

# Ice Festival invasion includes 82nd Airborne

BY TODD LANGTON

The Plymouth Community Ice Sculpture Spectacular is fast approaching. The event is scheduled to take place throughout the streets of downtown Plymouth Jan. 11-21.

As of Friday, 58 student carvers, eight three-man carving teams and 43 individual professional carvers have signed up for the event, said Pam Kosteva, director of this year's event.

The number of student carvers will

be held to 60 this year while more professional carvers are expected to attend, she said.

Registrations have been received from as far away as Tennessee, Montana and Canada, she added.

One hundred and fifty ice sculptures will be displayed throughout the streets of downtown Plymouth and three carving competitions will take place during the event.

The student carving competition will

be held on Jan. 13; a multi-block carving competition will be held on Friday, Jan. 19 and the single block professional competition will be held on Jan. 20.

The 28-member 82nd Army Airborne Choir will perform two concerts during this year's spectacular, said Richard Egli, a member of the Plymouth Community Ice Sculpture Spectacular Inc. board.

"They are available for (Jan. 16) for the Plymouth-Canton Community," he said.

The choir will give two performances, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, said Staff Sgt. Ron Shaffer of the Plymouth Army recruiting station.

"We definitely have them," Shaffer said.

Some members of the 82nd Airborne Division, which is based at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, NC, were used during the recent operations in Panama, he said.

More than 400,000 people are expected to attend The 1990 spectacular, said Kosteva.



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## City approves Wilcox project

BY PATRICIA BROWN AND KEN VOYLES

Nearly six months after the original plans were announced, the Wilcox House project received the final go ahead on a 5-1 vote of the Plymouth City Commission last night.

The city commission approved its planning group's recommendation last night with Commissioner Jerry Vorva casting the lone dissenting vote. Commissioner Mary Childs was absent.

No citizens spoke against the project last night in the 15-minute agenda item.

"Of course, I'm pleased," said Jack Wilcox. "Once the thing is built I think we'll all be very very proud of it."

Wilcox, and builder Marcello Scappaticci, said they hoped to break ground on the project "with the flowers." Wilcox invited residents to the future ribbon cutting ceremony.

"I feel real good now. I'm ready to go," said Scappaticci. "It took a while, but we cooperated with them and got what we wanted."

Vorva said approving the project would open the "floodgates" for future high rise structures in the downtown area. "It's simply too much, too fast. They could have put up something less intense," he said. "I think when looking at changes in the character of the city -- and changes are inevitable -- you should have as low an impact on the community as possible. This is too great an impact."

Design changes and residents' objections centering on the height and size of the planned apartment structures and the home's historical nature, led the city planning commission to table the project twice before recommending approval on a 3-1 vote Dec. 13.

In August, the planning commission gave "conceptual" approval to the project.

But final approval from the planning commission was delayed while Wilcox and the Scappaticci brothers reworked the drawings and incorporated suggestions made by the city administration, the planning commission and the public during September and October meetings.

As approved last night, the project, located at Ann Arbor Trail and Penninah Avenue between Union and Elizabeth streets, will include 60 apartment units in two five-story buildings. The historic Wilcox House is currently under renovation and will remain a single-family home.



Above, work continues on the historic Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth. Left, the house as it looked last year in a state of disrepair. (Crier photos)

## Is Graham in running for manager?

BY PATRICIA BROWN AND W. EDWARD WENDOVER

As the search for a new Plymouth City Manager narrows from more than 80 applicants, Acting Manager -- William Graham -- is among the surviving candidates.

But his possibility as a finalist candidate will be solely up to the Plymouth City Commission and not up to the search consulting firm.

Yet, says the search consultant,

Graham's candidacy has already scared off potential applicants for the position.

"Whether we want Bill Graham in or out (of the final group under consideration) will be entirely a political decision," said Mayor Dennis Bila.

According to Bila, the field of candidates has been narrowed to 12 or 14 by Rod Bartel of Bartel and Bartel, the consultant firm which has been

hired by the city to conduct a search. The consultant met with the four-member search committee of Bila, Commissioners Jack Kenyon and Jim Jabara and former Commissioner Bob Jones on Dec. 19.

Bila said that as of that meeting, the field was a dozen candidates -- out of 80 applications. "But he (Bartel) had gotten some new applications," the mayor said.

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**HOW TO:** The Crier takes a look at "fighting city hall" on this week's opinion pages. Please turn to pgs. 12-13.

## A holiday feast

A gaggle of geese? Gary and Nancy Atkinson, of Livonia, fed a hungry flock of fowl at Newburgh Lake last week. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)



## School bills: 'political football'

BY TODD LANGTON

Bills which would allow parents throughout Michigan to choose what public schools they want their children to attend are popping up like daisies in the State Legislature.

Schools-of-choice bills, which would allow for the possibility of choice within school districts or among other districts, have been proposed in both the State House and Senate.

These bills could effect the operation of every school district in the state, including the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

"It's a political football right now," said Dr. John Hoben, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent, of the politics surrounding the bills.

The bills which have the greatest chance of passing are ones that deal with a choice of schools within a district, said Daniel Manthe, associate superintendent of the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

The lawmakers need to make sure that whatever legislation eventually comes out of the legislature takes into

### Analysis

account the differences in school districts and is not a "slick, media or glossy" solution which could hurt, rather than help, education, said Manthe.

One piece of proposed legislation, which has been co-sponsored by, among others, State Senator Robert Geake, (R) Sixth District, may be detrimental to the health of some school districts, said Raymond Hoedel, associate superintendent for business and operations in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Under Senate Bill No. 518, if 10 percent or more of the people in an intermediate school district (usually defined by county-boundaries) who voted in the preceding school election, sign a petition, a ballot will be placed on the next school election which will

give residents a chance to decide if they want to send their children to any school in that intermediate (county) district.

If approved, the bill states, a parent choosing to send his or her child to a school in another district is responsible for transporting that child to the chosen school.

The bill also stipulates that the school board of a district can limit the number of non-resident children that the district will accept.

In regards to funding, a school which is the recipient of an out of district student will receive state aid associated with that child and or can charge a tuition of up to \$300.

Hoedel said the funding mechanism in this bill could lead to financial problems for school districts.

In formula districts get a certain amount of state aid for each pupil, Hoedel said. The in-formula districts who lose kids to other districts "are going to lose big state aid," he said.

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## City finalists face public interviews

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In the next two weeks, Bila said, Bartel "is going to invite 12 people to Plymouth to do some interviewing." (Those candidates, whose names will not be made public, will travel here at their own expense.)

Bartel said Friday that further "extensive phone interviews" may reduce the in-Plymouth interviews to half a dozen.

After that, four to six candidates will be declared finalists and will be invited to public interviews by the City Commission, Bila said. Those interviews could take place in "mid-January," he added.

Bartel, who has consulted for more than 700 governmental units, said he had expected even more applications

for the Plymouth City Manager position because of the city's desirability. "A lot of (would-be) applicants thought it was an in-house 'gimme,'" he said.

The Plymouth City Manager's job became vacant on July 3 with the sudden "under pressure" resignation of Henry E. Graper. (His tenure officially ended Dec. 2 -- 10 years after he started the job.)

Graham -- the city clerk and finance director -- was named acting city manager then.

A decade ago, the City Commission met privately -- violating both the Michigan Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts -- to both fire the former manager, Fred Yockey and then hire Graper.

The Community Crier filed suit in

Wayne County Circuit Court to end such practices. That suit led to an admission of wrongdoing and an apology by the City Commission led by Mary Childs as mayor. (She is a City Commissioner again currently.)

Bila has pledged that the manager search process will be conducted according to state laws this time.

Graham received an added boost over New Year's weekend when the presidents of all four of the City's unions hand-delivered a letter to Bila urging Graham be appointed City Manager. (See The Community Crier Opinion pages in this edition.)

Earlier, the City Commission had received petitions from non-union city employees and a group of business owners and residents also endorsing Graham's selection.

In Bristol, VA

# Local escapees arraigned

BY PATRICIA BROWN

Two prisoners who escaped from the Western Wayne Correctional Facility (WWCF) in Plymouth Township more than a week ago, were arraigned yesterday on kidnapping charges in the Bristol, VA, General District Court.

Charles Bruce White, 28, of Pontiac, and Frank Schnault, 33, of Westland, were arraigned on federal charges in the alleged kidnapping of Susan Bixler, 21, of Dearborn Heights. They were also arraigned on charges of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, according to FBI Special Agent Hal Helderhoff. They are being held on a \$250,000 bond.

At this point it is unclear if and when the prisoners will be extradited back to Michigan, said FBI Special Agent Hank Glaspie, who added that there are so many charges and too many "variables" to say just what will happen to the pair.

"If they are brought back to Michigan, they would most likely end up at the federal corrections facility in Milan," said Glaspie, who speculated that the pair might be back in Michigan within two or three weeks.

Glaspie also said that the pair could challenge their extradition.

The pair escaped from the Five Mile Road prison facility Dec. 24 by climbing over a fence, said police, who immediately began a massive search in the area.

Police said the men were "armed and dangerous." White was serving time in WWCF for rape and armed robbery, while Schnault was in the local prison for armed robbery.

The pair were not sighted again until Dec. 28 when they allegedly picked up Bixler from in front of an insurance office in Dearborn Heights, according to Detective Lt. Jim Iveluk, of the Dearborn Heights Police Department.

Iveluk said police believe the two prisoners forced Bixler to call her boss and give him a phony excuse as to why she wouldn't be returning to work that day.

Iveluk also said that the pair had Bixler leave a note for her boss. In order to throw police off their trail, the two men even went as far as to call the kidnapped victim's father and tell him that they were going to Chicago, he said.

Instead, the men allegedly took Bixler to a pay phone in Bristol where they called one of their relatives, said police. The relative then apparently met the pair at a Holiday Inn and gave them a change of clothes and some money for two bus tickets to Jacksonville, FL, according to Helderhoff.

Helderhoff said that Bixler was then released unharmed with her car in Bristol and the two men boarded a bus enroute to Jacksonville.

At that time, according to Helderhoff, the FBI informed the police in Wytheville, VA (one of the stops along the bus route) that two escaped prisoners would be on board a

bus stopping in Wytheville.

When the bus stopped in Wytheville, police attempted to arrest the two men, but they resisted arrest, according to Helderhoff.

As the two men were being disarmed by Wytheville police, Schnault wrestled a gun away from Wytheville Police Sgt. Dewey Fischer and tried to shoot Fischer. But Schnault was unable to release the safety and fire the gun, said a source at the Bristol Herald Courier newspaper.

The arrest was based on information from the FBI and the existence of a warrant charging them with unlawful flight to avoid confinement.

Wytheville Police Chief Robert A. Doyle said, "We received information from the FBI in Bristol. They sent descriptions of the two men."

Police said White was carrying a starter pistol and Schnault was carrying a three-inch knife at the time of the arrest.

"Both of them resisted arrest," said Doyle. "Mr. Schnault was charged with attempted murder. He grabbed an officer's gun and tried to fire it, but he couldn't get the safety off."

Glaspie said that the attempted murder charge will probably be dropped.

Doyle said the two men were taken into custody by the FBI and were returned to Bristol, where they were charged with kidnapping.

A preliminary examination for the two is scheduled to begin on Jan. 18 in Bristol. Before that hearing, though, police said the pair could claim they are not the individuals cited in the arrest warrant. An identity hearing would then have to be held to confirm whether or not they are the suspects sought under the arrest warrant.

If they are to be extradited, Glaspie said, a removal hearing will have to be convened.



Bristol Police Chief Tom Stone, left, escorts Frank Schnault to the city jail. (Photo by Toby Tobler, Bristol Herald Courier)



Police officer Charles Gemmill escorts Charles Bruce White from the police station to the jail in Bristol. (Photo taken by Toby Tobler, Bristol Herald Courier)

## City legal council studying judgment fee

BY PATRICIA BROWN

A memo from City of Plymouth Commissioner John Vos III questioning the recent judgment fee added to residents tax bills has been sent to the city's labor-legal council by Acting City Manager William Graham.

At issue is the judgment fee added to city resident's most recent tax bills after the city lost a lawsuit to a former city employe, which cost the city \$156,000.

In the memo, Vos raised a variety of questions, one of which was whether or

not the city commission was properly involved in the legal proceedings.

"A lot of people have been talking to me about it since the article (in The Crier)," said Vos. "I want to make sure that the citizens know that the commission isn't going to try and sweep this under the table."

Since the tax first appeared on the tax bills last month some residents have been talking about formally putting together a residents' group to question the issue.

"I've heard through the grapevine that some people are going to come before the the city commission, if something wasn't done about it," said Vos.

City of Plymouth resident Patricia Keeth said, "A lot of people I have talked to thought the judgment fee was against them. They thought it was a penalty for paying their taxes late or something."

She added, "So many people didn't even know what it was."

Another resident, Harry Roebuck said, "The only time many people see their tax bill is when they ask their mortgage company for a copy of it. Most people don't get a tax bill."

Because of the concerns, Graham has suggested a change in policy, according to Vos. Vos said that the new policy would require that the city commission be updated on any legal proceedings on a monthly basis.

At the last commission meeting on Dec. 18, Graham told the commission that he had forwarded a copy of the memo to the city's labor legal council (Law, Hemming, Essad and Polaczyk) and that he expected to hear from them within 30 days.

# New group wants to promote Plymouth

BY TODD LANGTON

Some area businesses are forming what can be described as an offshoot of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the group is to get those companies not already involved with the chamber, involved in promoting Plymouth, said Charlene Miller, an organizer of the group.

While some of the approximately 30 stores that make up the group are not members of the chamber, some are chamber members who simply cannot find time to attend the meetings, said Miller, who owns Baskets and Bows, a store located in the City of Plymouth.

"A lot of the people are chamber members," she said. "When you work every day, 60 or 70 hour weeks, you can't attend everything."

Miller said she volunteered to attend the chamber meetings and take the information back to the other store owners.

"We're sharing the information with this group in the hopes that it will help the chamber get across what it is going to do," she said.

The idea, she said, is for the group to start some cooperative advertising. The group may also try to implement some chamber ideas.

"We are just a group of us getting

together saying we want the people to rediscover Plymouth, because there are so many strip malls going up all over," Miller said. "Everybody is doing something to promote Plymouth."

Although many of the stores in the group are located on the south side of the city, any business is invited to join

the group, she said.

"You don't want to say it's just for us because it's not. It's for the whole town," Miller said. "We want to benefit everybody. The more people that participate the more people they are going to reach."

## Mogielski reaches semis

Susan Mogielski, 12, of Canton, appears in Teen magazine's January issue as a "Great Model Search" regional semi-finalist.

Of the approximately 24,000 entries received annually, only 480 are chosen as regional semifinalists. The field is then narrowed to 96 super semifinalists.

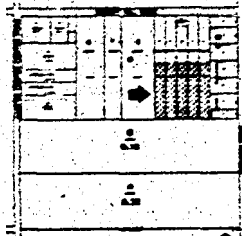


# Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1990, AT 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 5.14.E. OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

Consider request for special land use approval for a cluster single family detached residential development to be added to and incorporated within Glenarry Village Subdivision in accordance with the revised proposed plat. Property is located south of Cherry Hill Road between Canton Center and Sheldon Roads. The southerly two (2) acres of each of the following parcels: 086-99-0012-000, 086-99-0013-000, 086-99-0014-000, 086-99-0016-000 and 086-99-0017-000.



Written comments will be received until 7:00 p.m. at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. A public hearing on the special land use may be requested by any property owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for special use.  
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John Burdziak  
Planning Commission Chairman

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 120

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE CONFIGURATION, FABRICATION, LOCATION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON; PROVIDING FOR GENERAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIGURATION AND FABRICATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION OF THE NUMBER OF SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT; PROHIBITING SIGNS IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS; PERMITTING SIGNS IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; PERMITTING SIGNS IN OTHER ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR NON-CONFORMING SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS WITH NATURAL MATERIALS; REGULATING THE USE OF PORTABLE SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS SPECIAL SIGNS AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:  
SECTION 1.0 GENERAL PROVISION

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general safety and welfare of the residents of Canton Township by regulating and controlling all public and private graphics communications and displays.

#### SECTION 2.0 DEFINITIONS

This section provides for the definition of "sign," "ground sign," "institutional bulletin board," "canopy sign," "portable sign," "roof sign," "roofline," "wall sign," "abandoned sign," "billboard," "off-premise sign," "on-premise sign," "premises," "area of sign," "non-conforming sign," "periodic change sign," "natural materials," "gasoline pump island," and "sign setback."

#### SECTION 3.0 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

This section adopts the regulations of the State Construction Code unless the provisions of this ordinance regulating signs are more restrictive.

#### SECTION 4.0 SIGNS PERMITTED WITHOUT REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section allows the use of certain designated signs in all zoning districts without a sign permit where the principal permitted use to which the signs are related is a permitted use in that district.

#### SECTION 5.0 SIGNS PROHIBITED IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

This section designated certain signs which are unsafe, dangerous, hazardous or an attractive nuisance, and therefore prohibited in all zoning districts.

#### SECTION 6.0 SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section designates certain signs which are permitted in single family residential districts and require a sign permit.

#### SECTION 7.0 SIGNS PERMITTED IN MULTIPLE FAMILY, TOWNHOUSE DISTRICTS, MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICTS (RM-1, AND RMH), AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section designates certain signs which are permitted in multiple family, townhouse districts, mobile home park districts and require a sign permit.

#### SECTION 8.0 SIGNS PERMITTED IN OFFICE DISTRICTS, (O-1), AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section designates certain signs which are permitted in office districts and require a sign permit.

#### SECTION 9.0 SIGNS PERMITTED IN ALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, (C-1, C-2, C-3, LI, GI, LIU) AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section designates certain signs which are permitted in all commercial and industrial districts and require a sign permit.

#### SECTION 10.0 SIGNS PERMITTED IN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS (AGI AND AGR) AND REQUIRING A SIGN PERMIT

This section designates certain signs which are permitted in agricultural districts and require a sign permit.

#### SECTION 11.0 NON-CONFORMING SIGNS

This section regulates all non-conforming signs, and it provides for the elimination and condemnation of the same.

#### SECTION 12.0 REZONING SIGNS IN ALL DISTRICTS

This section provides for the rezoning of signs in all districts. It provides for the requirements that should be met for the rezoning of signs, amendments to a Consent Judgment or a Planned Unit Development.

#### SECTION 13.0 CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNS WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

This section provides that the area of a sign may be increased under certain conditions if natural materials are utilized in the construction of the sign. This section provides for the construction of signs with natural materials and the regulation thereof.

#### SECTION 14.0 PORTABLE SIGNS

This section regulates the use of portable signs. It prohibits the use of portable signs except in certain conditions.

#### SECTION 15.0 GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS SPECIAL SIGNS

This section provides for the use of special signs under certain conditions with specific limitations at gasoline service stations.

#### SECTION 16.0 DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

This section provides for the use of noncommercial directional signs under certain conditions after a permit has been issued.

#### SECTION 17.0 ENFORCEMENT AND VIOLATIONS

This section provides for the use of the Notice of Violation and the use of Appearance Tickets to enforce violations of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 18.0 PENALTIES

This section provides that upon conviction of any violation of this ordinance, the defendant may be fined not more than five hundred (500) dollars, or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days or both, upon the discretion of the court.

#### SECTION 19.0 CONSTRUCTION, NON APPLICABILITY, APPEALS

This section provides for the construction of the ordinance. It establishes the appeal process if there is a conflict between the stated intent and any specific provisions of the ordinance.

#### SECTION 20.0 REPEAL

This section provides that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give the ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 21.0 SEVERABILITY

This section provides for the severability of this ordinance if any provision of section of the ordinance is held invalid for any reason.

#### SECTION 22.0 SAVINGS CLAUSE

This section provides that the adoption of the ordinance does not abrogate or effect any offense or act not committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

#### SECTION 23.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

This section provides that the ordinance shall become effective upon publication. This ordinance was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting was called and held on the 27th day of December, 1989, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. Copies of the complete ordinance are available for inspection from the Township Clerk at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187.

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Plymouth Community

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# Canton approves zoning changes

At a special meeting last Wednesday the Canton Board of Trustees adopted changes to the township's zoning and sign ordinances.

Several township residents from Canton Voice, a group of residents who have raised objections to some of the language in the new zoning ordinance package, questioned changes made at a Nov. 28 meeting of the board.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said that all of the revisions will follow an amendment process and that residents can raise their concerns directly with board members.

Yack added that any portions of the zoning package which board members want to further discuss or possibly alter

can be looked at again at future board meetings.

The sweeping changes which have

been made to the zoning ordinances were completed through a process that began more than a year ago, said Yack.

He added that residents have had ample opportunity to be involved in the rewriting of the zoning ordinances.

## Air evacuated

### Whitmore Lake man hurt

A 77-year-old Whitmore Lake resident was air evacuated from the scene of an accident in Canton last Tuesday, said Canton Police.

Forrest Stillion remained in stable condition Friday, said police, who added that he was airlifted from the scene by Med Flight to St. Joseph's in

Ann Arbor.

Police said Stillion lost control of his automobile while traveling eastbound on Geddes Road near Barr Road and then struck a tree.

Police said that slippery road conditions last Tuesday played a part in the one-car accident.

## Addenda & errata

Plymouth City Commissioner Jerry Vorva said that the city and the township should consolidate the positions of the police and fire chiefs, and not the entire departments as reported in the Dec. 27 edition of The Crier.



# Friends & Neighbors

On her 3rd novel

## Writer finds romance in publishing

BY PATRICIA BROWN

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1946, and at one time even taught in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Now, after retiring from owning her own company, Jackie Troutman is fast becoming an established author.

In 1983, Troutman, who writes under her maiden name Jackie Dalton, and her business partner decided to get out of the business of producing nutritional film strips. At that time, she did a little self analysis to see what it was she liked doing the most.

"I surprised myself to discover, that what I had really liked the best was writing the scripts for our film strips," said the City of Plymouth resident. "but I had never perceived myself to be writer, and so I have a cousin who is a writer and I was visiting with her and she said, you really ought to try your hand at romances."

The 61-year-old Troutman took her cousin's advise and now five years later she has had two books published.

Her first book, "Dark Lullaby," was published in October 1988 and her second book, "Forbidden Treasure," followed close behind in February 1989.

About her new found success Troutman said, "Writing is fun and interesting but trying to sell a book is the pits."

She added, "Being published is as much a matter of being in the right place at the right time, as it is talent."

Troutman found that statement to be true when she attempted to find a publisher to publish her second book.

"I had submitted some material to the editor and she liked my writing but it (the finished manuscript) was too long," she said. "So, I submitted a proposal and she liked it, but I was very aware that she was hurting for something very

quickly and I got the changes in there right away."

That was how her second book was published, which she said was "written in record breaking time."

The inscription in Troutman's second book reads, "Dedicated to Joan Healy and her fellow librarians, whose enthusiastic research allowed an idea to become a story."

Healy and the librarians work at the Dunning-Hough Library in the City of Plymouth. "They did a wonderful job trying to track down information on diamond mining for me," she said.

Before Troutman reached the point of actually writing and selling her first book, she had to spend some time learning how to write a book.

The first book she sold through an agent, and her second book she sold on her own. The process of selling a book to a publisher, according to Troutman, is very complicated and no two book sales are alike.

Being a writer of romance novels led Troutman to join the Detroit Chapter of the Romance Writers of America.

"It's a support group and only somebody out there sitting upstairs in a room by themselves, with a word processor, reading rejections slips, knows what it's like, and you need to share with those people" she said. "Only another writer can really comprehend."

Currently, Troutman, a grandmother of 15, is working on her third book, which she describes as a "murder mystery."

At this point, the book is with her agent.

"I am in one of the many agonizing periods in a writer's life," Troutman said. "I am waiting to see if she considers it to be marketable. Step one, if she does, and then the next step is for her to convince the appropriate publisher that it's marketable."

"Every step you wait."

It is a process Troutman said can take "forever, and a couple of weeks longer."



Jackie Troutman, a City of Plymouth resident, holds her two romance novels. The books were published in 1988 and 1989. Troutman is working on a third novel which she describes as a murder mystery. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

The year that was:

# Elections, politics, history fill 1989

PG. 7 THE COMMUNITY CRIER: January 3, 1990

Now is a good time for sitting back and reflecting on the events of the past year, especially with the passing of the decade and the start of the 1990s.

The following is a brief examination of the events and people which made headlines throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1989.

**January:** Just two days after New Year's, residents of Canton are shocked to learn that a township man is being charged with the murder of his wife.

When Leonard Tyburksi's daughter discovered the long missing body of her mother in a family basement freezer it set off national and international media attention like that rarely seen in the quiet township. Leonard Tyburksi is held in the death police say he killed Dorothy and hid her body in the freezer for more than three years.

At the same time as grisly news was coming out of Canton, the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Marching Band makes its triumphant return after performing in the Orange Bowl Parade on New Year's Eve.

In the City of Plymouth, city police officer Jerry Vorva begins a long fight against his firing over remarks made to The Crier concerning ticket quotas. (Vorva's fight drags on to this day.) traditions makes the news: St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth Township, which closed in 1988, goes on the block for sale in January. Also, the Canton Country Festival, a long running event in the township, is declared "dead" and plans begin to find a suitable replacement event.

**February:** The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, still in desparate financial shape, begin talking about yet another millage vote, while Canton officials conceive the Canton Challenge Festival to replace the Country Festival.

In other news: Michigan State Police make their second raid in several months at a freeway rest stop along I-275 in Canton; and the dean of local journalism in Plymouth-Canton, Fred Delano, dies at his California home.

**March:** A conflict over a new memorial honoring local soldiers killed in Korea and Vietnam surfaces as members of the local VFW and American Legion posts voice opposition to the project. The memorial, put together by the Plymouth Vietnam Veterans Association (PVVA), will duplicate the Plymouth Rock, say VFW and Legion officials. PVVA members say the community has gone too long without honoring Korean and Vietnam war dead. (More on this later.)

Johnson Controls Automotive Group announces it will move to a technology park in Plymouth Township sometime in 1989 or 1990.

In Canton, the McDonald's Corporation begins the push for a third outlet in the township despite



Air Tile, in Plymouth's Old Village, is destroyed in a spectacular fire in August. (Crier photo)

opposition from residents and local officials.

**April:** School board member Barbara Graham comes under fire for a visit to a Canton High School classroom, while seven local residents (including incumbent Dave Artley) toss their hats into the ring for the one school board post on the election ballot in June.

Officials from Canton travel to Washington D.C. to push for a demonstration grant, while back at home the state announces a fish contamination warning for the Middle Branch of the Rouge River. Canton also enters a "host" agreement with Wayne Disposal-Canton for a new landfill.

Long time Schoolcraft College trustee Rosina Raymond dies; work continues on additions to Oakwood and the Arbor Health medical building facilities.

And in a surprise, a new project is announced for the historic Wilcox House in downtown Plymouth.

**May:** By this time last year there had been more than 10 fatal automobile accidents in Plymouth-Canton, causing concern among local police officials.

The Citizens For Better Education (CBE) group come to the forefront of the news again as the pre-election schools race heats us. Some local residents ask non-CBE candidates to "gang up" on CBE supported candidate Robert Anderson Jr.

**June:** In a record voter turnout residents of Plymouth-Canton grant the school district a four mills tax increase while at the same time re-electing Artley to the school board.

In the city, seven candidates file for four seats on the city commission. Mayor Karl Gansler announces he will not run for office again.

The Tyburksi trial begins in Detroit; a Canton police officer is suspended for alleged substance use; and the new 9-1-1 emergency system goes on-line

The crumbling Wilcox House is to be renovated, it is announced in April. (Crier photo)

**July:** Henry Graper Jr., Plymouth's city manager for 10 years, resigns under fire and Bill Graham, city finance director, is appointed acting city manager.

The new memorial to local veterans of Korea and Vietnam is dedicated on July 4 in a moving ceremony that draws 100s to Kellogg Park. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young speaks in Plymouth.

Canton Fire Chief Mel Paulun becomes an instant hero as he saves a two-year-old Canton youth by rushing into a smoke filled mobile home at a township mobile home park.

**August:** Local ice star Neil Carnes dies after a "chase" in the city and Plymouth Township; Dennis Bila is appointed mayor of Plymouth; and the Plymouth Planning Commission

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The day after resigning as Plymouth city manager, Henry Graper (left) chats with Bill Graham, who was named as acting city manager. (Crier photo)

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**PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS LUNCH**  
 The Plymouth Newcomers Club will host a luncheon on Jan. 11 at the Livonia Marriott. Hospitality starts at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The club is for new residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township who have lived-in the community for two years or less. The cost is \$10. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 8 at noon. For information and reservations call 453-3722 or 453-7224.

**MEMBERSHIP COFFEE**  
 The Plymouth Newcomers Club is planning a membership coffee for prospective members at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18. The coffee, and club, is for those who have lived in Plymouth for less than two years. For more information on the group call 459-5593.

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**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**  
 The Plymouth Family Support Groups of the Alzheimer's Association will meet Jan. 3 and Jan. 8. The evening group meets on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m., while the afternoon group meets today (Jan. 3) at 1 p.m. Support groups for caregivers, family members and friends of those afflicted by Alzheimer's disease. The groups meet at Arbor Health Center, 477-8617.

**BOATING SKILLS CLASS**  
 Coast Guard Auxiliary boating skills and seamanship class will begin Jan. 16 and end Feb. 22 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Canton High School's Little Theatre. The course is held at 7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton flotilla. For more information call 451-6600 or 981-5898.

**BAHA'I DISCUSSION**  
 A talk entitled "Beyond the Commandments - 12 Principles for Spiritual Development," will be presented by Mary Olson, public affairs representative for the Baha'i Faith of Canton on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sherwood Mobile Home Court in Canton. For more information call 455-7845.

**SCHOOLCRAFT FACILITIES**  
 Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services division has a variety of programs for residents of the college district: They include: Sunday Health Club, Thursday Gym and Swim and Saturday Gym and Swim. The Sunday club is open for families, while the other two programs allow individual use of college facilities. For full details on the programs call 462-4413.

**COOKIES FOR SALE**  
 The Huron Valley Girl Scout Council will be taking advance orders for Girl Scout cookies beginning Jan. 12-28 at a cost of \$2 per box. The Huron Valley group includes local Plymouth-Canton Girl Scout programs. For information about order taking call the council at 483-2379 or call 1-800-552-4929. Also, contact your local scout troops for information.

**MARGARET DUNNING SCHOLARSHIP**  
 COMMUNITY Federal Credit Union and the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club are again accepting applications for the Margaret Dunning Scholarship to benefit those entering the business world. Applications can be obtained by sending a self addressed, stamped envelope to the Margaret Dunning Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box. 5338, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Applications are due by March 1.

**NORTHVILLE RECYCLING PROGRAM**  
 Northville Township has begun a voluntary recycling program for township residents. The collection center is located at 16155 Sheldon Rd., just north of Five Mile Road. The voluntary center will accept newspapers, glass, plastic jugs, cans, used motor oil, car batteries and household batteries. Call 348-5800 for further information.

**YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY**  
 The Canton Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring a floor hockey program for boys and girls in grades one through six beginning with a five-week clinic on Jan. 22. League play begins on Feb. 2. The cost is \$18 per youth. All league games will be played on Saturday mornings at Miller Elementary School. Registration begins today (Jan. 3). Call 397-5110 for further details.

**VIETNAM VETERANS**  
 Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans are invited to a meeting on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Hall to discuss the formation of a Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans Association. For further information call 981-0944.

**GROWTH WORKS VOLUNTEERS**  
 Growth Works, Inc., of Plymouth is recruiting and training volunteers as mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. Training is open to all interested residents, 21 and over and no previous experience is required. For further information and training details call Susan Davis at 455-4090.

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**WSU BUSINESS SEMINAR**  
 The Wayne State University School of Business will host a free workshop — "How to Start or Run a Small Business" — at the Radisson Hotel in Plymouth Township on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. The workshop will cover a variety of business topics, including new tax law changes, business pitfalls and the hottest businesses in 1990. The two-hour session is open to the public; seating is limited to a first come, first serve basis.

**JAYCEES WEEK**  
 The Plymouth and Canton Jaycees have announced Jaycee Week for Jan. 21-27 in the community. The groups run various projects throughout the community, including the Fourth of July parade. For further information concerning the local group, which celebrated their 50th anniversary in December, write them at P.O. Box 279, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

**AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASSES**  
 Canton's Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Fitness Factory, is offering a 10-week session of high energy and low impact aerobics classes beginning on Jan. 15. For further information call 397-5110.

**WORKSHOP ON CAREERS**  
 Schoolcraft College's Career Planning and Placement Center is offering a free workshop open to the public on Career and Job Change. It will be held on Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Building on the Livonia campus. For further information call 462-4400.

**GIFTED TESTING PROGRAM**  
 The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will once again be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program for fall 1990. All third graders will be screened with the Cognitive Abilities Test from Jan. 29 through Feb. 20. Parents of second, fourth and fifth graders can also nominate children. The TAG department will also accept nominations of fourth through seventh graders. Further information may be obtained at a TAG information night at Allet Elementary School on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Call the TAG office at 451-6574 for details.

**WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH**  
 The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 5 at the First Presbyterian Church on Church Street. Program on "Decorating With Pictures," will be presented by Dr. Alvin Larson. Call 453-5034.

**PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOW**  
 The Plymouth Train Show will be held on Jan. 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Cewnter. For further information call 455-4455.

**RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**  
 The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Wayne County needs volunteers. The three-day training will be held Jan. 29 and Feb. 1-2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Catholic Social Services in Detroit. RSVP Literacy volunteers are also needed. For further information call 883-2100, ext. 367.

**NEW MORNING OPENINGS**  
 New Morning School, in Plymouth Township, has limited openings in its parent-toddler class, Me and My Shadow, on Friday mornings beginning Jan. 12. Classes are for two to three year olds and their parents. Call New Morning at 420-3331 for further information. The school office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 7.

**ACT PREP CLASSES**  
 Schoolcraft College will offer a course to prepare students to take the ACT college entrance examination. The course is being held on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m. for three weeks beginning on Jan. 20. The course fee is \$42 and includes a textbook. For further information call 462-4448.

**SENIORS POT LUCK**  
 All senior citizens are invited to the monthly potluck luncheon at noon on Jan. 8 in the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Township. Bring food dish to pass and table services. Discussion will be on "Senior Citizens and Taxes."

**STORYTIME REGISTRATION**  
 Registration for the Parent-Toddler Storytime begins on Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. in person and 10:30 a.m. by phone. Sessions will be at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for four consecutive weeks beginning Jan. 10. Children must be two to three and a half years of age. On Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., registration will begin for the 10 a.m. pre-school storytime (starts on Jan. 15 for four weeks); on Jan. 9, at 7 p.m., registration begins for the evening pre-school storytime (starts on Jan. 16 for four weeks). For further information call the Plymouth District Library at 453-0750.

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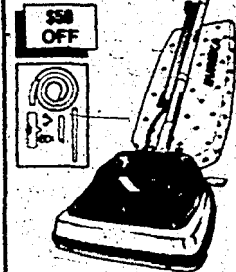
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## Selling Plymouth

Dennis Bita (center), mayor of the City of Plymouth, and Maurice Breen (right), supervisor of Plymouth Township, get together to support the Plymouth community. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is offering "Plymouth" sweatshirts (\$20) and keychains (\$3). A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the Plymouth Community Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

## PCAC presents grants

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) recently gave "presents" to 15 Plymouth-Canton teachers and their students.

The "presents" are the 1989 Teacher Project Assistance Grants awarded to teachers for their creative projects to enhance their classes in all phases of the arts and humanities.

The Grants Committee, chaired by Lorna Nitz, chose to fund 15 grants totaling more than \$6,000 this year.

Some of the winning grants:

- Debra MacGregor, fifth grade teacher at Allen School, was awarded \$300 for her work integrating the study of weather and the arts.

- Mable Partain, a visual arts teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy, received \$700 to purchase a metal enameling kiln to allow students to explore three dimensional craft of jewelry making.

- The Humanities and Odyssey Program at Salem High, chaired by Maribeth Carroll, was awarded \$1,600 to bring in various speakers in such areas as Russian culture, opera, dance and religion.

- H. Michael Endres, orchestra director for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, received a \$400 grant to bring four professional string instrument players to the schools for demonstration clinics.



## Places to be

### WSU sponsors seminar

## Tackling business in 1990

The Wayne State University School of Business will host a free workshop in Plymouth, on "How to Start or Run a Small Business."

The seminar is set for Jan. 31 at the Plymouth Radisson Hotel on Northville Road in Plymouth Township. It will begin at 7 p.m.

The discussion will cover such items as: the 10 hottest businesses for 1990; how to slash taxes; the 20 biggest pitfalls in starting and running a small business; and how to start a business with very little cash.

The two-hour session is open to the public, but seating is limited. Reservations will not be accepted; the session will be open on a first come, first serve basis.

Wayne State, the eighth largest urban university in the United States, has presented "shirt-sleeve" workshops for more than six years.

The Jan. 31 session will be the first presented in Plymouth during 1990. It will also include a discussion on the latest tax law changes.

## Canton hockey program

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Wayne-Westland YMCA, is sponsoring a youth floor hockey program at Field, Hulsing and Hoben elementary schools.

All league games will be played on Saturday mornings at Miller Elementary School. Clinics are set to be held at Field, Hulsing and Hoben schools.

A five-week clinic begins on Jan. 22 and a four-week league starts up on Feb. 3. It is open to boys and girls in grades one through six.

The cost is \$18 per youth and registration begins today (Jan. 3) at the Canton Parks and Recreation office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

For further information on the clinics and league call 397-5110.

## Veterans will gather

Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans will gather on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Hall on Ann Arbor Road as a part of on-going efforts to form a Vietnam Veterans Association in Plymouth-Canton.

The group, open to Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans, is dedicated to promoting an active and supporting

voice in the community in regards to political and financial issues which have an effect on all veterans.

Among the areas the group will be concerned with include education, VA hospitals and benefits.

For further information about the Jan. 10 meeting and the group's future goals call Gregory Huddas at 981-0944.

## Contest focuses on rights

"Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights: What Does It Mean to Us Today?"

That's the essay topic for the 12th annual Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest.

All high school students currently enrolled in a high school within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district are eligible to compete. All entries must be submitted to contest chairperson Jerry Thompson no later than midnight, March 15, 1990.

The three finalists will be awarded cash prizes as follows: \$125 for first, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third place.

In an effort to stimulate student participation, for each additional five entries beyond a minimum of 10, the Civitans will add \$25 at each prize level.

Interested students can obtain contest information at both Canton and Salem general offices. For further information call Thompson at 451-6600, ext. 44 or Joe Henshaw at 453-7569.

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Janie Logan, Secretary  
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# Community Deaths

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## Spencer, 5 months old

Brandon-Reed Spencer, five months, of Canton, died Dec. 26 in Ann Arbor. Funeral services were Dec. 30 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with Rev. George Charnley officiating.

Interment took place at the United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Survivors include: parents Steven B. Spencer and Maria A. Spencer, of Canton; brother Steven B. Spencer Jr., of Canton; sister Melissa Kay Spencer, of Canton; grandparents Clifford Campeau and Carol Campeau, of Canton, and Donald E. Spencer, of Slippery Rock, PA.

## O'Shea, a homemaker

Catherine O'Shea, 85, died Dec. 9, in Detroit. Services were held Dec. 12 at St. Valentine Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Thomas Belczak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

Mrs. O'Shea was a homemaker who came to Plymouth in 1985 from Redford. She was born in Ireland and was a member of St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford.

Survivors include: daughter Kathleen Morin, of Plymouth; son John F. O'Shea, of Dearborn; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in the form of mass offerings.

Local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home, in Plymouth.

## Kintner, of Canton

Jessie E. Kintner, 73, of Canton, died Dec. 6 in Garden City. Services were held Dec. 9 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with Pastor Randy Whitcomb officiating. Burial was in Zion Cemetery, in Ogden Township, with the Rev. Gary Williams officiating.

Mrs. Kintner was a homemaker, who came to the Canton community in 1936 from Blissfield, MI. She was born and raised in the Gladwin area.

Survivors include: husband Clyde W., of Canton; daughters Anita Honke, of Plymouth, and Barbara Mucker, of Westland; four brothers and seven sisters; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.

## Ruffino, a homemaker

Josephine M. Ruffino, of Canton, died Dec. 7 in Superior Township. Services were held Dec. 11 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton, with the Rev. Ernest M. Porcari officiating. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, in Southfield.

Mrs. Ruffino was a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton and a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughter Kathryn M. Voyt, of Canton; brother James Presti; sisters Julia D'Aiuto, Clara D'Aiuto, and Mary Ilg; and grandson Nicholas Voyt, of Canton.

Local arrangements made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, in Plymouth.

## North, founder of Nazarene



ROBERT NORTH

Pastor Robert A. North, 87, of Franklin, died Dec. 27, in Southfield. Services were held Jan. 2 at the Schrader Funeral Home, with the Pastor Mark Barnes officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. North was the founding pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, which was founded in 1933. He served at the church until 1945 at which time he became pastor of the Grace Church of the Nazarene in Detroit.

He is also a former pastor of Port Huron Church of the Nazarene, Zion Church of the Nazarene, Adrian church of the Nazarene and Imlay Church of the Nazarene.

In 1972 Mr. North returned to Plymouth to become associate pastor and minister of visitation at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, until he retired in 1985.

Survivors include: wife Ruby, of Franklin; sons Robert, of Shawnee, KS, Richard, of Portsmouth, OH, and Paul, of East Detroit; daughters Beth McCoy, of Franklin, and Joan Harmon, of Grand Ledge; brothers Hugh, James, Edwin and John; sisters Isabel Merritt and June Matheny; 19 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

## Clement, a carpenter

Fred Clement, 79, of Mancelona, died Dec. 27, in Jackson. Services were held Dec. 30 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, in Westland.

Mr. Clement was a self employed carpenter who worked in Plymouth for more than 27 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1936 from Wayne. Mr. Clement was also a member of the Plymouth Elks 1780.

Survivors include: wife Ethyl L., of Mancelona; sons Fred, of Plymouth, and Gary, of Wilcox, AZ; five grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, of Michigan.

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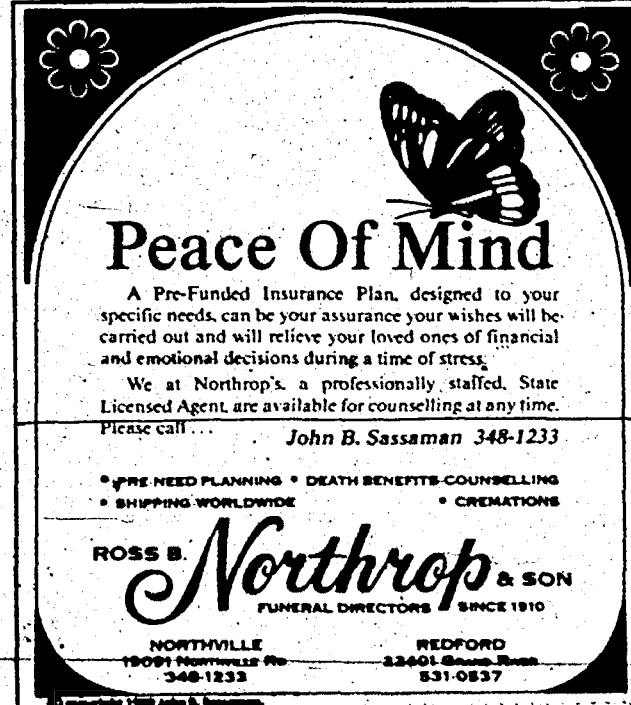



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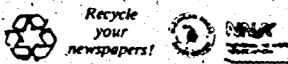
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# How to fight 'City Hall' and why

The addage, "You can't fight City Hall," is bunk.

First of all, "City Hall" is a figurative example of folks' frustration with getting access to government in general. The addage is often applied to Township Hall, County Government, the State Capitol and Washington, D.C. with the same frustration.

For example, a Plymouth Township mobile home park resident who was a leader in a fight before the state's Mobile Home Commission, said, "I don't know what good it will do. You can't fight City Hall."

She was wrong, as it turned out -- but more on her case later.

Secondly, the old saying is often perpetuated by those in power or those with access to it in order to discourage power structure newcomers and "little folks" from standing up.

The purpose here -- initiated by several notable efforts of Plymouth-Canton residents -- is to present a modern day primer for the famous Norman Rockwell painting of the man in an old jacket standing up at a town meeting.

You CAN fight City Hall, Township Hall, County Government, State Government and the Federal Government.

Not only that, you SHOULD.

Participatory democracy doesn't seem accessible until a Plymouth City Commissioner loses by seven votes or a Plymouth-Canton School millage loses by a tie vote.

Then, voters -- or non-voters, in particular -- seem upset.

The current City of Plymouth Mayor, Dennis Bila, (while he was only a mere planning commission member) once presented a memorable dissertation to the deaf ears of a now-deposed City Manager. He spoke about the wonderful democratic process that puts citizen boards in charge of making policy for administrators to carry out.

He was 100 per cent right. Maybe 1,000 percent.

Each citizen and property-or-business owner has the DUTY (not the RIGHT) to affect government to his or her satisfaction.

You need not be intimidated by the natural formidable fortress a governmental building -- or administration portrays.

The laws are on your side.

Granted, the folks in government aren't always as willing to help citizens change a policy, fight a rezoning, counter a proposed ordinance, elect a newcomer, or obtain a ballot referendum as the citizenry might wish or expect.

After all, it's a change to uncertainty at best.

At worst, it's more work and potentially even more threatening than that.

Yet, by and large, politicians and civil servants toil in the trenches with honest intentions day in and day out. (The obvious exceptions eventually receive widespread notoriety.)

Importantly, beginning 200 years ago with the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the leaders who have

formed governmental structures and policies in this country have recognized the vital role that citizen participation plays.

The State of Michigan has passed laws accordingly.

Basically, there are three main ingredients to accomplishing change in government: laws, politics and manners.

They interplay with each other and if you make a mistake in any part, it could thwart your efforts no matter how meritorious your goal.

Begin at the start.

If you've got your dander up about a cause, begin by obtaining all the information on the matter. You may be convinced you know everything about the ally closing behind your house, but it never hurts to double check. Remember Will Rogers: "It's not what we don't know that hurts, it's what we know that ain't so."

Both U.S. and Michigan laws provide extra muscle for obtaining information, but, again, start at the beginning -- politely.

Ask the appropriate governmental unit for pertinent information and the answers to any unanswered questions. Generally a polite phone call (remember... manners) will open doors and file cabinets.

If, however, you are shut-out, you still have the laws on your side.

State law allows you access to most of the information needed while fighting "City Hall" -- be it Plymouth City Hall, Canton or Plymouth Township Halls, or the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board Office.

A verbal request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act is legal, but a written follow-up covers everyone. Address your letter to both the political body (i.e. the school board, the township board, the city commission) and to the chief administrator if there is one (i.e. the school superintendent, the city manager, the township supervisor). Hand-deliver the letter and ask for a receipt to keep with your copy or mail your letter certified mail.

The letter should specifically state, "Under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442; MCLA 15.231 et seq, I request the following information..."

The state law does not require that the governmental unit create a new document containing your requested information, although governments frequently will do so. It does, however, require that you be given access to existing records. (There are certain exempt areas.)

A governmental unit normally has five days to respond, but may take 10 days if there are "unusual circumstances."

You may be charged for copies of information, although most Plymouth-Canton Community governmental units waive such charges unless they feel a request to be excessive.

Once you've armed yourself with all the information, you're ready to lead the charge.

Each local governmental unit allows

for citizen comments at its meeting and generally encourages citizens' participation during the item's discussion. If your issue isn't on the agenda, it's appropriately raised during the "citizens' comments" section. Otherwise, wait until your issue is up for discussion.

Manners are an important ally of politics at this stage.

One prominent Plymouth Township businessman called the zoning board of appeals members "Communists" when they weren't going along with his suggestion. It didn't help his cause and brought him public ridicule.

As the Rolling Stones said, "You can't always get what you want."

But by politely disagreeing, you may realize the rest of the Stones' phrase, "But if you try sometimes, you just

might find, you get what you need."

The Plymouth Township mobile home park residents are a case in point. By working through the system to air their grievances against the park, these residents got a compromise and maintained a good relationship with the landlord.

When these normal steps fail to accomplish your goal, the next most effective route is politics.

Few politicians can ignore the power of the ballot box and the implications there.

When Canton Township recently proposed banning the storage of recreational vehicles in residential driveways and yards, a number of the RV enthusiasts banded together to take action.

They accomplished some good -- and



This "guest" editorial cartoon was penned by former Crier advertising director and part-time spoons player, Mark Ferrarulo, of Naples, FL. A former Plymouth resident, he sketched it while sitting watching Plymouth City Hall, but it's meant to be the figurative seat of government -- it could also be Plymouth-Canton Schools Board offices, Canton Township Hall or Plymouth Township Hall, the Wayne county Building, the State Capitol or the White House.

some bad.

First of all, they did "arrive" politically. There's nothing wrong with packing the Canton Board meeting parking lot with RVs and then packing the township hall meeting room. That lets the board know the citizenry is up in arms.

But, some of the RV folks forgot an important part of the troika: manners.

Personally attacking planning commission members doesn't serve anyone's purpose and the RVers lost political clout when some of their colleagues did so.

Not only does it turn off the folks at "City Hall," but it discourages other would-be supporters from coming forward to join the group.

Soliciting more support is the key to political solutions -- for both sides of an issue.

Another tool here is the "letter to the editor." Enlisting support is often a question only of alerting your neighbors to a problem. Don't hesitate to approach the newspapers to publish a letter or even to ask for coverage or editorial support from the newspaper. (The Crier lists its staff members each week -- see box at left -- to identify your potential contacts here.)

Political ads are another route to forcefully make a statement.

Back to the Plymouth Township mobile home residents, and, for that matter, the park's owner. Once the disagreement surfaced, both the residents and the park owner went public -- politely -- to state their cases. The newspaper was able to air their complete feelings and in the end, the political decisions each side wanted were won.

Similarly, an Ann Arbor Trail homeowner recently hosted a meeting of her neighbors and a developer who is seeking to build a project nearby in the City of Plymouth.

While this meeting perhaps didn't change any opinions, it did at least inform each side of the concerns and politely establish dialogue.

This could be a key to the neighbors' and the developer's future political clout at "City Hall."

Governmental meetings can get emotional.

Old-time Plymouth-Canton Community residents can remember the proposed mega-mall known as the Mocerri Project and the grand-daddy of all out-of-control meetings: During the Canton Planning Commission hearing on the project, some residents stood on their chairs screaming.

That meeting brought to mind why Mark Twain likened the making of laws to the making of sausages -- they're both a pretty disgusting process to observe.

But, it's also true that local governmental units sometimes have discouraged public input at meetings.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board, in the past, held a meeting during a teachers' strike where there wasn't even enough room for the entire audience to get into the board building, let alone into the room.

On occasions, the local governments have closed the doors on meetings they

shouldn't have. (Like when the Canton Board decided to meet behind closed doors to discuss arguments with an elected township board member and the rest of the board.)

You have the right to demand that public policy be made in public. Even when a board is discussing a matter in private -- as in certain areas is allowed by the law -- you have the right to know why. All public meetings must be posted in advance and minutes (as proposed) must be available within eight business days.

If you are denied access, the law allows for a civil suit to be brought. (The Crier successfully used this law against Plymouth City Hall when the commission met illegally a decade ago to fire a former city manager and hire a new one.)

Politics is also given legal clout at the ballot box.

Got a beef against "City Hall"? You've always got the right to run for office or to petition for a referendum.

When a City of Plymouth policeman was fired, he took the fight public and then ran for the City Commission. After finishing at the top of the election field, he felt vindicated, at least in part.

When a group of citizens felt they were dissatisfied with school materials and programs in the Plymouth-Canton Schools, they organized candidates for the school board. One of them won a seat -- assuring a voice on the board even though they're not the majority.

Referendum is a citizen right as well, but it's been rarely initiated by voters in the Plymouth-Canton Community without some sort of blessing by those in political power.

The law allows for the ultimate in political clout -- recall.

Canton Township saw a recall against the Harold-Stein-Anne Bradley crew fail, the City of Plymouth many years ago saw its commission ousted.

Recall is an extreme measure and the election laws don't make it easy -- but it's always a possibility.

(Advice on using the election laws can be obtained from the city or township clerks, the school board's election clerk, the boards of canvassers, or from the county clerk or the Michigan Secretary of State office.)

Another extreme, of course, is to sue the government. Like recall, this is an extreme (and costly) process to be used only under the most-unusual of circumstances.

Most importantly, don't forget where it all starts -- being an informed VOTER. If you don't vote, you can't expect to get as far. For that matter, it would add to your political clout to encourage others to vote -- whichever way they cast their ballots.

You have many ways to fight "City Hall."

But why should you? Because, if YOU don't affect governmental policy making, someone else will.

Use your clout! There's no need to feel overwhelmed or timid. You're entitled to stand up and have a say in what's going on.

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# Community opinions

## Police, fire, DPW support Graham

EDITOR:

City Manager -- "An administrator appointed by a city council to manage the affairs of the municipality."

A simple definition for a responsible and complicated position. One which requires a candidate who possesses an acute awareness of the needs of the people; is able to maintain a responsible attitude towards city employees; has the ability to look for reasonable and realistic solutions to problems; and, who is able to maintain a quality of service which the citizens deserve.

In support of William Graham as City Manager, we feel he possesses the attributes necessary to achieve and maintain a positive stance for this community and its welfare. We believe his integrity will carry forth in dealing fairly with all people and situations, and that he will be an asset to this City and its people.

The City of Plymouth needs Bill Graham!

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## Present both sides-- not just ANC

EDITOR:

With regard to the "Culture Contact" article in the Dec. 20 Crier, it's wonderful that our young people are being given the opportunity to learn something about a culture outside of the United States. It's certainly about time, since most Americans don't even know where those countries are that were mentioned in the article -- by the way, it's Zimbabwe not Simbabwe and Ethiopia not Etheopia.

Of those six countries mentioned, South Africa was chosen to be highlighted and once again, a very slanted view of their culture was reported, but since you were quging a member of the ANC, that's not surprising. The ANC is the most radical anti-apartheid group in South Africa, they condone terrorist activities and most probably are Communist backed.

It scares me to think that someone from that organization is talking to our youth, who are at a very impressionable age.

I spent six years in South Africa, and there is a lot of good to be said for South Africa that never makes the news and there is change because South Africans, white and black, are ready for change. Don't believe that white suppression would not occur if the ANC should take over. Study what has happened in Zimbabwe, Zambia or Ethiopia for insight here.

What I'm trying to say is, please don't accept what this ANC, or any radical, spokesperson says as the true facts. There is much, much more to South Africa. If you really want to give your students insight into this or any culture, they ought to get both sides.

NANCY TRUXELL

## Thanks, from IPSEP

EDITOR:

On behalf of the staff, parents, and families of children enrolled in the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program (IPSEP) we would like to thank the following area merchants for their generous donations to our annual Christmas party:

Bob's of Canton, Burger King Restaurants, Cinnacraz, Dunkin' Donuts, Elias Bros. Big Boy Rest., Farmer Jack Supermarkets, Great

Scott Supermarkets Inc., Grunwald's House of Fudge, Guernsey Farms Dairy, Hygrade Food Products Corp., K-mart, Kroger, McDonald's Restaurant, Meijer, Showbiz Pizza Palace, Sian's Market, White Castle System, Inc.

Our party would not have been possible without the goodwill of these people. Once again -- many thanks!

IPSEP STAFF

Kids who care

## Sponsor SOFA

Apathy.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary apathy is defined as: 1) lack of emotion or feeling 2) indifference.

One of the problems presented by capitalist systems is the rather materialistic tendency to focus on improving one's status by gaining more and more "things."

In the attempt to gain more and more "things," people, events and conditions, which do not have a direct effect on the effort to get more "things," can be pushed very far down on one's priority list.

It takes a great deal of effort to muster the energy to do something about, or even care about, something that doesn't hit you right between the eyes when you get home from work.

It's hard to get hyped up about rain forests or dolphins or human rights when your furnace breaks down and it's 10 below outside -- hence... apathy.

The people of this country have become very selfish and very lazy.

Many would rather sit on the couch and watch "A1f" reruns rather than put forth the extra effort for some good cause, there are a million of them out there, in order to make this world a better place.

That is why it is absolutely inconceivable to me that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district is refusing to sponsor the group Students Organized for Action (SOFA).

Young men and women at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) are taking the time to care about the conditions which exist on this planet.

They see that there are problems ranging from the environment to the human condition in general.

They are studying the events and situations which cause these problems and they are learning, as young adults, how to deal with them and possibly how to solve them.

Attorneys for the district say the goals of the group are not consistent

## 'Judgment' tax

## Under protest

EDITOR:

No doubt you've had a chance to read the articles concerning the City of Plymouth charging residents to pay for its judgment fee.

I'm fighting mad and so are a lot of other people, once they learn what this "judgment" is and how it came about.

I have today paid our 1989 winter taxes with two checks. One check is for the judgment amount of \$32.58, which we have paid UNDER PROTEST. The other check is for the balance of our winter taxes.

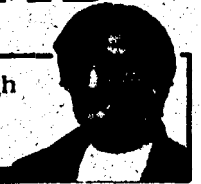
Edward Talbot is entitled to every penny of the judgment awarded him, if not more. However, the taxpayers should not be held responsible for paying this unnecessary debt.

The entire judgment amount should be paid by the former city manager, Henry Graper.

PATRICIA KEETH

Forest through the trees

By Todd Langton



with that of the curriculum of the district.

How is it possible that learning how to deal with any real life problem is not consistent with district educational goals?

What are schools for if not to teach children how to deal with life?

The world is becoming a very small place. What happens in Central America, or any part of the world for that matter, can have a tremendous effect on what happens in this country, as is evidenced by the recent invasion of Panama.

These students are taking the time to care about their world.

With apathy running rampant in this country we have some students, right here in this community, who want to care and want to learn, through their own efforts, how to make this world a better place.

Making the world a better place isn't in line with curriculum goals?

Heaven forbid that young people should have interests of their own that they want to explore.

Is the school district in the business of repressing student interests if they are not the "safe" little quiet fairy tale type?

If this district is interested in preparing its students for life beyond the educational walls then, with all the vigor it can muster, the district should sponsor SOFA without making the group alter its charter.

If the district is not interested in preparing its students for life then it should refuse to sponsor SOFA and implement classes at the high school level such as "Beginning Cinderella" and "Apathy 101."

# 'Schools of choice' bill on horizon

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An out of formula district is one which collects enough revenue from taxes to spend more than the level of spending the state sets per pupil and therefore does not qualify for state aid. In formula districts do qualify for state aid.

"If (the bill) takes away funding from schools it's kind of like helping someone to walk by cutting them off at the knees," said Richard Egli, community relations administrator for the Plymouth-Canton district, of the bill which sponsors say should improve the quality of education.

The bill would also put a severe strain on out of formula districts such as that of the Plymouth-Canton schools, said Hoedel.

"If we had the room to receive students then it could pose a real financial burden in the schools in that we are not receiving any state membership aid," he said.

The \$300 tuition that the district may charge will not nearly cover the approximately \$4,000 it takes to educate a student in this district for one year.

Even if the bill did pass, Egli said, the Plymouth-Canton Schools would only be able to accept a limited number of students.

"We would have no room at the high school. We would have no room at most of the elementary schools," he

said. "We are jammed now. It's not as though we could open it up and bring people in even if we wanted to.

"I don't want to give the impression that we are opposed to the concept (of schools of choice) because I don't think we are," Egli said.

"I think the concept of schools of choice is coming and I don't think that's bad. I think that's good," he said. "It just doesn't look as though this will be the bill that does it."

According to Manthe, Egli may be right.

The bill is stuck in the Senate Education Committee and may be "issuing its last gasp," Manthe said.

Geake said he supported the bill because he supports the idea of schools of choice.

"I believe that every school will work harder and try to meet the needs of children and families more if they know they have to compete with other schools for their students," he said.

The bill may yet go through some changes, Geake said. "This is just a first draft of the bill."

"It was not really designed for the urban or metropolitan areas and the bill will take quite a bit of modification in order to be practical for Wayne County or Oakland County," he said.

Geake said that there will be general support for the bill as long as the parents who wish their children to attend schools out of their district are

responsible for the children's transportation.

The schools of choice bill which seems to have the best chance of passing is a House bill which will force school districts to examine the possibility of choosing schools within a district, Manthe said.

House Bill 4615, which may be voted shortly, Manthe said, will make school boards look at the issue and decide by 1993 whether or not they want to have schools of choice within their district, he said.

Under the bill, residents will be able to give input at public hearings but will not be able to vote on the issue.

School boards currently have the

power to adopt intra-district policies if they want, Manthe said.

This district already has some form of schools of choice at the high school level, Hoben said.

The district board of education could implement a district wide schools of choice program if it wanted, he said.

Hoben, who said that he would support intra-district schools of choice, said that he is not certain that choice is needed in this district.

The hiring process for teachers and the curriculum is the same throughout the district, therefore all the district's teachers, though they may deliver the information differently, have the same qualifications regardless of the school they work in, Hoben said.

## P-C ski programs

Learn to ski along with the Plymouth and Canton Recreation Departments at Riverview Highlands ski area.

The City of Plymouth program offers four lessons, complete rental equipment, and four lift tickets. The fee for the lessons will be \$35 or \$25, without equipment.

Lessons will begin for both children (minimum of eight years of age) and adults on the week of Jan. 8. A second session will be start the week of Jan. 22, and a final session will take place

during the week of Feb. 5.

For further information regarding times and days of the lessons, contact the Plymouth Recreation Dept. at 455-6620.

The Canton program will hold its first session during the weeks of Jan. 8 and 15. The second session will take place during the weeks of Jan. 22 and 29; a third will be held during the weeks of Feb. 5 and 12.

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# Getting down to business



WSDS disc jockey Polly Pitford plays the country hits. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)



WSDS-AM, a Superior Township based country music station is expanding its transmission signal. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

## WSDS expands, changes signal

BY TODD LANGTON

Residents of Salem Township who enjoy country music get ready -- WSDS a country music station located at 1480 on the AM dial is coming to town.

The Superior Township based radio station has received go ahead from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to change its community of license, enabling it to change the station's signal pattern, said Michael Callanan, station manager at WSDS.

Changing the station's signal pattern will allow it to increase the power in the daytime signal by 50 per cent, he said.

This will allow WSDS to transmit to

the west side of Ann Arbor and into Farmington, Callanan said, as well as continue its coverage in Canton and Plymouth:

"We're excited," he said. "This is going to broaden our area of influence."

The signal expansion will also help the station serve the "total suburban area."

WSDS hopes to raise an additional transmission tower, which will be 94 feet tall, to realign and start transmitting the expanded signal by spring, Callanan said.

The expansion, however, may possibly be completed within 90 days, he said.

The station currently transmits to the counties of Washtenaw, western Wayne, southern Oakland and parts of Livingston counties, Callanan said.

WSDS has been in existence since 1962. The current owner, Robert Koch, purchased the station in 1968, Callanan said.

The station has followed a country format since that time, he said.

"It's been a real good format to have," said Callanan.

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# Air Tite burns, Wilcox project mullied

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gives "conceptual" approval to the new Wilcox House development.

Air-Tite, an Old Village business, is gutted in a spectacular fire which draws gawkers from all over southeast Michigan (smoke can be seen as far away as Brighton).

Scott Lorenz leaves the management of the Mayflower Hotel and his duties organizing the Ice Festival, which remains in doubt until the Plymouth Chamber steps in to take over the running of the annual winter event.

**September:** The annual Plymouth Fall Festival features a first and a last: a special postal cancellation stamp is designed in honor of the fete and the Plymouth Grange opens its doors for its last festival.

- Graper gets a job in Sault Ste. Marie; and the city begins the search to find a new manager.

On the sports scene, Canton's football team puts together its first winning season.

And in Canton, Canton Trustee Henry Whalen dies after a year long struggle with cancer.

**October:** Canton continues to win football games as does rival Salem (both teams go 6-0 before losing); after months of delay the historic Travis Hosue is finally moved in Canton; and the search begins to find a new Canton trustee.

Both Jesse Jackson and James Blanchard visit the community; and the Wilcox project is delayed.

**November:** Phil LaJoy becomes the new Canton trustee; while in the city Vorva, John Voss, Jim Jabara and Jack Kenyon win seats on the Plymouth City Commission.

The CEP Marching Band is named best in the state (they are also named seventh best in the nation), while the Salem soccer team reaches the state finals only to lose the Class A game, 1-0, to Troy Athens.

In other news, John M. Hoben is named schools superintendent of the year, while the Hillside Inn becomes Ernesto's; residents in Canton voice concerns over an ordinance restricting recreational vehicle storage; and the girls hoop team at Canton wins its first regional crown.

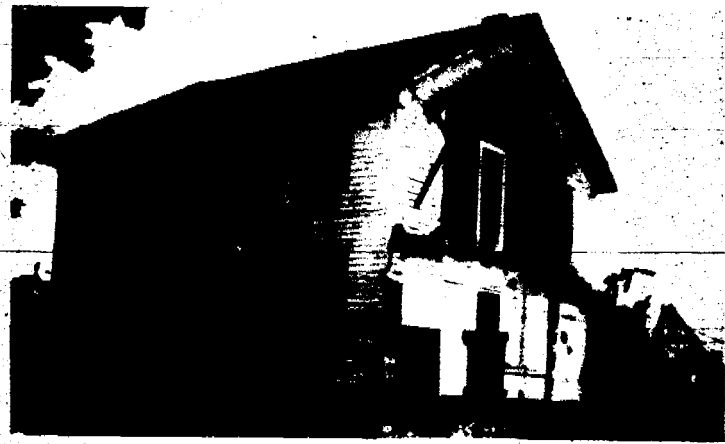
**December:** The Wilcox House development wins approval from the Plymouth Planning Commission, while the DDA plan surfaces again in

Canton. It is also revealed that Henry Graper was overpaid and he pays the city back \$17,300.

Ken Way retires as Plymouth treasurer.

The Canton girls hoop team reaches the final four in the state only to fall to West Bloomfield, 45-40, in Grand Rapids.

Residents fill the Penn Theatre to see "Wuthering Heights" and its star Geraldine Fitzgerald. The crowd is the largest of any for the special event in the country.



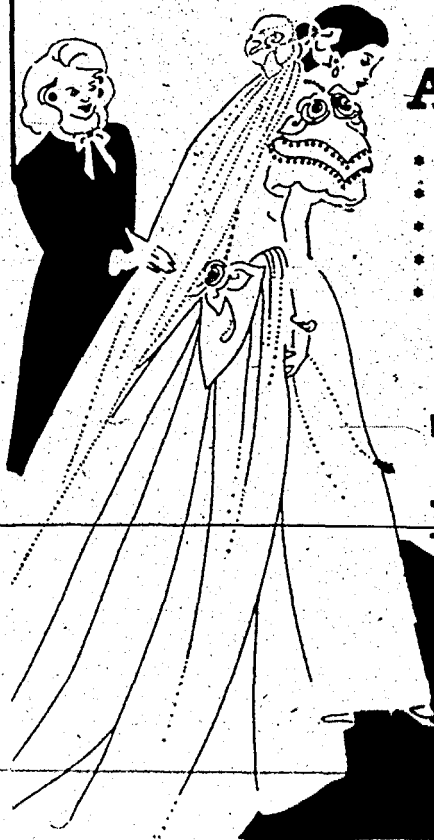
The historic Travis House in Canton just before its move. The house was moved in October after months of delay. (Crier photo)

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## P-C TAG

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will once again be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program for the fall of 1990.

TAG information night will be held Jan. 10, at the Allen Elementary School gym, at 7 p.m. Information may also be obtained by calling the TAG office between 1-4 p.m.

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# Sports

## Young team has high hopes

# Salem gymnasts bank on youth

BY RITA DERBIN

Youth shall be served this year on the Salem gymnastics team.

The Rocks have a bumper crop of freshmen and are riding on high hopes that this year the gymnasts will capture the attention of Salem fans.

"The freshmen are a real good group of kids," said coach Kathi Kinsella. "They're real talented and have experience competing for clubs."

Though they haven't had any conference meets yet, two freshmen should lead the team this year. Courtney Gonyea, on beam and floor, and Kim Miller, on bars, are the top prospects.

"I hate this word," said Kinsella. "But Miller is awesome on the uneven bars."

"I'm real lucky that Courtney is strong in Kim's weak events and Kim's strong in Courtney's," Kinsella added.

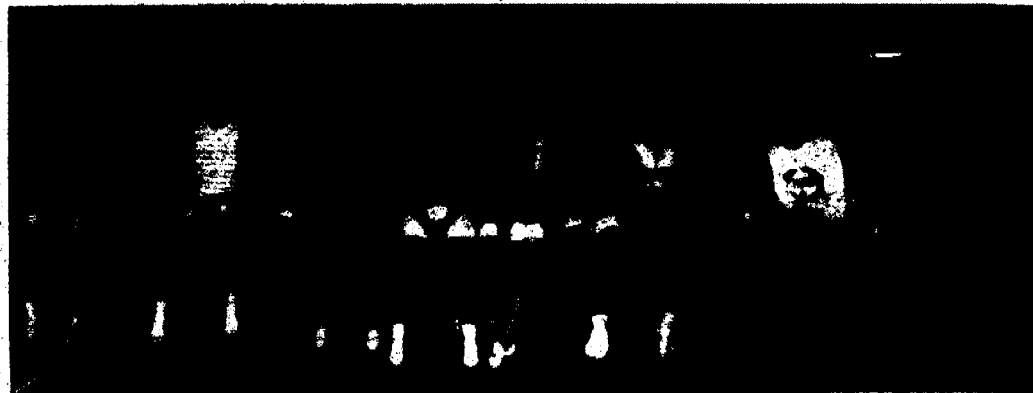
Other freshmen include Stefanie Angiulo, a very graceful all around performer, according to Kinsella; and Dana Driscoll, who will compete on bars and vault.

"They are just freshmen," Kinsella said. "But they've had experience competing for clubs, so that should help."

Returners that will add experience to the team includes Jenny Krieger, an all around gymnast, and Katrina Hannah, who will specialize in floor and vault.

Returning juniors include the two captains - Sue Farmer and Denise Hanson. Farmer competes on vault and floor, and Hanson, on beam and vault. Junior Becky Bucchieri will help on bars.

Sophomore Autumn Bunch, a state qualifier last year and Salem's top



A young Salem High girls gymnastics team has high hopes for the 1990 season, said the Rocks' coach. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

returner, will again compete in all around.

"She's looking better than ever," said Kinsella. "She's really conditioned herself this year."

Other sophomores are Jenny Skylakos, on beam, floor and vault; Aimee Wong, on bars and vault; and Aimee's cousin Jenny Wong, who will compete in bars, floor and vault.

There is a lot of depth on the team, according to Kinsella; 12 girls have floor routines and almost everyone can do back tucks, she added.

"They'll be competitive with each other and to the competition," Kinsella said. "This year I have the problem of who do I pick to compete because I have so much depth."

Kinsella added that she and her new assistant coach, Debbie Popp, have been working hard to get the girls in

shape.

"We want to get everyone out there and qualify a lot of people for regionals and hopefully, state," said Kinsella. "I have state caliber people here - I'm not saying that we'll win state, but we're shooting for the whole team to qualify."

As far as league competition goes, North Farmington is the goal of the young Rocks.

"It'll be tough," Kinsella said. "They've been league champs for 12 years in a row - and Canton is always tough, too."

The team practices in Phase III, Canton's physical education building so they've been overlooked by the Salem students, but Kinsella wants to change that. She wants the students to support gymnastics like they turn out

for football.

"This is the best team we've had, there's a lot of talent and if everything works out we'll do well," she said. "We want to be part of Salem's winning tradition - one of their strong athletic teams."

With a lot of freshmen, the Rocks have the element of surprise working for them as they begin their season in a crucial home meet against Westland John Glenn on Jan. 8.

"They're a division rival and we have to beat them if we want a shot at any title," Kinsella said. "They're real tough but the girls have worked hard and would love to have lots of support out there."

## Quality team marks Chief gymnastics

BY MARTY TUNGATE

Quality, depth and experience. That's how Canton's veteran gymnastics coach John Cunningham described his youthful squad.

"I really can't wait to get this season underway," Cunningham said.

The Chiefs finished the 1989 season with an 8-2 record and 12th overall at the Class A state finals.

"We should have done better in the finals last year, but injuries hurt us," said Cunningham.

The Chiefs have a young, but experienced squad heading into the 1990 campaign, and the edge that may lead

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This year's Canton gymnastics team has quality, depth, and experience, said the Chiefs' coach. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)



# Gymnasts

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them to Canton's best season yet will be the squad's depth.

"I have six all around competitors this season and I have another six that could compete in the all-around as well," Cunningham said. "This is a really good team that is getting along and working hard."

Kim Rennolds and Jean Tedesco are two freshman who bring in that youthful experience to the squad. Both have had gymnastic club experience and have been involved in gymnastics for many years.

Junior Johanna Anderson, who spent her summer at a camp to perfect her skills, will also play a key role in Canton's possible success this season.

Other gymnasts to watch this season will be juniors Heather Murphy and Danial Myfio. Sophomore Dawn Clifford is returning from a broken ankle, which she suffered in last year's state tourney.

"Dawn (Clifford) is working hard at rehabilitating her ankle and to get back to her form of last year," Cunningham said.

As for that depth Cunningham speaks of -- Jan Jewell Laura Anderson will add the extra punch that the Chiefs will be looking for to put them over the top.

Gymnastic fans can also look for something new at all of Canton's meets this season, as modern rhythmic gymnastics will be performed as an exhibition by Marita Joonas a senior exchange student from Sweden.

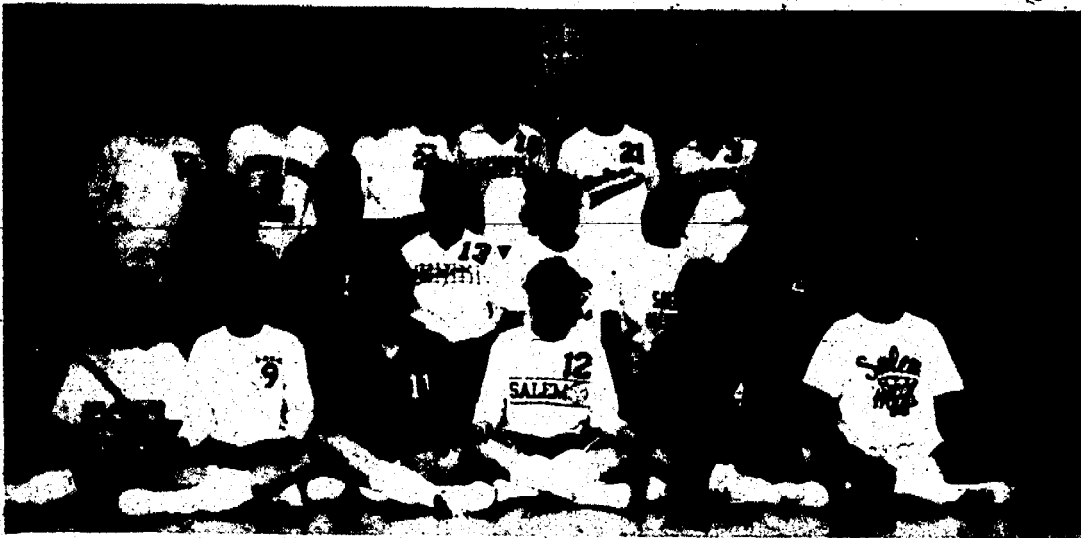
Even though the Chiefs seem "loaded" for the 1990 season, the big test will come early when Canton competes in a tournament against the top five teams in the state. That competition will be the fourth event for the Chiefs during the 1990 campaign.

"We will know early just how good we are and how good everyone else is," Cunningham said.

The Chiefs will square off with the likes of Troy Athens, Midland Dow and Salem High, who may contend for the state crown as well this season.

"Salem has a great squad this year. They may surprise a lot of people throughout the season," said Cunningham.

The Canton tumblers are nipping at the bit just waiting to get the season underway, said Cunningham.



The Salem High girls volleyball squad is young this year, but coaches Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety, hope the team is "doing some good things" by the end of the season. (Crier photo by Robert Richards)

## Inexperience may show Salem's spikers ready for season

BY RITA DERBIN

Two "old" newcomers -- Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety -- will be taking over the coaching duties for the young Salem volleyball team this season.

The two veteran coaches decided to work together and share the responsibilities of both varsity and junior varsity this year.

"I'm not into everything that goes along with coaching," said Gilles. "There's all the fundraisers and stuff that a head coach has to do -- (Suffety) and I can share in those responsibilities."

Gilles coached Salem baseball for 17 years, eight of those years, from 1975-83, as head coach. He was varsity volleyball coach from 1974-77 and has been coaching Salem junior varsity tennis and volleyball since 1986.

"I really enjoyed coaching," Gilles added. "But at the time I left coaching my daughters were playing tennis (at University of Wisconsin) and I felt my family was priority -- I wanted to follow them around and watch them play -- I couldn't do that and coach, too."

Suffety, who was the Canton head volleyball coach last season, jumped at the coaching vacancy and agrees that sharing the coaching responsibilities with Gilles is the way to go.

"This is working out real well," Suffety said. "Our personalities mix well together and we get a lot of things done."

Suffety was an assistant Salem football coach for 11 years and one year as an assistant at Canton before becoming the Canton volleyball coach in 1986.

"I would have liked to stay for one more year at Canton to watch Susan Ferko and a great bunch of girls play," said Suffety, a teacher at Salem. "But being able to coach in the building I work in was too good of an opportunity."

The two coaches will have a

challenge ahead of them. The Rocks do not have much experience going into the season with only three seniors.

Senior co-captains Aimee Rutan and Kohlene Lawrence will join Jennifer Justice as the veterans on the squad.

"We're going to be a young team -- they'll learn a lot from the seniors," said Suffety. "The seniors will be top players with their experience and leadership."

Juniors Lisa Grosso, Amy

## Ski trip

It's time to hit the slopes.

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its first teen ski trip of 1990 to Alpine Valley on Friday, Jan. 5. All of the transportation and supervision is provided by the Recreation Department staff.

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## Soccer sign-up

It's time to start kicking.

That's right, we're smack dab in the middle of winter, but now is the time for the Plymouth Soccer Club's spring registration.

Registration for the spring league couldn't be easier.

Sign up runs Jan. 2-31. Boys and girls between the ages of five and 18 are all eligible to participate. League play begins in April next year.

Krawewski, Amy Syria, Kellie Szurek and Andrea Welling will also have playing time along with sophomores Martha Bol, Jenny Emmett, Casey Fillion, Theresa Sunderman, Julie Thomas and Emily Guiliani.

Freshman Caryn Tattertan will also see a lot of playing time, according to the coaches.

"We've gotten better in the three weeks we've been practicing," said Suffety. "And we'll get better as the season goes on if everything works out."

Suffety feels that if the team breaks even that would be great.

"We'll be doing some good things at the end of the season," said Suffety. "Hopefully postseason is when we'll be peaking."

The Rocks participated in Henry Ford tournament in December and won three of eight games using eight different lineups while pleasing their coaches with their hard work and enthusiasm. They will open their season at home on Wednesday, Jan. 10 with junior varsity beginning at 6:30.

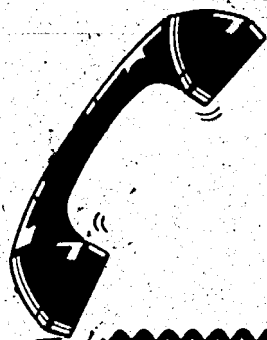
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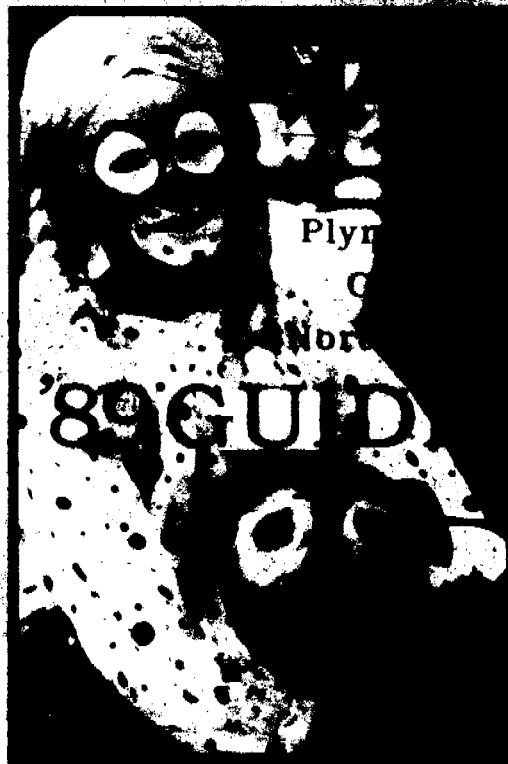
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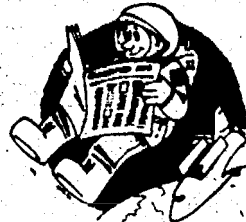
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 discount. Licensed and Insured. Plymouth  
 Chamber of Commerce member. 421-7774

## Photography

**RAWLINSON PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 Elegant Wedding Photography  
 453-8872

Photography by Joyce  
 Weddings—Portraits—Boudoir  
 455-1910

## Sharpening

**BOB'S SHARP-ALL**  
 Complete Sharpening Carbide, Steel Saws  
 Lawn and Garden Items  
 Gas/Electric Hedge Trimmers  
 8445 Canton Center 451-0589

## Vehicles For Sale

**GOVERNMENT SEIZED Vehicles** from  
 \$100. Fords, Mercedes, Corvairs, Chevys.  
 Surplus. Buyers Guide (1) 805-687-6000  
 Ext. 3-4536.

1988 CONQUEST Tal - red, turbo charged,  
 new tires, new brakes, premium sound  
 system. \$8750. 420-0281

1982 Fifth Avenue Chrysler. Good con-  
 dition. Fully loaded. \$2900. 737-8953

## Wanted To Buy

WANTED TO BUY: Old jukeboxes, Slot  
 Machines, Neon Signs, Cash Registers,  
 Coca Cola Items, Gas Pumps, etc. CASH  
 PAID. Evenings, 427-1221.

## Garage For Rent

Garage in City of Plymouth — \$45 a  
 month. Call evenings, 474-4299

## Homes For Rent

Three bedroom brick house for rent -  
 garage, fenced yard, basement. Mid-  
 dibelt, Cherry Hill area. \$550 per month  
 plus utilities and security. 595-1475.

## Homes For Sale

\*ATTENTION — GOVERNMENT HOMES  
 from \$1 (U-repair). Delinquent tax property.  
 Repossessions. Call 1-802-838-8885 Ext.  
 GH-8881.

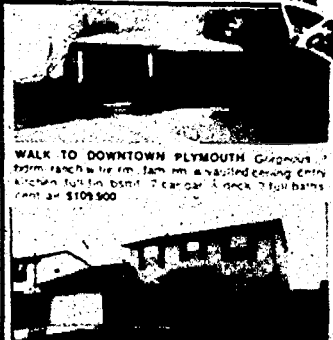
GOVERNMENT HOMES from \$1 (U repair).  
 Delinquent tax property. Repossessions.  
 Call (1) 806-687-6000 Ext. GH-4535 for  
 current repo list.

## Office Space

Retail sub-lease - approximately 250 sq.  
 ft. - to complement a Christian shop in  
 Plymouth/Canton area. Call Debby 599-  
 9092.

CANTON - FORD CROSSING now leasing  
 \$11.75 a square foot, prime location, just  
 north of Ford Rd. on Canton Center Rd.  
 Occupancy for spring, call NOW! 455-  
 2888.

## Homes For Sale



**WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH** Gorgeous  
 2 1/2 baths brick 4 br. 1 1/2 bath rm. w/ fireplace  
 central air in deck & back to park. par. for basement  
 finished. Call Carol 728-6100. 2 car garage. Full bath  
 rent at \$109,900

**GORGEOUS 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL** in north Canton  
 w/ 2 1/2 baths brick 4 br. 1 1/2 bath rm. w/ fireplace  
 central air in deck & back to park. par. for basement  
 finished. Call Carol 728-6100

**ASK FOR MARY, GERT OR KATHY**  
 459-3600  
 SELLERS CAN PAY CLOSING COSTS

## Office Space for Rent

**FOR RENT:  
 PRIME PLYMOUTH  
 DOWNTOWN  
 SPACE**  
*(office or service retail)*  
**750 sq. ft.**  
**Call 453-6860**

# Employment Market

## Help Wanted

**NURSE AIDE** Experienced, to care for  
 quadriplegic man in private home,  
 Plymouth area, part-time, long term, pay  
 rate open. Non-smoker, references. Call  
 Muriel for details after 2:30 p.m. only. 453-  
 3563

Packaging work available at Plymouth  
 Base Light Industrial Company through  
 springtime months. Ideal for persons who  
 would like to have their summers off.  
 Starting wage beginning \$4.50 per hour.  
 Interested parties contact Linda at 459-  
 1153.

**ADD TO YOUR INCOME.** Work Friday -  
 Saturday in your local supermarket  
 passing out food samples. Must have  
 reliable transportation and like people.  
 Senior citizens and homemakers  
 welcome. Call 848-7083 Mon. through  
 Thur., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for interview.

## KIDSTHRU SENIORS

The Crier is now looking for carriers on  
 many routes! If you are interested in a  
 money-making opportunity call 453-6900.

**EARN MONEY** Reading books! Excellent  
 income potential. Details. (1) 805-687-6000  
 Ext. Y-4535.

## Help Wanted

**Food Service** — part-time — days —  
 \$6.00/hour. We have an opening for a part-  
 time food service worker in the  
 Plymouth/Northville area. Variety Vending  
 and Food Service is Michigan's largest  
 independent food service company. If you  
 enjoy working with the public and being  
 part of a quality operation, please call Ms.  
 Carol at 756-6100.

Christmas is past, bills are present. Are  
 you interested in hearing about the Aron  
 earning opportunity? Call Carol at 455-  
 4458.

**CRUISE SHIPS** Now hiring all positions.  
 Both skilled and unskilled. For in-  
 formation call (616) 779-5507 Ext. H-571

## ROUTE SALES

Leading beverage operation looking for  
 experienced delivery drivers for route  
 sales positions. C1 or Chauffeur's license  
 required. Dependability a must. 5-6 day  
 work week, good benefits. Send resume to:  
 Route Sales, P.O. Box 8128, Detroit, MI  
 48208

Janitorial service needs part-time help  
 early evenings. 461-6888

Waitstaff — part or full-time. Call between  
 2pm and 5pm. 455-8450.

## Help Wanted

Attention: Ideal for homemakers who  
 cannot get out to work. Work part-time  
 from your home calling for Purple Heart.  
 Call 9-5 Mon.-Fri. 728-4572

## ALLERGY TESTER

Full-time nurse from the "Old School" for  
 medical office. Mature, pleasant per-  
 sonality for patient contact. Please send  
 handwritten resume to 425 E. Washington  
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Earn \$300-\$500 per week reading books at  
 home. Call 1-815-473-7440 Ext. B-560

Assembly workers — transmission  
 remanufacturing firm located near  
 Plymouth has immediate openings for  
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 experience preferred. Mechanical ability  
 helpful. Competitive hourly wage and  
 benefit package. Those interested, send  
 resume and wage requirements to: Awtak,  
 14920 Keel St., Plymouth, MI ATTENTION:  
 Pat.

A friendly Westland office needs a mature  
 person to answer telephones — full-time,  
 8am-5pm, Mon.-Fri. \$3.85 an hour. Inquire  
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 at 728-4572.

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 erely Interested Rush Stamped Self-  
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 Postbox 17366-CC, Montgomery, AL  
 36117-0356.

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 community-minded staff of advertising experts. Self-  
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# The Canton Community WEDNESDAY REPORT



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## Community + Volunteer = Quality

The strength of any community rests in the development of local organizations... civic groups... service clubs... fraternal associations... academic organizations... government commissions. It is the purpose of this project to recognize those people and volunteers that have become a key player in development of the Canton Quality of Life.

If you are new to Canton pick up the phone and offer your help. If you are a long time resident take advantage of the many opportunities available for fun, fellowship, and service.

With a community like ours filled with 60,000 people, and with an abundance of opportunity available to become involved, there can be no doubt that the end result will be to continue quality.

### Service to Our Community

#### Business and Professional Women

Patti Clapper 961-6890  
5875 Fordham Circle  
Canton, MI 48187

#### Goodfellows

Larry Stewart 397-3000  
1150 Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188

#### Kwanias

Stephen Nyquist 397-3402  
1555 Hampshire  
Canton, MI 48188

#### Rotary

Dave Ramsey 453-8282  
P.O. Box 87991  
Canton, MI 48177

#### Chitlens

981 7259  
Jaycees  
459 1516



Friends of the Library preparing for their annual used book sale.



### Hall of Fame Established

After last year's successful Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance, it was decided to expand the evening into a recognition of a person or people that have made an impact on the community through their volunteer efforts.

The person or people selected will be recognized at the Annual Celebrate Canton Dinner Dance, this year to be held on March 10th.

The QUALITY that is CANTON can be found every day in the people that make up the volunteer sector throughout the community. This program is a part of the recognition that the volunteers so richly deserve.

If you would like to attend the Dinner Dance and Award program contact the Celebrate Canton Committee, 8080 Ridge Road, Canton, 48187.

### Challenge Fest 1990

Challenge Fest 1990 is underway. Efforts have been underway since the successful conclusion of the First Annual Challenge Fest to insure that this year's Challenge Fest will be bigger and better. This unique Festival takes place not at one site over one weekend, but rather at as many as nine locations spread out over 10 days.

Beginning May 25 and lasting until June 3, residents of Canton Township and the surrounding communities will have the opportunity to participate in a series of events, activities and programs all designed to:

- showcase Canton as a community that cares about the quality of life, and,

- acknowledge a community that is very involved in sports and physical fitness

The Challenge Fest is centered around the successful Canton Soccer Festival which will bring over 200 teams and 5,000 people from throughout the Mid-West to Canton. Additional activities include fireworks, health screening, hole in one contest, used book sale, youth fitness, field day, a walk/run for literacy, golf tournament, photo contest, bowling tournament, chili cook off, fishing derby, horseshoe tourney, bike-a-thon, and long drive contest.

CHALLENGE FEST 1990... Another Quality Canton Service

### League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a national, non-partisan organization whose purpose is to provide political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The Canton League is a part of a established Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Novi League of Women Voters. For information on how to become a part of the League will contact Campy, 587-2222.

### Senior Citizen Clubs

There are many senior citizen activities available in Canton. These programs are coordinated at a fully staffed senior drop-in center located at 44287 Michigan Avenue (Corner of Sheldon Road). At this center three clubs designed with seniors in mind operate:

**Flowers**  
Rose Walker 387-1080  
**Regals**  
Werner Nantz 387-1000  
**Spicers**  
Ray Scholtz 387-1000

### Chamber of Commerce

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, located on Ford Road, offers residents and businesses alike a multitude of services. All new residents who call the chamber at 453-4040, will receive a Greater Packet containing valuable community information and maps from Chamber members. The Chamber sponsors the community fire fighting program, Night at Eastern Michigan, consumer complaint committee, and many other community based programs.

The President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is Mel Morris and the Director of the Chamber is Joan Bolek.

### Veterans

Canton has two organizations for veterans of the military:

American Legion  
Postage Service Post  
Bill Nichols 453-2633  
4820 Saddle, Lot 105  
Canton, MI 48188

Canton Veterans of  
Foreign Wars  
Dore Harris 453-4782  
4820 Saddle  
Canton, MI 48187

### Canton Fitness and Athletics

Booster Club... Swim Club... Hockey... Baseball... Basketball... Lions...

Whether you want to support the athletic programs in Canton or sign your children up to participate, physical fitness activities are plentiful!

**Canton Chiefs Booster Club**  
Thomas Taitan 451-8197  
8415 Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48187

**Hockey Club**  
Sheryl Windquist 397-0111  
41234 Southwind  
Canton, MI 48188

**Junior Basketball**  
Paula Parmucha 453-1383  
7088 Provincial  
Canton, MI 48187

**Colony Swim Club**  
459-4333  
8300 Beck Road  
Canton, MI 48187

**Junior Baseball Association**  
Richard Madsen 420-0223  
41182 Crestwood  
Plymouth, MI 48170

**Lions Football Association**  
Debby Bradley 397-1720  
2029 Roundtable West  
Canton, MI 48188

### Magic Ride Selects Canton

The Magic Ride, an annual fundraising drive and bicycle tour held for the prevention of child abuse and neglect, will be held in Canton Township on May 12. The Magic Ride will offer routes of various distances for both experienced bicyclists and novice riders.

The Magic Ride is not only a major Michigan bicycling event, but is also a day of family activities for parents and their children.

Canton is the second community selected to host Magic Ride for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. State Representative Debbie Stabenow, sponsor of the Ride, organized the first Magic Ride in 1983, and in seven years the Magic Ride has raised over \$600,000. For seven years the ride has been held in Holt, Michigan. This year, for the first time, it is expanding to a second community.

Proceeds from the Magic Ride go to the Michigan Children's Trust Fund and local child abuse prevention programs to help in preventing this tragic problem.

Bike enthusiasts, mark your calendar for May 12th -- write down the location as CANTON TOWNSHIP.

### Canton Community Foundation

The Canton Community Foundation was founded in September of 1988. A dedicated group of community leaders set about to bring together people who had the common desire to provide support to the Canton Community. Areas of involvement include support of the arts, community outreach, education, and celebrations, serving human service needs, and support of local volunteer organizations.

The story of Canton Township is filled with successful volunteerism and heritage with Canton's future potential now

being realized. It is the desire of the Foundation to tell the story of Canton beyond the borders of the Community.

The people of Canton are some of the best. The Foundation, through publications like this, hope to enlist thousands of residents to help create a sense of involvement and ownership of the future of our community.

You may write the Foundation at 4820 Ford Road, or call 453-7886 for more information.