

## Trustees sign up for recall drive

They call themselves "Citizens for a Better Canton," and they want a recall election for Linda Chuhran.

A group of citizens met Saturday to form a strategy to help the recall effort led by former treasurer Jim Donahue. Donahue started a petition drive in February to collect signatures to force an election which would decide the fate of Chuhran as Canton Clerk.

Three Canton Trustees -- Loren Bennett, Stephen Larson and John Preniczky -- also attended the strategy session.

A prepared press release read, "... the group agreed that there have been enough flagrant abuses of the clerk's position by Chuhran to warrant an election. It is the group's desire to give Canton voters another opportunity to cast a ballot determining Chuhran's future in office.

"The group states very firmly that they will abide by the will of the people resulting from such an election, but suspect a majority of voters are tired of her antics since taking office."

Before a recall election could be held, 3,286 signatures would have to be collected. The signers must be Canton residents who voted in the last gubernatorial election (1982).

"We're not as a group taking a position that the clerk be removed," Donahue said. ". . the group is advocating another election."

Chuhran vehemently defended her actions in office, including a lawsuit she filed which was recently amended to include the entire Board of Trustees. Her lawsuit charges that she is prevented from doing her duties as defined by state law within the present system.

"We're talking about cronyism here," Chuhran said of the recall effort. Chuhran said board members working for the recall wanted to replace her with someone who would "ignore the rules" of state law

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**REEDS:** She plays oboe. He plays bassoon. Can a Canton couple find happiness in the woodwind section of The Detroit Symphony Orchestra? See pg. 4.

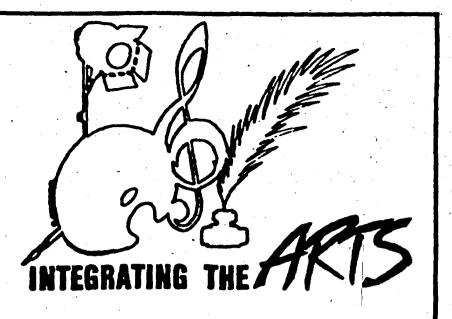
**BOATS:** The trailerable boats are coming! The Gathering will be the Place To Be this weekend for boating enthusiasts. See pg. 16.



Plymouth Manor Apartments by someone who complained about the bare bather. Police saw the man behind the apartments. "Suspect was apparently suntanning himself," the police report said. He was ticketed for indecent ex-

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And other participating area merchants.

## **City approves paving despite resident protests**

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT The Plymouth City Commission on

Monday approved special assessment rolls for the summer street paving program. Despite protests from residents on

Despite protests from residents on Penniman Avenue and Farmer Street, both were included on the rolls.

Property assessments will fund 58 per cent -- or \$330.383 -- of the \$573,000 estimated cost of the project slated to begin in June. The city will cover the remaining costs. Property owners will be assessed an estimated \$12.88 per front foot, and \$6.44 per side foot.

About a dozen Penniman and Farmer property owners turned out to question the commission at a public hearing before the rolls were approved Monday. Many said they didn't like paying for repair of a street heavily travelled by delivery trucks and nonresidents. "Maybe the cost burden could be split up differently," said one resident. City officials said both roads are

designated as major not local roads, and as such are constructed to handle increased traffic and loads. The city also gets a greater share of state gasoline tax revenues for repair of major roads, said City Manager Henry Graper.

Vi Faunce, who lives on Farmer and Harvey, told the commission that Farmer didn't need to be repaved. "if we had a problem with our street, I would be the first to admit it. But we don't," Faunce said.

City Engineer Ken West said the street did indeed need to be repaved.

In the end, the commission 5-1 voted to include both streets in the program. Commissioner Don Keller cast the lone vote against the motion, saying he was not convinced Farmer should be included. Commissioner Karl Gansler was absent.

P-C Schools apply for state \$\$ No "windfall"

#### **BY ED FITZGERALD**

Plymouth-Canton Schools will apply for money made available when the State of Michigan underfunded mandated educational programs.

The amount of money has not been determined, or the date when it might be paid. Superintendent of P-C' Schools John Hoben guessed the figure might reach \$200,000 for his district.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent of business at P-C Schools, said if the district was to pick up any money it would be from its special education program.

P-C already receives about \$400,000 from the state for special education.

Other programs affected may include driver's education and bi-lingual studies. Hoedel said, since the district only receives about \$40,000 for driver's education, there would probably be no point in filing for more.

The law firm of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg of Lansing, consultants to the P-C district, said since 1978, the state had underfunded these programs in *all* state schools.

Hoben, estimated the amount of total money to be claimed statewide at \$295 million, but warned the "pot is only so big."

Hoedel said he expected most schools to file for the money.

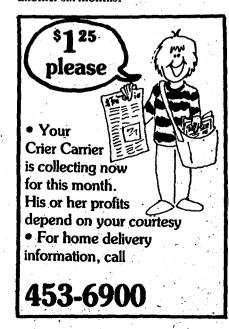
"Everyone will go out and try and get the money," he said. "But there isn't really any extra (in the state's budget). It will have to come from money already earmarked for education."

Hoben said, because the claims might cause cuts elsewhere, it might be more of a "deficit, than a windfall."

"In-formula schools, like us get hurt. Out-of-formula schools like Livonia and Grosse Pointe do okay." The claims are a result of a Michigan Supreme Court decision released February 11, 1986. School districts in Durand and Waterford sued the state on the grounds that it did not supply enough state aid to programs it required districts to offer.

The reason the under funding dates back to 1978 is because that's when the "Headlee Amendments" were added to the Michigan Constitution. Article 9, Section 29 says, in part: "The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed portion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or service required of units of Local Government by state law."

The amendment requires the creation of a local government claims review board to adopt administrative rules and regulations to process claims. P-C's lawyers said the Department of Budget and Management had only this year begun to establish a claims board, but its actions will not be effective for another six months.



# Burglary, youth top crime concerns

#### **BY BRIAN LYSAGHT**

City residents are most concerned about burglaries and youth problems, according to results from a recent police department survey.

Forty-eight per cent of the 500 residents surveyed last month city-wide responded to the survey.

The sampling indicated many respondents were unfamilar with the department's crime prevention efforts. Eighty-nine per cent of those surveyed said they had never attended a neighborhood watch meeting, most because they hadn't heard of the nrogram.

When asked to list their major crime concerns, 46 per cent said burglaries, 30 per cent said youth-related problems like vandalism and large gatherings downtown. Vehicle speeding was listed by 15 per cent, and drugs by another 9 per cent.

Police Chief Richard Myers said concern over breaking and enterings could be helpful in fighting the crime, which he said is cyclical and tends to increase during warm months. While burglary rates have been relatively low in recent months, they may begin to pick up when school recesses and warm

## State Police investigate pipe bombs

Michigan State Police were to have detonated a five inch pipe bomb that was thrown through the window of a house on Deer Run last weekend.

Plymouth Township Police retrieved the object Saturday after the owner of the home called to report vandalism. It hadn't exploded. The homeowner told police she found the pipe bomb about 10 feet from a hole in a rear window through which it was thrown.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry said he thought whoever threw the pipe bomb picked the home randomly.

Possession of explosives is a four year felony, he said.

weather sets in.

"Some of our old B and E boys have gotten out" of jail recently, he added. The police chief said concerns about

youth problems "mystifies me. "There is nothing wrong with kids being in the park," he said. "Isn't that what parks are for?"

The city's Main Street program, begun last year, will be in place again this year. The program asks property owners to post signs and to get involved with police efforts to discourage loitering in parking lots along Main Street. Myers and City Attorney Ron Lowe have discussed the issue with 35th District Court judges, and police have been advised on how best to write "good" tickets, those that will hold up in court.

Officers will be patrolling downtown on foot when possible, Myers said.

But Myers says youth gatherings aren't a police issue unless laws are broken. He said he thought senior citizens are most concerned about young people downtown, and suggested young and old get together.

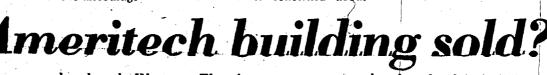
Residents need to learn more about the department's crime prevention efforts, which are headed by a fourofficer specialty team, Myers said.

"We have got to figure out how to market our program better," he said. "I don't know what more we can do."

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The department offers home or business security checks, though Myers cautioned that officers will be kept Cont. on pg. 32



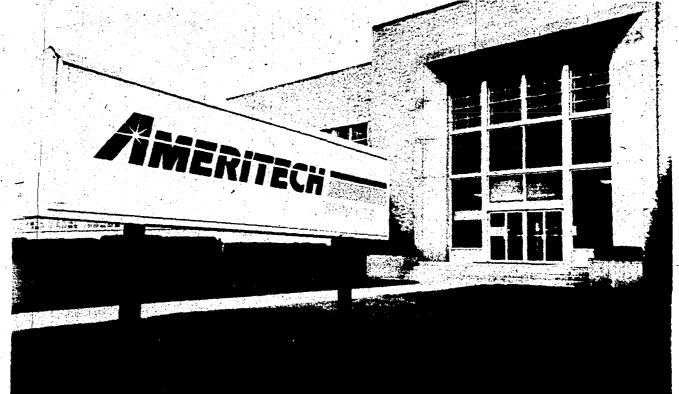
Will the now-abandoned Western Electric-Ameritech plant on Sheldon Road be sold soon?

Rumors of an interested buyer were neither confirmed nor denied by the real estate company handling the property's listing for Ameritech.

Mike Van Lokern, of Hanzl, Kepic and Van Lokern, said Monday, "I am unable to discuss

rumors concerning the sale of the building."

The plant, which was closed last summer, is on the City of Plymouth tax books with a state equalized value of \$4,135,000, said City Treasurer Kenneth Way. That SEV would indicate a value of just over \$8.2 million for the property and building.



THE WESTERN ELECTRIC-AMERITECH plant on or deny rumors of an interested buyer for the building. Sheldon Road has been idle since its closing last summer. (Crier photo) The company's real estate representative would not confirm

## Attorney General rules on 1982 Sterlini matter Kelley: Canton Bd. did not violate Act

The Canton Board of Trustees did not violate the Michigan Open Meetings Act when it held closed hearings to discuss employe complaints against then-Treasurer Maria Sterlini in 1982, according to state Attorney General Frank Kelley.

Kelley responded to requests from The Community Crier and the Canton Board of Trustees for a ruling on the matter April 11. State Senator Robert Geake had also asked Kelley for his opinion on the matter.

Specifically, Kelley was asked to rule on two questions: is an elected official (Sterlini) entitled to request a closed board meeting to consider complaints filed against her? and is public access to tapes of the closed session allowed if the same elected official requests that the tapes be open?

Under the Open Meetings Act, "public officers" can discuss complaints about them in closed sessions. Kelley responded, "It is my opinion . . . that the term "public officer" as used in the Open Meetings Act includes elected as well as appointed officers."

Kelley also ruled that the tapes of the closed session cannot be released for public access, even when Sterlini approved of it. "It (state law) plainly prohibits disclosure of the minutes of a closed session unless such disclosure is ordered by a court in an appropriate action," Kelley wrote in his opinion.

Kelley wrote, in such cases as the Sterlini closed session, "it is difficult to perceive any continued public interest in protecting the confidentiality of those minutes ... nevertheless, the prohibition contained in (the law) is clear and unambiguous.

"It is my opinion, that the Legislature has prohibited a public body from disclosing the minutes of a closed session . . . even though the individual who is the subject of the closed session subsequently withdraws or rescinds that request (for a closed session)," Kelley concluded.

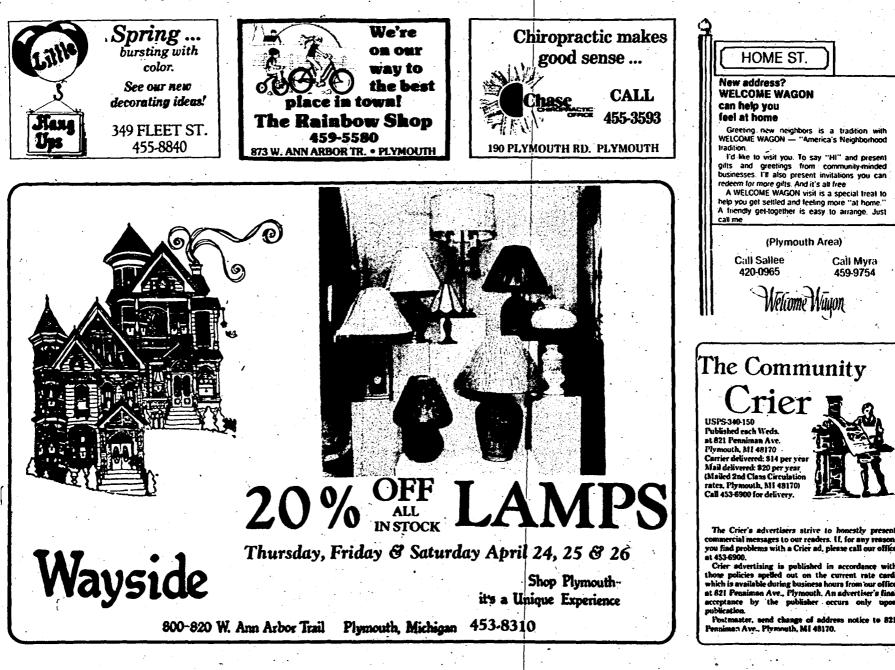
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## Canton couple puts up with madness for DSO Two kids, 2 cats, 2 double reeds



BOB WILLIAMS, Left, and Treva Womble have had the same babysitter for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years — an important factor in the success of The Detroit Symphony Orchestra's husband and

wife team. When they're not playing bassoon and oboe, they are at home in Canton. (Crier photo by Ed Fitzgerald)



**BY ED FITZGERALD** 

Treva Womble thanks a stranger for putting up with her family's madness. It is a bit mad. But wonderfully so.

Other families in Canton Township may feel harried at times, but on a particular afternoon last week, the home of Womble and husband Bob Williams had two cats, one rescued from an animal shelter; two children, one was having trouble staying awake after a (yawn) quick plane ride over Detroit; and a visitor from a Bavarian orchestra whose last name they didn't know, and of course a reporter.

carrying members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Actually they both carry the most difficult of wind instruments, double reeds. He plays the bassoon and she is first chair oboe.

How does this couple manage? Womble says the magic number is four and one-half. That's how many years they've had the same babysitter. "We're very lucky," Womble said.

"We're very lucky," Womble said. "She comes over and gets the kids ready for bed."

Both started their musical careers early. Williams says, though he started playing the clarinet in the fourth grade, he'll never forgive his mother, a church organist, for not making him learn the piano. He also says he was only second-chair clarinet, and if he learned the bassoon he could be a first-chair. **Cont. on pg. 21** 

## Another in a series of informational messages concerning your phone service.

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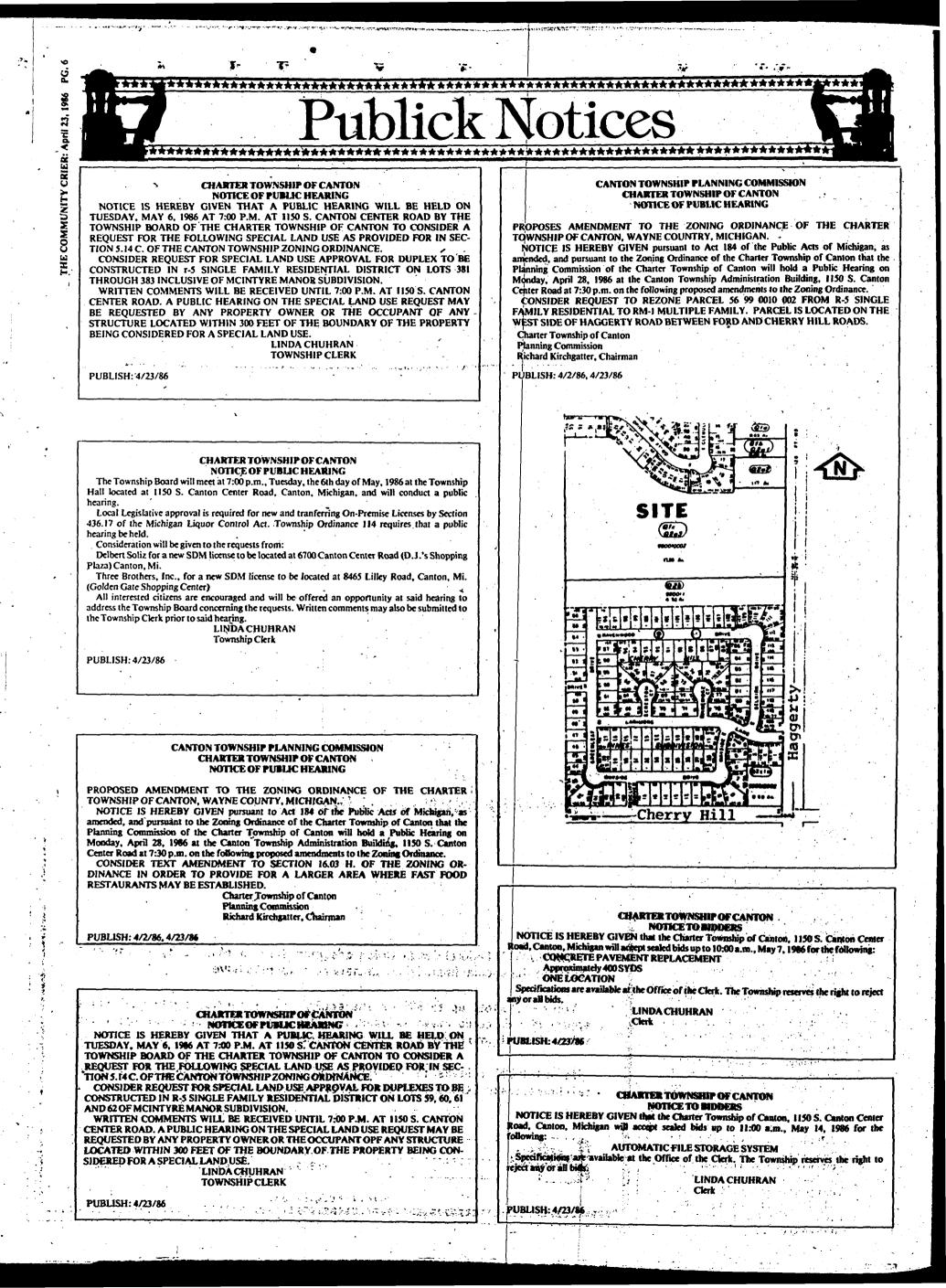
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## New law may alter bond election days.

- BY ED FITZGERALD A recently passed state law could affect bond elections, including the upcoming June 9 vote in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

The law would require schools, following a bond approval, to spend five per cent of the money within 30

## Canton man indicted

**BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER** 

A Canton man has been charged with one-count of conspiracy to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service collection of taxes from an alleged drug kingpin.

James Johnston, 38, of 8221 Mannington Rd. in Canton, was charged along with 23 others in an investigation centering on Birmingham businessman Stephen Hagerman, 31.

Johnston's single count stemmed from "a July 1984 deposit of \$25,000 into his business bank account," said Mora Corrigan, chief assistant U.S. Attorney in Detroit. The complete Hagerman investigation alleged that the former sports store owner and several others -- not Johnston -conspired to smuggle cocaine into Michigan.

Johnston said Tuesday the \$25,000 was the repayment of a loan to Hagerman -- whom he had coached in high school football -- and was unrelated to his business, Target Sales of Westland, or any alleged drug dealings by Hagerman.

"I voluntarily gave them (the U.S. investigators) that information months ago," Johnston said.

A statement from Johnston's attorney expressed surprise at the indictment -- which although released to the press had not been served on Johnston. He also said the Canton man had "voluntarily provided the. government with anything and everything they wanted."

The statement from attorney Frederick Lauck further said, "Needless to say, Jim (Johnston) was shocked when he read the daily newspapers and found out that he had been charged. Despite his complete and full cooperation with the government agents, they were not even courteous enough or kind enough to tell him in advance that he was going to be charged."

The attorney said he could not comment on the indictment since he had not seen it, "but I question whether the government is charging Jim for assisting Hagerman's alleged tax violations in order to pressure him into testifying against the real target defendant Steve Hagerman.

"Although the publicity surrounding this matter has devastated Jim. and his family, Jim's resolve is strong and he feels quite confident that he will completely establish his innocence

from any wrong doing," Lauck said, Johnston, a well-known local businessman, walleye fisherman and football coach, was Hagerman's coach and "later befriended him and was a fatherly figure for him," Lauck said.

The tax conspiracy charge carries a maximum five-year prison penalty, Corrigan said.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent of business for P-C Schools, said that's almost impossible to do. He says the law is designed to stop abuses of governmental units which earn interest rates on millage monies.

'It's not so much the schools that have abused it, but the municipalities. It's not realistic. "

Bill HR 3838 was passed by the House of Representatives last December. There are three parts of the bill, that could affect school district's issuance of tax exempt bonds.

•Restrictions on early issuance of bonds

•Temporary-time guidelines

•Requirement to rebate bond interest earning advantages to the Department of Treasury.

Hoedel said there was a chance the bill might not affect the P-C district's election. Thomas Chen, of Daverman Associates, in Grand Rapids, analysts for the P-C district, wrote Congressman Carl Pursell criticizing the bill.

Chen said P-C Schools, which is selling the bonds to build new, and rehabilitate old facilities, along with re-equip classrooms, will be hurt.

Chen said the bill would have "an adverse effect on higher interest costs. higher bond insurance premiums and

will take away programs which additional interest earnings from the bonds would otherwise fund.

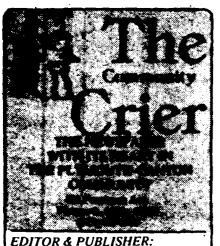
"As our federal and state funding for education are being reduced, Michigan school districts are doing everything possible to generate additional revenues in order to maintain quality educational programs."

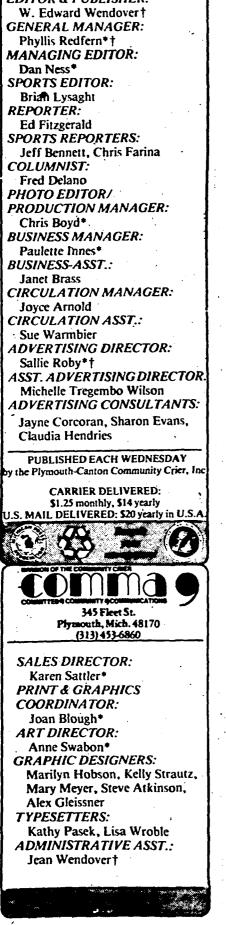
Hoedel said with P-C's \$13 million election it would have to spend about \$650,000.

"Hopefully they'll (lawmakers) move it back to about 90 days. By 45 days vou haven't run all of the specifications and taken all of the equipment bids."



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## **Open Meetings Act should be changed**

When the Michigan Legislature, in a rare show of brilliance, adopted the state's Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Acts in 1976, one item slipped through the cracks.

A recent opinion from the state attorney general's office shows that the intent of the acts may not have been met in the precise wording of the two laws.

One exemption to the Open Meetings Act allows a public body (like the Canton Township Board) to close its doors to the public to discuss "dismissal or discipline of a public officer or employe (like former Canton Treasurer Maria Sterlini)... when the person requests." Minutes of the meeting are not made public.

Certainly it was not the legislature's intent to hide public discussion of elected officials' performance.

But, rules the attorney general, the law is the law.

The opinion was issued in response to

Freedom of Information request filed by The Community Crier with Canton Township which in turn asked Sen. Robert Geake to request the state attorney's opinion.

It all began when the Canton Township Board agreed to hear complaints about Sterlini in a private meeting in 1982. The board members later agreed they should not have gone behind closed doors and Sterlini even asked that minutes of the meeting be made public. But the state has now ruled that even though the meeting was closed at her request, she can't rescind her request after the fact and open the minutes up.

The lesson is clear when dealing with elected officials: discuss it in public and let the chips fall. The people have a right to know of criticisms of elected officials.

But there's another lesson: the laws need to be amended to eliminate secret meetings to air complaints about elected officials.

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# Off to London A farewell note to those I will miss

I am right on time. I decided, sentimental fool that I am, to save this little gem until 2 a.m. It sure beats sleeping.

I harbored some thoughts of not, writing this at all. A higher power, however, intervened. Said something about a paycheck. It was probably just the kick I needed. So I trudge on, writing one letter -- very slowly -- at a time.

This, you see, is a farewell column. I will *try* to avoid triteness.

I was sitting at a City Commission meeting tonight -- my last, of course. City Manager Hehry Graper was reading a monthly report DPW Superintendent Ken Vogras, who was absent, had submitted to the commission. Graper said the DPW had spent an unspecified number of manhours plowing and salting city streets last month after 7.4 inches of snow fell. Graper said we had hopefully seen the last of the snow. I yawned, looked out the second story window of City Hall, and saw snowflakes falling.

On the miss list, I will no doubt miss dear Tony LaCotta, a City Commission meeting regular who often throws a comment or two from the bleachers. I like when he talks about the DPW. He calls Ken Vogras Ken Vorgas. Priceless.

I will miss Helen, the woman responsible for keeping City Hall, Dunning-Hough Library and 35th



District Court clean as whistles. It is no small job. Along the way she learns more of what is going on in those respective buildings than all the city officials, librarians and judges put together. I exaggerate only slightly.

I will miss Henry Berghoff, who stops in each Wednesday morn to pick up his copy of The Crier, hot off the truck. When I wrote a story about the longtime city cop's retirement from the force a year or so ago, I spelled his name wrong throughout. So the good typesetter typed 26 'Berghoffs', which I quietly pasted over the story's 26 'Bergoffs'. No one ever knew.

I will miss Plymouth Township Clerk Esther Hulsing's memos to the Board of Trustees. Her most recent letter to the board concerns how best to dispose of 56 obsolete Shopp voting machines. "I advertised them for sale in the MTA News last June and July but had nary a nibble," she writes. Pleasant prose. I will miss in some twisted way these

I will miss in some twisted way these eternal Monday nights which slip quietly into Tuesday mornings, It is during these endless hours when much of the paper is written -- the worst and the best, written between sips of coffee or beer, drags of cigarettes and swallows of greasy food.

Most of this town sleeps at night. But if, for example, you were walking down Penniman Avenue at 3:30 a m. this Tuesday morning, having just fetched an early Big Gulp from Lawsons perhaps, you would see Ed Fitzgerald sleeping soundly in the front window platform inside this office with a map of the Great Lake State covering his face.

You would also smell the wonderful smell of the day's batch of doughnuts frying up at the bakery. And of course the pink neon sign glowing in the Penniman Deli window.

But enough already. I couldn't write of all the people, places and things I will miss and anyway, I might just return. The things I won't miss are easier to define but I have probably covered most these last two years.

It is getting late. And I have miles to go before I sleep.

When he wakes, he flies to London. He arrives there May 2.

# community <u>Copinions</u> City, Twp. not helpful with arts' \$\$\$

Recently I was talking to K.C. Mueller, president of the Plymouth Symphony Society board about the \$155,000 the Warren Symphony received from the Michigan Equity Grant program.

Mueller questioned why the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township did not inform the cultural and art organizations in the community of the availability of this grant.

The guidelines for the Michigan Equity Grant were established under Michigan Public Acts No. 112 for 1985. It is part of a statewide program designed to support regional cultural activities.

According to Ralph Craig of the Department of Commerce, the equity grant was for cultural projects, historical projects, zoos, libraries, tourist facilities and capital institutions, for capital improvement or related economic development projects.



The Warren Symphony received their grant for additional concerts, an accoustical shell and for the Warren Youth Symphony. Their requests for computers, additional staffing and the expansion of a music library were refised.

Under the same program Livonia was granted \$200,000 to help finance the 11,000 square-foot conference center addition for their library.

My discussion with various cultural and art organization leaders in The Plymouth-Canton Community revealed needs ranging from office staffing support to funding for additional performing art programs, and from shared office equipment and facilities to more theater and auditorium space.

According to Plymouth Theater Guild President Robin Galick, the guild is always interested in available sources of income and has wanted to build a theater for many years. They already have the seats.

"We're interested in sharing facilities and anything else we can with other organizations," said Galick.

"We didn't know about the equity grant or we would have applied, we're very willing to write a grant proposal with other organizations."

Pam Michner, board president for the Plymouth Community Arts Council commented that the PCAC is always looking for additional funding sources since they help sponsor so many community projects in conjuction with other groups.

"We have long been interested in seeing more combined efforts from local groups for the betterment of the community;" stated Michner. "We never heard of the equity grant úntil our consultant from Bryn Mawr Associates mentioned it."

Mueller thought it would be fantastic for the symphony to write a grant proposal in conjunction with other groups.

The general consensus is that all groups have specific needs, but all have common needs as well.

When queried, Paul Sincock, assistant to the city manager, said the city did not have a particular project in mind when the equity grant application was received.

He thought the application was passed to the Plymouth Library to use.

According to Sincock, they didn't want two people (organizations) in the same geographic area competing for the same dollar.

However, that is the way the way this particular grant is arranged. A private group can't apply, proposals are approved by the commission and the governmental unit is the grantee.

When asked why the city did not inform the cultural and art organizations of this new source of funding Sincock responded that his office has always been willing to aid anyone that comes in and asks for information.

Sincock commented that the city "doesn't know the needs, wants, plans and future goals of any particular group.

group. "Obviously we are not able to know if a particular group needs something unless the need is expressed to us.

"If I knew of a particular need and saw a grant that might fit, I would pass on the information," stated Sincock. According to Plymouth Township

Supervisor Maurice Breen, the township does not have just one special person to investigate and write grants.

"If we know about a project and are aware of it (a grant) we will make a special application," said Breen, "basically we get involved in very few grants.

"Generally speaking, if interest is expressed in a project we will look at the feasibility of the idea and see if we can generate the revenue," commented Breen.

When approached it was interesting that both Sincock and Breen thought Plymouth and Plymouth Township would be excluded from the equity grant. The reason being, both entities belong to The City of Wayne Community Development Block Grant Program, allowing for a greater chance for qualifying for certain types of funding.

Membership in the block grant would not effect the equity grant.

It is understandable that many community service organizations in The Plymouth-Canton Community were upset because a possibly funding source slipped by them. Especially when these groups are so dependent on this type of revenue to accomplish their goals.

It is also reasonable to feel that governmental units are not responsible to personally supply each non-profit organization with the grant information needed for survival and advancement.

However, the Michigan Equity Grant is unusual in that the grant information and application goes directly to the municipality. Unless informed by the governmental unit few community organizations would be aware of this particular grant.

What amazed me most about the situation was that a community that draws so many people to numerous festivals and events would not have made any type of application.

Are these events not cultural projects? Havn't I seen tourists being bused in on occasion?

The community may not have had capital improvement plans by the October 1985 deadline, but I can envision many organizations and activities that would have; benefitted from economic development projects.

My suggestion is that the cultural and art organizations and the governmental units make a concerted effort to cummunicate.

Oh, What about Canton you say? Canton Township was awarded a grant for \$99,500 for the acquisition and restoration of the Historic Cherry Hill School, at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in Canton. The acquisition of the property is still being negoitated with the Plymouth-Canton School Board.

Next year's grant should reach the municipalities sometime in August. Some of the rules may change but I understand it will be similar.

Try and you may fail, but if you don't, you will never get that chance to succeed.

By the way, Ralph Craig said "go easy" on the city and township: Out of 1794 applications that were sent out only 332 municipalities applied for grants.

**Through Bifocals** By Fred Delano Referring to a social outing for plans and dreams, and, University of Michigan alumni as reminisce about the 'goo

University of Michigan alumni as "Pretzel Bell night at the Box Bar" may gall those who think Ann Arbor's initials stand for arrogant asses, but we true believers let such slurs slide harmlessly by as evidence of envy.

Friday evening, when a figurative reincarnation of the late, lamented P-Bell take place, our charitable instincts toward the downtrodden from such uncultured outposts as East Lansins, Columbus, South Bent et al may even lead to a glass being raised to toast their existence, without which contrast would be impossible.

Lest you take the foregoing too seriously, please realize that upon occasion I like to put tongue in cheek and chide my friends in the world of friendly rivalries where the foundation actually is one of respect. But you see, what we needed around here was one more club to join.

This void has been filled by recent formation of the University of Michigan Club Community for estimated 2,000 Westland-Northville area. In a way it has a "born again" aspect, for a Plymouth-Northville predecessor club was disbanded some 20 years ago.

When temporary directors and officers were selected to serve until the group's first annual business meeting in June, the highly esteemed Tom Turner was chosen as president.

He says of Friday's 7:30 to 11 p.m. gathering at the Box, "No formal program is planned -- just an opportunity to get acquainted with other alumni, to learn about the new club's plans and dreams, and, of course, to reminisce about the 'good old days' in Arn Arbor.'

t goes without saying that the ranks are co-educational, and Turner emphasized that a person need not be a graduate of the university to become a member. That means anyone who passed through Michigan's exalted halls of learning for a semester or whatever is just as welcome as a cardcarrying doctor of philosophy.

As befits a man of his executive experience where training in the importance of the bottom line is paramount, Turner also added that incrested individuals may pay the annual dues of \$10 per person while at the Box, or send checks to treasurer Jeff Lipshaw, 480 Auburn, Plymouth 48170. Half the amount will go into a scholarship students.

Other events during the months ahead probably will include a famiy picnic, an outing to a university athletic contest, programs with special guest speakers from the faculty, and maybe a golf tourney.

Worldwide, Michigan has nearly 300,000 living alumni. In our state alone, there were 111,528 living degree holders in 1985. A recent communique from Harold T. Shapiro, president of the university, told the purposes of a detailed alumni census now under way, one of which is "to understand the career and life patterns of our graduates."

With that in mind, I'll be at the same Box Bar table Friday that I've had for 19 years. Or isn't that long enough to establish a life pattern?

## opinions community 7

## **Penniman residents** should not have to pay for repaying of street

## AN OPEN LETTER TO PLYMOUTH CITY MANAGER **HENRY GRAPER**

### DEAR MR. GRAPER:

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THE COMMUNITY CRIER: April 23, 1986

Penniman Avenue needs repair, but not at the unfair expense of nearly \$13 per foot for residents who only utilize the street for access to their homes.

The road damage comes about due to the heavy traffic flow into and out of the downtown section, similar to traffic on Main Street.

Come to my house any weekend and listen to the noise of trucks and cars with rattling boat or snowmobile trailers, headed west to North Territorial. And it gets heavier every year, disturbing our weekend mornings and evenings.

I invite you to try to safely see your way around parked cars to get out of my driveway on Sunday morning ... on ice sculpture nights and weekends ... during Fall Festival time ... or even when there is a band in the park. These folks, welcome as they are, are not Penniman residents and major wear and tear on the roadway is not from Penniman residents. We walk to those functions and we don't deliver merchandise to central city merchants or go to the new parking structure.

The only commercial traffic we create is an occasional Hudson'stype delivery truck and the also noisy garbage pick-up truck.

I believe you and the city fathers should look very closely at the suggested assessment for repaying.

Pennniman residents are not the ones damaging the roadway and, if necessary, we'll prove it with a traffic survey and a day in court.

I know I speak for the vast majority of Penniman property owners.

**BRUCE H. GOODSITE** 

WENDOVER With Malice Toward None

Can the citizenry rise up and conquer the establishment?

Can plans, once started, be bent from economic rule and governmental official neutrality (despite tax base yearnings)?

The "Wilcox House" is the case in point.

A rough-hewn group of folks dedicated to preserving the run-down Wilcox House in the footings range of the proposed "English Manor" condominium HIGH-rise faces the standard challenge.

For what purpose -- thus what economic value -- can a neglected historic building in the path of 'progress'' serve?

The citizenry assembled to "Save the Wilcox House" certainly faces an overwhelming force which it does not understand. It is not enough to feel righteous, the group must also make its righteousness practical.

Ironically, Jack Wilcox has been quiet on the matter.

He's not attended the "Save the Wilcox House" meetings and runs hot and cold on proposed ideas for his home's future. Maybe that's why The Plymouth-Canton Community has put up with the "poverty" excuses for his unpainted eyesore longer than he should have held out.

"Yes," he tells Save the House folks, but then he says he's not certain one particular use is appropriate. Isn't it better than demolition, IF he really has his community's and 'family's history -- not the condominium profit -- at heart?

Another newspaper in town, in an advertisement for an historical book, **''TO** said Monday "TO BE DEMOLISHED..." as it began a piece on the house.

Well don't tell the Save the House folks.

They may be a pick-up group, with little if any experience at bucking the system -- but don't overlook them.

This little citizen group may have a shot yet.

Although the demolition date for the Wilcox House moves quickly closer, a saving grace may yet ride into town one way or another.

But it may be that years of stingy neglect doomed the Wilcox House,

Then again, maybe the interest of an unorganized, ragtag bunch of 'saviors'' can turn the tide. Will the "Wilcox House" be saved?

# Water on the brain in a dry town

#### I can feel it in my bones.

The tourist season is coming. And without it, Michigan, and all of its parts, fingers and thumb, would be nothing but a fun place to live.

In a very short time the freeway will crowd with large motor homes, driven by people who come to Michigan to go fishing and 'rough it.' Many of these people make their way to Plymouth, if only to eat orange roughy at the Penniman Deli.

This town gets its share of tourists. The Hot Air Balloon Festival (of which The Crier has already received a phone inquiry) and the Fall Festival will pack area hotels. Especially that landmark lodge on Main Street and the Plymouth Hilton.

The Hilton has new owners and new management. They're currently planning expansion, something that will be hard to hear about in this paper since communications severed when we reported its sale. I mean, it was just a sale of a hotel, it wasn't a jointoperating-agreement or anything.

But if the Hilton, which, by the way,

By Ed Fitzgerald is a fine hotel, does any remodeling, it should be to divert traffic flow from its water.

indoor swimming pool. The busiest entrance is off the hotel's southern parking lot. There, visitors walk by the pool, where visiting skinny and lardbutt dippers are afforded all the privacy of a Fourth of July parade. Don't forget that Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Meg Greenfield, a smug (prerequisite for columnists) writer for Newsweek magazine, recently devoted an entire article to a pet peeve, titled, "Who Put the Lake in the Lobby?" She says she can't walk into any of our country's hotels and not get her shoes wet before even registering.

She cites the Westin Hotel in the Renaissance Center downtown Detroit. She says, during the Republican Convention in 1980, she saw people in the Westin stranded, separated from their friends by unpartable bodies of

The hotel across from the Office of the Racing Commissioner has no water in its lobby areas. There's easy chairs where Winnebago drivers can read dime novels, but there's no place for them to spend a penny for a wish. Don't they know, first you have to lead a horse to water, before you can make it drink.

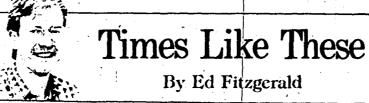
There's a relatively new addition to this area's warm weather fun. This weekend there's a boat show under The Gathering. The news releases tout the boat show, or rather, the Summer Fun Trailerable Boat Show, or the Summer Fun Boat Show or the Western Wayne County Boat Show, all of which have made their way, complete with capital letters, to the typewriter of Paul Sincock, assistant city manager.

The letters were also printed on City of Plymouth stationery. A good portion of the releases is advertising for retailers scheduled to show off their wares on city land. One of the boats to be featured is called the Spindrift, which like most boats, is not for spendthrifts.

And of course there is no water nearby. There's Newburgh Lake, which may or may not have a 'h' in it, and don't bother looking at maps which all say something different.

There's Wilcox Lake, or closer and almost as big, the bathtubs in the Wilcox House. Kellogg Park's water spigot hasn't been turned on yet, but might pour if the DPW gets the call. And there's the Kellogg Fountain which is dry, except for a little moisture from the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Or was it the Wonderful Western Wayne Summer Slush Extravaganza.

All I know is that it's still cold enough outside to chill me right to the bone.



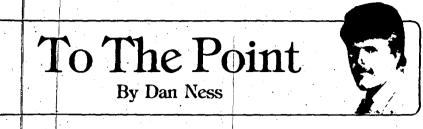
# <u>COmmunity</u> <u>opinions</u> Sunflower gets lights, but pays price

Larry Michrina believes there comes a time when local government should take a stand -- regardless of public sentiment -- to resolve a controversial issue that could drag on longer than is useful to all parties involved.

Michrina more specifically points to the recent Sunflower Village subdivision street lighting fiasco in Canton, which he witnessed first-hand as a Sunflower resident.

To make a long story short: after three surveys to determine if Sunflower residents wanted street lights, two of which were done at township expense; after the Canton Board of Trustees listened to arguments from prolighters, anti-lighters and those who wanted a compromise, over a period of at least two years and maybe more; and after the township attorney's opinion was solicited on the matter, Sunflower Village residents will have 18 street lights installed at the main entrances to their now-dark subdivision.

Sunflower residents were first surveyed on the issue of street lights in the summer of 1984, in a Sunflower Village Homeowner's Association effort, according to Michrina. In that survey, out of 207 responses, 89 residents voted for street lights at the main entrances only, 72 voted for lighting throughout the entire sub, and 46 voted for no lights at all.



"My complaint is that they (the board) didn't act on their own," Michrina said. Michrina felt the 18 lights could have been decided upon with less time, energy and money by the board if it had only acted with the authority granted it.

"I feel the board is skirting their duty on this," Michrina said.

In a second survey, sponsored by the township last October, 368 residents responded, 196 favoring lights for the whole sub, 89 wanting no lights at all and 83 desiring lights only at the entrances.

In what proved to be too much of a good thing, Clerk Linda Chuhran gave residents a second choice if lighting was voted against for the entire sub. The result of that question was 124 residents voting 'yes' for entrance-way lights only and 111 voting against the entrance lights. After complaints from Sunflower residents and some board members who said the survey was too vague and complicated to represent a true sample of opinion, mainly due to the second choice on the survey, the board directed Chuhran to come up with another survey.

To avoid having to write up a fourth or fifth survey, Chuhran had township attorney C. Gerald Hemming review the final survey and give advice on wording.

The third survey, performed in March with 393 residents responding, resulted in 148 votes for entrance lights only, 141 votes for lights throughout the sub, and 110 votes against lights anywhere in Sunflower. Like the first survey, done nearly two years ago, entrance lights were favored. ŖĢ

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Michrina doesn't have any argument with the way Chuhran handled the surveys, but thinks the board should have set up the special assessment district in the first place. He points to an opinion written by Hemming which says the board has authority to set up special assessment districts and the public *cannot* be given this duty.

Michrina favors lights for the entire subdivision, by the way. He is chairman of the Neighborhood Watch program in Sunflower, and thinks the lights would deter crime.

He says street lights in Sunflower would be "cheap insurance," but feels even more strongly that the board should have acted -- one way or another -- long ago.

As it turns out, in what may have been a case of the board trying too hard to act according to the wishes of the citizens, the insurance Sunflower residents are getting with their 18 lights did not come cheap.

Judge Kaufman takes advice, writes Crier on brown paper bag

# friends & neighbors The other sculptor hosts own show

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT He is both cutter and sculptor of stone.

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April 23, 1986

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Gilham Erickson, who has come to town to help Peter Rockwell create a play sculpture at Plymouth Township Park, will display his sculpture in a one man show, his first, April 25-May 9 at The Frameworks in Plymouth.

Erickson lives in Washington DC but learned to carve stone while living with his family in Rome. Rockwell was his instructor.

In Washington, Erickson works for a limestone company. He is paid an hourly wage as a cutter, restoring older buildings and working on new ones.

The job pays the bills and leaves him time to sculpt. Cutting improves his sculpting. He applies his cutting skills to his carving, he says.

"I have two areas. I have the craft and I have the art," the 27-year-old Erickson said.

""To work the two together, to me, is very good."

He moved to Washington from California, where he attended University of the Pacific in Stockton, majoring in history. He moved east to work at the Washington Cathedral. He has worked on many of the government buildings in the nations capital. Along the way, he worked at a monument company, cutting and carving gravestones.

Many of Washington's structures, he said, were built with a stone that has not held up over time.

"The Quiet Creek Sandstone which the White House and the original Capitol are made of is worthless. It's just falling apart, which gives us a lot of work.

"Washington turned out to be a real center for stone work."

He says he would rather work in Italy. But there are many carvers there, and work is easier to find in Washington.

Erickson moved to Rome with his family in 1970. His father worked for the United Nations. It was in 10th grade that he joined some friends who accepted Rockwell's offer to teach them to carve. After graduating from high school, he returned to Italy periodically and continued to carve. "I would go back and none of my friends were there. So I'd go to the studio and carve and I really enjoyed that," Erickson said.

Rockwell unexpectedly contacted Erickson in Washington and asked him if he'd like to help on the Plymouth Township project. He accepted and said he is glad he did.

"It's the most fun I've had ever. "I was a bit leery about the public participation and being on a stage but I'm enjoying myself."

After the work is completed at township park in June, Erickson, who has a penchant for the outdoors, says he will hike the Canadian Rockies.

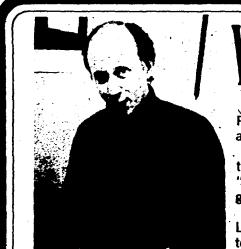
And then? He smiles. "I've got a lotta dreams. I want to travel."

He would like, he says, to combine

GILHAM FRICKSON, a native of Washington D.C. is in town to assist Peter Rockwell in the play sculpture at Plymouth Township Park, (Crier photo by Brian Lysaght) his sculpting with building restoration work.

"I don't like working for someone else but I do like working."

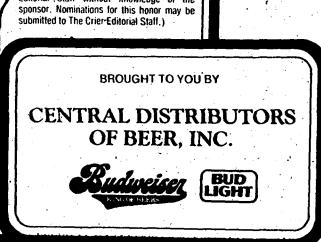
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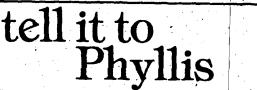


Al Larson, owner of The Frame Works, in Plymouth, is busy readying for a May 17 art auction to benefit Special Olympics.

Susan McCue, an employe of Larson's, says there's another reason for his nomination. "He's always doing things for his employes. He gives and he never takes."

Good example was earlier this month when Larson rented a bus to take his employes down to the Detroit Tigers opening day.







Congratulations to all the young people in the area on their special achievements.

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Craig Oster, son of Bonnie and Robert Oster of Plymouth, is graduating with high honors from U of M Dearborn. He will receive a BA in psychology and philosophy.

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Mike Reynolds, a 1985 graduate of Canton High School, received the Most Improved Award from Northern Michigan Ski Team. He is a freshman at NMU.

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Greg Meszaros, a 1985 graduate of Canton High School, has been named to the Dean's List, College of Engineering, Ohio State University. He is the son of Alex and Carol Meszaros of Tennyson Drive in Plymouth.

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Robert A. Comini, a 1978 graduate of Salem High School is graduating a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (the honorary Dental Society) from U of M Dental School.

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MSU recently announced the names of the top 50 Academic Honor Roll athletes. Students included on the list are: William Hanis, senior, baseball; and Edward Sabados, freshman, gymnastics.

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Navy Airman Recruit Robert Sadak, son of David and Gloria Jensen of Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego. He is a 1985 graduate of Salem High School.

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Soo Jin Kwon, a senior at Canton High School, won a major scholarship to the U of M school of Music. Directed by Don Morelock, the program was sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Piano Preparatory program.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Steven Loop, son of Kay Holcomb of Forrest in Canton, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego. He is a 1985 graduate of Canton High School.

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Beverly A. McAninch of Plymouth was appointed to the Radioacive Waste Committee for the State of Michigan.

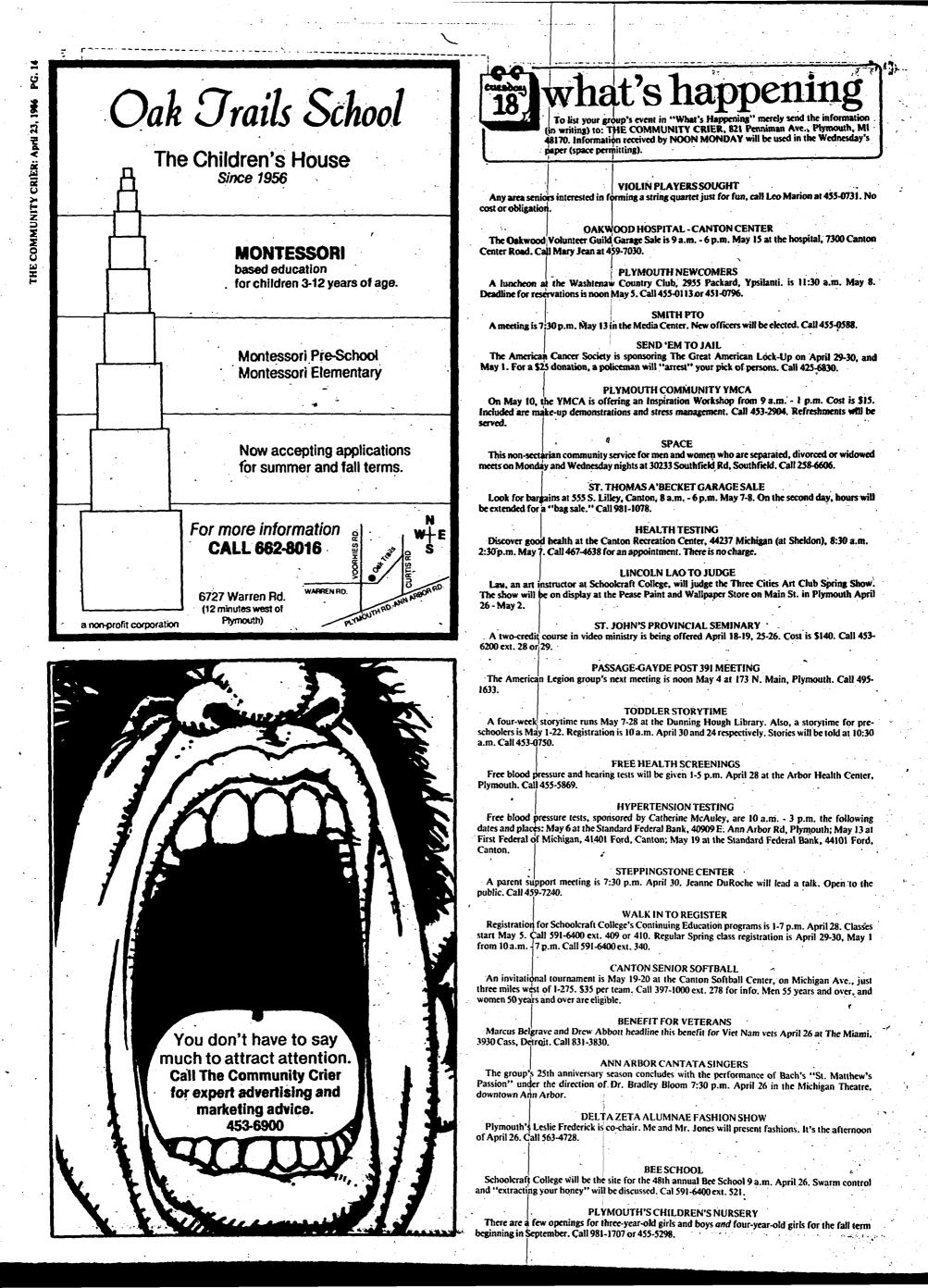
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Marine pvt. Matthew Ruppert, son of Linda Ruppert of Robinwood in Plymouth, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He is a 1984 graduate of Canton High School.

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Plymouth students receiving degrees from MSU are: Rachelle Baltes of Gov Bradford, BS in Dietetics; Michael Blischke of Burroughs, BS in Electrical Engineering, with honors; Patricia Charron of Turtle Head Drive, BA in Advertising; Lynn Hasley of Drury Lane, BS in Merchandising Management; Pamela Morrison of Leighwood, BA in Social Science Teaching; Nancy Pierce of Mapletree, BA in Social Science Socilecono; and Timothy Smith of **Beech, BA in MLM. Purchasing Management**.





# what's happenin

to inst your group's event in "What's Happening" merely send the information (in writing) to: THE COMMUNITY CRIER, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MJ 48170: Information received by NOON MONDAY will be used in the Wednesday's paper (space permitting).

MICHIGAN'S LARGEST STAMP SHOW Dealers from all over this side of the Mississippi will be on hand April 26-27 at Central Middle School, Free admission

## TREE SEEDLINGS

Canton Township's Beautification Committee will hand out free trees to Canton residents from 9 a.m. - noon April 26. Call 453-1122 or 459-4132.

WOMEN'S GOLF League play on Friday mornings starts May 9 at Fellows Creek. Cost \$9 registration plus weekly greens fees. Call 397-1000. A meeting is 10 a.m. May 2 in Canton Township Hall.

#### OLDER WOMEN'S RIGHTS A task force of 32 citizens will speak at U.A.W. Local 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue, Canton, 4-8 p.m. May 8.

MATTHAEI BOTANICAL GARDENS "Art and Conservation in the Landscape Using Wildflowers" will be the topic at 7 p.m. May 8." Call 763-7060.

#### SALVATION ARMY DAY CAMP

A ratio of one leader to 12 campers is maintained for this excellent camp. Any youth six years old by the time camps begins (sessions are June 16 - July 25 and July 28 - August 22) and under 13 years, is eligible. Registration, going on now, can be done in person only. The Army headquarters is at 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. Call 453-5464 for info. Free volleyball is offered Tuesday-Thursday. Call for times.

### THE FITNESS FIX

An exercise class for men, women and teens meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Plymouth Cultural Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 349-6881.

#### **INJURED WORKERS**

The Michigan Injured Worker Organization will hold its April general membership meeting 7 p.m. April 23 at U.A.W. Local 735, 48055 Michigan, Canton. Call 246-9077.

## PLYMOUTH WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE An organizational meeting is 10°a.m. April 24. Play begins May 1 and will run for 17 weeks, every Thursday. Registration fee \$15. Call 455-9155 or 349-3529.

## FILMS ON BURNS Omnicom's Channel 8 will show films from the National Burn Institute April 21-26 at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

OSTEOPORASIS AND BREAST CANCER A talk on osteoporasis is 1-2 p.m. April 21. A program on early cancer detection is 7-8:30 p.m. April 23, both free and at the Arbor Health Bldg., 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call 455-5869.

## WHITE CANE WEEK

The Canton Lions Club will sell canes at street corners and in shopping malls April 25-26 and May 2-3. Your donations are appreciated.

## TRAIN SHOW Buy, sell or trade at the 5th bi-annual show 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. April 27 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. \$2 cost. Call 455-4455.

POLISH DANCERS RECITAL The group's sixth annual recital is 2 p.m. May 4 at Churchill High in Livonia. For info call John 261-9016 or Joyce 453-2388

#### USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE If you have stuff to sell bring it to Canton Hall on April 24 between 5-9 p.m. The sale is 10 a.m.--2 p.m. April 26. Calll 397-1000.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETINGS For Canton, Monday nights 7 p.m. 7933 Sheldon, Georgia Hawrylak. In Plymouth, meetings are Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30 p.m. 525 Farmer Street, Nancy Sutherland.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH A card game benefit starts at 9:30 a.m. April 25 at the First Presbyterian Church. A raffle will be held. Lynn's Leather will display items: Call 453-6315.

## "EVERYBODY LOVES OPAL" The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents this comedy May 2,3,9 and 10 at Central Middle School. Curtain is 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$4 adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens.

## INFANT CARE A free early-infant care class is 4-6 p.m. April 27 at the Henry Ford Center in Plymouth. Advance registration is required. Call 453-5600.

GERANIUM SALE Bird School Cub Scout Pack 293 will take orders until April 24. Cost is \$1.75 per plant. Plants delivered May 2-4. Call 459-1771:

BOAT SHOW IN KELLOGG PARK The second annual Western Wayne County Boat Show is April 25-27 under The Gathering. It's free, from noon to 8 p.m. each day. Marine Affiliates of Canton will display good floaters.

CHILDREN'S DESSERT THEATRE The play "Midas Golden Touch" will be presented by the Ann Arbor Goodtime Players at Geneva Church on Sheldon Rd., at 6 p.m. April 28. Call 981 5637.

PLYMOUTH CANTON SEPAC A "Special Olympic" program for mentally impaired individuals, ages six and older, needs par-ticipants and volunteers. Call 451-6610 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or 397-7911 after 5 p.m.

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THE PLYMOUTH BOAT SHOW is April 25-27 under The Gathering.

# Ahoy landlubbers

The Gathering in downtown Plymouth will double this weekend as a drydock. The Kiwanis Club is putting on its annual boat show April 25-27. Dozens of boat dealers will be hawking their floatable wares beneath The Gathering, which is located just a stone's throw from Tonquish Creek. The show is free and open to landlubbers and experienced sea hands

alike. Dealers will be offering advice on. fishing, ski, pontoon and sailboats, and tips on boating safety and storage.

And the show is for a good cause. The Kiwanis Club makes some money on the show by renting space to dealers who display their boats.

Show hours are noon to 8 p.m. each day.

Wed., May 21 will be a big day in

On that day, the Canton Chamber of

The winners will be honored at the

chamber's quarterly membership

dinner at the Mayflower Meeting

Room in Plymouth. The ticket will cost

\$23 per person and includes dinner,

Commerce will be announcing the

winners of the Canton Small Business

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Person of the Year.



Check out local merchants' windows in Plymouth the week of April 27 -May 3 and you'll see the works of talented and gifted children of the community.

That week was designated "Gifted Child Week" by the State Board of Education to call attention to the programs in schools for talented and gifted students.

The art work of gifted children enrolled in the talented and gifted curriculum in Plymouth-Canton schools will be displayed by certain merchants.



Canton is declaring the month of May as "May Clean Up Month." Canton residents may dispose of all items, except tree limbs, at Canton Recycling, 5757 Lilley Road. It is located 600 yards north of Ford Road.

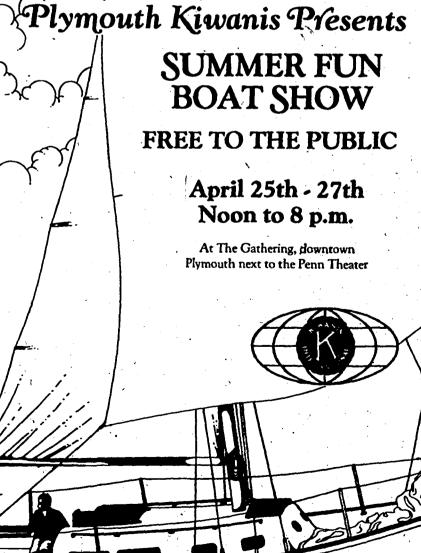
## Nominate your favorite Cantonite dinner.

The featured speaker will be Dick Allen, Michigan's ombudsman.

Nominations are still being taken for Canton Business Person of the Year. The nominee does not have to live in Canton or be a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, but must be an owner or manager of a business located in Canton.

Nomination forms are at the Chamber office, Canton Administration Building, local banks and many local businesses. The nomination deadline is April 28. A business person can nominate themselves for the honors, also,





# Everybody will love 'Opal' benefit



KAREN WENDT, of Northville, plays the title role of Opal in a play by the Plymouth Theatre Guild. With her are Michael Gresock, left, of Canton' (with teabags), and Rick Boldman, of Plymouth. Along with the MD benefit 'Opal' will be performed May 2-3, 9-10 at Central Middle School. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)



A local group of spirited performers will be acting their hearts out in Detroit and raising money for a good cause to boot.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be performing "Everybody Loves Opal" Sunday at Rackham Auditorium at 2 p.m. All proceeds from this special matinee performance will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

After the show, there will be drawings for door prizes and a. complimentary dessert.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for

children under 12. Tickets are available at all AAA locations and Metropolitan JC Penney ticket outlets. THE COMMUNITY CRIER

For more information, call the MDA office at 381-3838.



Old Village in Plymouth is having its annual Spring Walk celebration from noon to 6 p.m. April 27.

There will be sidewalk sales, flower sales, a window decorating contest and a model train show.

## Sculpture on Penniman

A sculpture show featuring the work of Gilham Erickson will be held at The Frameworks from April 25 through May 9.

Erickson is the assistant sculptor on the Play Sculpture project at Plymouth Township Park, sculpting along with Peter Rockwell. The show is presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and The Frameworks.

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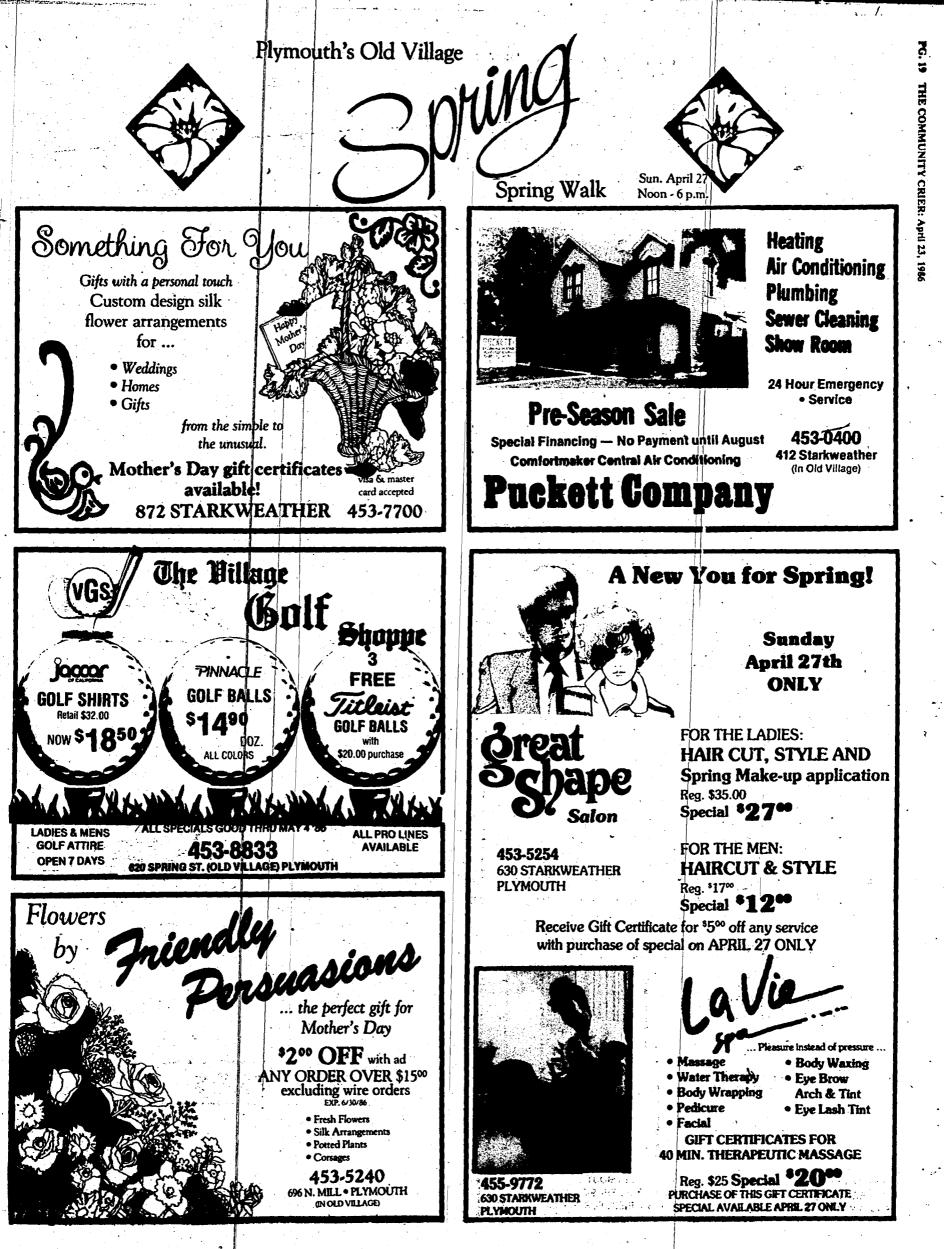
> > Lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Dinner Monday-Saturday 5:30 pm-10:00 pm (Don't forget your secretary)



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## Twelve bands square off at Lucille's

## Hank's rowdy friends haven't settled down yet

#### **BY DAN NESS**

There was a lot of twangin' going on in Canton last Wednesday night.

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And, a passerby on Michigan Avenue could hear the muffled thumping of a Southeast Michigan country band cranking out another hard-luck story set to music at Lucille's as an overflow crowd lined up outside.

The Marlboro Country Music Talent Roundup attracted 12 bands from the region, all playing their hearts out to win a spot as warm-up band to Hank Williams Jr., Merle Haggard and Ricky Skaggs at a Joe Louis Arena concert May 3.

#### The Lucille's crowd is borderline rowdy and the bands are up for it tonight.

Jim Patrick and the Grand River Band close their set as members of The Stillwater Band anxiously wait in the wings. "Here's a patriotic song for y'all," says the lead singer of the Grand River Band as they offer their version of "Dixie/Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Steve McCain, bass player and lead singer of Stillwater, watches the competition with obvious enjoyment of the music, regardless of whose playing it. "I think everyone here is

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good myself," McCain says, fiddling with his guitar.

He is matter-of-fact in his attitude about the music competition. "It's up to the judges. It can go either way. This could go all night long," he says. McCain turns to the other members of his band as the Grand River Band leaves the stage to a polite Lucille's crowd response.

You guys ready?

Assorted "yeahs" and "I guess so's" from the band. "Well let's do it," McCain yells.

Then, above the rising crowd noise as Stillwater strides through the crowd, McCain adds, "Here goes nothing . . . I love it."

And the partisan crowd loves The Stillwater Band, a regular act at Lucille's. The packed bar goes nuts as McCain and the boys begin their threepart-harmony set with "Nothin' But True Love Matters."

Jim Patrick and the Grand River Band pack up their instruments and try to wind down as the crowd continues to go nuts for The Stillwater Band. Sounded like we got a pretty good crowd response," says Mark Lassen hopefully to another member in the band. The band would later know that they weren't chosen one of two bands to go to semi-final competition.

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The bands are given 15 minutes to give it their best, while a table of judges in front will decide who will advance in the competition. The bands devise different strategies for the shortened shows they will be giving here.

"What we're trying to do is pick songs that'll show off everyone in the band," says Randy Coleman, the lead guitar player for The Black Sheep Band out of Ypsilanti. "We don't really have one star in the group.

Now, one of the eventual winners is on stage, opening with a Hank Williams Jr. tune. The band -- Sassy -displays the four-part harmony on "Seven Bridges Road" that will help them be a winner tonight, while a Plymouth musician watches from the sides.

"We'll be trying to show a little versatility," says Kevin McKay, from the band Derringer. "We try to cover Cont. on pg. 21



STEVE MC CAIN performs for a grateful Lucille's audience Wednesday during the Mariboro Country Music Talent Roundup. McCain's group, The Stillwater Band, is a frequent attraction at the Canton country music night spot an Michigan Avenue. (Cries photo by Chris Boyd) PPE SEALS



## **Mail-order** o

Cont. from pg. 4, Womble did learn the piano, starting when she was six years old. But her first oboe arrived in the mail.

"My parents never pushed me into learning the oboe. I thought it was easy, compared to the piano - there was only one line of music.

University of Southern California, Womble attended the Virginia Eastman School for Music. She soon auditioned for the Dallas Symphony, got it, and lasted for 11 years.

"You go where there's an opening," she says. "You don't really pick and choose. There's usually only an opening if someone dies or retires."

Williams, on his way to Detroit, did a two-year stint with the Winnipeg Symphony.

"I went from Los Angeles (USC) where a nice winter day was 40-50 degrees to where it could get to 50 below.

Williams, who edged out 100 other applicants (40 who actually auditioned) for the DSO job, says he's happy to keep this job until he retires. "Wind players aren't supposed to last as long as some of the others," he jokes.

Williams said there were enough music graduates from a college like the University of Michigan to fill all the symphony openings of any one year.

Womble remembers a fellow student of hers at Eastman now selling cars in Toledo.

The full-time job of a DSO member is at times glamorous. There is plenty of travel, sometimes abroad, Though often, as in the last couple of weeks, it's throughout Michigan, playing towns like Gaylord, Alpena and Flint (Williams says) Flint there was only about 200 people in the audience, which caused him to shake his head, considering the reputation of the DSO.)

Williams is a board member of the Plymouth Symphony, a group he speaks highly of. He says its only problem is also a lack of support from the community.

He says the board is looking for solutions and says one idea quickly dismissed by Plymouthites was to change the name to the Plymouth-Canton Symphony.

He says the DSO has had the same problem as the Plymouth Orchestra, and that's management. The turnover of conductors has been high at both places.

Williams has been with them since 1974, her a year later. The DSO has had four conductors in that time.

Both have played on most of the DSO's albums, including on an awardwinning "Rite of Spring" digital disc a few years ago.

'That was special because Treva was pregnant for Trevor then. We didn't know if we'd be able to record and we told (conductor) Antol Dorati. He got mad, then calmed down. He got people set up that could replace us.

The couple has separate dens where they practice, and most importantly,

fashion custom-made reeds from rods of bamboo.

"She does them one at a time, but I make about 60 all at once," Williams says.

Womble says she enjoys the small town atmosphere of Canton. "There's not the hustle and bustle of the northern suburbs. There's not as much keeping up with the Joneses for the kids, either."

Williams has one key reason for living in Canton. He's only a block away from Metettal Airport, where he belongs to a flying club (on this day he invited his Bavarian friend out for a flight).

## "Country's wide open now," says veteran musician

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pretty much all country music," he continues, eying the competition. 'Country's wide open now."

McKay is a veteran country rocker and has played in several contests like this one. He is confident in the judges ability to pick the best bands tonight. "I haven't ever seen a truly awful band win," he says.

Later, Derringer's version of "Orange-Blossom Special," featuring McKay on harmonica in place of the traditional fiddle, would be one reason the band was also chosen a winner in the comnetition. But now, with four bands to go before he can be onstage. McKay is slightly nervous.

"We might be a little more rockoriented than we should . . .

Fellow band members gather around him, and the discussion turns to song selection. How will the Lucille's crowd react to this song? Should we try something different to get the judges attention? A band member ends the planning session abruptly, raising his voice.

"We're gonna do it the way we rehearsed it last night." No one argues 1-114-15-114-17-1 with the plan.

In the crowd, Cindy Lane from Dearborn is partial to one band. "We like The Stillwater Band," she smiles, with a group of friends around her, including members of Kickin' Country, a band that won a similar competition the night before and will be going to the semi-finals.

"Yeah, I like 'em too," says Crazy Bob, the "assistant lighting director" for Kickin' Country. He and another band member scout the bands they will be playing against a few nights later. "I know a few of these people in the other bands."

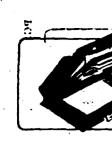
Kickin' Country's promo man, Tim McBride, confides, "Crazy Bob plays every instrument in the band, don't let him kid you." When he overhears a remark, expressing surprise at the enthusiastic country music crowd in suburban Motown, McBride says proudly, "Detroit's the home of music, period -- not just rock 'n roll."

Not all of the crowd is as enthusiastic, however. "I won't be hanging around much longer," says Dan Coleman of Ypsilanti. "We just got here, but there's no place to sit. They need a bisser place, ", uis new arn



BOB WILLIAMS plays during a rehearsal Saturday at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

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## getting down to business



## Roll 'em! She videotapes weddings and lawsuits

engagements & weddings

## **BY DAN NESS**

Peggy Haarz has experienced a little of everything in her adventures as a videographer in Plymouth.

She's had to record happy times, such as weddings, and not-so-happy times, such as legal proceedings in a lawsuit. Nonetheless, Haarz doesn't often get bored videotaping.

"I did an Albanian party last week," Haarz says, from Video Recording Services headquarters in the Colony Office Plaza. "There was a lot of chanting.'

Haarz' business, which has been running for about one year, sprung from her interest in the legal profession. Now, she has turned her legal secretarial major from college into a full-fledged business, recording legal proceedings, weddings, parties, and even videotaping for household identification purposes.

Haarz, with an assistant and a commercial camera, will videotape homes and furniture to help in filing insurance claims if a robbery occurs, she explains. To videotape an entire home, with valuables, will Take an , average of four hours, Haarz says.

Or, her video camera can take the place of a court reporter in legal cases. The legal work can be "very tense," according to Haarz. The time of day must be displayed continuously on the screen during the proceedings to prove there was no tampering, she says.

Some people aren't used to the idea of having a camera videotape theirstatements in legal cases, Haarz says. "Especially at the onset". . . people walk in and see the equipment and say 'oh no,"" Haarz'says, rolling her eyes.

Other events are happier. "The weddings are very enjoyable," Haarz says. "You get people on such an up."

And, videotaping weddings is becoming more popular, according to Haarz. "Still photos are great, but they don't capture the spirit of the moment," Haarz says. "The video catches the emotions, the voices."

After witnessing so many weddings, Haarz observes, "The second marriages I've done are as festive as many of the first ones I've done. The second time around, they know what they want."



PEGGY HAARZ says her videotaping business is never boring. (Crier photo by Dan Ness)

Although the weddings are happy events, the parties Haarz is contracted to record can be even more "festive," she says.

"Once the party gets going, that's when things start to happen," Haarz says. "Funny things can happen."

Haarz doesn't let her work get in the way of her family fun, though. When her family goes on vacation, Haarz brings the video camera, too.

"I have tons of vacation tapes," Haarz says. "I bet I have 40 to 50 tapes at home."



## Skicki weds Toomey



**TOOMEY-SKICKI** 

Ed and Connie Skicki, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl, to Jim Toomey, son of Sally Haynes, and Jerry and Karen All are residents of Toomey. Plymouth.

Cheryl and Jim are both graduates of Canton High.

Members of the wedding party include: Tracey Fletcher, Jennifer Haynes, Julie Toomey, Lisa Skicki, Laura Heidel, Jeff Toomey, Ken Skicki, Jim Skicki and Aaron Skicki.

The couple was wed April 12, 1986 at St. Kenneth's Church.

## Price to wed Micallef

John and Delores Micallef, of Plymouth, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Renee Micallef, to Eric Price, of Livonia. He is the son of Alan and Sally Price, also of Livonia.

The couple are both enrolled at Schoolcraft College. The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Plymouth Salem High. The groom-elect graduated from Plymouth Salem High in 1980.

A spring 1988 wedding is planned.



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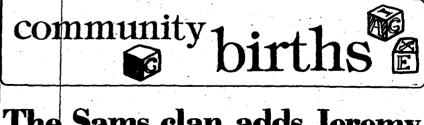


## Shuman to wed Hull

Margaret and Harry Hull, of Denison. ΤX, announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Kay to Russel A. Shuman, son of Robert and Judy Shuman, of Plymouth.

Sharon received her B.S. and her M.B.A. from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is employed by Texas Instruments, Denison, TX. Russel graduated from Canton High in 1979; Michigan State University with a B.S. in Materials Science in 1983. He is presently pursuing a M.B.A. at the University of Dallas. He is also employed by Texas Instruments, Sherman, TX

A June 28, 1986 wedding is planned in Sherman, TX. The couple will reside in Denison, TX.



## The Sams clan adds Jeremy

Jim and Jeri Sams, of Canton, nnounce the birth of Jeremy Joseph ams, March 6, 1986 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn.

was 21 inches long. He can soon be found playing with brother Justin J.

Grandmother is Dorothy L. Sams, Jeremy weighed seven lbs 14.02, He of Dearborn Heights



## getting down to business



## He's assistant VP

Charles Grimley, of Canton, was recently promoted to the Assistant Vice President position at First of Michigan Corporation.

First of Michigan is the largest fullservice investment firm based in Michigan.

## Art appraisal

The Annual DuMouchelle Art and Antique Appraisal Clinic will be held May 3 at the Canton Historical Museum starting at 10:30 a.m.

The DuMouchelle's will appraise heirlooms and antiques brought in at \$3 per item and \$1.50 for Historical Society members. The DuMouchelle's are also interested in purchasing certain items for their galleries in Detroit.

Jewelry will not be appraised at the clinic.

The museum is located at Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill next to the Township Administration Building. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.



RICHARD KAYE

## Banker promoted

Richard A. Kaye, of Plymouth, has been appointed Assistant Vice President, Community Banking of Comerica Bank-Detroit.

Kaye joined the bank in 1966 as an assistant manager.

Kaye received his bachelor of business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

## Students trim competitors

The Plymouth-Canton School of Hair Design took top honors in a competition against Tri-State Beauty School of Taylor April 14.

Winners (from the Canton team) of the different divisions were:

Haircutting - first place, Stacey Rayle; second place, Debbie Wood.



MEL LARSON

Sophisticated Ladies – first place, Shelly Burke; second place, Lynnette Poole; fourth place, Lena Jencic.

Total Look -- first place, Julie Buyers; second place, Shelly Burke; third place, Stacey Rayle.

Fantasy -- first place, Lynnette Poole; second place, Teresa Pace.

## Named circus VP in Vegas

Former Plymouth resident Mel Larson has been named corporate vice president in charge of marketing for Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc. in Las Vegas.

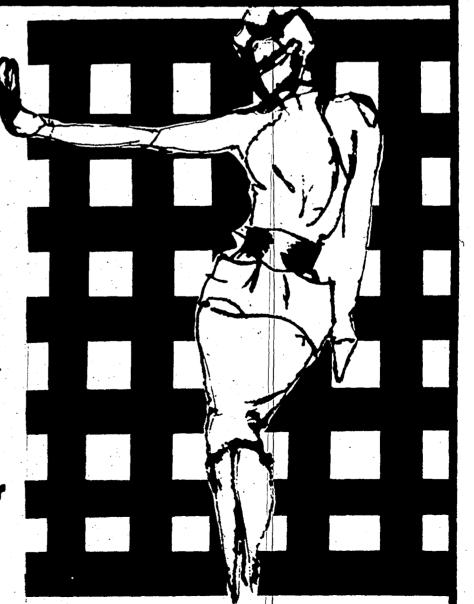
Larson will now be officially responsible for the establishment and implementation of marketing policies and programs for all the corporate properties, including the two Circus Circus resorts, Slots-A-Fun and Silver City Casinos in Las Vegas, the Edgewater Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV and the Colorado Belle Hotel and Casino, also in Laughlin.

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# Women's Section

Written for and about Plymouth-Canton women, this annual feature takes a look at today's issues.

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## **Kange, state worker**

Richard Lyndol Range, 58, of Plymouth Township, died April 2 in Ann Arbor3 Services were April 5 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Neil G. Morse officiating.

Mr. Range was born in 1927 in Detroit. He worked as a manager of a Secretary of State's office.

Survivors include daughters Susan Murrah of Detroit and Mrs. Janet (Peter) Atkins of Golden, CO; stepdaughters Mrs. Bonnie (Kenneth) McWatters of Ann Arbor, Ms. Deborah Thams of Farmington, Mrs. Sheryl (James) Koerner of Keokuk, IA, Ms. Gwen Rippee of Petoskey and Mrs. Christine (Joseph) Puckett of Livonia; brothers Carroll Range of Livonia and Arthur Range of Utica; mother Mrs. Freda Range of Utica; seven grandchildren.

Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

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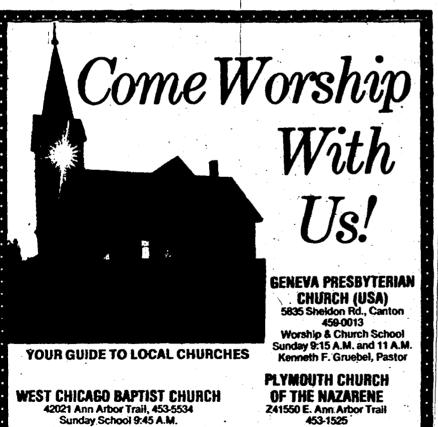
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## Stevenson, legionnaire; **Burroughs employe**

Ray A. Stevenson, 65, of Ann Arbor, died April 9 in Ann Arbor. Services were April 12 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Floyd W. Mattek officiating. Mr. Stevenson was born in 1921 in Nicholasville, KY. He was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northfield Township. He retired from Burroughs Corp. after 26 years of service. He was a member of a seniors bowling league. He was also a member of the American Legion Post no. 225, Lansing,

MI. Survivors include: wife Hulda M.; daughters Mrs. Rebecca (William) Bliss of Morrice, Mrs. Janice (Timothy) Midura of Manchester, Mrs. Ruth (Arnold) Richards of Macon and Miss Catherine Stevenson of Ann Arbor; sons David (wife Diane) of Saline and Paul (wife Brenda) of Clinton; brothers Robert of Ann Arbor, Al of Port Orange, FL and Dwight of Jaspar, AL; sisters Mrs. Dollie (John) Gotro, Jr. of Plymouth, Mrs. Norma Stobbe of Palm Harbor, FL, Mrs. Marilyn (Harold) Hester of Plymouth and Mrs. Karen (Philip) Dingledey of Canton; 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.



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## King, area farmer

Elmer J. King, 88, of Plymouth, died April 16 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Services were April 19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Father Francis C. Byrne officiating.

Mr. King was born in 1897 in Michigan. He worked as a farmer on N. Territorial Road in Salem Township. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Survivors include: sisters Myrtle Kime of Harrison, Irene Richie of Harrison, Luella Barrett of Plymouth and Viola Partridge of Tipton; several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.

## Lamothe, Air Force vet

Craig M. Lamothe, 39, of Ypsilanti, died April 19 i Ann Arbor. Services were April 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel with Rev. Fr. Timothy Hogan officiating.

Mr. Lamothe was born in 1947 in Detroit. He lived in Plymouth for 1972-74, then moved to Ypsilanti. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans after serving four years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

Survivors include: wife Sheryl; parents Robert and Katherine Lamothe, of Port Richey, FL; brother Grant Lamothe of Santa Barbara, CA.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home. Memorials may be given in the form of mass offerings.

## Hesse, area farmer

Ronald F. Hesse, 69, of Plymouth, died April 20 in Ann Arbor. Services were April 23 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Douglas K. Mercer officiating.

Mr. Hesse was born in 1916 in Detroit. He was a farmer in the area for most of his life, and lived here for his entire life.

Survivors include: wife June; son Ronald F. (wife Maryl) Jr. of Plymouth; sister Mrs. Arline (Billy) Reeder of Plymouth; niece Mrs. Shari (Larry) Boyles of Plymouth; five grandchildren.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

## Jesse, homemaker

Norma F. Jesse, 62, of Westland, died April 11 in Westland. Services were April 14 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Linderman officiating. Mrs. Jesse was born in 1923 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband Robert; sons Cary Skoglund of Westland and Jeffrey Skoglund of Ferndale; grandson Jeffrey; sister Mrs. Betty (O.J.) Kraemer of Hudson, FL; brothers Thomas Houghton of New Port Richey, FL and Robert Houghton of Plymouth.

Burial was in Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township. Memorials may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.



## **Bathey may give up** its property to bank

Beleaguered Bathey Manufacturing forced into Chap. 7 bankruptcy, will likely be forced to surrender its property to the bank holding the land's mortgage.

And city officials don't mind a bit. The firm owes the city over \$700,000 in real and personal property taxes since 1979 and another \$55,000 in unpaid water bills.

City Attorney Ron Lowe said if the property is returned to the bank holding the mortgage, the city would place a lein on the property, requiring the buyer to pay off personal taxes

## owed by Bathey.

City officials see the Bathey plant on Mill Street as a prime piece of in-dustrial property. "It's an ideal location for a small industrial park," said Mayor Bill Robinson. "And the sooner we do this, the sooner we can set the property back on the tax rolls," he said.

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A U.S. Bankruptcy judge granted U.S. government attorneys' motion to convert Bathey from Chap. 11 eorganization to Chap. 7 liquidation April 10, Lowe said.

## "This is just to get a crony into that position" - Chuhran

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regarding her duties. "This is just to get a crony into that position, that's all it is,"- Chuhran

said. The coalition is planning an intensive petition drive on the weekend of May 2 - 4, according to group members. All four Canton trustees said they would help circulate petitions.

"I'm tired of spending tremendous amounts of energy on things that just don't count," Trustee Robert Padget said. "We have better things to do with our time and money than what Linda scems to think are the priorities.'

Padget called Chuhran's lawsuit 'expensive foolishness," and said that board members had made an effort to work out problems with Chuhran. "I just can't believe she has much interest in resolving the issues," Padget said.

Chuhran said the lawsuit was the only method she had left to change a system that she believes is in violation of state law, and a system the board was unwilling to change. "I had no choice but to file that suit," Chuhran said. "It's always easier to go with the flow than to take a stand. People don't like change and they resist it.

"It's important enough to take a stand," Chuhran said. "If I truly didn't believe this was right, I wouldn't do it ?

Chuhran also said she and her attorney, Alan Helmkamp, had been willing to meet with the board to resolve differences without filing the amended suit. "My attorney's door has always been open," she said. "I gave them time to talk . . . they don't want to talk."

Chuhran said even if she were recalled, she would not drop her lawsuit, "I am not pulling back on that lawsuit," she said. "If they don't agree with the Charter Township Act, then the best thing to do is to change the laws. They'd be better off working to change the laws."

Chuhran also said there were political reasons behind the recall effort, and added "it's a deeper issue than what's on the surface." During her 1984 campaign for clerk, none of the other board members supported her campaign, she said. "I had no obligations to anyone on the board (when elected)," Chuhran said. "I only have an obligation to the people elected-mc The votore are the

ones that put me in there, and it's their wishes I respect."

Trustee John Preniczky defended the board's actions, saying that a subcommittee was being planned to help resolve the issues when Chuhran added the board to the suit March 27, which was originally filed against Supervisor James Poole. "There was some progress of agreement," Preniczky said. "But, negotiations take on a different theme," after Chuhran included the entire board in ter lawsuit, Preniczky said.

Preniczky, echoing the statements of he other trustees, said he was tired of spending time in meetings discussing he lawsuit and disagreements between Chuhran and Supervisor James Poole. 'It seems that at every meeting there's his constant bickering going on . . . ," reniczky said.

Preniczky said he thought Chuhran's attitude was not to comromise in any issues in her lawsuit. She seems to be very uncooperative,' e said.

One of Chuhran's points in the suit that she doesn't have free access to ecords in other departments -- was not alid, Preniczky said. "Jerry Brown township treasurer) doesn't seem to ave problems accessing records he " Preniczky said. ants.

"We've had auditors come in . . hey don't seem to disagree with what e're doing," Preniczky said. "The ystem in place provides adequate hecks and balances. We've never eceived poor marks from an auditor oming in and doing an audit."

"I am absolutely convinced that the nly practical solution to the problems at township hall is a recall, and that's a shame," said Trustee Stephen Larson, ho said he was "reluctant" to get wolved directly with the recall effort.

"Independently, we (trustees) all. eached the conclusion that enough is hough," Larson said.

Larson said Chuhran didn't unerstand the concepts of line and staff responsibility. Chuhran already has functional authority over records she is seeking control over, he said. "That doesn't mean every scrap of paper in the township has to be sitting in the derk's office," Larson said.

"She has shown little interest in solving this," Larson said. "She has shown great interest in suing people.





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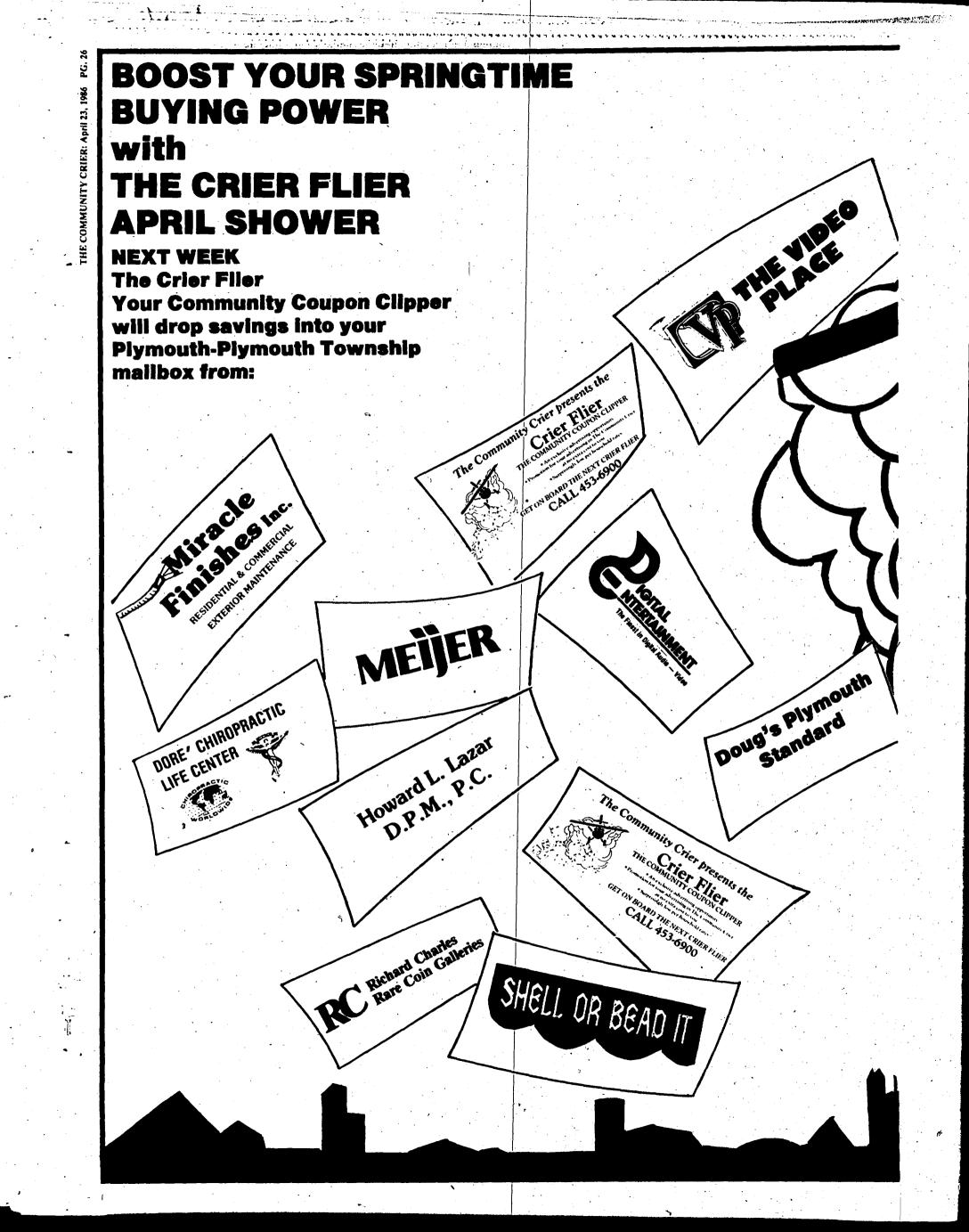
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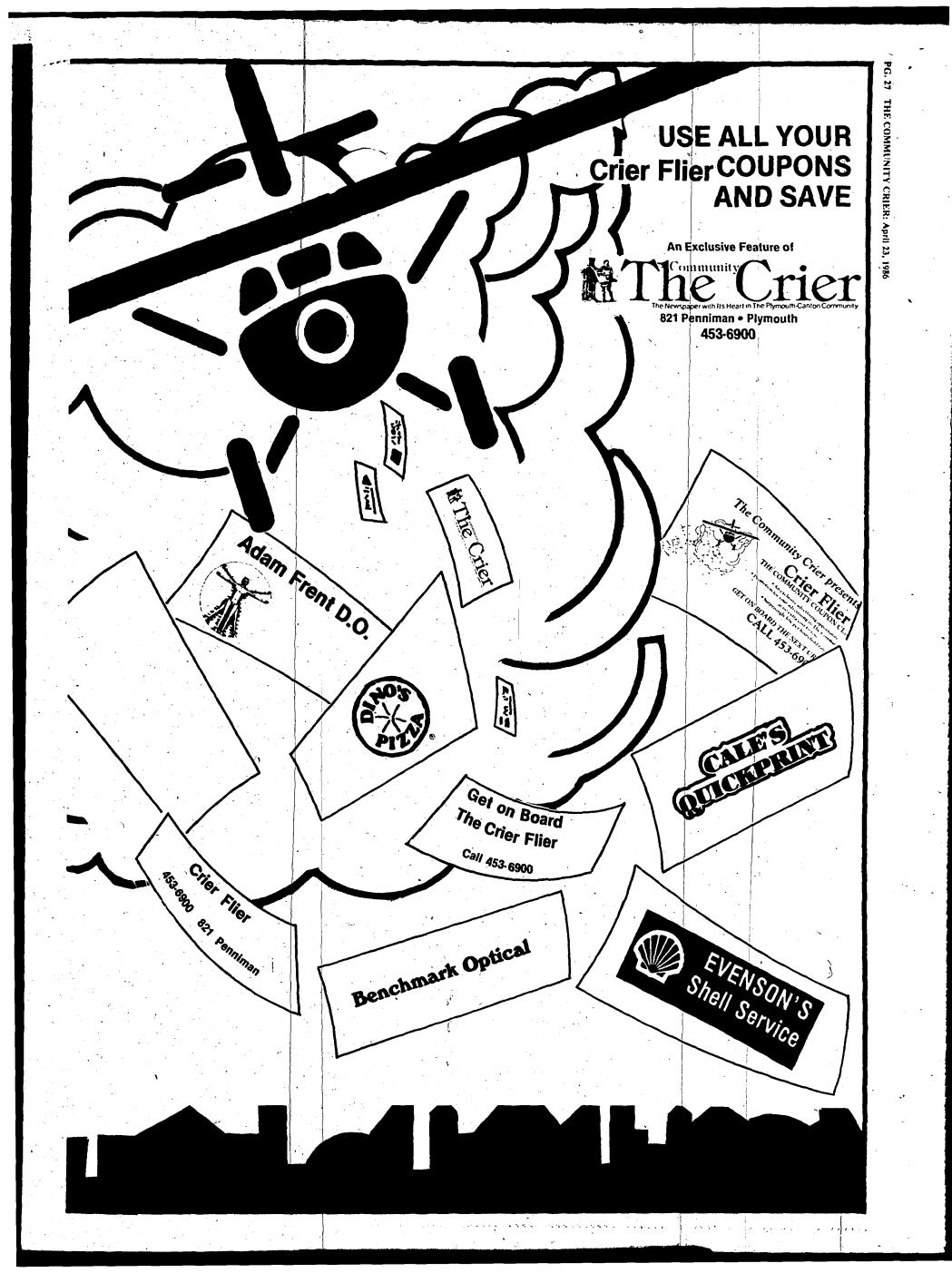
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THE HANDS have it. In the 880 relay Saturday, Canton's Dave McCollum passes the baton to teamate Roger Trice. The Chiefs took fourth in the 880 and sixth overall at

the Elks relay. Salem finished fifth overall. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

## Salem boys 5th, Canton 6th **Dearborn runs off with Elks trophy**

BY JEFF BENNETT

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In football terms, the track season's kickoff is the Elk relays.

When the 12 teams lined-up Saturday on the CEP track, Canton and Salem saw the new season's competition.

The competition is excellent," said Salem coach Gary Balconi. "We are excited that we are competing."

Salem finished fifth with 25 points and Canton took sixth with 20.

Dearborn was first with 60. Bishop Borgess had 40, third place Catholic Central had 33 and Stevenson finished with 29 points.

"It's showing me that the guys are doing a good job of conditioning,' said first year Canton coach Rob Neu. "The scoring doesn't show what I think about the team."

The Chiefs started the meet with a first place in the field events.

In the long jump relay, Tyrone Reeves, Roger Trice, and Geoff Esteves flew through the air for a 48'2.5" combined length.

The Rocks took second in the high jump, with Tony Moore, leaping 6'0' followed by Mike Albertson at 5' 10" and Doug Soho with 5'8".

Canton followed its rivals with third place. Steve Genyk, Ron Ziemba,

and Dave Mac made respective jumps of 5'10", 5'10", and 5'7".

"I was really hoping they would place," said Neu. "Some of them had personal bests, this early in the year." Salem's Ron Piwko in the pole vault,

landed on the mat after clearing 12'6". He was followed by teamates Mike Gibbin with 10' and Rich, Kreuscher with 9' for the third place.

On the track, Canton ran a 1:07.8 team time which came from Dan Houdek, Larry Allmond, Greg Michelson and Brian Whiteley, earning the team first place in the high hurdles. The team was also first in the low hurdle relay, but was disqualified on an illegal hurdle.

Neu said he was disappointed, but the ref made his call.

Salem was second with a 1:25.6. Runners Sean O'Hare, Doug Oleander, Keith Smith and Chris Hill took the glory.

Salem also had third places in the 440 relay and mile relay with times of :46.62 and 3:31.94 times.

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## Coach is ill but Rock kickers keep on

#### **BY BRIAN LYSAGHT**

playing short-handed these days -without coach.

Ken Johnson suffered a heart attack April 20 while playing the game he coaches. Feeling tired, he went to the hospital a few days later where tests showed he had suffered the cardiac. He stayed in the intensive care unit at Metropolitan West Hospital in Westland through last Saturday.

Larry King, one of two parents filling Johnson's shoes for the Rocks, said he should be released next week "if things go according to hoyle."

For the Rocks, in the meantime, the season continues. For them, this a big

They play at Stevenson, the state's The Salem girls soccer team is top team, tonight at 7 p.m., and crosscampus rival Canton on Friday.

> King and Don Smith, who both have daughters on the Rocks, were asked by Salem athletic manager Gary Balconi to coach the team in Johnson's absence.

> While King said Johnson's illness came at a bad time for the team, he added: "It's a very good team and they know what they have to do.

> Also leading the team are Julie Tortora and Suzie Balconi, both seniors and veterans of the team. Tortora said she wants to keep the girls' spirits up for the next two games.

"I just hope I don't push them too hard," she said.

On Friday, they scored a shutout against Farmington, 5-0. They lost to Churchill Thursday 4-0.

Against Farmington, goals came from Jill Estey, with an assist from Jennifer Belhart; Suzie Balconi, from Terri King; Julie Tortora, from Estey; Jennifer Belhart from Balconi; and Missy Smith unassisted. The first four came in the first half.

Though Churchill scored the goals Thursday, King said each team tallied 13 shots on goal.

"When they (Churchill) had their shots, they made them count," King caid

Salem is now 3-1-1.



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## **Rock**, Chief tracksters warm up at **Elks relays**

Cont. from pg. 28 Rocks Jeff Armstrong, Mike Albertson, Keith Larswon and Brian Neuhardt placed fourth in the 880 relay with a 1:35.9 time.

For Canton, a school record was set in the distance relay when Pat Fredrick, Dave Waskin, Jay Swiecki and Bill Boyd ran an 11:31.05 time.

"We have a lot of room for im-provement," said Neu. "But we are good and we can run with them."

Since Salem doesn't have an abundance of seniors, the freshmen and sophomores filled in.

"The kids performed better and some of them filled in the holes," said Balconi. "Our young performed well."

Canton takes on powerhouse Churchill tomorrow at home at 4 p.m. Salem battles Livonia Stevenson on their track at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

CANTON'S Brian Neuhardt led the Chiefs 880 relay team to a 1:35.9 first place Saturday. (Crier photo by Chris Bovd)

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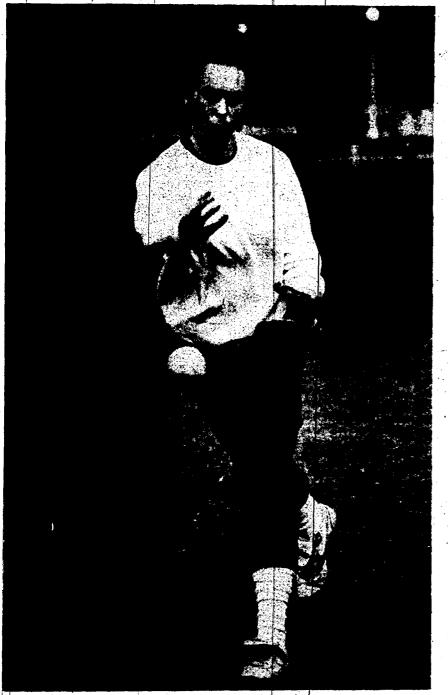
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DIANE KNICKERBOCKER threw smoke Friday when the Chiefs beat Walled Lake Western 7-5. She tailied three strikeouts and gave up only one walk and six hits. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## Chiefs win big against formidable diamond foe

#### **BY CHRIS FARINA**

Canton's second win is a significant one.

The Chiefs softball team beat division champions, Walled Lake Western 7-5, in Walled Lake.

"It's been about 3 or 4 years since we've beat them out there," said coach Max Sommerville.

Laura Flaskamp and Kelly Mc-Cumber both scored in the first inning. Canton held Western scoreless until

the sixth inning when the Chiefs slacked off and let Walled Lake score four points. In the seventh inning Canton

widened the margin by scoring four more points.

Evon Livernios scored twice, once due to a walk. McCumber walked and scored, Laura Darby scored.

Diana Knickerbocker went the distance, only giving up one walk and six hits. She also had three strikeouts. Sommerville said he's "real pleased" with the win over the division champs.

Canton's Monday game was can-

Farmington Harrison today at 4 p.m. and Livonia Franklin; Friday at 4 p.m.

Salem is keeping on their toes also. They now stand at 3-0.

Salem made up their game with Farmington Harrison on Thursday because of a rain out Wednesday. Salem took the win 6-1.

Magge Meissner pitched all seven innings, allowing only one hit, striking out eight and walking seven.

Salem chalked up all their points in the third inning. Denice Tackett's three-run homer was a big shot in the arm for the Rocks.

Darlepe Gagleard scored on a double and Leslie Plichta scored with a single.

Against North Farmington, Meissner pitched four innings and Kim Berrie relieved her, pitching the last three.

The Rocks won 15-5.

Jessica Handley hit twice knocking in three runs Marci Walker also had two hits.

The Rocks take on Farmington tonight and John Glenn Friday. Both games are at 4 p.m.

## Playing catch-up don't pay for Canton baseball

### **BY CHRIS FARINA**

Canton's first loss was a "strange" ballgame," said coach Fred Crissey. Walled Lake Western took Canton down 4-2.

In the second inning Walled Lake Western had three runs which took the wind out of Canton's sails.

Canton lagged behind 4-0 going into the fifth inning, then Tony Aiken hit a long home run to bring the score to 4-1.

Canton then left seven runners on base in the next three innings.

Canton's only other score came in the seventh inning when Jeff Lyle scored on a double

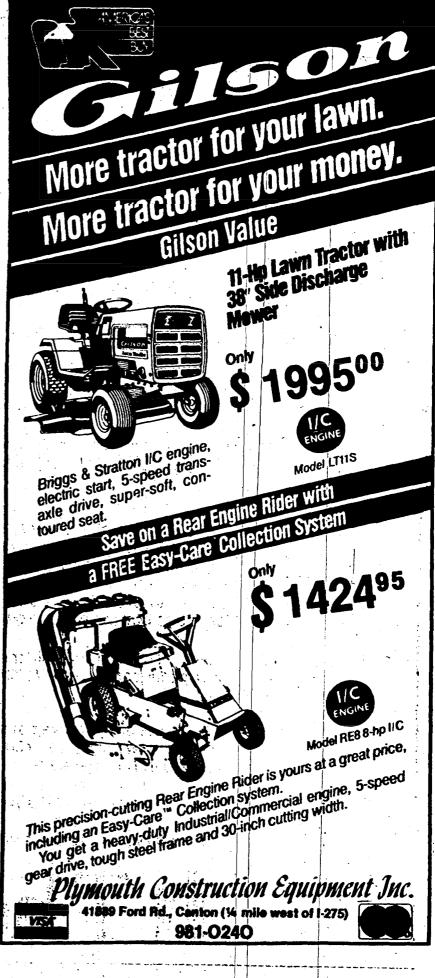
The Chiefs were rained out Monday in their game against Northville.

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"We should play; the worst thing in the world for us is not to play," said Crissey.

Canton plays today at 4 p.m. against Farmington Harrison and again on Friday against Livonia Franklin, also at 4 p.m.



## **Commission not optimistic about Wilcox plan**

**BY BRIAN LYSAGHT** The Plymouth City Commission on Monday said there was little it could do to help a group that has formed to save the 86-year-old Wilcox House from scheduled demolition.

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Cheryl Szyniszewski, who organized Friends of the Wilcox House, told the commission the group was seeking the city's support not its money.

Commission members and City Manager Henry Graper responded with caution.

"You bit off a pretty big project and we wish you success..." Mayor William Robinson told Szynieszwski. He said he doubted the group could find a suitable site in the city onto which the home could be moved and restored

The Wilcox House, built in 1901 overlooking Kellogg Park by William Markham, is scheduled to be razed this spring or early summer to make way for 44 condominiums.

Friends of the Wilcox House want to have the home moved, restored, and converted into a community arts center. The group hopes to have the home designated as a historical site by the state.

"We see it as a community project for cultural enrichment," Szyniszewski told the commission. The group would return with a budget and feasibility plan, she said. City Manager Henry Graper, who has met with Szynieswski, said he would meet to discuss the

group's budget. Robinson said he thought the project would cost \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The Friends will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow -- Thursday, April 24 -- at The Grange Hall on Union Street.

## **Residents want more cop** involvement with schools

Cont. from pg. 3 busy during summer months working the streets. He suggested people leaving town on vacation call the department to find out how best to secure their home.

and responses Other questions included:

•More police involvement in schools? 81 per cent -- Yes. 19 per cent -- No.

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#### Lost and Found

Lost - Siamese Seal Pt. Cat. (Blue eyes, brown mask, paws and tail, cream un-derbody). Front paws declawed. No I.D., Indoor cat, Woodbrook Sub., Sheidon & Ann Arbor Rd., Mate desperate, Reward, 455-5786

#### Curiosities

Wanted to rent apartment or flat for working couple: A.S.A.P. Call Phyllis at The Community Crier, 453-6900.

Try our new POTATO BAR in the Crow's Nest Pub aboard The Mayllower Hotel 11:30 am-2:30 pm - M-S. \$2.75 each.

Roberta H., Limo's and Lace?! You make them look marvelous! Have fun at your prom.

Our Love Happy Birthday Cheri Remer. Have a

good one! Brian in N.J. then Heathrow Airport? The underground! Darts in pubs. The whole

schmeer. A Mariboro music windfall - and the Twins

in town. Patricia sure has changed. Hear tell she

looks like Mother Ferd.

Hi Bob and Jane

Whew - What a weekend! I don't know how I turned out so meek and mild with two wild sisters like that. I can't believe that the two of you didn't raise them better! My My. Love You! JB

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1966 re-union is July 5th. Please sign up and locate classmates. Write to Class of '66, at 300 Auburn, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170 --- Last Chance!

#### Brian-

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Have a safe but wonderful adventure. Your charm, wit and peaceful presence, which I think at times is misleading, will be missed.

Congratulations Jeff, Jackie & Mark Horton on the addition of Jannifer Ann(e) to your family.

I only pull my dress occasionally and I do really important things. So there

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! SHARON LEE, a very sweet gal. April 24, 1966. Have a won-derful Day, which I know you will.

Joyce Ann Ed Fitzgerald's only claim to fame; He personally knows Bill Hammons.

Hi Upper - Had a great time in Sherwood and Defiance. Nice seeing everyone. Congratulations! Bill and Lori

Light-headed yellow truck: RIP.

What a waitress! Paulette you may have found a new and exciting career. Thank

With cream pie in hand, Phyllis has killer

Ed F. (to no one in particular) "Whoee er am I drinking?

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### Curiosities

"Steamroller Blues" is one of those songs you never get tired of hearing. "i'm a steemroller beby ... " I do like Honest John's Marine Bar. Honest! Pat at Riber's -- "How much is that doggy in the window ...?"

YH Lots that's old

Nothing new Just wanted to Say "Hi" to you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHARON

## WARM WISHES & LOVE TO YOU. IT CERTAINLY IS A SPECIAL DAY NOW THAT YOU'RE 62!!!

Your Best Friend, Jayne Shelley - So sorry I missed your birthday we don't turn 21 EVERY DAY - DO WEIII Love, Jayne

Sharon, A very Happy Birthday to a special lady who always takes the time to care. Sue

Brian - Best of luck to you - We will miss you. Keep in touch.

Joyce and Sue Sharon Evans will

Tommorrow celebrate yet another birthday. As a result businesses forecast a 90% increase in anti-wrinkle cream sales. This information was generously provided by a good

Joanna Crumm, where are you?

Ron, the painting job looks great - now for the trim up stairs as well as down stairs. Then there's the outside trim.

Mom

Happy Birthday David Roby. We can't believe the number of candles on your cake. Time flies when you're having sons. Love Mom & Dad

Dan — El kabong on a Sunday morning. No more House of Terror, please.

Debbie — How much studying did you do last weekend? See you soon!?? (Maybe)

Many thanks to the nice Crier/COMMA folk. I'll send pictures and maybe they'll be in focus.

Which of Plymouth's two police chiefs is celebrating one year on the job? Congratulations. Happy birthday, Mom! - Dan

Join the club! The Breakfast Club at

Silvermans. Stop in for details.

Jess, you can cuddle up with my teddy bear anytime.

Sure was a lot of fun in the car on our way down to Defiance. What a sense of humor!

Dan Ness writes a mean front page. He auvers those mean Detroit city streets like a native són too.

Look for Brian's dispatches from Europe every month in The Crier. How does, "Fear and Loathing in the Old Country" sound?

Happy Homecoming, Chris Roby. See you on May 7. I can't wait.

What does Brussels have that Plymouth,

Michigan doesn't have?

**CB: 20th Century? Where? BL** 

BL: Welcome to the 20th Century CB Paty with a "y" - Thanks for dropping in.

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be the same for us again! JC & RC Joan & Bob - Thank you for a super evening - we really did have a ball - So if you'd like us over next Saturday don't worry - we'll be there! JC & RC

Claudia - My feet thank you for all your help - unfortunately my bunions aren't as easy to please! JC

LOOK OUT LLANELLI - Brian's on his way!

Brian - Good luck on your travels - we're really going to miss you and your yellow truck.

Rick - I told you not to make those mestballs! JC

Once in a vision I came on some woods when I made my decision, my vision became my release. D.F.

Hope the harp doesn't distract you from the scenery.

Ode to a cat while Brian is away Leadbelly will play. Hope Cheryl don't pay. Two concerned citizens.

The things some people will do to get out of a job.

Marge, just what exactly would you do if you had a cigarette? Rick

455-3500

## Deadline: Monday 5 pm Call 453-6900

Curiosities

Linda (Wolfie) thanks for the picture. Rick

Carol, Don't forget ... pieces per sheet times number of sheets divided by quantity, Rick

Dawn King, Dawn King, Dawn King, now your name was three times In The Crier. Rick

Wanda Bruce, please ... save the Christmas napkins till December (and take down your tree) - The Gang-

SEE GILHAM ERICKSON'S sculpture show at The Frameworks starting this Saturday. Or see him at Piymouth Township park's Play Sculpture assisting Peter Rockwell. "LOYALTY TO PETRIFIED opinion never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul." SEE GILHAM ERICKSON'S sculpture

--Mark Twain, 1887

JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENTS are toy tools of the rich getting richer.

JESSICA eats Tiger Stadium hot dogs and Skatin' Station frozen Cokes.

DIANE WENDOVER HERBRUCK survived another year in Sarnac's stimulating cultural climate (of course she escaped to Clarksville a lot). Happy birthday!

-J and E.

M.P.H. in Pensacola: charming letters, but no paint.

GRACE · you're still great at reading between the lines of Curiosities, eh?

AUNT DOROTHY: was it really 61 ducklings? -Jessica Tiptoe through the trilium - take a walk

in Miller Woods

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Cindy the Lion Saver! Mr. L: Happy fun trails!!!!! KP



Wanda Bruce: Plymouth Resident, seen here last week once again with Christmas napkins at the lunch table.



Happy Sweet 16 Jenny Cook Mom, Dad and Stephanie



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