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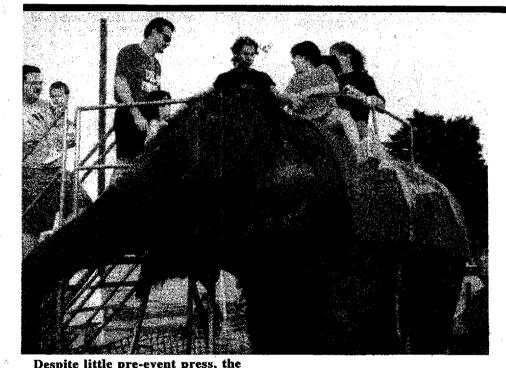


# The Newspaper with Its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton, MI Community Community Crier

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#### attracted near-capacity crowds at each of its four shows last week. The circus, which came to the Unisys parking lot in More than 900 people showed up to Plymouth June 11 and 12, was in town compete in a variety of events at the for its third year. Although pre-sale Plymouth YMCA's annual Father's ticket sales were down 100 from last year, circus chairman Bill Baxter said Day run, in downtown Plymouth. he was pleased with the outcome. The Adam Unsworth of Ann Arbor (right), won the men's 10K run with a time of Plymouth Lions Club brought several 33:07. Bridget McKinnon won the children from the Pen Ricton Center women's 10K with a time of 38:34. For for the Blind and other multiply-handicapped people to view the event. the complete story, please see pg. 21 (Crier photo, B. Martin). "That's what it's all about," Baxter said. "Everyone enjoyed themselves.

# What caused deaths at Canton foster home?

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

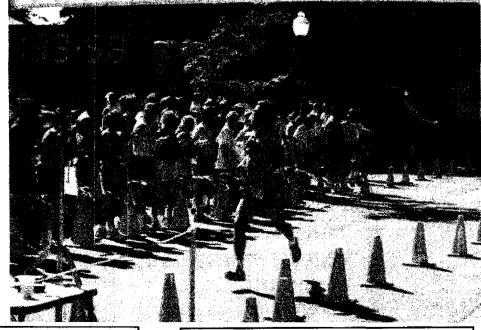
Reports that Legionnaire's disease caused the weekend deaths of two teens in a Canton foster care home are false, police say.

Weekend media reports incorrectly indicated the teens succumbed to the bacteriabased pneumonia and also wrongly identified the home as a group home, said Jim Dehem, executive director of Wayne Community Living Services. WCLS is a a non-profit agency that provides housing to developmentally disabled people.

As a precautionary measure, WCLS removed a third female child from the residence until an investigation is completed, Dehem said.

"This is standard procedure to make sure nothing could harm another child in the home," he said. "There is no alarm or suspicion at this time."

Please see pg. 19



### **Summer reading**

A rundown of books from and about P-C-N

Overall, it went very well." (Crier

photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Walker Brothers Circus (above)

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### **High-tech teen**

Plymouth teen Nets new market with web design biz See Getting Down to Business pg. 6

### Pitching Stafford

Canton grad, son of former Yankee, winning at OSU. See Sports pgs. 20-21

# Canton boy 'good' after dragged by car

BY MATT HUCAL

Miles Wright, 15, is in good condition after being hit by a car driven by a 13-year-old girl on Wednesday night in Canton.

According to Detective Leonard Wolons, the girl convinced a 16-year-old friend into letting her drive his Ford Escort around the Fellows Creek apartment's parking lot at Ford and Sheldon roads. The owner sat in the passenger seat.

Wolons said Wright, at approximately 11:40 p.m., was riding a bicycle next to the car's driver side door when they both reached an island. He sped up to beat the car through a divide and the girl attempted to hit the brakes, but instead hit

Wright was dragged under the car for about 30 feet until the girl found the brakes

The passenger got out to see what took place and observed the victim trapped under the car," Wolons said.

The passenger then screamed at the girl to get the car off of Wright. She backed the car up over Wright's head, said Wolons, then put the car back into drive and dragged him to a curb. Once the car went over the curb the boy was detached from it.

Paramedics rushed to the scene and took Wright to Oakwood Hospital, from which he was then airlifted to U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor and underwent 12 hours of

Wright will have to undergo additional follow-up plastic surgery and has a guarded condition on the vision in one of his eyes, Wolons said.

According to Wolons, Wright lives in the apartment complex and attends Canton High School. The girl and owner of the car each live elsewhere in Canton.

Wolons said he will discuss possible charges with the accident investigation team.

The 13-year-old driver could be charged with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without obtaining a license, he said.

The car owner could be charged with allowing an unauthorized driver to operate a motor vehicle.

# Canton begins seniors' 'vial of life' program

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Public Safety is starting the first of several initiatives to help improve the quality of life for Canton's senior citizens this month.

The "Vial of Life" program is sponsored Canton's Senior Safety Coalition(CSSC), a group made up of Canton police and fire personnel and area senior-service providers, according to Dianne Neihengen, senior director at Summit on the Park.

Coalition members will distribute medical history forms to Canton's seniors and assist them in filling them out, Neihengen said. The forms, which will include medical history and personal-contact information, will be inserted in vials donated by McCauley Pharmacy and stored in the resident's refrigerator.

"Now, in many cases, information on the seniors' medical history, or any chronic physical conditions will be available even if the person is unresponsive," Neihengen said. "Paramedics can also take the information with them, so they will have it in the ambulance, and doctors will have it in the emergency room.

The CSSC was started in February, Neihengen said, a Public Safety-initiatedprogram designed to heighten awareness about the needs of seniors.

"I'm really impressed with what I'm seeing," she said. "The whole Public Safety Department has taken an interest in the needs of seniors. They've made it a real top priority.'

In addition to the vials of life, CSSC is

also coordinating special training sessions for police and fire officers to educate them on the special needs of senior citizens. They also work with Community Policing and Fire teams to present health and safety demonstrations at senior centers, apartment complexes and mobile home parks.

"They're really making an effort to reach out to seniors," Neihengen said. "Not just in senior homes.'

Some of the safety tips given out are how to avoid fraudulent crimes, like phony home repair and telemarketing scams. which are usually aimed at senior citizens,

CSSC will be registering seniors at Canton's Liberty Fest, the Senior Picnic at the Summit, June 26-27; and at the Summit Community Picnic on July 17.



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#### Addenda & errata

Two of the photos which appeared on last week's graduation picture page (pg.7) were shot by Ryan Nuñez.

In "With Malice Toward None" two weeks ago, Salem Trustee Bill Baxter was quoted incorrectly as saying Salem had no fire department. In fact, as Bill said, it has a volunteer fire department.

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# Early withdrawl

After 45 years NBD may close the Plymouth branch it once described as 'Committed to you.'

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

In 1952, NBD opened its downtown branch at the corner of Main Street and Penniman Avenue.

Now, just four years after running a promotional piece with the headline "NBD is committed to you," the cornerstone bank in downtown Plymouth may close its doors.

While none of the bank's employees will lose their jobs — the bank plans to relocate them - the closure would leave a gap for those in the community who have grown accustomed to the bank's presence.

The branch closure resulted from a NBD decision to close 25 branches that have

'The bank has minimal parking, no drive-up facility and the lowest volume of all branches. It didn't make sense to keep it open.'

> – Robert Darmanian NBD Spokesman

another bank nearby. The closest NBD branch in Plymouth is located 0.6 miles away at North Territorial and Sheldon. A The project includes building four new full-



second site is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Harvey.

Ironically, the closures are part of a \$28 million investment planned to upgrade and modernize branches in southeast Michigan. service branches, installing 56 off-site ATMs and redesigning 95 existing facili-

The Plymouth branch was selected for closure because the facility wasn't effective

# First OK for costly Canton sub

Approved plat includes more than 200 homes at \$300 - \$400 thousand

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Planning Township's Commission gave the preliminary approval for a major upscale Planned Development District Monday.

The development, named Heron Ridge, is situated on 217 acres in Canton's northern most corner between Warren and Joy roads and Ridge and Napier roads.

The 214 homes planned for the project will be among Canton's most elite and expensive, according to project sponosr Jeffrey Brown.

"The estimated cost of the homes will be from \$300-400,000," he said, although he said he could envision slightly more expensive homes being constructed.

By staggering the driveways and group-

ing the utility portions of the homes, Brown hopes to retain much of the natural setting of the area, he said.

With the utility areas or garages grouped together, we can offer homeowners a better view from the living room window," he said. "You won't look out and see someone elses's garage; you'll see trees."

Keeping the trees intact was the largest problem with the preliminary site plan. The Commission was concerned that the width of the road through the development would not accommodate fire rescue services.

"I think if it came down to a choice between saving their houses and looking at trees, the average homeowner would prefer to save their house," Commissioner Tom Sullivan said. "At least, I would hope so."

The average size of the house and the desire to maintain a natural surrounding were two things that determined the width of the road, Brown said.

"People want big houses," he said. "We started at 3,000-square feet, but they said that wasn't big enough. One of the ways we wanted to make them bigger was to increase the depth rather than the length."

The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to grant preliminary approval to the Heron Ridge Development, contigent on meeting with Public Safety to discuss safety issues.

The devlopment will go back to the commission for final phase-by-phase site plan approval, according to Senior Planner Judy Bocklage.

# Agenda

#### THIS WEEK

 Today at Noon in Kellogg Park, downtown Plymouth, PCAA's Music in the Park begins. Marc Thomas and Max the Moose will perform family/children's music.

#### WEEKEND

- This Saturday and Sunday, Northville's Art in the Sun takes place in downtown Northville. • A do-it-yourself class in laying brick patios will be held Saturday at 3 p.m., at Brickscape Gardens, between Northville and Novi. The class costs \$5. For info, call (248) 348-2500.
- Sunday, Jazz in the Village returns to The Lower Town Grill in Old Village, Plymouth. The Lance Loiselle Trio will play contemporary arrangements of traditional tunes from 7 - 11 p.m. Admission is free. Call (313) 451-1213.

#### **NEXT WEEK**

• The Blue Ribbon Roads Committee will hold a public meeting Monday at 7 p.m., in the first floor meeting room of Canton's Administration building. Canton residents will be able to voice their opinions and concerns regarding community road work.

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1997 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the First Floor Meeting Room in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD. The following Agenda will be dis-

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call: Cisek, Demopoulos, Johnson, Pandit, Redfern Acceptance of Agenda

- Stacey L. Clary, Sprint PCS, 200 Galleria Officentre, Suite 125, Southfield. MI 48034, for property located at 40442 Koppernick Road, Canton, Mi. Appealing Article 6, Site Development Standards, Section 6.02 (S)(1) radio, television and cellular telephone towers regarding setbacks. The request is for a variance in the side setback due to the size and shape of this parcel. Parcel No. 003-
- Bob Paciocco, Parna Investment & Contracting, 1330 Goldsmith, Plymouth, MI 48170, for property located at 7001 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Appealing Article 26.04 Schedule of Regulations requirements for Industrial Districts. The request is for a variance of 25 feet from the required 40 foot front setback along Warren Road in the LI-1 District Parcel No. 046-99-0003-711

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# Canton man charged with 3rd-degree sexual assault

#### BY JILLIAN BOGATER

A Canton man who police say had sex with a woman as she slept was bound over to circuit court Friday morning.

Marc G. Kelley, 27, is charged with one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, which involves penetration while the victim is physically helpless or mentally

He appeared for the preliminary examination before 35th District Judge John

The alleged incident occurred June 3 at the woman's home. She testified that

Kelley came over to her home with her boyfriend to drink some beers, and that she went to bed early.

She said she woke up in the middle of the night and discovered someone having

"When ... I realized he wasn't my boyfriend I pushed him off," she said.

Then, she said, she ran out of the bedroom looking for her roommate and screamed "I was raped."

Criminal sexual conduct is a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison and requiring AIDS testing.



## Public notices

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1997**

Absent:

Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Aves all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except for Mr. Curmi who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 27, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayés all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 28, 1997, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill move to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 3, 1997, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold, Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the June 3, 1997, Work Session of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amened the agenda by adding under New Business Item J.7 Approval for Additional Clerical Positions and J.8 Police Department Furniture. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the June 10, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. A resident addressed the Board stating her concerns related to the Plymouth Community recreation programs and the impact it would have on the children of the community if it were eliminated. Ms. Leann Gross, a physical education teacher, expressed her concerns regarding the lack of recreation programs for children and the long term effect it could have on their

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the application of Pressler, Finn, Bode, Application No. 1436/1296, to rezone property located on the northeast corner of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads. Tax Identification number 026-99- Wednesday, June 11, 1997. 0002; from IND, Industrial, to C-2. General Commercial District. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Final Preliminary Plat, P.C. App. 1409B/397, for Woodlore South Subdivision located north of Joy Road, south of Woodlore subdivision, east of Beck Road, and west of Westbriar Subdivision No. 1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the application of Marcello Scappaticci, Application No. 1442/197, to rezone property located on the north side of North Territiorial, west of Gottschalk and east of Napier Road. Fax Identification numbers 042-003-99-0003; 042-99-0003-001; 042-99-0003-003; from AG; Agricultural District, to R-1-E; Single Family Residential District. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the contract between Wayne County and the Charter Township of Plymouth for the Community Development Block Grant Program 1997 fiscal year as presented and authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved that July 15, 1997 be established for Public Hearing on a request from Dura Convertible Systems, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on new machinery and equipment for their facility located at 14744 Jib Street. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 97-06-10-26 adopting the Order of Business for Board of Trustee meetings. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office. Roll call:

Amold, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Resolution declared adopted. Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Change Orders 1-8 for the Police Department Renovation Contract with Corona Construction in the amount of \$19,498.00 and authorize payment for said work.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the purchase of a slope mower from W.F. Miller in the amount of \$30,652.00. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Edwards voting no.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Utility Easement for Leslie J & Beverly J. Rockwood at 12828 Rolstron Drive. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the clerical positions requested with the exception of the part-time person nel in the Assessing and Planning Departments and to amend the 1997 budget to fund the clerical positions, and to provide additional funding to the current assessing vendor for staffing during Township regular business hours. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all with Ms. Arnold voting no.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the purchase of Kimball Office Purniture for the Police Department in the amount of \$16,484.27. This is a GSA contract amount. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Treasurer Edwards asked if the contract between Plymouth Township and the PAR Group has been signed and if the recruiting process for a new police chief has begun.

Trustee Griffith informed the Board that the telephone Recreation Survey by Schoolcraft College will begin

Mrs. Mueller moved to receive and file Communications and Resolutions as listed. Seconded by Ms. Arnold.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and supported by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Ayes

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on June 10, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for approval at the next regular meeting on June 24,

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# Community deaths

### **Obituaries**

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

#### **IRENE M. RITCHIE**

Irene M. Ritchie, a Fenton resident, died June 6, 1997 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Ritchie was born June 20, 1906 in Brownstown, MI. She was a homemaker, and a receptionist for her late husband, James R. Ritchie, D.V.M. She is a former Plymouth and South Lyon resident.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Elizabeth) Ritchie of Lima, OH; daughters, Cheryl (Larry) Allmon of Coldwater, MI, Eileen (Ronald) Bogusky of Fenton, Karen (Paul) Clute of Fenton; sisters, Luella Barrett of Plymouth, Viola (Austin) Partridge of Tipton, MI; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James R.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Interment is at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made, or memorial tributes can be given to the Hospice of choice.

#### **MARIE P. RAWLINGS**

Marie P. Rawlings, a Canton resident, died June 6, 1997 at the age of 79.

Mrs. Rawlings was born March 27, 1918 in Harvey, ND. She was a registered nurse.

She is survived by her sons, Donald Rawlings of Davison, MI; Joseph (Linda) Rawlings of Jackson, Michael (Pamela) Rawlings of Canton, Thomas Rawlings, Jr. of Holt, MI; daughters, Teresa (Issa) Hassan of Westland, Patricia (Lain) Horne of South Lyon, Eileen (Robert) M. Wojcik of Canton; three brothers; seven sisters; 21 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Interment is at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate Inc. 23100 Providence Dr, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075 or American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072.

#### NANCY A. McDANIEL

Nancy A. McDaniel, a Westland resident, died June 5, 1997 at the age of 58. Mrs. McDaniel was born April 17, 1939 in Winfield, AL. He was a bookkeeper. He is survived by his daughter, Judith (Fred) B. Boltrick of Livonia; Earl (Pat) Stevens of Texas; and grandchildren, Stephanie and Victoria Boltrick of Livonia.

Arrangments were made and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Frederick L. Weaver officiating. Interment is at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Boulevard, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

#### MARIE A. COCHRAN

Marie A. Cochran, a Canton resident, died June 9, 1997 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Cochran was born Feb. 2, 1925 in Monroe County, WI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community eight and a half years ago from Livonia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and loved to read.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce A. (Jill) Cochran of Canton, Kevin (Kim) Cochran of Westland; daughters, Susan Marie (Michael) Kopko of Canton, Lori Ann (Mark) Musicl of Clifford, MI; sister, Mildred Barttlet of Sparta, WI; brothers, William, Leroy and Donald of Sparta, WI; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Local arrangements were made by Scrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

#### WAYNE LEWIS STOCKWELL

Wayne Lewis Stockwell, a Westland resident, died June 9 at the age of 83.

Mr. Stockwell was born March 8, 1914 in Sonora, CA. He was a shoe department manager.

He is survived by his daughter, Marjorie (Michael) Neary of Livonia; sons, Gerald Wayne (Carol) Stockwell of Elk Grove Village, IL, DIck (Claudia) Stockwell of Plymouth, Lynn Harold Stockwell of Westland; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100

Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### **CHARLES "BOB" GOW**

Charles "Bob" Gow, a Plymouth resident, died June 13, 1997 at the age of 64.

Mr. Gow was born March 10, 1933 in Novi Township. He was a life-long Plymouth resident, and the retired superintendent of roads for Wayne County. He graduated from Plymouth High School, and was a member of St. Peter's Evangical Lutheran Church in Plymouth, the V.F.W. Mayflower Lt. Gamble Post 6695 and the Plymouth High School Old-Timers Beakfast Club.

He is survived by his uncle, Gerald "Bud" Krumm of Gladwin, MI; Aunt, Marion Robertson of Plymouth; cousins, David McBride of Florida, Davetta Raymond of Florida, Joan Klopcic of Michigan, Terry McBride of Michigan, Jeanne Hoyer of Michigan, Geraldine Hubbs of Michigan, Gary Krumm of Michigan; and several second cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents,

Charles and Ione Gow.

Arrangements were made by and services held at The Schrader-Howell Funeral Hom in Plymouth with Pastor Peter Berg and Pastor Paul Schaefer officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to St. Peter's Evangical Lutheran Church or The American Heart Association.

#### **ELBERTA FISCHER**

Elberta Fischer, a Garden City resident, died June 13, 1997 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Fischer was born March 19, 1908 in Portsmouth, OH. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son-in-law, E. Robert Minch of Garden City; brother Walter Newman of Pomona, CA; four grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Beatrice Minch.

Arrangements were made and services held at Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Gordon R. Turner officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West, in Westland. Memorial contributions can be given to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 3807 Monroe St., Dearborn, MI 48124.



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# Getting down to business

# Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an eightmonth program, Leadership Plymouth, which will focus on developing leadership skills. Enrollment is limited to 20 people and applications must be turned in by Aug. 15. Tuition for the program is \$795 per person and includes seven full-day sessions, an overnight opening retreat and a graduation banquet. For more information, call 453-1540.

Several people were recently elected to the St. Mary Hospital Board of Trustees.

David A. Brandon, of Plymouth, president and CEO of Valassis Corp., will now serve as chairman.

Michael McDonald, president and CEO of McMahon and McDonald, Plymouth was elected to the board.

Also elected to the board was Dr. Edwin Rennell, of Northville, who works for the St. Mary Hospital medical staff in surgery.

American Power Wash, Inc. of Canton will host fund-raising car washes during the months of June, July and August. The car washes will be held from noon to 5 p.m. every Saturday. Cost for a wash is a donation.

Car wash beneficiaries: June 21 - Canton Community Church, Aug. 16 Plymouth-Salem boys golf team and Aug. 30 - Plymouth-Canton girls swim team.

The car wash is located at 41949 Joy, Canton. Call 451-7676 for more information.

St. Joseph Mercy Health System has received a leadership gift of \$250,000 from Care Choices HMO for the new Interactive Health Education Center in Canton. The first of its kind in Michigan, the center will offer health and wellness education through exhibits designed for people of all ages.

The center will be housed in the health system's new 83,000-square foot Canton Health Building, which is scheduled to complete construction in January 1998.

The center will employ a fulltime health educator and will include state-of-the-art classroom facilities and exhibits such as a walk-through ear, digestive and cardiovascular systems, and environmental safety displays.

# Teen goes high tech with web site biz

BY III LIAN BOGATER

While most college students look forward to summer as a time to kick back and relax, one Plymouth Township teen decided to start his own business.

A love for computers and surfing the internet inspired Scott Mulder, 19, to begin a web page designing business — Open House Productions.

"A lot of people think they can make their own web page, but it's more complicated than they'd think," he said.

Mulder recently landed his first client, Venture Outdoors, a Plymouth Township sporting goods shop.

Web pages are advantageous because they can set up mail orders and keep businesses in touch with marketing information, he said. It also shows a level of commitment to customers, he said.

"Web pages instill a level of trust, a desire to keep up with technology," he said. "It shows there's a sense of security within the company."

Of the estimated 15 million internet users in the United States, Mulder says that up to 66 percent regularly visit commercial web sites.

In addition to setting up a web page, Mulder suggests that companies incorporate it into sales by printing the address on receipts, business cards and letterhead.

"It turns their advertising into an information source," he said.

Now a sophomore, he studies landscape architecture at Michigan State University.



Scott Mulder designs a web page for Venture Outdoors. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

He is a 1996 graduate of Clon Lara, a home-based high school, in Ann Arbor.

In addition to starting the business, Mulder also decided to enroll in a spring calculus class at Schoolcraft College.

"I'm doing that for fun," he said. "I'm hoping it will help with my computer programming skills."

Check out Mulder's web site: http://www.openhousepro.com Or watch as he build's Venture Outdoor's page by dialing into: http://www.openhousepro.com/Venture





Mark Schuholz, (from left) Todd Fanning, Don Massa, Stephen King and Steve Norris show off the two national Honda service awards. Sunshine Honda employee Robert Potter also was recognized as top technician at the dealership. (Crier photos, Jillian Bogater)

### Honda employees shine in national competition

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Two employees at Plymouth's Sunshine Honda, 1205 W. Ann Arbor, have been recognized as being among the best of the best.

Todd Fanning, a service advisor, and Steve Norris received ton

Todd Fanning, a service advisor, and Steve Norris received top honors in a national top service competition.

Don Massa, zone manager for 101 Honda dealers, came in from out of state to present the two employees with plaques. The seventh annual event recognizes 20 of 240 eligible employees nationally.

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#### What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).



#### **FLORAL ART SHOW**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Floral Art show will feature six watercolorists this summer: Marjorie Chellstorp, Johnnie Crosby, Joanne Porter, Kay Rowe, Mary Stephenson and Donna Vogelheim. The public is invited to the show, which will take place June 24 to Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.

#### **BOOK SIGNING**

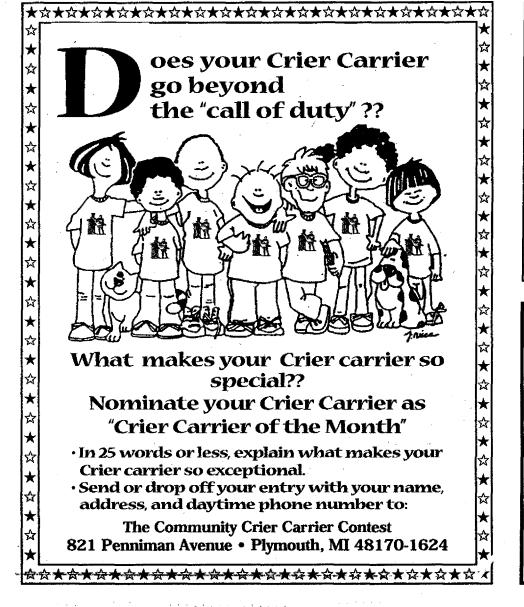
Hippie-turned-real estate broker Barry Klein will sign his book, "Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll" at 7 p.m. June 20 at Barnes and Noble, 17111 Haggerty, Northville. One hundred percent of the royalties from this book will be donated to a scholarship fund for students studying substance abuse counseling at Oakland University. For more information, call (248) 348-0696.

#### **FALL SOCCER**

The City of Plymouth will take fall youth soccer registration the entire month of June from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The department is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. All registrations require a birth certificate. Fee, \$40 for city residents and \$60 for non-residents. Call 455-6620.

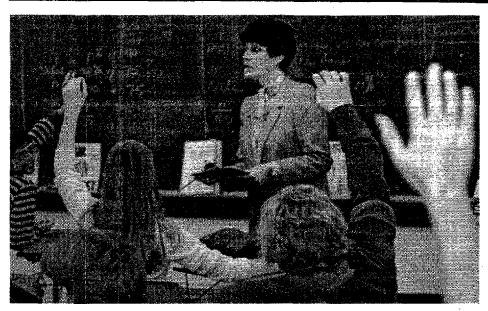
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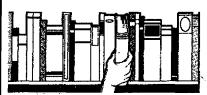


# **Schools**



#### SUMMER ACADEMY

Students entering first through eighth grades will have an opportunity to enrich their progress this summer in math, science, writing and reading. Elementary academy sessions run from 8:45 to 11:55 a.m. for three weeks, July 14 to 31 at Bird, Bentley, Fiegel and Miller elementary schools. Middle school summer academy sessions will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 21 to Aug. 1 at Pioneer Middle School. Scholarships are available. Academy open to all Plymouth-Canton, parochial and private school students. Register at the E.J McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth or call 416-2938.



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# Would-be thief thwarted by customer, toy gun

A Canton woman who police say Road. attempted to rob a Plymouth Township restaurant with a toy gun was bound over to circuit court last week on felony

Gloria Marie Kaske waived her preliminary exam Friday morning before Judge John McDonald in 35th District Court. She is charged with one count of assault with intent to commit armed robbery.

An observant customer helped nab Kaske early June 8 at the Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road.

Det. David Hayes of the Plymouth Township Police Department said the unidentified man chased Kaske after she presented a note demanding money and showed the hostess what appeared to be a

Plymouth Township Police say that at Jail under a \$15,000 cash bond. 5:40 a.m. Sunday, Kaske entered the

Kaske allegedly left without taking any money but was chased down by a customer. The man brought her back to the restaurant and turned her over to police.

Haves commended the man for chasing

"It was most definitely a help," he said. "Some people like to get involved and he chose to take off after her."

Kaske remains lodged at Wayne County

Guys on the rise



Dads and kids alike enjoyed the views of Plymouth and Canton during balloon rides at this year's annual Father's Day pancake breakfast at Mettetal Airport. Tethered rides were given from about 8 - 10:30 a.m., when the sun and wind are just right for ballooning, according to Doug Kitze, Mettetal Airport manager. Helicopter rides and experimental aircraft are other regular attractions (Crier photo, Ryan Nuñez).

## **Residents in Plymouths** targeted for recreation survey

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

telephone survey

ine attitudes about

research team from will call residents

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen about 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

township and the YMCA.

Residents in the City of Plymouth and "This is an opportunity to let elected Plymouth Township are the targets of a officials know how the community feels about recreation -This is an opportunity to let ed, who should provide

it and who pays for it," elected officials know,. Keen-McCarthy said. research team from Schoolcraft College what should be provided. "Those who are called have an opportunity to - Kathleen Keen-McCarthy represent the greater

Schoolcraft will interpret the results and Keen-McCarthy. The survey will take prepare a report of their findings by the end of July. Then they will make a recommen-The project is sponsored by the city, dation to the city, township and YMCA.

Kaske approached the counter, then

gave the hostess a note saying, "Stay quiet, give me all the money," police said. She then asked for the manager and showed the hostess the stock of a shotgun hidden in her

Police recovered a note, black gloves and the stock of a toy gun.

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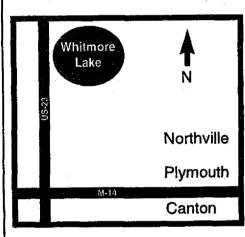
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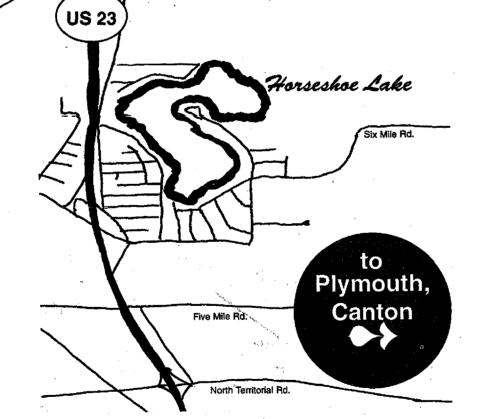
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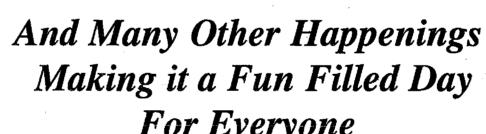


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# **Books** about Plymouth, Canton & Northville

It's summer, school's out, people are enjoying the outdoors—what a great time to read a book! Whether you're new to the area or a townie from way back, each book offers a deeper look into The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Enjoy!

# Shorelines of The Great Lakes Erick Carne

A mixture of imagery and historical recollections occupy 'Shorelines of the Great Lakes,' the recently released book by the late Erick Carne. The artist and storyteller takes us on a tour of the Great Lakes and the scenery

accompanying them.

Carne begins the journey among the shores, wildlife and people of the Lake Superior area. He is descriptive in detail and nears the and of the Superior section. end of the Superior section by helping relive the story of Edmund Fitzgerald

Carne does the same with Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. He molds the history of the areas with his paintings, offering illustration of locaions most people will never ake the time to visit.

In his Lake Erie section, ne shows us downtown Detroit in the winter using the Windsor shoreline of the Detroit River as the perspec-

The ice formed on the

river is melted on the next page when he paints a beautiful day at the hydroplane

A third consecutive page shows us downtown Detroit on Grand Prix Sunday using the same Windsor perspec-tive as the first. The seasonal progression Carne uses in these three pages successfully highlights the Detroit area with an active and lively

Most of the lighthouses Carne illustrates throughout the book provides the back-ground for the ships he sails toward them. Along the way we're also shown sunsets, villages, festivals and a ghost

The book is ended by "To The Sea", a poem appropriately titled and written for such a collection. It gives each Great Lake an identity of its own. The book couldn't have been wrapped up any better.

Carne's book is available at local bookstores at a price



# Cornerstones: A History of Michigan's Tenth Largest Canton Township Families Sam Hudson continued his literary look at the local area when he published "Michigan's Tenth of argest". This book is a thorough examination of

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The Story of Plymouth,

Michigan: A Midwest

Diane Wilson touches on nearly every family people a look back to their roots, and it offers others linked to the early days of Canton in her book, "Cornerstones: A History of Canton Township Families."

Many of the families in Wilson's book could be recognized by the streets named after them.

Familiar names mentioned throughout the book are Hanford, Hough, Bird, Palmer, Sheldon, Lilley and Haggerty. Even current school board trustee David Artley's family is focused on in six pages.

This book could well be the most informative collection of Canton's history in print. It offers some

by Diane Wilson a look back at how the land they live on today was

developed in the nineteenth century. Wilson writes the book by increasing from the Section One land area of Canton through Section 36, speaking of each family in that location that held

an important role in the growth of the township. With over 100 years of Canton history and over 150 Canton families and their stories written about, Wilson gives a view of the township unknown to

most people now residing in it.

Largest." This book is a thorough examination of the Plymouth-Canton Community School District from the years 1830 through 1986.

Hudson's book takes us through the many progressive stages the district went through --- from the early one-room school days, to the first high school, and into the computer age with long-time superintendent John Hoben.

This book informs those who wondered how the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park came to be and came to be named, how the district chose superintendents and what each one did, the effects teacher strikes had on the district, and when high school athletics began and where they are now.

future without examining the past. Hudson's book shows how past experiences were used in the development of the local schools and will surely be used in the future, as we move toward the addition of more schools in the district.

Along with nearly 300 pages of copy, the book also offers over 100 photos of students, teachers, administrators, board members, band and orchestra events and sports teams.

Read about the fire that destroyed the high school in 1916; the recollections of Principal Nancy Tanger; the controversies and social problems affecting the schools; and the lists of school board presidents, superintendents of schools and high school principals.

# Northville: The First Hundred Years Jack Hoffman

A 314-page book by Jack Hoffman, "Northville: schools, disasters, businesses and churches The First Hundred Years," can be looked at as the

of the township, the birth of the town government, into what it is today.

best resource for Northville's history.

Pictures throughout the book provide the images Hoffman's words describe. This book is written for The book contains information on the pioneering those people curious as to how Northville has grown

# Pictures of Plymouth Past and Present sam Hudson

Two photo books depicting the history of 1973, begins with pictures of Kellogg Park and the Schoolcraft College and the History of First on to show us pictures ranging from 1857 to 1968. Presbyterian Church in Plymouth are available in

the local libraries. "Pictures of Plymouth Past and Present" by Sam

Hudson and "Canton Sesquicentennial," a commemorative book celebrating Canton's 150 year birthday, provide a pictorial history as opposed to

Hudson's second edition book, published in

Plymouth and Canton, a book on the history of construction of the local expressways. He then goes

Canton's book deals with more text than Hudson's, but still takes advantage of using photographs as a primary source of historical informa-

The two history books for Schoolcraft and the Church are both by Hudson and give informative accounts as to the beginning of each of them.

In 1984, Helen Frances Gilbert published her book, "Tonquish Tales," which told a story of pioneers and Indians in the early days of southern

She begins by writing of Chief Tonquish and his claim of the Plymouth-Canton area. Then, after his death, the Indians living throughout the area and stories about them are written.

Helen Frances Gilbert

In the fourth chapter, Gilbert tells the story of the installation of Telonga as the chief of the Potowatomi of Tonquish Plains and the valley of the Rouge. He was installed at a ceremony under the pines on the sacred mound at Plymouth.

The 170 page book is available in stores or in the

Microcosm sam Hudson The history of Plymouth is probably best cap- Sickle Cut on July 20, 1907. In one of the biggest tured in "The Story of Plymouth, Michigan: A railroad wrecks in U.S. history, 33 people died and Midwest Microcosm" by Sam Hudson, the author of

other local books. With this volume, Hudson provides readers with an in-depth look into the city's growth, from its early woodlands beginning to the community it is

The book begins with the early settling of Plymouth through the years 1824 to 1835 and continues with, among other things, the naming of the

Slowly, Hudson takes the reader through the years of 1835 to 1890. It notes the birth of local dignitary George Starkweather, and mentions that with a population of 2,163 in 1840, Plymouth was the seventh largest community in Michigan, Hudson then describes the many people involved with the economic development of the city.

When Hudson writes of the community's railroads, he takes the reader back to the tragedy at Van

the Plymouth area from 1890 until the 1970s, the decade in which Hudson's book was published. The final two chapters of the book deal with Plymouth's religion, education, culture and the city's bouts with a major nemesis — fire.

The next four chapters detail the life and times of

100 people were injured about four miles west of

Plymouth. The book succeeds in describing the con-

tributions made by local townspeople aiding the

wreck victims.

Hudson writes about the two major nineteenth century fires that took place in Plymouth and are focused in the final chapter.

Both fires, in 1856 and 1893, wiped out the entire business block on Main Street facing Kellogg Park. Hudson gives people a way to read about the past, but with 25 pages of pictures, he also offers a look at the past.

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7:30 p.m. Pie-Eating Contest (sponsored by the Observer)
8:15 p.m. "Dance Dynamics" show in the amphitheater.
Dusk (Approx. 10 p.m.) 101 Dalmations (Amphitheater)

Friday, June 20

5:45 p.m. 1st annual Road Rally in parking lot behind Admin. Bldg. 7 p.m.-midnight Vegas Night (north park tent) 7 p.m.-11 p.m. chamber Bingo Event (north park tent) 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Steve & the Dittilies concert (Amphitheater) 8 p.m. Laser Light Show Party (Summit on the Park)
Dusk (approx. 10 p.m.) LASER LIGHT SHOW in amphitheater & Heritage Park

Thursday, June 19

Saturday, June 21 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Fine Arts Exhibition & Sale (north side of Heritage Park)
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show (north side of Heritage Park)
10 a.m.-7 p.m. Paddleboat Rides (Heritage Park) 12 p.m.-9:30 p.m. "Taste of Canton" (north pavilions)
12 p.m.-5 p.m. Classic Car Show (throughout Heritage Park) 12 p.m. Dalmatian Club of Detroit skills exhibition (Amphitheater)

12 p.m. Illusionist Chris Lynn (Kids Stage)
12 p.m.-6 p.m. "Kids Mania" rides/games (Kids Area)
12 p.m.-6 p.m. Kids Art Workshop (Kids Area)
1 p.m. Flying Aces frisbee demo (off-stage Kids Area)
1 p.m. Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps (Amphitheater) 1 p.m. Rappelling demonstration(Admin. Bldg.)
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8 p.m. Pheasant Run Golf Club Fireworks party Dusk (approx. 10 p.m.) FIREWORKS display (Heritage park)

Sunday, June 22 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (north park picnic shelters)
9 a.m.-11 a.m. ALPO-Canine Frisbee disc championships (Kids Area) 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fine Arts Exhibition & Sale (north side of Heritage park) 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show (north side of Heritage Park)

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his plants and three dervishes were whirling around him. A baby was crawling around at his feet and the other two were in orbit. With tears rolling down my cheeks I quietly said to myseld, suffer the little children to come unto me, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven. Eventually I found

Ardith, doing something motherly no doubt. I remembered that once she had told me in a "girl to girl" conversation that all she had ever wanted to be was Harold's wife, -and she was. I thought of all this as I sat in the Presbyterian Church at Harold's memorial service on Friday. No one said that life was this hard.

easy, but no one said it was this hard.

Martha, what can we do for this wonderful family? Pray without ceasing, I guess.

Pray for them to have strength to survive this painful time. Love, Geneva

#### **Curiosities**



Coming Soon Art in the Park July 12th & 13th

BEAUREGARD eats pancakes from the E.A.A. at Mettetal Airport.

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"I'VE GOT A THREE margarita sun-tan," O'Dell, later in 1997

Andrew we are very proud of you. Keep up the good work. Mom and Dad.

LIZ HARTWICK, How are you coming with your knitting? One hundred children's stocking caps made by you in time for Christmas has been your goal for many years. This means you have completed fifty by now! What a generous person you are! (Fifty hats by the end of June! Whew!) Bless you.

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DOROTHY W.-Happy Birthday to you and Queen Elizabeth. We all love celebrating your special day, and rightly so!

GUESS WHO WAS THE RECIEPIENT of Knapp's special birthday cake last week, Mr. Plymouth, of course! All of us join in best wishes. Take care, will you, please! Plymouth et al.

#### **Curiosities**

EDITH/FAB -The sun doesn't shine quite as brightly withour your beautiful presence, Edith. (You too, Fab, but you just aren't as pretty). Take care, you two. Geneva MICKIE B.-I ate the whole thing by myself, sharing your gift with no one. Honest-I meant to be generous but the "Devil made me do it." Thank you, I think. Fatty G.

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# Legionnaires, foul play ruled out in deaths

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Konstantin Stevanovich, 14, and Devon Cashero, 19, stopped breathing in separate incidents Saturday, said Canton Township Police Officer Lew Stevens.

"Both of these young kids were extremely sick, and most likely died of natural causes," Stevens said, adding he does not suspect foul play.

According to Stevens, the first 911 call came in at 3:40 a.m., while a foster home worker administered CPR to Stevanovich. He was taken by ambulance to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead.

Four hours later, at 8 a.m., a foster home worker placed a second 911 call to report another resident not breathing. Cashero was also transported to Annapolis Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

The foster care home, located on the 700 block of Stonehenge, houses young adults with physical and mental handicaps, Stevens said.

Dehem said the foster care family members are trained to work with developmentally disabled teens and have never experienced problems in the past.

"They do really, really good work," Dehem said. "The family cares for the three teens. Two of the teens were medically needy with respiration problems."

The third child was moved to another foster care home, Dehem said.

It is not uncommon to see people with extreme medical needs die prematurely, he said. However, he said that he is dsiturbed that two died in the same day.

"That is not usual," he said. "It's a big concern to us."

Stevens doesn't know how rumors that the teens died from a Legionnaire's disease outbreak arose.

"The home doesn't even have an air conditioner," he said, which is one way of transmitting the deadly disease.

To absolutely rule out Legionnaire's disease, the police department sent blood and tissue samples to the Infectious

Disease Center in Lansing for testing. Results are expected in three weeks.

'Both of these young kids were extremely sick, and most likely died of natural causes.'

Ofc. Lew Stevens

Autopsy reports indicate Stevanovich died of pneumonia. Cashero had a history of palsy and was extremely ill, he said.

"These are children who have little chance for survival," Dehem said. "Foster care homes provide more TLC than hospitals."

## Downtown NBD could become store, restaurant

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anymore, said Robert Darmanin, public relations spokesperson for NBD.

"The bank has minimal parking, no drive-up facility and has the lowest volume of all branches in the system,"

'We've had several inquiries.

It's a good corner, it's high

profile.' —Scott Sansovich

Darmanin said. "It didn't make sense to keep it open."

The bank decided to make the changes after conducting

an in-depth market analysis to determine customer needs.

"People don't bank the way they did 30 years ago," Darmanin said. "Now they look for efficient service and convenience. Banking shouldn't take a lot of our time. We're offering a balance."

Federal regulations require NBD to notify customers with bank accounts 90 days before closure and to offer transfer of their banking to the nearest branch.

The announcement that the NBD would close doesn't worry Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile.

"I see this as an opportunity to bring in additional retail, service or similar types of business," Guile said. "I'm not as gloom-and-doom as people think."

Guile said he plans to meet with the building owners to

determine future plans for the site.

"It would be an ideal location for a restaurant," he said. Scott Sansovich, who leases the building, said he doesn't expect to have problems finding a new tenant.

"We've had several inquiries," he said. "It's a good corner, it's high profile."

Two promising tenants include a California company that publishes small town newspapers and a New York magazine focusing on small towns, Sansovich said.

Guile said it will take people time to adjust to the closure.

"This is going to result in an alteration of people's shopping patterns," Guile said. "Many people like to go to the bank and shop downtown. Now they will have to make two trips."

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# **Sports**

# Sports shorts

The **Dan Young Basketball School** will take place July 21-25 at Phase III at Canton High School.

Young, Canton boys basketball coach and 1996 News and Free Press Coach of the Year, will provide individualized instruction on the floor, as well as in the classroom.

The emphasis will be on: a mental approach to high school/collegiate competition, fundamentals that will improve your game, individual offensive and defensive techniques, and team offense and defense.

The classes are limited to 30 students and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$125 and includes a t-shirt, notebook and lunch on Friday. Call Dan Young at 313-495-1079 for more information.

#### Canton Parks and Recreation Services Softball Standings:

Red League — First Place Bar 8-0; Mobility Transportation 4-4; Pogo's/State Farm 6-2; Mark's Midtown/Equitrust 6-2; Remax 3-5; Target 2-6; Shark Club II 2-6; Don Coleman & Assoc. 1-7.

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Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a series of five-week golf lessons for youths ages 7-18. They will take place on Wednesdays: June 25 (10-11:30 a.m.), July 2, 9, 16, 23 at Pheasant Run Golf Course practice facility.

Classes will be divided by age groups and by skill levels within each age group.

The cost of \$50 will include instruction from PGA professionals, range balls, t-shirt and a certificate of completion. Registration ends Friday.

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# What a relief

#### Former first baseman's career picks up with switch to pitcher

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Mike Stafford is relieved he finally has secured a position on the Ohio State University baseball team.

After a stellar career at Canton High School, Stafford had been a utility infielder in his first three seasons at OSU.

When he walked into fall practice last year, he carried frustration and hope along with his cleats and glove. "It was thinking about going somewhere else. I thought about giving it up," he said. "But I liked Ohio State. I knew this was going to be my chance."

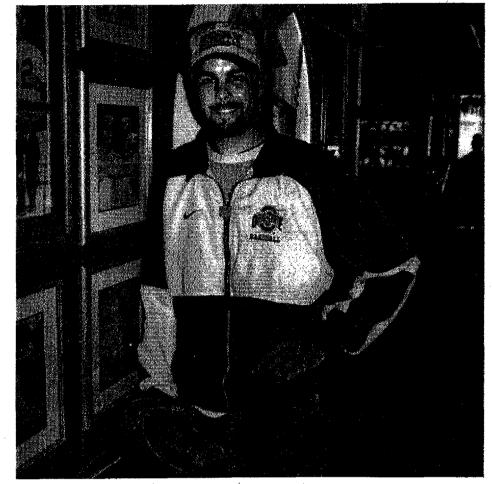
But that chance didn't come at first base, the position he played at Canton and as a backup to two All-Americans at OSU. Buckeye head coach Bob Todd and pitching coach Pat Bankston put Stafford at the center of the infield — on the mound. They were looking for a left-handed relief pitcher.

"He (Todd) liked what he saw. We had a meeting at the end of fall ball about what my role was going to be, and he told me I was going to be coming out of the pen a lot," Stafford said. "That's a position when you have to be ready for any situation, and that's hard for a player to adjust to. But I was excited about it. I thought, 'This is my chance.' I didn't think I would screw up."

He didn't. In fact, it was Stafford's opponents who failed this test.

Stafford finished the 1997 season with a 1.99 earned run average — the lowest in the Big Ten. His 4-2 record includes a victory at the University of Michigan for the conference's tournament championship.

"I was glad to get the win at Michigan," Stafford said about the school that didn't recruit him in high school. "Here I am, 10 minutes away and they didn't give me a chance to play for them. I felt challenged. I had 30 or 40 people there watching me. It was a pretty exciting feeling after the game



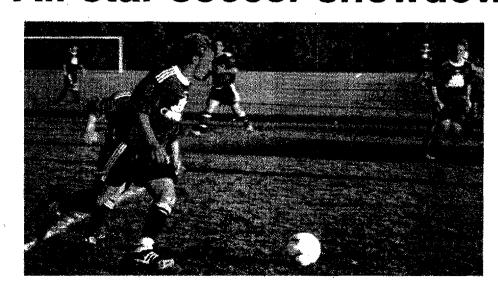
If Canton resident Mike Stafford continues his progress as a relief pitcher at Ohio State University, he might have his jersey hanging on the walls of his favorite local restaurant. Stafford's father, Bill, has his New York Yankees uniform displayed at Applebees in Canton. (Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

- people were interviewing me."

The attention and on-the-field success is nothing new to Stafford. His father, Bill, is a former New York Yankee. Stafford is hoping to make his namesake a two-generation major league family. "We've got one done. Hopefully, we'll get another," he said.

If that is to happen, Stafford will have Please see pg. 21

### All-star soccer showdown at PCEP



Salem High School student Chris Curry gets in action Saturday at the PCEP.

The second annual Michigan High School All-Star Soccer Game was held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park soccer field on Saturday. Gary Balconi originally organized the game last year, inviting some of the top senior boys and girls high school soccer players.

Local players in the girls game were Emilie Meier of Canton and Jodi Coyle of Salem on the purple team, and Jennifer Parvianinen of Canton and Lisa Bacyinski of Salem on the red team. The red team was victorious, winning by a score of 2-0. Local players in the boys game were Ryan Konley and Matt Sarkesian of Salem and Matt Ammons and Jason Bennett of Canton on the royal team. Chris Curry of Salem and Kevin Gniewek of Canton were on the green team. The green team won the game 3-2. Konley assisted on the royal team's first goal.

# A day at the races — and walks

The Plymouth YMCA's 18th annual Father's Day Run was a success yet again

Joggers and walkers off all ages took to the streets on a beautiful — and believe it or not — hot Sunday afternoon.

And the winners are...

Plymouth resident Jennifer Ward won the One Mile Walk at a pace of 10:55. Paul Farrugia of Novi won the 5K Walk



Patricia Bagley, of Livonia, won the women's 5K competition at the Plymouth YMCA's 18th annual Father's Day run with a time of 18:58. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

in 19:33, just ahead of 11-year-old Canton resident Thomas Casha, who finished in 28:17. Patricia Linna of Westland won the women's competition in 34:05. Northville resident Randy Lee was second at 34:24, and Plymouth resident Kellie Mack was third at 38:09.

Joe Turrini of Detroit won the One Mile Run in 4:57. Northville resident Joe Leo was just eight seconds behind in second place. The One Mile Run women's overall winner was Laura Jakubik of Warren.

Leo returned to win the 5K Run in 15:44. Livonia resident Patricia Bagley won the women's 5K Run in 18:58.

The winner of the women's 10K Run was Bridget MacKinnon, who finished with a time of 38:34. Plymouth resident Gabrielle Crandall was second with a time of 40:51.

The men's 10K winner was Adam Unsworth of Ann Arbor, who won with a pace of 5:20 and completed the race in 33:07. Leo won the Male Open Triple competition with his combined time of 55:10 in the One Mile, 5K and 10K runs.

Colleen Grainger won the Women's Open Triple competition with a combined total of time of 1:20:00 in the One Mile, 5K and 10K races

# Sports shorts

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Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services, along with Fellows Creek Golf Club, is also sponsoring a **junior golf program** for boys and girls ages 8-17 years old. It runs from June 23 through Aug. 1.

The cost is \$45 and includes six nine-hole rounds of golf, a golf clinic and a season ending nine-hole tournament. Registration ends Friday.

Call 397-5110 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a discounted ice rental rate of only \$.75 per hour until Sunday.

The department is running discounted rates on their open skating schedule until Sunday.

Today and tomorrow the discounts run from noon-2:30 p.m., Friday it's noon-2:30 p.m. and 6-7:50 p.m., and Sunday the time is 1-2:50 p.m.

The adult rates for Plymouth residents is \$1.50 and non-residents is \$2.

For children and senior residents the price is \$1, non-residents is \$1.50.

Call the department at 455-6620 for available hours and to reserve ice time.

The Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue will be holding tournaments every weekend through Sept. 21.

The **Detroit Rockers** will be holding summer camps, and will visit the area two times.

The Rockers will visit Heritage Park on July 7-11 and July 28-Aug. 1.

Both camps will run from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and will cost \$119

To register or for more information call 313-396-7070.

Registration is currently being held at the Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook in Plymouth, for the Plymouth-Canton School District's Summer Swim programs

For more information, call 416-2937.

# Salem sports star signs with Siena

Salem High School two-sport athlete Angela Smith has signed a letter of intent to attend Siena Heights College this fall to play volleyball and compete in track and field for the Saints.

Smith was captain and outside hitter on the Rocks' volleyball team this year and is a shot put and discus thrower in track and field.

She has also competed at the AAU level in volleyball and played on a national qualifying team last season.

In track and field, Smith has been a two-time Class A state qualifier in both the shot put and discus as a sophomore and in her senior season.

"We're excited about Angela coming to Siena Heights College," said track and field coach Tim Bauer.

"In the past few seasons, we have established ourselves as an NAIA power in both men's and women's throwing events, and Smith will be a solid prospect in the shot and discus for us."

#### Stafford shines on the mound

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to continue the dedication and hard work he has practiced since high school. He spent four years on the varsity squad, and was drawing a crowd of professional and college scouts during his senior year. Strangely, none were from U of M. Even though Michigan State University offered a partial scholarship, Stafford said his decision to go Columbus was not a difficult one.

"It was kind of easy. Michigan didn't have any interest in me," he said. "Michigan State offered me some money. But I wanted to have a couple of solid years playing baseball. Plus, Ohio State gave me money to play. It has a rich tradition in football, but the second sport there is baseball. With the new stadium being built, we had a lot of people come out and watch us play. We averaged 1,400, which is probably more than the rest of the Big Ten."

But Stafford would have to wait to play in front of those crowds.

He was redshirted his freshmen year, and played sparingly his second and third years as the Buckeyes continued a run of five consecutive Big Ten titles

Stafford wasn't the only player to deal with the disappointment of not playing regularly for those Buckeye teams. But he

is one of only two players from his recruiting class to persevere. "There were eight freshmen when I started, and only two stayed. Everyone else left or transferred. Me an my roommate stuck it out," Stafford said.

Last summer, Stafford stepped up his exercise regiment, stayed in Columbus throughout the summer and accepted a drastic positional change like a starving college student would a free meal from visiting parents. "We just thought that this was our chance. It's up to us. It's either going to be positive or negative," Stafford said.

That was the case for most of the 1997 team, which included three freshmen out-fielders and was picked to finished in the middle of the Big Ten race.

But early wins against traditional baseball powers South Florida and Creighton, gave the Buckeyes some much-needed confidence. In Stafford's first appearance against Northern Iowa, he struck out two batters in one inning of work. "We really clicked together as the season went on," Stafford said.

Stafford picked up a win and a save in one day — a doubleheader in May against Minnesota — as he perfected his palm and curveball pitches.

"I'm more of ground ball pitcher," said

Stafford, who throws in the low eighties. "Our top four pitchers throw really hard, so it really throws their timing off when I come in. It's a good strategy."

One that led the Buckeyes to the conference championship game at U of M last month.

Stafford entered the game in the fifth inning with a runner on second and one out and the Buckeyes winning, 5-4. He got his team out of the jam with a strike out and a ground out. Stafford surrendered his only hit — a double — to the leadoff batter the next inning. The Wolverines tied the game when the runner scored on an error.

The Buckeyes scored later in the game to win, 8-5.

OSU finished ranked 30th in the nation and concluded the season with NCAA tournament losses to Mississippi State and Tennessee Tech.

Stafford pitched in the first game, but it surely won't be his last.

He is spending this summer in Columbus again, preparing for his last collegiate season.

He has earned the interest of the Tigers, San Diego Padres and Toronto Blue Jays. "Nothing serious yet, so I'd like to put two good years together. If I get drafted, that's fine. If not, then I've got a degree from Ohio State University," Stafford said.



# Community opinions

# Bond vote mishap should not be ignored

I am writing on behalf of my children regarding the recent bond issue vote. After the election I explained to my children that the bond had passed, but there had been a problem. I explained the problem with the lost votes and my two oldest children asked what was going to be done about it. I explained that a new election would probably be held because those votes should count. As the weeks progressed my children followed the discussions my husband and I had about the ongoing bond issue. My children, for whom the new high school would have been built, are now shaking their heads over the turn of events. I explained that the bond passed and the majority of our community seems to want to drop the issue. But, I told them, in any voting situation, regardless of the outcome, if there's a problem, it should be resolved.

Someone once wrote a letter to the

this community were to have forefathers with enough insight to purchase land for growth. Surely, these same forefathers would not have done so if they had known that the leaders who came after them lacked so much integrity as to not right a

Hello out there. This election was wrong. I've lived in this close-knit community for a long time and I take a great deal of pride in it. There are wonderful, active people in this community. We have rallied together to build playscapes, new libraries and a magnificent Summit. So where is our backbone when it comes to something as important as voting in our democratic

Everyone is saying, "Oh well," and only one person, Jerry Vorva, is pursuing this bond issue. Regardless of anyone's personal opinion of Jerry, he is doing the

Crier and said how lucky we the people of right thing. It sickens me to think of our entire school board's attitude about this, They said those lost votes were probably yes votes. Probably? What kind of an answer is that. No one knows what those votes were. The school board should have stood up as soon as this problem was declared and pursued its correction to the extent that Jerry is.

> Of course I want a new high school for my children, but I do not want a school board making decisions for my children, who sweep an issue as important as this one under the rug. I will not teach my children that it's OK to lack integrity as long as you get the desired result.

> Come on people of this community, lets get behind Jerry and show the school board that we care about our kids, and that what's more important than a building are the lessons we teach inside. Let's not have this issue be a skeleton in our closet that our children will remember us for.

Jerry, as he represents our community, could use our financial support for legal fees as he pursues this case. If Jerry and his legal team are granted a hearing, and achieve the outcome of a new election, it is my opinion that the Unilect Company should pay for a second election. Their spokesperson, at a meeting determining whether or not the machines had malfunctioned, admitted that the machines could have been programmed not to retract votes when buttons were pushed

So, by not programming the machine properly, we the community suffered. I don't think our tax dollars should pay for another election. The Unilect Company should stand behind their product, and their reputation, by offering to pay for one. To the members of the new school board: This case is still pending in court. So please right this wrong before it's too late.

### Scouts assist in Rouge cleanup efforts

A Scout Salute to Jim Penn, Linda Langmesser and the Friends of Rouge for organizing another successful Plymouth Rouge Rescue. The cleanup event on the portion of the Rouge that flows behind Smith School, was a great success — at least no one fell in the creek. Seriously, it was exhausting work. But everyone agreed, the benefit of a more safe and beautiful nature area, and a cleaner river, was worth

The year's Rouge Rescue group included the Cub Scouts from Smith School Pack 1532. Active Scouts sure have an appetite when working on achievements and saving the environment. Bravo to the area businesses that donated soft drinks and food for the volunteers.

Also, three cheers to Scott Baker of Plymouth Municipal Services for providing the wood chipper, loader and manpower. The weary adult volunteers said the power equipment saved the day - and their backs.

It's a proven fact. Scouting is excellent training for good citizenship, instills values and develops leadership. Through the Rouge Rescue operation, the young Scouts were able to experience the importance of community service. Thanks again to all the volunteers for helping to improve the Rouge River and the Smith School environment. We look forward to helping again next year — provided our aching muscles have recovered.

**GERRY SABATINI CUBMASTER, PACK 1532** 

# Athletic dept. helps kids learn

EDITOR:

For the past two years, it has been my privilege to be the volunteer assistant track coach at Central Middle School. Thanks to a couple outstanding teachers, Don Glass and Jean Pritchard, they did everything possible to make it a worthwhile and rewarding experience for the track team and me.

The dual track meets, among our five middle schools, were extremely well run by Betty Smith and starter Gary Balconi. Those two educators offered integrity, organization and valuable help with each of the dual meets.

On June 4, the Middle School League

Track Meet was held at the PCEP track. There were over 250 middle school athletes participating and over 400 spectators in attendance. It was great to see so many coaches helping, including Dan Young, Bob Blohm, Fred Thomann, Geoff Baker, Mark LaPointe, John Venning, Jeremy Reault, Pat Olszewski, Kathryn Ryan, Jay Blaylock, Cindy Grover, Tonya Armstrong, Nancy Smith, Gary Balge, George Smith, Bill Kelp, Gerry Bing and Steve Roth. Also, Athletic Director Brian Wolcott and Assistant Director Sue Heinzman were at the track meet and wanted to help in whatever way possible.

Further, Ken Garner, PCEP Security,

said that "I am glad to see so many people use the field and parking lot in a safe manner." Special thanks to the meet director, George Przygodski, for bringing so many people together in the name of athletics

The bottom line is that "the kids" of the Plymouth-Canton School System have memories of a terrific experience thanks to members of the Athletic Department. Everyone involved in the track program

Most importantly, "the kids" had a good learning experience and reminded all of us that track is a life-long sport.

JOHN C. STEWART

# Child care center recognizes 25 years working with children

On Wednesday, June 4, something positive and memorable happened at Canton High School. The PCEP Kiddie Kampus/Child Care program celebrated its 25th birthday!

I would like to thank the many people who made this event so successful: the "father" of Kiddie Kampus, Larry Masteller - Director of Adult and Community Education and his hardworking staff; Betty Dubois and her high school students who tirelessly worked on this; Dick Egli, our emcee with "flash"; Terry Wood, the P.R. person with "patience"; all the maintenance staff at Canton High School who went out of their

way to prepare for the evening; and the current Kiddie Kampus staff who helped put this together.

But the most rewarding aspect of this event was to see more than 300 people who attended — sharing memories! Families with three, four and five children in our preschool program coming back to honor us. Administrators, former teachers, staff members and high school students who took the time to reminisce and reflect with all of us.

It was a joy to see young faces from the past, now grown, reuniting with former high school students who played and learned with them. It was heartwarming to reflect with former

preschool children and their families on all the things we did as their first teachers. But most of all, we remembered how we tried to make the first school experience of these children positive, pleasant and memorable. This is what I hope will be remembered about Kiddie Kampus.

I am very proud to be part of such an award-winning and successful program. I hope to continue, enhance and promote the PCEP Kiddie Kampus-Child Care program in the community for many years to come. Many thanks to the entire Plymouth-Canton Community for your support throughout the years!

FRANCES MARINOS



# Community opinions

# In P-C-N art is afoot!

#### A walk through the community offers a tour of creativity

Flowers aren't the only things in bloom in our community. Arts activities are popping up everywhere. From concerts in the park and on street corners, to festivals that highlight artists' wares Northville's Art in the Sun (6/21-6/22), Plymouth's Art in the Park (7/12-13) and Canton's Liberty Fest Art Exhibition (6/21-6/22).

There are many things that go unnoticed that shouldn't.

For example, several businesses in the community feature artists and occasionally host them for an day of signing and entertaining shoppers and admirers.

Because my family resides in downtown Plymouth, we are often on the street checking out what is going on in the various shops. I am amazed by the energy and creativity that has been happening right around us.

The Little Professor hosted Tom Grace, author of the Spyder Web, this past weekend. Susan MacGonigal has presented three classes in her store on Forest Avenue, ranging from Aromatherapy, Beeswax Candlemaking and Basic Beading (happening tonight at 7

Native West is taking the month of July to highlight Native American artist Carol Grigg. Francis Jewelry Gallery displays local artist Judith Shellhas' work. Scott Smith, of Penniman Gallery, is currently displaying some glass work from the Czech Republic that is certain to catch some sunlight in your home!

Both the Coffee Bean Company and the Coffee Studio are host to the Plymouth Poets events - the next one being an open mike The Abstract By Stephanie Everitt



session during Art in the Park (at the Coffee Bean). Wild Wings Both of the framing businesses, Frameworks and Creative raming frequently feature artists and shows.

Jill Andra Young's pet photography, although a business at work, is clearly art in the making. How many of you could get your pets to sit still for a portrait, let alone to show expressions?

Also hopping are the arts groups. The Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Community Arts Council are jointly hosting the "Flowers are Forever" Exhibition and Garden Walk, June 24th. The Plymouth Symphony Society just completed a successful and impressive Tour of Homes, June 6 and 7.

Art is afoot my friends! I hope this has piqued your interest. Let it serve as an appetizer for the information to come in my next

In the meantime, however, keep your eyes and ears open for the creative breeze warming our local garden.

### MEAP test concerns Allen teachers

The purpose of this letter is to convey our concerns regarding the timing and appropriateness of the MEAP test for elementary children.

The timing of the fourth grade reading and math test is inappropriate because

# Dershem thanks voters. community

I would like to thank everyone wh and out to vote on June 9 for the school pard election. Although this was the only see on the ballor, I think it is an importa-ic and commend those who lee! the same I would also like to publicly than eryone who helped with my campaign ie list is long and I will not altempt to one you individually out of feet that name you individually out of fear mainingfil miss someone. Fam overwhelmed by the number of people who volunteered ask, have not even had the opportunity to mee one of you yet — I hope to someday.

Thank you also to the newspapers, who sponsorer the community informed, and the eague of Women Voters, who sponsorer he forms.

UZANNE DERSHEM

many children, in the autumn of fourth grade, are still in the concrete stage of learning. In this stage, children need repeated hands-on experiences and activitybased lessons to be able to apply what they have learned. When teachers deviate from this type of instruction and assessment, children show many stress-related symptoms

According to the preeminent cognitive psychologist of our time, Jean Piaget, the concrete stage of development extends from age seven through eleven or twelve! During this stage, children's thoughts are limited by their actual experiences. They are only beginning to pay attention to more than one idea at a time. They are not yet capable of dealing with abstractions or inferences.

Elementary school children are excellent observational scientists, but they are not yet able to go from a general principle to an anticipated outcome (like going from a theory to a hypothesis). The MEAP is asking children to do just this.

Many of the MEAP questions for reading are not found right in the text. The children have to apply prior knowledge to the reading selection — a difficult task for children at this age. Prior knowledge comes from information and experiences in life. Schools do not control life beyond the classroom and the range of experiences is often great.

Children come from different types of backgrounds and have a variety of experiences. Some of the factors that affect

a school's MEAP results are divorce, substance abuse, attention deficit disorders and uprooted, transitory families. These are not excuses, they are factors of reality. Is it possible that the test is culturally biased?

Another issue of concern is the discrepancy between Michigan's new definition of reading and the MEAP. The new definition of reading states:

Reading is a process which enables us to make sense of print. When we read, we use what we already know, combined with the print we see, to make sense of what we read. Reading is about making meaning. It is not about saying words. Reading does not occur unless the reader understands what has been read.

In our classrooms, instruction and assessment are based on this excellent definition of reading. The MEAP, however, reduces reading to an isolated passage and a list of multiple choice answers. This is not constructive or meaningful.

We are not objecting to appropriate, well-timed assessment tools. But the MEAP does not fit either of these criteria. We are looking for an instrument that evaluates each individual's progress and

This instrument would have a meaningful context and would fit our population of children. Then assessment would be closely linked to the reality of the active learning environments that we foster in our classrooms.

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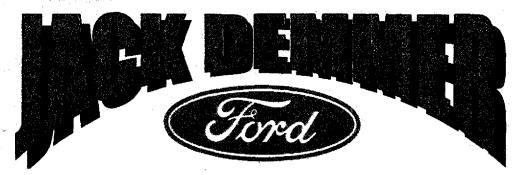
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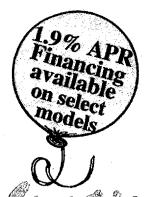
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