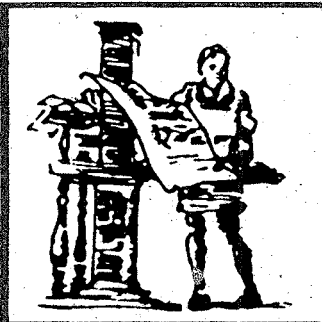


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## Top tapper



Tom Rhodes at Station 885 was chosen as the best bartender in The Community Crier's Readers Rate poll. Who won the other categories? Complete results begin on pg. 13. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## School Board relocates 190 students; future building needs examined

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board unanimously approved a short-term recommendation from the school district's Housing Committee, which included several amendments to the original proposal presented on March 11.

Included in the approved recommendation was the relocation of approximately 190 students, a general adjustment that allows all current fourth and seventh graders affected by the two-year plan to remain at their current school, and a priority item held over from last month's recommendation — obtaining a longer lease at Lowell Middle School.

"I did want to say also, that the total number of students moved went down from 320, after the first go around, to about 190 after we made the adjustments," said Housing Committee member John Filios, a middle school parent. "So we were able to reduce the number of students moved significantly, and we were able to do that even by continuing to have to the goals accomplished."

Also, The Housing Committee presented a long term plan during the Superintendent's Report that was not voted on by the

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**Mystery**  
Plymouth's own Mayflower  
Hotel to hold theme dinners  
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**Lots of heart**  
Local businesses help out with  
Heart Association fundraiser  
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## U.S. Postal Service: New Canton post office is 'done deal'

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Following years of lobbying, phone calls and negotiation, Canton is finally getting a post office of its own.

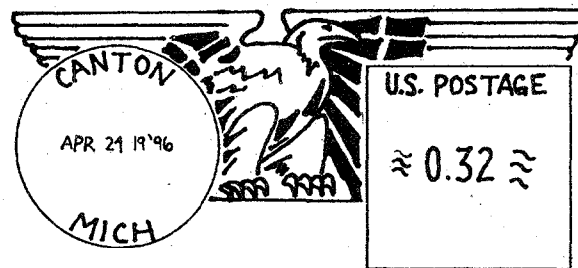
Canton officials are guardedly optimistic about the new post office. It wouldn't be the first time Canton's plans for a full service postal branch of its own were dashed at the last minute. But Lou Eberhardt, spokesperson for the U.S. Postal Service Chicago District said the project is a "done deal."

Eberhardt said the Canton post office would be the first funding priority for 1997. The post office will be full service with retail sales and postal delivery routes from the site.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett said the original plans for the Canton post office were expanded to reflect the growth in the community and are in postal officials' hands for final approval.

The first official step toward construction of the post office is securing a site. With the help of Canton officials, the U.S. Postal Service is actively looking for a location to build the new post office.

"We've talked about them (sites for the post office) in general terms," said



Construction on the proposed Canton post office is expected to begin in 1997. (Crier illustration by Brandy Sereno)

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "It will be placed where it will best serve the community. We're looking at the Canton Center corridor between Cherry Hill and Warren roads. That site seems to make the most sense."

It's been a long road for the many Canton residents, administration and government officials who have gone to bat to secure a full service post office for the community. For years, petitions and phone calls flooded the U.S. Postal Service in support of the project.

Committees were formed to advance the project and elected officials were lobbied to push the Canton post office plan.

The push for the post office has gone through many peaks and valleys of activity. The final push began last year when Bennett began making telephone calls to the U.S. Postal Service headquarters in Washington, the district office in Chicago and the local office in Detroit.

The persistence of the many people

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## Field trip approval now in hands of superintendent

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Field trips will be taking a permanent vacation from the Plymouth-Canton School Board's agenda items.

After Monday night's meeting, the only instance a field trip request must be approved by the school board will be for trips outside of the contiguous United States or to foreign countries, excluding Ontario, Canada.

The responsibility of approving field trips has been given to Superintendent Charles Little.

The unanimous approval of the revised field trip policy received a warm welcome from P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath, who had harped on the issue throughout the school year. "I think it does a lot of things to get the bureaucrats out of the way," he said, "and let the teachers and the people that know education approve the field trips that support education. So I think it's a big step forward."

Not everyone greeted it so kindly. Trustee Jack Farrow said the revised field trip policy must be made more descriptive. "What you've got here is fine," he said. "What is needed is a clearer way of defining what is and what is not a school sponsored field trip."

A field trip is currently defined as any planned journey by one or more students away from school district premises under staff supervision. The analogy Farrow

likes to use is that of a Boy Scout Troop, which uses a school and happens to have one of the school district's staff as a troop leader. He said the troop leader would have to seek permission to even discuss Boy Scout activities in school.

P-C School Board President David Artley said he would appreciate Little mentioning what field trips have been approved. "I don't need this changed," he said. "I'd just like to know."

## Simulcasting continues into summer

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Northville Downs has 613,038 reasons why simulcasting is a success.

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# Sindici organizes newspaper strike benefit at Laurel Manor Thursday

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Jerry Sindici doesn't belong to a union. His antique store in Old Village doesn't hire union employees. And he doesn't have relatives affected by the Detroit newspaper strike.

But he is.

Sindici said his business, The Robin's Nest, has seen a 30 percent drop in sales because he has quit buying classified advertisements in the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press until the nine-month labor dispute ends.

"It's hurting us and I'm fed up that they're not settling this strike," Sindici said.

"It's time for the small businessman to stand up for these people."

He's helping organize a benefit for the striking newspaper workers on Thursday in nearby Livonia. About 1,000 tickets at \$20 a piece have already been sold, Sindici said.

The idea, he said, is to increase awareness about the strike and the unions. To do that, organizers have invited a woman synonymous with union success: Crystal Lee Sutton, the real "Norma Rae" who organized textile workers in North Carolina and was the subject of the Academy-award winning film.

UAW Local 182 in Livonia is sponsoring the benefit, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Laurel Manor Banquet Center on Schoolcraft Road. An international buf-

fet, live music and a silent auction will be featured. Sutton is the keynote speaker and a host of local politicians and newspaper union leaders will also speak.

"We're not just trying to raise money, we're trying to bring awareness about this," Sindici said.

There isn't a lot of talk about the strike in The Plymouth-Canton Community, which is located about 25 miles west of the newspapers' headquarters in downtown Detroit. Sindici said he invited Mayor Ron Loiselle, City Manager Steve Walters and Downtown Development Director Steve Guile to attend the benefit. But the three officials told The Community Crier they weren't attending.

"I'll tell you why that is," said Roger Caldwell, the president of the UAW



**JERRY SINDICI**

Local 845 in the Sheldon Road Ford plant in Plymouth.

"Plymouth is a Republican town," Caldwell said. "Getting Plymouth to do something for the strike is like pulling teeth out here."

But Caldwell said he plans to attend the Livonia benefit with 10 of his union members.

# New schools may be on horizon for community

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school board with several substantial proposals; it included a recommendation to build a new high school.

The 11-member Housing Committee was formed in November to deal with The Plymouth-Canton Community's housing explosion. They were charged with preserving neighborhood schools while simultaneously utilizing all available space in the school district's facilities.

In the two-year plan, fourth and seventh graders wishing to remain at their current school will be permitted to do so if a written request is submitted to the school district before June 1. Those students choosing this option must provide their own transportation. The lease and/or purchase of Lowell, located in Westland and owned by the Livonia School District, remains a priority with both short and long term implications. The P-C Schools' lease of Lowell expires in October, 1998. "Especially given our middle school situation," said Filios, "we can't afford for the lease to end, and end up with 700 more students to put somewhere."

The five-year, long-term recommendation informed the school board, after months of research by the Housing Committee, that at least one elementary school and one middle school needs to be built.

The new middle school would replace Central Middle School which, according to the Housing Committee's report, would then serve as a temporary home for 500 to 700 high school students while a

new high school is built, lowering the population of the 4,500 student Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to about 3,800.

"We know that the number of students at the Park is an issue, and therefore we thought maybe we could house them at Central," said Filios. "But that won't last forever. In fact, Central is not in the best of shape. It'll take a lot of money to fix it up. It might not be good money to fix it up, to make it a viable high school for the long term. So we recommend, if the current run continues, we're going to be needing another high school."

It was suggested by the Housing Committee, that three new schools, if built, could be at an integrated site or a different locations around the school district. Also proposed: Securing another school site in southwestern Canton of substantial acreage, preparing Tanger School to be fully operational by 1997-98, and commissioning a demographic study (beyond SEMCOG data) to determine whether or not to construct a second elementary school in Canton within the next four years.

The school district's position is dire, said Filios. "We looked at a lot of possible things, and all the things we want to have, we kind of throw out the window," he said. "These are things that are not almost need to have, they're got to have. We let it go so long. But I don't how we can communicate to the community how important the acquisition of more facilities is... So the bottom line here: immediately build an elementary and a middle school. Actually, we should've started

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- A Secretary's Day luncheon sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will be held today from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Water Club Grill on Ann Arbor Road. Cost is \$16 per person.

## THE WEEKEND

- Salem faces Canton in a baseball showdown Saturday at noon at Canton. The two teams face off in a double header.
- The Plymouth Symphony Society, celebrating 50 years of performing in The Plymouth-Canton Community, is the subject of a black tie fund-raiser Saturday at Fox Hills Country Club. Proceeds of the \$100-per-person event will go towards the Endowment 2000 campaign. Call 451-2112 for ticket information.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a study meeting. The public is invited to the open meeting.
- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

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# City seeks replacement for Graham

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

City Manager Steve Walters is accepting job applications through Tuesday for a new finance director.

The new finance director will replace William Graham, who was fired in early March. His last day in City Hall was March 28.

Graham couldn't be reached for comment because he is out of town for a few weeks, said his wife, Terry. She said her husband doesn't have a new job yet but he is looking for work.

He reached a termination agreement with the City that gives him \$7,500 in severance pay and an additional \$7,500 minus any unemployment compensation he may receive. Graham's attorney, John Thomas, said he didn't know if Graham filed for unemployment.

His health insurance plan is paid by the City for April, Thomas said, and then Graham will receive the same medical benefits as retired City employees.

The City Commission approved the termination agreement on March 5, but because the finance director reports directly to the city manager the commission has no say in the selection process.

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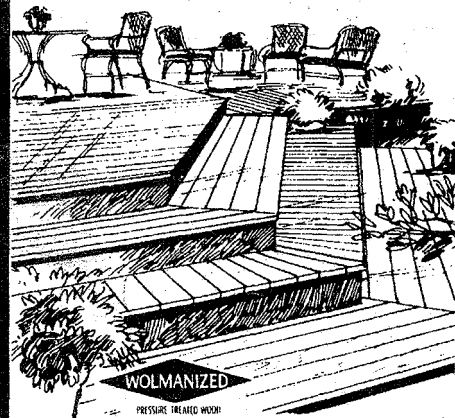
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## City seeks replacement for finance director

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Walters said he may appoint an interview committee if he gets more than 50 applications.

The new finance director will earn between \$35,000 and \$50,000 and must move to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, Walters said.

The new director serves as chief financial officer of the City. Applicants must

have at least five years of municipal finance experience and additional experience in computerized accounting systems, spreadsheets and word processing.

The job opening has been advertised in the Plymouth, Canton and Livonia editions of the Observer and Eccentric newspaper, Walters said, and application requirements have been mailed to finance departments at area cities and townships.

## Canton post office in pipeline

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who worked on the project finally paid off with the help of U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers and Sen. Spencer Abraham.

"We worked with both Spencer Abraham and Lynn Rivers," said Bennett. "Rivers was persistent on getting us information and pressuring them to give us a reason why there was not post office in Canton.

"Abraham pushed to make sure there was enough money to fund the project — securing the financial package."

Bennett said she tried to focus the efforts of the many people working to bring a post office to Canton. "I tried to take the politics out of the situation and just get the work done," she said.

Eberhardt said growth in the Canton community prompted the U.S. Postal Service to make the Canton post office a priority.

"We're talking about incredible growth," he said. "Canton has a lot of growth and that's what we're trying to keep up with.

"This sounds encouraging for Canton and the area."

With the initial planning underway, Canton can look to Plymouth for historical reference. Building the new Plymouth Township post office on Clipper Street was not an easy process. Problems with occupancy permits plagued the new office and space became so limited at the new site that the downtown Plymouth post office was revived.

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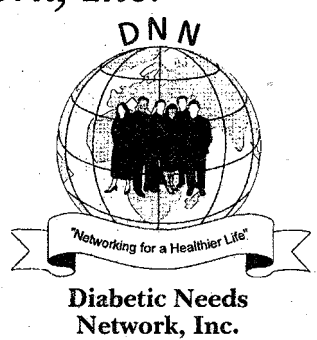
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# Tyszka faces 2 counts of family abduction

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Instead of fighting for the custody of his children in the courts, Henry Tyszka will now fight for his freedom.

Tyszka, a Plymouth Township resident, was arrested in Indian River, in the northern Michigan county of Cheboygan, and charged with two counts of family abduction, according to police.

He was arraigned on Friday in 35th District Court by Judge John MacDonald, and released on 10 percent, \$20,000 bond, said Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson. Tyszka, 48, pleaded not guilty.

On same day, Township Police Chief Carl Berry said, Tyszka's seven-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter were boarding a plane to take them back Paris, where Tyszka's ex-wife resides. It brought an end to a media saturated, international custody battle that has been waged since December.

According to Rapson, Tyszka has a May 3 preliminary exam date. Berry said a felony family abduction count is punishable up to 366 days in jail.

Apparently, Tyszka was arrested soon after a "most wanted" portion of Cheboygan area news shows. "The state police fugitive team contacted the news media up in those communities," said Rapson, "and sent pictures of the kids and Tyszka."

Rapson said he did not know how long Tyszka had been in Indian River. "I have no idea how long he was up there," Rapson said.

The Michigan State Police Fugitive Team, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Plymouth Township Police have been

searching for Tyszka since Feb. 23. He disappeared with his children after a series of legal setbacks in Michigan courts, police said.

The story began to unfold just after Christmas. According to Rapson, Tyszka had a visitation agreement with his ex-wife to visit his children during the summer and holidays. The children were in Plymouth Township during Christmas when Tyszka filed a stay of execution with Detroit Circuit Court, alleging the children were being abused by their mother, police said. "He has claimed the children were being abused by their mother," said Berry... "That has to go through the French authorities. They've done some investigation, and they basically found no cause for action."

Meanwhile, the children's mother filed legal action in France demanding they be returned to Paris, police said. Detroit Circuit Court ruled insufficient evidence on Tyszka's stay of execution, and the Michigan Court of Appeals reviewed and denied the case, Rapson said. It was following these defeats, Tyszka announced on a local Detroit TV station he was going into hiding. Five days later, on Feb. 23, Township Police searched Tyszka's Lilley Road residence. "We couldn't find anything," said Rapson.

Law enforcement officials then began to comb Metro Detroit and northern Michigan, two areas where Tyszka has family. "We knew he was up there," said Berry. "He was either here or up there."

Tyszka was arrested Thursday afternoon during a traffic stop, Rapson said.

# Catholic school plan faces May 1 deadline

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Approximately 150 people from four parishes filled Resurrection Parish in Canton on April 16 to discuss the possible construction of the Detroit Archdiocese's first parochial school in three decades.

It was the last scheduled meeting before the May 1 deadline when the Archdiocese will decide the future of the grade school, which is scheduled to be built on the grounds of Resurrection. The four sponsoring parishes — Resurrection, St. Kenneth, St. John Neumann and St. Thomas a'Becket — are currently far short of the estimated 300 students need for approval by the Archdiocese. About 180 children have been registered, according to Mike Mitchell, parish parent coordinator, who said the meeting was a step in the right direction.

"We definitely had a real positive response," he said. "We had people register right after the meeting."

"I'm optimistic the school will be built," said Mike Gerou, who is also involved in the planning process. "If it's not, it certainly will not be because of lack of effort by parents."

Mitchell said the original estimate of initially registering more than 400 children may not be attained by next week. "It may be scaled down," he said about the plans for the school. "At that point it depends on numbers. I know they (the Archdiocese) want it as bad as the parents and the parishes."

Gerou said the \$5,000 pre-registration family fee may be the reason some families are apprehensive. "When you're asking for a lot of money up front, you're going to see some resistance," he said. "I think that's a large part of it. The Archdiocese hasn't done this before. We've made some mistakes. A lot of parents didn't hear of this until late in the game."

Plans for a new Catholic school began

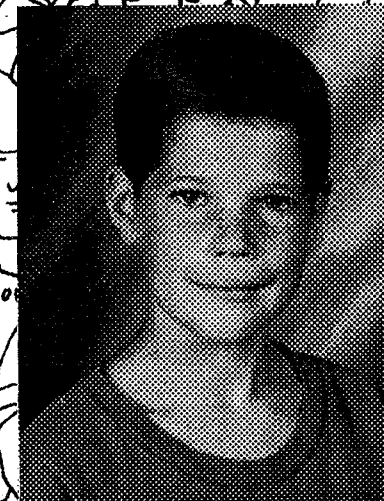
two years ago during a resurgence of Catholic education, resulting in long waiting lists at local parochial schools. But public meetings and registration concerning the school didn't begin until last month. "In retrospect, maybe we should've had artists' rendition of what the school is going to look like," said

Gerou. "We're asking people to put down money for something they can't even see."

Gerou and Mitchell agreed a last minute registration rush is probable since a lot questions concerning the pre-registration education fee, curriculum and school staff were answered at the meeting.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Kenneth and Esther Hulsing of Plymouth Township will be honored for a lifetime commitment to the arts at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's Golden Anniversary Gala. The celebration will be held on Friday at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. Kenneth Hulsing was a past president of the Plymouth Symphony Society. His wife was Township clerk from 1978 to 1992.

Eighth graders at West Middle School placed 36th in the National Global Challenge. The written test covered history, geography, science and current events, and 335 schools participated. West students John Merrick, Dan Amos and Ben Heller were among the top 150 scorers and Heller scored 6th.

The following Canton residents were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Schoolcraft College: Elaine A. Tokarz, Susan A. O'Neill, Keri L. Jastrzebski, Sherri D. Czub, Paula J. Boulet, Angela E. Barclay. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year colleges. Members must have a 3.5 grade point average and community service activities. Deborah J. Muir, Barbara L. McElearney and Ellen L. August of Plymouth also were inducted into the honor society.

The Canton Newcomers Club hopes to sell 4,000 raffle tickets to raise money for the Bereavement Program and Camp for children at the Community Hospice Service. Tickets are being sold from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday at Kroger and K mart stores in Canton and Plymouth, and the Las Vegas Golf store on Ford Road in Canton. Tickets are \$1 and the drawing will be held on May 1.

Cindy Brautigam of Plymouth was honored recently with four horticulture awards at the Ann Arbor Flower and Garden Show. Karen Attaway of Canton won 2nd place for miniature landscape. Ella Bastine of Canton won a 2nd place horticulture award and Keller & Stein Florist & Greenhouse of Canton won first place for porches and patios exhibit.

Sean Hunt's computer and traditional environmental design art is on display at the Northern Michigan University Art Museum in Marquette. Hunt is a Canton resident. The art exhibit, called "Pile In," includes electronic imaging, graphic communications, drawing and painting, illustration, photography, film, metalsmithing and ceramics.

# Mystery at the Mayflower

*Theme meals set for historic downtown Plymouth hotel*

## Vets honored

The Gamble VFW celebrated their 50th anniversary last weekend with a banquet. The group is looking for new members, but activity remains strong in the veteran's organization. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



# PCAC Damaris Fine Arts Award winners announced

More than half of the middle school students who entered the 1996 Damaris Fine Arts Awards won the contest, it was recently announced by The Plymouth Community Arts Council, which sponsors the awards.

The awards, given in honor of Dee Schulte, a longtime volunteer at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, encourages young people to participate in the arts. Close to 35 students in the sixth through eighth grades auditioned, and awards were given to 18 students.

The winners are:  
Instrumental Music: Sarah Berbrich, first place; Christine

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

King Arnault and Queen Claire, arriving at The Mayflower Hotel this weekend, may try to poison you.

So beware. Chester the Jester, Sir Ravenhurst and his darling ward Gwyndylyn aren't too trustful either.

The monarchs are actually part of Entertaining People Productions, which is performing mystery dinner theater at The Mayflower on Saturday.

Seating for "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Mayflower" begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. Show tickets and a full meal of either prime rib or chicken parmesan, vegetables and dessert costs \$24.95 per person.

This is the second show Entertaining People Productions has performed at the Mayflower. The first production, held in the end of March, was sold out.

"It's a lot of fun," said Steve Katz, director of the theater troupe. "We don't work on the stage, we work in the audience."

Beyond fun, the show provides a well-needed public relations boost to the ailing hotel.

"With a hold on renovations, we've not wanted to make a reservation for a wedding, but this way the room is being used and so is the banquet staff, said Avia Powell, the hotel's food and beverage director.

The hotel is considering a comedy dinner, a 1950's dance and other theme meals in the restaurant.

The theater troupe comprises mostly residents of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Katz, a Redford resident who lived in Livonia for many years, said the actors want to create enthusiasm for the Mayflower.

"We're interested in creating a great program for the Mayflower Hotel, for something that really is a landmark in the Plymouth area."

The Mayflower has had its share of financial troubles in recent years. City leaders hope a renovation will refurbish the landmark and add charm to the City's downtown.

The Mayflower has applied for a loan to undergo the renovations, but no one knows if and when the loan might be approved.

"I wish we knew," Powell said.

Chan, second place; Timothy Merenda, third place.

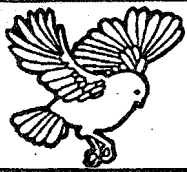
Dance: Jillian Mitchell, first place; Taryn Lillie and Jada Ronning, tie for second place; Summer Ronning and Andrea Kingsbury, tie for third place.

Drama and Creative Writing: Susan Merenda, first place.

Piano: Christine Chan and Kara Dupuy, tie for first place; Claudia Sell, second place; Rachel Goto, third place and Greg O'Neill, honorable mention.

Voice: Kristin Lynn Mellian, first place; Kellie Drinkhahn, second place; Rebecca Turza, third place.

Art: Theresa Horn, first place.



## Community weddings, anniversaries and engagements

### ROBERT AND ARDITH ROWLAND

Robert and Ardith Rowland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 14. A celebration dinner for family and friends was held in their honor.

Robert and Ardith were married in Seattle on April 14, 1946 following his discharge from military service and W.W. II. He is retired from National Bank of Detroit (Plymouth Branch) and she from Michigan Bell Telephone Company (Plymouth office). They both enjoy bowling and gardening.

The Rowlands have two children: Janis of Council, ID and Barry of Grand Haven, and four grandchildren.

JoAnne and Michael both attended Plymouth Canton High School and currently reside in Plymouth.

### FENG-GATTONI



Mrs. Pi-Chun Wang of Sacramento, CA announces the engagement of her daughter, Julia Feng to Todd Grant Gattoni, the son of Janet Harwood of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of the late Shu-Chi Feng, received her BS from the University of California, Davis, in 1990. She is employed as a catering assistant at the Claremont Resort and Spa in Berkeley, CA.

Her fiance, the son of the late Gilbert Gattoni of Plymouth, graduated from Plymouth Canton High School in 1984 and from the University of Michigan in 1988. He received his Juris Doctorate from DePaul University in Chicago in 1991, and is an attorney at the law firm of Crosby, Heafey, Roach and May in San Francisco. He was a legislative correspondent for U.S. Senator Donald Riegle.

A June wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

### MARIE AND MARVIN CRIGER



Marie and Marvin Criger were married on Dec. 22, 1945 in Plymouth, and celebrated their 50th anniversary at Sacred Heart Church with a renewal of their vows during Mass celebrated by Father Biffar on Dec. 23. A reception hosted by their children, Nadine Hershey of Mt. Pleasant, SC and Dane Criger of Grosse Pointe was held at Sugar Mill Country Club with about 50 local friends in attendance.

### DOBRY-REYNOLDS



JoAnne Marie Dobry, daughter of Charles and Jean Dobry of Plymouth is to be married in May to Michael Orr Reynolds, son of Ronald and Virginia Reynolds of Fairfield Glade, TN.

JoAnne is a 1992 graduate of Eastern Michigan University's Language and International Trade Program. Since graduating, JoAnne has worked as an export finance and credit insurance consultant for Keese & Associates in Birmingham.

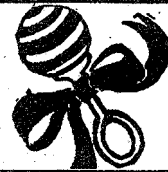
Michael is a 1991 graduate of Northern Michigan University where he was a member of the NMU Alpine Ski Team and earned his BA. in photography and design. Michael is an independent photographer and designer.

### HARP-JOHNSON



Mary Bilski and Paul Harp III both of Grandville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ginelle Alisha Harp, to Ryan Scott Johnson, son of Cheryl K. Johnson of Canton.

The bride-to-be hails from Grandville and is a graduate of Wyoming Park High School and Grand Valley State University. The bridegroom is a Canton resident and graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Grand Valley State University.



## Community births

### REBECCA LYNN LOUGH



Rebecca Lynn Lough was born to Susan and Daniel Lough of Canton on March 25. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces at birth and has a twenty-one month-old sister named Jacqueline.

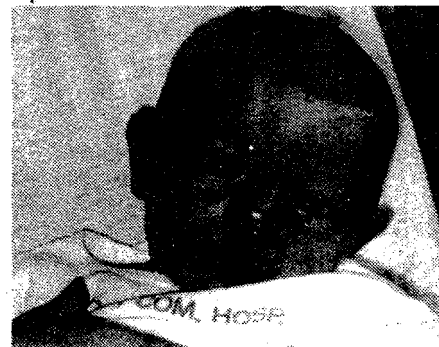
Rebecca's grandparents are Ray and Mary Jo LaBeau of Plymouth, and Ed and Dot Lough of Canton.

### COLIN DENNIS MCCORMACK

Colin Dennis McCormack was born to Jill and Dr. Dennis McCormack of Canton on March 26. He weighed 5 pounds 7 ounces at birth and has a two-year-old sister named Isabelle.

Colin's grandparents are Sue and Tom McCormack of Canton, Brian and Tina Weber of Canton and Mary Weber of Canton.

### SEAN EDWARD ROHLMAN



Sean Edward Rohlman was born to Nancy and Dr. Christopher Rohlman on Aug. 20, 1995. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces at birth.

Sean's grandparents are Richard and Mary Nalepka of Brighton, formerly of Plymouth, and Ronald and Rosie Rohlman of Birmingham. Sean's great grandmother is Frances M. Wise of Spearfish, SD.

### CAROL ANN FYSH



Carol Ann Fysh was born to Sandy and Bill Fysh of Plymouth on Jan. 12. She weighed 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces at birth and has a 14-year-old sister Courtney, a 10-year-old brother Billy and a nine-year-old brother Scott.

Carol's grandparents are Bill and Anne Fysh of Westland and Otis and Eleanore Blankenship of Holden Beach, NC. Carol's godparents are Art and April Sciberras of Garden City.

### BRIAN MICHAEL SZMYTKE

Brian Michael Szmytke was born to Belinda and Michael Szmytke of Plymouth on Feb. 13. He weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces and has a six-year-old brother named Matthew.

Brian's "Guardian Angel" is Norman Gove.

### GRACE RENEE GUIDEAU

Grace Renee Guideau was born to Shawn and Charlie Guideau of Adrian and formerly of Plymouth on Jan. 12. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

### MARGARET ANN HERRIMAN



Margaret Ann Herriman was born to Mary Ann Prchlik and Dan Herriman of Plymouth Township on Feb. 5. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and has a six-year-old sister named Jane and a two-year-old sister named Nancy.

Margaret's grandparents are John and Pat Prchlik of Fairfield Glade, TN and Pat and Irene Herriman of Plymouth. Margaret was named, in part, for great great aunts Margaret Hallihan of Litchfield, CT and the late Margaret Gearns Files of Plymouth.

### KAYLA BETHANEY BOBCEAN

Kayla Bethaney Bobcean was born to Donna and Kurt Bobcean on April 5 at 3:10 p.m. Kayla's grandparents are Nancy and Mel Bobcean.

### ZACHARY KYLE HOPMAN

Zachary Kyle Hopman was born at Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte to Cindy (Antolczyk) and Terry Hopman of Canton on Jan. 11. He weighed 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces and has a six-year-old sister named Katie.

Zachary's grandparents are Mary Antolczyk of Wyandotte and LaVerne and Vivian Hopman of St. Clair Shores. Zachary's great grandfather is Walter Staskowski of Grosse Pointe Shores. Zachary's godparents are Phyllis and Coss Pawlowski of Southgate.

### GREGORY JOHN SIEGRIST



Gregory John Siegrist was born to Candace and Mark Siegrist of Plymouth on Oct. 18, 1995 at 10:57 a.m. at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces. Gregory's grandparents are Greg and Diane Jefferson of Plymouth, James Siegrist of Sterling Heights and Diane Scheuer.

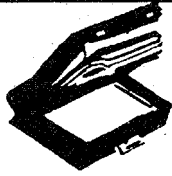
### KATRINA JEANNINE MOM



Katrina Jeannine Mom was born to Sherese Jeannine and Jeffrey Lawrence Mom of Plymouth on Nov. 22 at 2:04 p.m. in Ann Arbor at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

Katrina's paternal grandparents are Jerald L. and Janice L. Mom of Lake Orion. Katrina's maternal grandparents are Stanley J. and Marcia J. Bultman of Grand Rapids.





# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Internationally known artist D. Morgan will visit **Gabrial's** at 322 S. Main St. on May 4 from noon to 4 p.m. Free signed prints for the first 200 customers.

Doug Watson, PE, was recently named president of the Plymouth business **Wade-Trim** at the company's annual stockholder's meeting in March. Watson, who is also Wade-Trim's chief operating officer, has been with the firm for more than 23 years, most recently serving as Southern Region Operations Manager. He is also a member of the Wade-Trim Board of Directors.

Wade-Trim has nine offices throughout Michigan and Florida.

The site plan for a new **Max & Erma's** restaurant at the corner of Canton Center Road and Ford Road was reviewed by the Canton Planning Commission for approval yesterday.

**Native West**, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, has introduced a new Southwest food line including Santa Fe's own "Coyote Cafe" cuisine.

**Arbor Hospice** honored their Plymouth and Northville area volunteers at Fox Hills Country Club recently.

Joan Michelis and Nancy Fotiu were honored for five years of service. Last year, more than 11,000 volunteers were given to the agency. The duties are as varied as addressing envelopes and handcrafting 3,000 annual giving tree ornaments to providing direct support to the patient and the caregiver.

American Home Shield has purchased **AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service**, 501 S. Main St. The acquisition of North America's largest home inspection network by the largest and oldest home warranty company for an undisclosed price was announced by Breck Swanquist, president of American Home Shield.

Swanquist said AmeriSpec will maintain its existing staff and its international headquarters in Orange, CA. AmeriSpec, with 260 franchise offices throughout the U.S. and Canada, provides property inspections, testing for carbon monoxide and radon, water analysis, energy assessment, termite inspection and a variety of ancillary services to home buyers, home sellers, home owners and real estate professionals.

## Community under 'Cardiac arrest'

*Businesses support American Heart Association benefit*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The kind of "Cardiac Arrest" Lee Bittinger is going to have will not endanger his life.

In fact, it will hopefully prevent the number one cause of death in this country — heart disease.

On May 17, Bittinger and his wife, Noel, of Re/Max Real Estate, and Suzanne Thomas of Flagstar Bank will round up some of the community's leaders for incarceration at Fellows Creek Country Club in the American Heart Association of Michigan's "Cardiac Arrest" drive to raise \$30,000 for heart disease research.

If you can imagine prominent citizens from Plymouth and Canton being hauled into a makeshift hoosegow until they make bail, then you've just realized what "Cardiac Arrest" is all about. "We're going to have a mock jail set up down at Fellows Creek Golf Course," Bittinger said. "We're going to have a judge and jury and all that. We'll have some community leaders arrested, and we'll bring them in and have a mock trial and tell them what they're accused of."

After the jailbirds are found guilty of their fictitious crime, they are detained by the American Heart Association within the confines of a Fellows Creek jail cell (with a golf course view.) In order to raise money necessary for their release, the accused are supplied with a telephone to make calls to friends, family, co-workers and business associates. Jail time can be avoided if a donation is handed over to the judge upon sentencing. "It's a fun event, but it's serious," Bittinger said. "It's definitely for a good cause."

It's a cause Bittinger and his wife have



(from left) Suzanne Thomas, Lee Bittinger and Noel Bittinger will be jailbirds on May 17 to help fight heart disease.

been supporting for several reasons. "We started to become involved because a good friend, several family members and good friends have died of heart failure," said Bittinger.

"So we got involved with the American Heart Association and the folks there requested we do it. It's never been done on this end of town. It's kind of a neat thing."

Money garnered from "Cardiac Arrest" will be donated to support the research, education and community service programs of the AHA. But that

won't be possible if enough volunteers aren't found, Bittinger said. "I started calling today to get volunteers to help out," he said.

And who does Bittinger want arrested? "Judge Ron Lowe or (Canton Township Supervisor) Tom Yack," he said. "I've got a call into him. Janet Volante of First of America and (City Commissioner) Dennis Shrewsbury are going to be involved. We hope to get more community leaders involved."

For more information, call Bittinger at 459-6010.

## Canton blood donor center closed

*Decline in donations cited as factor; American Red Cross searching for new location in P-C Community*

BRIAN CORBETT

The American Red Cross Canton Donor Center is closing its doors.

Dr. Dan Waxman, principal officer for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region, said the action is regrettable but necessary.

"For the last five years we have watched donations go down throughout the region," he said, "but we especially noticed the decline at the Canton Donor Center."

The Canton Donor Center, which is located at 6700 Canton Center Rd. in Westgate Plaza, only received 3,300 pints of blood from donors from April 1995 to March 1996, Waxman said, while other locations, such as Roseville and Livonia, had 9,500 pints donated in the same time period.

According to Waxman, there could be several reasons why Canton, one of the fastest growing communities in the state, can't support a donor center.

"It could be our donors moved out of the area," he said, "and our recruitment effort hasn't reached the new residents."

Inaccessibility and time constraints may also contribute to the declining amount of blood donors, Waxman said. In addition to the Canton closing, the American Red Cross has closed the Dearborn Donor Center to volunteer blood donors.

"The good news is we're looking at new locations in the area, and telling incoming people to go to our other centers to donate," said Waxman. "And we still have our bloodmobiles, which are very successful. We get 70 percent of our donations from the mobiles."

Waxman said other blood donor centers, including Livonia's and Ann Arbor's, are currently being upgraded to handle the displaced Canton donors.

"You know I mentioned that we had 3,300 pints donated at our Canton donor center in the last year," said Waxman. "Well, that's 3,300 pints that we have to collect elsewhere."

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# Health...

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY**  
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kellogg Park. Obstacle Course, Parachute Games, drawing contests and much more. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

**MENOPAUSE SUPPORT GROUP**  
May 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the Marian Women's Center, adjacent to St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Topic: Stress Management. For more information or to register, call 655-3314.

**FITNESS CLASSES**  
At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Aerobics, Step, Weight and Intro to Step classes offered by Aerobic Fitness Co. Morning, evening and Saturday classes. Childcare available mornings. Classes ongoing, join anytime. Six-week sessions \$33-75. For more information, call (810) 348-1280.

**AEROBIC AND STEP CLASSES**  
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**LUNCHTIME EXERCISE**  
Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

**AEROBICS CLASS**  
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

**EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM**  
Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at Township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

**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.

# Schools...

**SALEM SOFTBALL CAR WASH**  
The Salem Softball teams will hold a Car Wash on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Michigan National Bank on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty Road. Donations are welcome.

**PCEP COUNSELING STAFF EXTENDS HOURS**  
The counseling staff of the PCEP is now available during after-school hours until the end of the semester. At least one counselor will be available until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 455-6794

**SCHOOLCRAFT-MSU TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**  
Schoolcraft College students transferring to MSU are eligible to win a \$500 scholarship. Students must have a minimum of 50 credits and transferring to MSU in the fall of 1996. The application deadline is May 3. For more information, call 462-4463.

**CANTON/SALEM SENIOR CLASS PARTY**  
Committees need help in preplanning stages to provide a festive atmosphere on graduation night for students in a safe and controlled environment. Business are urged to donate. Parents are urged to volunteer. Call Steering Committee members Pam Capaldi at 455-3869 or Andi Schmiedel at 397-6936.

**CANTON/SALEM GRADUATION**  
At Bowen Field House at Eastern Michigan University on June 9. Canton at 1:30 p.m. and Salem at 5 p.m.

**SALEM SENIOR PROM**  
At Burton Manor (formerly Roma Hall) on Schoolcraft Rd. east of Ladbroke DRC in Livonia, May 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday through May 10.

**WSDP-88.1 FM NEW JAZZ SHOW**  
Every Friday from 8-11 p.m., featuring old and new Jazz.

**WSDP RADIO AUCTION**  
May 11 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.. Funds raised will purchase new Alert Emergency System Equipment, scholarships and a new transmitter. All donations are tax deductible. Businesses interesting in donating should call the station at 416-7732.

**PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION**  
The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

**CLASS OF 1976/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL**  
Aug. 10 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

**CANTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM**  
The Canton High School baseball team is selling discount cards good for free items and discounts at Plymouth Canton merchants. Cards cost \$5, and are good for one year. Cards are available from any baseball team member or by calling 420-0127 after 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

**ELEMENTARY PARENT AWARENESS COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS**  
Formed in the fall of 1994, the committee helps create a greater awareness among parents of the need for students to gain positive interpersonal skills at an early age. The committee is comprised of parents, educators and business representatives. For more information, call Betty Bloch at 416-4903.

**P-C SCHOOLS NEEDS SPEAKERS**  
The Plymouth-Canton Business Education partnership program is looking for individuals willing to share their expertise with local students. To volunteer, call Betty Bloch at 416-4903.

**KINDEGARTEN CREW REGISTRATION**  
The Plymouth-Canton Extended Day Program is holding registration for the Kindegarten Crew Program at Gallimore Elementary School. \$40 registration fee and the cost is \$30 a week.

**KINDEGARTEN REGISTRATION 1996/97 SCHOOL YEAR**  
Registration is being held for Plymouth-Canton classes. To register, the child must be five-years-old by Dec. 1. Also needed for registration: child's birth certificate; proof of residency (ex. property tax bill — driver's license is unacceptable); child's social security number; child's record of immunization.

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### V.F.W. POST #6695

May 2 at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St., at 7:30 p.m. Awards will be presented. Open to the public. For more information, call Alice at 728-7619.

### CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PLANT EXCHANGE

May 18 From 9-11 a.m. at the Park Pavilion on Proctor Rd., west of Canton Center, behind the Historical Museum. Master gardeners will answer questions. Plant donations needed for Playscape. Volunteers needed. For more information, call Chris at 454-3468.

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN SINGLES GROUP

Summer Dance Blast June 15 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza, pop, raffle tickets, prizes and music by James Dunn. BYOB. No jeans. \$8. For more information, call Marilyn at 591-9269 after 6 p.m. or Pat at 277-6083.

### NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 26 is the seasonal opening of Mill Race Village from 1-4 p.m. To welcome visitors, NHS is holding its third annual meet the author, book purchase and sale day. For table space respond by May 15 by calling Diane at 810-349-9005.

### PCAC SPONSORS "KISS MY HEAD"

Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo play Brazilian-Flamenco jazz with some vocals and instrumental selections. Series of concerts begins June 15, shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. For tickets, call the Plymouth Guitar Gallery at 459-8850.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES/ FLOWER SALE

Mention the P-C Jaycees while buying plants and flowers at Canton Floral Gardens, 8307 N. Lilley, and they will donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the Jaycees. The program will run May 10 to Memorial Day (May 27.) 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.

### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB/PRECINCT DELEGATES WORKSHOP

Informal, relaxed seminar tomorrow at the Water Club Seafood and Grill at 6 p.m. The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

### ROTARY CLUB OF PLYMOUTH

First annual repair blitz in the City of Plymouth will start at 8 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers will do repairs for elderly, low income home owners.

### PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

May 14, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

### WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS SUMMER CAMP

Summer Performing Arts Camp, June 24-28 or July 15-19. Ages 5-15. Participation fee is \$100. Camp to be held at PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. For more information or to register, call Jennifer at 453-5212.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT

Saturday at 8 p.m. at April 28 at 4 p.m. at Salem High School Auditorium. The 23rd annual spring concert is entitled "Expressions of Love." \$8 tickets are available at Evola Music and sideways in Plymouth. For more information, call 455-4080.

### CANTON NEWCOMERS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The raffle ticket sale began April 1 and will end April 30; it benefits Hospice-Bereavement Program for Children serving western Wayne County. Call 522-4244 to confirm. The Newcomers will sell tickets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kroger and K-Mart stores in Plymouth and Canton, and Las Vegas Golf store in Canton. Drawing will be May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sunflower Club. Six different prizes. For more information, call Dana at 416-9245 or Kristy at 207-1823.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

PCAC is sponsoring a three-day trip to Philadelphia, June 21-23 to view the Cezanne Exhibition and the Barnes Foundation Collection. For more information, call Suncoast Travel at 455-5810 or PCAC at 416-4278.

### THE SENIOR ALLIANCE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Current entry level positions available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Positions are currently available in non-profit and governmental agencies. Individuals must meet some guidelines. For more information, call 1-800-815-1112.

### THURSDAY MORNING GOLF GROUP

Small, informal ladies group at Hilltop Golf Course on Beck Road and Ann Arbor Trail. First meeting April 25 8 a.m. Pay weekly. For more information, call Carol at (810) 348-8649 or Joan at 455-9496.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA SPRING CLASSES

Plymouth YMCA is currently taking registration for spring classes, including T-Ball, C-Ball, softball, soccer, youth golf lessons, karate, dance/gymnastics, tumbling, theme party Tuesday and other programs. For more information, call 453-2904.

### STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 454-4061.

### PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

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. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

### PLYMOUTH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City or township, are a single head of household; have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards need based. For more information, call 453-4845.

### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

### CLOTHING BANK

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

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

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

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<b>Sat:</b> Farmers Market 7:30am-12:30pm - Gatherings <b>3-5,10:</b> Plymouth Theater Guild "The Owl & the Pussycat" (349-7710) <b>7:</b> Showcase Plymouth '96 5-7pm Plymouth Manor <b>10:</b> Plymouth Kiwanis - Peanut Sale - Downtown <b>11:</b> Art in the Air - 9am-5pm - McClumpia Park (416-4ART) <b>16:</b> VFW Poppy Sale - Downtown <b>17:</b> Friday Night Freebies - 7-9:30pm (455-1453) <b>17:</b> Plymouth Symphony - Through the Year Cabaret <b>27:</b> Memorial Day Parade - 9:30am Downtown	<b>Thursdays:</b> Farmers Market - Northville Downs Race Track Parking Lot <b>24-25:</b> 9th Annual Flower Show - Downtown. <b>27:</b> Memorial Day Parade, 10 a.m. - Downtown	<b>10-11:</b> Canton Clean-Up Call 397-5801 for details <b>11:</b> Annual Kid's Fishing Derby - Heritage Park <b>13-17:</b> National Senior Center Week call 397-5444 <b>16:</b> Plymouth Symphony "Pops" Concert - Summit on the Park- 7:30 p.m. <b>16:</b> 3rd Thursday Update - 7:30am Old Country Buffet <b>18:</b> Canton Beautification Committee hosts a Plant Exchange - Heritage Park Pavilion <b>24-26:</b> Canton Soccer Club's Annual Memorial Invitational Soccer Tournament - throughout Canton - Call 397-5110 for details <b>29:</b> After Hours Business Connection 5:30pm Rose's Restaurant




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Who and what is the best of the best in The Plymouth-Canton Community? Read on. The Community Crier recently completed its annual Readers Rate survey. Although the results are not scientific, they give a complete — and sometimes surprising — glimpse into life in our community.

Response to this year's Readers Rate was better than ever. More people than ever took the time to complete the survey than any Readers Rate, which in itself shows the interest in community activities, people and government.

The results of the survey are compiled on a five-point scoring system, with five being the best and one being the worst.

What do you think about the results? Did we leave out a category? Send a letter to "Readers Rate Responses," c/o The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call (313) 453-6900.

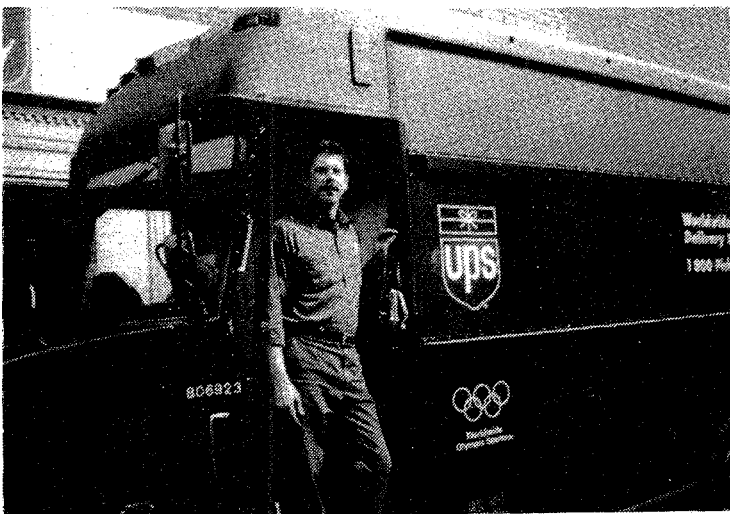
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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Plymouth City Commission .....	3.53
Plymouth Township Board of Trustees .....	3.26
Canton Township Board of Trustees .....	3.12
Plymouth-Canton School Board .....	3.00
Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall) .....	3.77
Elementary Schools .....	4.05
Middle Schools .....	3.67
High Schools .....	3.66
Community Continuing Education .....	4.65
Superintendent Charles Little .....	3.38
P-C Schools Administration .....	3.17
School Principals .....	3.44
Teachers .....	4.03
Parent-Teacher Groups .....	3.97
Schoolcraft College .....	3.98
Plymouth Library .....	4.17
Canton Library .....	4.46
Canton Parks and Recreation .....	4.24
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation .....	3.71
Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation .....	3.45
Wayne County Parks .....	3.34
Huron-Clinton Metroparks .....	3.90
Plymouth Cultural Center .....	3.68
Plymouth Township (overall) .....	3.75
Canton (overall) .....	3.45
City of Plymouth (overall) .....	3.91
Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters .....	3.22
Canton Supervisor Tom Yack .....	3.00
Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy .....	3.40

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Best Burger .....	Box Bar
Best Pizza.....	Main Street Pizza
Best Meal .....	Cafe Bon Homme
Best Store to Shop At .....	sideways
Best Barber/Hair Stylist .....	Mel, Mel's Golden Razor
Best Bank/Credit Union Teller .....	Carol Mikaelian, NBD Bank
Best Police Officer.....	Bob Scoggins, Plymouth Police Chief
Best Waiter/Waitress .....	Mary Pugh, Box Bar
Best Bartender .....	Tom Rhodes, Station 885
Best Doughnut/Bagel/Muffin .....	Brueggers Bagel Bakery
Best Breakfast Spot .....	Bode's
Best Lunch Spot .....	Station 885
Best Dinner Spot .....	Cafe Bon Homme
Best Bar .....	Box Bar
Best Car Repair .....	Bill Brown
Best U.S. Mail Carrier/Postal Worker.....	(tie) Gail Ryan, Randy Sharland
Best Delivery Person .....	Rick Nedroscik, UPS
Best School Principal .....	Jim Burt, Allen Elementary
Best Teacher.....	Denise McLane, Isbister Elementary
Best School Bus Driver.....	Anna Fowler
Best Event .....	Art in the Park
Best Spot to Spend Two Hours .....	Kellogg Park
Best Community Volunteer .....	Hank Burgoff
Best Elected Official .....	(tie) Kathleen Keen McCarthy, Judge Ron Lowe, Tom Yack
Best Store Clerk .....	Denise Murawski, Grunwald's House of Fudge
Best Tradesperson .....	Bill Beitner, Beitner Jewellery
Best City/Twp. Worker .....	(tie) Jim Anulewicz, Paul Sincock

### PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Plymouth Police .....	4.16
Plymouth Township Police.....	3.98
Canton Police .....	3.97
35th District Court .....	3.88
Wayne County Circuit Court .....	3.14
Wayne County Sheriff .....	3.67
Michigan State Police .....	4.05
Plymouth Community Fire Department .....	4.50
Canton Township Fire & Rescue .....	4.00

#### SERVICE

Have you ever called the police? .....	yes-74%	no-26%
Have you ever called fire/rescue? .....	yes-38%	no-27%
Do you feel safe here? .....	yes-96%	no-4%

## Top Teller



Carol Mikaelian at Plymouth's downtown NBD branch was named Best Teller by Community Crier readers. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## What YOU said...

*"Stop raising our tax liability with this silly streetscape! Fad brick walks in front of car washes, oil change garages and fast food joints is not going to turn Plymouth into Birmingham — and God forbid that it did!"*

—NAME WITHHELD

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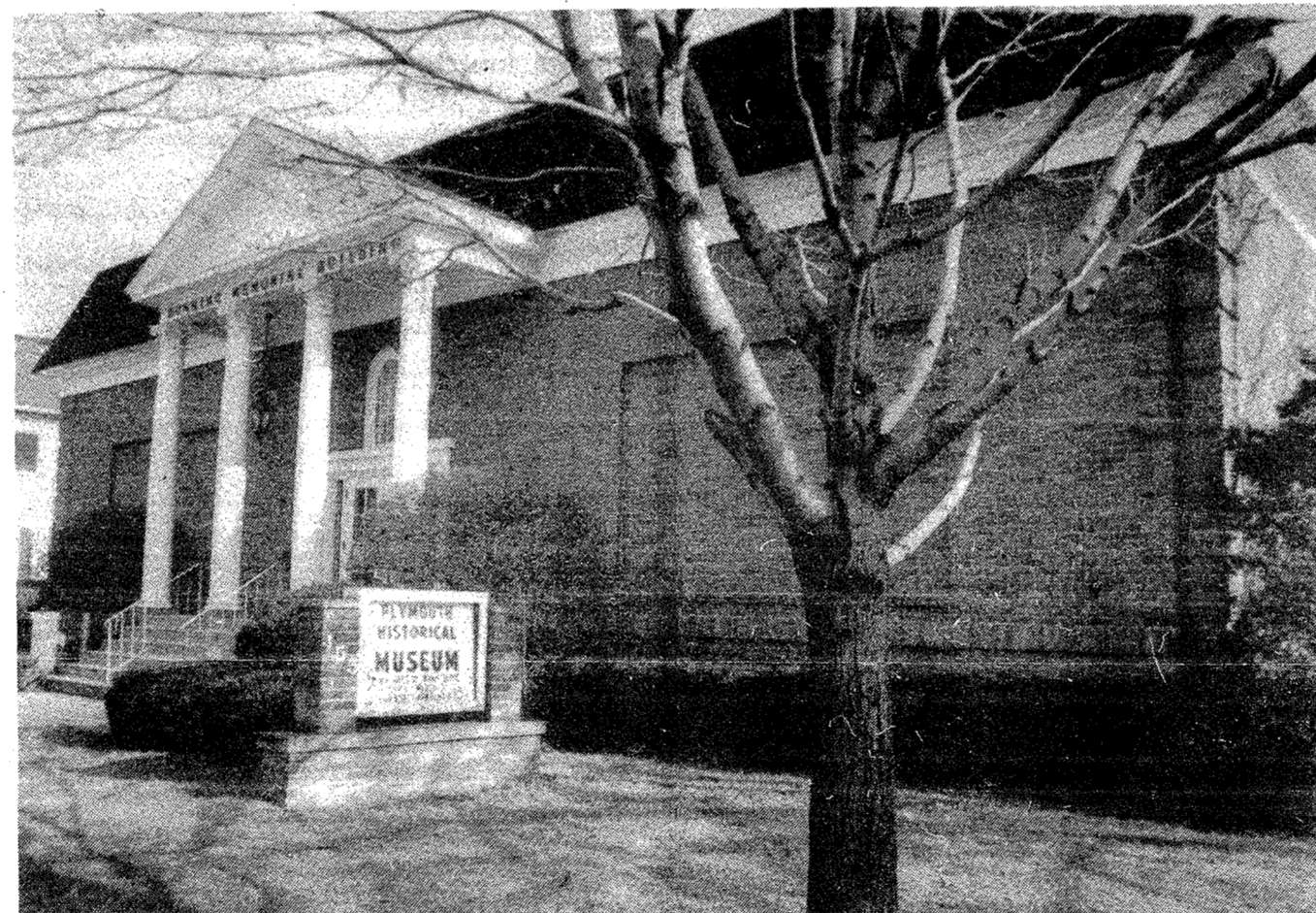
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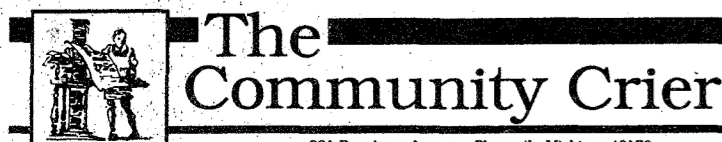
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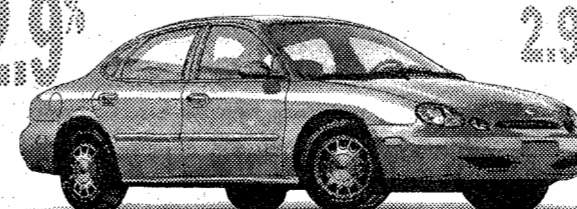
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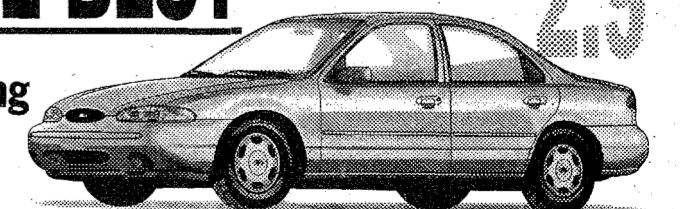
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## CULTURAL

Plymouth Community Arts Council .....	4.13
Canton Historical Society .....	4.32
Plymouth Historical Society .....	4.45
Plymouth Symphony .....	4.53
Canton Senior's Kitchen Band.....	3.92
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps .....	4.68
Plymouth Theatre Guild.....	4.23
Plymouth Community Band.....	4.61
Plymouth Community Chorus .....	4.50
PCEP Park Players .....	4.44
PCEP Marching Band .....	4.56
PCEP Symphony.....	4.61

# Great Service



Denise Murawski at Grunwald's House of Fudge was named Best Store Clerk by the readers of The Community Crier. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival .....	3.85
Canton Liberty Fest .....	3.57
Plymouth International Ice Spectacular .....	4.07
Art in the Park .....	4.52
July 4th Parade and Fireworks .....	4.02
Canton Small Business Person of the Year/Athena Award .....	3.46
Santa Comes to Canton .....	3.47
Plymouth Christmas .....	3.67
Canton Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance .....	4.13

# What YOU said...

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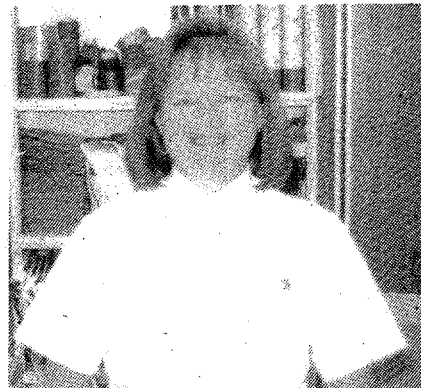
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## MEDIA/HOSPITALS/GROUPS

Continental Cablevision.....	3.46
WSDP .....	4.10
The Community Crier .....	3.94
The GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville .....	4.20
Oakwood Hospital .....	3.72
McAuley/Arbor Health .....	4.20
St. Mary's Hospital.....	3.57
Henry Ford Health Center .....	3.87
M Care.....	3.75
Plymouth Community United Way.....	3.88
Canton Community Foundation.....	3.07
Growth Works .....	3.97

Plymouth Family Services .....	3.67
Canton Family Services.....	3.73
First Step .....	4.62
Salvation Army .....	4.62
Goodfellows.....	4.42
Service Clubs .....	4.11
Plymouth Senior Citizens Programs .....	3.90
Canton Senior Citizens Programs .....	4.33
D.A.R.E.....	4.32
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce .....	3.63
Canton Chamber of Commerce.....	3.29
YMCA .....	3.28
Close-Up .....	4.00
Community Literacy Council .....	4.30
Secretary of State (Canton office) .....	3.45
M.E.S.C. (Canton office) .....	3.00
Plymouth Post Office (delivery) .....	3.86
Canton Post Office (delivery).....	3.20

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## Politics, anyone?



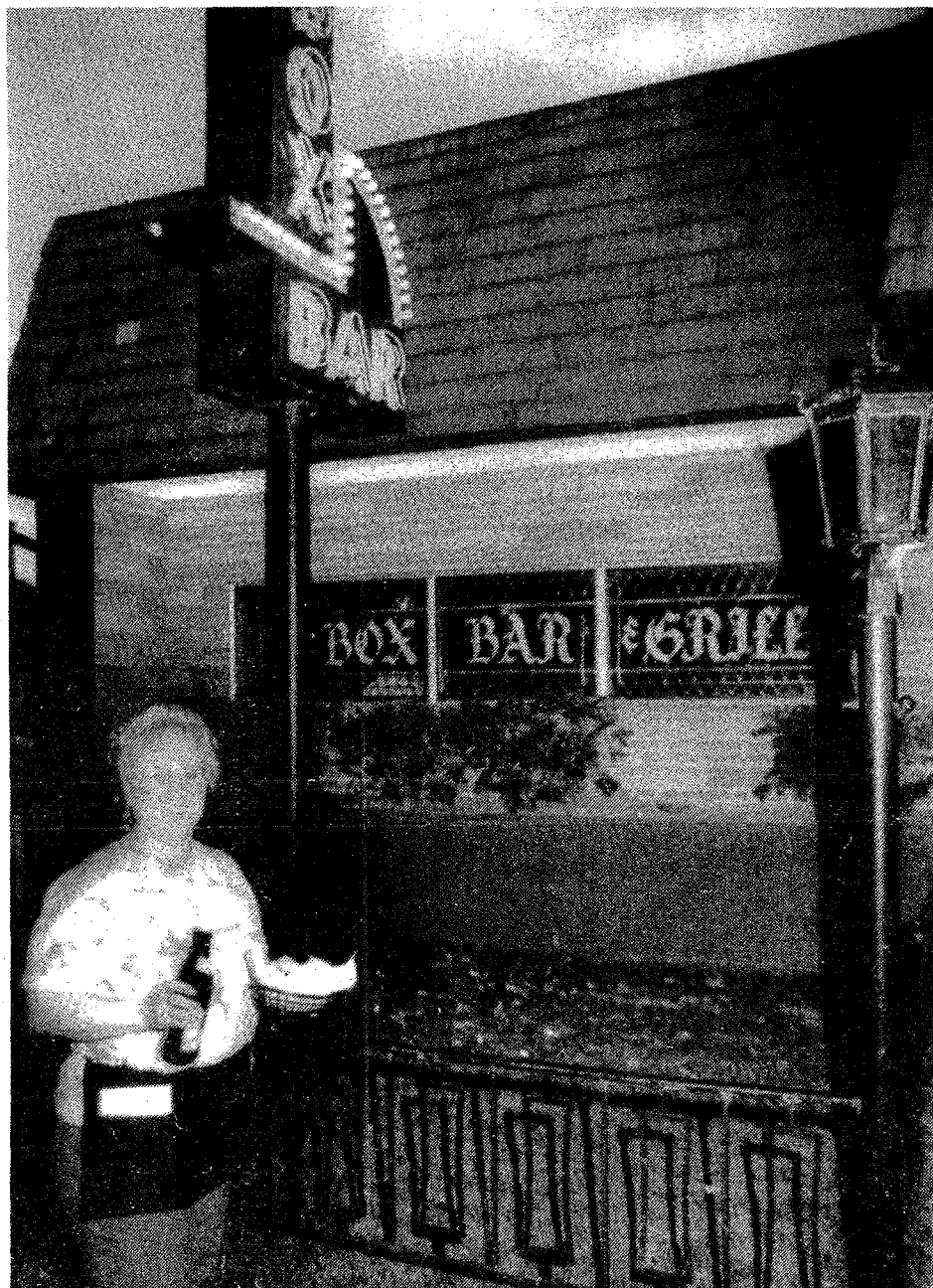
Plymouth Township's Jim Anulewicz was named one of the community's best elected official. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

### COMMENT ON ISSUES

Should Plymouth Twp. develop a recreation program? .....	yes-78% no-22%
Are you happy with the Summit? .....	yes-96% no-4%
Should the Summit be expanded? .....	yes-25% no-75%
Is Hilltop Golf Course satisfying compared to others? .....	yes-47% no-53%
Will Hilltop's new leasee have positive affect? .....	yes-74% no-26%
Should City and Twp. combine dispatch/lockup? .....	yes-80% no-20%
Should Plymouth change its parking requirements? .....	yes-69% no-31%
Do you prefer shopping in a downtown area? .....	yes-75% no-25%
Should the City and Twp. unify? .....	yes-51% no-49%
Should govt. share police services? .....	yes-68% no-32%
Should govt. share fire services? .....	yes-71% no-29%
Should govt. share dispatch services? .....	yes-74% no-26%
Should govt. share recreation services?.....	yes-73% no-27%
Should govt. share public works services? .....	yes-64% no-36%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in Plymouth? .....	yes-65% no-35%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in Canton? .....	yes-43% no-57%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in the Twp.? .....	yes-61% no-39%
Do you get your money's worth in school taxes? .....	yes-64% no-36%



# At your service



Mary Pugh is the top server as voted by The Community Crier readers. Pugh is a waitress at the Box Bar. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# What YOU said...

*"I wish Plymouth or Plymouth Township would build a public pool. Our kids need it. This would stop all the teens hanging out where they shouldn't be."*

—NAME WITHHELD

# What YOU said...

*"Plymouth Police need to be less reactionary towards teens. Not all of them are bad. I do think it's great they've slowed drivers on Sheldon Road. Great job!"*

—GLORIA POIRIER

*"Put in more about the Canton Senior Kitchen Band. They do an outstanding job entertaining."*

—ROGER AND NANCY KELLOGG

# Great workers



Randy Sharland and Gail Ryan were named the Best U.S. Mail Carrier/Postal Worker in this year's Community Crier Readers Rate. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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# Community deaths

## Plymouth service center owner dead at 68

Charles P. Cude, a Livonia resident and longtime Plymouth business owner, died April 6, 1996 at the age of 68.

Mr. Cude was born Feb. 5, 1928 in Union City, TN.

Mr. Cude was a member of the Plymouth business community for 40 years. He was the owner of Chuck's Service Center in Plymouth for the past 20 years. Prior to that, he owned Chuck's Shell Service and Chuck's Marathon.

He resided in Livonia since 1956 and is a former Plymouth resident.

Mr. Cude was a member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge, received a beautification award from the City of Plymouth and was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the Army.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Cude of Livonia, whom he married Sept. 30, 1950; sons, Joseph E. (Laura) Cude of Livonia and John R. (Patti) Cude of Novi; daughters, Sherry (Jim) Brandt of West

Bloomfield, Susan (John) Callen of Livonia and Gail (Mark) O'Neill of South Lyon; brother, Wallace Cude; sisters, Mary Forrester and Charlotte Johnson; and 16 grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Stephen Stump officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to Angela Hospice.

### RUTH J. QUINN

Ruth J. Quinn, a Stuart, FL and former Plymouth resident, died April 21, 1996 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Quinn is survived by her daughters, Penny (Dave) Priehs of Novi, Patricia Quinn of Kalamazoo, Mary (Robert) Benham of Birmingham, Nettie (Bud) Carter of Cottage Grove, OR and Beverly (Victor) Bell of Escondido, CA; sons, Timothy Quinn of Plymouth, Thomas (Kim) Quinn of Port St. Lucie, FL, Burton Quinn of Mayville and John (Dorothy) Quinn of Hancock; sisters, Mary Kay (Roger) McDonald of Naperville, IL, Elaine (William) Bell of Traverse City and Sharon (James) Evans of Elkhart, IN; brother, Kenneth (Ruth) Brown of Marion, IA; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

### IRENE E. BERRIDGE

Irene E. Berridge, a Plymouth resident, died April 21, 1996 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Berridge was a homemaker who also served as precinct chairperson and worker for 30 years for the Plymouth-Canton School elections as well as the city, state and federal elections. She came to the Plymouth community in 1939 from Ann Arbor and was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth.

Mrs. Berridge is survived by her husband, Earnest W. Berridge of Plymouth; daughter, Kathleen Ann Berridge of Plymouth; son, David J. Berridge of Harrison; brother, Henry Faulk of Albion; and grandchildren, Brandon and Christopher.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Forward Planning Fund.

## Obituaries

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

### H.R. BOB SMITH

God saw him getting tired.

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With tearful hearts we watched him slowly fade away.

Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, his hands were laid to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.

In loving memory of H.R. Bob Smith who passed away April 25, 1995. Sadly missed by his wife Ann, family and friends.

### THELMA R. BARRETT

Thelma R. Barrett, a Garden City resident, died April 17, 1996 at the age of 64.

Mrs. Barrett was born Jan. 8, 1932 in Pikeville, TN.

She is survived by her husband, William K. Barrett of Garden City; daughters, Ruth Barrett of Boston, MA and Jeannene (Daniel) Barrett of Canton; two sisters; one brother; and grandchildren, Nichole, Jeffery, Nicholas and Timothy Barrett.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

### MARY ANN ROBERTS

Mary Ann Roberts, a Livonia resident, died April 20, 1996 at the age of 60.

Mrs. Roberts was born Sept. 18, 1935 in Weirton, WV. She moved to the community in 1956, where she worked at Red Bell Nursery School until she retired in 1979.

She is survived by her husband, Gerry Roberts; daughter, Rebecca A. (Lonnie) Ruthig of Westland; son, Mike (Lisa) Roberts of Livonia; sister, Anna Sue Buratynski of Toronto, OH; brother, George Balint of Weirton, WV; five grandchildren; and many other relatives living in the community.

Services were held at Divine Savior Church in Westland with Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made in Mrs. Roberts' name.



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# 35th District Court Celebrates Law Day – May 1

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Whether you are a lawyer, a teacher, a student, a civic leader or a concerned citizen, you can make this year's Law Day theme resound throughout this year and beyond.

Students from Mrs. Margo Panko's classes at Central Middle School have been invited to attend several special Law Day activities on May 1, 1996 at the 35th District Court. Featured will be a dedication in memory of Attorney Robert Delaney.

Planned for the morning is a tour of the court and the opportunity to watch a typical day on the criminal docket. Judges John MacDonald and Ron Lowe will meet with the students for a question and answer period. The students will then join the judges for a "brown bag" lunch, with a dessert being provided by the judges. Also invited to join the students for lunch are the members of the Wayne County Suburban Bar Association. The public is invited to bring their own "brown bags" and join the students, judges and lawyers for lunch.

"It is appropriate for the days events to include a dedication in the memory of Attorney Robert Delaney for two reasons," said Judge MacDonald. "First, the theme of Law Day 1996 is 'The U.S. Constitution - The Original American Dream.' Bob strongly believed that one of the most important roles lawyers play in society is that of 'Defenders of the Constitution.' Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, is the attendance of the students. Bob Delaney was often seen deferring to young people before the Honorable Dunbar Davis. He did so, not for the fee, which was usually waived, but because he cared and believed in lending a hand." The dedication will be made by his wife Joanne with the presentation of an original print entitled "The Jury" by artist Barbara A. Wood to the 35th District Court. The public is welcomed to attend. The presentation will be at 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 200.



"The Jury" Barbara A. Wood

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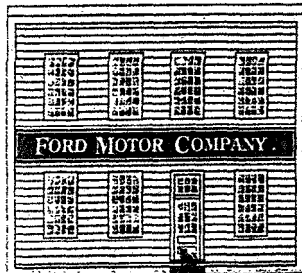
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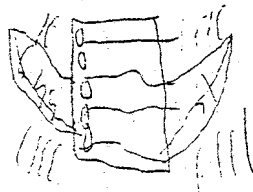
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Lee, is the shark's aim as true in the bathroom as it is on the golf course.

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Daddy--So glad your operation was a success! Love, Boo-Boo

John Magnusson got a little sun this weekend--he's not just embarrassed!

Kristy, Steph and Rob are back--Yeah!!

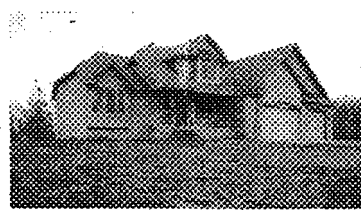
Elisa--I loved the orange and white flower arrangement--A great tribute to Fergie! You're so sweet!

To all who showed their support while Fergie was sick--Your help and understanding was very much appreciated. Fergie will be dearly missed. Maura Jeanne's got a birthday next Monday!

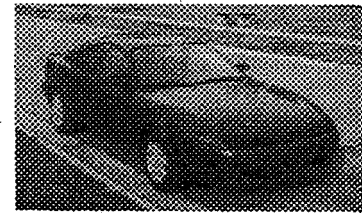
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

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Call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for more information.

The Ninth Annual Kids Fishing Derby is being sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Services on May 11 at the Heritage Park Ponds. The derby is for boys and girls ages 15 and under at a cost of \$1 per child (to be paid on the day of the event).

The derby will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with each child registering for one one-hour time period. The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout and awards will be given for the largest fish caught. The first prize is a \$100 savings bond.

Advanced registration is required in person or by phone at 397-5110. Registration began Monday and ends May 9. There is open registration the day of the event, space permitting.

New Morning School's first annual golf scramble will be held at The Links of Novi. The fundraiser on the fairways will happen on June 3 at 10 a.m. with proceeds benefiting New Morning School — the only Pre-K Grade Eight Parent Cooperative school in Michigan.

The entry fee is \$450 for four players that includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. For more information on sponsorship options and registration call New Morning School at 420-3331 or call Dave Barrett at 453-6600.

**T-Ball Leagues** are forming. The Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for five and six-year-old T-Ball players starting last Monday until May 3 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Players must be born between July 31, 1989 and July 31, 1991. Birth certificates are required for all registrations. Call 455-6623 for more information.



The Canton baseball team is on a roll. After losing their first three games in the season, the Chiefs have rattled off five straight wins. The team scored 18 runs in a doubleheader versus Ann Arbor Huron recently. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Charging back

*Following a slow start, the Chief baseball team is on fire*

BY MATT HUCAL

Scoring 18 runs in two games in a doubleheader against Ann Arbor Huron last Saturday allowed the Canton baseball team to exhibit their strong offensive power. Their pitching forfeited only three runs all afternoon.

Junior Jason Mortiere started and finished the first game as he lead his team to a 9-1 victory. While pitching the complete game Mortiere gave up five hits, three walks and struck out five batters. The run that Huron did score on Mortiere was unearned, therefore leaving his earned run average (ERA) at 0.51 and evening out his record at 1-1 for the season.

The game was tied at one until the third inning when Canton erupted with four runs. Adding one run in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth inning put the game away at 8-1. The Chiefs added their last run in the sixth inning, finishing the scoring.

Canton's leading hitter so far this season — Jon Wright with a .429 batting average — continued to hit well as he was 1-4 with two runs batted in (RBI). Also contributing offensively as they have consistently done all year, Jason Bricker and Kurt Richards — both with a .381 batting average — hit well. Bricker was 3-3 and Richards was 2-2 with an RBI and three runs scored. Brian Dixon had two RBI while going 1-2 and Scott Patterson was 2-3 with two RBI.

The second game of the doubleheader was pitched for the Chiefs by Bricker — his season debut at the position. Bricker



Canton's John Wright is a force to be reckoned with at the plate. Wright blasted a home run against Churchill Friday and is one of the keys to the Chiefs' recent success. The Chiefs face Farmington today at 4 p.m. and Northville at home Friday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

went six innings, allowing four hits, three walks, no earned runs and striking out four batters as the Chiefs again pounced Huron, 9-2.

There was no scoring in the game until the third inning when Canton got two runs, then the Chiefs scored in each of the remaining innings. Canton got one run in the fourth inning, two runs in the fifth inning, two runs in the sixth inning and two runs in the seventh inning. Huron's first run wasn't scored until the fifth inning and their final run of the day was scored in the sixth inning.

Wright pounded out two doubles while going 2-4 with three RBI and Pat Noonan was also 2-4 with one double and

two RBI.

Canton coach Scott Dickey has seen improvement in his squad since their 0-3 start to open the season.

"Every game I'm becoming more happy with how we're playing," Dickey said. "Our pitching has been solid and our hitting gets a lot better each game. We need to improve on our defense, but overall we're playing pretty well."

The Chiefs are now 5-3 overall and 1-0 in the conference and travel to Farmington today at 4 p.m., play Northville at home on Friday at 4 p.m., then battle with cross-campus rival Salem on Saturday in a doubleheader at home at noon.

# Chief track finishes first at home; Salem takes fourth at W. Bloomfield

BY MATT HUCAL

This past Saturday was quite a busy one for the Salem and Canton girls track teams. The Rocks' A-team participated in the West Bloomfield Relays as their B-team was in the Lady Chief Relays. The Chiefs hosted the Lady Chief Relays.

## CANTON

The Canton squad hosted the 14-team Lady Chief Relays and won with 26 points more than the next place team. The Chiefs finished with 92 points, Brighton was second place with 66 points, Edsel Ford and Stevenson were tied for third place with 53 points and Grosse Pointe South rounded out the top five teams with 37 points.

"Our goal was to win the meet, and that's what we did," Canton coach George Przygodski said.

Canton had many first place finishes in various events that gave them such a large point spread.

The discus relay came in first place at 289'89" with a team of Emily Moran, Sarah Israel and Brandy Bernard. The long jump relay finished in first place at 44'12" with a team of Nkechi Okwumabua, Doris Igwe and Natalie Wood.

The shuttle hurdle relay was first at 1:09.01 with a team of Mary Anderson, Stacey Boucher, Amy Sonenstein and Diana Jastzrebski. The 400 meter relay team came in first place at :52.02 with a team of Elena Boyden, Tiffany Williams, Kim Robertson and Okwumabua. The 300 meter hurdle relay came in first place with a time of 3:24.01 and a team of Anderson, Sonenstein, Nancy Hoffman and Krista Alderman.

These relays took place two days after the Chiefs handed Farmington a 111-17 pouncing in their second dual meet, leaving them 2-0 in dual meets this season. Canton's next meet is tomorrow at home versus Harrison at 3:30 p.m.

## SALEM

The Rocks A-team participated in a 29-team meet — West Bloomfield — that included some of the best competition in the state. Knowing that didn't intimidate them as they finished in

# Li loses; Rock tennis finishes fourth

BY MATT HUCAL

It finally happened.

Senior and nationally recognized Xinning Li of the Salem tennis team lost only his second match in as many years last Saturday at the Essexville Garber Invitational. Facing Ryan Tomlinson of Three Rivers High School — a nationally ranked player — Li fell 6-1, 7-6 (7-2) in a match that was marred by some uncomplimentary weather.

The match began, but the weather soon became unbearable and after a 2-1 Tomlinson lead in the first set, it was postponed for about an hour.

Although most people wanted to leave and replay the match, Li was insistent on playing.

"He (Li) goes into matches and you just assume that he's going to win, but Tomlinson has an excellent ranking so he (Li) knew he'd have his hands full," Salem coach Bill Nelson said.

One of Li's strengths is his serve return, but Nelson said Tomlinson possesses a booming serve that led to about six aces in the match.

"I really wish we could've clocked them (the serves) because they were powerful," Nelson said.

The tournament itself consisted of eight teams overall. Rochester was the winner with 16 points, Essexville and Troy Athens were tied for second with 14 points and Salem finished fourth with 13 points.

Salem's number two singles player,

Gab Burnstein, continued his undefeated season as he won in the finals against an Essexville player by the score of 6-2, 6-2 to bring his season record to 9-0.

The Rocks number three singles player, Matt Potter, was 2-1 for the day and finished in third place. Their number four singles player, Fred Palmgren, was also 2-1 for the day and also finished in third place.

In doubles action the Rocks number two team of Jim Bumas and Corey Crabill

## Salem softball still on top

BY MATT HUCAL

With the weather postponing the Taylor Invitational from last Saturday until the next day, the Salem girls softball team needed to stay focused in order to be competitive with the other 15 teams participating.

The Rocks ended the day with a 2-1 record with their only loss coming to the eventual tournament winner — Southgate Anderson. Sophomore Jenny Trott was the team work-horse all day long as she started as pitcher for all three games.

The first game was a 16-4 trouncing of Romulus as Trott struck out six batters and allowed only two hits. The offensive fire power of sophomore Stefanie Volpe shined through as she hit a grand slam home run and had six runs batted in (RBI). Terry Walters was 2-2 and Carah Best was 3-3 with two doubles, a single and four RBIs.

fourth place with 39 points behind first place Detroit Cass Tech with 49 points and second place Troy and Detroit Mumford who had 44 points each.

In the field events captain Nicole Van Hees finished in second place with a jump of 5'0" and Kristen Kosik came in third place with a jump of 4'11". Jessica Ash was fifth place in the shotput with a throw of 32'8".

Running the 300 meter hurdles, captain Kim Sheldon came in fifth place with a time of :50.28. The Rocks 4 X 800 meter relay finished in third place with a time of 10:26.07 and consisting of Kristie Giddings, Ellen Stemmer, Evelyn Rahhal and Mary Disbrow. A first-place finish was given by the shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:12.08 and a team of Sheldon, Kosik, Van Hees and Hannah Watts.

Katie Bonner, Angela Sillmon, Joan Marquez and Giddings took fifth place in the sprint medley with a time of 4:37.01. In the 3200 meter run Nicole Bolton finished in sixth place with a time of 13:04.01. The 4 X 400 meter relay of Giddings, Bonner, Sheldon and Sarah Vida came in fifth place with a time of 4:26.06. "We now have four varsity meets under our belt, so with experience like this meet (West Bloomfield) we are coming along well," Salem coach Mark Gregor said. "I think we can be competitive with all the teams in our conference."

The West Bloomfield Relays came two days after Salem beat Farmington, 69-59, with help from a great performance by Sheldon. She contributed to three first place finishes — the 4 X 200 meter relay, 300 meter hurdles and the 4 X 400 meter relay.

Salem's next meet is tomorrow at North Farmington at 3:30 p.m.

The Salem girls track team is holding a garage sale on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with all proceeds going towards equipment for the track team. The two houses holding them are located at 45148 Quaker Hill Drive, south of Warren Road and west of Sheldon Road, and at 43723 West Minister Way, south of Warren and east of Sheldon.

lost in the finals to a Rochester team 6-2, 6-2 as they finished as the runner-up.

"I was happy with their performance because they kept up the consistency they've had all year," Nelson said of his doubles team, adding that Bumas and Crabill are usually the number three team.

"Our singles are really strong, but right now we're still trying to get the right combinations out there, and some players are still jockeying for position," Nelson said. "We should be set pretty soon though."

The Rock's second game was a 12-4 win over Melvindale with Trott striking out four batters and allowing three hits. Volpe was strong again as she hit another home run while going 2-4 with a single and five RBIs. Nicole Sitek was 2-4 with two singles, Trott was 2-4 with two singles and an RBI, Julie Cairo was 2-3 with two singles and an RBI and Jenny Marsella was 3-4 with three singles and an RBI.

The Southgate game was one in which Salem coach Bonnie Southerland believes her team could've and probably should've won.

"I think our team made some great defensive plays. We just couldn't get the runner in from second base," Southerland said.

Salem is 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference. The Rocks are at Walled Lake Western today at 4 p.m. and are at Walled Lake Central on Friday at 4 p.m.

## On deck

### SALEM SOCCER

At home versus Harrison today at 7 p.m. At Troy Athens on Saturday at 1 p.m. At Franklin on Monday at 5:30 p.m. At Canton a week from today at 7 p.m.

### SALEM BASEBALL

At home versus Walled Lake Western today at 4 p.m. At home versus Walled Lake Central on Friday at 4 p.m. At Canton (DH) on Saturday at noon. At home versus Farmington on Monday at 4 p.m. At Northville a week from today at 4 p.m.

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At home versus Stevenson today at 4 p.m. At North Farmington on Friday at 4 p.m. At home versus Harrison on Monday at 4 p.m. At Franklin a week from today at 4 p.m.

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At North Farmington tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

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At home versus Franklin on Monday at 3 p.m. At the Brighton Invitational on Friday at 9 a.m. At Churchill on Monday at 2:45 p.m. At home versus Canton on Tuesday at 3 p.m. At home versus Walled Lake Central a week from today at 3 p.m.

### SALEM SOFTBALL

At Walled Lake Western today at 4 p.m. At Walled Lake Central on Friday at 4 p.m. At Farmington on Monday at 4 p.m. At home versus Northville a week from today at 4 p.m.

### CANTON SOCCER

At Franklin today at 5:30 p.m. At home versus Ladywood on Friday at 7 p.m. At home versus Churchill on Monday at 7 p.m. At home versus Salem a week from today at 7 p.m.

### CANTON BASEBALL

At Farmington today at 4 p.m. At home versus Northville on Friday at 4 p.m. At home versus Salem (DH) on Saturday at noon. At Harrison on Monday at 4 p.m. At home versus Stevenson a week from today at 4 p.m.

### CANTON TENNIS

At Harrison today at 4 p.m. At home versus Farmington on Friday at 4 p.m. At Franklin on Monday at 4 p.m. At home versus Churchill a week from today at 4 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS TRACK

At Harrison tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. At Belleville for the Tiger Relays on Saturday.

### CANTON GIRLS TRACK

At the Grand Rapids Catholic Central Invitational or at Belleville for the Tiger Relays on Saturday.

### CANTON GOLF

At the Brighton Invitational on Friday at 9 p.m. At home versus Stevenson on Monday at 3:30 p.m. At Salem on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. At Churchill a week from today at 2:45 p.m.

### CANTON SOFTBALL

At home versus Farmington today at 4 p.m. At Northville on Friday at 4 p.m. At the Chelsea Invitational on Saturday at 9 a.m. At home versus Harrison on Monday at 4 p.m. At Stevenson a week from today at 4 p.m.



# Community opinions

## School expansion plans should have started long ago

Imagine that.

Plymouth-Canton is going to need a new high school.

The Housing Committee of The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has recommended moving 500 to 700 students to Central Middle School while planning for a new high school begins.

Why not study this idea for another 10 years?

It's only been obvious for 10 years already that a third high school would be needed.

The difficulty is finding school board leadership that is willing to BEGIN the process. The third high school should have been started in the first term of the multiple-term school board members currently serving.

The new school should be built at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park where shared facilities, instructional strengths, and a transportation system will provide more education and at lower costs. It is that obvious decision that frightens the school board members who are elected to lead education.

Stop studying the issue and start planning for the inevitable — a new high school.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Hats off to those involved in Canton post office push

Canton's hard work has paid off. A new post office is on the way for the community.

Many have championed this important issue. Many have signed petitions. Many have worked to make the dream a reality.

All those people should be congratulated.

A site could be chosen as early as this spring with construction beginning in 1997.

The revised plans reflect the growth and size of the community. Soon, Canton postal customers won't have to travel to Westland or Plymouth to be served.

Postal customer will also have a local outlet to direct complaints. The often-shoddy delivery system in Canton should improve with the new post office.

Although the post office should have been built long ago, it's exciting to know the project is finally in the works.

The new post office will serve the community for many years to come.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## County-run projects positive improvement for P-C-N Community

Reading Rob Kirkbride's rehash of Commissioner Bruce Patterson charges about my lack of accomplishments almost made me wonder why I've been getting up and going to work for the last 10 years.

If you will allow me my own (admittedly biased) perspective on Mr. Patterson's claims, I think there is another — which I'm offering even though The Crier didn't find it necessary to ask.

On landfills, Mr. Patterson is right that I took the lead role in siting them, and I demanded for the first time in the United States that landfill operators negotiate an agreement for compensation with local communities.

The first agreement? The 1989 agreement between Canton, Wayne County and Wayne Disposal which we negotiated in Supervisor Tom Yack's office one night until after midnight.

Yes, that's the same agreement that funded the recently opened Summit Recreation Complex and I'm proud of my "heavy handed" role in demanding that the landfill pay Canton Township.

On Willow Run, as Supervisor Tom Yack will attest, I worked with him throughout the process to assure there would be no runway extension. I do not share Mr. Patterson's extreme view that there should be no improvement to Willow Run — nor, for that matter, does his colleague Commissioner McCotter.

Without lengthening the runway,

Willow Run can be modernized to attract more cargo related jobs to our area and to draw operation from Mettetal. Our "dream" as Mr. Patterson sneers at it, would be to make Willow Run so attractive to general aviation that we would one day see Mettetal close altogether.

On the road issue, Mr. Patterson's only interest to date has been that County roads erect new signs featuring his name in larger letters than his fellow Commissioners. He became so obsessed that he wrote Prosecutor John O'Hair last August demanding that the County Road Director be criminally prosecuted for not putting up the new signs with his name. The prosecutor politely declined, causing yet another tantrum from this fine public servant.

When Governor Engler recently tried to divert \$56 million of local road repair projects, Mr. Patterson's voice was strangely silent in the bipartisan uproar of local officials who fought to get our money back. I'm proud of my role in that successful effort and this summer, when you see the Northville Road bridge in Plymouth being rebuilt, you'll know that those projects are only being built because some of us stood up and fought the Governor while Mr. Patterson was hiding under his desk.

I guess he just didn't figure he would get his name on the signs.

MICHAEL E. DUGGAN  
DEPUTY WAYNE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## What do you think? Write a letter to the editor.

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# Community Editorials





# Community opinions

## Phony letters to editor help no one

For sure, for sure it's election time.

The ersatz "letters to the editor" are starting.

Newsfolk don't mind the occasional "Sidney Q. Pigeon" humor attempts, though even they miss making good points by not stepping up with their real names.

Newsfolk — on behalf of all honest, thoughtful participants in a democratic society — DO object to the cowardly, deceitful, lower-than-a-snake's-belly "letter-to-the-editor" writers who try to blast folks under false pretenses.

Frankly, had last week's letter to The Crier honestly attacked Canton Supervisor Tom Yack as "a Democrat who runs as a Republican," had it honestly attacked Canton Clerk Terri Bennett who "slid into office when her husband, Loren Bennett left to go run the Senate," or had it honestly attacked Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter as a "housewife," The Crier would've printed the letter.

(There were many more "slams" and lots of playing loose with the facts in this letter.)

The politicians can take care of themselves. Honest comment is the name of the game and the strong and honest will be remembered fondly.

However, this letter was written with a fake address and with a fake name. (The paper's circulation department verified the "no such address" and the voter records, tax records said "no such person.")

The cowardly, despicable point was that the name and address used were VERY close to a real person.

She, folks, was not a happy camper.

"Why me?" she mused.

She says she's a non-political type (and her infrequent voting record sustains this), but why then was this woman picked by the lying culprit?

## Tell community facts; let them decide

Too often, public officials create the appearance of a cover-up when in truth, they're just being short-sighted.

That was the problem at last week's Plymouth City Commission meeting. Robert Bacyinski has a beef with Commissioner Joe Koch, and in a matter of minutes, the commissioners resembled Richard Nixon's inner circle in 1973.

It happened like this: The Bacyinskis and the Kochs are neighbors on Arthur Street. Bacyinski, who said he has never spoken before a public board before, complained about a no parking sign posted in front of Commissioner Koch's house. Bacyinski said the sign was moved three times because it obstructed the view from the Koch's picture window. Bacyinski claims Koch's role as commissioner prompted city workers to move the sign.

It's a misuse of taxpayer funds and an abuse of a commissioner's power, Bacyinski alleges. That's debatable. It hardly costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to move a sign. And Koch, interviewed several days after the meeting, said the City works with every homeowner who is displeased about sign placement.

What's troubling about this story is the commission's response. There was none.

Koch seemed anxious as Bacyinski told his side of the story, and at one point passed a note to City Manager Steve Walters. But when Bacyinski finished speaking, Mayor Ron Loiselle took charge.

## With malice toward none



And, why lie at all?

Anyone's entitled to their viewpoint.

Although the newspapers are attacked from time to time by office holders and wanna-bees who disagree with the printed positions, at least those positions are honestly set forth — signed by the individuals on the paper staff. (Crier readers who don't agree get lots of ink to blast back — see last week's letter from Plymouth-Canton School Candidate Jeff Phillips or this week's letter from Wayne County Deputy Executive Mike Duggan).

No need for paperfolk to resort to blaming someone else.

The false letter also attacks Canton government, asking, "Why have so many news reporters been added to the township employee staff?"

Does this keep the media from writing the truth to the taxpayers?"

Author/authoress unknown: no it doesn't stop the press from writing the truth...certainly the Canton government was not tickled to see last week's Crier expose on water rate markups or printing the Canton Post Office announcement today when the politicians wanted to wait.

It redoubles the effort to see that what's printed — agree or disagree with that news or those opinions — is honest.

Which is a great deal more than can be said for the shameful "letter to the editor" submitted under false pretenses.

## Walking the Line

By Liz Seymour



"Let us do some investigation on this," the mayor said, quickly ending any hope of public discussion. Koch, meanwhile, said nothing.

Then it was time for comments from commissioners, a regular item on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem John Vos III spoke first. "I'm sure you'll receive some response," he said to Bacyinski, "probably from Commissioner Koch."

Koch finally spoke up: "I don't know if it's appropriate, maybe it is or maybe it isn't. This has already been discussed extensively...." He asked Walters if the city manager wanted to say something.

Loiselle cut him off. "I'd prefer if you kept it in writing," the mayor said.

And that was it.

Bacyinski sat through the remaining two hours of the meeting and heard nothing to satisfy him. "They just blew it off," Bacyinski said in a telephone interview several days later. "The less they said about it, they less they thought the papers would do anything on it."

Koch said he too was upset with the chain of events. The commissioner said he wanted to speak up, give his side, clear his

name. "You saw I was chomping at the bit," Koch said. "I wanted to speak out."

So why didn't he? Why defer to Mayor Loiselle?

In an interview five days after the meeting, Loiselle defended his actions. "I believe that I would never put my department heads on the spot without having to investigate," he said.

"I want to get all the facts first. Sometimes people react emotionally."

That left a very ugly silence from City Hall. The commissioners tensed up, looking as if they were trying to hide something. The Bacyinskis' comments unfairly went unanswered.

"I don't think it's unfair," Loiselle said. "That insinuates we're not going to do anything. We are. We're going to find out what happened."

Actually, what it insinuates is far worse.

*Note: After this column was written, and a week after the City Commission meeting was held, City Manager Steve Walters issued a three-page memo about the issue and absolved Koch of any wrongdoing.*

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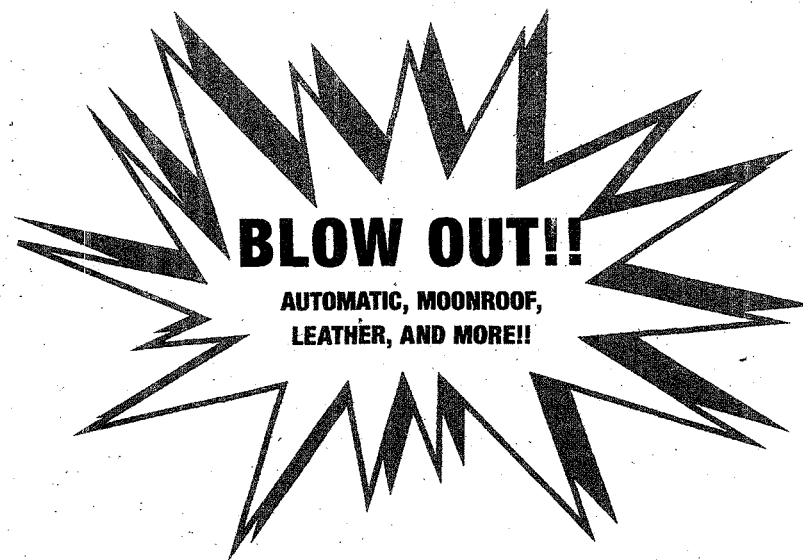
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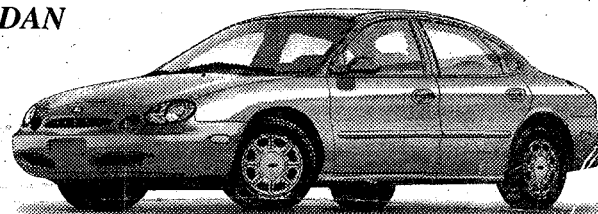
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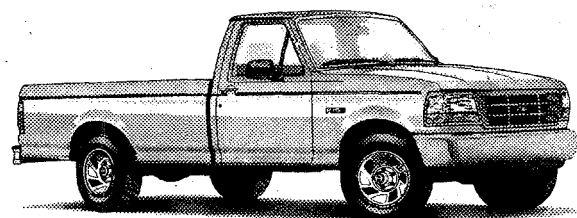


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