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## Crash kills 3 from Mettetal

Investigators examine the wreckage from an airplane crash that took the lives of two Plymouth residents and a Livonia man. The plane left Mettetal Airport

Sat., Aug. 1 and was found Thursday near Grayling. (Photo by Nancy Lemmen, a reporter for the Crawford County Avalanche)

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## To handle rate-setting process

# WTUA looking for new lobbying firm

BY RANDY COBLE

The Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) may be in the market for another lobbying firm to handle the various agencies involved in its rate-setting process.

The authority's board of commissioners Monday considered seeking bids for a professional lobbying firm to continue the work of its current law firm, Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk & Gillary.

That firm, which has represented WTUA since its inception, has worked on the rate-setting issue "with Wayne County, the Department of Natural Resources, and with YCUA (the Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority)," said WTUA chairperson Tom Yack, Canton supervisor.

WTUA will have a new law firm very soon -- for the first time, it sought bids for its legal representation, and Sills-

Hemming did not submit one.

"The new firm that comes on," Yack said, "may not have all the (lobbying) skills that the old firm did."

WTUA has spent over \$1 million in the last four years on lobbying efforts to gain a \$19.6 million federal grant. The Washington firm of Gerald Cassidy &

Associates has received a retainer of \$20,000 per month since November 1988, and its current contract lasts until December -- meaning the total cost for retaining Cassidy will come to \$980,000 by the end of this year.

That figure does not include fees charged for actual lobbying work done by

the firm.

The grant is under consideration, and no final decision on it will come until at least next year.

If the authority does seek bids, the process should take about 90 days, Yack said.

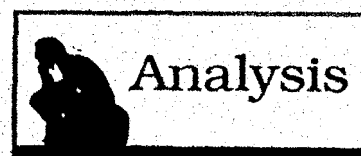
## Politicians feel WTUA's aftershock

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

The nephew of Super Sewer -- WTUA -- has already begun to dispose of things. Politicians.

When voters in the I-275 corridor spoke to a new order of things last Tuesday, it was, in large part, because of "Sewergate" -- the uproar over WTUA's way of conducting business.

While the general "anti-incumbent



Analysis

mood" that started two years ago has grown nationally, the local candidates identified with the Western Townships

Utilities Authority practices of cronyism and loose spending got the ax. It didn't matter whether they were rightly tarred by the WTUA brush or just inherited the mess.

Gone is Maurie Breen.

Some said his plotting to move to the Wayne County Commission seat to replace Suzy Heintz, tapping State

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# Aircraft crash cause remains a mystery

BY MIKE MCGLINNEN

It's likely to take at least two months before officials investigating a fatal air crash near Grayling can come up with exactly what happened last week.

That's what inspectors with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said Monday following a crash which killed two local residents.

The Plymouth residents and a Livonia man died last week sometime in the crash that took place approximately two miles west of Grayling. They had departed from Mettetal Airport in Canton late Saturday night, Aug. 1 in a four-seat Cessna.

Tamara Behiry, 36, and her two and a half year old son Brenton were passengers in a plane flown by Bob Shirley, 68, a fixture at the Mettetal Airport flying club, that crashed near Grayling.

Although Shirley did not file a flight plan or a weather briefing, he apparently intended to fly to Pellston and then across Lake Michigan to Manistique, where Behiry was to attend a family gathering, according to Lt. Col. Bill House, mission coordinator of the Civil Air Patrol and leader of a search that began last week when the aircraft turned up missing.

The wreckage of the plane was found at about 6:40 p.m. Thursday in a wooded and swampy area two and a half miles northwest of McNamera Field, the airport at Camp Grayling Army and Air National Guard Training Center, said Kay McLaughlin, public affairs officer for the Civil Air Patrol.

The civilian pilot who found the plane had to travel to the national guard base and fly back to the crash site in a helicopter, because the swampy conditions would not allow him to land his airplane in the area.

The Civil Air Patrol pilot verified that it was the missing airplane at about 8:40 p.m.

The aircraft disappeared from radar in Minneapolis at 10:36 p.m. Aug. 1, according to Major Jerry Foehl, public affairs officer at Camp Grayling.

The National Guard assisted in helping ground rescuers find the downed craft by sending the guard helicopter up to direct officers to the site, said the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

The Civil Air Patrol first became involved after the Canton Police

Department had been contacted on Monday Aug. 3 by Carolyn Shirley, daughter of the pilot.

Shirley's daughter told Canton Police that the plane never arrived in Manistique or in Pellston, where they were supposed to refuel, said Tammie Colling, community relations officer for the Canton Police.

The Civil Air Patrol contacted the NTSB office in Chicago, which is responsible for the investigation of accidents such as this.

The investigation is being handled by Bob Zallaster, an NTSB inspector.

Zallaster has already conducted the field investigation, which consists of speaking with witnesses and examining the wreckage.

He has to wait for the reports on Shirley's flight history, autopsies, the maintenance history of the aircraft, and other evidence before he can make a determination of the probable cause of the accident.

"After I wait for the tests and all the evidence to come back, I will give all the factual information to the NTSB and they will determine a probable cause by constructing a likely set of circumstances or an accident scenario," Zallaster said. "The whole thing will take a couple of months."

Zallaster spoke with two residents of the area near the crash who heard an aircraft flying low over their homes last Saturday night. The plane was so low that each resident thought their home would be struck by the aircraft, the inspector said.

The plane apparently entered the trees about one quarter to one half a mile away from the final accident site at a low angle of descent and the entire airplane had been substantially destroyed, he said.

The airplane had struck multiple trees while it traveled through the heavy rain of the evening while heading southeast direction.

"About one-third to one-half of the way down, the cabin broke open and the occupants and everything in there were left unprotected. The seats were completely out in the air," Zallaster said.

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# Canton hiring editor

Longtime Crier editor Ken Voyles has decided to leave the newspaper. Voyles, 33, resigned from the staff Monday after nearly six years with The Crier, including three as managing editor and one and a half as editor. He will continue on through the completion of this year's Fall Festival edition.

Voyles plans to take a job with the Canton government as administrative assistant to Supervisor Tom Yack. His duties will include various public communications, economic development work and as a liaison with residents.

The Canton Board of Trustees has been asked to give its formal approval to his hiring at its meeting Aug. 25.

## McIlhargey asks for double-check Twp. race recounted

BY RANDY COBLE

The battle between Republican candidates in the Plymouth Township supervisor's race will have one final act to play -- a recount of last Tuesday's primary ballots.

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy beat out fellow GOP contenders Stephen Boak, board of trustees member John Stewart and Chief Township Building Official Charles McIlhargey in the Aug. 4 primary, garnering 1,241 votes.

But she won by only 21 votes, edging out McIlhargey, who received 1,220 votes.

McIlhargey made an official request late Monday for a recount of the ballots, saying that he "wanted to do it for my workforce."

If the results stand, Keen-McCarthy will face independent candidate Ronald Edwards in the November general election.

"I hold no malice towards (Plymouth Township Clerk) Esther Hulsing, or my opponents," said McIlhargey, "but when it's that close, you have to do it."

He added that he did not anticipate any change in the results of the election.

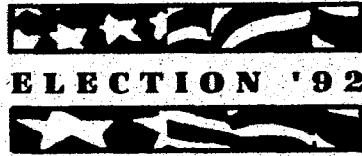
Keen-McCarthy said that she "would like to get it done with and move forward."

"I'd like to get on with putting the community back together -- it's been a divisive (primary) campaign," she said.

By state law, McIlhargey must file his request with Hulsing and the board of election canvassers. They then pass the request onto the Wayne County clerk's office. County elections personnel will perform the actual recount.

McIlhargey will have to pay \$10 per precinct recounted. There are 16 voting precincts in the township; absentee ballots count as a precinct as well.

Wayne County Clerk Ed Carey added that the other candidates in the race must



be notified within 24 hours of the request's filing with Hulsing. Stewart picked up 994 votes, and Boak was a distant fourth place finisher with 477.

The chances are minimal that a recount would change the election results. If no alteration occurs, Keen-McCarthy and Edwards will square off for the supervisorship over the next three months.

Keen-McCarthy said that several issues were the centerpiece of her campaign. "I want to get the budget under control," she said, "and to get more people involved in government."

"I think we need to take an overall look at the safety plan for our community," she continued, "including police and fire services. Once we get the budget under control, then we can look at new plans or programs, such as recreation -- the key is to use the money we have now."

Edwards, a certified public accountant, said he had several important issues in his campaign. "No township bonds should be issued unless the voters approve it first," he said, "after all, it's their money."

"No special funds or authority should be set up without voter approval as well," he continued. He said he was in favor of joint services due to the "obvious tax savings," and called for limited terms for township elected officials.

Edwards also said that he favored lengthening the vesting period for township employes' pension plan, currently 20 months.



This man, who said he was "marketing director" of Trumpp's was later identified by The Crier's photographer, Rachel Rozmys, as the man on his way to attempt to take her camera. She has filed an assault charge with Plymouth Township Police. Trumpp's was holding a golf outing Monday at Mission Hills Golf Course when police ticketed three women there for indecent exposure. (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

### Photographer assaulted

## Indecent exposure tickets issued by Twp. Police

BY RANDY COBLE  
AND MIKE McGLINNEN

"I don't know what they were doing out there. They didn't have golf shoes on -- of course, they didn't have much else on either."

That comment, from a Plymouth Township resident who plays regularly at Mission Hills Golf Course, illustrates what authorities say took place there Monday.

Plymouth Township Police issued three citations for indecent exposure to female members at a golf outing arranged by a Detroit bar which had leased the course Aug. 10.

In a related development, a Crier photographer sent to photograph the police action filed an assault complaint with township police, alleging an employe of Trumpp's, an adult entertainment establishment, grabbed her and damaged her camera while attempting

to take her film.

Township Police Chief Carl Berry said that his department "had received a number of complaints about some activities going on at the golf course."

"We found that the course had been leased for the day by Trumpp's, and there were some scantily-clad ladies participating in the outing. They were causing traffic problems on Five Mile Road," said Berry, who added that an officer from Northville was flashed prior to the issuing citations.

The outing, beginning at 7 a.m., carried a cost of \$150 per person. Those who made reservations had to put together a foursome for the day. Golfers received beer and hot dogs while on the links, served by the women, and were treated to a gourmet dinner at Trumpp's afterwards.

Two officers were sent out to investigate, Berry continued, and they

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## Schools plan restructuring at administrative level

BY RANDY COBLE

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is in the midst of an "administrative restructuring."

As Superintendent of Schools John Hoben said Monday, the plan's goal is to "open the lines of communication with staff (and administration leaders), and get their input."

Hoben presented the plan to the PCCS board of education at its Monday meeting. The restructuring will not involve layoffs or salary increases, Hoben indicated. The plan will see some changes of titles and new obligations for instructional officials, he indicated.

"The system we have now is authoritarian -- it doesn't empower the people," Hoben said, "and it operates on a top-down basis. It isn't the way to do business these days."

Communication among staff members and schools is the centerpiece of the plan. Hoben said he wants more input "from the bottom up" into district activities, and in particular "vertical articulation."

"Our elementary, middle and high schools are layered," Hoben said. "They don't talk to each other. The plan hopes to change that."

## Opinion pages move

Effective this week, The Community Crier's opinion pages will be moved to the back of the newspaper.

"We are responding to comments from our readers that they want their newspaper to do everything possible to separate objective news from subjective opinions," said Crier Publisher W. Edward Wendover. "We will continue to engage in vigorous opining," he said, "just in a different place."

The Crier plans to continue to devote extra pages to its opinion section whenever the glut of community opinions warrants it. No changes will occur in the content of the opinion pages, which include editorials (the newspaper's official position), columns (the staff writers' personal opinions), cartoons and illustrations (the personal opinions of the authors), and letters to the editor (the position of the author).

# Girl hurt in bus accident

BY KEN VOYLES

A 15-year-old Canton girl remains in intensive care at U-M Hospital in Ann Arbor following a bus accident last week, according to Ann Arbor Police.

Tiffany Nicole Hopkins, who will be a Canton High sophomore this fall, suffered major injuries when a cement trash receptacle was "pushed onto" her left leg after it was struck by a U-M bus, said police.

The bus was making a right turn about 2:40 p.m. Aug. 3 at South University and Church streets when it ran over the curb and struck the trash receptacle, said police.

Hopkins, who had been shopping in



TIFFANY HOPKINS

Ann Arbor, was sitting on a tree planter at the time. She was assisted by three witnesses and her brother Gary, said Cheryl Kovach, a friend of the family's.

"If it hadn't been for them she would have bled to death," said Kovach.

The accident sheared off muscles in her leg and so badly damaged it that doctors

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# It's pay-to-play for P-C Schools

Due to cuts in funding, students in The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will have to pay to participate in extracurricular activities this school year.

The fees came about following the state-imposed tax-assessment freeze and the June defeat of a request for an additional millage levy of 1.46 mills for one year. At the high school level, each activity will cost \$60 per student per activity. The maximum charge per student is \$120 or \$180 per family.

Middle school students will pay \$35 per activity, with a \$70 per student or \$105 per family maximum charge.

The following activities will be subject to the "pay to play" charges: athletics, cheerleading, debate, drama, forensics, marching band and pom-pom squad.

The annual parking fee for students at the Centennial Education Park (CEP) will be increased from \$20 to \$50 per year.

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## Public notices

### PUBLIC HEARING CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 1993 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan 48188. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the library.

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### The Board Report A brief review of actions at the regular Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting of August 10, 1992

Under the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hoben discussed the Cut and Cap plan, a tax issue on the November 3 ballot. Through a five-year phase-in process, the plan calls for a reduction in school operating taxes on all property by 30 percent. The state promises to reimburse in-formula school districts, but provides no compensation for out-of-formula districts such as Plymouth-Canton.

Realizing that the District must begin to do more with less funding, Dr. Hoben discussed an administrative restructuring plan which will begin this fall. The plan calls for more site-based decision-making.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for personnel and employee relations and Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, discussed staffing and class sizes for the coming school year. Because 56.5 certified staff will not return to the classroom due to budget constraints, class sizes will increase in all grades.

Paul Cummings, director of health, physical education and athletics, discussed student participation fees which will begin this fall. The cost for participation in activities at the high schools is \$60 per student per sport or activity. The maximum charge for a high school student is \$120, with a maximum of \$180 per family. Middle school students will pay \$35 per sport or activity. The maximum charge for a middle school student is \$70, with a maximum charge of \$105 per family.

Under Citizen Comments, Ray Buckman, former legislative liaison, announced that he hopes to return to assist the Board when his health improves. Gordon Didier, representing the Beacon Civic Association in Plymouth Township, urged the Board to work with the township regarding the sale of a parcel of land located north of Ann Arbor Trail, west of Glenview. Bill Joyner of Plymouth Township asked about communication practices between the township and the school district.

The Board approved the Consent Calendar which included:

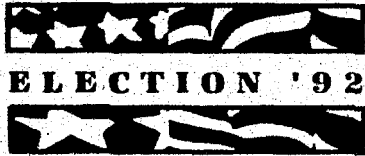
- payment of bills in the amount of \$2,005,80.19.
- a leave of absence for Farrand teacher Carla Borsos and the hiring of Thomas George as the District's new chief security officer.
- a series of purchase orders totaling \$17,500 for copier services; Bond Project purchase orders totaling \$17,888 for portable cafeteria tables for the Salem High School cafeteria; and purchase orders totaling \$16,211.40 for concrete sidewalk installation and computer printers.
- the recall of nine certified staff members who were pink-slipped.

The Board approved:

- the adoption of the K - 5 student learning profiles for 1992-93.
- the adoption of resolutions which are required by Public Act 25 in the areas of school improvement planning and core curriculum.
- voting for four representatives to serve on the Michigan Association of School Boards.
- the 1992-93 transportation guidelines for special situations.
- a resolution required by the Michigan Department of Education following the issuance of bonds.
- adopting the 1992-93 winter tax levy as 16.94 mills for operating and 1.15 for debt retirement.
- awarding the contract for kitchen equipment for Salem High School.
- extending the Right of First Refusal for Plymouth Township on a parcel of land located north of Ann Arbor Trail and west of Glenview to October 15, 1992, contingent upon agreement by The Selective Group, Inc.

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, located at 454 South Harvey Street in Plymouth.

This report is brought to you as a means of communicating your Board of Education's actions. Call the Community Relations Office at 451-3188 for more information.



## City preps for Commish search

BY ROBERT PARKER

Come November, City of Plymouth officials will likely be searching for a new commissioner to replace Lansing bound Jerry Vorva.

Vorva, a Plymouth City commissioner since 1989, defeated incumbent Georgina Goss in the Republican primary for the 20th State House District last week.

He may have to face a Democratic write-in candidate, Doug Blair, in November.

But Wayne County election officials said they have not determined if Blair received enough write-in votes to be an eligible candidate. An announcement is expected Friday.

With the general election three months away, Vorva said the situation is still up in the air.

He said he may step down earlier if there is serious opposition this fall to step up his campaign efforts.

The city charter is fairly broad in the way it handles this situation according to Plymouth City Manager Steven Walters.

The charter requires that the city commission appoint, through a majority vote, a qualified elector of the city within 30 days of the vacancy occurring, Walters said.

That person would serve until the next city election in November of 1993.

This leaves the method of finding a replacement at the discretion of the city

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## Friends & Neighbors

# Police psychologist to play organ in D.C.

BY ROBERT PARKER

What has more than 10,000 pipes, but holds no water?

It's the world famous Skinner pipe organ of course.

And City of Plymouth resident Thomas Clark, a clinical and police psychologist who is also an accomplished concert organist, will play the organ Sunday (Aug. 16) at Washington National Cathedral in the nation's capital.

The concert is a celebration of the American Psychological Association's Centennial National Convention.

Clark, 44, said he is dedicating the concert to police officers throughout the United States.

In addition to performing major organ works by Bach, Buxtehude, Dupre, and Mulet, Clark will play an organ fantasia of his own creation based on the themes from the popular Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Phantom of the Opera."

A Plymouth resident for seven years, Clark has a psychology practice in Livonia, providing services for dozens of police departments in Michigan.

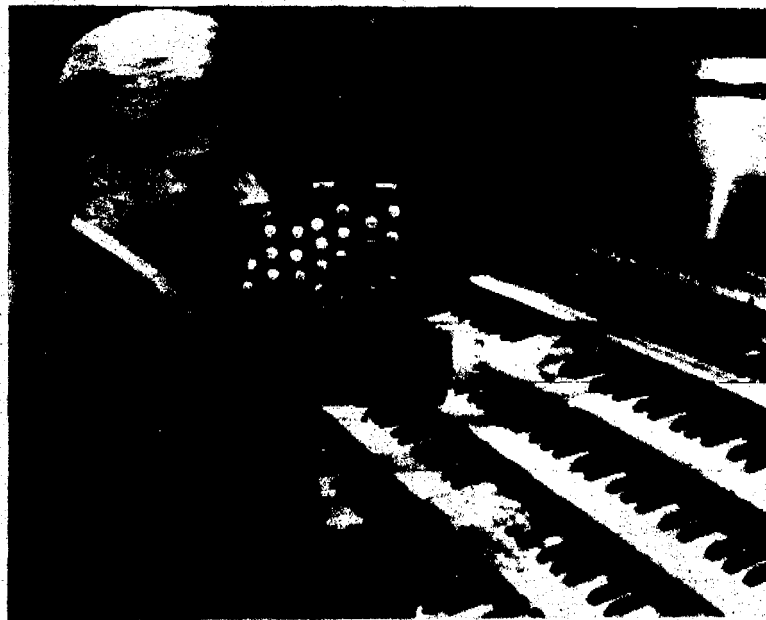
In addition, Clark is an organist for Grace Chapel Evangelical Presbyterian church in Farmington Hills.

He has been a concert organist for almost 20 years.

Many police officers from the Detroit metropolitan area will be attending - representing several dozen police and fire agencies Clark has consulted over the years - ranging as far north as Waterford Township and as far south as Trenton and Woodhaven.

Clark has played extensively in the United States and Europe, including the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Washington National Cathedral is the sixth largest gothic cathedral in the world and was completed last year after 83 years of work.



Gary Clark, a clinical and police psychologist, is playing Sunday at the Washington National Cathedral in the nation's capital. (Photo by Gary Grace)



The Penniman Post Office mural will now be maintained by the City of Plymouth. (Crier photo)

## Post office treasure

# City receives title to mural

BY ROBERT PARKER

Another chapter has been written in the on-going saga of the Penniman Post Office sale to the City of Plymouth.

City officials received a verbal agreement from the U.S. Postal Service last week to transfer title of ownership to the city of the 57-year-old mural hanging on the west wall of the post office.

The mural became a center of controversy last month when postal officials said they were concerned about how the historic mural would be maintained.

Plymouth City Manager Steven Walters said negotiations have now resumed in regard to floor-space specifications.

In June, the postal service agreed to

the possibility of renting a postal window.

The city is foregoing renovation plans for the building until it can obtain specific details from postal officials.

"The process is slow, but going in an inevitably, irrevocable direction of progress," Walters said.

Although the city's purchase proposal to buy the post office has not been disclosed, the postal service said it wants to sell the building for \$390,000.

Negotiations with the postal service began last September when the City Commission approved a resolution to purchase the post office.

A postal window at the Penniman site continues to remain open, while the new postal center on Beck Road in Plymouth Township is also open for service.

## Failure to apply

# Jaycees miss '92 Fall Fest

BY ROBERT PARKER

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be missing from this year's 37th annual Fall Festival.

At last Wednesday's Fall Festival Board meeting, the Jaycees said they wanted to have a face-painting booth set up this year, according to festival coordinator Joe Bida.

But, Bida said the board never received a booth application from the organization by the June 1 deadline. There are no more booths available for this year's festival.

In addition, the New Morning School, which has operated a kid's games booth in recent years, is running a face-painting booth this year.

Bida told the Jaycees to consider doing something else for the festival but nothing ever developed.

Another addition to the Fall Festival this year will be a special FOCUS program sponsored by The Friends of the

Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library.

Storytellers Debra Christian, and R.W. Lowe and friends will entertain the library sharing "Tales for Adults and Teens."

The storytellers are scheduled to give two performances daily at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Christian, a Plymouth resident, comes from a background full of stories.

As a professional story teller, she has performed at the Michigan State Fair on Cable TV/McClean Hunter, as well as numerous performances in Michigan Schools.

Lowe grew up in Plymouth and now practices law here. Lowe said his storytelling ability comes naturally.

He has appeared several times in Plymouth and at the Stone Circle in Elk Rapids.

The program is free but tickets must be obtained at the library the day of the performance.

# ELECTION '92

## N'ville, Salem Twps. races Incumbents lose out

BY RANDY COBLE

The results are complete in Northville and Salem Townships' Republican primaries, held last Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Northville Township will see a slew of fresh faces, as incumbents were swept out in a tidal wave of voter dissatisfaction. Salem saw its two sitting trustees defeated as well.

In an ironic coincidence, the supervisor's contest in Salem was decided by a margin of 21 votes -- the exact number of votes by which Kathleen Keen-McCarthy won in Plymouth Township's supervisor's primary election.

She will face independent Ronald Edwards Nov. 3, while Salem winner Nancy Geiger faces no opposition in the general election.

Recounts are possible in both supervisor races -- Plymouth and Salem township.

The vote Aug. 4 was primarily (no pun intended) a Republican affair -- two Democratic candidates are running in the Salem trustees race, and only one in Northville Township's trustee contest. They will face the GOP winners in the Nov. 3 general election. Other winners last Tuesday face no opposition in November.

Northville Township Supervisor Betty Lennox fell to challenger Karen Baja, 730 votes to 1,916. Incumbent Clerk Thomas Cook lost big to opponent Susan Hillebrand, 657 votes to 1,865. Incumbent Trustees James Nowka and Richard Allen trailed far behind five of their six challengers in the voting.

Four trustee seats were open: those of the two sitting members, along with Thomas Handyside and interim Trustee Richard Amber, who decided not to run. Nowka garnered only 561 votes, and Allen 740.

Challenger Rebecca Connell got 876 votes, and Angela Thomson received 1,149. The four winners all posted over 1,200 votes each: Virginia Britton

(1,249), Russell Fogg (1,292), Barbara Strong O'Brien (1,379) and top vote-getter Mark Abbo (1,477).

With incumbent Jack Hosmer deciding not to run, William Engelland was the sole treasurer candidate, and received 1,749 votes. Incumbent Constables James Schrot and Edward Mroz ran unopposed and received 1,370 votes and 1,351 votes, respectively.

A Northville Township election official said that the number of ballots invalidated were "minimal." No request for a recount of ballots has been requested, a spokesperson added.

The four GOP trustee candidates will compete with the sole Democratic candidate in Northville Township elections this year, James Peurie, in November. The top four vote-getters win seats on the board.

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## Clerk cleared in Canton

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton Clerk Loren Bennett was cleared of alleged election tampering charges last week by officials with the Wayne County Clerk's Office and the Wayne County Prosecutor.

Bennett was the target of a letter received by Wayne County officials Monday, Aug. 3, the day before the election. The letter writer, who claimed to be a township employe, claimed to have seen Bennett tamper with absentee ballots.

"Naturally I was shocked," said Ed Carey, Wayne County's elections director. "I called Loren and he pleaded with us to investigate the matter fully."

The investigation took place during the afternoon of Aug. 3 and on election day itself and included a Canton Police detective as well as Bob Coffell of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"Not only did we find nothing but we found that he runs an efficient office," Carey said. "I was convinced after the investigation that they were trying to maintain the secrecy of the ballots."

Carey said he reviewed "every possible thing, looked at every angle."

"And it came up clean," he said.

The letter has since been given to the Canton Police by the prosecutor's office for further investigation.

Although no ballots appeared to be tampered with, the investigation identified 125 ballots that had been taped shut. Carey asked Canton staff about the

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## Vorva

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commission. Walters said there are several possible ways including appointing a committee to propose a nomination or the majority of the commission making a recommendation.

Under the state constitution, Vorva must resign from the commission prior to taking his new office by Jan. 1, 1993.

But Walters said it is helpful to the commission if a letter of resignation is submitted earlier than the last possible day.

A replacement could be in place by the end of December or January, Walters said.

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## Project not far off

# Design close for new Canton center

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton is less than six months away from formally moving forward with plans to build a community center in Heritage Park.

Tom Yack, Canton's supervisor, said recently that the project could be in a design phase by early next year.

"Discussions about a community center go back years," said Yack, who was unopposed in this year's primary election, automatically winning reelection. "I think we're more serious now about it than we ever have been."

"We could be involved in the design of a community center within six months," he added.

Four years ago residents in Canton voted down a ballot proposal that sought a tax hike to pay for construction of a community center. At the time, however, Canton officials felt most residents opposed the tax plan and not the idea of a community center.

"We've talked about a lot of options since then," said Yack, who traveled to Colorado late in June for a community center design school along with Michael Gouin, Canton's Parks and Recreation director.

"I think we've talked about it enough," he said. "We have support for the concept. The residents just don't want us to reach further into their pocketbooks to pay for it."

Since the defeat at the polls four years ago -- when the community center was a major political issue during the election -- the township has conducted a number of resident surveys focusing on what Yack

calls "quality of life issues."

According to those surveys, 79 per cent would support the project as long as no additional taxes were raised. At the same time some 86 per cent of the

residents opposed a community center if it were built with new tax monies.

There was no ballot proposal on the issue during the recent primary election.

So how can Canton build an \$8-\$9 million center and then maintain and operate it?

Yack said there are a number of options open to the community, including using solid waste money from the Sauk Trail landfill, center user's fees, privatization in parts of the center, community improvement funds and the sale of property. Block grant money and state recreation grants are also being sought to support the project.

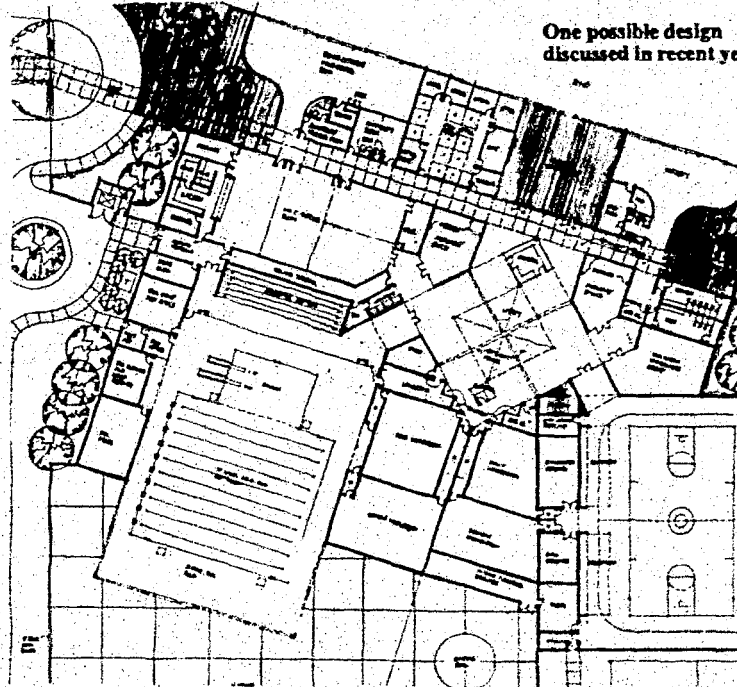
Besides concessions in the center, Yack said informal talks have also been held with those in the medical professions who might want to use the center on a lease basis.

"That idea has real merit," he said.

As for landfill money, the township is just now beginning to receive its share of the funds from the Sauk Trail.

User's fees to help fund operating costs -- such as a family fitness pass -- could range from \$75-\$100, said Yack, who added, "I don't think you could give it away. You can't operate a facility that way."

"The point is to get as close to breaking even as you can," he said, "and



One possible design discussed in recent years.

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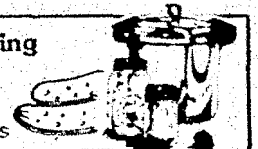


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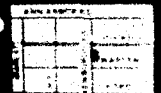


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### O'HARE IRISH DANCERS REGISTRATION

The O'Hare Irish Dancers are now accepting registrations for lessons beginning September 1992 for ages five years and older. For further information call Cheryl McInerney at 455-8348.

### PLYMOUTH OLDTIMERS BREAKFAST

The Plymouth Oldtimers Breakfast Group is hosting a picnic at Plymouth Township Park Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. Catered. For reservations call 453-3366 or 459-0113 or 453-4323.

### STOP SMOKING/WEIGHT CONTROL CLINIC

David Rowe, nationally known hypnotist and speaker, will conduct a Stop Smoking and Weight Loss seminar. Program lasts two and a half hours. The \$49 registration includes a cassette tape. The seminar will be held Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. in Plymouth City Hall. Cost is \$49. Put on by the Plymouth Community Family YMCA. Register by calling the Y at 453-2904 or stopping by the Y office at 248 Union St.

### PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB MEETING

The Plymouth Breathers Club meets the second Wednesday of every month. The group meeting is today (Aug. 12) at 1:30 p.m. RN Lynn Neilling will lead a discussion on health promotion for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. For further information call 559-5100.

### ST. MICHAEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Michael Christian School in Canton is now registering for fall 1992. Pre-school through second grade. Call 459-9720.

### LA LECHE LEAGUE OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON

The La Leche League of Plymouth-Canton will hold a monthly group meeting Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. For further information call 981-8719, 455-1374 or 397-2203.

### LOCK-UP FUNDRAISER TO FIGHT MD

The Detroit area Muscular Dystrophy Association will hold a lock-up fundraiser tonight to fight Muscular Dystrophy. Sponsored by Midas and Ameritect. The event is planned for Aug. 29 at the Ameritect building in Plymouth. For more information call 981-6050.

### FALL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Canton Parks and Recreation fall softball league starts Sept. 8 for five weeks. Team cost is \$190. Teams may sign-up Aug. 24-27. No residency requirements. New teams sign-up starting Aug. 28. Call 397-5110 for further information.

### PRE-SCHOOL CO-OP AT CANTON CHURCH

Pre-school co-op at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton. Enrollment is limited to 20 students ages three to pre-kindergarten. Registration for fall 1992 is now open. Cost is \$35 a month. For information or to register call 981-0286.

### SUMMER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-12 YEARS

Science and math camps for children ages six to 12 are available at New Morning School in Plymouth Township this summer. Parents should call 420-3331 for full details.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON BALLET COMPANY AUDITIONS

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers Aug. 16 at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth. Two audition classes will be offered for ages nine to 12, and 13 and over. There is a \$5 audition fee. All girls must wear black leotards and pink tights. Male dancers are also needed for the December production of "The Nutcracker." For further information call 397-8828.

### THE CONTINENTALS TO PERFORM

The Calvary Baptist Church in Canton will be hosting The Continentals at 7 p.m. Aug. 19. For further information call 455-0022.

### CANTON LIBRARY PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed 1993 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the library conference room. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the library. For further information call 397-0999.

### PUNCH CARD VOTING TEST

Plymouth Township will conduct a public test of the punch card voting system Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in the clerk's office. For information call 453-3840. The public is invited.

### VFW AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 will host a garage sale Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be held at the VFW Post Hall on Mill Street. To rent a banquet table is \$10 and a card table is \$5. For reservations call 728-7619 or 453-1680.

### HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 and Ladies Auxiliary will host Hunter Safety Classes Aug. 24-27, 28-29. Evening sessions, except for Saturday. Classes are conducted by law enforcement officers. Classes limited. For information or to reserve a place call 349-6366.

### MOTORCYCLE RIDER COURSE AT SC

Schoolcraft College is offering a 20-hour Motorcycle Safety Foundation course for inexperienced motorcyclists at least 15 years of age. The classes will be held Aug. 14-16 and cost \$18. For information call 462-4448.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE REGISTRATION

In-person registration for the fall at Schoolcraft College will be held Aug. 10-24. The fall term begins Aug. 27. For further information call the registration hotline at 462-4415.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross will hold several blood drives throughout Plymouth-Canton-Northville this month: Aug. 13: Plymouth Unisys, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 422-1425; Aug. 26: Plymouth Kiwanis-Colonial, 2-8 p.m., 455-3111.

### LARADOS CONCERT IN CANTON

The Canton Parks and Recreation will host a free concert in the new Canton amphitheater in Heritage Park. The Aug. 14 show features the Larados and begins at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Cook and Courtney Development and Multi Building Co. Show should last until 10 p.m., weather permitting. Call 397-5110 for any other details.



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### SECOND ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING

The Second Annual Celebrity Golf outing is set for Aug. 21 at Salem Hills Golf Course in Salem Township. The Western Wayne County Firefighters Mutual Aid Association and the National Institute for Burn Medicine will co-sponsor the event. There will be a raffle and contests. The outing includes 18 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch, buffet dinner, and drinks. For tickets or information call Linda Cummins at 425-1778 or NIBM at 769-9000.

### CHARITY HOLE-IN-ONE COMPETITION

The second annual Ronald McDonald Children's Charities/Cecil Fielder Hole-In-One Shootout will take place Aug. 14-22 at Country Club Village in Northville. Proceeds go to Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. Finalists will compete at the event finals Aug. 23 at 1 p.m. For further information call 420-0144.

### TEAM 100 FUNDRAISER

The Canton Community Foundation is announcing the formation of TEAM 100 designed to raise \$100,000 in 21 days. TEAM 100, comprised of 2100 community ekladars, will kick off the annual Foundauntion fund drive Sept. 2 with a breakfast at Palermo's. For those wanting information about the program call 454-5427.

### "LET THEM DREAM" FUND KICK OFF

The Plymouth Community United Way Kickoff celebration is planned for Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Mayflower Meeting House, City of Plymouth. Reservations needed by Aug. 21. Cash bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres.

### PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD OPENS SEASON

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will begin its 46th season with "Veronica's Room" on Sept. 18-19, 25-27 and Oct. 2-3. Adults are \$8 At the door or \$7 in advance, while seniors and youths are \$7 at the door and \$6 in advance. Shows begin at 8 p.m. Other shows this year include "Fiddler on the Roof," "Matchmaker," and "Noises Off." For show or guild information call 349-7110.

### FALL FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE

All teams may register until Sept. 30 for the 1992 Fall Floor Hockey league for men 18 and over. Games played at Northville Community Building with start times at 8:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Playoffs for top four teams. Teams fees are \$130 for season. No residency requirements. For further information call 349-0203.

### FALL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE IN NORTHVILLE

All teams can register by Sept. 9 for the Fall Volleyball League (men, womens, co-ed teams). Cost is \$160 per team. Managers meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Northville Parks and Recreation. Call 349-0203 for further registration or competition information.

### SUMMER CRAFT SHOW

Hawthorn Center Association Summer Craft Show Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hawthorn Center on Haggerty Road in Northville. Admission to the show is free. For information on being in the show call 264-0845.

### CHAMBER'S ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Golf Classic '92 Sept. 15 at Fox Hills Country Club. (Rain date Sept. 22.) Check-in at 9 a.m., with tee time at 10 a.m. Cost: foursome sponsor \$600; twosome sponsor \$390; dinner only is \$50. Sponsor includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, refreshments, a shirt and sponsor sign. Individual tickets are \$150 apiece and available after Aug. 10. Reservations limited to first 160 golfers. For further information call the chamber at 453-1540.

### CANTON LIONS COACHING HELP

The Canton Lions football organization is looking for junior varsity and varsity coaching help. Experience preferred. Call Debby at 397-1720.

### SUMMER ENRICHMENT CLASSES

New Morning School in Plymouth Township is offering summer enrichment classes for children ages three to 14 years old. Science and math camps are at the centerpiece of the classes. For full details call 420-3331.

### NEW DOLL EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM

Dolls of all kinds will be the focus of a special exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum now through Oct. 4. The collection of Alvina Cracknell will be displayed featuring more than 100 dolls. Admission to the museum is \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for students. Children under 5 get in free. There is a family rate of \$4. For further information call 455-8940.

### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CULINARY EVENT

Schoolcraft College's Foundation will present "A Culinary Extravaganza" Sept. 20 from 2-5 p.m. in the college Waterman Campus Center. More than 50 restaurants from metro Detroit will offer tastes of gourmet entrees, desserts and appetizers. Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds will fund student scholarships. To purchase tickets call 462-4417.

### WORKSHOP ON MOBILITY PROBLEMS

Child and Family Service will provide a free workshop on persons with mobility and immobility problems Aug. 11 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Information on caring for persons who need assistance as well as information on bed-bound persons. To make a reservation or for more information call 397-5444, the Canton Recreation Center. The event is open to the general public and is sponsored by Child and Family Service and the Canton Seniors.

### HOCKEY CLINIC THROUGH PCHA

The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association is conducting a pre-season skating clinic during the evenings of Aug. 17-21. Players age 6-9 will skate in an early session and players 10-13 will skate later in the evening. For more information call 454-9979.

### YOUTH HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Open registration for the Plymouth Canton Hockey Association will be held Aug. 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. A used equipment sale will also be held during the registration. Those interested should come by 11 a.m. For more information call 454-9979.

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# Try YMCA seminar Battle smoking, bulge

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will sponsor a stop smoking/weight control clinic Aug. 18 from 6-8:30 p.m. in Plymouth City Hall.

David Rowe, nationally known hypnotist and motivational speaker, will conduct a stop smoking and weight loss seminar.

Hundreds of people in the community have already used this two and a half hour program to "kick the habit" or win the "battle of the bulge." The \$49 registration fee includes a newly developed audio cassette tape for

## United Way kickoff set

The Plymouth Community United Way is getting ready for the beginning of the 1992-93 campaign, with the theme this year of "Let Them Dream."

The fundraising efforts start Sept. 2 at the Mayflower Meeting House with a kick off celebration. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. The agency fair begins at 6 p.m.

Reservations must be made by Aug. 21.

The Plymouth Community United Way may be reached at P.O. Box 356, Plymouth, MI 48170.

reinforcement of the hypnotic suggestion.

Registration must be done in advance by calling the Y at 453-2904 or coming to the Y office at 248 Union Street in Plymouth.

## Ballet tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will hold open auditions for dancers on Sunday, Aug. 16 at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth.

Two auditions will be offered: for ages nine to noon to 1 p.m. and for ages 13 and older from 2:30-4 p.m.

All girls must wear black leotards and pink tights. Hair should be up, with no pony tails. All dancers are requested to bring resumes, photos, and Pointe shoes. There will be a \$5 audition fee.

Male dancers are needed for the December performances of "The Nutcracker." Appropriate dance attire is required.

For 1992, the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company along with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present three performances of "The Nutcracker," Dec. 11-13 at the Salem High School Auditorium.

For further information or photographs please call 397-8828.



## Places to be

## Local riders take to rails

Nine riders from Plymouth will join more than 500 off-road cyclists, including 42 riders from outside Michigan, in the inaugural Michigander - a 290-mile, six-day cycling tour starting Sunday.

A portion of the proceeds from the Michigander ride will benefit the Michigan Chapter, Rails-To-Trails Conservancy - a chapter of the national organization, both of which work to convert abandoned railroad rights-of-way into a network of recreational trails for public use.

The tour route, which begins in South

Haven ventures out from the South Haven Pierhead across the 34-mile South-Havento-Kalamazoo rail trail, by Colon, the magic capital of Michigan, along miles of cornfields in southwestern Michigan, to Jackson's Lakeland Trail and a finish in apple country, along the Paint Creek rail trail near Rochester.

The tour wraps up Friday, Aug. 21. Plymouth riders include Christopher Phillips, Dorian Soper, Lynne Racer, Beverly Dobbs, Donna Miller, Edward Rollins, Michelle and Andrew Aiello and Robert Bryce.

## Canton Foundation starts drive

The Canton Community Foundation is trying something new this year with the formation of Team 100, a group of community leaders who will lead an effort to raise \$100,000 in 21 days.

The team, which is comprised of 100 community leaders, will kick off the Foundation's annual fund drive Sept. 2 with a breakfast at Palermo's. The team will report back their results at the annual community foundation birthday breakfast on Sept. 23.

Team 100 will hopefully allow the Foundation to reach every business in the

community, as well as every resident. The Foundation has grown so much in the past three years that the need is to expand efforts to include all segments of the community.

"A part of the drive will be to encourage Canton residents to designate the community foundation, on their United Way Pledge Card," said Phyllis Redfern, president of the Foundation.

Heading up the fund drive will be honorary chair Loren Bennett, Phil LaJoy, and Joan Noricks.

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## Breathers host talk on disease

Local residents concerned with chronic respiratory illness should check out the Plymouth Breathers Club.

The group will host registered nurse Lynn Neiting for a discussion on health promotion of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The group meets at 1:30 p.m. today (Aug. 12) in the community room of the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth.

The Breathers Club, a free year-round program of the American Lung Association meets monthly at several locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Meetings feature guest speakers, films and discussion on topics related to lung health.

The Plymouth Breathers Club meets the second Wednesday of every month.

For details call the American Lung Association of Southeast Michigan, 559-5100.

## Bike tour ends in Northville

The fifth annual Wish-A-Mile Bicycle Tour will begin with a sunrise ride over Michigan's Mackinac Bridge on Aug. 14 and will end on Aug. 16 in Northville.

The challenging 300-mile ride will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, a non-profit organization dedicated to granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

The tour ends at the Northville Gazebo Park. Twenty "wish children" from the area and their families will join the cyclists and their families in a joyous celebration of children, bicycling, and fellowship.

The Northville Rotary Club will have food available at the event. A dog show and clowns will entertain guests and Miss Grand Prix from Detroit will be at the special event.

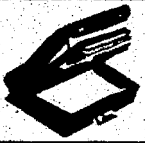
Also appearing at the celebration will be the Mariner's Band, a police escort for

the cyclists, and the Jim David Jazz band. The ending celebration begins at 3:30 p.m. The cyclists are expected around 5 p.m. with an awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

Cyclists will be transported from Northville to St. Ignace, with cycles and gear carefully transported separately by truck. Full service rest stops will be located every 20 to 25 miles along the route.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan was organized in 1984 to fulfill the wishes of children ages three to 17 who have life-threatening illnesses. Eleven all-volunteer local councils throughout the state support Make-A-Wish efforts through visits to children and families, fund raising and educational outreach in their communities.

For further information call 1-800-622-9474.



## Getting down to business

### First Security gets solid start

The new First Security Savings Bank branch in the City of Plymouth is already off to a solid start having financed nearly \$6 million in residential mortgages in its first month of operation.

The bank is part of one of the Midwest's largest originators of residential mortgage loans and serves residents of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas.

The new bank opened in early July, but will formally introduce itself to the community Friday with an open house from 2-9 p.m. The program will include refreshments and a barbecue.

First Security offers first-time home buyers a 25 per cent discount on origination fees, a no-mortgage insurance premium option and a zero-point mortgage option, all designed to lower the amount of cash required at closing.

"We're very excited with the response during our first month," said Arn Wolding, branch manager. He added that the bank emphasizes serving first-time home buyers.

First Security's new Plymouth branch is located at 851 S. Main.

### Home-care group moves downtown

Hospice Services, a non-profit organization which provides home care for terminally ill patients, is opening a branch office in downtown City of Plymouth.

The office opened recently in the West Building on South Main.

Its focus is to better serve and be more accessible to local residents in Plymouth, Northville and Canton.

The hospice philosophy emphasizes skilled, compassionate care to individuals during the last phase of their life, and offers a team concept of care which includes hospice physicians, registered nurses, patient-care assistants and other services.

In addition to caring for the terminally ill, Hospice Services offers support to the community in various ways.

The agency can be utilized as a resource and referral base for information on cancer and other terminal illnesses.

Support groups, training sessions and annual memorials are offered throughout the year. Its "Grief Relief" support group meets on the fourth Monday of each month. There is no charge for this group.

Hospice Services has been providing care to residents in the Plymouth community for nearly 11 years from its Garden City branch.

Interested volunteers can contact Mary Letters at 522-4244.

### Growth Works is healing hand

Growth Works, Inc., a human-services agency serving the needs of adolescents and parents in The Plymouth-Canton Community has been awarded accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Helping families heal and grow through the process of dependency is one of the missions of Growth Works, located on Main Street in the City of Plymouth.

Started in 1971 as Plymouth Youth, Inc. by its Executive Director Dale Yagiela, the program began as a drop-in recreational center for youth.

"We had 200 kids a day who came by. I quickly learned about the problems kids are up against and saw the adverse effects of drugs and alcohol," Yagiela said.

This activity laid the ground work for Growth Works which currently serves Plymouth/Canton adolescents and their families. Their primary services include substance abuse assessment and treatment, programs for juvenile offenders and job placements.

More than 40 per cent of the 1,000 clients to be served in 1992 are Canton residents.

With financing from Canton, United Way and Plymouth Township, Growth Works offers many services at little or no cost.

"Because we help families, we have a program for women in alcohol recovery and do placements for adults too. Last year our community employment service placed more than 100 individuals in jobs," said Yagiela.

Growth Works established a youth assistance program for first-time offenders. Its success can be judged by the small number of repeat offenders, which is about two per cent.

They also have a "Family in Trust" program for families who have problems dealing with children's behavioral problems.

"We help build parents' competency levels and help children learn to make more responsible choices," Yagiela said.

For more information call Jack Bologna at 459-8787.

## Crash kills local woman

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The inspector said that the wreckage of the aircraft had been strewn over 300 to 400 feet and had been scattered throughout the woods.

The engine had traveled further south than the rest of the wreckage, because of its greater weight. The tail of the aircraft landed farther to the north after the plane smashed through numerous pine trees, said Zallaster.

At this time, the inspector does not think a mechanical failure caused the accident. Zallaster noted that the engine and electrical system were in working order.

In addition, the gas tanks had fuel in them and there were no signs of fire, according to Zallaster.

One theory for the southeastern direction in which the plane was heading when the crash occurred is that the pilot decided to refuel at Grayling for one of two reasons, according to Foehl.

The first theory is that the poor weather in Pellston caused them to need fuel somewhere else. The second is that Shirley simply decided to "play it safe" and refuel at Grayling as a precautionary

measure, Foehl said.

Behiry, who ran a local support group for teens, worked at Youth Living Centers in Inkster and produced anti-drug presentations for youths. She was well known for her public speaking engagements.

She had recently moved to Plymouth from Canton.

Shirley spent much of his free time at the local flying club since his retirement.

"He was a great guy. He would do everything for everybody - he'd give you the shirt off his back," said Tom Kennedy, a personal friend of Shirley's and a captain with TWA. "He didn't really know her (Behiry) that well. He was just fulfilling a request for an acquaintance."

Funeral services for Tamara and Brenton Behiry were held Monday at the McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Brian Wingenroth officiating.

Both Tamara and Behiry will be buried in Gresham Cemetery in Charlotte.

Tamara is survived by mother Ronald Sterling and father Lewis VanSickle, sister Sylvia and brother Kyran. Brenton is survived by his father David Perry and sisters Lanette and Jamie.

## Larados to rock Canton

Canton's Heritage Park will be the site of a free concert featuring the Larados, who are best known for their A cappella doo-wop sound and their number-one

"Just Like Romeo and Juliet."

The concert will be held in the amphitheater Friday, Aug. 14, from 7:30-10 p.m.

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# WTUA controversy sends political ripples

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Representative Gerry Law as Plymouth Township Supervisor, and then pushing Northville Township Supervisor Georgina Goss's election to Law's old seat created a "Breen Machine." The next domino was the elevation of Betty Lennox to Northville Township supervisor once Goss won.

If it were a "machine," it fell apart so fast that it never could get a patent.

Breen lost the first time he was challenged for the county job Tuesday to Republican upstart Thad McCotter and very nearly was edged in votes by a young out-of-the-blue challenger Pat Downes. Both young men campaigned on Breen's "integrity" record, mentioning the WTUA problems at every chance.

Although WTUA had received press attention during its early stages, a Detroit Free Press article by Joel Thurrill last February focused more and more media interest on WTUA and its players. This newspaper detailed WTUA's \$1 million in public relations and lobbying fees. The Northville Record questioned Northville Township's role in WTUA and specifically raised Goss's involvement.

The media attention grew into bitter and very personal campaigning.

When Goss won the state house in a special election a year ago, she faced Jerry Vorva and Deborah Whyman. The two of them got nearly as many votes in Northville Township as Goss; this time Vorva carried Northville Township. (Whyman is running again but with redistricting, now faces State Rep. Jim Kosteva this November.)

The Northville campaigning also swept the Northville Township board out of office. Lennox was defeated Tuesday by Karen Baja.

Plymouth Township will see five of seven seats occupied by fresh faces this fall.

Law decided he was in over his head and still had the WTUA "other shoe" to drop. He decided at the last moment not to run.

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy finally got her day (assuming a recount holds a slim 21-vote intact) since she was defeated by Law for the state house previously. She persistently captured a vote at a time in front of Farmers' Market, the Post Office and Kroger's. Charlie McIlhargey gained steam as the last candidate to jump in. What if the election had been held a day later? His major task was to convince voters he wasn't a part of the "Breen Machine" even though many of those folks supported him.

John Stewart, as a township trustee, couldn't expand from his cadre of anti-Mettetal supporters and couldn't shake his having served as the WTUA alternate delegate.

Steve Boak, busy winning a large law suit for a client, never really got into the race.

On the township board, Mary Brooks as treasurer was unopposed, and Ron Griffith, a trustee, ran a strong second for



the board — both apparently untouched by WTUA.

But incumbent Trustee Abe Munfakh, an engineer with WTUA's consulting firm, ran an embarrassing last in the race. His drumming out was reminiscent of how township voters dismissed Trustee Andy Pruner, who was a Wayne County Sheriff deputy, after the township started its own police force.

Surprisingly, Sewergate hasn't affected Canton politics much at all.

WTUA was the brainchild of former Canton Supervisor Jim Poole; current Supervisor Tom Yack inherited it and now becomes the only holdover of its three-member board. He's been openly critical of some of WTUA's past practices — especially the lobbying contract — and now will be joined by Baja and probably Keen-McCarthy (she still faces a challenge by independent candidate Ron Edwards).

Although Democratic challengers yet await a chance at Canton's clerk,



## Twp. accident

Damayanti Amin, 45, was seriously injured when her minivan was struck by another vehicle on Ann Arbor Road and Lilley in Plymouth Township Friday afternoon. The driver of the other vehicle was not seriously injured, police said. (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

## County investigates charge

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taped ballots and was told staff would tape shut ballots found open when received.

The review included a visual inspection of all absentee ballots for obvious signs of tapering, a sampling of ballots for a comparison of the ballot numbers issued to ballot numbers returned by voters.

There was also a tabulation of selected ballots to compare the percentage of spoiled ballots in the group to the

percentage spoiled in the community, said Carey.

In a letter to Bennett, Carey said, "I find absolutely no evidence of any tampering."

Bennett said the accusations were made not only against himself but the entire clerk's staff.

Bennett said there were 676 spoiled ballots during the primary, including 133 spoiled absentee ballots. Less than 6,000 Canton residents went to the polls Aug. 4.

treasurer and two trustee seats, no serious WTUA questioning has yet to materialize.

Perhaps though, the impact of WTUA is not over.

November's main race for The Plymouth-Canton Community will pit incumbent Democrat William Ford against State Senator Robert Geake, a Republican, for the new 13th Congressional District.

With WTUA's proposed \$18 million federal grant in the hopper in Washington, D.C., the Congressional candidates will find themselves discussing the sewer project and its lobbying efforts.

WTUA has already begun working, according to the challengers who won Tuesday.

It disposed of Breen, Goss, Lennox and Munfakh.

## Other votes

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In Salem Township, outgoing Supervisor Michael Geary will be followed by Clerk Nancy Geiger, who beat opponent Rhett Hanert. 488 votes to 467.

The supervisor, clerk, treasurer and constable races were decided last Tuesday, as all the winners in those contests have no opposition in the general election.

In the battle to replace Geiger as clerk, Marcia Van Fossen picked up 526 votes to the 389 garnered by Barbara D'Angelo.

Incumbent trustees Ferman Rohruff and Thomas Homrich were ousted from the board, receiving 366 and 326 votes, respectively. Top Republican vote-getters Michael Penn and William Baxter will square off for the two open seats in November against Democrats Arlene DeForest and Ronald Bodnar.

Penn received 492 votes, and Baxter got 459. Final GOP trustee candidate Charles Grahl, Jr. picked up only 107 votes.

Incumbent Constable Kent Stanbury ran unopposed, and received 652 votes.

Geiger said that her office had received no request for election recounts.

Any request for recount must be made within six days of of the election's certification. Dan Byrne, of the Washtenaw County clerk's office, said that the certification will be made today.

## Bus accident

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at U-M have had to perform a series of operations to save the leg, said Kovach. Today doctors will determine if the leg can be saved, she said.

Kovach said that cards and letters can be sent to Hopkins directly at U-M Hospital (Main).

"It was just an incredibly freaky accident," said Kovach.

Staff Sgt. Debra Ceo, of the Ann Arbor Police, said no criminal charges were being contemplated by police but an investigation is underway to consider a possible ticket.

# Proof of WTUA's value? Detroit sewer rates rising

BY RANDY COBLE

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department has raised its fees for waste disposal, which means Plymouth, Northville and Canton Township residents will see a near 13 per cent increase in their sewer rates, a Plymouth Township memo to the board of trustees recently said.

Trustee Abe Munfakh said that the increase was proof of the value of the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA), scheduled to come on line in 1994.

Munfakh, an engineer, is a partner in the firm building the sewer line. He failed

to win re-election last week.

WTUA will save the three communities millions in the long-term, Authority officials maintain, because it will free them from Detroit's rising rates, allowing cheaper and more environmentally sound waste disposal.

"Our sewage and water costs will continue to go up (if Plymouth Township stays with DWSD)," Munfakh said.

Supervisor Gerald Law agreed, characterizing the Detroit disposal system as "the continuing rip-off."

Law's brother is a partner in the law firm which represents WTUA and three communities in the system.



## Dancing to the beat

Gabrielle Hamilton, 3, dances to the reggae music of Black Market at the Plymouth Music Festival Saturday. (Crier photo by Rachel Rozmys)

# Library design costs to be unveiled Monday

Preliminary budget numbers on a possible library design for Plymouth may be released Monday (Aug. 17) when the Plymouth District Library Board meets.

The board is hoping to come to a conclusion about a possible design for the library.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will include further comment about a design already presented to the board last month.

Comments made by the public since its release will be presented as well as those found in a comment box in the library.

Pat Thomas, the library director, said the board needs to see if the current plans as drawn up are acceptable to the board or whether changes need to be made.

"They'll look to come to some conclusions about this," she said.

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# Community deaths

## Sieber, a homemaker

Florence M. Sieber, 73, of Plymouth, died August 8. Funeral services were held August 12 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. Fr. James Wysocki officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, in Watervliet. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.


Born in 1919, Mrs. Sieber was born in Ripley County, Indiana. She was a homemaker. Prior to her marriage, she was a private secretary to the sales manager of Delco-Remy in Anderson, Indiana.

She moved to Plymouth from Battle Creek in 1955. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and a member of the Altar Society at Our Lady of Good Counsel. She was a former Girl Scout leader.

Mrs. Sieber graduated from St. Mary's High School in Anderson, Indiana and attended Anderson Business College.

Survivors include: husband, Raynold of Plymouth; daughters, Rosalie A. Sieber of Plymouth and Mary K. Salliers of Grand Rapids; sons, Mark R. of Albuquerque and Gary J. of South Bend; grandchildren, Meredith, Jonathan and Claude Curtis Salliers and Joseph Sieber; brother, Carl Eckstein of Anderson, IN; and sisters, Bertha Grimes, Alma Stires and Edith Evans of Anderson, IN.

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## Thorpe, owned weld shop

John Daniel Thorpe, 45, died Aug. 4 in Detroit. Funeral services were held Aug. 7 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. James Wysocki officiating.

Born in 1946 in Highland Park, Mr. Thorpe was the owner of Service Welding in Canton. He moved to the Southfield community eight years ago from Plymouth. He attended school in Plymouth, including Plymouth High School. He was in the Army from 1969-1970.

Survivors include: sons, John of South Lyon and James of Southfield; granddaughter, Samantha Rae Thorpe of White Lake; fiancée, Jo Anne Dale of Southfield; mother, Irene Thorpe of Southfield; sister, Cynthia Bastion of Canton; nieces Michelle and Aimee Bastion; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Hoffman, of Plymouth

Helga Hoffman, 82, of Plymouth, died July 25 in Livonia. Funeral services were held at the Bannan Funeral Home in Alpena. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Born in 1910 in Wallingford, CT, Mrs. Hoffman moved to Detroit as a young woman and was married in 1938. She lived in Plymouth since the mid 1940s.

Survivors include: husband, Rexford; and sons Thomas, of Plymouth, and Jeffery, of Orlando, FL.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Association.

## Donnelly, distributed paper

Anne Donnelly, 74, of Plymouth, died Aug. 1 in Plymouth. Services were held Aug. 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. David Lesniak officiating. Burial was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Born in 1918 in Plymouth, Miss Donnelly distributed the Detroit Free Press for Plymouth and surrounding areas for over 40 years, retiring in 1979. During that time she employed literally hundreds of carriers. She often afforded youngsters their first jobs and many would come back to visit her in subsequent years. She was a life-long member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Survivors include: sister Edythe Erke, of Glendale, CA, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews of the first and second generations.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home.

## Chopp, Army veteran

James Chopp, 61, of Plymouth, died Aug. 3 in Dearborn. Funeral services were held at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Chopp retired in 1967 after 15 years with General Finance Corp. of Dearborn. He came to the Plymouth community 26 years ago from Dearborn and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He served in the U.S. Army in the late 40s and early 50s and was an avid reader, book collector and record collector.

Survivors include: wife, Muriel; son Daniel, of Park City, UT; daughter Susan Close, of Northville; grandchildren Rachael, Ryan and Jordan Chopp and Andrew, Sarah and Joseph Close; mother Bernice Chopp, of St. Clair Shores; brother Bernard Chopp, of St. Clair Shores; and sister Louise Morisset, of Rochester.

Memorials may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation or the Wildlife Federation.

## Davis, auto employe

Wayne Davis, 47, of Camby, IN, died July 25 in Indianapolis. Funeral services were held July 29 at Riverside Cemetery with the Rev. Fr. Edward Prus officiating.

Born in 1944, in Covington, KN, Mr. Davis worked as a relief man for Allison Transmission. He came to Garden City in 1972 from Covington and was a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City.

Survivors include: wife Marlene "Shelly," formerly of Plymouth; son Craig, of Garden City; daughter Tracey, of Camby; mother Katherine Davis, of Louisiana; brothers Ron, of Northville and David, of Plymouth; sisters Jean Gryglewski, of Tennessee and Cheryl Groh, of Royal Oak.

Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.



# Community Deaths



## Swadling, owned salon

Shirley Swadling, 72, of Plymouth, died July 28 in Plymouth. Funeral services were held July 30 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. David Lesniak officiating. Burial was in Riverside Mausoleum in Plymouth.

Born in 1920 in Detroit, Mrs. Swadling came to the Plymouth community in 1930 from Detroit. She worked for Ford Motor Company as an inspector, before moving to the old Detroit House of Corrections as a socialservices employment. She also worked as a receptionist after operating her own beauty salon.

She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and a past member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Her lone survivor is son Charles, of Plymouth. Memorials may be sent to Angela Hospice.

## Cole, Bell supervisor

Lottie Cole, 71, of Fairfield Glade, TN, died July 27 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services were held July 31 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Kevin Miles officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Born in 1920 in Wyoming, PA, Mrs. Cole was a former resident of Plymouth who worked as a supervisor for Michigan Bell. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fairfield Glade and also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include: husband Leonard; sons Craig, of Canton and David of Garden City; daughter Martha Middleton, of Canterbury, NH; seven grandchildren; brother Albert White; sisters Grace Owens, of Wyoming, PA, and Josephine Reid, Georgia Dailey and Ginny Frew, all of Plymouth.

## Robinson, a homemaker

Mabel Robinson, 102, of Roscommon, died July 29 in Battle Creek. Funeral services were held Aug. 1 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Paul White officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Born in 1890, in Superior Township, Mrs. Robinson was a homemaker and a longtime Plymouth resident. She belonged to the First Baptist Church of Plymouth since 1906.

Survivors include: daughter Ernestine Cooper, of Roscommon; son Lewis Robinson, of Lakeland, FL; grandchildren James Cooper, of Plymouth, Dianne Backus, of Battle Creek, and Donald Robinson, of Clarkston; and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church.

## Mikola, owned market

Bernice Mikola, 80, of Trenton, died Aug. 1 in Trenton. Funeral services were held Aug. 4 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

She came to the Plymouth community in 1934 from Jonesboro, AR, and attended the Methodist Church. She owned and operated the B Thrifty Market in Lincoln Park, Allen Park and Wayne.

Survivors include: son Robert Chambers, of Riverview; daughter Carol Marszalek, of Garden City; 10 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimers Disease Association.

## Marsh, brick layer

Robert Marsh, 67, of Westland, died July 28 at Garden City Hospital. Funeral services were held Aug. 1 at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Gerard J. Cupple officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Born in 1925 in Detroit, Mr. Marsh was a brick layer and a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church. He was a World War II Veteran and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include: wife, Anna; son Robert, of Arizona; daughter Denise Bernardi, of Plymouth; grandchildren Stephen and Emily; brother Albert, of Chicago; and sisters Agnes Purvis, of Florida, Mabel Beach, of Brighton, Grace Matthew, of Florida, and Helen Davidson, of Warren.

Arrangements were handled by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

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# Sports

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## Salem junior excels in Tae Kwon Do

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

To meet her, it's hard to imagine. Sharon Hough has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

The soft-spoken, 17-year-old Salem High junior, has been working at the kick art since she was 14, earned her black belt in April, and was named to the United States junior Olympic team last month.

Her interest started three years ago, shortly after her brother, Ed, two years her senior, started taking classes at age 14.

"I wanted to join then," said Hough. "But my parents said no, I'd get hurt." When she was 13, her parents asked her what she wanted for her birthday, and she told them Tae Kwon Do classes, and has been in the art since.

Tae Kwon Do has become a family affair with the Houghs. The tradition started with brother Ed, Hough's identical twin sister, Karen, is also in the sport, as are her parents, Allan and Gloria, and younger sister, Valerie.

When Hough fights, it's usually in a point tournament, fighting three two-minute rounds, trying to out score her opponent.

In the black belt division, Tae Kwon Do is a full contact sport, and competitors are allowed to knock out opponents, something not permitted in lower degrees.

Since receiving her black belt in April, Hough has chalked up 10 tournament win, but says she hasn't knocked out anyone yet.

The sport teaches discipline, according to Hough, who says she has learned to listen better as a result of taking Tae Kwon Do. And she believes it helps her in school at home and in social occasions.

Rules are very explicit with regards to where contact can be made while competing, how much the hands can be used, and performers are limited to a small area of the head where they can make contact. The competition is monitored closely.

In the junior Olympic competition, Hough's sister Karen received too many point reductions for punches to the face, and didn't make the team.



Hough has been involved with Tae Kwon Do for over three years. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

At the tournaments, there are four judges, one in each corner, a referee in the middle, and four to six jurors who determine the winner.

Hough doesn't believe there is a lot of rivalry between her and her siblings, even Karen.

"We're even, it goes on and off," said Hough regarding who wins more. "When I won, it was like are you the one, or are you the one? We're identical, but she has a perm now," said Hough of the recent junior Olympic tryout competition.

She competes in the Fly Weight competition (93-103 pounds), and says she doesn't have to worry about her weight, her activity keeps it down.

She'll have to try out each year for the Olympic team, but as of now, Tae Kwon Do will not be an event in the 1996 Olympics.

Hough trains with coach Ron Rose, owner and master instructor of Kicks Tae Kwon Do studios in Wayne.

In each competition, the athletes wear protective gear for the chest, chins, instep, forearms, head and teeth. All competition is done barefoot.

Tae Kwon Do is over 2000 years old and started in Korea.



Sharon Hough demonstrates one of the techniques that earned her a Tae Kwon Do black belt. (Crier photo by Anne Sullivan)

## Canton tennis tourney results

The Canton Singles and Doubles tournament, sponsored by the Canton Parks & Recreation, was held last month.

In the boys singles competition, Vinnie Ikeh defeated Gagan Palrecha in the boys 10-12 years, in two sets, 6-4, 7-6.

In the boy singles 13-15, Matt Potter defeated Steve Shumard 6-3, 6-0.

In men's singles, 20-29, Jim Zander defeated Chris Marschak in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Gerry Chang defeated Theo Ulinfun in the men's 30-39 in three sets, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

Randy Whately defeated Jeff Holmquist in the men's 40 and over, 6-3,

6-3. Olive Ikeh defeated Shazia Ahmed in two sets, 7-5, 6-3 in the girls singles.

U.K. Ikeh defeated Kathy Stellema in three sets, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 in women's singles.

In boys 15-under, Potter and Palrecha defeated Riley Whately and Vinnie Ikeh in two sets, 6-1, 6-3.

In the men's doubles, 16-over, Jason Grimia and Kevin Laber defeated Chris Bray and Eric Baden by default in the second set.

The Canton Junior open tournament will be Friday and Saturday.

## Salem stars play in Lansing

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

Salem High athletics was well represented at the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All Star football game held last weekend in Lansing.

Leon Hister, a three year varsity gridiron star at Salem represented the Rocks as a tailback in the all star game. His coach, Tom Moshimer, was the head

## Named coach of the year 5 times

# Campbell coaches women's softball

BY ANNE SULLIVAN

As sports fans watched the Olympic games on television, many stories were told of hard working dedicated athletes giving all they've got to compete in their sport.

But there were many dedicated sports enthusiasts all over the country who were not competing in Barcelona this summer.

Al Campbell is one of them. And softball is his sport.

The 18-year Plymouth Township resident, a husband, father and grandfather, won't be seen running the bases, however.

An analyst at Ford Motor during the week, he metamorphoses into a Class A Women's United States Slo-pitch Softball

Association (USSSA) coach on the weekends.

He has coached women's Class A softball for 16 years, was named "Coach of the Year" five times, and has won five national championships, including last year's USSSA's World Series. And he has his sights set on a repeat for the World Series title this year.

As head coach of the Lady Blue team, Campbell has rounded up softball players from across the country, and the team meets most weekends throughout the summer to compete in tournaments all over the country, culminating with the USSSA World Series, Labor Day weekend, in Garland, Texas.

"There are no practices, the players are that good," said Campbell. "I expect them to practice during the week."

And he can tell when a player hasn't practiced during the week. His team played earlier this month in Detroit, and he saw a couple players had slacked off with practicing, and he told them to "swing some bats" before the next game.

Campbell met up with Lady Blue owner, Ed Waite, in the former Soviet Union in 1990.

He had taken a USSSA team to Moscow, Leningrad and Tallinn, Estonia to teach youngsters how to play.

"They loved it," said Campbell of the youngsters reaction to softball. "We left equipment there, and they still play."

That was going to be his last venture coaching. "I was getting burned out. Sponsors didn't have money available. It was time to get out, and I did," said Campbell.

While playing in the former Russia, Waite convinced Campbell to return to the sport, and sponsors the Lady Blue team which Campbell now coaches.

The first challenge facing Campbell was to round up a team. Most of his players were playing for other teams. He enticed 11 of the players to come back to his team. And adds players each season.

"I asked all my (recruits) to stay at least one year," said Campbell. Some stay longer, some don't. Some can't handle that level of competition. They're used to being the best, and suddenly

they're not. They're surrounded by a lot of great players. Some can't handle that."

His players are as dedicated as he is. None is paid. Travel expenses and team equipment are picked up by the sponsor.

"They buy their own food on the weekends (at the tournaments)," said Campbell. "We do have some perks, supplying shoes, uniforms and supplies it takes to put a team together. So we have a good organization and we win." All which Campbell believes makes it easier to recruit players.

This year Campbell ventured down a new coaching avenue. He became coach of the Salem girls high school softball team.

There are some differences between the teams. The high school team is fast pitch. And Campbell says there is a world of difference between coaching a hand picked team, and coaching a team handed to him.

He spent his first season as a high school coach teaching fundamentals to his players. He's spent the summer with the summer league.

"I'm fortunate to have Don Dreher and Chuck Drewicz, two of the finest coaches, who donate time and come out and help me."

In fast pitch, Campbell says pitching is the name of the game. "Jenny (Garvey) will do a good job for us. After this year, we're in a ton of trouble," said Campbell. He has his eye on three eighth graders in the summer program this year.

Softball has been a way of life for Campbell and his family. He coached men's softball before coaching women and says he enjoys the women's team more.

He credits his wife Mona with part of the success he has enjoyed while coaching. She travels with him to the games and supports all his efforts in softball.

He has five grown children, Jeff, Cathy, who is a counselor at Central and Hoben schools, Doug, Julie, and Mike and one grandson, Ivan, 2-years-old.

His children all grew up around softball. Four of them went to Canton High, and one went to Salem.



AL CAMPBELL

## All-star coach leads his player

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coach, and Jim Jarvey was his assistant.

Hister was an all area, all conference and Rock most valuable player in 1991 and 92.

He holds several school records, including the most touchdowns. Hister's record is 39, 37 rushing, one punt return and one kick off return.

He also holds the record or the most points scored for one season, 122, and 236 career points.

Hister rushed for 1,507 yards in his senior year, and has a career rushing record of 2525.

"Leon led by example," said Moshimer of his graduating tailback of his performance for the Rocks. "He did the same in the all star game."

Hister is heading to Wayne State University in the fall, and he has plans to play football there.

Moshimer has been head coach at Salem since the school opened. He has been with the district, coaching since 1967, and coached at Plymouth High. He spent eight years coaching in Dundee before coming to Plymouth.

The all-star game has been played for 12 years. Moshimer was on the board of directors of the Michigan High School

Football Coaches Association and chairman of the All Star game for 10 years.

"It was a pleasure to work with this quality of players," said Moshimer. "They were great players and human beings, they were very coachable, and listened to what I had to say."

Moshimer coached the East team, which lost 20-0. The team carried 44 players, from over 200 schools in 12 counties along the east part of the state from the thumb down to Monroe County. The west team came from the rest of the state.

Moshimer said a coach is only allowed one shot at coaching the all-star game, and it was a greater pleasure for him, coaching one of his players.

Going to the game, Moshimer was able to bring along an assistant. He took Jim Jarvey, his defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

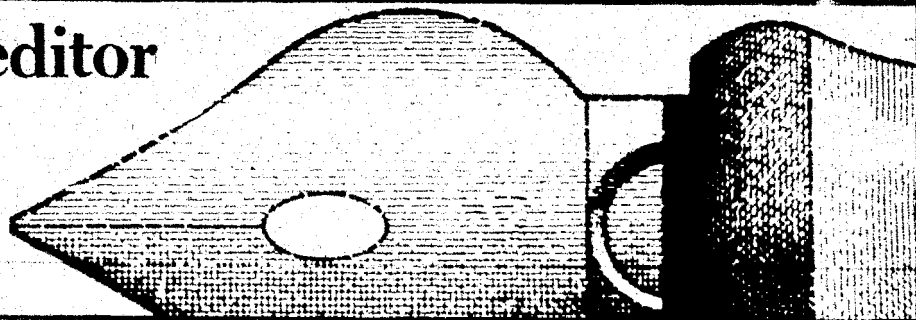
Jarvey has been coaching for 25 years. He has spent the last 16 years with Moshimer at Salem. He spent three years at Canton before going to Salem, and came to Canton with five years experience.

WSDP, the student radio station at Salem and Canton highs, also broadcast the game.

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Bill McMullen, Owner & Pharmacist

# Center funding options seek to avoid tax hike

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still offer the best services possible."

Yack found that many of the facilities in Colorado recover upwards of 65 per cent of their operating costs through such fees.

He said construction might be covered through the use of bonds or some form of internal borrowing.

The township has also sought to set aside Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money for the community center. The request this year is for \$150,000 as a multi-year project. The township hopes to receive a five-year commitment of \$150,000 annually, or a total of \$750,000 from HUD.

According to Gerry Martin, Canton's development specialist, HUD recommended the plan for an "advance against future allocations as a way to avoid seeking an actual loan."

Any money received from HUD for construction would have to be dedicated to those aspects of the project related to senior citizens, said Dan Durack, Canton's administrative services director.

Kim Scherschligt, Canton's resource development division manager, said last week that HUD had approved the concept verbally but the township was still waiting for formal approval.

She added that Canton has also submitted an application to receive a Michigan Recreation Bond Fund grant of \$750,000 for construction of the center.

"It's being evaluated right now," Scherschligt said. "We hope to hear by

this fall whether we're being considered." A community center in Washtenaw County was partially funded through the state bond program, she said.

The center itself would likely sit on 20 acres and include a competition size swimming pool, fitness and weight areas, a track, gymnasium, racquetball courts, community and dance rooms and an area for Canton's senior citizens.

A key element would be a banquet facility.

"We just don't have anything like that in Canton," said Yack, except the Fellows Creek clubhouse.

The supervisor said the center would offer services "you can't find anywhere else around here.

"I see this as a quality of life issue," he added. "It would be my goal and I hope the board's goal."

Yack, during a recent interview about this year's election, said, "I think we'll be in a position to do that for the residents of Canton but I don't think it should be just limited to them in terms of access.

"So I think we'll probably put together a financial proposal for both the city and township of Plymouth and see if it makes sense," he continued.

The addition of a community center to the Heritage Park complex, the Canton Public Library, and the proposed Pheasant Run golf course development would make Canton's civic center unique, Yack said.

The formal steps to move such a community center ahead have yet to be taken but it is expected the project will take shape in line with the Pheasant Run

project.

"We need to work out the siting of the Pheasant Run clubhouse and how it relates to where a community center might be," said Yack.

Formal planning of the golf course is expected to begin this year yet, said Yack, with construction likely to begin in the

## Police cite women at course

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issued three misdemeanor citations for violations of a township ordinance.

Madena Lynn Williams, of Westland, Ashley Marie Froman, of Keego Harbor, and Tracee Lynn White, of Detroit, received tickets for indecent exposure from Officer Steven Mann and Investigator David Hayes.

"I then spoke with the person who had leased the course and advised him of the activity, and told him to bring it up to the standards of the community," Berry said. "He did and we left."

Berry added that the leasee, the owner of Trumpp's, was very cooperative "once we brought the matter to his attention."

The owner of Mission Hills was not involved in the day's events, Berry said.

"Those girls don't belong on the course. It appears they were not dressed to play golf," said Mary Stone, a resident of the township. "There's a place for that kind of thing, but not on a public course in my community."

In a related matter, The Crier's photographer filed a complaint with township police against a man who was

spring of 1993. DNR permits are still pending.

Canton would request community center proposals once an architect has been hired, said Yack, and a plan developed in conjunction with the golf course clubhouse.

present at Mission Hills during the outing.

Rachel Rozmys, The Crier's photographer, told police that a man who identified himself as "Trumpp's marketing director" attempted to take her camera from around her neck.

She was not injured but told police her camera lens was damaged.

Police have not identified the man but are investigating.

## School fees

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Other fee increases will take place for the adult education and extended day programs, and for building rentals as well.

Fees for fall sports, including boys' football, soccer and golf, girls' tennis, swimming and basketball, as well as boys' and girls' cross country, marching band, cheerleading and pom-pom squads will be collected at the CEP the week of Aug. 24.

Debate, drama and forensics fees at the high school level will be collected as those activities take place during the regular school year.

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Ummm... no.

Brent - I like your curls!

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### Curiosities

Phyllis - you look like a million!

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Will anybody survive Fall Festival?

CATHY AND PETER -welcome to never, never land.

Mariah had a great time at the Plymouth Music Celebration.

So did her mom.

SHANNON - thanks for being a friend and just for being you.

K-K-K-Katie- Beautiful Katie-you're the only one that we adore. Michigan State's gain! Dam!

It's a shame that some people don't have anything better to do than gossip and make up stories.

Kevin - you're getting better at singing! Seem's like just yesterday... WOW!

ELMER AUSTIN - how nice to meet you. G.G.

SUSIE thanks for being my sister and a SPECIAL FRIEND.

### Curiosities

Did everyone see MIKE SCHNEIDER'S great window?

Brent, you're just GREAT!

MARGARET G- twelve little ones under seven years old is quite a few in one house at a Family Reunion. Hurrah for a sunny day!

FLORENCE S. -one day at a time, and thank heaven for "people " dogs. (i.e. Dogs that don't know they are dogs.)

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### Curiosities

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Do the REAL MEN at Coldwell Banker/Schwietzer wear white shoes and belts?

JACK ARMSTRONG was seen at a Park Concert with a lady who danced and clapped her hands to the music. What a nice Grandpa.

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**MRS. ROBINSON** - We missed you when you & your family left our neighborhood. How we wish we had told you.

Jack is late with his ads again.

It's amazing what people seem to think happens in public restrooms.

Tom & Joy better keep an eye on Michele.

Michele, K. remembered the lunch or dinner invite.

Hey Ken, there's the beg lady's biks.

Hey Kevin, how was lunch?

"You can get hundreds of white people to fight to have the right to come into a restaurant. But when it comes to a question of power, it's different." - Sister Souljah.

## Curiosities

"There was no place like Flint." - **Me Phi Me.**

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Kevin is a true artist.

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Toto - we missed you while you were in the hospital. We need you, you dear little dog.

Mom & Dad on Melton: we sure had a party week last week, didn't we?

Spec night was a success, thanks to the talents of the Comma, staff.

Jack's new darts have the magic touch.

Joy wouldn't be working Pogo's would she?

Emma Rose is talking, walking & throwing kisses to Grampa Jack.

**ALL HAIL DIABLO: 1973(?) - 1992.**

**MARTHA DAVIS** eats Ernesto's bean salad.

**TIPPER:** please keep your 1880 view of the First Amendment away from my daughter. --Wendover.

"You can be a King or a street sweeper, but everyone dances with the Grim Reaper." - **Robert Alton Harris**, as he awaited execution in California's gas chamber.

Microwave - Microwave - Taken to pawn, had better get back, we know where you've gone.

How 'bout that COMMA, Saturday crew?! We sure get the work done! Thanks.

Tom and Joy - Where are you hiding Bob Gardner's cot?

Is it with Dusty's girlfriend?

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**MATT GANTZ**  
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Ray - thanks for the pie. It was GREAT!

Erent - have you ever heard of Scorpio revenge?

Kevin did great layouts at the Side Street.

Janet made it through the Typhoon that just hit Japan.

Kettle - the blind leading the blind.

Mr. GQ, commonly known as Kevin has the girls reeling. Who is it this week.

**EMMA ROSE** throws kisses to her Grandpa.

**Congratulations Salem Varsity**  
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Thanks for the Subs, Ed. The pop would have been good too, I'm sure!

Were the pages fuzzy in last weeks paper, or was it Kevin's eyes?

Animal sent the band packing now all the Side Street has for music is the Juke Box.

Phyllis is looking good.

Ozzie isn't feeling well so maybe the Easter Bunny will be safe next year.

Boy I sure could use a pair of boots.

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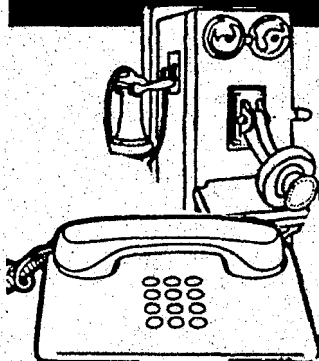


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# Community opinions

## Don't believe Crier

EDITOR:

When I joined the Plymouth District Library Board nearly four years ago, I was new to public service. Carol Davis was then serving as board president, and I was aware of her many years of experience as a member of the school board, so I frequently sought her advice.

Over the years, she shared her philosophy of public service with me. Some of her tenets include: a respect for the Open Meetings Act; avoidance of even the appearance of self-interest or impropriety; mutual respect among board members; long-range planning; and a belief that, as elected officials, board members must represent the interests and respect the will of their community.

Carol and I have disagreed over the years, but that has not affected my great respect for her, because we have always shared the same goal: to provide the best library service to the community. Carol has never operated on the level of personal ego. As a board member, she is interested in seeing that the right thing, rather than her thing is done.

Although her other volunteer activities are numerous, Carol went above the call of duty, and took on the additional responsibility of serving as a board member of the Wayne Oakland Library Federation (WOLF).

Through WOLF, Plymouth receives such services as circulation and book ordering. Carol has faced many challenges

while serving on the WOLF board, and has applied her energy and intellect to solving them.

Serving on a public board can be a thankless job. At our meetings we seldom see a member of the public -- or press for that matter. We serve without pay, and our service requires that we spend many hours away from our jobs and our families.

The last thing we deserve is to be treated the way she has been treated in this paper. In the Aug. 1 election issue, The Crier referred to Carol's service on the school and library boards and made the outrageous statement that "she did not distinguish herself in either post" and "tends to follow rather than lead."

Either the person responsible for these false statements failed to sufficiently research Davis' background, or there is someone on this paper with a personal animosity against her.

In any case, those who know and support Davis, and they are many, know the truth.

I am writing instead to let your readers know that they should not believe everything The Crier writes.

Carol Davis would have been a voice of integrity for a public which has grown tired of politicians who do not represent the interests of the people.

Instead, she was defeated. Your paper bears a large share of the responsibility.  
SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY

## K K-M: Thanks for voting

EDITOR:

I would like to share a note that I received the morning after the election: "I never felt that my vote counted more than it did today" -- Brian Wolcott 13808 Ridgewood, Aug. 4.

The primary election is over, the hard-fought battle ended, and I would like to express my thanks to everyone who participated in the process. By participating, whether working for a particular candidate, attending the League of Women Voters Forum, or talking with friends and neighbors, each individual made a difference.

While only one candidate received the majority of votes, the exchange of ideas and participation of so many citizens makes the community the true winner.

Thank you for making your vote count.  
KATHLEEN KEEN-MCCARTHY

## Salem voters concerned

EDITOR:

Thank you, Salem voters, for getting out to vote on Tuesday, Aug. 4. It shows you are concerned.

I hope you will have the same confidence in me come Nov. 3.  
WILLIAM D. BAXTER

Editor: I loved some of your endorsements and hated some of your endorsements. In your endorsement issue of August 1, I loved some of your endorsements and hated some of your endorsements. Could you please tell me the credentials of the people who made up your panel? How long have they lived in the Plymouth Community? How much experience have they had in dealing with the people they were evaluating? How much did they know about the candidates other than their political literature and the interview? Did they actually know for a fact that their comments were correct?

Just interested.

Sincerely,

Janet Campbell  
Janet Campbell

Readers of last week's Crier may have seen a letter from local mover and shaker Janet Campbell calling into question our endorsement process.

That letter rekindled a debate here about the role of reporters at a community newspaper and whether or not they should live in the community they cover.

It is an issue that surfaces occasionally -- usually around election time -- when a resident questions the credentials of a journalist they may or may not agree with.

But unlike elected officials or even department heads in local governments, reporters are not required, or duty-bound, to live in the community.

Even when the reporter resides outside of town that person is often more informed on the issues than the average resident.

Without trying to sound elitist, it makes sense that a dedicated reporter can know just as much about what is happening in the community as you or your next door neighbor. They personally attend the meetings, follow the issues, talk to the movers and shakers like Campbell.

To question a reporter's credentials based on whether he or she lives in a community is a narrow-minded assumption. (Besides, four of the five Crier staffers voting in the recent endorsements live in Plymouth-Canton-Northville.)

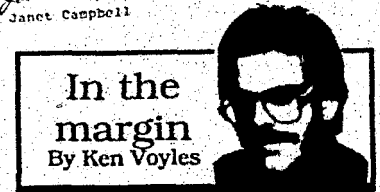
Most of the readers of this newspaper work outside The Plymouth-Canton Community. But often they also have a special interest in their adopted community -- where one works is important since the strength or weakness of a given community may affect the status of the workplace.

Reporters in particular have a special interest in the communities they cover since the job requires a mix of curiosity and drive to find out what's going on. They try to understand the people and the issues so as to better inform readers about events of the day.

In that sense reporters at this newspaper are well armed for debating and deciding who may or may not be the best candidate for Plymouth-Canton.

It should also be understood that a real give and take occurs between young reporters at the paper who may not have years of experience and the veterans in dealing with candidates.

A democratic process as used here to



endorse candidates calls for informed voters. And since each member of the staff -- rookie or veteran -- has a single vote it is imperative they come to know the candidates and the issues.

Even though endorsements are nothing more than an opinion, people often confuse them with fact.

Whether you love or hate an endorsement depends on your own political views.

Just remember that the individual reporter does not, nor cannot, set a political agenda for a community. That must be done by the voters. All a reporter can do -- a newspaper for that matter -- is inform the voters and help them evaluate the candidates.

Take it for what it is worth, but Crier endorsements have a long history, one based on a democratic process rarely used by other newspapers.

Yes, there has been a share of "odd" or "surprising" endorsements. Not just this year, but over the past 18 years. Still, the system -- like democracy itself -- is the best we've got.

Why not question those newspapers beyond the Plymouth-Canton borders who try to dictate who voters support? A giant corporation is farther removed than the hometown newspaper and less likely to give voters a straight story.

Why not? Because here inside the Plymouth-Canton fishbowl, what the only locally-based newspaper says or does can become an issue in a race. For good or bad.

That cannot be said of any other newspaper covering Plymouth-Canton.

No other paper offers this community a chance to look inside the mind of a working reporter, an informed reporter, one who may or may not live in the community, but one who cares enough to stick his or her neck out when the need arises.

"Background checks" for reporters -- especially those based on residency in a community or not -- do nothing to help voters decide on issues or candidates.

But, if nothing else, letters like Janet's help us examine our role more closely and the public's perception of how a newspaper works.



# Community opinions

## Punch card flop

### Spoiled ballots exhibit system flaws

The high number of spoiled ballots in last Tuesday's primary election — more than 10 per cent in some communities — points out the need for change in the system.

When the "punch card" system replaced the old voting machines in many places, the main reason given was that results would be tabulated more quickly. Nothing was further from the truth; tabulations take longer.

Meanwhile, unlike the machines which blocked cross-party voting, the punch cards have led to too many ballots being thrown out. If it is indeed the goal to encourage participation in the election process, something must be done. Perhaps, just better, more prominent instructions would help.

Until then, all close races are suspect.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Since you asked . . .  
by Randy Coble



How the world does turn. Now that the Plymouth Township Republican primary is over, the board of trustees will face an autumn of change in township politics.

Those leaving the board include Trustee Smith Horton and Clerk Esther Hulsing (retiring), Trustees Abe Munfakh and John Stewart (retired by the voters), and Supervisor Gerald Law, appointed by the board in 1991, who chose (wisely) to leave the political scene.

The survivors include Treasurer Mary Brooks and Trustee Ron Griffith.

The question is what the board, five of whom are effectively beyond the reach of the people for the next three and a half months, will do. Who knows what shenanigans may lurk in the hearts of lame-duck politicians?

Not to say that they're bad folks -- it's just a fact that five of them aren't facing the voters again, and two have a four-year cushion. That could make the board

take some risks.

And my, my, my, but there are some political bungee jumps to take.

There could be one last try to buy Mettetal Airport. The board could also try to shore up the sagging position of Sills, Hemming, Law, Essad, Polaczyk & Gillary, township attorneys at law -- and the subject of many questions, both ethical and financial.

It is now day 92 of the infamous Stewart ethics hearings matter, with no date for another hearing yet set. Will this thing drag on as long as the Iranian hostage crisis, or will Law and the board let it die a quiet death, now that Stewart has only three more months in politics?

WTUA, perennial favorite of township observers, is another area where surprises could be sprung. That "independent" audit, the hunt for a new lobbying firm (after four years and over \$1 million on a no-bid Washington company) are but two of them.

Get involved, Plymouth Township. It's still your board, your government your money and your community. Pay attention to what it's doing, and tell your representatives how you feel. This is what democracy is all about -- maybe now it means more than at any other time.

## Warren Dusbiber was citizen leader

EDITOR:

Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens mourn the loss of our founder, leader and mentor Warren Dusbiber who died July 11.

Warren taught us that you do not

always have to shout to be heard and that knowledge and perseverance are powerful tools. He was never too busy to take on another task that had to be done or lend his expertise to help solve a problem.

A man of quiet dignity and strong

convictions, Warren was always there for us -- always watching over us. As Plymouth Township Concerned Citizens continue onward, somehow we know Warren is still watching.

PATTY SCHMIDT

## Many helped in Canton treasurer victory

EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents who took the time to vote last Tuesday. To those who voted for me for Canton treasurer in the Republican primary, I offer a special thanks. To all others, please consider me when voting in the general election in November, but above all please VOTE.

Indeed it is evident that I would not have been victorious without the help of countless individuals.

I would like to thank my "right hand," Flossie Tonda, who has offered her experience and advice for years. There are so many others whose friendship and support I truly value. Most importantly, I would like to thank my daughters and

husband, Dick. Their encouragement and love enabled me to win.

It is true that it takes a combination of dedication and hard work to win at anything. In my election it took much more. It took the help of some very important people who I shall always be grateful to.

ELEINE KIRCHGATTER

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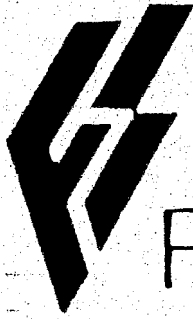
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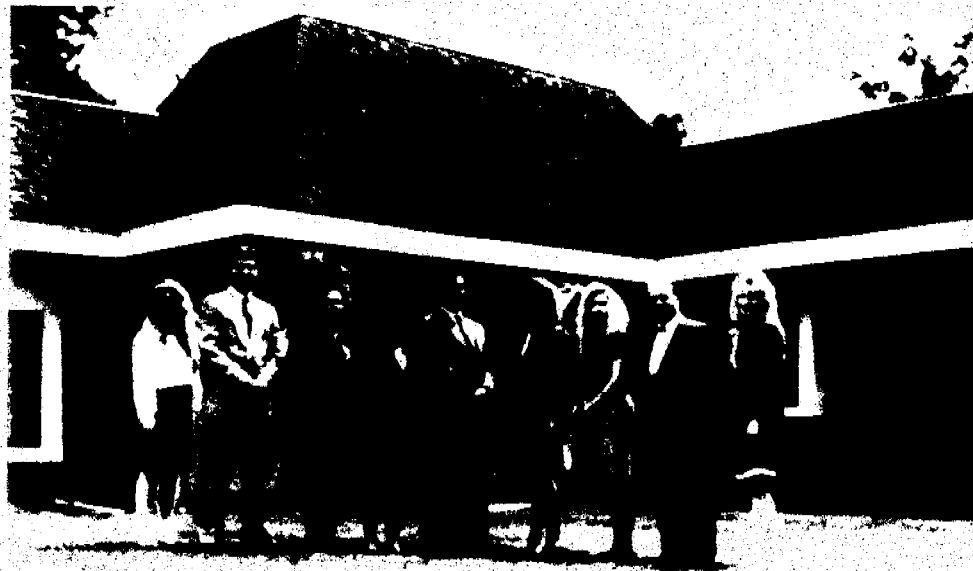
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