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## PCAC pursues embezzeling charges

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) appears to be moving forward to prosecute Gerald Ash for allegedly embezzling funds while volunteering as treasurer for the council.

The PCAC, in a written statement said, "David Williamson C.P.A., from Post Smythe, Lutz and Ziel has been retained to perform a special audit. The preliminary results of this audit indicate a

loss of between \$30,000 and \$40,000."

Ash, who told The Crier he resigned his position as an auxiliary Plymouth police officer, refused to comment on the PCAC statement. Ash's counsel, Peggy Madden, did not return numerous calls made to her pager number.

According to Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins, the case has been handed over to the Michigan State Police. "Ash was an auxiliary police officer," he said.

"It would not be appropriate for us to investigate. He has friendships with officers on the force."

The Michigan State Police — Northville Post — declined comment on the investigation.

Randi Lee, speaking for the PCAC, said she noticed money missing on April 14 — Good Friday.

"Monies were diverted in a way that would be hard for us to find," she said.

"The scope of the misuse is much broader than we thought."

Lee said accounting will be handled much differently than it has been in the past. "We are working with a CPA to form an accounting system to protect us from this ever happening again," she said. "It's too bad that something of this nature receives attention. We are looking forward to get back to our normal arts council business."

## Contractor angry over City trash bid process

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Painter-Ruthenberg, the low bidder for Plymouth's Solid Waste & Resource Recovery Programs (City garbage and recycling pickup), wants to know why they are being overlooked for the million-dollar contract.

Paul Sincock, assistant city manager, said the reason is simple — the performance of Painter-Ruthenberg does not compare to the other two low bidders — current city trash hauler Mister Rubbish and Laidlaw.

Even though Painter-Ruthenberg's bid is \$400,000 less than Laidlaw, the next lowest bidder, the administration recommended a five-year contract with Mister Rubbish, citing excellent performance during their current three-year contract with the city.

"We did a random sample survey," said Sincock. "We found (residents of Plymouth) are basically happy with their service — happy with the recycling program."

On the other hand, Sincock said Painter-Ruthenberg's performance in Northville is less than stellar.

Robert Matso, a manager at Painter-Ruthenberg, disagrees and said the company was caught totally off guard by the charges made by Sincock.

"We were not even notified that you were taking action today," Matso said.

Matso asked commissioners to set a study session where Painter-Ruthenberg

could respond to charges.

"We take strong issue...regarding poor level of service (at our company)," he said. "We are shocked that the city would pay Mister Rubbish \$450,000 more than Painter-Ruthenberg."

Sincock, in his report to the commission, said six factors disqualify Painter-Ruthenberg from consideration. He cited:

- Poor levels of service — trash cans not being placed on the curb, etc.
- Non-compliance with the bag/tag system in the City of Northville.
- Safety record of Painter-Ruthenberg is poor, possibly exposing the City to some liability, and forcing "non-regular" route persons to work in our bag/tag community and they may not be familiar with the system.
- A high number of motor carrier violations indication a possible lack of respect for the local roadways.
- A questionable bid bond.
- A poor record of compliance by Painter-Ruthenberg's sister company with Plymouth's Solid Waste Ordinance, requiring dispatch of city crews to clean up after collection of trash was completed by Midwestern. (Midwestern, sister company of Painter-Ruthenberg, handle the trash compactors on Fleet Street).

Matso said Painter-Ruthenberg does business with 12 municipalities in south east Michigan, including several commu-

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## Perfect play



(l to r) Brad W. Szonye and James W. Dereniak do battle in the Plymouth Theatre Guild's performance of *Deathtrap* — the Ira Lavin thriller. The play continues May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The Plymouth Theatre Guild is in their 48th season. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

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# City ordinance tests First Amendment limits

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth City Commission passed the first reading of the Newsrack Ordinance Monday, but two First Amendment questions need to be clarified: What is news? and What is obscene?

The ordinance was designed to clear newsbox clutter downtown, but has drifted into the area of content-based regulation.

The ordinance has been in the works for several months — started by then-City Attorney Ron Lowe — and finished by new City Attorney Don Morgan with the help and input of the Detroit

Newspapers.

The Plymouth City Commission debated the obscenity and news issues during the meeting.

"One change would be to eliminate the section on obscenity," said Commissioner Bill McAninch. "It's not enforceable and wouldn't come into play in the City of Plymouth."

Section 7F of the ordinance says, "Obscenity Prohibited. No newsrack may be used for the sale of obscene material."

Several members of the commission voiced their concern that the obscenity section could not be enforced and would not stand up to legal scrutiny. "Obscenity

is too unenforceable — too overbroad," said Commissioner John Voss. McAninch said the purpose of the ordinance was not to regulate obscenity, but to regulate the placement of newsracks.

Mayor Doug Miller said the obscenity issue could possibly be removed at the second reading of the ordinance.

In an attempt to regulate pamphlets and marketing brochures, such as real estate guides, the commission also tried to find the answer to the question, "What is news?"

"We haven't really defined 'newspapers'," said Commissioner Bob Jones. "A bunch of new boxes sprung up (when we started discussing a newsbox ordi-

nance)."

Morgan said the meaning of news is not specifically defined under the ordinance. "I guess I'm concerned that any kind of advertisement — any pamphlet is free speech," said Jones.

City Manager Steve Walters said other types of newsracks, those housing non-traditional news materials, would be "dealt with" under the ordinance.

"They would be treated just as any other nuisance I guess," he said. "It (the newsrack) would just be picked up, with the owner notified."

The first reading of the ordinance passed 5-2, with Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury and McAninch voting "no."

## PCA memorial fund started

BY MATT HUCAL


The Plymouth Christian Academy (PCA) has tried bringing some good out of the horrible tragedy that involved one of their students on April 19. Daniel Carter, an eight-year-old attending the second grade of the PCA, was accidentally shot by a neighbor playing with a gun.

The PCA is working on two memorials to help keep Daniel's memory alive and, as Daniel's mother said, to give other children the chance to enjoy what he enjoyed while attending. The first memorial will be called the Daniel Carter Scholarship Memorial. It would help other children who need financial help attend the academy. The other will be

called the Daniel Carter Living Memorial that will include a tree and a plaque placed on the campus of the PCA.

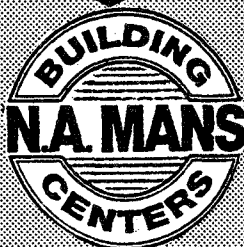
To help students and staff deal with the loss of Daniel, a memorial service was held on April 28 that honored his life and let fellow classmates and staff share fond memories of how he affected their lives. Daniel converted to Christianity just a few weeks before his death—a fact students at PCA take comfort in. Donations can be sent to the Plymouth Christian Academy with checks for the scholarship memorial made payable to the Daniel Carter Memorial Fund, and for the living memorial to the Plymouth Christian Academy.

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# 'Ghoul' pleads guilty to Trenton robbery, will face at least one other

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After allegedly making a three month, 10 bank tour of Southeastern Michigan, convicted bank robber William Warwick of Garden City has pleaded guilty to count seven of 10 in the March 2 robbery of Old Kent Bank in Trenton.

Warwick, nicknamed "The Ghoul" by investigators in the case, pleaded guilty to the robbery as part of a plea agreement. Warwick was believed to be the robber behind the March 10 robbery of the NBD in downtown Plymouth.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Chadwell, the Detroit police will pursue another case against Warwick that occurred in the city.

"How we normally handle it is we take one of the cases and Detroit takes one," Chadwell said. "But we can press for the most jailtime."

According to Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins, Plymouth can press charges in the NBD robbery. "Certainly it is an option that is open to us," Scoggins said. "I would have to review that before I was able to say for sure."

Warwick, who has a prior conviction for bank robbery in Boston in 1989, faces a maximum penalty of \$250,000 in fines



'The Ghoul,' as captured by Plymouth NBD surveillance video, will also be charged in the robbery of a Detroit bank. Plymouth police may also consider pressing charges in the NBD robbery.

and 20 years in prison. Chadwell said that the other nine counts would be taken into consideration when Warwick is sentenced.

According to a U.S. attorney's office report, in the Trenton robbery Warwick intimidated the teller at the bank with a

letter that said, "Don't do anything stupid, I want all large bills, \$100, \$50 and \$20, no inks, no dyes, no bait money."

Chadwell said that the sentencing hearing would probably be held in the next 90 days.

## Bennett 'survives' first day as clerk

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Being the "new kid on the block" is never easy — even when you are Terry Bennett — Canton's new clerk.

Although Bennett has been active politically in the community for many years, Monday — her first official day as clerk — was hectic.

"I need a key for my office so I can get in at 4 a.m. tomorrow to catch up already," she said Monday afternoon.

Bennett said even though her first day

was busy, it was also very rewarding.

"We had our staff meeting this morning," she said. "I was pleased with the amount of background I already had on the issues. (From prior involvement in the community) I knew some of the answers to questions other staff members had."

Bennett said her coworkers have been very helpful already.

"They don't mind giving background information on an issue if I need it," she said.

"They are very gracious about explaining things."

If questions about the clerk job can't be answered by other staff members, Bennett said she can always use her husband Loren — who left the Canton clerk position in November after being elected to the State Senate — as a resource.

"We have a unique relationship," she said. "He is there for me, but I have always carried my own weight. He will be there to assist me as I need it."

## Businesses ready for Streetscape project

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The start of the Plymouth Streetscape project has caused mixed emotions for downtown business owners.

On one hand, they're excited about the facelift for downtown — on the other hand, they're worried about losing business during the lucrative summer months.

Larry Bird, owner of Country Charm on Main Street and member of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said his company has planned for the streetscape disruptions.

"We're concerned," he said, "but this is going to be a tremendous improvement. For the minor inconvenience to us and our customers, the benefits will be

wonderful. We are excited."

Denni Englehart, owner of Chameleon Galleries and Outback Cappuccino Bar on Main Street said she is excited, but scared.

"We're trying to gear everyone up to use our back entrance," she said.

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney has a unique problem.

"We don't have a back entrance," Toney said of the chamber offices located on Main Street. "We'll have to play it by ear."

Regardless of the construction, Toney said the chamber of commerce will remain open. "We're excited," she said.

"We are trying to be prepared, but I don't think we can avoid some surprises."

All three of the business people said Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile has done a good job informing business owners about the construction difficulties.

And all three have plans in place to drum up business during the construction mess.

"We are offering a special card where shoppers get stamps and could win a \$100 shopping spree," said Bird.

Toney said the chamber of commerce is looking into the purchase of flags or windsocks to alert shoppers that downtown businesses are open.

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ities that renewed the company's contract. "(Sincock) made one trip to the City of Northville," he said. "We have not been approached by the City of

Northville for poor service.

"There are a lot of wrong statements at this point. I don't even know all of the allegations at this point."

The commission voted to postpone a

voting on the bids until their May 15 regular meeting. Painter-Ruthenberg has been given the opportunity to submit responses to the charges in writing prior to the meeting.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Canton takes on Salem in soccer at 7 p.m. today at Salem High School
- WSDP, 88.1 FM, will feature an interview with Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Charles Little on today's edition of Community Focus. The interview will air at 5:40 p.m.

### THE WEEKEND

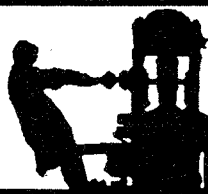
- The Plymouth Gathering will once again be the site of the Farmers' Market. The market runs every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features fresh flowers and produce.
- On Sunday, Miller Woods will be the site of a spring walk from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Miller Woods is located on Powell Road between Beck and Ridge.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Canton Township Hall on Canton Center Road.
- Northville will be the site of a Tulip Festival on May 12 and 13. Call (810) 349-0522 for more information.
- The Plymouth-Canton School Board meets Monday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center at 7:30 p.m.
- The Rudolph-Libbe Canton Economic Club is hosting Anthony F. Earley, President and CEO of Detroit Edison in their season finale on May 10 at noon. The public is invited.

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# Public notices

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1995

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mrs. Brooks who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the March 28, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 4, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 11, 1995, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the April 11, 1995, Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda as submitted for the April 25, 1995, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following proclamation:

### "NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK" APRIL 23-29, 1995

WHEREAS, violence is on the rise in America, with one violent crime committed every 17 seconds; and

WHEREAS, with 36 million Americans victimized in the United States each year, crime victims are rapidly becoming a majority in our nation; and

WHEREAS, as a nation devoted to liberty and justice for all, America must increase its efforts to protect and restore crime victims rights; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of America must do their part to stop violence by reporting crimes, by supporting more equitable sentencing laws, and by refusing to tolerate injustice in our homes or on our streets; and

WHEREAS, crime victims and those who serve them deserve our support for their quest to secure victim justice; and

WHEREAS, a national commitment to violence reduction and victim assistance will help bring criminals to justice, and justice to victims; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth is joining forces with victim service programs; criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Michigan to observe 1995 National Crime Victim's Rights Week.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Plymouth designates the week of April 23-29, 1995 as NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Plymouth reaffirms its commitment to address victim's and criminal justice during 1995 Crime Victim's Rights Weeks and throughout the year.

Upon the request of Rowe Thomas Display for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new facility at 45911 Port Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m. Mr. Curmi moved to adopt Resolution No. 95-04-25-15, granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for four (4) years to Rowe Thomas Displays. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None.

Absent: Brooks

Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the extension of the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Country Acres of Plymouth, Subdivisions, 2,3,4, and 5, to April 13, 1996. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the request for a land-fill permit for Application 1308. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs Massengill moved to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance C-95-03, Posting "No Soliciting", which amends Chapter 58 of the Plymouth Township Code of Ordinances. Supported by Ms. Arnold.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: Mueller

Absent: Brooks

Motion passes.

*continued:*

Mrs. Mueller explained the reason for her no vote. She does not feel appropriate notice has been given to those individuals that go door to door attaching flyers to mailboxes or paper boxes. From the street, they may not be able to see a "no solicitation" sign posted on the front door, especially those homes on large lots and situated a distance from the street.

Ms. Arnold moved to set the date for the public hearing on May 23, 1995 to consider the application of TNT-EDM, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to set the date for the public hearing on May 23, 1995 to consider the application of Simpson Industries, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the Wastewater Discharge Ordinance Delegation Agreement between YCUA, Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, and the Charter Township of Plymouth. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Letter of Understanding between the Township and Plymouth Canton Community Schools (PCCS) regarding the purchase of fuel and use of fuel islands at the PCCS bus yards on Mill Street. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the Utility Easement for Bob Jeannotte Real Estate, on property located at 14949 Sheldon Road. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. C-95-05, Amending Chapter 5, Section 5.040 of the Employee Pension Plan Ordinance. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. David Fisher, of Rehmann Robson, Township Auditor, presented the 1994 Audit Report. The Township has again received a clean opinion. Mr. Fisher commended the Treasurer's office for improvements as recommended in the 1993 Management Letter. He recommended additional improvement in the 1994 Management Letter through the timely distribution of taxes as required by State Law.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file the 1994 Audit Report. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the Change Order No. 3 increasing the contract price by \$13,912.58 to a new total of \$129,914.24 on the River Oaks Sanitary Sewer By-Pass, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the purchase of hardware, software and computer services for the Building Department as follows:

- "Permits" software/training/services from Sierra Computer Systems. Cost will be approximately \$42,100.
- Personal Computer and network connections from Ideal Technology Solutions. Cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- Laser printers, PC software, network software, and a Scantron Unit which will cost approximately \$19,000. The Township will seek the lowest quote for these items.

Ms. Arnold further moved to approve Resolution No. 95-04-25-16 which amends the General Fund Budget. Supported by Mrs. Mueller. The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: None.

Absent: Brooks

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Griffith moved to authorize the Treasurer to collect 100% of the 1995 taxes for RESA in the summer, and authorize the Finance Director to negotiate a tax collection fee with RESA. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Communications, Resolutions and Reports as listed. Supported by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and supported by Mrs. Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on April 25, 1995. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on May 23, 1995.

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*Winners will be published in The Crier, May 31st.*



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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Rachel Pearson of Plymouth has been inducted into Valparaiso University's chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international honor society in sociology. Pearson is a junior at VU.

Ted Wakar of Canton with brother-in-law Jim Bur of Eastpointe carved a 16-foot-tall praying mantis from 11,000 pounds of ice to win the Ice Alaska International Ice Sculpting Competition held March 2-4 in Fairbanks, AK. The annual contest had 32 teams from around the world, eight from the U.S.

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Steven Myers of Plymouth recently departed for a six-month overseas deployment aboard the USS Mississippi.

Navy Seaman Recruit Scott Boersma, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

Navy Airmen Recruit Christopher Spangler of Canton recently departed for a six-month deployment with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 141, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Plymouth resident and Albion College sophomore Matt Beres participated in the Appalachian Service Project in Sylvania, AL from March 10-19. Beres, a political science major, served as treasurer.

Plymouth resident and Albion College freshman Sarah Olender is a recipient of an Emerging Leader Award by demonstrating leadership and potential during the past school year.

Jessica A Moyer, a freshman at Kalamazoo College and 1994 Salem High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List for the last academic quarter.

Plymouth resident John E. Rittenhouse has been named to the Dean's List for winter 1995 at Cleary College.

## Hunting and collecting

*Collecting what was hot is the mission, thrill of hunt keeps Plymouth resident Dean Blake searching world over*

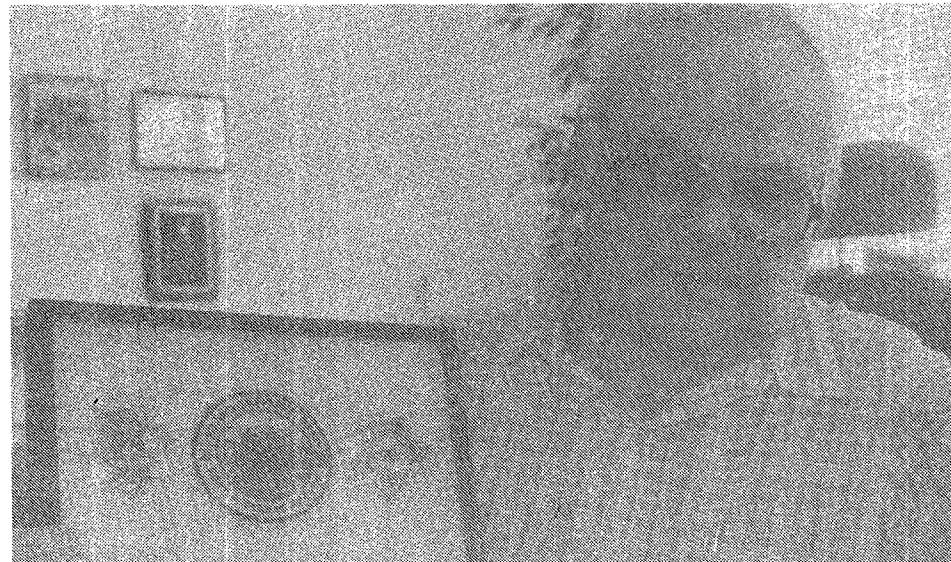
BY BRIAN CORBETT

Like a hunter, it is the thrill of the search that drives collector Dean Blake. "Once I get the darn thing then the excitement is done," Blake said.

The Plymouth resident is an avid curator of badges, hunting licenses, scripts, coins, railroad switch keys, ovaltine cups, children's banks and numerous other types of items. "Most of the stuff is from the 30's and 40's when the stuff was popular," Blake. "It's not popular anymore." Blake started collecting in 1946. "People started coming home from the war, and had foreign pieces and started giving them away," Blake said.

Blake's collection now includes over 350 police badges and coins from Russia, Great Britain and Mexico. He has contacts all over the globe, and he never neglects to check a tip. "I find it all over," Blake said. "It's hard to say, it just shows up. I tell all the people I know, what I collect, so that I've a lot of help. I get calls from all over the world." Blake has traveled to trade shows in Europe. He has friends in Copenhagen, Denmark and in England. "I got contacts all over," Blake said.

Several establishments have put Blake's memorabilia on exhibit. The Troy Museum displayed his bank and ovaltine cup collection. At the public



Whether it is decoder badges or Ovaltine cups, Dean Blake's search for collectible goodies has taken him all over the world. For him, the thrill of the hunt is more than half the fun. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

library in Melvindale, Blake showed off his assortment of police badges. "I did a special presentation for them," he said. Blake's miniature children's banks will be on display beginning this month at First Federal of Michigan in downtown Plymouth. He also has a display at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Blake is a full-time Ford employee. He often works seven days-a-week. It

makes for a hectic schedule. "There's no boring day for me," he said. Blake admitted that his lifestyle is self-induced. That is the life of a collector. He is always busy and is never satisfied. "The search for this stuff, I've always got something to look for — something to do" Blake said. "In the search for these you meet so many interesting people. It's the excitement of the hunt."

## Farrand elementary, area families, will host French exchange students

Parlez vous Francais?

Nineteen Plymouth-Canton families had better before tomorrow, when 25 French students and their teacher arrive in Canton to spend three weeks attending classes at Farrand Elementary School.

"I don't know a word of French," said Barbara Fichtenberg of the publicity committee for the Plymouth-Canton Back to Back exchange program. "I've got a tape to try and learn something. I want to know something before this girl comes."

Fichtenberg and two dozen other local families will be hosting the foreigners during their stay. Fichtenberg and her daughter, Ingrid, have been writing their guest since October to familiarize themselves with each other. "Part of this program is correspondence," said Fichtenberg. "So we already feel like we know her family."

For the next three weeks, Plymouth-Canton's French visitors will attend classes daily at Farrand, and take field trips to various destinations. "They're pretty much having a regular school day. This is a whole class from France," Fichtenberg said. French curriculum is very similar to traditional American classroom topics, ranging from math to geography. "Of course, French students don't have classes on Wednesday," said Fichtenberg, exposing a quirk in France's school system, "so we scheduled field trips." The itinerary calls for excursions to the Toledo Zoo, Henry Ford Museum and other destinations. "Then they're doing little things after school too," said Fichtenberg. She said the group will be

going to Skatin' Station and take a walking tour of downtown Plymouth.

There are other special events that have been arranged specifically for the French students. On May 16 in Farrand gymnasium the students will perform cultural dances. And later in the month, the Back to Back program has organized a trick-or-treating session in a local subdivision. "We're going to have a Halloween night because they don't have Halloween in France," Fichtenberg said.

Two weeks after the French students leave, 19 Plymouth-Canton children will be whisked across the Atlantic to Ville d'Avray for three weeks in June, taking classes in the French language and culture. Teacher Linda Duvall and interpreter Kristin Furza and the students will travel to the Eiffel Tower, the Normandy beaches of D-Day and numerous other field trips. The Plymouth-Canton students will be staying with French families during their time in France. They have been spending at least two hours every week learning French in preparation.

For Fichtenberg and everyone involved in the exchange, the anticipation has reached a boiling point. "They're real excited about the whole thing," Fichtenberg said. "It's been kind of building up all year." Tomorrow at Canton Township Hall at 4:15 p.m. there will be a welcome party. Contributions are still needed to pay for the field trips. Anyone wishing to support this program can contact treasurer Keith Christenson at 42496 Beechwood, Canton 48188.

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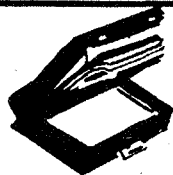
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Marcia Sheppard of Century 21 Suburban at 188 N Main St. has been honored with the Centurion award. To be considered for Centurion status, a sales associate must achieve a specified, high level of production, which is reached by providing exceptional customer service in a given year.

The following is a list of businesses and organizations that contributed to the **Plymouth-Canton Back to Back Program**: Down River Refrigeration Supply Co., Francis & Hedwig Sullivan (Johnson Controls); Lou LaRiche Chevrolet-Geo; George Atsalis; D.D.S., Field Elementary PTO; Side Street Pub; Bentley Elementary PTO; Kenneth Hovey, D.D.S.; Robert Eliassen, D.D.S.; Fox Hills Chrysler-Plymouth Jeep/Eagle; Pioneer Middle School Student Council; Michael Brunner, D.D.S.; Don Massey Cadillac; Donovan Investments; Deborah Phebus; Francis Kelly, D.D.S.; MICU; St. Joseph Hospital; Douglas Reud, D.D.S.; Bird Elementary PTO; Bird Elementary Student Council; Beechwood Management; John and Margorie Winslow; Paul and Carmen Winslow; Ralph Bozell, III, D.D.S.; Drs. Warren and Bookwalter, D.D.S.; Meizels, Kano, Fox, & Berman, D.D.S.; Miller Elementary School PTO; Arrow Chemical Products, Inc.; Glenn and Lettie Tokarski; Skatin' Station; Creative Home Advertisement; Allen Elementary School PTO; CSX Transportation; The City of Plymouth, Farrand Elementary School and Adistra Corporation. Back to Back is hosting 25 French exchange students for the next three weeks.

Canton Chamber of Commerce **ATHENA Award Nominees**: Maureen Butrico, David Griffin, Ginnie Huack, Carol Heminger, Terry Lewiston, Deloris Newell, Joan Noricks, Lynn Rivers, Nicki Wilson, Kaye Woodbeck, Phyllis Wordhouse and Keryn Young.

Country Charm will have an open house this Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. with noted artist D. Morgan signing (please see story on this page.)

## Healing machines

*Plymouth company fixes business components that can't be sent back to the factory for parts — workers*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Work Recovery Centers, Inc. The name speaks for itself.

Tucked away in the Plymouth Executive Park at 14496 Sheldon Rd., Suite 230 in Plymouth, is a rehabilitation institute that is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and certified evaluators who assess a worker's physical and functional ability in a matter of hours. The success of their work is irrefutable. "There are very few people who come in that we don't win over," said rehab technician Wendy Bush.

Joe Martinez, who is in charge of business development, said, "We reduce workers compensation cost for companies. Our aim is to return people to work safely."

The cost-effective disability management company — which just moved here from Ann Arbor — is centered around the ERGOS Work Simulator.

"If you haven't seen this... There's got to be some apprehension," said Martinez. ERGOS is a pentagon-shaped machine that can conduct tests on strength measurement, work tolerance and endurance with several patients at the same time. Each side has a station that provides a test for the recovering worker. "It recreates all the movements you'd typically do in work," Bush said. "When a person goes around we can tell if they're going to be able to go back to work."

The test takes an average of five hours and can be given in several languages.



Work Recovery Centers, Inc., recently relocated from Ann Arbor, evaluates a worker's physical and functional abilities. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius).

Bush said, "You really see how recondition has affected them."

ERGOS then pumps a wealth of information. There is a summary, recommendations, and points out areas of discomfort. "Every person gets tested the very same way. There are no changes," Bush said. "With a person, findings could be different from doctor to doctor." ERGOS matches the patient's performance with their job requirements. "Then the employer can say: 'Okay, now I have a job for you to do.' So it gets people back to work," said Bush. Work Recovery also uses information from the U.S. Department of Labor to reassign patient who do not return to their

previous work place. "We compare the results (with applicable jobs) so we can provide an alternative for them," Bush said.

Treating workers from the office to the factory from ages 19 to 60 and injuries from head to toe, Work Recovery has succeeded in cutting rehabilitation time and saving money. Said Martinez: "The important part of this is that it tells us what, in fact, they can do. We make a report on what we've seen objectively." Work Recovery currently has a five person staff that treats patients, but that number is certain to grow. "Business is starting to pick up already," said Martinez.

## Plymouth store will host artist noted for painting and poetry with a personal flair

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Noted artist Doris Morgan of Atlanta, GA will bring her tranquil pictures and poetic sayings to Country Charm, 322 S. Main St., on Saturday from 12-4 p.m.

"We've carried her art work in our stores for years," said Jane Bird, who owns the store with her husband, Larry.

"She's become more and more popular. We've had her before, this is her third time. This time she's also bringing her husband." Morgan is one of the most widely published and distributed artists in the U.S. Her work has been on display since 1972. Last year, Morgan drew a huge crowd. Bird will use a ticket system — sending 10 people in at time — to avoid the lines and waiting of the past. Bird anticipates the crowd will be even larger this weekend because Morgan now offers her designs on sweatshirts, afghans and pillows. "That'll create some new interest," Bird said.

Collectors and others interested in Morgan's work will be able to meet the artist.

"Doris is a typical southern belle. Her and her husband have such a loving personality that come right through," said Bird.

"She'll personally talk to everyone. She doesn't push them right through like an assembly line."

Morgan's creations will be on display during the autograph session.

Her paintings are different from the average artist's depiction since each one often includes a personal motto. "She writes a verse for every picture she does," Bird said. "It's very personable and touching."

While Morgan does not paint any particular subject over and over again, Bird was able to generalize Morgan's style. "Most of her scenes are outdoor scenes," Bird said.

"Her and her husband bought a cottage in northern Georgia. Since that's new this year, a lot of her stuff seems to relate to that."

Country Charm normally has at least two artists signing sessions each year, "but this year we were fortunate enough to book four," Bird said.

Country Charm is not just limited to art, it also offers wood furniture, fragrance lines, stationary and candles. "All sorts of home accessories," Bird said.



# Schools, Twp. consider joint fueling agreement

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Rather than pay for and store their own gas, Plymouth Township is working on paying the Plymouth-Canton Schools for the use of their gas and pumping facilities.

According to Plymouth Township Finance Director Rosemary Harvey, the township made the agreement in order to head off possible problems in the future with the existing underground storage tanks.

"They (the tanks) don't need to be removed," Harvey said. "We want to remove them."

Harvey said the tanks, which are made of steel and are subject to deterioration, would eventually have to be replaced in favor of more deterioration-proof ones made of fiberglass.

She also said there were other options considered.

"Some other communities just use local service stations," Harvey said. "But the P-C Schools' bus yard is right across the street. We asked them and they were agreeable."

Perhaps the best part of the deal is that gas will be cheaper when purchased from the schools.

Because the schools buy so much gas to operate its fleet of buses, they get a bulk rate break on the price per gallon. After paying a five per cent add-on to the schools for administrative costs, the township will be getting an 18 cent break on unleaded gas and an eight and-a-half cent break on diesel fuel.

Harvey said the agreement would go into effect as soon as all of the arrange-

ments could be made with the schools in terms of getting access cards for the pumps and keys to the yards to township officials.

According to P-C Schools Associate Superintendent for Business and Operations Ray Hoedel, the deal has been run up all of the proper flagpoles.

"We're working on a letter of understanding," Hoedel said.

"We've checked with our attorneys and there are no legal issues. Because there are two governmental units there are no taxes involved."

Hoedel said that most of the work yet to be done has to do with figuring out billing procedures. He said that the cost of the fuel will fluctuate slightly by what it costs the schools.

"We decided on five per cent, it had to

be something realistic," Hoedel said. "It's not much considering that we'll be doing the billing."

Hoedel said the letter of understanding would come before the board at the May 8 meeting of the board.

He predicted that it would pass without much trouble. Harvey hoped that the change would be a quick and painless one.

"Hopefully," Harvey said, "this will be all ready by the end of the month."

The tanks on township property, however, will hang in limbo for a while.

"The tanks won't be removed right away," Harvey said. "The environmental laws are changing and the township is going to wait until they are set before setting a course of action for removing them."

# OLGC gets approval for use of Beck Road house

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After petitioning the Plymouth Township Planning Commission, Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church will get to use its property at the corner of North Territorial and Beck for meetings — for now.

According to Pastor John Sullivan, there's not a lot that can be done with the church's present site.

"We're pretty much landlocked here," Sullivan said. "Parking is a problem."

To alleviate the problem, the house on North

Territorial will be used for meetings and classes as an annex to the OLGC school. The Planning Commission granted the church a special use permission to use the house for meetings until the master plan for the new church is submitted.

How long it will be used as such depends on the formation of the church's plans to build a new church — possibly on the same site.

According to Sullivan, it will be a while before things progress to that stage.

"At this point we're still doing the master plan," Sullivan said. "Not much has been decided."

According to Sullivan the house, which was formerly owned by Henry Ford Hospital, is in excellent condition and will be ready to start taking the burden off the church as soon as next week.

"We're going to have to do something about the dirt driveway," Sullivan said. "We are either going to have to pave it or put some stones down there so people aren't caught in the ruts."

# Winners in KMart/Kodak photo contest move on to national level

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In the rapidly changing world of technology, it is a mechanism that has not changed fundamentally since its invention.

The Camera. A black box with an aperture that lets light focus on light-sensitive film.

The design has changed but the principle has remained the same.

Second-grade students at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) School in Plymouth got a chance to experiment with this technology by taking part in the K-Mart/Kodak "It's a Snap" photo contest.

This is the second year that OLGC has held the contest.

Eight-year-old Brianna Gould and seven-year-old Angela Kiessel were judged the best in the contest, which featured 72 students at the school.

Their work will now go on to a judging in Washington D.C., where the grand prize winner will get a \$5,000 savings bond.

According to Felicia Cooke, hard lines manager at the K-Mart at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road, said that each of the 2,500 K-Marts were going to sponsor a school.

"We're doing it to expose kids to photography," Cooke said. "Our store will be displaying the work of all of the kids that took part."

The contest armed kids with disposable 35mm cameras (provided by the



A picture is worth a thousand words, and now a few about this one. (Front) Brianna Gould (left) and Angela Kiessel, and their teachers (back) Bev Antoun (left) and Mary Short. The winning photos will be sent to Washington D.C. for a final judging. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

sponsoring K-Marts) and had them go out and take pictures of what was beautiful or what needed improvement.

The judging in Washington will be on May 10. The winners of the contest will be announced on June 15.

# Think Positive

## Chamber of Commerce celebrates life in Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is celebrating life in Plymouth next week.

The chamber of commerce is sponsoring the seventh annual Positively Plymouth event on Thursday, May 11 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Manor.

"This is a party to celebrate the Plymouth business community at its best," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber of commerce. "There will be booths to highlight the products and services from our community."

As part of the event, Toney said the Volunteer of the Year will be named. The Most Positive Employee will also be announced. There will be a booth to answer streetscape questions as well.

"The entire event is free," she said. "Everyone is welcome."

Local restaurants will provide finger food to munch on and beverages will also be provided.

Toney said families are encouraged to attend.



# Community births

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**Two-year-old Angela Blevins holds her newborn sister Christina Rose**

**CHRISTINA ROSE BLEVINS**

Christina Rose Blevins was born to Annette and David Blevins of Canton on March 19. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces at birth and has a two-year-old sister named Angela.

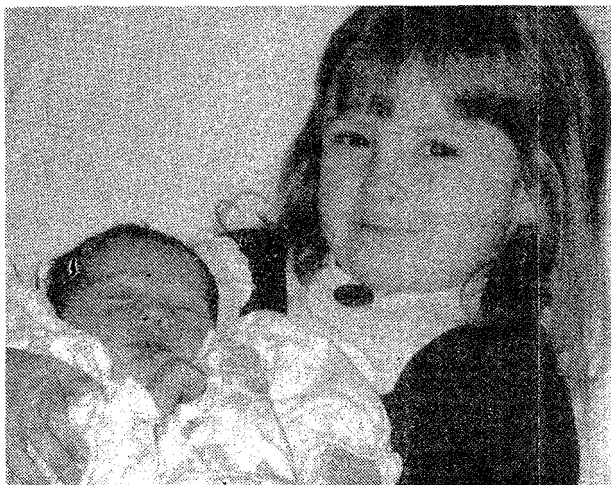
Christina's grandparents are Donald and Shirly Blevins of Plymouth and Sebastiano and Lillian Russano of Redford. Godparents are Thomas and Shair Russano of Brighton.



**EMILY LAUREN ROGERS**

Emily Lauren Rogers was born to Kelly and Jamie Rogers of Canton on March 17. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and has two brothers, four-year-old Eric and one-year-old Justin.

Emily's grandparents are Darrell and Diane Fletcher of Garden City, Ellen Rogers of Westland, and Dan and Mary Rogers of Dearborn Heights. Great Grandparents are Helen Perkowski of Garden City and George and Marion Simpson of Belleville.



**MEGHAN ELIZABETH LASKOWSKI**

Meghan Elizabeth Laskowski was born to Kay and Chris Laskowski of Canton on February 21. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and has a four-year-old sister named Ashley.

Meghan's grandparents are Marge and the late Arthur Laskowski of Belleville, and Florence and the late Roger Helms of Ypsilanti.

**MOLLY O'SHEA NOLAN**

Molly O'Shea Nolan was born to Lisa and Patrick Nolan of Plymouth on February 23. She weighed 8 pounds at birth and has two brothers, five-year-old Peter and two-year-old Thomas.

Molly's grandparents are Al and Nancy Nolan of New Orleans, LA and John and Ann O'Shea of Charlotte, NC.



**BESS ANN WOODY**

Bess Ann Woody was born to Korina and Kent Woody of Plymouth on December 2, 1994.

She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces at birth.

Bess' grandparents are Betty and Allen Koehler of Northport and Patrick and Charlotte Woody of Plymouth.

Great grandparents are William and Bessie Cox of Northport.



**WILLIAM THOMAS POET**

William Thomas Poet was born to Robert and Lynda Poet of Ann Arbor on Feb. 1. William weighed 10 pounds, 12 ounces at birth and has a seven-year-old sister named Deborah.

William's grandparents are Stan and Bev Poet of Manchester and Guy and Pat Bunyea of Plymouth. Great grandparents are Margaret Bunyea of Plymouth, Andrew and Cecelia Poet of Manchester, and Eldon and Cleo Condit of Ann Arbor.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by May 5.

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**PLYMOUTH FARMER'S MARKET**  
 The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will hold their Farmer's Market at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 6 through Oct. 21. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540.

**PRAYER MEETING**  
 In honor of the annual National Day of Prayer, there will be a prayer meeting for the moral rebirth of the nation at Plymouth City Hall (Main and Church Streets) from 12:20 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. on May 4.

**1995 SENIOR PARTY**  
 Th organizers of the Canton and Salem High School 1995 senior party need help with this year's party. Food: Pat - 459-3816, Blackjack: Ed - 455-3391, Chaperones: Diane - 459-9190, Decorating: Dale - 397-8090.

**ARTISTS WANTED**  
 The Canton Liberty Fest is looking for fine artists and craftspersons to take part in their exhibition and sale at the Fest, June 24 and 25. Booth fee is \$65 for a 10'x10'x10' covered space. For more information and to apply, call Sharon Dillenbeck at 453-3710.

**BLOODMOBILE VISITS**  
 The Red Cross' bloodmobile will be stopping at St. Paul's Lutheran Church gym in Northville from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Unisys cafeteria in Plymouth on May 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Belinda at 494-2745.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
 The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will hold their regular meeting at 2 p.m. on May 8. There will be story telling by Ruth Burr. For more information, call 453-1234 ext. 236.

**ANTIQUe APPRAISAL CLINIC**  
 The Canton Historical Society will host representatives from the DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canton Administration Building. Cost is \$5 per item per verbal appraisal, \$7.50 for a written appraisal, items more than \$500, \$10 appraisal. Limit of three items per person. For more information, call 453-5297.

**VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS**  
 Military veterans looking for employment can come to the Detroit Light Guard Armory for the MESC Employ a Vet Expo from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Den McGhee at 876-5489.

**STEP-FAMILY WORKSHOP**  
 Plymouth Family Service will hold a free two-hour workshop on successful step-family living at 7 p.m. on May 23 at the Assembly of God Church. For more information, call Plymouth Family Service at 453-0890.

**STRESS BALANCE**  
 Oakwood Health Services will hold a stress management seminar at 7 p.m. on May 9 at Canton High School. Cost for the seminar is \$10 per person. For more information, call 416-2937.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
 The Colonial Plymouth Kiwanis Club will host U of M basketball trainer David Ralston at their prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. on May 11 in the Colony Room. Tickets are \$8.50 per person. For more information, call 459-4451 or 453-1234 ext. 203.

**SHELTER PET FOOD COLLECTION**  
 Plymouth Court Nursing Center will hold a collection of dry and wet pet food throughout the month of May. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

**USED BOOK SALE**  
 The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold their annual used book sale at the Starkweather Gym in Old Village May 4 through May 6. Proceeds from the sale will benefit AAUW scholarships. For more information, call Linda at 459-4013.

**SALEM HIGH CAR WASH**  
 The Salem Softball team will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Michigan National Bank on Ann Arbor Road near Haggerty. For more information, call 459-1597.

**ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS**  
 The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

**PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB**  
 The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

**C.H.A.D.D MEETING**  
 C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

**WSDP FUNDRAISER**  
 WSDP 88.1 FM, the student-run radio station, will hold their annual radio auction from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 13. Items auctioned off will come from local businesses. For more information, call Bill Keith at 416-7732.

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

**PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES**  
 The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

**GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS**  
 Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING**  
 The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

**WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH**  
 The Woman's Club of Plymouth will hold its annual Potluck Salad Luncheon at noon on May 5 at the First United Methodist Church. There will be a presentation as well as the installation of new officers.

**CANTON NEWCOMERS**  
 The Canton Newcomers will hold their general meeting on May 3 at 7 p.m. There will be raffle winners drawn and the election of new officers. For more information, call either 416-0284, 453-3693 or 981-4915.

**PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB**  
 The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.



## What's Happening

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

### TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

### INTERPRETERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services of Canton are looking for volunteers who are fluent in a foreign language to interpret for the ill, disabled or elderly. There are also needs for drivers, telephone reassurance and conducting patient surveys. For more information, call 981-8820.

### JUBILEE RAFFLE

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will hold their "Jubilee Raffle" for a chance at winning \$1,000 in one of 12 weekly drawings. Tickets, \$100 apiece, may be purchased at the parish office. For more information, call the parish office at 453-0326.

### FIFE AND DRUM REUNION

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is planning their 25th anniversary and are looking for former members to participate. Former members and their families should contact the corps at 981-3688.

### "DEATHTRAP"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will put on the murder mystery "Deathtrap" 8 p.m. on May 5, 6, 7 (at 6 p.m.), 12 and 13 at the Water Tower Theatre. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and youth. For more information, call (810) 349-7110.

### TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who were four years old on Dec. 1, 1994 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

### FITNESS FACTORY

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information and fee information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

### DANCE CLASSES

There will be classes in dance for children and adults at the Plymouth Cultural Center starting in May. Each class runs for eight weeks. For more information, call the Cultural Center.

### PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS GENERAL MEETING

The Plymouth Newcomer's club will hold their general meeting at 10 a.m. on May 4 at the Golden Fox (Fox Hills Country Club). The cost is \$13, RSVP by noon April 28. For more information and to make reservations, call either Bev at 454-3663 or Kathy at 455-8336.

### SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

### DISABILITY FITNESS CLASSES

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

### JAYCEE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for community businesses to help support their 1995 Fourth of July parade. Donations can be mailed to the Jaycees at PO Box 700123 Plymouth, MI, 48170-0942. For more information, call the Jaycees at 453-8407.

### 4 ON 4 BEACH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Community YMCA will be holding a 4 on 4 beach volleyball tournament. Fee for full members is \$15, \$20 for program members, \$28 for non-members. Sign-up ends at 2 p.m. June 30. For more information and to register, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

### CLASS OF 1990 FIVE-YEAR REUNION

The Salem and Canton High School classes of 1990 will hold their five-year reunion on June 19 at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, call Reunions Made Easy at (810) 380-6100.

### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

### YMCA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The YMCA is seeking volunteers for the 16th Annual run, clerical, babysitters, and program assistant. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

### 20-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The 20-year high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975 will be held on Oct. 7 at the Holiday Inn - Livonia West. Call to update your address For more information, call Robin at 459-6950 or Mark at 459-9896.

### LIVING TRUST/NURSING HOME SEMINARS

The City of Plymouth and the Northville Senior Center will host financial expert Paul LeDuc who will speak on the Catastrophic Care Act of 1990 from 1 to 3 p.m. on May 10 at the Cultural Center. Both seminars will be open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call 455-6623.

### "THE PRINCESS AND THE MAGIC PEA"

The Marquis Theatre Children will put on a performance of "The Princess and the Magic Pea" at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2:30 p.m. on May 13, 20, 21 27 and June 3, 4, 10 and 17 at the Marquis Theatre in Northville. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call (810) 349-8110.

### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

### CLOTHING BANK

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

### STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652.

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# Community deaths

## George W. Gale, 83, GM employee

George W. Gale, a retired tool and die maker for GM from Canton, died April 24, 1995, at the age of 83.

He is survived by his wife, daughter; Margaret (Wendell) and two other daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

## Henry R. Smith, 71, painter

Henry R. Smith, a painter for Wayne Co. General Hospital and GM Buick from Plymouth, died April 25, 1995, at the age of 71.

He is survived by his wife; Anna, daughters; Theresa, Sue and one other daughter, a son, sisters; Jenny Lorenz, Sophie Preston, Dorothy Archer and one other sister, brother; Ed and one other brother, grandchildren; Elizabeth and Gideon and four other grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

## Norman T. Druce, 75, entrepreneur

Norman T. Druce, an entrepreneur from Plymouth, died April 8, 1995, at the age of 75.

He is survived by his sons; Gary (Sherri) and James (Cynthia), daughter; Suzanne, significant other Sandy Noll, one sister, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were arranged by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

## David M. Moore, 29, library assistant

David M. Moore, a library assistant at U of M from Plymouth, died April 28, 1995, at the age of 29.

He is survived by parents; Barbara (Bill) Graning and C. Archie (Joan), his grandparents and his sister.

Services, arranged by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Burial was at Stoney Creek Cemetery.

## Obituaries

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

### James L. Elder

James L. Elder, age 74, died on April 21, 1995, at his home in Minerva, OH. Mr. Elder was the father of Kathy (James) Cantrell of Plymouth. Ms. Cantrell is Director of Development for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Elder was born on Sept. 15, 1920, in Lowellville, OH, the son of Robert and Fannie Peterson Elder, and they preceded him in death. Services for Mr. Elder were held in Minerva on April 24, 1995, with burial at East Lawn Cemetery there.

Mr. Elder, who served in Europe during WWII, had been retired from the Minerva Wax Paper Co. At the time of his death, he was treasurer of the Minerva Council on Aging, and a long-time, active member of the Minerva United Methodist Church.

Other survivors include his wife; Faye Worthington Elder, whom he married on March 25, 1943; another daughter, Susan (Dr. Ronald) Lewis of Morgantown, WV, two brothers, Dale of Poland OH and Earle of Roswell NM; and three grandchildren, Rebecca Ellis (a student at Michigan State University), James Ellis of Richmond VA, and Jennifer Lewis of Morgantown, WV.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Elder may be made to the James Elder Memorial Fund, c/o the Minerva United Methodist Church, 204 North Main Street, Minerva OH, 44657.



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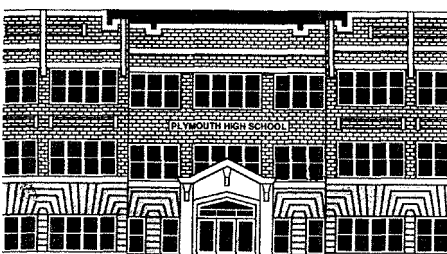
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Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
'What writest thou?'--The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, 'The names of those who love the Lord.'  
'And is mine one?' said Abou. 'Nay, not so,'  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerily still; and said, 'I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.'  
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
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Thanks to Plymouth Police Department, Fire Department and HVA during time of need when I called 911 for Bob. To father Jim, for the spiritual care Sunday April 23. Washentaw Hospice, what a beautiful team of loving and caring people. Mayflower- Lt. Gamble, VFW Post & Honor Guard. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528. Past and present police officers who were his pallbearers & honorary pallbearers. Ladies Auxillary, to the VFW Post 6695, for the luncheon after the services. To all of our friends near and far that sent cards, flowers, & offers of help during Bob's illness and passing. Schrader-Howell for all of their dedication. Especially to a life long friend Hal Young for a beautiful fitting eulogy of your special friend Fr. John Sullivan, I love you. Our children love you and their children love you.  
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JILL ANDRA YOUNG is so beautiful, she makes me nervous to be alone with her.--Beauregard. (Thanks for the "sitting" that was more like a pacing.)

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ROB: NO FEAR OF FLYING

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LIBATIONS (and video) at The Leppings.

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MAURA CADY starts with trial by fire. Welcome.

MOM REPECK gets yet again older.

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MARY AND DON SKINNER go auctioneering.

Hi Mom! Lots of love, see you soon! MAT

## Curiosities

Hi Jen, just thought I'd say Hi! Love Always

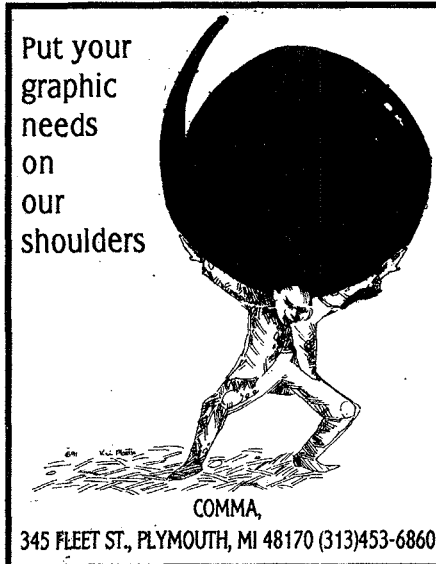
Tristan, stop blaming your flatulence on Nick.

On Friday, April 28, Cynthia Matchette Conservation Chairperson and twelve members of the Woman's National Farm and Garden, Assoc. Plymouth Branch packaged 650 Blue Spruce seedlings for the third grade students in six of the elementary schools of Plymouth. The seedlings were delivered to the schools on Monday, May 1st. Happy Growing!



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## TRAIN CHRONICLES More Trackside Musings...

Always prepared with reading material when trapped by a train (on Easter????) the Train Chronicler was stopped in his own tracks when he read a Sunday NY Times article headlined, "You Either Like This Stamp or You Don't" all about the issuance of a new 32 cent commemorative stamp "...honoring President Richard Nixon".

If ever the phrase 'Adding insult to injury' found a perfect place this is it. First, the injury, raising the rates. A major injury when a couple of TC's notes, mailed at the Penniman street Plymouth box on a Friday have taken until Tuesday to be delivered to a pal on Wilcox -- at least 3 whole miles away (with apologies to Dave Barry, I'm not making this up). Well, maybe those extra 3 cents per letter will get them faster trucks. Then again, this is the agency that relocated the main Plymouth post office to that real useful place on Beck road, just east of Minnesota, and now is reactivating the old place to better serve the Plymouth public that doesn't seem to like going to the new place.

On to the insult and the Times story. After months of living with those dawn alphabet-stamps-with-no-numerical-denomination-on-them-so-you-can't-remember-what-the-old-ones-you-find-twenty-of-in-a-drawer-are-worth, the Postal Service takes the opportunity to issue one of the first actual 32 cent stamps in honor of none other than Richard Nixon! The Times piece notes, as only they can, how this has actually created "...lively debate..." in the usually non-lively "...philatelic circles...". Leave that dictionary alone, TC looked it up and "philatelic" means stamp collector in NY Timesese.

So for 'objective balance' - when what they probably really want to tell us is, 'The Postal Service is actually gonna issue a stamp commemorating that S.O.B., the only U.S. President to resign in disgrace and whose best remembered quote is, "I am not a crook" - the piece drones on about how "...the Philatelic Society has received several letters urging the society to take a stand against the stamp...". It also notes "...some stamp collectors spoke out against it." Wow! But, for balance, the writer quotes the head of the group saying, "we do it for all the other Presidents, and they haven't been saints either."

The best part is when the article notes Daniel Schorr, a former CBS correspondent (read: Nixon basher par excellence) "...who made President Nixon's notorious 'Enemies List.', "expressed support of the Nixon stamp. It quotes Schorr saying, "He was a figure in our history -- a dark figure in our history -- but a figure in our history... And if stamps are supposed to commemorate history then why not a Nixon stamp?"

An excellent point Mr. Schorr, but the Postal Service, until now, hasn't issued any commemorative stamps honoring historic "dark figures" like Nixon and it may not be wise to support it. Maybe we should help them decide this isn't such a great idea by refusing to buy the Nixon stamp. If not, this could signal the Postal Service there's a market for a 'Dark Figures in History' stamp series featuring Lee Harvey Oswald, John Wilkes Booth, Jeffery Dahmer, 'Jack the Ripper' and other historic hot stamp sellers????

...Gates are up.



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# Sports

## Sports shorts

**Boys Tennis:** The Canton Chiefs brought the big hurt down on John Glenn, beating the Rockets 8-0. In singles senior Steve Shumard beat his opponent 6-2, 6-0. Senior Dave Markiewicz and sophomore Ryan Kerr also won. For double, Jeff Ammons and Sanjay Kataria put away the Rockets 1-6, 6-1, 6-1. Senior Chris Mudloof and Adam Allen destroyed their foes 6-0, 6-0. Canton is 1-2 in conference.

Salem dropped their match to North Farmington, 5-3. Salem's only singles win came courtesy of junior Xinning Li, 6-3, 6-1. The teams composed of senior Regis Buckley and sophomore Rob Willoughby, and sophomore Jason Gourley and junior Fiasal Khan won represented Salem with victories in doubles.

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is now offering the following classes: aerobics, ballet; judo and karate; baton; sanchin-ryu; cartooning; rollerskating; aikido; art; basket weaving; chopstix; bridge; creative movement; drawing and painting; kid fit; eng. horseback riding; pre-begin gymnastics; fencepost people; golf; grace under pressure; cheerleading; jr. golf; advanced gymnastics; puppet theater production; ice skating; roller skating; tap; and Mr. Wizard's Science Program. Call 455-6623 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services Women's Friday Morning Golf League is set to begin on Friday, May 5, 1995 at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The league is 16 weeks long and has a \$15 registration fee, plus weekly green fees. Call 397-5110 for further details.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services will be holding Roller Skating/Inline/Rollerblade Hockey League Programs at Skatin' Station II in Canton. Inline blade class and beginner children classes start May 13 for 15 year old's and under. Beginning adult classes start Wednesday May 10 for rollerblade and conventional skating or Sunday May 14 for conventional skating only. Those classes are for 18 years old and over. The cost is \$40 including skate rentals for each class. Call 459-6401 for further details.

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Club recently sent six swimmers to the United States Swimming (USS) State of Michigan short course championship meet. In total points scored, Jonathan Loch placed eighth, Ben Dzialo placed 23rd, Adam Sonnanstine placed 25th, Jason Rebarchik placed 40th, Lorenzo Carlson placed 46th, and Bobby Keith placed 20th in the 50 fly. The Cruisers placed 15th in total team points.

## Salem shines

### Rocks beat Chiefs in both games of double-header

BY BRIAN CORBETT

On a beautiful spring day that beckoned for one of baseball's greatest traditions — the doubleheader — Salem used outstanding pitching, and some hot bats to take care of Canton 8-0 in the first game and 5-0 in the nightcap.

"We pitched pretty well today," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, "that was the key. We had a lot of timely hits too."

Said Canton coach Scott Dickey: "I think they got their heads down when (Salem) got the lead"

The two losses extended Canton's losing streak to three, after they had won four in a row. The Rocks improved to 9-1.

Salem had a combined 22 hits in the two games against Canton.

In the first game, Canton senior Eric Stidham faced off against Salem junior Ryan Andrzejewski. Stidham got in a hole early when shortstop Bill Styles turned on an inside pitch, driving it some 325 feet for his first varsity home run. Senior Brad Lear followed the round-tripper with a single. Right fielder Geoff Mackiewicz walked, setting up Dan Quaine's sacrifice. At the end of one it was 2-0. The big inning for Salem was the fourth when the Rocks scored four runs. Styles, Lear and Mackiewicz all singled and knocked in a run in the fourth frame.

"We were swinging the bat pretty good," said Rumberger. The Rocks would add two more runs in the fifth inning to complete the scoring.

Andrzejewski went all seven innings. He allowed only two hits and two walks. He fanned seven. "He pitched pretty well," said Rumberger. "The first inning was the only time he was in any kind of trouble."

Stidham pitched four innings, giving up nine hits, striking out three and walking two.

"He pitched pretty well, they just hit the ball," said Dickey. Outfielder Anthony Pastor had the best day at the plate for Canton. He was two for four with a single and a double. The heart of Salem's order — Styles, Lear and Grimes — punished the Chiefs. They combined for four singles, three doubles and one home run.

"They're a load when you have to wade through that," Rumberger said.

In the second game, senior Ted Bentley took the mound for Salem. For Canton, Dickey pitched sophomore sensation Jason Mortiere. "He threw real well again," Dickey said. "He's going to be a good one."

Mortiere was removed in the third frame after allowing one earned run on three hits. He walked five and struck out four. Junior Marc Hazzard came in to fin-



Junior Ryan Andrzejewski was one of the star pitchers for Salem in their two wins over Canton. Andrzejewski went all seven innings for the Rocks in their 8-0 victory. He was helped by the hitting of Bill Styles, who hit his first varsity home run. Salem blanked Canton 8-0 and 5-0 with hot pitching and hot bats. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

ish the game.

The star of the game was undoubtedly Bentley. After some erratic outings earlier this season, Bentley was nearly perfect. The only flaws: a double by Pastor in the second, and walk later in the game. He struck out five in his first complete game. "He was a big surprise. He's had some hot and cold performances," said Rumberger. "He looked real good. He looked as sharp as a pin." Said Dickey:

"Actually, we were surprised. I mean, you got to give him credit. He just threw fastballs, and we didn't hit them. No secrets."

Salem catcher Ryan Rumberger led the offensive assault, going three for four at the plate. Senior Dave Bol had two hits. Said Rumberger: "This was a nice ballgame. Teddy never let them have a chance. We only made one error, so they never really had anybody on."



# Sports

## Defense equals wins for Canton soccer

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton's soccer goalie, junior Sarah Warnke, has to wonder if she should even show up for games anymore. In the last two matches — a 0-0 tie with Farmington and a 8-0 slaughter of Franklin — Warnke has faced one shot on goal.

The back to back shutouts were Warnke's third and fourth of the season. Canton is 4-2-1.

"I wasn't happy with our tie," said coach Don Smith. "We got to get better scoring against better teams." That is no knock against Franklin, but as the score would indicate, it was not much of a challenge for the Chiefs. "They're sort of rebuilding," said Smith.

It was an offensive dream game for Canton and an

offensive nightmare for Franklin. While the Chiefs peppered the Patriot's netminder, the Franklin forwards were unable to register a shot on goal. The defensive crew of seniors Stacey Miller and Kara Moylan and sophomores Jill Rahnert, Emily Stachura and Emilie Meier smothered Franklin's offensive game plan. "Stacey Miller has played some good ball the last couple of weeks," Smith said. "Some of the others have to come up."

While Canton's defense played havoc with Franklin's strikers, the Chiefs' forwards and midfielders got into the action four minutes into the contest when junior midfielder Dawn Koontz got her first of two goals. The next one came 10 minutes later, making the score 2-0.

"Using our four midfielders (as attackers) gives you

different angles," Smith said of Koontz, seniors Amicie Crayton, Susan O'Neill; juniors Julie Majewski, Becky Vachow; sophomore Jessica Bradley and freshman Melissa Marzoff. Koontz would add an assist to her game totals.

The pace slowed, and it appeared it would go to the intermission with Canton holding a two-goal advantage. The senior forward Melissa Tomei went to work. Tomei scored her first goal 25 minutes into the game. She added her second just two minutes later, and posted her third and final goal of the game before the half ended. Tomei finished the game with three goals and an assist. The Chiefs went on to add three more goals in the second stanza to complete the scoring.

## Plymouth team wins precision skating gold medal

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth residents Sarah Hein, Emily Willman and Amy Caudill are members of the Detroit Skating Club's juvenile precision skating squad, Team Elan, which won a gold medal at the 12th annual U.S. Precision Figure Skating Championships in San Diego.

"They were very ecstatic," said Jeff Willman, Emily's father. "Somebody came by and told them before they made the formal announcement. So they knew ahead of time, and they were happy."

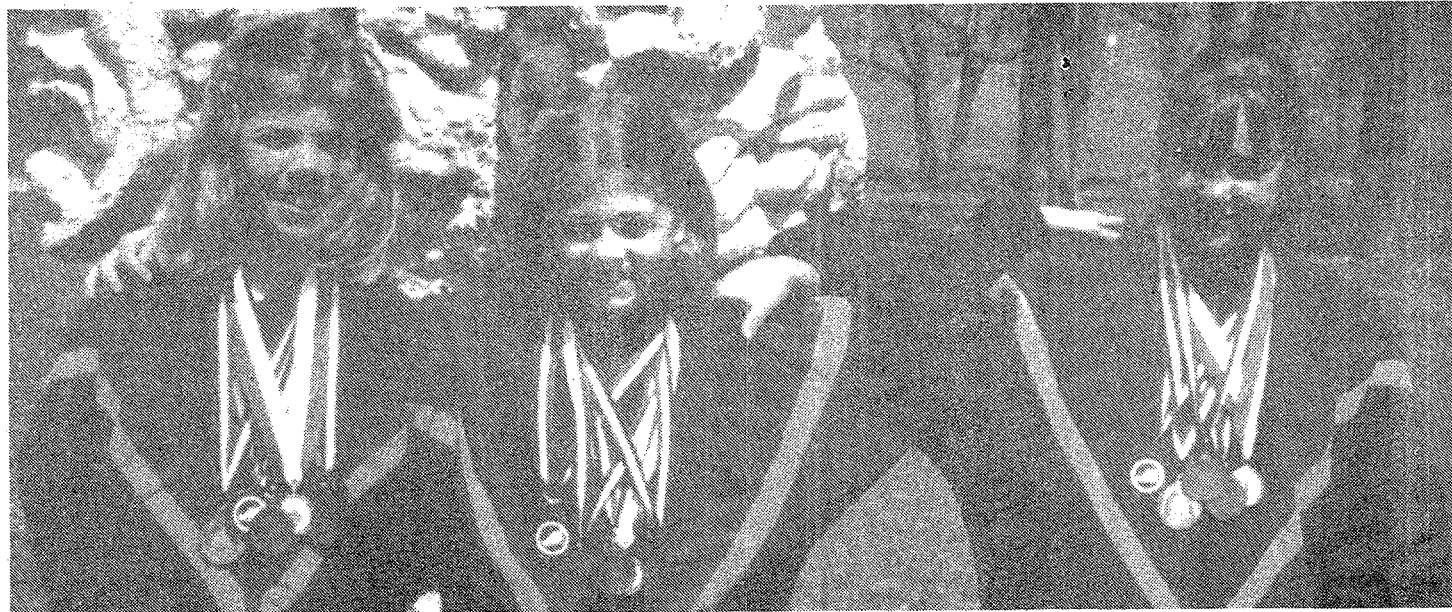
Team Elan beat out 13 other teams in their age division. There were 1,678 skaters participating.

And now the inevitable question that must be answered, What is precision skating?

It is only the fastest growing discipline within the U.S. Figure Skating Association. "Precision skating is a team sport," said Willman. "It can be up to 24 skaters at a time, but no less than 12 have to be on the ice."

Teams perform choreographed maneuvers to music. "The moves that they do, they do together," said Willman. "They do moves together. It's pretty impressive what they can do."

That sport was created by Dr. Richard Porter and his Hockettes, which was a group of women who performed skating routines at the intermissions of U-M hockey games. Precision skating grew at



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snail's pace for about twenty years. But within the last 12 years the sport has witnessed its first national championship and its first international competition.

Now competition is year round, the University of Miami(Ohio) is offering it as a scholarship sport and there is a strong chance it will become an official Olympic sport by 2002. Said Willman: "It's catching on."

Team Elan had to win its regional in Chicago before it was able to move on to

the finals in San Diego. Once they were there, the pressure was on in the one round elimination. Nine months of practice, and it all came down to one skate. "They weren't so nervous until they hit the ice," Willman said. "I know my daughter was nervous. It's a lot of pressure for 10-, 11-year-olds."

Team Elan was rewarded with a gold medal. "They had a skating party for the teams, but we didn't go," Willman said. "They had a lot to do out there." Willman

and the other parents took the team members to Disneyland, San Diego Harbor and Tijuana. "The weather was perfect," said Willman, who noted glumly that next year's finals are in Chicago. "San Diego's a beautiful city, it's real clean."

Team Elan's season is over. Even though Emily, Hein and Caudill are important members of the squad; they will have to go through try outs once again in August. "It's starting to be a very competitive sport," Willman said.

## Salem, Canton exceed expectations at golf invitational

BY BRIAN CORBETT

At the Brighton Invitational on Friday the Salem and Canton golf teams battled 22 teams from around the state.

Salem's 436 score placed them 15th. Canton finished 24th with 539.

Kalamazoo Central won the invitational at Oak Pointe Golf Course with a remarkable 334 score.

Salem coach Jim Stevens said he liked what he saw. "Northville and (Farmington Hills) Mercy were there. They scored 431, so we're only five shots behind teams we have to be competitive with," he said.

Salem sophomore Katie Murias led her squad by driving, chipping and putting her way to a score of 101.

She placed 17th out of 96 golfers.

"That's very good for Katie," said Stevens.

Sophomore Katie Murias (101), senior Kelly Collins (65) and Terri Fullerton completed the team scoring for Salem. "I'm very happy. Last year, we were third, I think we're going to do well," Stevens said. "I think the two sophomores are an indication of things to come."

Salem is currently 1-0 in dual meets.

The Rocks defeated Canton last week 241-291. This time Murias guided her team to victory.

She posted a 49 score. Katie Collins had scored 56, followed by Kelly Collins' 65 and Fullerton's 71.

Canton's Anne Alioto was the best on her team with 63. Sandra Pazalo was right behind her with 69, Nancy Newcome hit a 78 and Kim Stafford posted a score of 81.

Said Stevens: "First one of the season. Sure it's nice to get off on the right foot."



# Sports

## Running strong

Kristy Giddings (right) and Nicole Van Hease (below), both members of the Salem track team, face Stevenson Thursday at 3:30 p.m.



## Holmes is U of M softball starter

BY BRIAN CORBETT

In softball, the horsehide may be bigger — but Kelly Holmes sure does not make it any easier to hit it.

The Canton resident is a starter on U-M's pitching staff. So far this season she has posted a 9-1 record and an extraordinary earned run average of 1.85. Her fastball has been clocked at 65 mph. She credits her success this season to playing softball last summer, after wrapping her freshman year at U-M. "I think playing a lot in the summer helped. I played with a travel team," she said.

The additional conditioning allowed Holmes to add an off speed change-up to her pitching repertoire, which already includes drop, rise, curve and change-up deliveries. "In high school with the mound at 40 feet, I was more of power pitcher," Holmes said. "But in college it's at 43 so it's more finesse." She also admitted to being a bit more humble after coming to U-M as an three-time most valuable player with 15 no-hitters at Canton High School. "My mentality coming out of high school was different," she said. "I was used to striking out everyone. Now I know how much you have to concentrate."

It is by no coincidence that the team is as successful as Holmes. U-M is 35-7, currently holding on to first place in the Big 10 and ranked ninth in the nation. "I don't pitch as much (as

last year.) There was only two of us last year so it was pretty much every other game," said Holmes. "But this year we have three pitchers."

The extra rest has helped. She has lowered her ERA by almost half a run from last season. In one-third as many appearances, she has four shutouts — only one short last season's total. Her most dominant outing came on March 17 when she held Northern Illinois to three hits in a 2-0 victory.

Holmes is a standout in the classroom too. Both seasons at U-M she has received the Athletic Academic Achievement, and has just been accepted as a business major. "I think that carries over from high school," said Holmes, who was a scholar-athlete at Canton. "This is a lot tougher to balance time. Both my parents are teachers... They always made sure I got my stuff done after practice."

Holmes just completed her exams last week, and now just has softball to concentrate on. A game with MSU is coming up and the Big 10 tourney is right around the corner. The Wolverines have never made to the National College Athletic Association's Softball World Series.

"That's definitely our number one goal, and we think it's within reach," Holmes said.

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# Community Opinions

## Library opposition does disservice to community

EDITOR:

Recent opposition to the potential acquisition of the Wilcox site for the construction of a new library does a disservice to the Plymouth community and paints a distorted view of the decision-making process of the District Library Board. Your readers should know the following:

At the time of the initial recommendation of the former Board to raze the current building, move into temporary quarters, and then construct a new building, there were no other feasible options. The Wilcox property was unavailable, and the only other possibilities would have entailed a move outside of downtown Plymouth, which was opposed by the majority of the community.

The original plan was the best plan available at the time, but it includes many costs: the need to move the library twice, to renovate and pay rent for temporary quarters during construction, the cost of demolishing and disposing of the current building, which includes increased disposal costs, and the cost to re-align Church Street on the north side of City Hall to allow for additional parking. The parking on the Wilcox site would be for library patrons only and would not have to be shared with other businesses such as the Penn Theater and the Henry Ford facility. The Wilcox site would also permit the architect to design more efficiently, rather than being restricted at the existing site between the City Hall and the lawyers' offices.

The library board, of course, is continuing to consider the original option of locating

## Wilcox property would make good library site

EDITOR:

I would like to voice my support for the Wilcox site as a location for the new library building. I applaud the Library Board's action in considering alternatives to the expense and inconvenience of scheduling two relocations, which would be required if the library were to be rebuilt at 223 S. Main.

There have been two main complaints laid against the Library Board on this issue. The first, is that the board is considering alternative sites at all. I would remind everyone that the election which approved the new library millages also brought new members to the library

board. These newly elected officials (along with one appointment) constitute a majority of the board.

I, for one, am glad that this new board is willing to consider alternatives to spending time and money on library relocations that might better be spent on facilities, and have found an option which will keep the library a part of downtown Plymouth.

I once participated in a business relocation and have some experience with the process of moving information, equipment, inventory and employees and can well imagine the herculean task of moving a library, twice.

the new building on the present site, and after we have received the purchase offers from each set of landowners we will make a decision based on the costs and the benefits of each site. Injecting unfounded opinions into the debate is not productive, and the accusations that the community was somehow misled during the election is factually unsupportable.

Elected officials must use good judgment and common sense in making decisions that will impact the community for generations to come. To continue with the original proposal without seriously considering a potentially beneficial alternative, while politically expedient in the face of heated accusations, would be irresponsible.

I believe that the citizens of both the City and the Township of Plymouth need all the information before making up their minds.

With the busy lives we lead today, many people do not understand the years-long process the board has been involved in to create the best possible library for Plymouth. Indeed, one woman I spoke with did not realize that the original plan calls for the current building to be torn down, rather than expanded.

I urge everyone with questions to call me or attend our next board meeting, which will be held upstairs at City Hall at 7:30 on May 16. Isn't it only fair to get the facts before getting angry?

SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY

EDITOR'S NOTE: Khoury is the president of the Plymouth District Library Board.

The second complaint involves the probable demolition of the Wilcox house itself. The recent cosmetic repairs have enhanced its appearance, but I have been informed the house itself is little more than a shell, with most of the original interior fittings already lost.

Additionally, any serious attempt to develop the house would require extensive improvements or even replacement of the plumbing and wiring. In all probability, any potential developers of the site would find it uneconomical to save the house, and past development proposals have included removal of the house. (There remains a

chance that the house could be purchased and moved to another site, rather than demolished, but in either case it would no longer be in the heart of Plymouth.) If we are, eventually, going to lose this house, wouldn't it be appropriate to replace it with a new library building? Wouldn't it be wonderful if our new library was right there by Kellogg Park, a part of all the activities? I'm fond of the old house (it was pictured on my Christmas cards a few years back, and I point it out to out-of-town visitors), and if it does need to go, I would prefer it be for a worthy cause.

PAT KIEWICZ

## Library millage approved to keep current site

EDITOR:

The following are a few brief comments on the Plymouth Library Issue:

1. The millage presentation was directed at keeping the library at the present site.

2. The voters gave the library board a blank check for library changes without specific plans — only a dream. My remarks were not well received when I opposed the blank check concept at an informational meeting.

3. Maintaining the present colonnade facade as ground level for a proposed bi-level structure presents a challenge in design — probably impractical.

4. I understand that doubling the present floor space (about 12,000 sq. ft.) would take care of present needs while an additional approximate 12,000 sq. ft. would provide for future expansion. IBM's CEO, Louis V. Gerstner, predicted a coming explosion in computer technology and within 10 years there will be no libraries and no post offices. This suggests that the library board needs to

plan for future downsizing — not expansion.

5. Abandoning the present library site requires agreement with the Dunning

family heirs about a change in the use of the present library for a community meeting facility. This would require an additional millage for renovation and

ongoing maintenance expense. We don't need any more taxes.

EUGENE L. JORDAN

## Casino gambling would destroy Northville Downs, harness horse racing industry

EDITOR:

Recent discussions of casino gambling in Detroit emphasize the number of jobs that would be created and the revenue generated. Assuming these figures are not exaggerated, a big assumption to make, and also assuming that all the negative effects of casinos — increase in crime, loss of business to other businesses, further impoverishment of already impoverished people, etc. — are not exaggerated, an even bigger assumption to make, casino gambling still has to be a net loss to Michigan.

The reason is simple: casino gambling would destroy the horse racing industry throughout Michigan, and the horse racing industry is now economically more important than casino gambling could ever be.

A community like Plymouth is already being negatively affected. Perfecta Farm in Plymouth Township is considered one of Michigan's premier harness horse training centers. Such Michigan Champions such as Mr. Charm with earnings of

\$357,404 and Jerry's Cadet, a three-year-old with \$136,137 on his card, as stabled there along with Balanced Attack, a top invitational pacer with \$450,691 in earnings, and some 65 other harness horses. Northville Downs leading trainer, Mike Watson is stabled at Perfecta.

Just a few years ago though, before the threat of casinos, Perfecta Farms had over 110 horses on the grounds and a long waiting list for stalls. With the decline in attendance and handle at Michigan's parimutuel raceways, which in turn causes a decline in purses, many stables are leaving the state, making the very existence of farms like Perfecta, precarious.

The 1995 season is a crucial one for large and small harness horse training centers, breeding farms and the whole horse racing industry in Michigan. On March 2, a horse racing and gaming bill (House Bill No. 4526) was introduced to the State Legislature in



# Community opinions

## PCAC case proceeding properly

As the scandal at the Plymouth Community Arts Council unfolds, a few important points are in order:

- No one is guilty until proven so, and, as of press time, no criminal charges or civil actions have been filed.

- The PCAC relies on the great support of The Plymouth-Canton Community as well as the State of Michigan. That support — in terms of money and volunteerism — is vital to its mission.

- An independent investigation of the allegations is absolutely vital to the

PCAC's integrity.

- The City of Plymouth Police were absolutely correct to turn the investigation over to the Michigan State Police — the players are too close to the city police.

- The PCAC was prudent to bring in David Williamson, the trouble-shooting CPA.

His work with the resolution of difference between the City of Plymouth and its former City Manager, Henry Graper, was noteworthy.

- The fairest thing for all concerned, is to completely air the investigation. In the meantime, only one side's allegations are coming out., yet questions remain unanswered. (These include: Were others involved? Why did the matter change significantly in two weeks?)

At this point, the case is proceeding properly towards a resolution. If the reputations of individuals, organizations and the arts as a whole are considered, the community will be well served.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Vorva should be 'clear' about school record

EDITOR:

Last week, a letter to the editor was printed as a rebuttal to Patricia Wong's comments on April 12. He is of course not "clear" about how much we know about the district and how much we are involved in our children's education. Caring about children means participating in their educational system.

I am not sure that this individual can compare his first-hand knowledge of the district to that of myself or Patricia Wong. Together, Patricia and myself have volunteered for 20 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District. Between us, we have children in 5 district schools. We have both participated actively in our children's schools and have volunteered our time on many district-wide committees. We have seen the Plymouth-Canton School District firsthand and close-up. I strongly support the educational system in this district.

This man may not be aware of the high regard in which Plymouth-Canton Schools are held by university and college educators in this state. Since I

teach at the university level, I am truly aware that my children are well ahead or on an even stance with most university students in higher level and critical thinking skills. The children in this district will be well prepared to compete in the global business arena.

In his editorial, he mentioned that the district now spends 6 per cent more of its budget for salaries and benefits. He very "clearly" did not state all the facts. As state representative, he was the reason for the salary budget escalating as it did. The school financing bill caused the district to pay the retirement and FICA costs for the districts' employees. This is the reason for the increase in the salary and benefits budget.

Next time, I hope this man will please tell us the whole story, not just his "unclear" and narrow view.

Most people in this community are aware that Dr. Little is working for and promoting cooperativeness and collegiality between the district, the citizens and the business community. The man who refuted Patricia Wong's comments needs to understand that

teamwork, cooperation and hard-work, together promotes success. This includes supporting the millage effort. Myself, along with many other people in this community are tired of hearing continuous complaints from people who don't participate in the partnership of education in this district. Interested parents and community members who are willing to make suggestions instead of complaints and provide strength of ideas and cooperation, are what makes our schools and our district a success. A community working together, especially for our children, is both energizing and rewarding. I have refused to mention the man's name who is the source of these continuing editorials. I am quite tired of hearing his complaints. He needs to learn to "think clearly" and work for the success of the district and in cooperation with the people who know the district well.

JOANNE LAMAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lamar's letter to the editor is in response to a letter by Jerry Vorva printed in the April 26 issue of The Crier.

## Plymouth could lose if casinos kill horse racing

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Lansing.

The main goal of the legislation is to make Michigan raceways more competitive with the casino in Windsor, the lottery and other forms of entertainment by allowing them to operate day and night year-round with increased simulcasting (showing races from year racetracks) which in turn would create better purses for Michigan horsemen, racing live.

This legislation also allows the raceways to feature video gaming machines (slot machines) which would increase gambling revenues for the horse industry and the state of Michigan without creating new gambling locations with all of their proven negative aspects.

The failure of the horse racing industry, which is a real possibility without this legislation, would put a tremendous amount of economic activity and capital investment at risk. Tax revenues, investments, jobs and a great Michigan tradition are all on the line!

The racing industry is responsible for the creation of 42,300 jobs, \$233 million in personal income and total economic output of \$439 million. The industry also generated about \$31 million in state tax revenue last year.

In addition, the industry supports facilities worth an estimated \$700 million.

Several million dollars of this revenue is used to support county fairs and their programs across the state. The 37 fairs offering racing receive nearly 36 percent of their gross revenue from race entry fees and revenues earmarked for purses. Racing at the county fairs, which has thrived in Michigan since the late 19th century, also provides direct financial support to 4H programs and other youth award programs.

It is also important to note that the equine industry is the most labor-intensive activity found in Michigan agriculture, but in addition urban communities are major beneficiaries of the racing industry. The state paid over \$1.3 million to local communities in which tracks are located to defray the costs of police and fire protection.

The remaining monies went into the State General Fund to be used for human services, education, transportation and other vital programs.

A totally successful casino gambling industry in Michigan could not come close to matching this economic impact.

House Bill No. 4526 would revitalize an already important Michigan industry. Casino gambling would destroy more than it could ever revitalize.

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