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# July 4th festivities will go on despite streetscape

BY PETER BRODERICK

The Plymouth Canton Jaycees sponsor the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks each year with fundraisers and donations from all around the community. This year, funds were a bit tighter than usual, causing a scare for the Jaycees as the holiday grows nearer.

This year's parade — which was in

jeopardy of being canceled due to lack of funds just a month ago — is ready to go in downtown Plymouth, with a slightly altered route around the streetscape.

The parade, which has become a Fourth of July tradition in The Plymouth Canton Community, was "saved" by Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury. When the company heard that the Jaycees were

having trouble coming up with the money needed to put on the parade, it helped pay the difference to keep the parade going. According to Fred Eagle of the Jaycees, the parade runs the group from \$2,500 to \$3,000 each year.

The procession starts at 1 p.m. on Theodore Street. The new route will take the parade down Main Street and left on

Church Street, and then behind City Hall and right onto Union Street. Then it's down Union to Wing Street, and up Wing to meet back up with Main Street — the end of the detour.

The parade will then retrace its usual steps down Main Street to Hartsough

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## School board gives Little high rating, pay raise

## Circus fun

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After a little more than a year at the top spot in the Plymouth-Canton School District, Superintendent Charles Little has been given excellent rating by the school board.

At Monday's meeting, outgoing Trustee Sue Feiten explained the process that was used to evaluate the superintendent.

"The evaluation committee worked to revise the process, coming up with the criteria as well as devising the merit system," Feiten said. "As a result of our research all of the criteria are equal, not weighted separately."

The criteria, weighed on a scale of one to five (one: unsatisfactory, five: outstanding) covered all aspects of Little's performance. They were: 1) Insuring the district meets its goals, 3.53; Maintaining healthy relations with the school board, 4.58; Leadership, 4.21; Employee relations, 4.32; Fiscal management, 4.26; Safe use of physical facilities, 3.16; Intergovernmental cooperation, 4.0; Promoting community involvement, 4.03.

Little was evaluated by six members

of the seven-member school board (Trustee Barbara Graham did not take part in the evaluation because of illness — she abstained from voting to adopt the evaluation for the same reason).

Feiten said that the total tally of the numbers points out that little has more than filled the bill as superintendent.

"The board is extremely satisfied," Feiten said. "An overall grade of 4.0 indicates that the superintendent has frequently exceeded the requirements of the job."

Outgoing Trustee Roland Thomas had high praise for the evaluation itself.

"This is the best process that I have ever been involved with," Thomas said.

According to Little, he's comfortable with the results of the evaluation.

"I'm satisfied," Little said, "the process was done thoroughly and in a balanced way."

Little said that in the coming year the district can expect more of the same in his performance and that he plans to expand his efforts in all areas.

"This is no secret, we need to improve communication, do a better job of involv-

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The Lions Club brought the big top back to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Both shows of the Walker Bros. Circus were filled to capacity as young and old enjoyed the show. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

## Canton remains on top in single family housing starts

Once again, Canton has been recognized as the leader in new, single family housing starts in our region, according to the recently released "Residential Construction in Southeast Michigan for 1994" report from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

The report says that Canton had 733 single family housing starts in 1994, leading all communities in Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, Livingston and Monroe counties. Macomb Township in Macomb County was just behind Canton with 692.

Canton logged 390 single family housing starts in 1992 and 538 in 1993, before jump-

ing to 773 during the past year. That means since 1992, these figures have increased more than 100 per cent.

Canton ranks just behind the Macomb County communities of Shelby and Clinton townships this year in total permits issued, including multiple family units. Most of Canton's new residential construction is in the area of single family homes.

Residential housing numbers in southeast Michigan began to boom in 1992, the first year there had been an increase in the region since 1987. That year, 16,730 total building permits were issued. In 1993, 17,293 permits were issued, and last year, SEMCOG figures show 21,176 permits issued throughout the area.

### Plans

P-C Schools form long-range planning committee

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### No problem

Streetscape has not caused slump in Plymouth

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# Masland named GM 'Supplier of the Year'

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ing executive director — car platforms, will present the award to Frank Preston, Masland president and chief operating officer, during a ceremony today at the Masland Technical Center in Plymouth. Preston credits the teamwork of highly skilled employees with developing Masland solutions for GM programs.

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come from multiple disciplines and inter-related processes, materials and design," he said.

"This synergy creates greater opportunities for innovative, multimaterial, multiproduct ideas. This GM award is a credit to the teamwork of dedicated Masland employees."

## PCAC continues free rental contest, Anderson named first winner

The Plymouth Community Arts Council Art Rental Gallery will list a randomly-picked name every week and place it in The Crier's "Curiosities" entitling the person to one month's FREE RENTAL of any picture in the collection.

Watch the Curios for your name or notify your friends if you spot their name. This week's winner is Gerald Anderson of Canton.

The gallery, located on the second floor or the Plymouth District Library, is open Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

## July 4th celebration will go on despite construction

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Street, and down Hartsough to the end of the line at East Middle School.

Judge Ronald Lowe of the 35th District Court will serve as Grand Marshal for the parade. Lowe has been active in The Plymouth Canton Community for 25 years, serving as Plymouth's City Attorney before his election in January. Lowe is also a member of the Plymouth Canton Jaycees.

The annual Fireworks show has not been as lucky as the parade. According to

Eric Bernhardt of the Jaycees, some businesses that donated to the fireworks show last year backed out this time around, leaving the club about \$2500 short.

Last year, the Jaycees spent around \$8000 on the fireworks show, and this year they plan to do the same. "If we don't get the donations, we'll probably pay for it out of our general fund," said Bernhardt.

The Fireworks will be shot from Massey Field, near Plymouth and Haggerty Roads. The two streets will be closed at 9:30 p.m., and the fireworks

will be launched at about 10 p.m. They can usually be seen from all over that area, so there is plenty of room and great seats for everyone.

Parking will be available in the Unisys parking lot off of Haggerty Road. Bernhardt said that if sponsors don't come through, the club may consider a \$1 parking charge to help sway the cost of the fireworks.

Both the fireworks and the parade will feature concessions from the Jaycees including Ice Cream, Cotton Candy, Soda and other standard festival -type cuisine.

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# Twp. police drug bust turns up marijuana at Lakepointe home

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Plymouth Township police raided a home in the Lakepointe subdivision Thursday and seized a marijuana growing operation.

(including Canton's K-9 unit) nine officers went into the house.

According to Antal, there was a growing room set up in the attic with five three to four foot harvested marijuana plants,

triple-beam scale and paraphernalia for crack use.

"Altogether there was about a half-pound of marijuana in the house," Antal said. "Judging by the places we were finding it, in clothes hampers and such, he had more marijuana than he knew about."

According to Antal, taking over the house on Thursday yielded more arrests than just Young.

"While we were there we got about five calls from people looking for marijuana," Antal said.

"When they didn't recognize our voices we said the guy was at the store and asked what they wanted. We set up a few buys and got them at the door with their money on them."

Antal said that Young would have a preliminary exam in 35th District Court on Friday. He also said that the house, some electronic equipment and growing lights may be forfeited as a result of the bust.



Plymouth Township Police found growing equipment at a Lakepointe home Thursday. (Crier photo by Alex Lundberg)

According to police reports, Joseph Michael Young, 27, was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on charges of manufacturing and distributing marijuana before Judge John E. MacDonald. The charge is a four-year felony.

According to Plymouth Township Sergeant Robert Antal, the police got a tip from others living in the same subdivision.

"We got information that there was a lot of traffic at the house, so we set up surveillance and got a warrant," Antal said. "We went in on Thursday night at 8 p.m. because we heard it was a high traffic night."

Antal said that no force was needed to gain entry to the house — the door was open and Young was alone in the house. Of the 13 officers taking part in the raid

another 14 small plants growing in pots, four bags of marijuana ready for sale, a

## Plymouth chamber needs help with survey info

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is participating in the Michigan Business Retention and Expansion Program, a community based effort to encourage and aid in the growth of existing local businesses.

Through personal interviews of these businesses, conducted by local volunteers, the community leadership hopes to gain a comprehensive profile of the business climate and develops a specific action plan to ensure continued growth

and to maintain a healthy economic base.

The chamber's Economic Development Council will be mailing surveys to more than 100 township, industrial-based businesses seeking their cooperation in a personal, one-on-one interview. Companies should have received their survey letter this week.

To volunteer to help with the interviewing process, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540.

## School board welcomes 2 new trustees

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

Newly elected Plymouth-Canton School board Trustees Michael Maloney and Carrie Blamer were sworn into office at Monday's meeting of the board.

Though Blamer and Maloney took the oath of office Monday, their terms don't officially start until July 1.

According to Blamer, a former real estate agent, she is looking forward to serving on the board.

"I am very much excited," Blamer said. "I've been talking to the administrators and have been going to financing conferences and was in on discussions on organization."

While she has been doing her studying on the issues going on in the district, Blamer said she knows everything will be different once she gets down to the real business of the board.

"Until you get there, you don't know what you're going to be getting into," Blamer said. "I finally got a copy of the board's bylaws and policies for reviewing."

Mike Maloney said he was ready to get in and start working with the board.



Carrie Blamer and Michael Maloney were sworn into office at Monday's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

"I'm excited about the prospect," Maloney said, "I'm anxious to work with the other board members."

Maloney said he would make an effort to make the processes of the board more open and make it easier for citizens to become more involved.

"Right now I'm trying to understand the board's bylaws and procedures," Maloney said. "I'm setting time aside to understand the financial process. I'm going to talk with Dr. Little and Ray Hoedel to look at how school finance

operates.

"There's a lot I don't understand; state finance, procurement and the debt-side of finances," Maloney said. "There was not a lot of talk about that in the campaign."

Maloney said that he has already been getting coaching from others not in the district's formal structure.

"I have been getting advice from a lot of people, some of it has been very constructive," Maloney said. "Ever since the election my phone has been ringing off the hook."

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Band will perform again this Thursday in the bandshell at Kellogg Park at 8 p.m.
- Kellogg Park will also be the site for Music in the Park from noon to 1 p.m. today. Reg Pettibone will be performing.
- The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is having a volunteer reception tonight at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

## THE WEEKEND

- Red Cross Donor Centers across southeast Michigan, including the center in Canton, will be holding the Gift of Hope Drive, a blood donation and bone marrow testing event on Friday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. instead of Monday because of the July 4th holiday.
- The Community Crier offices will be open on July 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Members of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post and Auxiliary will be having their Annual Chicken Barbecue on July 4th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the post home, 1426 S. Mill St. The cost is \$5
- Children may register for the Plymouth parks programs beginning Monday, July 3.

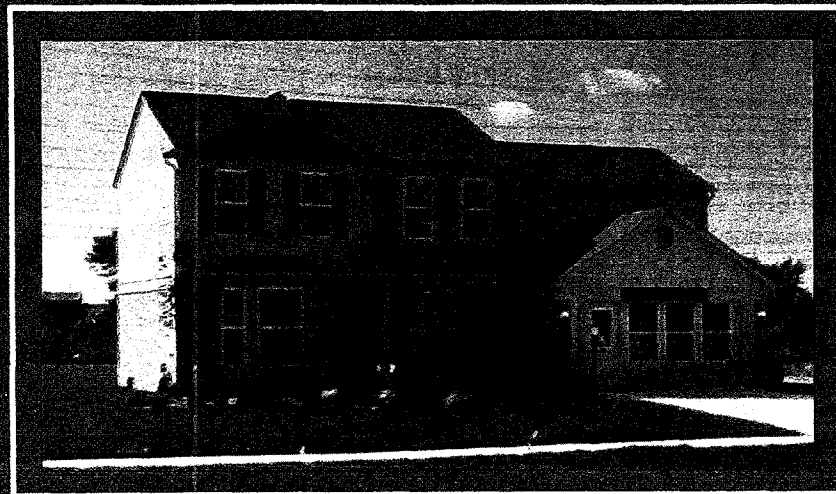
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# Legal fireworks continue in Burda Bros. case

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Although the Fourth of July is here, the legal fireworks between Burda Bros. of Canton and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office will continue for quite some time.

During a hearing Friday at the 35th District Court before Judge Ron Lowe, the major sticking points of the case came to the forefront.

What fireworks are illegal in Michigan and in the United States? — Have the Burda's sold illegal fireworks in Canton? These are just two of the questions Lowe will struggle with when the case returns to court on July 7.

A decision on whether Elissa and Efim Burda — owners of the Canton novelty store on Michigan Avenue ticketed for sale of illegal fireworks — broke the conditions of their \$10,000 bond was put off until July 7, pending related litigation in the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Under the conditions of their bond as set by Lowe, the Burdas were told not to sell Michigan Class B fireworks — any fireworks that explode in the air, rise off the ground, or when exploded make a loud noise.

Lowe said he is not trying to pass the case to the circuit court — just waiting for legal clarification.

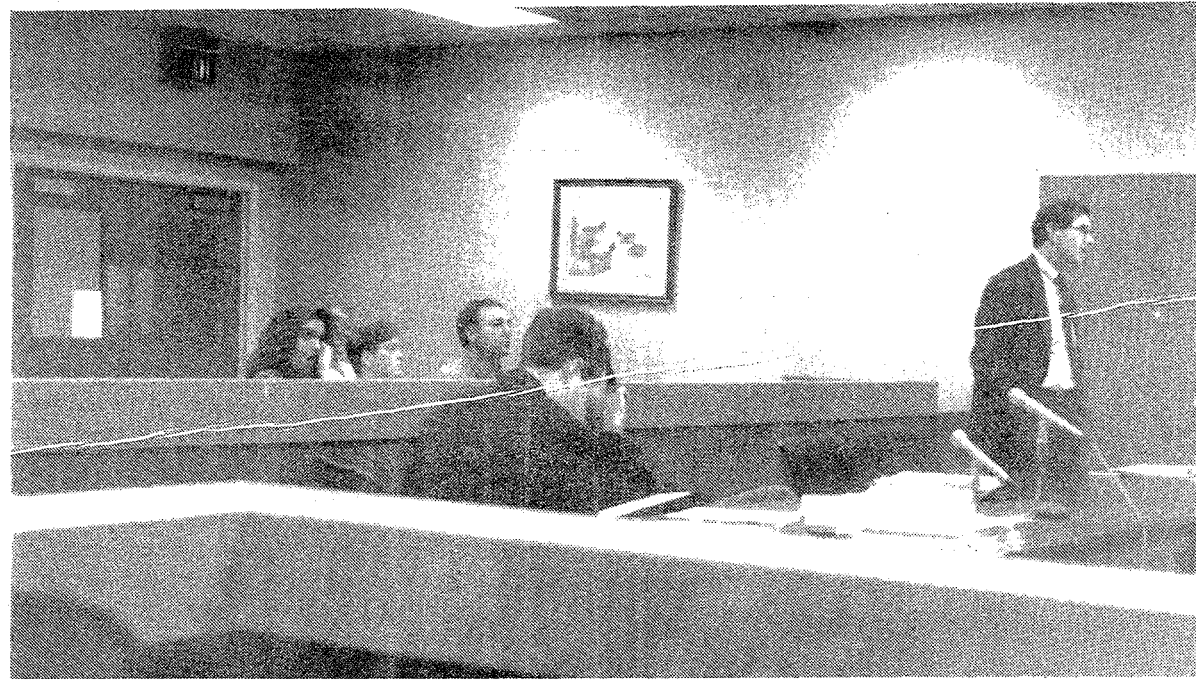
"It is my sincere belief that if I made a mistake when I established the conditions (of the bond) it should come back here (to my court)," he said.

Burda Bros. attorney Hugh Davis argued that all fireworks are regulated by federal standards — which virtually eliminates the Michigan Class B and Class C fireworks guidelines. Mike Brady of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said the Michigan law has not been changed, making it valid and enforceable.

"Be it right or be it wrong," said Lowe, "the whole state law (regarding fireworks) was created to protect public safety."

Davis said the fireworks being sold by Burda Bros. have not endangered the public safety. "These are merely allegations contrary to the circuit court order," he said referring to an injunction handed down by Judge Carole Youngblood. Davis said the injunction allows Burda Bros. to sell fireworks.

Brady said the Burdas have not lived up to the bond conditions. "You told them not to



Elissa and Efim Burda, owners of Burda Bros. in Canton appeared Friday in 35th District Court before Judge Ron Lowe. The Burdas have been ticketed for sale of illegal fireworks by the Canton Police. Their attorney, Hugh Davis (far right), argued that the fireworks sold were not illegal under federal law. (Crier photo by Peter Broderick)

break the law," he said. "You made it clear to them not to do those things (sell illegal fireworks)."


"It shows a complete disregard of what you told them not to do."

Lowe said the case is "...mired in a lot of muck."

"No doubt in my mind," he said, "we'll be splitting hairs on this for a long time."

"Some day they're going to use your case to teach a bunch of lawyers how to muck up a case."

Canton police raided the Burda Bros. location Thursday, taking \$150,000 in stock according to Davis. Down the road, Canton police also hit Tri-City Fireworks for allegedly selling illegal fireworks.



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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Heather Lynn Kaye of Plymouth was one of 3,024 students to graduate from Miami (Ohio) in May. She received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree.

Michelle Haines of Canton and Kenneth Coker, Susan Daoust, Joshua Stickney and Chad Zevalkink of Plymouth all made the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University the winter semester.

Navy Seaman David Washenko of Canton recently reported for duty aboard the USS Rushmore, homeported in San Diego. He is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and joined the Navy in 1994.

Navy Petty Officer third class Philip S. Mitchell of Northville recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School in Orlando, FL.

Navy Lt. John Flipse, son of Richard Flipse of Plymouth, and Navy Airman Recruit Jonathon Gearn, son of Diane Ley of Northville recently returned to San Diego after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation, which included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq.

They were two of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines who completed the 45,240 mile voyage and enforced the no-fly zone over Southern Iraq, they intercepted ships suspected of smuggling prohibited cargo to and from Iraq. Flipse joined the Navy in 1985 and Gearn joined the Navy in 1994.

Heidi Marie Finley, who resides in Canton, where she raises chickens and creates pastels, has been exhibiting a collection of pastels entitled "Tropical Hummingbirds: A Portfolio by Heidi Marie Finley" in Pattee Library's West Lobby Gallery at Penn State University since June 1 until June 30.

## Taking the scare out

*Barb Owston and the Plymouth Toastmaster's Club help others to lose their fear of speaking in public*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Public speaking can be terrifying. A recent poll of Americans ranked it as the number-one fear — ahead of death. Every Tuesday night The Plymouth Toastmaster's Club "The Oral Majority" exorcises this phobia, and sharpens their communication skills in the clubhouse on Gainsborough.

"I'd imagine everyone who comes in is a little nervous the first time," said president-elect Barb Owston. "I believe it's because all of the people in the audience are looking at them saying, 'You don't what you're talking about. You're stupid.' They're judging them."

Since the early 1980's, The Plymouth Toastmaster's Club — one of approximately 3,000 in the U.S. — taught individuals the techniques of public speaking

and leadership skills. "We want to be a service to the community; we don't just want to help ourselves," Owston said.

"I myself, don't work anymore, I can't, and it gives me such a wonderful outlet to meet people. Eventually, a lot of these people will use what they learned here for their work; so it's not a hobby... Just think how much that would help someone who's president of the (Parent-Teacher Organization)."

The Toastmaster's Club draws more than just adults wishing to improve their networking skills for extra-curricular activity, Owston said, there are business professionals and blue collar workers from all walks of life — from every generation.

"We're really quite diverse," said Owston, who used to be nurse.

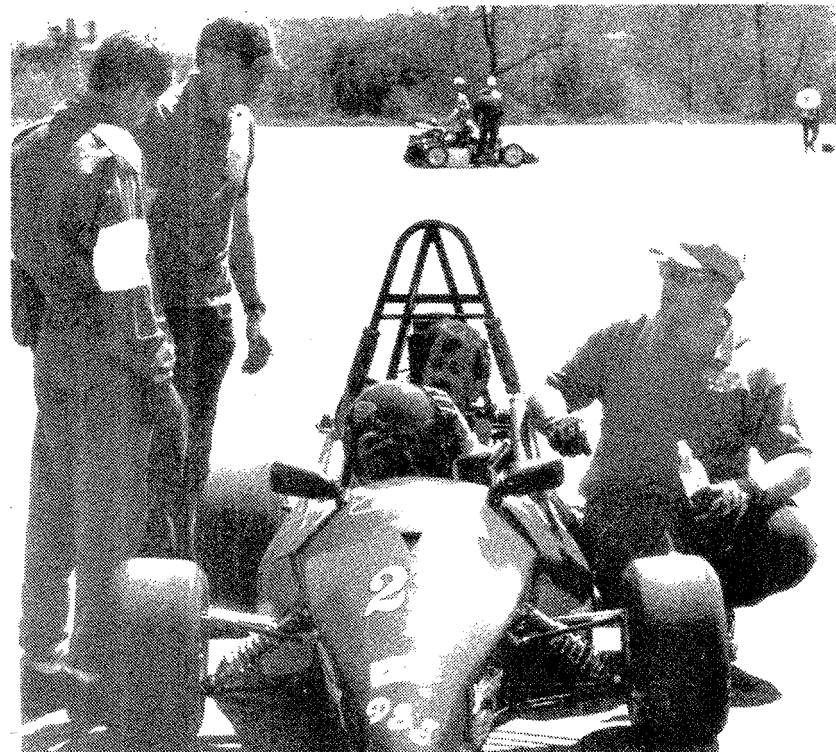
Typical meetings start with the Pledge of Allegiance, a joke and a poem.

The group then takes turns talking for two minutes on whatever topic is given to them. After a break individuals give particular speeches outlined in the group's manual. For instance, after completing several speeches with prepared notes, Owston had to deliver her last presentation reading material. "I just completed my first manual," Owston said, "and there are many, many, many manuals to go."

There is a fee that each member must pay, but Owston considers it very inexpensive in exchange for the learning experience and new friends everyone seems to gain when they the Plymouth Toastmaster's Club. "I enjoy it," she said. "I going to be president starting in July."

## Moving on

George Holmes III of Canton (left side of car) and Scott Bentham of Northville (right side) take part in the Society of Automotive Engineers Formula competition at the Pomtiac Silverdome as part of Lawrence Tech's 12 member team. The team designed and built the car, which took sixth out of a record field of 84 entries.



## PCAC gets ready for summer workshop

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The summertime had been a lull in a busy schedule for the Plymouth Community Art Council's (PCAC) Whistle Stop Players.

Not Anymore. The PCAC's inaugural Summer Performing Arts Workshop will be held July 17-21 for four hours each day. "We've been so successful with the first and second productions, we saw a need for something in the summer," said Randy Lee, PCAC executive director. "We decided to have a workshop, and there seems to be some interest."

Originally limited to 20 participants, the workshop's enrollment has been expanded to 30. "We thought we'd be lucky to have 12 kids: we have 30," said Sandra Richards, PCAC workshop technical director. "It's been an overwhelming response."

Richards said the workshop could possibly accommodate six more students if needed. "We might be taking a few more applications," Richards said. "I don't think we can comfortably handle

more than 36."

Richards will be teaching the workshop with Lee and music director Linda Calcone. Participants, which will range in age groups from five to 13, will spend time with each instructor learning: singing for performance and rhythm study; acting and stage directions; styles of dance and choreography; development of their own script, songs and dances; and technical theater. Richards has no doubt which part of the workshop the participants will enjoy the most.

"They want to sing and dance, and be a star," she said. "But they're going to write their own show too."

The workshop will culminate with a show for parents on July 21. Entitled "The Imagination Express," the show will feature a different theme determined by each age group. "I think this is a wonderful, wonderful theme," Richards said. "But they are going to have to work. We are starting from scratch."

The PCAC can be reached at 416-4ART.





# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### Leo J. Clemens

Leo J. Clemens, a grocery store owner from Hartland, died June 18, 1995, at the age of 91.

Mr. Clemens is survived by his son; Philip J. (Olga), six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Monsignor James A. Maloney officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anselm Catholic Church.

### Virginia Walsh, 69, real estate agent

Virginia Walsh, a real estate agent with Century 21 from Canton, died June 20, 1995, at the age of 69.

She is survived by her husband; Andrew, sons; Thomas and one other son, daughters; Kathleen Esper and Jean Booth, a brother, a sister and 10 grandchildren.

Services, arranged by the McCabe Funeral Home, were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

### Brent A. Champnella, 20, student

Brent A. Champnella, a student from Plymouth, died June 20, 1995, at the age of 20.

He is survived by his father; Dennis, his mother, his grandparents, brothers; Chad and Ryan and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

### Lorraine P. Sanders, 66, homemaker

Lorraine P. Sanders, a homemaker formerly from Plymouth, died June 21, 1995, at the age of 66.

She is survived by her husband, her daughter and her brother.

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



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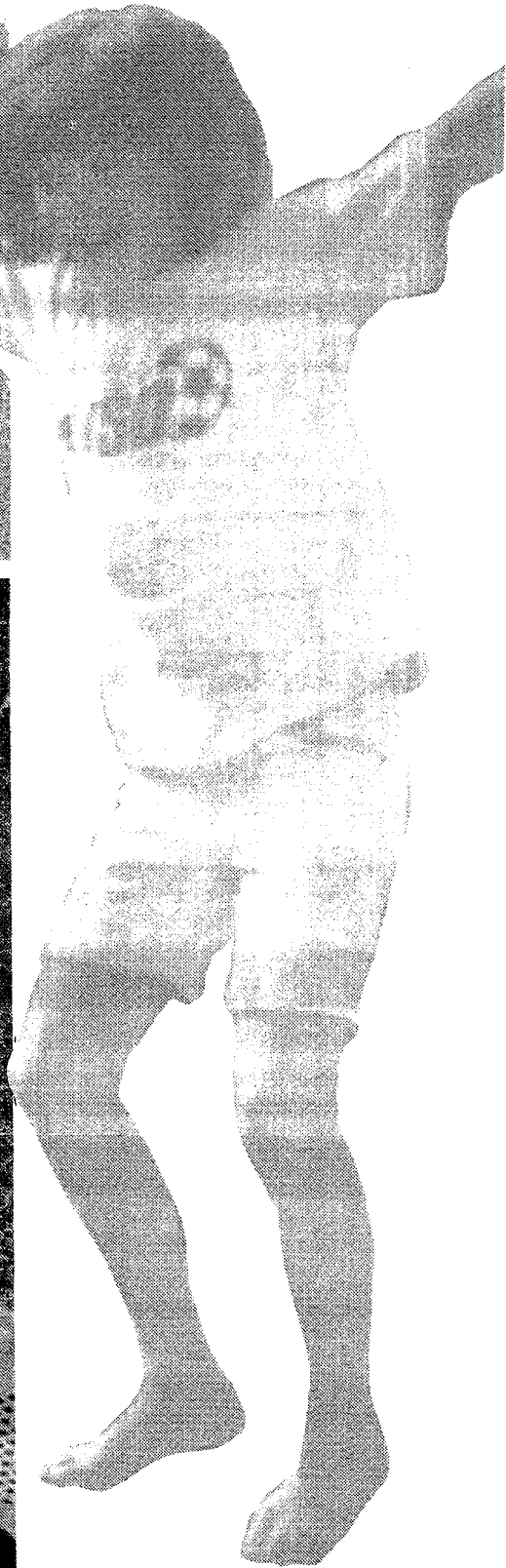
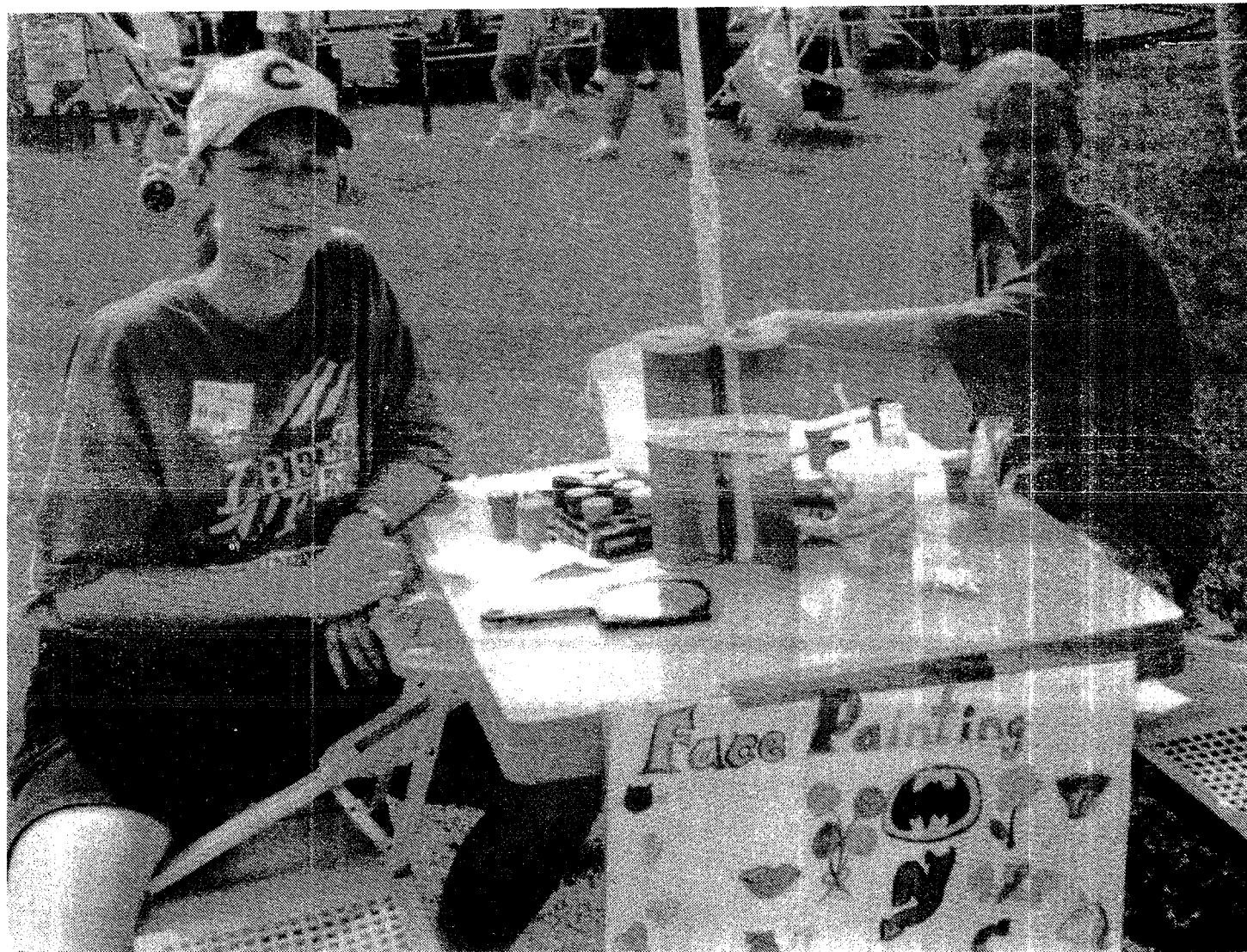
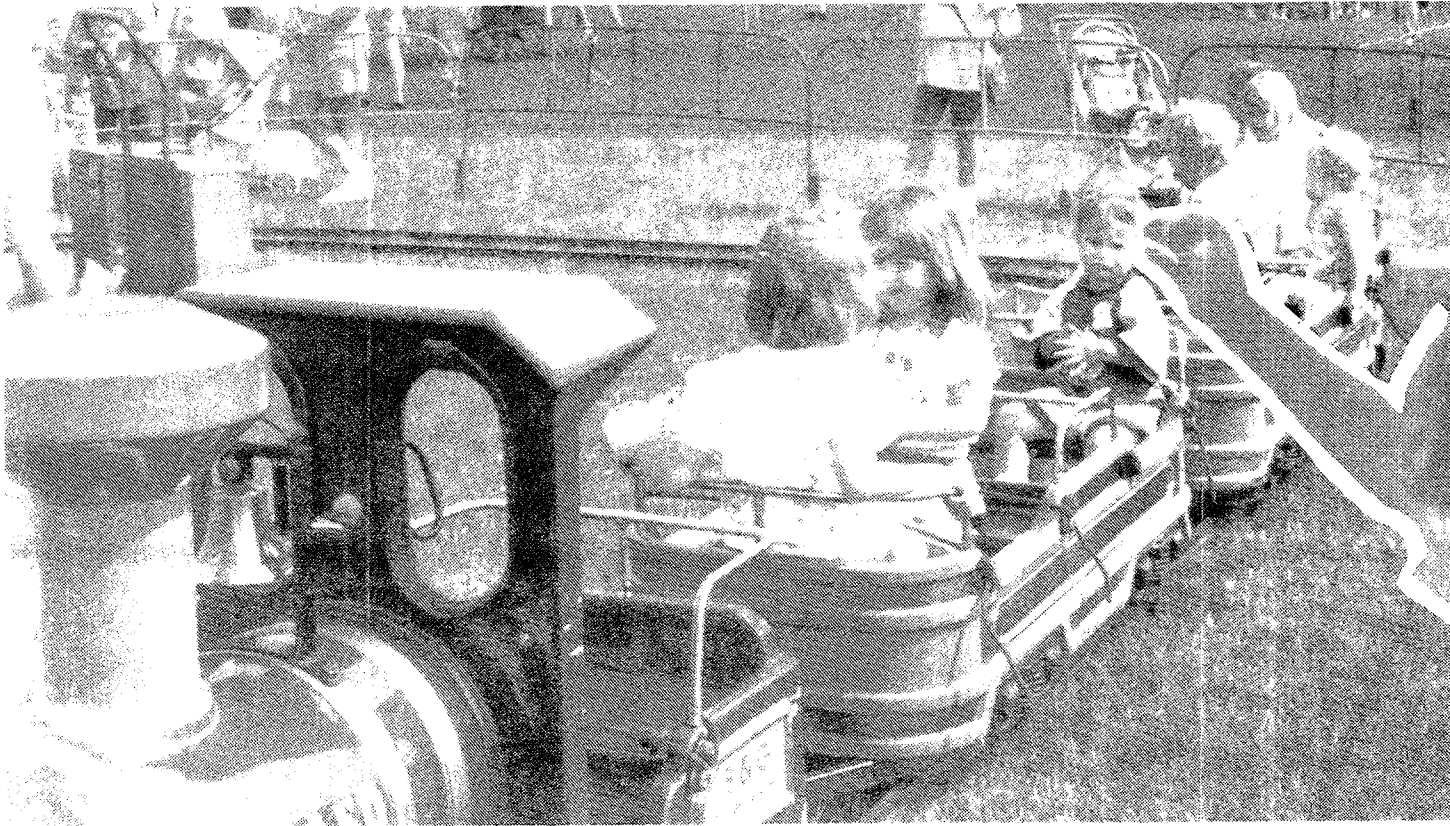
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# Canton Liberty Fest



BY PETER BRODERICK

The fourth annual Canton Liberty Fest saw the largest crowd ever assembled for the event, as 50,000 people filled Heritage Park for the Saturday night fireworks alone.

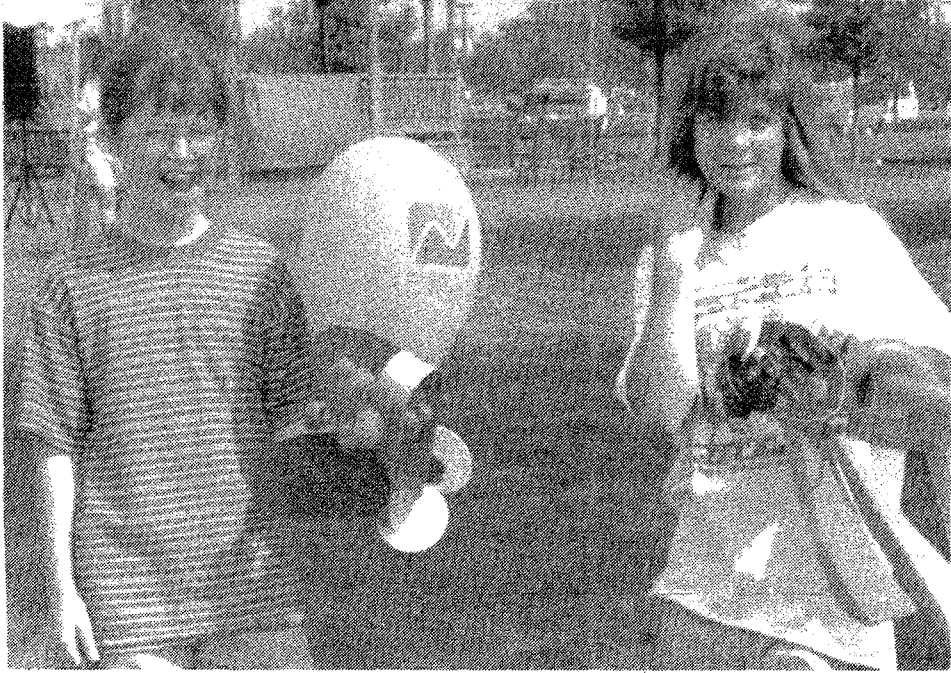
According to Bob Dates of the Canton Parks and Recreation Department, this was the biggest year for the fest yet. "We had the largest attendance by far for the past four years," he said.

Dates said that with the Bingo and Las Vegas Night attractions Friday night went down as the largest Friday night in Liberty Fest history. Saturday followed suit with hordes of people making their way to the park.

"We were packed (on Saturday) up until the 4 p.m. thunderstorms," said Dates. "The storm stopped at about 5 p.m., and we filled back up in a half-hour."



# bigger, better than ever



(Pg. 8 from top clockwise) 1. One of Canton's smallest trains take the little tikes for a ride. 2. Beth O'Brien sails to the sky. 3. Janine Gross and Jennie Ferrel share the face painting duties. (Pg. 9 from top clockwise) 1. Kelley Johnson and Lisa Hammons display their Liberty Fest prizes. 2. Lisa Long takes the plunge down the super slide. 3. Taylor Davidson mixes colored sand to make an artistic creation. (Crier photos by Carly Grisius)



Dates said that some people went to their cars to wait out the rain, and when it stopped, the Fest got underway again.

To illustrate the sheer number of people compared to last year's attendance, Dates said that the "Taste of Canton" restaurants made and served more food in two hours on Saturday than they did in the entire event last year.

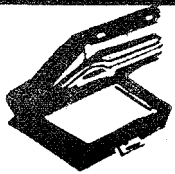
Dates said that the Sunday rain missed the Festival grounds,



helping add to the number of people that came out. He estimated the Sunday crowd at about 25,000.

The Classic Car Show, one of the biggest events at the Fest, saw a record 200 cars participating on Sunday alone. Owners came from all over Michigan with their cars for the fourth annual show.

So the 1995 Liberty Fest will go down in the books as the biggest, and best Liberty Fest ever — or at least until 1996.



# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth/Jeep/Eagle, 111 W. Ann Arbor Rd., has received Chrysler Corporation's five star award for excellence for the 12th year in a row.

Plymouth resident David Janda made an appearance on national television this month. He was interviewed by Lynn Swann, former football star and member of the four time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, and the crew of ABC's "Good Morning America" concerning Janda's Institute for Preventive Sports Medicine (IPSM.) Topics included the best safety gear for children, recent research on soccer shin guards and goal posts, and suggested safety regulations for recreational sports such as youth and adult baseball. The IPSM is the only independent research organization in the country dedicated to the prevention of sports-related injuries and health care cost containment. The IPSM is located on the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital-Ann Arbor campus.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has introduced beautification awards in an effort to thank and congratulate the businesses in Canton that put so much time and energy into improving the appearance of their property. These awards will be based on cleanliness, appearance, upkeep, landscaping and flowers. Nominations for this award must be made by July 31. You may nominate your own business or any other business in Canton. Nominations must be sent to the chamber office at 5820 Canton Center Rd., Suite 105, Canton MI 48187 or faxed to (313) 453-4503.

For the third year, the chamber is inviting area businesses to join with their fellow businesses and store owners and managers to promote the economic development of Canton through participation in the Canton Liberty Festival of Savings. The sale is started June 17 and will end July 5. Call 453-4040 for more information.

Plymouth resident James R. Murphy has been named executive vice president of S & H Fabricating and Engineering, Inc., a leading worldwide supplier of fabricated tube and hose assemblies for the automotive industry. Murphy is responsible for sales, marketing, engineering, program management and strategic planning for the company.

## Much ado about nothing

*Predicted to be a nightmare for retailers, the Streetscape hasn't been as much of a hassle as originally imagined*

Cooperation and patience has turned The Plymouth Streetscape — which had the potential to be a retailer's nightmare — into no more than a minor inconvenience for local businesses. "It hasn't really hurt us," said Mary Frances Millington, a bookseller for Little Professor on the Park at 380 S. Main Street. "This town is quite passionate about its reading material."

But it is not just books that are still attracting people to downtown Plymouth, which looks like a war zone as streets and sidewalks receive a facelift, the entire business community has continued relatively unaffected while dodging roadblocks and construction vehicles. "I'd have to say it's pretty much the same," said Angela Mifsud, antique dealer at Memory Lane Antiques, 336 S. Main St. "I can't say it's been all that bad."

There were few snags at the outset of construction. "The first week we noticed a sharp decrease," said Millington, "that was when people thought they still had to pay to park."

Millington is referring to free parking offered at the Fleet Street parking deck for the duration of the streetscape. That was initiated by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) after the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce brought parking concerns to its attention. Fran Toney, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce executive director, said numerous businesses have actually taken advantage of the situation. "I know many of them have stepped up their marketing," she said. "They made a negative into a positive... They're all trying to make the best of it."

At Little Professor on the Park, Millington help put together a streetscape window display. "You have to have a sense of humor about these things," she said.

Over at Trader Jack's Sports Collectibles, Inc., 585 Forest Ave., customers have to cross a gutted sidewalk by using wooden planks.

"Hey, it works," said owner John Kwiecien, who seemed more occupied with the plight of the Red Wings than with the



There are growling machines and a lot of dust, but the Plymouth Streetscape is not the business-killer naysayers warned of. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

construction surrounding his store front. "The only time it really, really affected us is when they actually ripped up the sidewalk in front of the door. Actually, I have an advantage because the Red Wings are so hot." Kwiecien added he never even experienced any parking complaints.

The prevailing sentiment seems to accept the dust and dirt now, for a new and improved downtown in future. "I think they're doing just fine," Millington said. "The saying 'Old Rome wasn't built in a day' holds true... it takes time. We want it done right." Said Mifsud: "(Owner Debrah Eaves) is supporting it, and I'm supporting it as well... I think it's going to slow traffic."

## Owen joins construction company, becomes head of architectural group

It was a match made in heaven. Designed and constructed there too.

The Plymouth-based development firm, R.A. DeMattia & Associates announced recently that Keith Owen has joined the company in the newly created position as president of the architectural group. "The experiences in my past made for a pretty good match," Owen said.

Owen will lead the architectural group of a firm that also includes design, engineering, construction and development.

The numerous facets of DeMattia were enticing to Owen, whose most recent experience was as vice president and partner at Luckenbach/Ziegelman and Partners, Inc. "In my previous partnership we were more of a conventional firm," Owen said.

That meant no construction, just completion of documents that were then passed on to constructors. It was Owen's desire to be involved in the design and construction that led him to apply for the new position at DeMattia. "It was an



Keith Owen

opportunity to provide leadership to a tremendously skilled architectural firm," Owen said. "It was a logical progression."

Owen's march to DeMattia started when he was a young man attending Cass Tech High School in Detroit. "I knew at a very young age that what I wanted to be

was an architect, and I think I've taken the appropriate steps in life in becoming one," he said.

Owen attended U-M for both undergraduate and graduate study in architecture, ensuring he received a well-rounded background in construction. After school, his involvement in architecture became more in-depth. Owen taught architectural design at Wayne State University, and became a member of the American Institute of Architects while designing many award-winning projects for his clients. "I think it was the creative side of this business," Owen said, describing his attraction to architecture.

With just under two months of service at DeMattia, Owen has already formed several goals for himself and his co-workers — the most important is the expansion of the company's services to the community.

"So far it's been very positive," Owen said, "very challenging and enlightening."



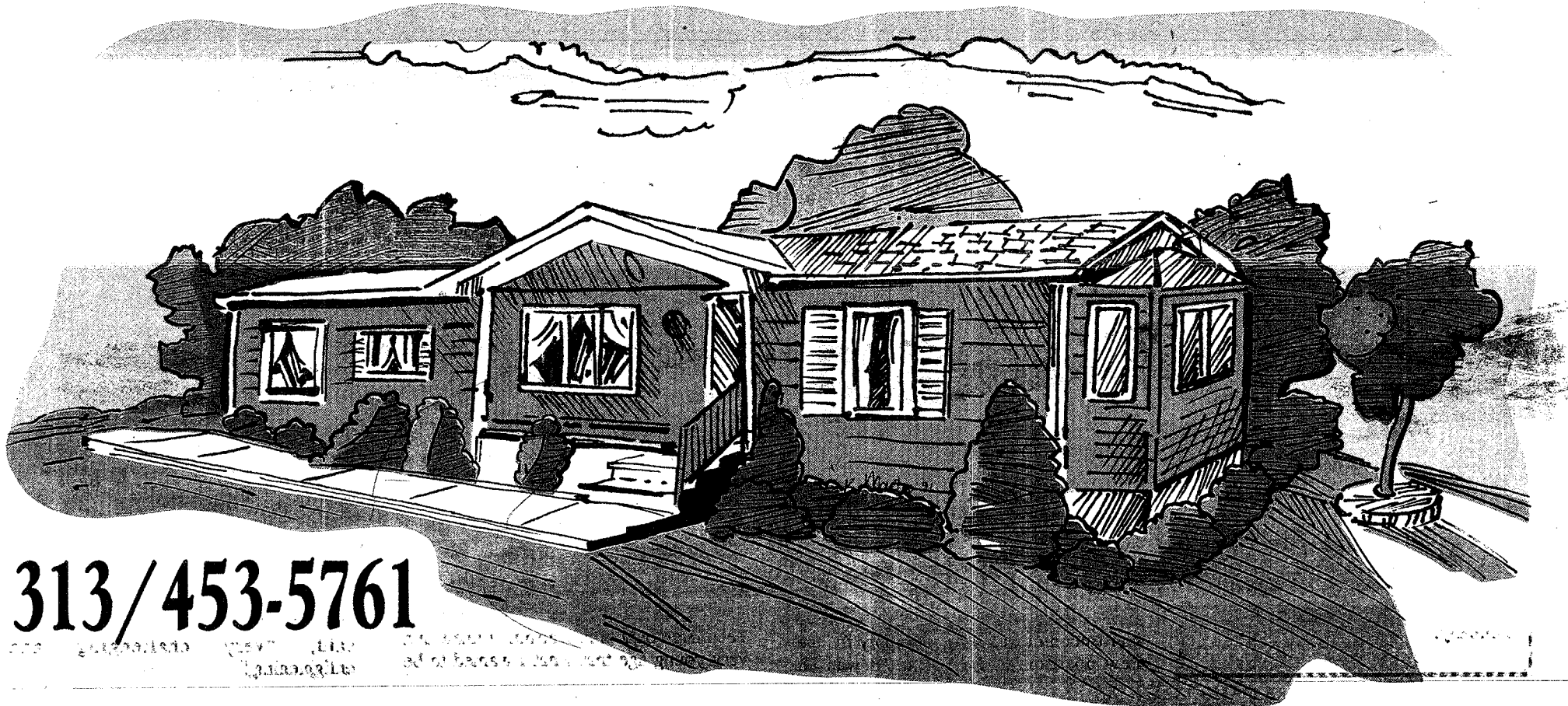
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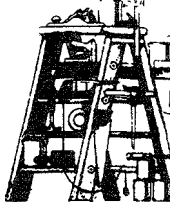
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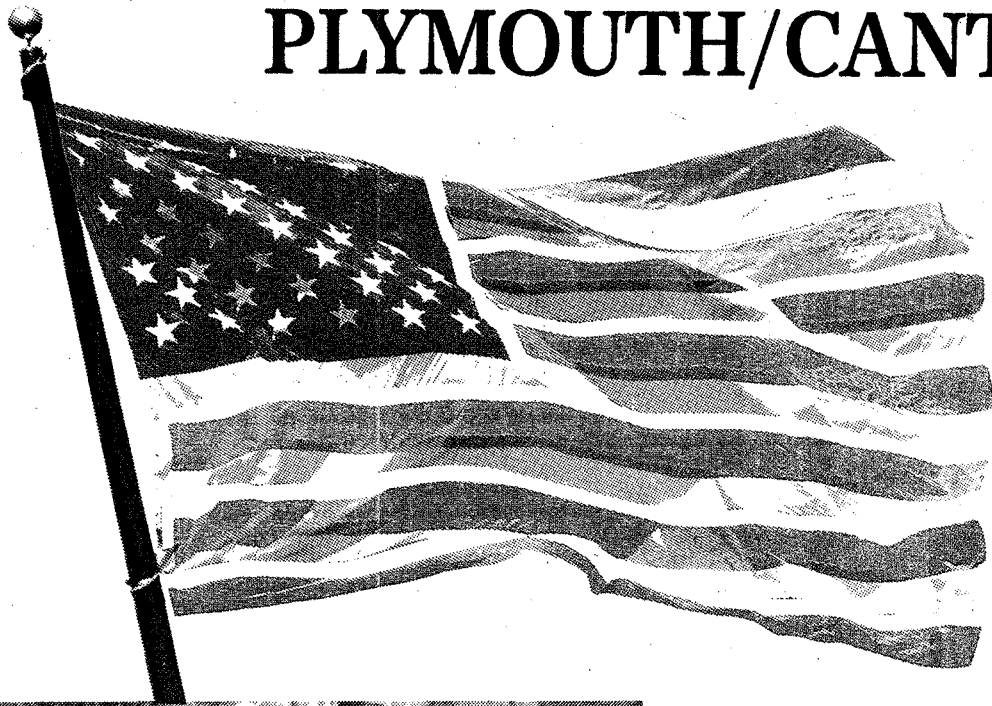
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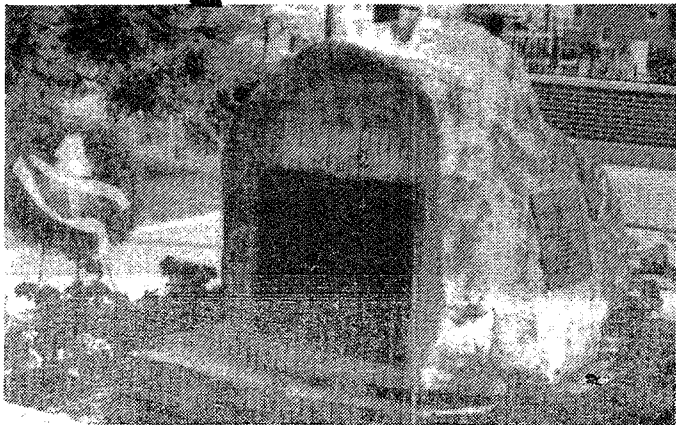
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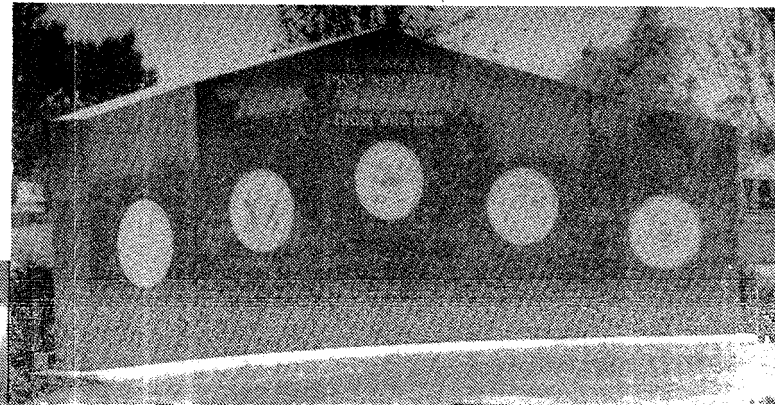
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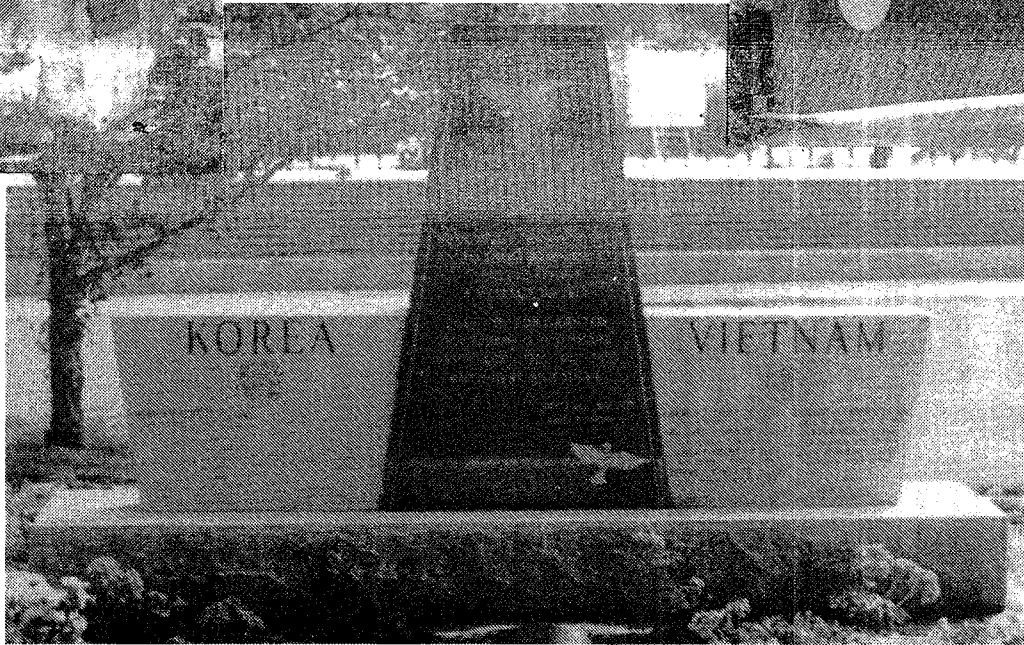
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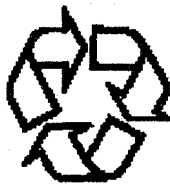
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**DETROIT EDISON TREE-LINE CLEARING**  
Detroit Edison will be sending line clearing crews to Plymouth and Plymouth Township during the next two months. For more information about line clearing in your area, call Detroit Edison at either 237-8808 or 237-8807.

**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.

**ARTAG SUMMER COURSES**  
The Talented and Gifted (TAG) program at the Plymouth-Canton Schools will offer summer art courses for children 8-14. A mixed media art class will run 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. from July 17 to Aug. 4, fee is \$65. For more information and to register, call the Arts Council at 416-4ART.

**348TH STATION ARMY HOSPITAL CO. REUNION**  
The 348th Station Army Company will be holding their annual reunion at the Mayflower Hotel Oct. 5, 6 and 7. Members of the 384th are encouraged to come attend. For more information, call either William Burke at (810) 476-0729 or Joe Zmudka at 278-0913.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**ARMED SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS**  
U.S. Rep Lynn Rivers has announced Nov. 1 as her deadline for accepting applications for armed service academy applications. Those interested can get information by writing her Wayne office at 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI, 48184.

**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.

**SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING**  
People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

**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.

**MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION**  
The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**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.

**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.





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### VFW CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Mayflower-Lt. Gamble post of the VFW will hold its annual chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Post Home, 1426 Mill St. on July 4. The cost will be \$5 per person. For more information and tickets, call the post at 459-6700.

### CANTON K-MART THUNDERFEST

K-Mart will hold the third annual Thunderfest Classic Car and Street Rod show on Aug. 12 at the Sheldon and Ford road store from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit community hospice services of Westland and Plymouth. For more information, call Vicki at 522-4244.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

### PLYMOUTH LIGHTNING TRYOUTS

The Plymouth Lightning girls soccer team will hold tryouts at Pioneer Middle School for girls born after Aug. 8, 1978 on June 22 and 23 at 6 p.m. For more information, call Coach Gerry Deren at 462-3608.

### KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners will be placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

### 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. through Oct. 21. For more information, call the chamber at 453-1540.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES

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### SALVATION ARMY SUMMER DAY CAMP

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### PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

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### BLOODMOBILE VISITS

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at St. John Neumann Catholic Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 23. For more information and appointments, call 455-5910 in Canton and 453-0677 in Plymouth.

### 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.

### THE VILLAGE POTTERS

The Village Potters, a not for profit organization, is seeking members to participate in their pottery cooperative at their meeting on July 10 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Barb at 455-0392 or Kris at 453-2281.

### EEF GOLF OUTING

The Educational Excellence Foundation will hold its second annual golf outing at 8 a.m. on June 28 at Canton's Fellows Creek. Cost of the event (including a round of golf, a continental breakfast, lunch on the course and a steak dinner) is \$135. For more information, call Ray Hoedel at 416-1742.

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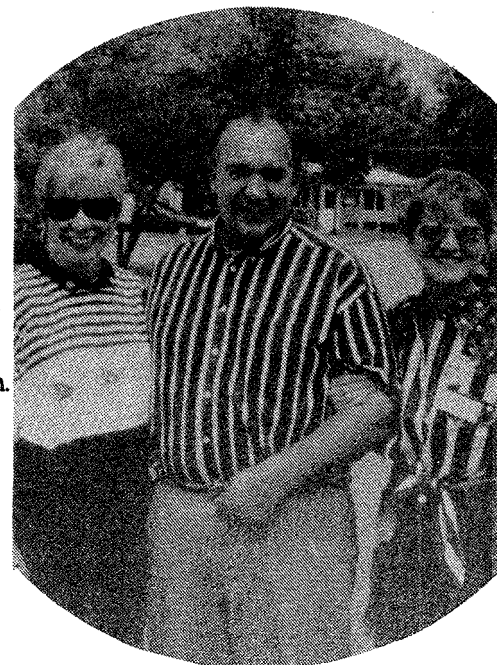
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# Plymouth will host MML development meeting

Plymouth has been named the host city for the Michigan Municipal League's annual downtown development meeting to be held at the Mayflower Hotel on Dec. 11 and 12.

This year's conference, "Creating the Future of Downtowns," is being held in Plymouth because of the streetscape and other downtown development projects currently taking place.

The meeting is designed for city managers, elected

leaders, city planners, economic development specialists, community leaders and chambers of commerce interested in the revitalization of their cities' downtowns.

Attendants will tour downtown Plymouth and see the outcome of the city's public improvement programs. Additionally, guest speakers Doyle Hyatt and Delores Palma, owners of HyattPalma, a national consulting firm specializing in the economic rebirth of downtowns and older business districts, will offer a step-by-step approach

to commercial district revitalization.

"The City of Plymouth has learned, through its experience with streetscape, that implementing a public improvements program is as much an educational process as it is a functional one," said Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile. "We are pleased to share the knowledge we gained during streetscape with other communities considering a public improvements program."

## ATF, local police warn of dangerous illegal fireworks

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

From a small firecracker to an M-1,000, explosive fireworks are illegal. Not only in the State of Michigan but across the other 49 states as well.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Northville post of the Michigan State Police (MSP) staged a demonstration of illegal fireworks and their effects recently at the MSP firing range.

In the middle of the range, agents of the ATF set up two mannequins and a plastic garbage pail. The first mannequin had an M-80 strapped to its hand, the second was standing on an M-250 and there was a M-1,000 beneath the garbage pail.

As expected, the effects were dramatic. After several attempts, the mannequin holding the M-80 lost its hand above the wrist. The second lost its foot above the

ankle to the M-250. The garbage pail, which was situated above an M-1,000, was blown apart.

According to Bob Schmitt of the ATF, there is a difference between what is illegal in the state of Michigan and what is illegal everywhere.

"There are fireworks that are illegal in the state and some which aren't," Schmitt said. "Things like M-80's and M-100's are illegal by federal law."

Schmitt said there are federal penalties for possession, manufacture and distribution of illegal fireworks and that the potency of a particular explosive is not a mitigating factor in prosecution of those breaking the law. According to Sgt. Larry Bohnsack of the MSP, some of the fireworks that are illegal under Michigan law can be purchased legally if the right conditions are met.

## Little receives high rating

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ing the stakeholders," Little said. "These are activities I'll remain involved with. They need to be built upon. This is a long, long process."

Little said that he would be evaluated again in December, but that later he would not have to have a midyear evaluation.

Once evaluated, Little's contract was modified to reflect his new rating. 1) His contract will be extended two years through June 30, 1999. 2) A three per cent merit increase in salary to \$110,210. 3) A one per cent increase in his tax sheltered annuity. 4) Prescription drug rider: \$5 co-pay and Master Medical Deductible to \$150 per person and \$300 per family.

## P-C Schools form long-range planning committee

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

The Plymouth-Canton Schools are looking for interested members of the community to help with the long-range future of the district.

According to P-C Schools Board President Dave Artley, the Strategic Planning Commission (SPC) will be made up of a wide cross-section of the community.

"There will be 22 members on the team," Artley said. "The superintendent, two members of the board, three administrators, three parents, three non-parents, three teachers, two members of the support staff, two business representatives, one local government representative, one central office person and one college representative."

Artley said that the initial planning meeting is tentatively set for July.

Artley said that parents wanting to join will be split into three groups: elementary, middle and high school parents. Once separated, the three groups of

names will have one name chosen at random to serve on the team.

Artley said, while it is a long process, the SPC is a vital part of the school's future.

"Strategic planning is one of the single most important activities in terms of planning that the district does," Artley said. "It's a good process, it gives people a chance to be in control of the process."

He said that the SPC would look at the future of the district.

"The SPC identifies the issues, prioritizes them, involves the district's stakeholders, does research on the district's profile," Artley said, "It identifies what are the external and internal factors, strengths and weaknesses and what are the opportunities and threats to the district."

In the end, Artley said the SPC would establish plans and strategies to implement what it came up with as priorities in the district. "It tells us where we are at, what are our resources," Artley said, "and how we can get where we want."

Those wishing to take part in the SPC should write a letter of interest to Supt. Chuck Little by July 1. All entries will be chosen at random.

## Historic picture prompts flood of entries

We asked, "Where is this?" on page four of last week's "Friends & neighbors" section and you told us!

A flood of contest entries said the "Glimpse At Yesterday" photo was a view looking down Starkweather to the south towards Main Street with Bill's Market on the left.

We also received a lot more information about the historic site. William Hentges said the tall iron street lamp seen in the picture has been replaced with a modern fixture on the corner. He said that judging by the Ford Model T touring car and delivery truck backed into the curb, the photo must have been taken in the late 1910s or very early 1920s.

Pat Robinson said the apartment on the far side (upstairs) is where Melissa Rae lived and gave music lessons to kids during the early 1930s.

Thanks for all the information. Gerry Kitchen's name was drawn as the lucky winner of the \$25 gift certificate for lunch at Station 885. Gerry can call The Crier to pick up his certificate.

Thanks to the Plymouth Historical Museum, whose archives the picture came from. Stop by the museum to study more Plymouth history with their extensive collection of historical photos. Watch future issues of The Crier for more Plymouth history and trivia.

# Super solo

## Community Band performs in park



The Plymouth Community Band, in their 35th season, performed Thursday in Kellogg Park. The heat and humidity (or the Red Wings game) did not keep the large audience away. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)



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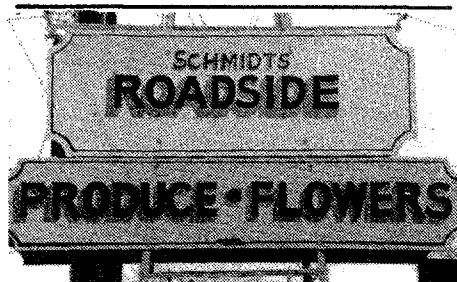
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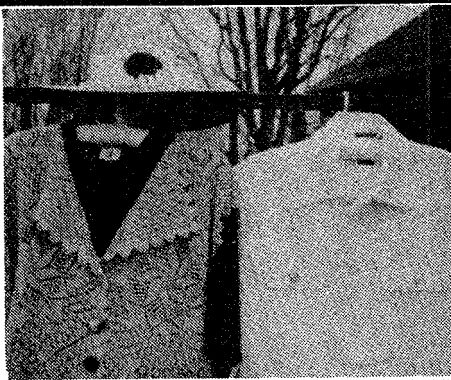
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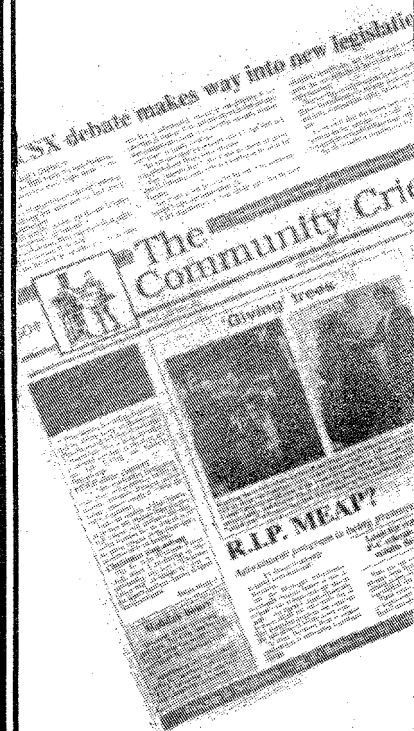
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

The First Concert of Thursday Night Concert Series is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton Township at no cost. The featured band for the opening show is Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band. It is the first of eight Thursday evening concerts at Heritage Park. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Kid Kingdom, 42599 Ford Rd. Canton, has begun offering Laser Tag for all ages. The game is played throughout the 8,000 square foot playscape featuring human gerbil tunnels, ball pits, roller runs and twisting slides. There are group rates, group packages (pizza, pop and playroom included) and birthday party packages. Call 981-0711 for more information.

The Second Annual Race Day in the Park will take place July 15 in Heritage Park. There is the Five Mile Run, the 1/2 Mile Fun Run for kids and the 5K Walk. Call Bob Dates at 397-5110 for more information.

A Supervised Playground Program will be running every Monday through Friday beginning Monday, June 26 and ending Thursday, August 10, 1995. It's for children ages 5-15, while children 5 and under must be supervised by an adult. The program is free for Canton residents to provide structured and unstructured leisure time activities for young people, with activities that include field trips, sports, arts and crafts, group games, special events. Registration is at the park site during hours of operation. For park locations and times, call the Parks and Recreation Services at 397-5110.

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## Record-breaking year

*Salem girl's soccer state class 'A' runners-up, Johnson ends tenure as coach, future for team looks promising*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It seemed to be a year of destiny for the Salem girls soccer team. Legendary coach Ken Johnson announced this season would be his last, an influx of talented club players and some promising freshmen would add to an already solid core, and the state championship game was to be held on their home turf. But it was not to be. The dream season ended when a nightmare called the Birmingham Seaholm Maples denied Salem the state final game, 4-2. "We weren't humiliated," Johnson said of the loss, "but we were beaten by a good team."

Salem finished the season with a 17-4-3 record and four trophies, while setting a number of records along the way. The Rocks had the best one-two punch in the Western Lakes Activities Association with junior Mari Hoff and senior Kelly Lukasik — both returned this season after playing last year on a club team. It became clear how much Johnson missed these players last year as Hoff crushed the 32-goal school record, by putting 38 shots past opposing goalkeepers. "She was in great form," Johnson said. "She played a lot of good fielding."

Lukasik ended her high school career with 28 goals and 24 assists. Hoff and Lukasik teamed up with freshman sensation Mia Sarkesian to form an unstoppable triumvirate of attacking forwards. Opponents found it hard to shut down all three, especially with Johnson switching Hoff and Sarkesian (15 goals, 11 assists) between forward and midfielder throughout the contest. Goalie Julie Buczek was another factor in the Rocks' success. In 24 games, she allowed only 23 goals while recording eight shutouts. Buczek also got her name in the record books by

making 159 saves, shattering the old school mark of 149. At midfielder, Johnson praised Jodi Coyle (17 assists) for her work on the right side of the field.

With so much attention given to the offensive stars, the defense often went unnoticed, a facet of the game Johnson said at the start of the season his team needed to concentrate on to succeed with a schedule that included 11 top 10 teams. Led by senior Sue Parrish, Salem would

surrender only 20 goals in 22 games. "We had a good defensive team," Johnson said. "We worked hard on double-teaming... We really worked together as a team."

The defensive commitment paid its dividends as Salem's three regular season losses were to powerhouses Troy Athens and Canton. Salem tied for the Lakes

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## Serious skating



Jacob Grisius and Joe Fournier show how to skate in their Canton subdivision.

## Cummings, Balconi to leave PCEP sports, replacements currently being sought

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP) athletic director Paul Cummings and Salem athletic manager Gary Balconi, two key contributors to the extremely successful athletic department at the PCEP, have decided to step down. Cummings will continue to serve in his position until September, while Balconi's announcement is effective immediately.

Balconi is out of town on vacation, and will return to Salem High School in two weeks "to clean out his desk" Canton athletic manager Sue Heinzman said.

Cummings could not be reached for comment. Associate community relations director Dick Egli said both men opted for buy out clauses, and Salem High School principal Gerald Ostoin surmised it was personal decisions that prompted the retirements. The two men served a combined 61 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District — Cummings for 32 and

Balconi for 29.

"Certainly, they will be missed," said Egli. "They have a wealth of experience that has to be replaced."

Ostoin admired the interpersonal skills that both men possessed, enabling the lines of communication to remain open and clear at the PCEP — home to Canton and Salem high schools — the end of the line in Michigan's ninth largest school district. "They were always open with me about athletics," Ostoin said. "Gary and Paul worked an untold number of hours. People don't even know how much they work."

Most recently, Balconi coordinated the Class A girls soccer state championship at Salem. Ostoin recalled how Balconi organized a group of parents to sod the soccer field. "He's just a nice man to be around," Ostoin said... "He makes things work."

The search for replacements is currently getting underway.



# It's not the shoes

*Athletes at PCEP are superior to conference (district and regional) rivals, could it be something in the water?*

I am convinced there is something in the water at Canton and Salem high schools. I think it is laced with Gatorade, at least the drinking fountain in the gym anyway. There has to be a reason for the dominance both schools have exhibited in numerous sports since I began working for The Crier in November. Or maybe it is just plain old hard work. That is what Canton boys basketball coach Dan Young believes it is. In 1994, Young coached at Brighton in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC), but he jumped at the chance to take the reins at Canton. After the season had concluded with a loss in the regional playoffs, Young marveled at his athletes. "It was like night and day," Young said of coaching at Brighton and Canton.

I understand Young's comparison because I went to a high school in the KVC, and the drive to win was stuck in neutral. A few of our teams had some success, but it was nothing like this community's parade of champions. Put it this way: If my high school sports teams were a pace car to opponents, Plymouth-

## Rocks' amazing soccer season based on talent, drive

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title, and won the district by defeating Canton for the first time since 1991. "We figured if we beat Canton in districts, we'd get to the final," Johnson said.

He was right. The playoff run picked up speed as Hoff tied another school record by scoring in six straight games. The season reached a peak when Salem came from behind in the second half to beat Brighton (21-2-1) and earn a birth in the finals. "That second half of the Brighton game, when we scored four goals, was the best half of the season," Johnson said.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, that was



## Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett

Canton's are an Indy car — just too hard to handle. Here is one impressive statistic: Canton and Salem won nine of the possible 20 WLAA titles during the 1994-95 school year.

Canton athletic manager Sue Heinzman credited the astonishing achievement to each team's mentor. "I guess, in my opinion, we have very dedicated coaches," she said. "A lot of them take pride in their coaching and their team... We've built an environment that's very conducive to learning skills."

My first sports assignment was to cover the Canton girls basketball team's quest for a state title, which ended with a loss to the eventual state champions. I thought, maybe, I was lucky to start a job with a possible state championship. But I

the top of the mountain and it was downhill after that as Johnson finished his girls coaching tenure at Salem with a loss in the state final game.

He is retiring from his job at Detroit Diesel on Dec. 1. "We're pulling up the stakes, and going to Florida," Johnson said, who will retire this fall.

Since he will not be back for the 1996 season, Johnson could have ducked badgering about how the team will do next year, but he could not resist a little forecasting. "They're going to be good, I'd like to be there," he said. "They'll be tough."

found luck had nothing to do with it when the winter sports season started a few weeks later and "possible state championship" was mentioned about as often as the OJ trial. Out of the 10 teams during the winter, six won at least one championship. Not to mention the Salem boys basketball team, the Canton boys swim team and Canton girls volleyball team, who probably would have won the conference if it were not for their cross-campus rivals. Gymnastics and wrestling had individual achievers too.

Come spring, Canton and Salem continued to move with the intense pervasiveness of an avalanche — burying teams in unstoppable fashion. All four track teams sent representatives to states, and the Canton girls won the team a title. The Salem soccer team filled up the trophy case with four titles and the school's girls golf team added one. The Salem boys baseball team visited the state semifinals, and the Canton softball team shocked a lot of people by winning it's district. Well, it shocked everybody but Plymouth-Canton residents, who know it's a mistake to underestimate any Rock or Chief team.

Well, it is summer now, so the rest of the WLAA does not have to battle the Chiefs or dodge the Rocks until the fall. And when September comes around, athletic director Paul Cummings and Salem athletic manager Gary Balconi will be gone — both are retiring this summer. But I have a feeling the Chiefs will continue to massacre opponents, just as the Rocks will crush theirs.

That is the truth WLAA, you might not like it, but sometimes the truth is tough.

## Sullivan an ace at K'Zoo tennis

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Kalamazoo College's women's tennis team would be without a promising young player if it had not been for a case of the summer blues. "I never played any sports when I was young," said Plymouth resident Katie Sullivan, who recently completed her freshman season with the Hornets. "Then, it was like the summer before ninth grade, and my parents signed me up for a parks and rec class, probably because they didn't want me around the house."

The rest is history. Sullivan made a lot of friends that summer, and the next spring she tried out for the high school team at Salem and made the cut. By the time she was a senior, she was on the number one doubles team that made a trip to the regional finals. But when Sullivan's prolific career concluded with graduation, she passed off suggestions to continue playing, and instead focused on finding a college that would satisfy her academic pursuits. Tennis was secondary she said. It came down to Hope College or Kalamazoo College — which does not offer athletic scholarships. "I didn't pick K-College for tennis," Sullivan said. "I picked it because I wanted to go to a small school."

Of course, the fact that the Hornets were three-time Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) women's tennis champions did not hurt in case she decided to tryout. "I knew about the program. I talked to the coach when I visited," she said, who mentioned her initial meeting with the head coach was less than promising. "They had an outstanding team last year; I didn't think I'd play."

After her first couple of practices, she feared she might be right. Said Sullivan: "It's a lot more intense than high school, everybody is real good."

But Sullivan, an art history major, kept practicing and soon became close friends with the five other freshmen on the team. Also, the Hornets were stinging their opponents on the way to a 17-6 overall record and their fourth MIAA title in four years. When she did break the line-up, she did her part to keep up the fine Hornet tradition by going 1-0 in singles and 1-0 in doubles. "I'm pretty happy with this year because I didn't expect to play," Sullivan said. "I'm pretty happy because I improved a lot, and that was my only goal. I just had a real good time. I made a lot of friends, and I didn't lose."

## Sports shorts

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Canton Crickets pre-school program (summer session) for three and four year olds begins Thursday, July 6 and runs through August 10 for five weeks. It runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. during that time at a cost of \$25 for a one day session, and \$50 for a two day session. Registration began June 7 and can now register at the Canton Township Administration Building on the third floor. There is a limit of 17 per class for Canton residents only and the child must be three years old by July 1, 1995. Activities include crafts, low organized games, story time, special events, and snack time. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Canton Softball Center begins its summer league July 5. The 14 game season (single and doubleheaders) has openings for men's, women's, and co-ed teams. There are no residency requirements for players. Team registration fee is \$495 (plus a refundable \$50 forfeit fee and umpire fees). Register now to hold a spot for the summer league. Call 483-5600/Ext. 102 for more details.

The 1983 Plymouth Kicks capped a perfect 11-0 season with a 4-1 win over the Rochester Rockers to secure their Little Caesars Premier League Division title. This is the fourth league championship for the Kicks. The Kicks players are Danny Gill, Jon McGlone, Jay Smith, Evan Malone, Oliver Wolcott, Derek Vermeulen, T.J. Tomasso, Chris LaMasse, Andrew Holmes, Marty Kane, Phil Marrone, Brian Thiess, Brian Conway, Bryan Stephens, Justin Griffith, Sean Loewe and Nick Tochman. The Kicks are coached by Dennis Tochman and Bill Thiess.



# Community opinions

## Thanks, Lions, for big top thrills

Congratulations to the Plymouth Lions Club for bringing the circus back to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community.

Kids (and the young at heart) were thrilled by the Walker Bros. Circus, held last Monday at the Unysis parking lot.

The circus included dancing dogs, acrobatic monkeys, stunt riding, snake charming, and of course, the clowns.

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Thank you, Lions Club, for bringing the thrill of the big top back to our community.

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Shawn Downing of Plymouth gets a hug from Coco Jr. the clown and his sidekick Little Ron at the Lions Club presentation of the Walker Bros. Circus, held last week in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by Carly Grisius)

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EDITOR:

I am writing to request your assistance in remedying an inequity for self-employed persons under the Michigan tax laws.

Recently the Michigan legislature amended state income tax provisions to create state tax exemptions for income from private pension plans. Persons filing individually may deduct up to \$30,000; the deduction for persons filing jointly is \$60,000. As you know, there already was provision under Michigan law allowing a tax exemption for income received from public pension plans. At the same time the rules for private pensions were changed, provision was also made to allow retired persons who do not receive payments from either a private or a public pension plan to take a small deduction for other interest and dividend income (up to \$1000 for individuals and up to \$2000 for persons filing jointly).

These provisions discriminate against persons who were self employed and are now living off of their own "privately-funded pension plans."

I, like my father before me, and like my son today, earned my living and supported my family working as a farmer. I raised turkeys and grew and harvested wheat, soybeans, and corn on a small (130-acre) farm - Gottschalk Turkey Farm on North Territorial Road - outside Plymouth, from the early 1940s until my retirement in the late 1970s. I also saved and put aside a little money over the years as a "retirement fund" for myself and my wife, who died in November, 1992.

My primary income at this point in my life is the interest and dividend income I receive on the investment of my "retirement fund." I maintain that this income is my "pension," and, as such, that I, too, should be allowed the same \$30,000 deduction on this income that my neighbor - who retired from General Motors - receives on his pension from GM.

Many others, like myself, who have spent their working years among the ranks of the

self employed, are similarly discriminated against by these new tax provisions.

I request your assistance in righting the wrong. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

LOYD SHARLAND

Retired Farmer

## Jaycees need financial help with July 4th fireworks show

EDITOR:

It is my hope that this letter is read by everyone in the Plymouth-Canton community. It has come to my attention that some citizens of the Plymouth area think the Parade & Fireworks demonstration is put on by the City of Plymouth. This is not true. Although, I thank the City & Township for their time and cooperation to make the Fourth of July celebration happen. It is the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees that are the movers and shakers of this event.

Every year we ask businesses to contribute to this celebration of our

independence. Every year we find less and less willing to help. The Jaycees are here to help the community, to teach young people needed business skills and bring to the community a sense of commandery.

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ERIC BERNHARDT  
Membership Vice President  
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# Community opinions

## Time to heal

*Plymouth business community needs to mend bridges*

The punches have been exchanged — now it's time to drop the gloves and shake hands.

The first round belonged to Bill Beitner in his fight against the proposed pedestrian island on Ann Arbor Trail — a piece of the Plymouth Streetscape project being fought by Beitner in the courts.

He currently holds a temporary restraining order against construction of the island. A hearing between Beitner and the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Downtown Development Authority is set for July 14 at the Wayne County Circuit Court.

Beitner says the island will be unsafe for pedestrians trying to cross Ann Arbor Trail and will cause traffic congestion.

Some of his fellow store owners say Beitner is against change — plain and simple.

The line has been drawn. Sides have

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



formed, splitting the downtown business community (and residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township). Now it's time for the healing to take place.

Whether or not the streetscape is a valuable and important project, and whether or not Beitner's lawsuit is for the public good or not, it's time for the business community to get back together — and work together to get business back into downtown Plymouth.

I salute Beitner for following what he believes in. I know he wouldn't pursue a lawsuit if he didn't believe in the cause.

I also salute the Plymouth business

community for promoting the streetscape project. The construction period has been hard on some businesses who don't feel Beitner's lawsuit is helping the situation.

Now that we know where both sides stand, let's find some common ground.

1. We all want this project finished — the sooner the better.
2. We're all going to promote downtown business until it's over.
3. We all care about the community.

With that last point in mind, it's time to rebuild the bridges in the downtown business community.

Any takers?

## Beitner lawsuit has chilling effect

EDITOR:

Why attend a planning meeting, when if you don't like any aspect of a project underway you file a lawsuit?

As a DDA member during the streetscape planning phase, hearing of Bill Beitner's pending lawsuit is very disappointing.

My past association with the former Hugh Jarvis Gifts and Rainbow shops heightened my interest in the Ann Arbor Trail island concept. There was always concern expressed by customers with regards to the danger of crossing the street and how it impeded the flow of shoppers.

During the many planning meetings concerning the proposed island and other important matters I never once remember seeing Bill Beitner in attendance or a letter expressing any interest on the impact to his business.

Mr. Beitner's lawsuit sends the wrong signal to the way citizens input and concerns are best conveyed. Many individuals donated their valuable time to allow citizens and shop owners like Bill to address concerns and I have to believe lawsuits like these will do nothing but discourage the process in the future.

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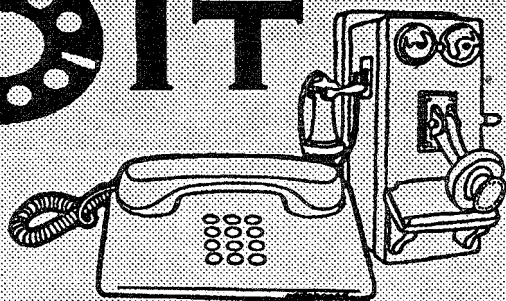
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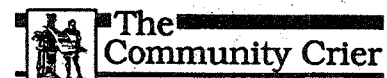
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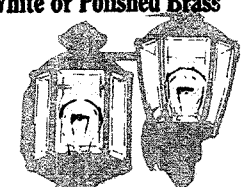
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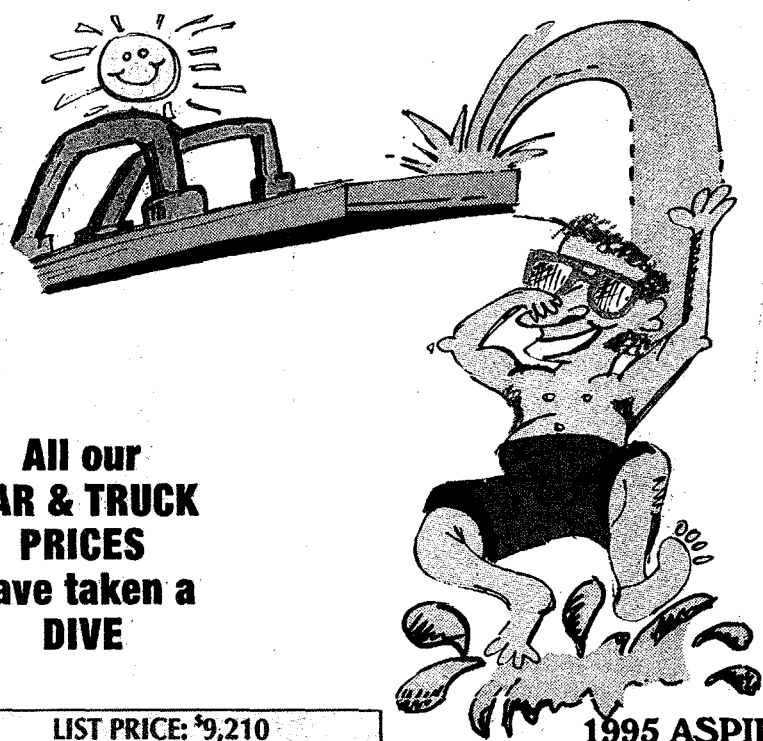
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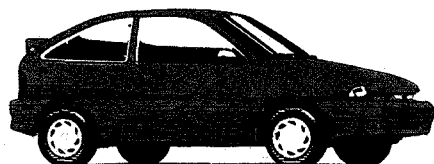
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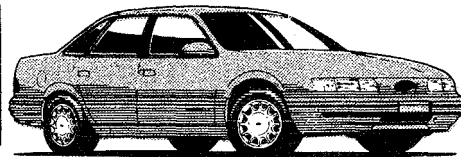


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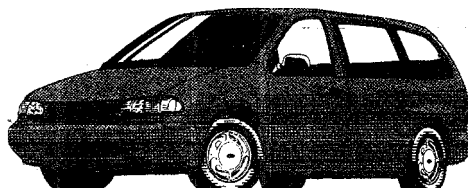
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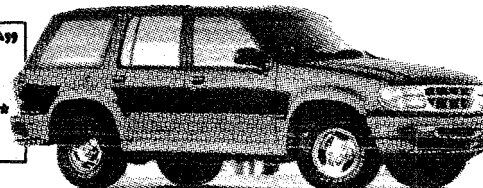


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