabouts. They also made calls to local radio stations, who broadcast news of the missing dog. The Humane Society was closed for the weekend.

In the meantime, Emily continued to recover — although her crying hampered the healing process.

Soon, Emily's tears of sadness turned to tears of joy. Burns and Nisch persistence had paid off. The dog had been found.

Emily's wounds healed quickly after she found out the dog was safe. The two were reunited when Emily was released from the hospital.

"It was just like in a movie," said Mary of

the reunion. "The two ran right up to each other."

Mary said most of the credit for finding the dog belongs to her two friends. "If everybody in the world has friends like Amy and Sue, that's all you need," she said. "As far as I'm concerned, they are the best two people who walk the face of the earth."

Burns and Nisch said they would do anything for their friend. "It's just what friends are for," said Burns.

Salem, Canton senior party focus on fun

Graduating seniors got one last taste of high school on Sunday when the Senior Party was held at Salem to honor their accomplishments and give them a night to stay out of trouble and have some fun.

It was a party that was planned and organized since September by about 300 parent volunteers that ran from 9 p.m. until about 3:30 a.m. and had a theme of music through the decades of the 1950's through the 1990's.

This was planned to give them a fun place to go after the graduation ceremonies that took place Sunday during the day at Hill Auditorium at U of M.

There were many activities taking place that kept everyone occupied. These

included a disc jockey, temporary tattoos, fortune telling, laser tag, casino gambling using fake money, prizes, raffles, and a lot of food.

The items given away at the raffle were a Sony shelf-top stereo system, two

color televisions and a portable compact disc player. Door prizes were two chances at \$100 and three chances at \$50. Aileen Burham, an organizer, gave a

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Streetscape prompts lawsuit

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Meanwhile, divisions in the Plymouth business community continue to widen as store owners take sides on the Ann Arbor Trail traffic island issue.

Annette Horn, owner of Native West, said she has changed her mind about the island following further study.

"I would like it in front of my store," she said. "I think it would increase pedestrian traffic."

Horn said she found out the island is much narrower than she thought. "I don't have a concern over it anymore," she said. "I would feel much safer as a pedestrian."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

 The Plymouth Historial Museum will continue their display entitled "A Lincoln Portrait" this week. Call the museum for schedule.

THE WEEKEND

- The Plymouth Community Band, it their 35th year, will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Northville gazebo.
- The Plymouth Sunrise Sale gets underway Saturday at 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. with 50 percent off, 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. 40 percent off, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. 30 percent off, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. 20 percent off, and 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 10 percent off at participating merchants.

NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.
- The PCJBL Boys 13-yearold WABA Sandy Kolfax team (currently riding a 10-game winning streak) plays a double-header Monday, June 19 at Heritage Park beginning at 6 p.m.
- "Music in the Park" begins Wednesday, June 21 with the Four Hands. Admission to the Plymouth Community Arts Council activity is free.
- Chief Assistant Wayne
 County Prosecutor
 George E. Ward will be
 speaking to the Plymouth
 Republican Club
 Thursday, June 22 beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the
 Water Club Grill on Ann
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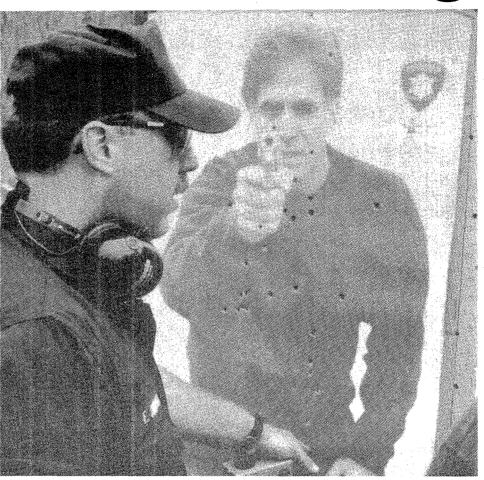
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Firearm training



Plymouth Township firearms instructor Eric Anderson explains the concept of shooting for central mass to his fellow officers at a training session with their new Glock pistols. The new guns, now being used by the department, are quicker to load and easier to shoot. (Crier photo by Jeff Howitt)

Senior party focus on fun

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couple reasons why this is put together every year.

"It's mainly to keep the kids under one roof, safe, and for them to have some fun after graduation."

Almost everything took place because of the generosity of the businesses who contributed money and materials to make

it a party to remember.

Burham was really happy with how the volunteers had dedicated a lot of time and what the local businesses did to help out

"We're really pleased with the contributions of the parents and the merchants for all of the effort they put into making this happen," Burham said.



Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Chambers upstairs at City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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Canton trains new group of leaders

Leadership Canton program off and running with first graduating class

BY PETER BRODERICK

Leadership Canton, a program sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, graduated its first class of 20 people Thursday in a commencement ceremony at Fellow's Creek Country Club.

The program is a nine month series of classes designed to create a source of "skilled, motivated leaders for the Canton community," according to the Chamber's brochure for next year's class. It is sponsored by the Chamber with Cleary College and a host of local businesses.

Linda Shapona, director of the Chamber said, "the program was devised by volunteers to help build a brighter future for Canton." She said that the participants earned scholarships, had corporate sponsors, and had the opportunity to earn college credit for the course.

The leadership classes were held on the third Friday of each month for the entire day. In addition, to kick off the program all participants took part in a retreat weekend which served as a way to meet each other as well as learn more about what to expect throughout the program.

Over the course of the nine months, the 20 students broke into four "field project" groups. These groups chose from a list of projects and completed plans for a Business/Education Connection Day, a Friends of the Library Golf Outing, a project to Define Canton's Quality of Life, and a final project to Create a Canton Community Theme.



Laura LaVoie from Cleary College and Linda Shapona of the Canton Chamber of Commerce explain how the Leadership Canton program ran in its first year of existance. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

The Business/Education Connection Day included a tour of local businesses that teachers and administrators from the Plymouth Canton Schools attended. The Leadership Canton students organized the entire event, which took an afternoon and evening with tours and a reception at East middle school.

The Friends of the Library Golf Outing is still in the works, and was organized by the students to help raise money for the Canton Public Library. The outing will be

at the new Pheasant Run Country Club later this summer. For more information on how to sign up for the event, contact the chamber of commerce.

The group to Define Canton's Quality of Life attempted to do something that had never been done before in Canton. They identified the top characteristics that should be used in defining Canton's quality of life. Some of their suggestions included education, development, government and recreation.

The last group created a new theme for Canton, but before announcing their idea, they added some levity to the ceremony with a David Letterman-style "Top Five Rejected Themes for Canton" list. The list included:

- 5. "Yackville."
- 4. "Live, Buy and Die in Canton."
- 3. "Canton: Under Construction."
- 2. "Canton: Why Drive to Plymouth?"
- 1. "Canton: Only Two Cows Left."

The final idea for the new slogan was "Canton Community: Summit of Opportunity." Shapona said that the slogan will be presented to the Township Board and to the chamber's Board of Directors, and if accepted, it will be used as the township's official slogan.

David Griffin of L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes, a graduate of the program said. "the program is invaluable for all responsible community leaders.

"We've found that our business will also benefit from the experience in the program by seeing and meeting the needs of the community," said Griffin.

"We're the only chamber in Western Wayne County that has a leadership program," said Shapona. "This was the inaugural year, and we are accepting applications for next year's class." She said interested people should contact the chamber soon, because the class is limited to 25 people. The program is open to Canton residents, businesspeople and anyone with a vested interest in the community.

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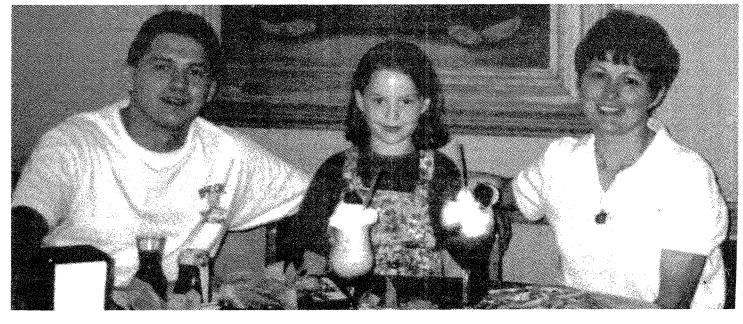
Mexican Fiesta: affordable and authentic

When searching for a family restaurant that is family oriented and family run, look no further, the Mexican Fiesta on the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads in Canton may be what you're looking for.

The Mexican Fiesta has been established for six years and has improved itself every one of those years. It is a family restaurant that is affordable and authentic.

What sets the Mexican Fiesta apart from all the rest is that every single thing on the menu is prepared from scratch. They have a variety of main dishes ranging from burritos, enchiladas, and the very popular chicken, steak, shrimp fajita.

The restaurant in Canton is the second opened by the Olvarado family. Sam Olvarado started in Dearborn



by opening the Mexican
Fiesta I, which is now owned
by two of his sons, Joey and
Albert, and his daughter,
Gloria Jabrocki. He then
opened the restaurant, the
Mexican Fiesta II, which is
owned by himself, his wife
Frances, and his other son
Robert.

The Mexican Fiesta is open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m. And don't worry about coming a little before closing because they are more than happy to serve you then.

As for the future, the family

is planning on adding a bar in the lobby area with a few televisions to give the customers added comfort.

If you're craving a good meal at a reasonable price, give the Mexican Fiesta a shot and they will make sure to go out of their way to make it an enjoyable time.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Marine Pfc. Angelo Cairo, son of Tony and Paula Cairo of Canton, recently reported for duty with second Battalion, 10th Marines, second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 1993 graduate of Canton High School and joined the Marine Corps in July 1994.

Megan Andrews of Plymouth has been named to the Ohio Wesleyan University academic honorary for sociology, Alpha Kappa Delta. Andrews, senior, is the daughter of Daniel and Bonnie Andrews. She is a graduate of Salem High School.

WSDP, 88.1 FM, a radio station at Salem High School, announced the recipients of the stations scholarships at their annual honors banquet. Every year WSDP awards two \$300 scholarships, the John Seidelman Scholarship and the WSDP Scholarship. The John Seidelman Scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement commitment to WSDP. This years recipient is Steve Simpson, a Canton High School senior. He will be attending U of M-Dearborn in the fall.

The WSDP Scholarship is awarded based on commitment to WSDP and interest in pursuing a career in broadcasting or related fields. This years recipient is Mandy King, a senior at Canton High School. She will be attending Columbia College in Chicago in the fall.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Corey Wright of Canton, recently completed the Cryptologic Technician Communications Course in Pensacola, FL. He joined the Navy in 1994.

Navy Petty Officer second class Cynthia Wharton of Plymouth recently received the Navy Good Conduct Medal. She is currently stationed at Naval Station, San Diego, CA

Todd R. Allen of Plymouth won a \$750 scholarship from Southeast Michigan Mensa. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in nuclear engineering and materials science at U-M. He has degrees from Northwestern and George Washington Universities, and served over three years on a nuclear submarine. Mensa is an international society whose only membership requirement is a score at or above the 94th percentile on several IQ tests.

All in jest

The P-C Marching Band will host comedian Norm Stulz for a night of benefit comedy to buy new equipment

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton High School Marching Band (PCMB) needs new equipment; that is no joke.

What is funny, is a joke told by comedian Norm Stulz, who will perform his national stand up act on Tuesday, June 27, at the Salem High School Auditorium. All of the proceeds from the evening of comedy and entertainment will benefit the PCMB. The PCMB color guard and percussion ensemble will also perform. "This type of fund raiser is brand new for the marching band," said Ted Ferman, PCMB board member in charge of fund raising. "Norm Stulz is a pharmacist who makes more money doing his comedy act."

It was Stulz's idea, Ferman explained, to use his own resources to raise money for the PCMB. "He has a niece in the marching band," Ferman said. "He looks to do two, three, four (fund raisers) a year. It was his idea to do a

comedy show for us." When Ferman checked out Stulz's show and portfolio, he was impressed. "He's very funny," Ferman said. "I've talked with other people who've seen him, and they said he's very funny." Michigan native Tim Allen, star of NBC's hit comedy "Home Improvement," said, "I wish I could tell a story the way Norm does, he's a master." Stulz has performed on HBO's "Comedy Central" and Showtime's "Evening at the Improv." He has frequented The Trump Castle, The Sands Hotel, Dangerfields and Chaplins. "The guy is good," Ferman said. "I think people will have fun."

A social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with punch, cookies and coffee will welcome the audience as it wanders in. Stulz's act, which Ferman said would be "more family-type" compared to his other shows, will last about 45 minutes. "He catches those little, quirky things in life," Ferman said. "He looks at life a little different. It's a high energy show." The

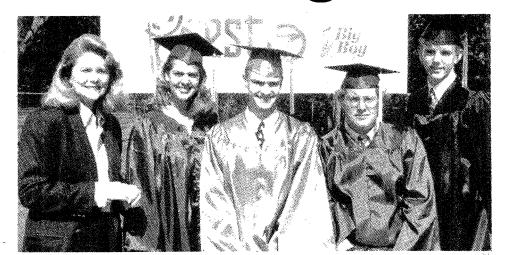
color guard and percussion ensemble will precede Stulz. "We decided to throw them in there, to do something different," Ferman said. "It's just a little more entertainment."

If Ferman is able to sell all the seats in the auditorium, the show could raise \$5,000. "Do I expect to sell out? No. I think \$2,000 is realistic. I'd be really happy for the first time," Ferman said. He noted that the whole night was made possible by Salem Auditorium manager Charlie Packard, who offered to work an extra day and keep the theater open. Tickets are \$7 for the main floor and \$4 for balcony seats.

They can be purchased at the door or by calling Ferman at 981-5629. "One, it's an inexpensive night of comedy," Ferman said. "Two, all of the money — 100 per cent — goes to the marching band. It should be a fun evening. It's a chance to have some fun in the middle of the week."

The best and the brightest

Recently, Channel 7 WXYZ honored 200 high school students in its 15th annual "Brightest and Best" public service campaign, a tribute to Michigan high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic and community pursuits. (left to right) channel 7 reporter Mary Conway, Agape Christian Academy senior Rachel Willing, Plymouth Christian Academy senior Arthur Partain, Salem senior Benjamin Hess and Huron Valley Lutheran senior Kevin Lyttle.



PCAC honors outstanding students

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) honored aspiring young artists with awards and scholarships and a recent annual meeting. About 50 students from kindergarten to 12th grade received acknowledgments for their artistic achievements.

"We've been doing this for a long time," said Nancy Pilon, PCAC publicity chair. "Some of the scholarships, like the Margaret Wilson scholarship and the Jeanet Allison, were established for longtime members of the Arts Council by their families." Each scholarship had a separate review committee, organized by vice president Stella Greene. "She spent countless hours putting this together," Pilon said. One of the highlights was the Damaris Student Fine Arts Award Competition. "It's strictly for middle school students," Pilon said. "The idea was that students their age rarely have a chance to perform in front of an audience." Judges, which have previously included professors from the U-M School of Music, then issue lengthy critiques of each perfor-

mance. The winner in instrumental music is Timothy Merenda, first. The vocal music first place award went to Catherine Tandoc. Josephine Chang won the creative writing category. Chan returned to win the piano competition. The standouts in dance were Nicole Reitz and Jillian Mitchell.

Another favorite among spectators was the Plymouth Rotary Foundation Isbister Memorial Art Competition. "They're lovely," Pilon said about the art work. "What's nice about it is first through 12th grade winners all have their work matted and framed. And they circulate the schools for two years. The first place winners are Anneliese, first grade; Jonathan Sandberg, second grade; Ryan Santos, third grade; Lauren French, fourth grade; Megan Newhouse, fifth grade; Ashley Bowsman, ninth grade; John Levandowski, tenth grade; and Jenny Bazzarelli; twelth grade. "Some of it's just great," Pilon said. "The high school kids are just incredible. Of course, they're so talented over there"

Recorder's Court legislation introduced by Whyman

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The effort to make Detroit Recorder's Court a piece of Michigan history has taken another step forward as legislation has been introduced to the State House to dissolve the court.

State Rep. Deborah Whyman (R - Canton) introduced House Bill #4952 on Thursday. According to Whyman, it was very well received.

"I got 57 signatures on the bill in three hours," Whyman said. "Three to 15 signatures are normal."

Whyman said (in a previous interview) the Recorder's Court was created legislatively to deal with criminal cases in Detroit and matters over \$10,000. Because the court can decide what cases appear on its docket, the court now hears criminal cases from all over Wayne County.

The move to dissolve the court rises out of the contention that it violates the practice of "one man — one vote," because Recorder's Court judges are elected by the residents of Detroit, but hear cases from outside the city's limits.

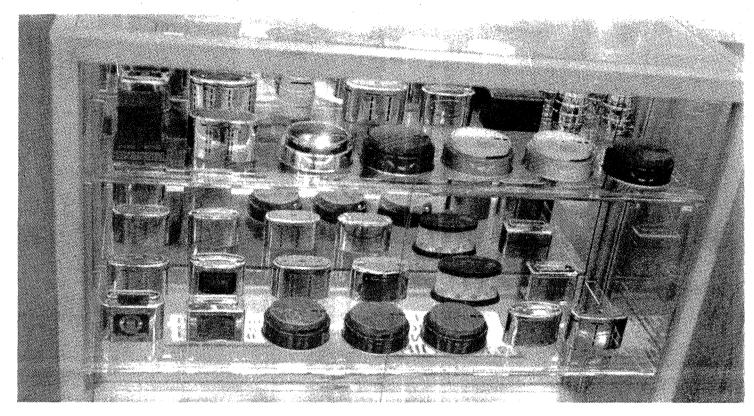
The effect of the bill, if passed, would dissolve Recorder's Court and would make all of the judges there Circuit Court judges who would have to run in countywide races when their terms expired.

Whyman said the bill has been sent to the Judiciary committee and she asked the chairperson to assign three subcommittees to handle the bill. Whyman said if all goes well there will be hearings in September and it will be out of committee and ready for the senate to see at the end of the year. According to Whyman, opposition to the bill is not well founded.

"Those groups who are opposed to the

bill say that it is racist," Whyman said, "but if you press them to say how they can't say why."

Bankable curios



Dean Blake's collection of antique children's banks is on display at First Federal of Michigan's Plymouth office. Blake's bank collection contains pieces from across the state. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

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Quicksilver uses new photo technology

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After 12 years of taking, developing and enhancing the snippets of people's lives, Jack Kenny, owner of Quicksilver Photo is moving into new areas of image reproduction.

Particularly, a place across the street from their old location.

"We needed more room," Kenny said. "We added a studio, expanded our black and white service and our slide and presentation service."

A lot of the new service at Quicksilver is now done on computer. They use Adobe Photoshop and several Windows programs to create presentation graphics and to do restoration and alteration to existing photographs.

"We did an enhancement to two photos," Kenny said. "The end result was a photo of two men, both the same man, one 30 years younger than the other, straightening the older man's tie."

Kenny said the new computer technology allows him and his staff to do virtually anything with a photograph.

"We can combine photos, take people out of them or put others into the picture," Kenny said. "We can clean pictures up."

Kenny also said that he can makes slides as well with the new technology and personalize them to a patron's taste and budget.

"The largest job we have done to date was an order for presentation graphics," Kenny said.

"We did it for Ford Motor Co. of Europe. 2,800 digital slides, it was 24 hours a day for five days. It was the biggest job we have ever done, in terms of the size of the job, the money and the deadline we had to work against."

Kenny said that the technology allows products to leave his business in whatever form his clients need.

"We can put the images onto compact disks or in any other form that they like," Kenny said. "We're also thinking of picking up a digital camera."

Along with a digital camera, Kenny is also looking at the possibility of picking up a piece of technology called an (R) Processor, which would allow him to make enlargements from slides without having the original negative to work from.

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Mark McCormick has joined Farm Bureau Insurance in Plymouth as a new agent. Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance, McCormick was a probation officer for Monroe County. He graduated from MSU in 1994 with a degree in Criminal Justice. McCormick's office is located at 9369 Haggerty Rd. Patrick Kelm also joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent. Kelm had worked for Veratex Corporation as an account receivables representative. He graduated from EMU in 1994.

Daniel J. Donohue of Detroit Financial Group has once again been recognized as a "Leader" in his field at Connecticut Mutal Life Insurace Company. He is a Northville resident. This is the sixth consecutive year Donohue has attained "Leader" status as one of the top representatives in sales and service.

For the second time in as many years, PrePrint Productions, Inc., a Plymouth-based advertising and marketing agency, has received Ford Motor Company's distinguished Marketing Excellance Award. The award recognizes PrePrint Production's "outstanding contributions to Ford Motor Company's marketing programs during 1994.

The following is a list of Leadership Canton graduates for the class of 1995: Tom Adamusik, Sally Bailey, Robert Brown, Brian Bunker, Carol Felker, Jeffery Goulet, David Griffin, Virginia Hauck, Ronald Lieberman, Michael Palchesko, Ronald Paradowicz, Vivian Pierso, David Pifer, Brenda Plecha, Paul Schrauben, Judy Teachworth, Carol Thompson. Patrick Williams, Deborah Zelvalkink and Robert Zulker.

The Steering Committee for the 1994-95 Leadership Canton consists of: Tom Sullivan, Tom Adamusik, Carol Heminger, Charlie Mahoney, Marty Schendel, Gary Stevers, Tom Yack, Ken Voyles, Phil LaJoy, Jean Tabor, Bruce Patterson and Dick Egli.

Two of a kind

These Plymouth businesses are among the Top 100 fastest growing privately held companies in the state

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two Plymouth businesses, Country Charm and Angelico & Taylor/EVCOR, are among the 100 fastest growing, privately held companies in Michigan. The Private 100 ranking was sponsored by Roney and Company, an investment securities and investment banking firm, the public relations firm Durocher*Dixson*Werba*, the Detroit News and WWJ 950-AM.

"We're definitely honored," said Jane Bird, owner of Country Charm, 322 S. Main St. The home furnishings and accessories supplier was one of just 13 retailers out the top 100, and was ranked 86th overall. Angelico & Taylor, 40800 Five Mile Rd., is a high technology firm that consults manufacturers and distributors on how to reduce freight costs. "I was very proud," said President and Chief Executive Officer Mark Taylor about being ranked 58th in the Private

New in town

Jim Malson (left) and Terry Worful have announced the opening of their showroom in Canton. Outdoor Ingenuities specializes in decks, gazebos, hot tubs and paverbrick walkways, patios and driveways.

The two businesses were honored at a banquet in Greektown in Detroit last month. "It was real interesting," Bird said

"The number one company gave a speech. He said it's working with your staff, get their input, which is something we try to do. We have employee meetings... If you have a disgruntled employee it's going to show." Taylor celebrated by bringing the entire company staff to the ceremony.

Bird purchased the business with her husband in 1987, and operated out of very small building on Penniman Avenue for three years.

The business started to grow immediately, and Bird's method was no secret. "Probably, listening to customers and having experienced customer service," she said.

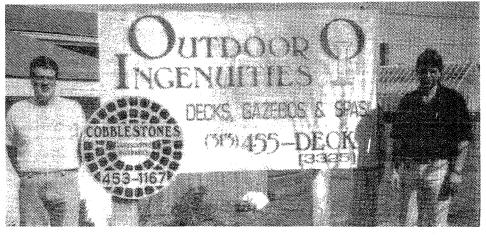
"Initially, it was just myself and one employee," she said. Now there are 23 employees, though most are part-time.

Country Charm, with 3 full-time employees, tied for the smallest company on the list. A move to its current location on Main Street came in 1992, more than tripled the store's square footage. This is the fourth time Country Charm has received a business award.

Angelico & Taylor was founded in 1989 in Livonia by Taylor and his wife, Vera Angelico.

They moved to Plymouth for a better location in 1993. Taylor credited many reasons for the business' rapid expansion. "I'd say, certainly, it was through the support of my wife," Taylor said. He added that "it was choosing a good industry" and a wealth of experience that provided the framework for success. Angelico, Taylor and their staff have set their sights on returning to the ranking next year.

"I think that's going to be the challenge: to keep on the list," Taylor



Early morning sale set for Saturday

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Early bird gets the bargain prices at the Sunrise Sale in downtown Plymouth this Saturday from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. "Everybody loves a bargain," said Fran Toney, executive director for the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the organizer of the event. "I'm absolutely sure that people will come from all over the tri-county area."

The Sunrise Sale is the sister event to the Midnight Sale held in the spring, but is much older. It began during the hot air balloon festival, and continued to flourish after the festival's demise. "I really thought that after the balloon thing fizzled, we shouldn't have an inflation sale," said Sharon Pugh, owner of Sideways at 505 Forest Ave. "But they stuck with it, and gave it a new name: the Sunrise Sale."

Pugh said that the make up, size and spending characteristics of the crowd are about the same as the Midnight Sale. Both sales offer items up to 50 per cent off. But for the Sunrise Sale, this will take place from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. instead of late at night. "There's a large selection of items, some really good things," said Toney. "That's why the streets are so crowded." The next hour, from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. will feature 40 per cent off, and as the day grows older, the percentage off goes down. Past Sunrise sales

have been met by some pretty determined shoppers — a delight to local retailers. "From what I've heard, it slows down like, eight or nine in the morning," said Toney. "But for those first few hours people are lined up. People come into (the stores) the night before, looking for what they want to buy. I guess what I'm trying to say is: if it hadn't been good, the merchants wouldn't want to do it." Said Pugh: "They come out early, usually, we have people lined up at the door." Toney estimated that nine out of every ten businesses in the downtown area will be participating.

Though the past is usually a reliable indication, there is one problem this year's sale has to encounter — Sreetscape construction. "This time it will be very unique," Toney said. "I mean, Plymouth looks like a war zone... My concern is that it's inconvenient for our shoppers right now, being you can't get down Main Street." Pugh also admitted that Plymouth has looked better, but was willing to bear the burden for the betterment of the city. "My God, did we need infrastructure repair," she said. Both women hoped that a barrage of press releases, and mailers to regular customers will overcome the disadvantage of the construction. Even after the Sunrise Sale wraps up at 10 a.m., many stores will have special savings all day.

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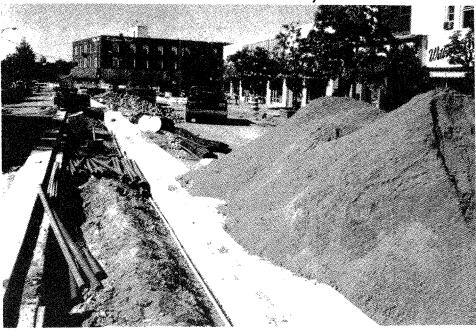
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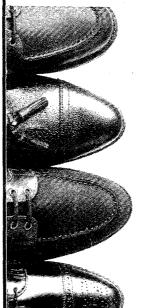
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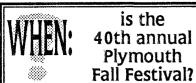
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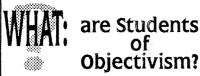
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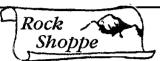
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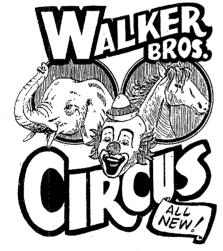
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ART IN THE SUN

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host the annual "Art in the Sun" June 24 and 25 in the stre downtown Northville with over 130 exhibitors. For more information, call the chamber at (810) 349-7640.

AN EVENING OF COMEDY

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Percussion Ensemble will host a night of comedy at the Auditorium with comedian Norm Stulz starting at 6:30 p.m. on June 27. Tickets are \$7 main floor, \$4 balcon more information, call Ted at 981-5629.

PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold their Farmer's Market at the Gathering in downtown Ply on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Oct. 21. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1: 1995 SENIOR PARTY

The organizers of the Canton and Salem High School 1995 senior party need help with this year's party. Pat — 459-3816, Blackjack: Ed — 455-3391, Chaperones: Diane — 459-9190, Decorating: Dale — 397-805 BON VOYAGE CONCERT

The Counsellor's Chorale of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will be holding a Bon Voyage concert a p.m. on June 15 at the church. For more information, call 453-3053.

ARTISTS WANTED

The Canton Liberty Fest is looking for fine artists and craftspersons to take part in their exhibition and the Fest, June 24 and 25. Booth fee is \$65 for a 10'x10'x10' covered space. For more information and to call Sharon Dillenbeck at 453-3710.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES

New Morning School will hold summer classes in science and math for children three to 12 years old ar camp programs. For more information, call the school at 420-3331.

HELP THE NEEDY

The Plymouth Goodfellows are looking for families in need who would benefit from help fro Goodfellows. Write P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, 48170.

SALVATION ARMY SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Salvation Army is taking registration for summer day camp for children 6-12 years of age (or 5 and pleted kindergarten). First session: June 19 to July 7, second session: July 17 through Aug. 7. To register a more information, call the Salvation Army at 453-5464.

SHELTER PET FOOD COLLECTION

Plymouth Court Nursing Center will hold a collection of dry and wet pet food throughout the month of For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and othe vices in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

WALKER BROTHERS CIRCUS

The Plymouth Lions Club will host the Walker Bros. Circus at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on June 20 at the U Corp. west parking lot. Tickets will be on sale in Kellogg Park on June 3 and 10. For more information, ca Plymouth Lions at 455-4854.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the \ Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

C.H.A.D.D MEETING

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

THE VILLAGE POTTERS

The Village Potters, a not for profit organization, is seeking members to participate in their pottery cooper tive. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on June 14. For more information, call Barb at 455-0392 or Kris at 4:

SUMMER ART CLASSES

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer classes in art, drama and culture for all ages at the I Center, 774 N. Sheldon Road. For more information and to register, call the council at 416-4ART.

DETROIT EDISON TREE-LINE CLEARING

Detroit Edison will be sending line clearing crews to Plymouth and Plymouth Township during the next to months. For more information about line clearing in your area, call Detroit Edison at either 237-8808 or 237-880 CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Ch Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304. **ENTERTAINMENT 1996 BOOKS**

The Plymouth Community Chorus will offer a special early bird special two for one deal on Entertainn 1996 books for those who order before June 15. Books are \$40 each and proceeds will go toward the cho Washington D.C. tour in June. For more information, call Stan at 459-6829.

ARTAG SUMMER COURSES

The Talented and Gifted (TAG) program at the Plymouth-Canton Schools will offer summer art courses children 8-14. The Mechanical Maniac Challenge, a five-week class will be held at the PCAC from 7 to 8:30 1 from June 20 to July 18, fee is \$52. A mixed media art class will run 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. from June 26 to . 14 and July 17 to Aug. 4, fee is \$65. For more information and to register, call the Arts Council at 416-4ART.

348TH STATION ARMY HOSPITAL CO. REUNION

The 348th Station Army Company will be holding their annual reunion at the Mayflower Hotel Oct. 5, 6 an

Members of the 384th are encouraged to come attend. For more information, call either William Burke at (1 476-0729 or Joe Zmudka at 278-0913.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

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

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The org zation meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more info

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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



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

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

ARMED SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

U.S. Rep Lynn Rivers has announced Nov. 1 as her deadline for accepting applications for armed service academy applications. Those interested can get information by writing her Wayne office at 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI, 48184.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

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

INTERPRETERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services of Canton are looking for volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language to interpret for the ill, disabled or elderly. There are also needs for drivers, telephone reassurance and conducting patient surveys. For more information, call 981-8820.

JUBILEE RAFFLE

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will hold their "Jubilee Raffle" for a chance at winning \$1,000 in one of 12 weekly drawings. Tickets, \$100 apiece, may be purchased at the parish office. For more information, call the parish office at 453-0326.

FIFE AND DRUM REUNION

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is planning their 25th anniversary and are looking for former members to participate. Former members and their families should contact the corps at 981-3688.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who were four years old on Dec. 1, 1994 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call

FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are lowimpact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information and fee information, call Kathi at (810) 349-

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

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

DANCE CLASSES

There will be classes in dance for children and adults at the Plymouth Cultural Center starting in May. Each class runs for eight weeks. For more information, call the Cultural Center.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

DISABILITY FITNESS CLASSES

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The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for community businesses to help support their 1995 Fourth of July parade. Donations can be mailed to the Jaycees at PO Box 700123 Plymouth, MI, 48170-0942. For more information, call the Jaycees at 453-8407.

4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Sign-up ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

CLASS OF 1990 FIVE-YEAR REUNION

The Salem and Canton High School classes of 1990 will hold their five-year reunion on June 19 at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Reunions Made Easy at (810) 380-6100.

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

YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run on June 18, clerical, babysitters, program assistant and other positions need to be filled. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

20-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The 20-year high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975 will be held on Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia West. Call to update your address For more information, call Robin at 459-6950 or Mark at 459-9896.

"THE PRINCESS AND THE MAGIC PEA"

The Marquis Theatre Children will put on a performance of "The Princess and the Magic Pea" at 2:30 p.m. on June 17 at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (810) 349-8110.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820. CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

STUROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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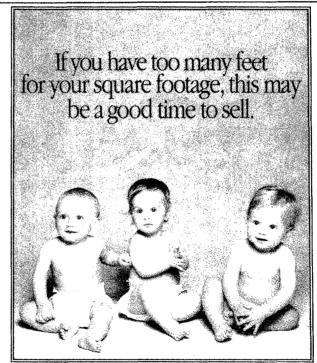
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Community deaths

Obituaries

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

Earl John Philip

Earl John Philip, a GM employee from Plymouth, died June 2, 1995, at the age of 85. Mr. Philip worked in the Hydromatic Division of General Motors for 31 years as an experimental engineer. He moved to Plymouth from Livonia in 1955. Mr. Philip was a life and 50 year member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, Royal Oak Lodge. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston and in Plymouth where ne was first reader, chief usher, assistant reading room librarian and chairman of the

Mr. Philip was also a member of the Livonia Woodcarvers, the National Woodcarvers Association, the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and the Plymouth Historical Society. Mr. Philip is survived by his son; William (Carma), daughters; Barbara J. Kellogg and Earleen (Daniel) Bailey, brothers; Harold (Isabel) and Carl (La Verne), sisters; Martha Tank and Mary Sutherby, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on June 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Douglas Mason officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Visiting Nurse Service for Christian Scientists.



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John Burrows, a retired salesman from Wayne, died May 31, 1995, at the age of 79.

Mr. Burrows was a car salesman who worked for several area dealerships and previously for the Vermeulen Funeral Home. He was also a member and deacon of Kirk of Our Savior in Westland

Mr. Burrows is survived by his wife; Mary, daughters; Jean (Chuck) Shivel, Cindy Briggs and Pam (Mike Campbell) Burrows, and four grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, were held at Kirk of Our Savior Church with the Rev. Neil Cowling officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Kirk of Our Savior Church.

Mary Louise Dritsas

Mary Louise Dritsas, a homemaker from Canton, died June 4, 1995, at the age of 68. Mrs. Dritsas is survived by her husband; James, sister; Ilona V. Lohrer, nieces; Margaret Kucinski, Deborah Snider and Diana Malburg and nephew; Walter Lohrer.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in the form of masses.

Ruth C. Lewis

Ruth C. Lewis, a secretary from South Lyon, died June 1, 1995, at the age of 87. Mrs. Lewis was a secretary with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by her daughter; Ellen (Richard) Gates, son; John (Nancy), six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, were held at the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon with the Rev. Mary G. Ludvigsen officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Detroit Area

Robert Lawrence Gotts

Robert Lawrence Gotts, a self-employed craftsman from Plymouth, died June 6, 1995, at the age of 74.

Mr. Gotts graduated from Plymouth High School in 1938 and served in the U.S. Army in WWII. He was a self employed retired cabinet maker in the Northville community who moved to the Plymouth community in 1994. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and the Stu Rockafellow Ham Radio Club.

Mr. Gotts is survived by his wife; Annabell, daughters; Kaye Marie (Allen) Horsfall and

Linda Jean (Bernd) Freiny, son; Richard Allen, brother-in-law; Howard R. Ebersole, sister-in-law; Audrey Gotts and six grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville with Dr. Douglas Vernon officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Arbor Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Sean Frazer, 4, resident

Sean Frazer, a four-year old from Canton, died May 31, 1995.

He is survived by his father; Robert, mother; Cari (John), brothers; Robert, Jr., and Matthew. Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park.

James E. Kratzer, 79, consulting engineer

James E. Kratzer, a consulting engineer for Orchard, Hiltz, McCliment from Plymouth, died May 28, 1995, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife; June, a son, a brother and a sister.

Services, arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Carol Byczynski, 56, resident

Carol Byczynski, a resident of Canton, died June 1, 1995, at the age of 56.

She is survived by her brother.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

E. June Donovan, 66, homemaker

E. June Donovan, a homemaker from Plymouth, died June 5, 1995, at the age of 66.

She is survived by her husband; Gregory, daughters; Lisa (Scott) Fleming and one other daughter and two sisters.

A private family-only service was held.

John V. Barkume, 74, manager

John V. Barkume, a general manager for a plastics company from Canton, died June 6, 1995, at the age of 74.

He is survived by his wife; Mary, sons; Kevin and two other sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

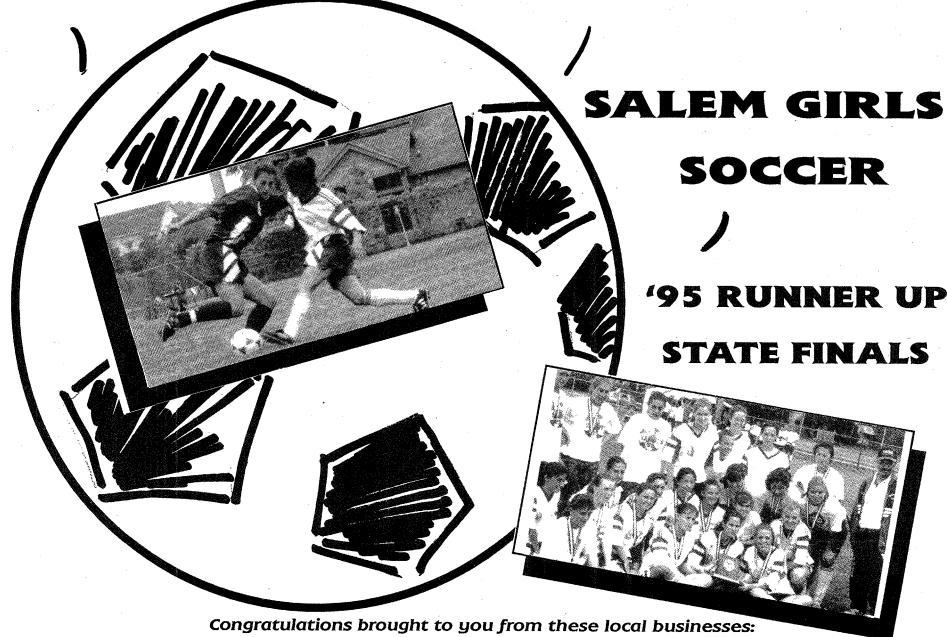
Judy F. Wells, 50, homemaker

Judy F. Wells, a homemaker from Plymouth, died June 4, 1995, at the age of 50.

She is survived by her brothers; Dale (Rosina) and three other brothers, sisters; Opal (Nick) Mucker and Hazel Hogan.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.





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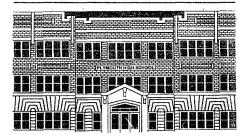
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Curiosities

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WHY DID A FULL MOON and THE I.R.S. DAY fall on the same day?

Curiosities

MARK FERRAIUOLO spices up the Curios -and it wasn't long distance either. He makes Mr. Vacation use kiwi in his bloody mary(s).

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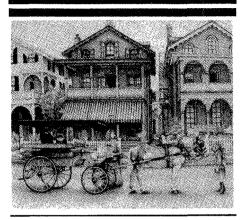
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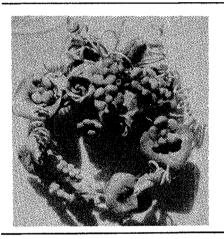
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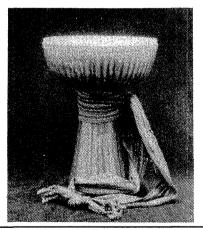
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Western Lakes All-Conference and All-Division girls softball teams for the 1995 season were released and many local players were placed on it.

Making the All-Conference team from Canton High School was senior infielder Amy Price.

Making the All-Western Division team from Canton were sophomore outfielder Jenny Sikora, senior pitcher Jackie Nicastri, and at-large were sophomores Amy Lagrow, and Nicole Kovachevich.

Making the All-Lakes Division team from Plymouth Salem High School were sophomore infielder Carah Best and senior outfielder Christina Nutt.

The Michigan Independent Athletic Conference All-Academic teams for all sports was released last week and many Plymouth Christian Academy students were on it.

Making the team in soccer: Matt Smith, Daniel Gulledge, James Neil, John Pugno, and Art Partain; girls basketball: Amy Jefferies, Karin Reed, Sarah Summer, and Lisa Erickson; boys basketball: Jeremy Hsia and James Neil; cross country: Ryan Jefferies and Daniel Marlow; volleyball: Karin Reed, Katie Martin, Amy Jefferies, Sarah Summer, Kelly McNally, and Kelly Hamlin; baseball: Rich Porter, John Pugno, and Chris Brandon; softball: Amanda Clark. Lisa Erickson, Kim Rinzema, Karin Reed, Katie Martin, and Shruti Nandani; track: Amy Jefferies, Jill Barnett, Daniel Marlow, Elisa Moore, Heidi Yonkman, Ryan Jefferies, and Matt Smith.

Children may register for the Plymouth Recreation Department Summer Park Program beginning Monday, July 3, at five locations: Kiwanis Park, Jaycee Park, Garden Club Park, Rotary Park, and Fire House Park. Each location will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Many daily activities and field trips are planned to keep the children occupied. A fun-filled field day is planned for the final date on August 18. The program is free for only city residents. For further information call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620.

The professional soccer team, the Detroit Rockers, will be visiting the The Plymouth-Canton Community from June 26-30 to hold a instructional camp at Heritage Park. Popular Rockers goalkeeper, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, will serve as head intructor for the camp, which lasts from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The \$109 fee includes a soccer ball, camp t-shirt, Tigers tickets, Red Wings pre-season tickets and Rockers tickets. Call (313) 396-7070.

So close!

Salem soccer falls 4-2, just one step from state title

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Too big. Too strong. And too quick.

The Birmingham Seaholm Maples were an overwhelming physical presence last Saturday, defeating host Salem, 4-2, to win the girls Class A soccer championship at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"They were powerful, big, strong girls," said Salem coach Ken Johnson. "I've never seen such a big team." Salem was kept on their heels most of the game, reeling from a relentless Seaholm offensive attack that featured 31 shots on goal, while the Rocks posted just 11 shots.

But the Rocks refused to concede defeat, battling every minute of the game and never falling out of striking distance. "We fought hard," Johnson said. "They were just a step quicker. They hit the ball well. They cleared the ball well out of their end."

In front of a packed stadium with a crowd that encircled the field, Salem drew first blood on senior Kelly Lukasik's penalty kick goal at 7:46. But the lead would not last long. In fact, it lasted just 30 seconds as Seaholm's Lindsay Michelotti was in control of the ball in the penalty area and was taken down by a Salem defender. As a result, the Maples were awarded a penalty shot. Seaholm's Erin Killian cashed in by going high, and beating goalkeeper Julie Buczek to tie the game at 1-1. Johnson hinted at displeasure with the call, but said, "The refs are closer than I am."

The Maples started pressing after their first goal, often setting up shots by bringing the ball in close and banging away at rebounds. It proved successful, with eight minutes left in the half, as Michelotti fired a shot through the hands of Buczek; making the score 2-1 in favor of Seaholm.

Needing at least a goal to tie, and knowing that no team had scored two goals on Seaholm all season, Johnson added an extra forward at the beginning of the second half. Eight minutes later, the Rocks were celebrating a goal by freshman Mia Sarkesian. The score came after a barrage of shots peppered Seaholm's goalkeeper. It started with



Although the Rocks played great defense all year the Salem soccer team could not stop the offensive attack of the Seaholm squad.

sophomore Jodi Coyle's shot which deflected off the crossbar, Lukasik got control of the rebound but was denied on her shot attempt. With the ball laying unclaimed in front of the net, Sarkesian found an opening and tied the game, 2-2. It appeared the Rocks had momentum. "I could see their coach getting worried," Johnson said. But the clock ticked away and the score remained deadlocked. Play became tense as the importance of scoring the next goal rose with every passing second.

There were eight minutes left in the contest when Seaholm's Monica Kaltreider carried the ball up the left wing. She turned and delivered a crossing shot that rebounded off Buczek straight to Michelotti, who found the back of the net for her second goal of the game. It was 3-2 Seaholm. "When we were tied 2-2 in similar games," Johnson said, "The other team had scored first. And then we tied it up and got rolling...If we would've scored just another one, who knows? We panicked." Salem would not score again, but Seaholm would add an insurance goal

on a header by Michelotti. It was the first time since 1983 that a player posted a hat trick in the state finals.

"After their third goal," Johnson said, "they dominated. We wore down. We have a lot of nagging injuries. But it's the end of the season. We expected that."

As the clock wound down to zero. Seaholm's fans rushed the field in glorious celebration. The championship trophy was presented to the Maples while a runner's up trophy was handed over to Salem. "They took it pretty good," Johnson said of his players' disappointment. "They were happy to get to the finals. They were focused." An additional factor played into the emotions of Salem fans: it was Johnson's last game as coach. "I would've liked to win," Johnson said, who will retire after coaching boys soccer this fall, "but I was very happy. It was a respectable loss." It would have been Johnson's second state title. He won the Class A title in 1987.

"Both of these teams would've beat those teams. The skill level is much higher," Johnson said.

Annual YMCA Run set for Sunday

On your mark. Get set. Go.

And hundreds of runners will be off to the races this Sunday, initiating the Plymouth YMCA's 16th Annual Run. "I think it's a great community event, a great family event," said Joanne McCarthy, YMCA executive director. "Particularly, since it's on Father's Day, you can get out and cheer dad on, and be back by 10:30 (a.m.) We all need the exercise, even if it's just coming out and standing on the street corner and cheering." Last year's race was ranked as one of the top 50 in the state by Michigan Runner. "It's a nice little race," McCarthy said.

The day will get underway at 7:30 a.m. with the Junior Jog for six to eight-year-olds. Fifteen minutes later the Tot Trot for ages three to five will get started. The One Mile Run/Walk, the 5K Run/Walk and the 10K run will all start before 9 a.m. Also, the YMCA offers the opportunity to run all three races for the price of one. "This is our second year for the Triple Race," McCarthy said. "It's kind of a challenge." Last year, a contestant completed the race in under one hour.

Certificates and ribbons will be awarded to all Junior Jog and

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Blazing bats

Rock baseball crushes competition, takes regional title, state title next in line

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was not like Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger had not warned anybody.

He said last week that Novi's small field, host of the regional games on Saturday, could be an advantage to his lethal line up.

But after Salem had trounced Ann Arbor Huron, 12-0, and were in the process of doing the same to Jackson in the regional final game, a spectator finally exclaimed his disbelief. "Geez!" he said, "Don't you guys ever stop hitting?"

"No, we don't," replied Rumberger.

In the two games, Salem scored 22 runs and had 22 hits, ending the first game by the mercy rule. the Rocks also allowed just one earned run and committed no errors. "We dominated every phase of the game," Rumberger said. "I'm not trying to get too excited, but I am."

Salem was scheduled to play Redford Catholic Central yesterday at Milan. To beat the Shamrocks, Rumberger predicted his team did not have to improve, just remain on the top of their game. "I don't know if we can play any better than this," Rumberger said, "but if we play the same, we have a good chance of going to Battle Creek."

Battle Creek is hosting the Class A baseball finals.

Against the Ann Arbor Huron River Rats, several of Salem's seniors had outstanding performances that turned the game into a blowout. "Bill Styles was just fantastic today," Rumberger said of the senior shortstop who went two for four with three RBI. Senior pitcher Justin Marcis was impressive once again, improving his record to 7-2. He threw four innings, walking none, striking out four and allowing three hits before being removed with the game in hand. Ted Bentley came in for mop up duty in the fifth and struck out one.

The Rocks scored in every inning, putting two on the scoreboard in the first off Dan Quaine's double and never looking back. Three more runs came in during the second inning, and another two were added in the third frame. With the score 7-0 in the fourth, sophomore Ryan Rumberger doubled to left center field for two RBI, pulling the Rocks close to a mercy victory. It was 10-0 in the top of the fifth when Brad Lear (three for three, two RBI) swatted a two-run homer to complete the scoring. "We had only nine hits," said Rumberger, "but mostly at the right time."

The game versus the River Rats proved to be just a tune up for Rumberger's wall bangers. Junior pitcher Ryan Andrzejewski was overpowering, but did not need to be.

At the plate, Salem made like boxer Mike Tyson and came out swinging on a search and destroy mission.

Kazuki Kurisu led off the first frame with a triple, and came home on a sacrifice. With two runners on later in the inning, Ahmande Grimes singled; making it 3-0. Before Jackson escaped, Ryan Rumberger had knocked in Geoff Mackiewicz on a double. It was 4-0, and Salem's ball game. The Rocks were unable to cross the plate in the second, but Andrzejewski held Jackson in check. "His (earned run average) is probably under one," said Rumberger. "He was outstanding. He threw hard. He got ahead of the batters."

Jackson had successfully silenced Salem's runs for one inning, but the Rocks had not misfired — they were just reloading.

"We blew it open in the third inning," Rumberger said.

Mackiewicz began the onslaught with a one-bagger, Ryan Rumberger followed with an RBI double. He went to third on a wild pitch and came home on Mike Brannon's sacrifice. Then, Sammy LaGrow walked, setting up Kurisu's monstrous home run. "It was a bomb," said Rumberger.

"It was so long, the only place that could've held it in was the Grand Canyon."

Even Kurisu seemed shocked as the ball easily cleared the fence. "I tell the kids to run, don't watch it," Rumberger said, "but this one, we just said, 'Let's take a break and watch this one go out'."

Jackson appeared shell-shocked, allowing back-to-back singles to Styles and Lear, completing the five-run out-burst. Jackson came right back with three consecutive singles, closing the gap to 9-1. But any hope of a rally was ended

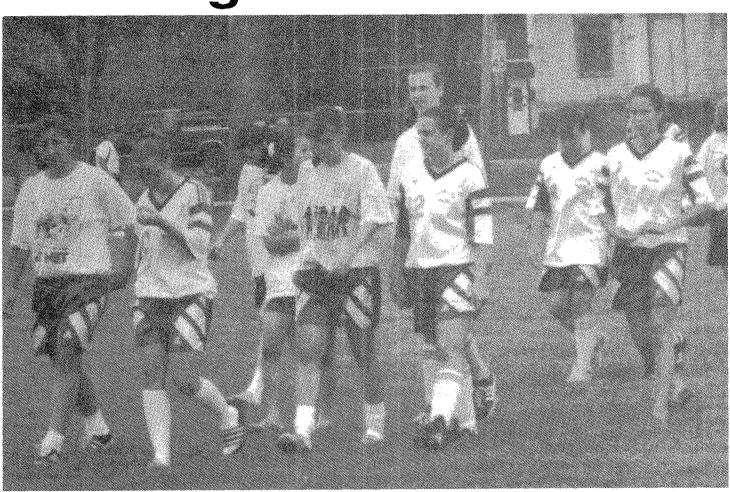
when Styles, Kurisu and Quaine turned a double play. "That was beautiful," Rumberger said.

Salem added their 10th and final run in the fifth when Kurisu tripled and Styles double, putting the Rocks up 10-1. "We came out focused today, and just executed the heck out of them today," said Rumberger.

A chance to play Catholic Central — a perennial state power — might be a blessing in disguise Rumberger reasoned. With his players out of school, the distractions of summer could pose a problem.

"I'm sure it's going to be a battle in the true tradition of CC," said Rumberger. "It'll be a battle of two great traditions."

Amazing season



Although the Salem soccer team lost in the state championship, they still had a very successful season. The Rocks fought to a tough 4-2 loss against Seaholm Saturday — no other team this season scored more than one goal this season against Seaholm.

Registration still open for annual run

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Tot Trot participants, with plaques and awards going out the top finishers in the One Mile, 5K and 10K. "It's so unique because little two-year-olds can go," said McCarthy. "Mom and dad can put the baby on their back and go. It's such a broad range, because we do draw the elite runners too." Age divisions range from seven and under to 71 and up. Along with the mementos, food and refreshments will be available. "We have such an array of food from the community," McCarthy said. "Everyone is so willing"

Volunteers are still needed for several duties. "We need them

on the corners. We need them in The Gathering Saturday night," McCarthy said. "We need them at the finish line." The more assistance that McCarthy receives will allow her to continue a delightful trend with the race. Said McCarthy: "It's been absolutely fantastic. Each year it keeps getting better and better." Past races have benefited from beautiful weather, but dress appropriately because the race will be halted for only the most extreme conditions. "Rain or shine, unless it's thundering and lighting," said McCarthy.

For additional information concerning registration or volunteering, call the YMCA at 453-2904.



Community opinions

P-C sports teams show state athletic excellence

The Plymouth-Canton Community was represented by three sports teams this past weekend — The Salem girls soccer team, the Canton girls softball team and the Salem baseball team.

They showed the state their athletic prowess and community spirit.

The Salem girls soccer team lost in their bid for the

state championship, but they can hold their heads high. They are a great asset to this community and played with spirit and honor.

The Canton girls softball team lost as well, but again, played with great enthusiasm. The team fell in the regional tournament to a tough Belleville team.

The Salem baseball team is still alive, bringing home

the regional title. The Rocks played Tuesday against Redford Catholic Central.

All the teams deserve praise. They represented our community with sportsmanship and athletic excellence. Thank you to all the spring sports teams — win or lose — for a full season of excitment.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Beitner should accept change, support streetscape

EDITOR:

In 1978, I was looking for a place to open my business, the Engraving Connection. I looked at locations in Livonia, Canton and Plymouth. Of all the locations I looked at, only Plymouth was the right place to start my new business. New development was happening, the Forest Place shops were being built.

I stood on the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail and did customer counts — how many people walked by — how many customers had packages, and the mix of stores in town. I saw a downtown with a very strong, unique identity and that the surrounding community supported this beautiful downtown. I saw nothing but growth and merchants that were committed to keeping Plymouth growing. I wanted to be part of this.

I opened my store, along with seven other new stores in the Forest Place on Ann Arbor Trail. We all opened with success. All of us with great optimism because of the growing Plymouth market base of shoppers.

I went around and visited the other stores in town and introduced myself and my new business. I asked them to refer customers to me that needed engraving services. I went up and down Main Street, Penniman Avenue, Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Avenue. To all these other shop owners, I and my business were well received. They wished me success and realized Plymouth was growing bigger and better.

Only one store that I went to had a different view of Plymouth's expanding store base. I went into Beitner's Jewelry Store and met Bill Beitner. He was cordial to me and I liked him as a person right away. Bill took issue with me that all the new stores were a good thing. He said, "The pie is only so big and now the pie has to be sliced in more pieces."

He felt that the building of Forest Place was a very bad change for Plymouth. I explained that with all the new stores, the demand from the customers would increase. We would draw customers from a larger area. The pie would get larger. Bill disagreed with me and said a lot of business owners would be hurt with more stores going after the same dollars. I went away puzzled with his view of wanting to keep things the same.

Now is 1995 and change is happening again in downtown Plymouth. I've been talking to merchants around town and the merchants are excited again about the opportunities that the Plymouth Streetscape improvements will create for downtown Plymouth and our businesses. Bill has been opposed to the streetscape saying, "Our sidewalks have been good for the last 30 years, why fix it if it's not broken?"

Bill has focused his opposition to change on the pedestrian island that will be on Ann Arbor Trail (very close to his store) saying it is a safety hazard and taking parking spaces away, among other things.

Bill, I have to disagree with you on the reasons you don't want a pedestrian

island. The island makes it safer to cross Ann Arbor Trail to Forest Avenue. The island will slow down traffic on Ann Arbor Trail making it safer to cross. Senior citizens will have a safe place to stop half way across the road. Mothers with baby carriages will have a safe place to stop while crossing the street. As it is now, our customers have to rush across the street because of the wide lanes and the speed of the cars.

The real reason you are against the pedestrian island is: You don't like change.

When I opened my store in 1978, you didn't want change — just keep it the way it is. Today, you don't want change again.

Bill, the sidewalks and curbs are broken. Let's change it — fix it right — look to the future — watch Plymouth and our businesses grow and change!

Bill, stop your legal opposition to the Plymouth Streetscape.

REX M. TUBBS — OWNER, ENGRAVING CONNECTION

Streetscape takes City into future, keeps stores competitive

As a city of Plymouth resident and shopper of the downtown area, I disagree with the negative comments concerning the Plymouth Streetscape project and the construction of a pedestrian island on Ann Arbor Trail.

The intersection of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest is commonly used by pedestrians to cross Ann Arbor Trail. At times, the intersection has been difficult and dangerous to cross due to the amount and speed of traffic. The pedestrian island will reduce the speed of vehicles on Ann Arbor Trail, and allow pedestrians a safe median before continuing across the street. In addition, the island will help create a natural transition between Main Street, Forest Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail.

Comments have been made to keep Plymouth the same. The same as what? The turn of the century when Plymouth had trolley cars? The 1950s when South Main Street was lined with beautiful trees and homes? Or perhaps the times when Plymouth had a disco nightclub or a 5-and-10 store? In this technological age of discriminating consumers, cities and businesses do not have the luxury to remain complacent or isolated.

The types of businesses that locate in Plymouth are constantly changing, along with population demographics and consumer trends. In order to remain a viable place to do business and an attractive place to live, Plymouth needs to make improvements. Do the improvements need to go beyond the basic upgrading of roads and sidewalks? Some people view the city's present appearance as unique. What is unique about vacant buildings? What is charming about hand made street signs, plastic trash receptacles, towering street lights, insufficient landscaping and benches, and cracked sidewalks and curbs?

Plymouth is unique, not because of it's conventional small town appearance, but rather because the city has maintained it's small town culture. Amenities like Kellogg Park, the Penn Theater, Farmer's Market, the library, neighborhood parks, volunteer committees, the variety of housing styles, a downtown within walking distance, and parades and festivals, have all contributed to the uniqueness that has made Plymouth attractive. The streetscape project will enhance this culture and increase civic pride.

Several area communities have completed similar streetscape projects to improve their business districts. Each of these cities has been able to maintain its own identity and with positive results. Some of these cities include Royal Oak, Rochester, Northville, Farmington, Belleville and Wyandotte. Livonia is also planning a streetscape project to improve the

Plymouth Road corridor.

Today, architects are designing areas that promote more pedestrian traffic for neighborhoods and businesses. The trend is known as 'new urbanism'. Once the taboo of new subdivisions in the 1980s, sidewalks are now being installed in neighborhoods to encourage walking and social interaction. Front porches are being added to homes again. And fast growing cities without a downtown identity, like Novi, are developing central business areas that emphasize pedestrian activity, and yes, include pedestrian islands.

It is natural to question an expenditure of this size. However, it should be remembered that this project did not happen overnight, it is the realization of 10 years of consultations, discussions, research and volunteer efforts to beautify and revitalize Plymouth. The current project was downscaled from the original plans, and the final cost, (which is being funded by the state and the DDA), was reduced from \$5 million to \$2.4 million. To pursue litigation to alter or delay construction of the project, as has been mentioned, may financially burden city residents and detract from the positive impact the streetscape will have on Plymouth and the area businesses.

Many residents have spent considerable amounts of money upgrading and beautifying their homes. The preservation and beautification of the business district is certainly as important as the preservation of the residential areas. Especially when local realtors often remind prospective home buyers that a house in the city of Plymouth is within walking distance of downtown.

I have lived in the city for 10 years. During this time, there have been many situations to be discouraged about. The vacant Farmer Jack building and Amoco Station. The closing of Cloverdale and several retail businesses. The nuisance of cruising and the uninspiring look of South Main Street. The neighborly atmosphere of Plymouth is one attribute that makes the city a desirable place to live and visit. As communities place more emphasis on pedestrian activity, we should welcome this opportunity to highlight the positive aspects of Plymouth, and enhance the features other cities are trying to recreate.

I support the streetscape project and the people who have worked to make this endeavor become a reality for our enjoyment, and for the enjoyment of the next inheritances of the Plymouth community.

GERALD SABATINI

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Community opinions

Yack is healthy, working hard again

Yack is back

Despite repeated hospital stays — which Canton Supervsor Tom Yack describes in both painful and medical detail — the Top Dog of Canton Government is back on the job.

"Unrelenting pain."

"I can't continue," (he told the rest of the Canton Board when he had to leave an early May meeting and go home to pop nitro pills).

"The next day was, 'Let's see how many tests we can do on Tom day'."

"Wow!!!!" (describing a chest pain later).

Suffice it to say, that his reluctant descriptions of leaving his gall bladder on the operating floor (good riddance) and other medical procedures for the past three months are less pleasant quotes.

Tom survived blood clots too and became familiar with the hospital's 1:30 a.m. emergency admitting crew.... they know his patient I.D. number by heart.

Meanwhile, Barb (his wife), has helped Tom run Canton, shuffling paperwork over to the hospital for 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

With malice toward none



Tom was even caught by The Crier staff — on his first trip home from the hospital — driving through the (underconstruction) new Canton golf course Pheasant Run. Barb was driving and he insisted on looking things over "on the way home." He chuckles, "When I asked her to drive through, she said I was out of my mind."

Maybe.

But, he says, his other body parts are working now and he's full time back since Monday.

Meanwhile he credits all the good-will wishes (including those from a group of "Decidedly Democrats") for making the last three months better.

Yack's back.

City residents helped in emergency

EDITOR:

On Saturday, May 20, my family and I were involved in a horrible auto accident on US-23. Upon evacuating the vehicle, our daughter's dog ran from the scene and was never seen again.

Following four hours of facial surgery, our daughter's recovery was hindered due to her depressed state of mind over the loss of her dog. However, almost 48

hours after the accident, her dog was found alive and well.

My family is eternally grateful due to the efforts of two Plymouth citizens and their families who committed themselves to help find our dog. Sue Nisch and Amy Burns waged an all-out effort to help reunite Emily and "Molly Rose."

They contacted all area agencies and several radio stations in hope that

somebody may have seen Emily's dog. Sure enough, Monday we received that special call.

The city of Plymouth can be extremely proud and fortunate to have Sue and Amy and their families as such fine citizens.

CRAIG MAURO AND FAMILY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please see related story on page three of this week's Community Crier.

Fire department provides quick service

EDITOR

We wish to commend our neighbors Fred and Jane Libbing and the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

The Libbings for saving our house from a potentially disastrous fire resulting from a lightning strike over the Memorial Day weekend. Their diligence in sounding the alarm resulted in comparatively minor damage.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department should be praised for their quick arrival at the scene.

Their action that most impressed us was the unusual care they took in protecting our property at the same time they were expertly putting out the fire.

Small town neighbors and fire departments are special. WINTON AND DEE CRAWFORD

Plymouth Streetscape will improve downtown

EDITOR:

This letter is in response to all the whining, negative, fatalistic comments loaded with skepticism and cynicism that I've been listening to since the Plymouth Streetscape began.

I don't care what anyone says, the place had gone shabby.

And we're not talking elegant decay here either.

The street that I look at every day couldn't be patched one more time. The sidewalks have been destroyed by salt and those bricks around the trees have always looked like an afterthought.

"Fine the way it was," may work for today, but in five years when it really looks like bloody hell, the same people will be screeching that the city isn't looking out for its retailers.

Crossing Ann Arbor Trail has always

been like playing chicken. I can't imagine anyone finding the current circumstance acceptable or safe.

What would the city of Plymouth be if it were not, like our houses, maintained?

Considering the success rate of so many retail districts across the U.S., I am thrilled and grateful to be involved in

business in a city so willing to invest in its retail district. As well as being willing to do such a renovation correctly and completely, this is leaving us with much more to hand down to our children as well as more to offer new homeowners and businesses.

MARY FRANCES MILLINGTON

Egli will be missed by Canton businessman

EDITOR

I've noticed a great article on the retirement of Dick Egli.

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to work with Dick, he's one class guy. He does what he says he commits to. I will miss his smiling face around town working on the different

committees

He was an "independent judge" that helped award me the Canton Small Business Person of the Year Award in 1989. Thanks again Dick.

This community will need several replacements to fill his shoes.

FRANK A. MCMURRAY

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