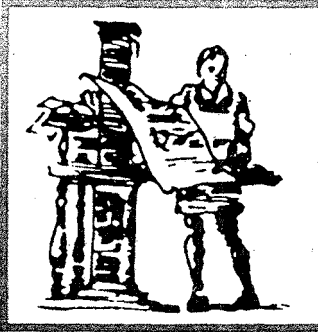


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## Where would new P-C high school be built?

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is just one of many possible sites for a third high school, Plymouth-Canton School Board members said.

Despite its central location, 175 acres of vacant land and the probable savings in transportation costs, school board members refused to lend their support to a third high school built at the PCEP until demographic data justifies its need.

"I'm personally not of an opinion yet,"

said P-C School Board President Mark Horvath.

The P-C Schools are currently in the midst of a growth management plan that could put a bond issue to fund additional facilities on the December ballot. A report presented earlier this year by the school district's Housing and Facilities Committee said as many as five new schools, including a high school, would be needed to accommodate future student population growth. "In fact, we should've

started yesterday," said committee member John Filios during the presentation.

At a recent school board meeting, John Birchler, the director of business and operations for the P-C Schools, reviewed the school district's land holdings for board members. Still, several school board members said they are waiting for more information.

"I'm more concerned with justifying a third high school than where it would go," said P-C School Board Secretary Carrier Blamer. "Off the top of my head, I would like to see it off of the Park site. I'm more concerned with the community's needs than our financial needs."

Horvath, P-C School Board Treasurer Sue Davis and Trustee Jack Farrow also said the decision about a third high school and its location requires more information than is currently available.

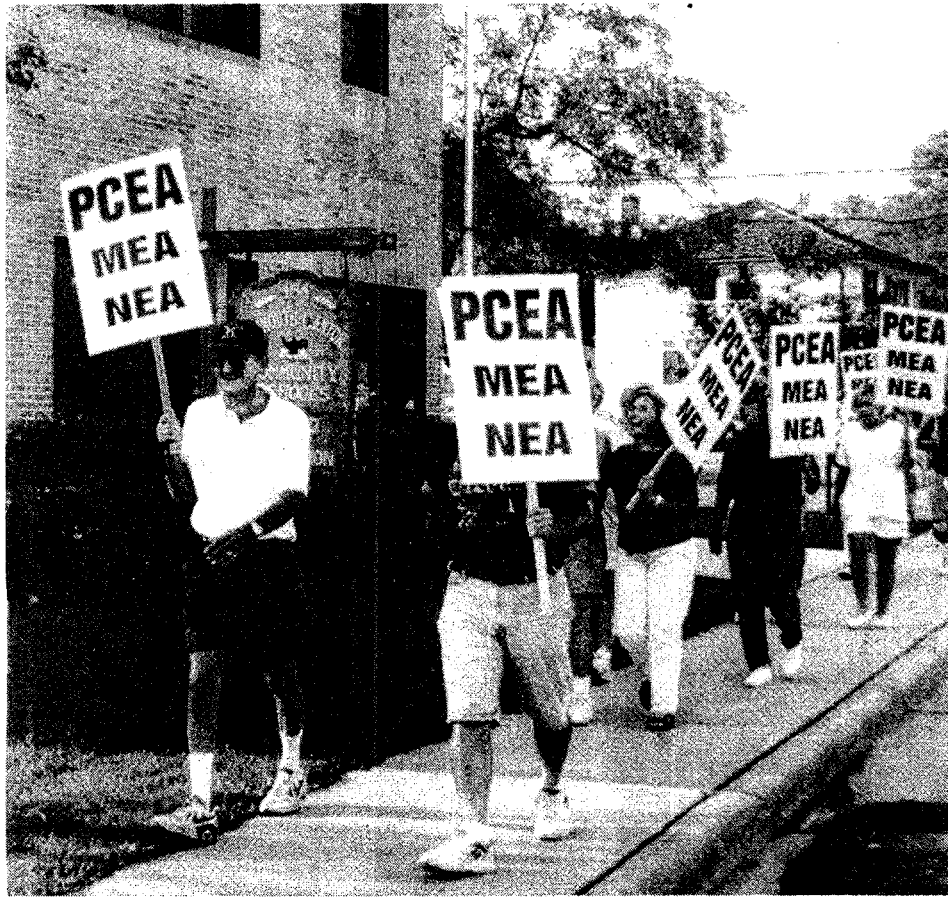
"There are a lot of things that need to be done," said Farrow, "a lot of alternatives need to be explored before we can answer that."

Horvath also refused to speculate. "It's kind of a dangerous thing to do," he said.

Said Davis: "I haven't thought about that to tell you the honest truth. I really

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## Picket line



The pickets were out at Tuesday night's Plymouth-Canton School Board meeting at the E.J. McClendon Administration Building in downtown Plymouth. Teachers have complained about the progress of negotiations, which have been in progress since last winter. Health care is the main issue, teachers say. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Canton leads Wayne County in SEV growth

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton leads Wayne County in State Equalized Valuation (SEV) growth, according to figures released last week.

The county valuation report shows that Canton has experienced more than 11 percent growth in its SEV over the past year — from a total of \$1.318 billion to more than \$1.470 billion in total value.

That growth figure includes more than \$131 million in new valuation for Canton, which experienced only \$4.9 million in losses, for a total of \$126 million in true growth.

Only Detroit's \$215 million of growth topped Canton's figure.

More than 75 percent of Canton's overall evaluation currently comes from residential property, with another 15 percent from commercial and 7.5 percent from industrial.

"It's residential growth by in large, though in the last few years we've seen large industrial growth," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The \$1.470 billion total community evaluation figure ranks Canton fourth

among 43 communities in Wayne County, trailing Detroit, Livonia and Dearborn.

Despite its rankings, Yack said Canton and other western Wayne communities' economic importance and their struggles to accommodate population growth are not appreciated by the county hierarchy. "Wayne County has been deaf when it comes to growth in western Wayne County. It's almost like we're not even part of the county," the supervisor said.

Detroit, which reaps a majority of the county economic benefits, makes up only \$6.1 billion of the county's \$30.8 billion valuation total. Meanwhile, Canton, Plymouth Township — which surpassed the \$1 billion overall total for the first time — Northville Township and other growing communities probably comprise 75 percent of the county's SEV, Yack said. "But we're under appreciated and under represented," he said.

Yack said he will continue to work with the Conference of Western Wayne

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Resident wins bagging award

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New chamber committee formed

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### Practice

High school athletes return

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# Survey says: residents willing to spend to reduce class size

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The results of a community-wide survey, scheduled to be presented to the Plymouth-Canton School Board by Superintendent Charles Little at last night's meeting, says residents are willing to spend more money to reduce class sizes within the school district.

Perhaps an important revelation for a school district in the midst of bond campaign for more facilities.

The survey's findings also included a majority opposition to MEAP testing and other standard scores as means for measuring students' success, support for a

standard curriculum and approval of P-C Schools' personnel.

The purpose of the survey was to provide the school district's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) with an understanding of the community's attitudes on various issues related to the P-C Schools.

The survey, coordinated by David Castlegrant & Associates, Inc., was conducted over a six-month period. It included needs discussion sessions with school officials and the LRPC, and focus groups comprised of teachers, parents, business owners, administrators, support staff

graduates and non-affiliates. From this process, the survey was divided into six categories: general information; after school activities; students' skills needed; how success should be measured; fiscal priorities of the P-C Schools; and demographics.

Of the 1,500 surveys mailed to households within the school district, approximately 21 percent were returned completed.

Among the prominent results included in the survey, Little said, "is that class size is an issue across all the surveys, whether you have kids in school or not, and they are willing to pay to remedy that."

More than 75 percent of the respondents placed class size in their top three in its set of ranking. These findings were consistent with the question, "would you spend \$500 more per year on class size?"

the P-C Schools summary report of the survey said.

Whether or not that bodes well for the P-C Schools anticipated winter bond vote to fund the construction of additional school buildings, Little was unsure. "I don't know. We didn't ask beyond that," he said.

Concerning the unpopularity of MEAP testing, Little said: "That's a good one. It appears from the survey that people don't put a lot of weight into the MEAP."

More than 65 percent of the respondents agreed the P-C Schools personnel are "dedicated professional." The survey also revealed that there enough opportunities for athletics while more fine arts, clubs and intermural could be provided.

The survey's results are now in hands of the LRPC, who must decide how they will use the information.

## High school site examined

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haven't thought about an actual site. We need to do something, but I don't know what it is. That's a good question."

While Blamer's current position opposes a third high school on the PCEP site, Davis said, "A lot of people are against the Park because it's so big. But you know what? I don't think it's all bad."

The treasurer acknowledged there are "some things I'd like to see different" at the PCEP, she said there are many positives to an integrated site, including increased educational opportunities.

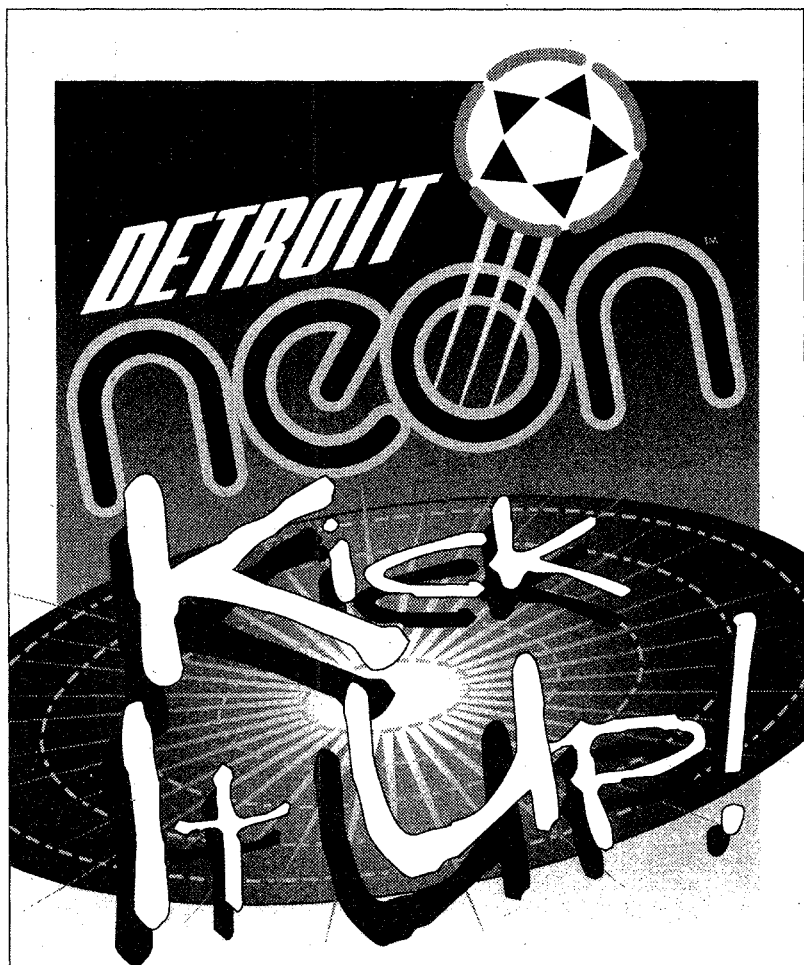
Farrow said there are many variables to be considered concerning a high school. "If you build a third high school where the other two aren't, you're going to have to decide which kids go where,"

he said.

About the PCEP property, Farrow said, "That's just one option we shouldn't throw out, but there's at least another dozen."

Including, he said, converting Central Middle into a high school, and building a middle school, probably in the southern half of the school district where most of the growth is.

If a high school is built near Canton and Salem High schools, Farrow and Davis said the Spectra and Journey programs, which offer smaller classroom settings, could be utilized to offset the overwhelming feeling of the sprawling PCEP. Board members agreed, the community will ultimately make the final decision. "I would take anything and everything into consideration right now," said Blamer.

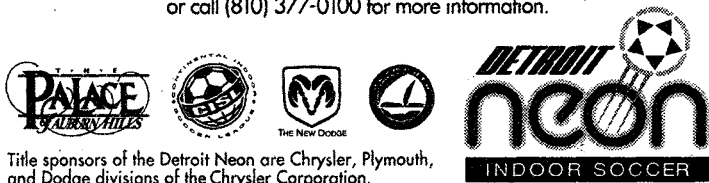


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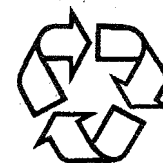
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# Local Republicans energized by convention

BY PATRICK WILSON

Local Republicans at the national convention were energized by Monday's opening night of speeches which they say set a positive mood for the rest of the convention.

Among the highlights of the night were speeches by retired Gen. Colin Powell, Nancy Reagan and former presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford.

Republicans said Powell's speech on the challenges he faced as a child and why he supports the GOP were inspiring.

Speakers discussed what the GOP would do to restore the American Dream, cutting taxes to create jobs and economic growth.

A major theme of the first night of GOP speeches was that the party is diverse and inclusive and this was emphasized especially

by Powell.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, a Bob Dole delegate from the 13th Congressional District said Monday night that the convention was made of absolutely dynamic speeches by dynamic individuals.

Bennett said he enjoyed Powell's speech and agrees that the party should work to be diverse and inclusive.

"I believe his message is right on and I'm just thrilled that he's part of this party," said Bennett, who is in his first state Senate term. "We are a diverse party and that's the way we're going to grow."

Karen Valvo, a 13th Congressional District alternative delegate from Ypsilanti who supports Dole said opening night was inspiring.

# Police dog takes bite out of crime

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Township Police literally took a bit out of crime over the weekend.

With McGruff the Crime Dog, a popular symbol of crime prevention, in town last week to promote National Night Out, the real thing did in one alleged felon.

Josih Hull, a Plymouth resident, sus-

tained injuries to his arms and legs after Bas, a Canton Police canine, successfully located the hidden larceny suspect in thick brush next to Blackwell Ford on Plymouth Road in the eastern end of the Township, said Sgt. Steven Rapson.

Hull has been charged with larceny from an automobile over \$100, a felony punishable up to five years in jail, after

allegedly trying to steal tires from the dealership's car lot.

The incident occurred at 1:45 a.m., Rapson said. "We received a call from a tenant of Hillcrest Club Apartments indicating they saw a man rolling a tire from Blackwell Ford's fenced lot to a picnic area of Hines Park Drive, or a wooded area of Hines Park Drive," the Township Police sergeant said.

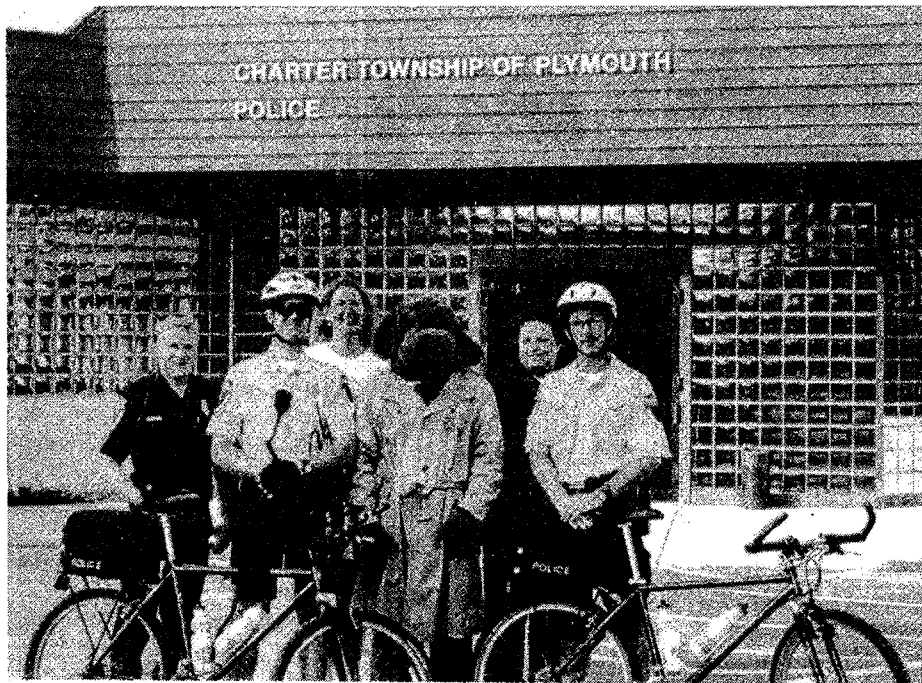
The responding Township Police officer arrived on the scene and spotted two suspects, the police report said. "When they (the suspects) saw him (the police officer) they took off running, a foot chase ensued. They jumped a fence on the east side of the Blackwell Ford lot and into a heavy brush area between Blackwell Ford and the bowling alley," said Rapson.

When Township Police could not see nor hear the suspects, the Canton Police and Bas were called to scene. After the police took up a perimeter on the wooded area, Rapson said, "They got on the loudspeaker and told them they had 60 seconds to come out or they were sending the dog in. The suspects in the woods didn't respond, so the command was given for the dog to go in."

Bas quickly located Hull in the heavy forest. "There injuries sustained by the suspect, and he was given first aid," said Rapson.

The other suspect was not found. "If we (the Township Police) would've had a dog, we would've caught both suspects," said Rapson, who remains optimistic the Hull's alleged accomplice be caught.

## ...Speaking of crime dogs



The Plymouth Township Police, pictured here with McGruff the Crime Dog (Chief Carl Berry?) participated in National Night Out last week for the first time in the crime awareness program's 13 history. Police handed out refreshments and cookies while on patrol. (Crier photo by Matt Hucal)

# Summit will close one week for repairs

BY MATT HUCAL

It's been almost nine months of wear and tear, so Summit on the Park officials have decided it's about time for a clean up.

The Summit in Canton, which opened January 5 of this year, will be closed for use by the public from Aug. 26 through Labor Day (Sept. 2). Normal operating hours will continue at the Summit for the fall season on Sept. 3. The hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The first annual cleaning of the Summit is due to the abundance of visitors to the Park. Over 60,000 people have used the pools, hot tub, steam room, sauna, work out facilities, basketball courts, racquetball courts and track since its opening.

"By closing it (the Park) we have the opportunity to concentrate on larger maintenance things that are difficult to do when we're open," Summit manager Debbie Honsowetz said.

Work being done on the Park includes replacement of glass, the resurfacing of

floors, painting throughout the building and general mechanical systems checks. Summit staff and a contracted cleaning company will all be in on the work.

"The end of August is the best time to do this because kids are just getting back into school, or if people are going on vacation they do it around that time," said Honsowetz. "It's probably the lowest time of the year for use."

Most facilities like the Summit reserve a period out of the year for maintenance, and Honsowetz said that most facilities are usually closed for two weeks.

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Band will perform tomorrow night in Kellogg Park at 8 p.m. The concerts are free. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn furniture.

## THE WEEKEND

- The Farmers Market will be held Saturday at The Gathering in downtown Plymouth beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the V.F.W. Post #6695-Ladies Auxiliary, 1426 Mill St. in Plymouth, will hold a antique flea market. For more information, call 459-2394.
- The Canton Historical Society will hold its second annual flea market sale Saturday. More than 40 vendors will sell antiques, crafts and clothing items. The Flea Market will be held at the old Cherry Hill School House, at Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road in Canton. The market will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission meets Monday at City Hall at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

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# Bunyea Farms part of amazing story: world's largest corn labyrinth

*Bunyea Farms helps grow world's largest corn maze in Dearborn, will benefit cancer reseach, patient care; puzzle open until late September*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Bunyea Farms is part of an amazing story that's breaking world records and benefiting cancer research.

Long-time local farmer Guy Bunyea and his family donated their time to help grow the world's largest corn maize, featuring more than three miles of paths, in Dearborn.

It will open to the public Friday.

Cultivated on land donated by Ford Motor Land Development Corporation, The Lincoln-Mercury Amazing Maize Maze will donate 100 percent of the net proceeds, expected to top \$1 million, to cancer research and patient care programs.

Guy Bunyea, whose family has been personally touched by the disease, was happy to be involved. "We've been farm-

ing the Ford Motor property for three years, being we were the in-place person, that's how we got involved," he said.

The three dimensional labyrinth is located at Ford Road and Mercury Drive in the shadows of Ford World Headquarters.

Beginning Friday the Amazing Maize Maze will be open to the public, Friday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to dusk, and on weekdays to corporations and organizations for private use until late September.

The project began in the spring on 247,975 square feet of land previously used for soy bean farming.

Bunyea said the idea came from a Pennsylvania corn festival who had built a similar maze. "It was terrible planting the stuff because of the weather this

spring," he said.

But the special growing season corn, sprinkled with fertilizer, persevered. "It came up pretty good for the conditions it was planted in," said Bunyea.

World renowned maze designer Adrian Fisher and Production Manager Don Frantz, who designed the previous world's record maze in Shippensburg, PA, mapped out the puzzle as the corn grew. "When it was about six inches high, they grid worked it with a string," said Bunyea.

The finished product, sited on 30 acres of land, will be embellished with a myriad of theatrical devices, including symphonic music and lookout towers, and information on cancer prevention and facts surrounding the automobile's 100th anniversary to guide "corn-fused" participants on their journey.

The maze, which can accommodate up to 2,000 at one time, will be inducted into the Guinness Book of World Records. "The last time I was out there, it was looking pretty good," said Bunyea.

Other family activities, such as a petting zoo, will accompany the maze, which takes about 70 to 90 minutes to complete, at least for people unfamiliar with its layout.

"I know what's done in all those rows," said Bunyea, laughing.

But he could have done with out his family — wife, Pat; son Guy, Jr., daughter, Linda Poet and her family and daughter Barbara Gurk and her family. "We do everything as a family," said Bunyea.

Tickets for The Lincoln-Mercury Amazing Maize Maze, are available through all Ticketmaster centers.

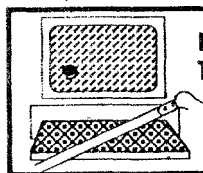
Tickets are \$8.50 for adults (12-years-old and up) and \$5.50 for children between the ages of 5 and 11.

Children under the age of five are admitted free.

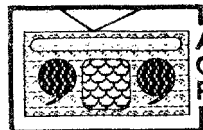
Event organizers suggest bringing comfortable shoes, a sense of humor and a desire for a challenge.

But if you're in the maze too long, and get hungry — don't eat the corn. "It's not edible," said Bunyea. "It's for cattle."

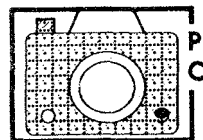
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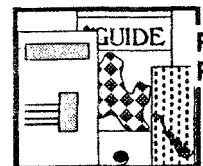
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# Twp. Police nab suspects

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Thanks to some alert residents, Plymouth Township Police were able to arrest two alleged felons last Wednesday night.

Howard Behr, a 31-year-old Wixom resident, and Arthur Stillfried, a 30-year-old Redford resident, were arrested by Township Police as they drove down a subdivision street with stolen appliances in the bed of their pick-up truck, said Township Police Sgt. Steve Rapson.

Both men have been arraigned on charges of breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny, a felony punishable by 10 years in jail.

Rapson said neighbors called police as Behr and Stillfried entered an unoccupied house at 1243 Howland Park Dr., through a first floor window and later exit the garage carrying large boxes to a truck parked out front. "The officers found the suspects leaving the subdivision, driving out of the subdivision," Rapson said.

Police noticed the boxed appliances during he traffic stop and arrested the men, Rapson said. "Without the help of those citizens, we never would've been able to catch those guys," he said.

Behr and Stillfried are believed to be construction laborers, possibly an explanation for their knowledge of the appliances in the house, Rapson said. "They were possibly working in the area," he said. Rapson said citizens' crime awareness has increased, but it could get even better. "We wish we would get more (calls)," the police sergeant said.



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# Canton leads in SEV

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County to earn better representation for the community of approximately 60,000 residents.

The SEV figures are the latest in a string of reports within the last few years, including SEMCOG data, which show Canton as one of the fastest growing communities in the state.

"Is it something were going to wear around our neck? No," said Yack about the SEV ranking. "Whether we're first or 10th, I think most community residents look at the quality of life, and if they are comfortable with the house they've bought. Again, it doesn't matter if we're first or 10th. But it's important. It does energize the community."

Yack said Canton will eventually buck that trend as houses and lot sizes grow larger, narrowing the field of perspective buyers.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 of Plymouth donated \$200 each to help sponsor four students on their trip to Lansing for Boys State.

This week marks the debut of two new public access cable television shows in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. The Rev. Rod Reinhart, popular host and organizer of the many poetry and creative writing events in the community, will be the host and producer for "The Poet and the Power" and "Lift High the Cross", two new shows to be aired each week on Channel 18, the public access channel of Continental Cablevision.

"The Poet and the Power" airs on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. "Lift High the Cross" airs on Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 9 p.m.

Joanne Bellaire of Plymouth, who graduated from St. Mary's College in 1979, is the college's new Dean of Students. She assumed her responsibilities July 1. Most recently, she was the acting dean of the Institute for Ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Bellaire holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Madonna University and a master's degree in counseling and college student personnel from Eastern Michigan University. She has extensive background in administration at various levels of parish, archdiocesan and higher education.

Marine Cpl. Michael G. Schut of Canton, a 1988 graduate of Salem High School, departed for a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

The 24th MEU can evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore.

Eric Y. Baden of Canton, a 1993 graduate of Canton High School, recently graduated from leadership training and evaluation at the U.S. Army Cadet Command Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) advanced camp at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

He is the son of Robert Baden and Pamela Collins, both of Canton.

## Bag it

### Plymouth resident wins medal during Kroger Olympics

BY MATT HUCAL

You need the hands, the concentration, the quickness and the efficiency.

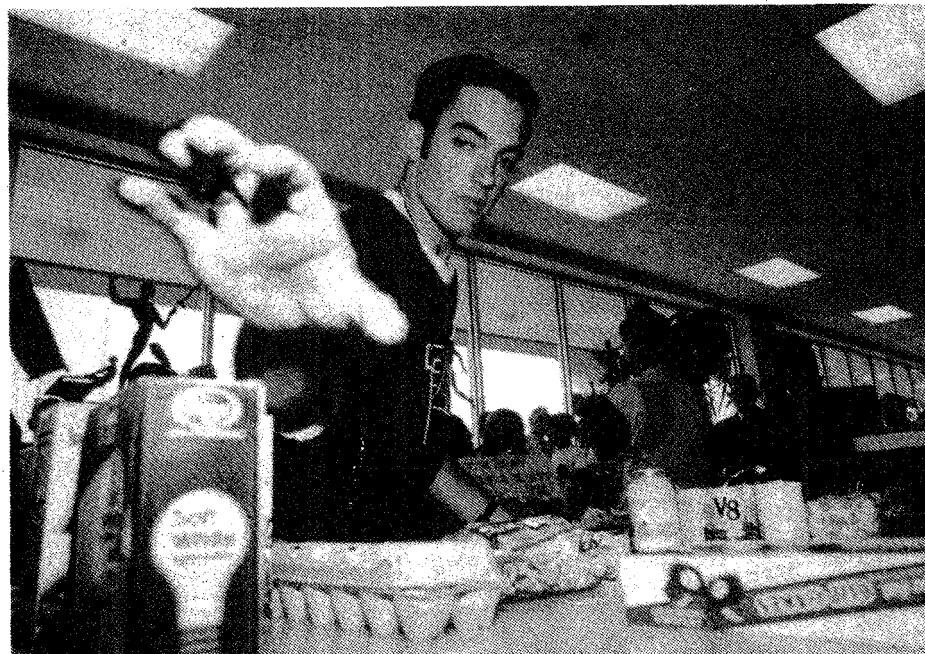
Mike Middel of Plymouth possesses those qualities while working as a bagger at Kroger in Canton, and it helped him achieve a Bronze Medal in the 1996 Kroger Best Bagger Olympic Competition on Aug. 1.

The 17-year-old Salem High School student qualified for the competition — held in the Ferndale Kroger — by advancing through an individual store competition in which he beat out all his fellow employees. He then went on to the Ferndale zone competition that included baggers from 10 or 15 Krogers from the area's district where he received his bronze. The gold medalist at the Ferndale competition will now travel to the statewide competition that includes all the winners from about seven districts in the state.

Baggers are judged on the way they bag the groceries they receive. The contestants were judged on five different criteria: speed, organization, efficiency, weight distribution and appearance/attitude.

"We have to bag the correct way by building walls and not crushing eggs or any of the groceries," Middel said, "and you have to be fast."

Middel and five other finalists beat out hundreds of Kroger baggers



Mike Middel, a Plymouth resident and Salem High School student, won a Bronze Medal in the 1996 Kroger Best Bagger Competition

throughout Michigan to compete in Ferndale. All medal winners received a duffel bag full of sweatshirts, t-shirts, Detroit Tiger tickets, a watch and a Walkman.

The bronze medalist has worked at the Canton Kroger for a year, and along with bagging he also has the responsibility of keeping up the bottle return room and cleaning up spills at the

check-out line.

Middel is hoping to attend University of Michigan after high school and study accounting. But for now he's going to keep working at his job with the distinction of being the third best Kroger bagger in the state.

About the Olympic competition, Middel modestly said: "It was fun. It was something different."

## Hidden treasures

### Canton Historical Society flea market set for Saturday; vendors to sell antiques, crafts, clothing items

BY MATT HUCAL

Travel down to the northwest corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill to the Cherry Hill schoolhouse and you may feel like you're going back in time.

The schoolhouse, which was closed in the 1950s and has been recently restored, will hold the Second Annual Flea Market, held by the Canton Historical Society this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The market will be selling antiques, flea market items, crafts and handmade clothing items, although no used clothing will be sold. About 40 vendors are expected to show up to execute the selling as well as the Canton Historical Society's booth.

"Everyone is very enthused about it (the flea market)," Canton Historical Society President Joan Palmer said. "People who've called and reserved space are very excited."

Funds from this year's market will go to the payment of the loan for the barn that the Society recently built behind the Bartlett-Travis house. The barn is going to be used to store historic farm equipment. The finishing touches are going onto the barn, then Palmer's hoping that people will have a chance to take a look at the historic pieces.

"Hopefully when we open the barn we'll be able to open it for the public so they can tour it and see them (the farm equipment)," she said.

Palmer said there will be ample parking and reasonably priced refreshments.

Keeping with the tradition of white elephant sales, Palmer said, there will be something for everybody.

"There's going to be lots of treasures," said Palmer, "and we want people to be able to find those treasures."





# Community deaths

## Mymonie Jabara dies at 90

Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Mymonie Jabara (nee Mellem) passed away Aug. 10, 1996 at the home of her grandson, Jimmy and Jose Jabara, in Webbersville, MI after a long illness.

Mrs. Jabara was born in Lebanon on March 20, 1906. She came to America in 1909 with her parents and her younger brother, Ollie. The family homesteaded in Stanley, North Dakota where Mymonie was raised until the age of 18 when she wed Sam A. Jabara on June 14, 1924.

After their marriage in Duluth, MN, Mymonie joined her husband in Mancelona, MI to start a new life and raise their family. Sam had a grocery store he had purchased in 1914. They added a second store in the late 20's, and in 1945 the original store was destroyed by fire. They ran the remaining store until June of 1950 when Sam was killed in an automobile accident. The store, known as Jabara's Market, continued to operate for another ten years through the efforts of their children.

Mymonie has derived great pleasures from her gardens. She was known for her talent in raising dahlias, violets and enough vegetables to feed a small army. Her neighbor once remarked, "Mymonie could plant a broomstick and make it grow."

She found immense happiness in her 13 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. In addition to her garden and her family, she was a member of the Eastern Star. Mymonie will always be remembered and missed by many.

Approximately 10 years ago, with the help of a major contribution from the Jabara children, a clinic was built in Mancelona in honor of their parents.

Mrs. Jabara was preceded in death by her husband, Sam, and daughter, Frieda Rice; daughters-in-law, Nancy (Nayfe) and Jean (Jim); son-in-law, Yousef (Selma Hegazi); brother, Ollie; sisters, Selima and Mary.

She is survived by brothers Fayze and Hamid, both residing in Mancelona, MI; children, Essie (Jim) Pringle of Grandville, Selma Hegazi of Plymouth, Nayfe (Charlotte) of Petoskey, Abdeen of New York and Kal (Julia) and Jim (Anita) of Plymouth.

A memorial service will be held in Mancelona on Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Heart Association.

### DAVID E. RICHARDSON

David E. Richardson, a Canton resident, died Aug. 5, 1996 at the age of 67.

Mr. Richardson was born Jan. 28, 1929 in Detroit. He moved to Canton from Farmington Hills in 1994. He served in the U.S. Navy from March 4, 1946 to Jan. 5, 1948 and was then employed as an asphalt paving salesman.

Mr. Richardson was a member of a Sequoia Bible Study Group and the Tuesday and Thursday Men's Fellowship Groups; all of Trinity Presbyterian Church. He was a member of A.A. for 27 years. He loved to skate, cross-country ski and play tennis.

Mr. Richardson is survived by his wife, Martha (Marty) Richardson of Plymouth; daughter, Sherry L. Massey of Lansing; sister, Jo Anna Tucker of St. Louis, MO; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. William Branham of Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating.

### SUSANNA DREW

Susanna Drew, a Westland resident, died Aug. 5, 1996 at the age of 54.

Mrs. Drew was born Feb. 5, 1942 in Detroit. She was a food handler at Hygrade Foods.

Mrs. Drew is survived by her dear friend and ex-husband, Daniel A. Drew of Canton; daughter, Kasey Lee Drew of Westland; Timothy Patrick Drew of Westland; and one grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Memorial tributes can be made to The Make-A-Wish Foundation in Lansing.

### FERMINA JUCO

Fermina Juco, a Westland resident, died Aug. 9, 1996 at the age of 65.

Mrs. Juco was born in the Philippines. She is survived by her daughters, Veronica (Bay) De Jesus of Canton and Perly (Ed) Juco of Westland; son, Lito Juco of Westminster, California; sisters, Mely (Ambrosio) Trinidad of California, Lydia (Napoleon) Mateo and Nady Lorenzo, both of the Philippines; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home. Services were held at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church in Canton with Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the family fund.



## Canton race car driver dies

*Editor's note: In last week's edition of The Community Crier an obituary on Clyde Perry Younce III included incorrect information. Here is an updated, corrected version.*

Clyde Perry Younce III, a professional race car driver for 20 years, died Aug. 3 in Eaton Rapids after a race at Michigan Ideal Speedway in Springport.

He was 35.

The Canton resident began his racing career when he was just 12 years old; three years later he went professional.

A member of A.R.C.A., The N.A.M.A.R.S. and U.S.A.C., Younce raced under the sponsorship of Younce Racing, R.J.S. Safety Equipment and Great Lakes Steamway.

He was also a member of St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

Younce, who was born Feb. 4, 1961 in Ann Arbor, is survived by his parents Clyde Perry Younce II and Shirley Younce of Canton; sisters, Karen (Hugh) Sutherland of New Jersey, Mary (Don) McFarland of Livonia, Cecilia (David) Harrah of California, Marilyn Younce of Oregon, Cynthia (Randy) Fleming of Wisconsin and Cory (Kevin) Sultana of Plymouth; brother, Martin (Terry) Younce; fiancée, Tina McGill of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Aug. 6 at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton with Fr. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

An educational fund has been established for the sons of Perry Younce. Contributions may be sent to The Perry Younce Memorial Fund, Account # 5590079710, First of America Bank, 41652 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

A memorial benefit race will be held at Owosso Speedway Aug. 31.



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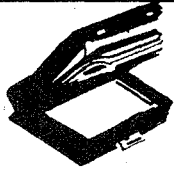
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

**Norman L. Dietrich**, founder of Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., of Plymouth (formerly Norman L. Dietrich Associates, P.C.), passed away in Iowa on July 27, 1996 at the age of 60.

Mr. Dietrich held a bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan Technological University, a bachelor's and master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in Mining Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley and a doctorate in environmental design from Texas A&M University. He practiced and maintained professional licenses in these three fields: civil engineering, landscape architecture and community planning. For the past several years he has been teaching in the Department of Landscape Architecture as an Associate Professor at Iowa State University in Ames, IA.

**G/B Sales & Service Inc.** of Plymouth is celebrating its 20 year anniversary by having a "Customer Appreciation Day." The open house will be on Sept. 20 at its newly expanded facility at 39550 Schoolcraft Rd. G/B Sales & Service is a fork lift truck distributor having franchises for Mitsubishi Corporation and Linde/Baker lift truck companies in addition to various material handling products. Attendees should R.S.V.P. to (800)-954-5553.

Plymouth Red Roof Inn manager, **Brian T. Martin**, has been appointed by Red Roof Inns, Inc. as a representative to its 1996 Managers' Council.

The Managers' Council is a group of general managers who represent the interests of each district of inns. The council introduces ideas to senior management that could potentially correct a problem or improve the company as a whole.

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) has developed its Web site on the Internet's World Wide Web to provide instant online access to its most frequently requested data and information.

The Web site is a 24-hour-a-day supplement to other ways the public has been able to obtain existing data and information, using the telephone or visiting SEMCOG's offices during business hours. SEMCOG's web site is <http://www.semco.org>.

## Chamber Committee hopes to have '20/20 Vision', avoid future problems

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Pat Pulkownik has 20/20 vision.

It's so good, in fact, she's looking into the future.

Pulkownik was recently selected the chairperson for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Strategic Planning Committee.

Set to include a collection of City and Township representatives, the groups charge will be to define the community's quality of life, recreation habits, business development and traffic congestion.

Hopefully, the Strategic Planning Committee will steer Plymouth clear of repeating its past mistakes and avoiding problems encountered in older communities.

City Manager Steve Walters coined the term "Plymouth: 20/20 Vision" as the committee unofficial motto. "We've got a real gem in the Plymouth community," said Pulkownik, a Township resident and City real estate agent. "We want to take a look at what we can do to keep it that way."

Still in its embryonic stages, the committee will meet this month and then hold a public forum in the fall. "The

meeting in the fall is where we're going to have as many people as possible show up," she said. "We're looking at the Cultural Center...We definitely want input."

As information is accumulated, the committee goal's will become clearer. "We're just planting the seed right now," said Pulkownik.

But the Strategic Committee's chairperson already has a few ideas for the future and examples of the past to share with her co-workers and community residents. For example, Plymouth's inconvenient and aggravating railroad crossings off of M-14 on Sheldon and Beck roads. "Those train tracks had to go under a freeway or something. That never should've happened. Somebody should've of raised a fuss," she said.

And the Strategic Planning will be just the voice to do that. Also, the committee will monitor the booming industrial parks of the Township. "What's typically happened in communities is they've become boom towns. People have moved in, then they've left. Look at Livonia with all the industrial parks. What's going to happen to us? Business left Livonia because there was no land left for

expansion, that happened in Redford before that, and in Detroit before that. Let's not let that happen here," said Pulkownik. "We have too much of a good thing."

And it could be even better, Pulkownik said. "We need to find out: What do our families need?" she said. "What are the issues we're not addressing?"

Perhaps the young families of Plymouth would like a community swimming pool, said Pulkownik, who said the committee will also investigate possibilities to better utilize recreation facilities and community residents for various volunteer activities.

"We need to let them know where they can volunteer. Let's give them a job," she said.

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet tomorrow to formulate its line up. Currently, the group is tentatively comprised of Pulkownik, Walters, Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, City Mayor Ron Loiselle, chamber president Mike Kolb and an undetermined Plymouth-Canton School Board member.

## Oakwood Healthcare holds benefit

To help in the fight against women's cancer, more than 250 women golfers teed off at the Oakwood Healthcare System's Fourth Annual Kmart Women's Healthcare Classic (KWHC) at the Dearborn Country Club on July 22.

Nearly \$126,000 was raised at the event and an additional \$3,500 was raised at the live auction. The event included two shotgun starts, 18 holes of golf, two awards receptions and educational exhibits on women's cancer.

Nancy Vernon of Plymouth was one of four first place winners in the morning round and Beth Ann Vaughn of Plymouth was one of four first place winners in the evening round.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies during the awards receptions were Colleen Burcar, radio personality, and Robbie Timmons, WXYZ-TV7 anchor and news reporter.

LPGA Pro Amy Alcott spent her day welcoming women on the first tee and dazzled them with her golf skills as four other local LPGA teaching pros were involved in the event.

Early breast cancer detection and treatment can save lives and cut costs. Statistics show that if all women were screened according to guidelines, up to 35 percent of women who currently succumb to breast cancer would survive. Another study shows that the cost to treat breast cancer before it begins to spread averages \$12,000 — while the cost to treat one serious case of breast cancer averages \$157,000.

Since the inception of the KWHC, more than \$420,000 has

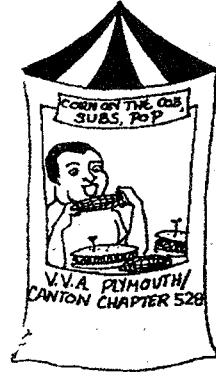


**Beth Ann Vaughan (far right) and fellow Plymouth resident Nancy Vernon (not pictured) were two of eight winners at a cancer benefit golf outing.**

been raised to fund transportation for comprehensive cancer care, educational literature and programs on cancer prevention for women, the purchase of diagnostic equipment and 700 mammograms.

"This golf event truly has made a difference in women's lives," said Jan Fitzgerald, KWHC Chairperson. "It's rewarding to know the net proceeds raised at this event go directly toward helping in the fight against women's cancer."





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## ANTIQUA FLEA MARKET

This Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695-Ladies Auxiliary, 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth. To set up a table, call Alice Fisher at 728-7619. Small table is \$10 and large table is \$15. For more information, call Ann Riley at 459-2394.

## CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

Aug. 25 at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 3-5 p.m. held by D&M Art Studio.

## CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FLEA MARKET

The second annual flea market will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherry Hill schoolhouse. For more information, call Mary at 455-6145 or Joan at 453-5231.

## FALL FESTIVAL BINGO

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's 11th annual bingo is Sept. 6 at The Gathering in Plymouth. Rain or shine, cash prizes, no admission fee. Proceeds for Plymouth Community scholarships. For more information, call 455-5171.

## CONGREGATION BET CHAVERIM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

For returning, new and prospective students to its religious school. The open house will be held Sept. 8 from 7-8 p.m. Opportunity to meet the teaching staff, preview curriculum and text books and meet other families. For more information, call 480-8880.

## OLD TIMERS PICNIC

Aug. 29 at Plymouth Township Park, beginning at noon. For reservations, call Russ Ash at 453-2649 or Howdy Schryer at 453-0114.

## GETTYSBURG HISTORICAL TOUR

The Plymouth Historical Museum is offering a trip to historical Gettysburg, PA Sept. 30 to Oct. 3. The tour will be led by Civil War historian and teacher Bob Zaetta. The trip includes round-trip motor coach transportation, three breakfasts, three dinners, and two full days at Gettysburg. For information and reservations, call the Plymouth Historical Museum at 455-8940.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

## PARENTS DAY OUT PROGRAM

The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth is exploring the possibility of beginning a Parents Day Out Program, a baby sitting service for properly registered children. The purpose of PDO is to provide a safe, educational environment while parents attend to personal business. Age appropriate classes from birth to kindergarten. Same calendar year as P-C Schools. If interested, call 453-5280

## PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

This Tuesday, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

# Health...

## PLYMOUTH BREATHERS

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

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## OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS


Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001.


## AEROBIC AND STEP CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Morning, evening, and weekday classes. Classes ongoing, join anytime. For more information, call (810) 348-1280

## LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

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# Fall Bridal Preview 1996



## Honeymooners

*Destinations vary depending on age, interests*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The rising costs of wedding ceremonies and the following reception shouldn't prevent newlyweds from the most enjoyable nuptial experience — the honeymoon.

Whether the couple is young and building a fortune, or older and an owner of fortune, local travel agencies said they can plan a romantic getaway that suits their dreams. "What you need to do is have the couple come in, sit down in front of the travel consultant, and ask the couple questions to find out what the two of them really have in mind," said Shirley Tucker, the president of World Travel, 42183 Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth.

"There really isn't a destination in the world we can't get them do. And if the travel consultant is not able to come up with an idea, then it's time to go find another travel consultant."

With so many soft sandy beaches, palm trees paradises, to choose from, it shouldn't be a problem finding the perfect locale for the new Mr. and Mrs.

It's no longer just Niagara Falls, Hawaii and Cancun.

Take your pick, travel agents say: Jamaica, the Panama

Canal, Disney World, Alaska, Europe and Hong Kong.

But couples don't have to mortgage their future to get there, either. Trips to San Antonio, San Francisco and the accompanying northern California Napa Valley and Redwood forest, Seattle, Vancouver Toronto — inexpensive recesses to vibrant metropolises of North America — have become popular. "You really don't have to have a lot of money for a honeymoon, if you really want to go," said Inas Bilbeisi, a travel consultant at Suncoast Travel, Inc. 44427 W. Ann Arbor Rd.

"You can do Boston for \$144, believe it or not," said Tucker. "And what does Boston do? It gives you all of New England."

Of course, travel expenses can be cut even more. In other words: If you seek a beautiful honeymoon, look about you. "We're lucky enough to live in magnificent state," said Tucker.

The northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula are excellent honeymooner destinations, she said.

However inviting that may be, for some people a post-marriage vacation just wouldn't be a honeymoon if it didn't include an airline ticket to some place with palm trees, warm water and the equator.

And Suncoast Travel and World Travel are prepared — and aptly named — to satisfy their customers; neither is short of suggestions for a sun-filled sabbatical, from the smallest speck on the Caribbean map, such as St. Lucia, to the typical tourist hot spots.

"Cancun is very popular with the younger crowd, in their twenties, and it's not very expensive," said Bilbeisi.

Other popular Mexican location include Cazamel and Acapulco.

Tucker said the Turks and the Caicos, which are about three hours out of Miami, are attractive for their remote nature. The

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# A receptive atmosphere

*Reception planning has many factors: price, service, location*

BY MATT HUCAL

If a wedding is one of the most important events in someone's life, the celebrating reception following it has some clout of its own.

That's why when searching for the right place to hold the reception many factors should be included in the final decision, have it be the quality of the establishment, the quality of the service and the price.

The Plymouth-Canton Community has two places that try to positively provide these factors and have fared well in attracting many customers. The Plymouth Manor in downtown Plymouth and the Summit on the Park in Canton keep a steady amount of clients booked due to the response they've received for the way they handle their receptions.

The eight-year-old family owned and operated Manor had its halls completely remodeled last winter. They give clients the option of two banquet rooms, depending on the size of the party. The Jordan Ballroom has a capacity of just over 350 people while the Nickolas Suite holds 120 people. If a larger party is expected, then the rooms will adjoin to offer space for over 420 people.

"We offer full reception packages with an emphasis on service," Manor co-owner Krista Morton said. "The customers can make all of the selections so it turns out to be how they want it to."

Something the Manor offers to their clients that lowers the price are packages where the clients provide their own liquor. Morton said that ordering the liquor through

catering services inflates the prices, so the Manor can work it to keep the prices down for the clients.

Along with the two reception halls, the Manor gives the choice of holding the actual wedding in their own chapel inside of the Manor.

The intimate chapel, offering several packages ranging from \$95 to \$295, includes the use of the chapel, an officiate to perform the wedding ceremony (civil or religious), a candlelight ceremony, music (choosing from their collection or providing your own), The Plymouth Manor in downtown Plymouth completely remodeled the Jordan Ballroom chapel decorated with and Nickolas Suite last year. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

silk flowers and pew bows, bridal dressing room, informal rehearsal, referrals on wedding professionals, an accommodation of 50 to 60 guests and it's located in a private facility.



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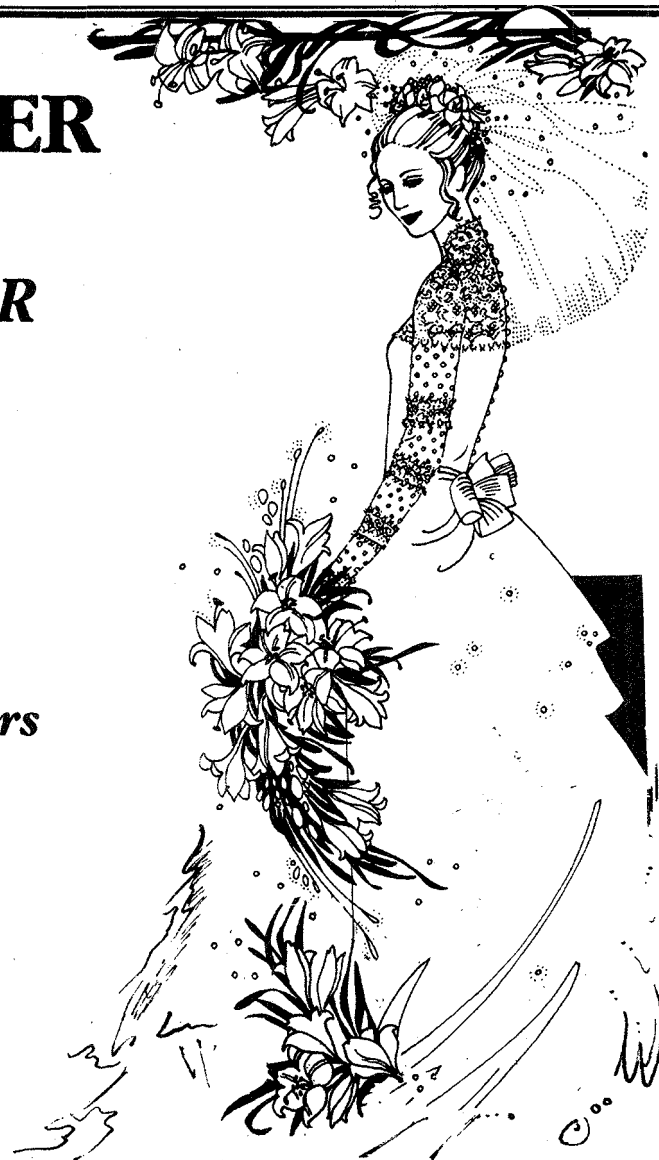
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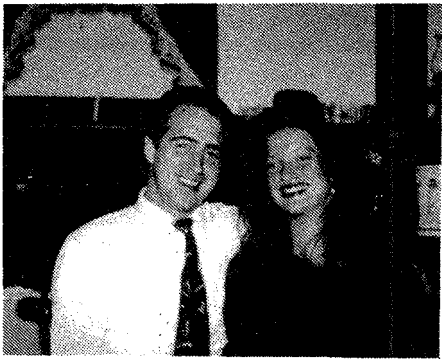
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**Swantek-Cave**

Susan Swantek will be married to Anthony Cave on Aug. 31.

Susan is the daughter of Gerald P. and Mary Ellen Swantek of Plymouth. Anthony is the son of Jerry Cave of Brighton and Joann Weatherford of West Bloomfield.

Susan, a 1993 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, works as a personnel branch manager for Corporate Personnel Services. Anthony is the president of Environmental Laser Tech in Livonia. The couple will reside in Northville.



**Koufalis-Jones**

Ralph Robert Jones and Marietta Koufalis are engaged and have an approaching marriage.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey P. Jones of Plymouth. Marietta is

the daughter of Ilyas and Chrysanti Koufalis of Windsor, Ontario.

Ralph, a graduate of Canton High School and Lawrence Technological University, is employed as an engineer at Defiance Company of Westland. Marietta, a graduate of Lawrence Technological University, is employed by the architectural firm of Mitchell-Mowat in Ann Arbor.



**Hegazi-Shaw**

Lila Hegazi and Arthur Frank Shaw are engaged and planning an August wedding at Arthur's Pine-Tree Golf Club.

Lila is the daughter of Selma Hegazi and the late Yousef Hegazi.

Lila is a graduate of Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is a sales executive with American Medical Systems. Arthur graduated from Shilbur Wright High School and Lawrence Technological College. He is owner of A.F. Shaw Assoc. Realtors.

**Silber-Karamon**

Jeri Dee Silber and Cletus R. Karamon are engaged and planning an August wedding at First Presbyterian Church of

Plymouth.

Jeri Dee is the daughter of Robert and Joyce Silber of Northville. Cletus is the son of Cletus E. Karamon of Westland and Maryann Karamon of Plymouth.

Jeri Dee is a graduate of Salem High School and attended Wright State University School of Design. She is pursuing a career in costume design and construction. Cletus is a graduate of Salem High School and has followed a career as an electrician for touring Broadway productions. He is currently with the production of Damn Yankees.



**Silber-Karamon**

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## Receptions important in wedding experience

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off retail prices with their consignment bridal salon, "I Do," Two! There is an offering of "gently used" and "new/never worn" bridal attire with over 200 dresses in stock.

"We have dresses that were originally \$1,200 that have been reduced to \$200 to \$300," Morton said.

The Summit on the Park took reservations for receptions at their banquet halls before it even opened on Sept. 1, 1995. They continue to take reservations for dates as far forward as the client knows.

"Our wedding package is an all

inclusive price providing full services, bar services, china and silverware," said Diana Wright, the director of hospitality services and special events.

The Summit has one large banquet room with a capacity of 350 people, or for smaller parties the room will break down into two. Wright said the advantages to using the Summit is, "our service and quality of food, we provide no pre-made products and our attention to detail."

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# Various locales await honeymooners of all ages, styles of life

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same goes for a boat tour of the Panama Canal, said Bilbeisi. "Some honeymooners like the unspoiled tourist destinations," said Tucker.

If this all seems like too much, it's a good idea to hop on a cruise. "It gives you an idea. You can see all the Caribbean islands," said Bilbeisi, "so for your fifth anniversary, or the next time you visit, you'll know where to stay."

While nightly port-of-calls offer a Caribbean smorgasbord, the Sandals properties, located on St. Lucia, Jamaica, the Bahamas and Antigua are a self-paced itinerary. "It's great for honeymooners because everything is completely paid in advance," said Tucker. "So there's no worry about pulling money out of their pockets while they're there."

The Sandals' price tag includes air fare, food, drinks, water sports and other activities.

"The Sandals are very popular because it's all couples, and everything is

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At the Sandals, the wedding and honeymoon have been combined to create, well, The WeddingMoon.

That's right. Among the list of options are personal dressing attendants, manicures, body massages, a photographer and reception services. "They'll even provide the witnesses," said Bilbeisi.

If the tropics aren't your taste, Disney offers a wedding package too that's a true fairy tale. "You can actually have a Cinderella wedding with a carriage. It's really beautiful," said Bilbeisi.

For the more adventurous Hong Kong and Alaska are becoming increasingly popular, especially with the Baby Boomers. And Europe remains a favorite, but its expensive and time-consuming nature usually reserves such honeymoons for older couples.

But age doesn't matter when it comes to Hawaii. "Hawaii is still a honeymoon capital," said Bilbeisi.

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### YOUNG MOMENTS PRESCHOOL

Fall 1996 vacancies for four-year-olds girls in our afternoon classes (M-W-F 12:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.; T-TH 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.) Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 1. For more information, call 453-3020 or 451-1895.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED

Regular meetings of the Plymouth-Canton School Board will now be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. (except on the fourth Tuesday in December and the fourth Tuesday in May) at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 Harvey St. in downtown Plymouth. During the school year, fourth Tuesday meetings may be moved to school sites.

### ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Nov. 1 is the deadline for men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 (by July 1996 to submit applications to one of the U.S. Service Academies to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers Application forms and full information may obtained by writing Congresswoman Rivers 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI 48184. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried and legal residents of the 13th District.

### FREE SUMMER SESSION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

The P-C Schools Infant and Preschool Special Education Program is providing free summer services to parents of special needs children. Infants to five-years-old. Session tomorrow. For more information, call 420-7001.

### NEW KIDDIE CREW PROGRAM

Preschool activities for three-year-olds. Registration will begin on a first-come, first-served basis Monday at Canton High School in the Community Education office. For more information on requirements, call 416-2937.

### SALVATION ARMY-TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL

Tiny Tots preschool-Salvation Army are taking applications for the Fall 1996 school year. It's a four-year-old program. Must be four-years-old by December 1. For more information, call Peggy at 459-1358.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL DAY CLASSES

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### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

### CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.

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First meeting of the fall on Aug. 27 at Plymouth Township Hall. Fall Festival will be discussed, plans will be made for the art show in Kellogg Park on Sept. 7-8. All succeeding meetings will be on the first Monday of the month. Nov. meetings will be announced. For more information, call S. Argiroff at (313) 422-8106.

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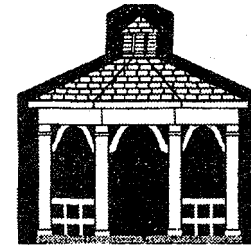
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FARGO — Twin Peaks — Must be the same place.

Does the Bunyan guy live there?

Liam sure has been quiet!! Still waiting for a visit!!

Thanks to everyone for their help last week, especially the Armstrongs for doing more than they had to; Brandy for her computer wizardry and good spirit; Maura for thinking ahead; gary for coming off the disabled list; gerry for being on vacation; the chairman for putting up with an inexperienced election editor; matt for staying up until his regular bed time; and my bed for being there when I got home.

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Volleyball hurts — especially at my young age.

Its a nice feeling to have the family all together again, even if it's only for 10 days

Emma's birthday party was great — I down 2 more to go

I'm sorry for the curio on your birthday Paul, peggy told me that you have lots of antiques that are older than you are.

Now there's an even dozen Bob's in my office!

Colleen — welcome aboard — the whole Crier gang!

Jack — I fill the fridge with beer — now you tell me you want bloody mary's — make up your mind!

Michelle Wilson it's been nice having you here — the cake was delicious — thanks!

MY history does not determine my destiny.

HELEN C. AND NANCY your halos shine so brightly I can barely see you. Thank you. — Geneva.

DOLORES — Know you had a wonderful birthday

ALLEN! ALLEN! Miss you! All us Girls.

ANYTHING is possible when you have a dream.

STEVE — Thank you for the fax. My favorites! Shakespeare for one. Cartoons for the other.

MISS KATIE'S Beauty College. Love the red boat planters at your entrance walk. Wish they were mine! —G.

DEAR MARTHA: Had to wait for two trains this morning on my way to work, and it came to me that I had never told you the exercises I take to try to keep my mind alert. (Not that you are as old as I am, but I thought it might amuse you.) I add the numbers on the freight cars — ie. 12345. Total 15. I continue adding the next car etc. Sometimes it keeps me really happy. I live in Lower Town, so I get lots of practice — three sets of railroad tracks! Does that sound crazy? Join me! Love Geneva.

ALLEN, we miss you. All of us. We'll be glad when you arrive home.

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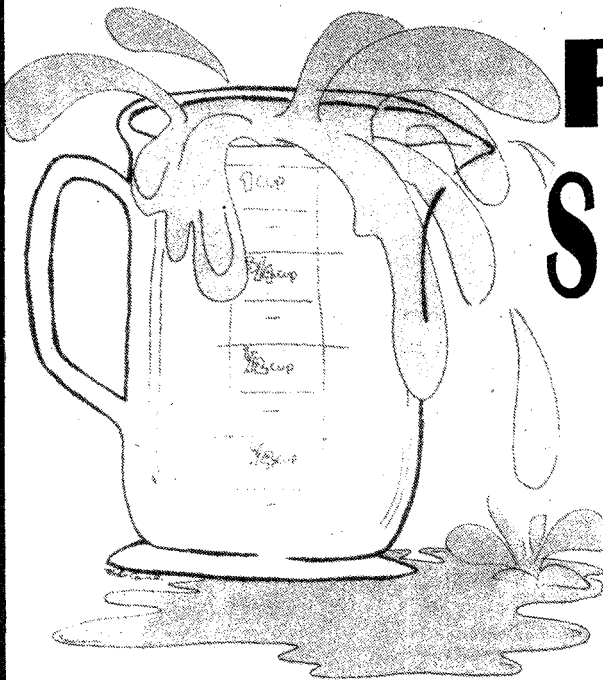
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

The Canton Parks and Recreation men's softball playoffs were held Aug. 2-4 in Heritage Park. Thirteen teams qualified for the season ending tournament, which traditionally showcases some of the best softball action of the year.

This year's champion, **American Legion**, went through the double-elimination tournament with an undefeated record of 4-0, including a comeback 9-8 victory over the runner-up, ASAP Machine, in the final game. Down 8-5 going into the bottom of the seventh inning, manager Gary Chubb's team rallied for four runs to win the championship. This tournament victory capped off a perfect season for American Legion, which won the regular season division with a perfect 14-0 record. In route to their weekend playoff victory, American Legion also had victories over American Yazaki, 15-4, Neumann-Smith, 21-5, and ASAP Machine, 15-11.

ASAP Machine took second place with earlier victories over Woodland Meadows, 16-7, Mexican Fiesta, 11-8, and Mexican Fiesta again 12-7 before losing to American Legion.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a **family trip to Cedar Point** this Saturday.

A bus leaves the Summit on the Park parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and leaves Cedar Point at 8 p.m. The cost is \$28 per person and includes admission to Cedar Point and bus transportation.

Registration began July 29 and is open to anyone. Space is limited, so sign up early. For more information, call 397-5110.

The **Salvation Army** is now taking registrations for the Fall basketball league. Registrations must be in no later than Sept. 6. Games will begin Sept. 17 with a limit of six teams.

The **volleyball team** is looking for more senior citizen players. If interested, stop at the Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. There's an annual cost of \$10.

The **Korean Tae Kwon Do** class meets every Monday and Thursday evening. Call Master Joe Hernandez

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# Benefits in full swing

## *Memorial golf tournament helps Kids for Cancer...*

BY MATT HUCAL

If there's anything that unites people, having to cope with someone close having cancer would have to be near the top of the list.

Randy Williams was diagnosed with having glandular cancer about 19 years ago.

So his friends and family decided to put together a golf tournament benefiting his family soon after the diagnosis.

The Randy Williams Memorial Golf Tournament, held by the Plymouth Knights of Columbus and Central Distributors, marked its 18th year on Aug. 3 at Fellows Creek. There were 168 golfers participating this year, about the yearly average.

Williams passed away soon after the first tournament, so the profits were given to his family for the next few years until his wife remarried.

The tournament was so successful that the organizers continued it with a new beneficiary, Kids for Cancer, a charity that supports terminally ill children.

Tournament co-organizer John Gilles said getting enough golfers to participate is never a problem.

"We feel really good about it (the tournament)," Gilles said. "We never have to advertise and we always have about 160 people in it."

Gilles said the tournament officials try to keep the cost down while golfers got more than their money's worth.

Those golfers partaking in the tournament receive 18 holes of golf at Fellows Creek Golf Course, a cart, beer, food, dinner and door prizes from Plymouth merchants for everyone who played.

"It's nice that everyone comes together without us having to beg or advertise," said Gilles. "A lot of the players are store owners and everyone knows each other."

Gilles said this tournament wouldn't be possible without the help of various people and organizations.

John Bida, Charlie Heid and Mike Kisabeth helped organize the tournament while the Knights of Columbus gave their hall up for a dinner after the golf and Central Distributors provided the beer.

## *...Plymouth Chamber golf outing set for Sept. 10*

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and this year's major sponsor Blackwell Ford presents the 1996 Annual Golf Classic on Sept. 10 (with a rain date of Sept. 17) at the Fox Hills Country Club. Check-in is at 9 a.m. and tee-off is at 10 a.m.

A foursome sponsor will be available at the cost of \$600, a twosome sponsor will cost \$440 and dinner costs \$50.

Being a sponsor includes tickets for golf, cart rental, meals, open bar, refreshments, a sponsor prize and a sponsor sign. Individual tickets cost \$175 and are available after Aug. 9 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

New this year is the opportunity for participants and their guests to have the chance to win 1996-97 season tickets for two to Plymouth's new minor league hockey team, The Detroit Junior Whalers.

The Classic is co-chaired by John Warner and David Siegrist with the help and cooperation of Elizabeth Galea, Rob Cutler,

Harold Bergquist, Tom Willete, Frank Kuszak, Jeff Bettelon and Joe Bida.

Those entering the Golf Classic have food, networking, fun and prizes and most of all golf to look forward to. Call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at 453-1540 for further information.

## Gone fishin'...



This aspiring young fisherman pulled out his bait and tackle on a beautiful summer day in Hines Park recently. The Rouge River, once badly polluted, is making a comeback. Canoe and paddle boat rentals are now permitted on the river, as well as fishing. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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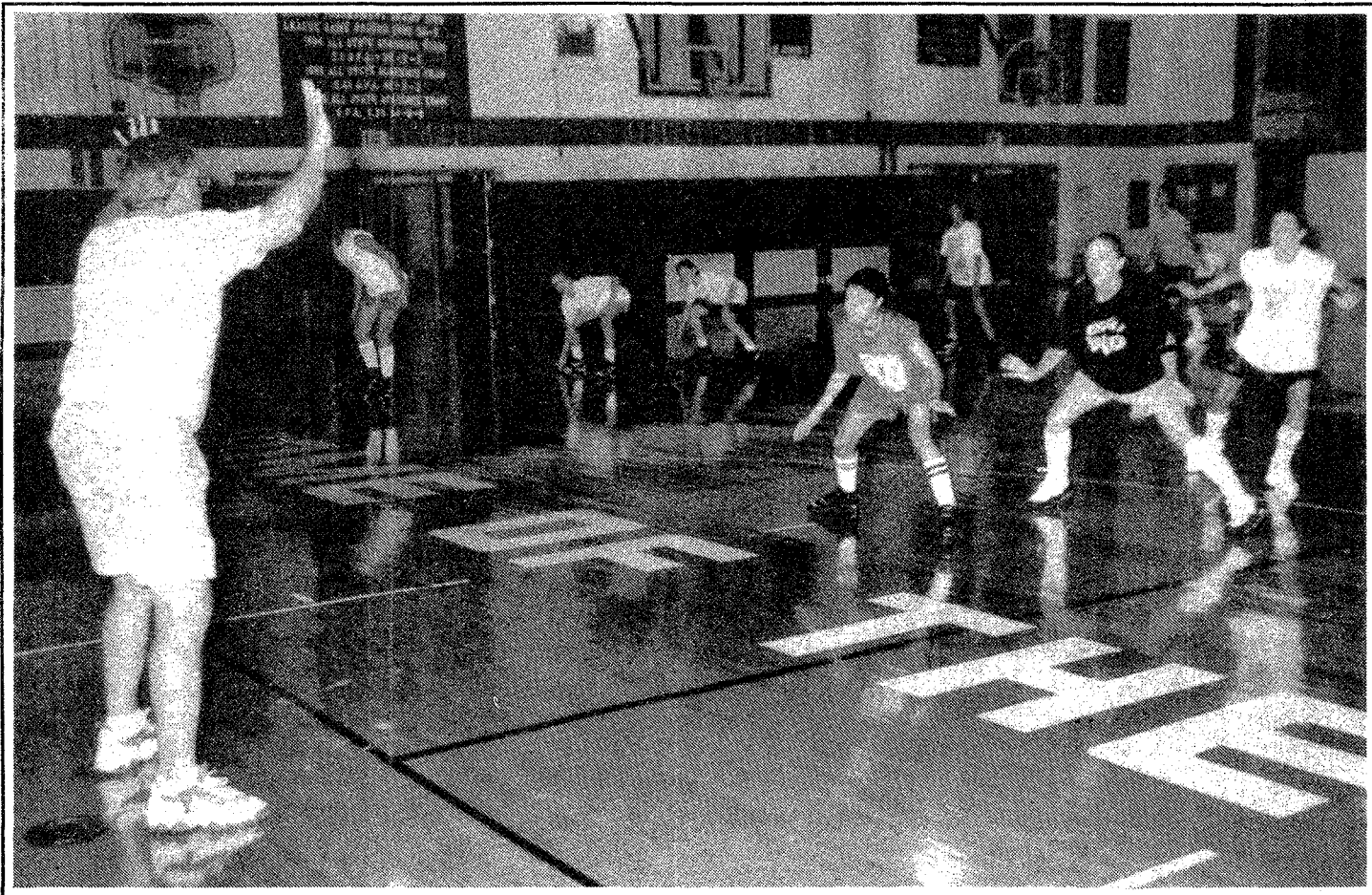
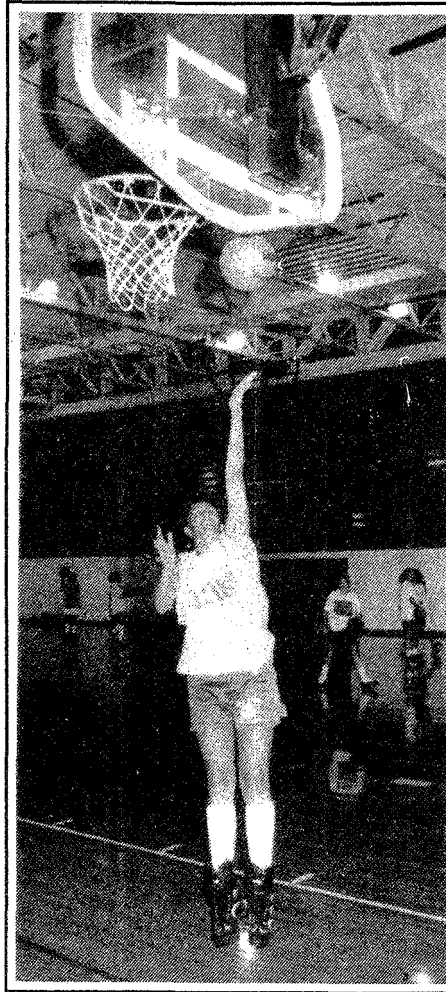


# Hoop dreams

*Girls basketball, high school athletes begin fall practice*



Summer is over for some local students. Basketball players, football players, band members and other athletes converged on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park other schools this week. Coaches pulled out their playbooks as the fall sports season got underway with practice sessions hitting full swing. The Salem High School girls freshman and junior varsity basketball teams worked out in the gymnasium early Monday morning. Clockwise from top, players test their speed and agility while running "suicides," Christine Williams goes for a lay up and team hopefuls follow instructions from a Salem Girls Basketball coach. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



## Sports shorts

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at 389-5180 if interested.

There's "open gym" basketball Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for more information on any of the events listed above.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a **Ballet/Tap/Jazz dance program** for ages four to adults with classes beginning Sept. 9 at the Summit on the Park. There will be new openings for beginning students and also limited openings for students with prior dance experience. The registration fee is \$25 with a one time administrative fee of \$5 per student plus a monthly fee to the instructor. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Students from the American Okinawan Karate Academy in Canton competed in the 1996 22nd **World Isshinryu Karate Championships** in Springfield, MA on July 20. Students from the academy brought home the gold this year.

**Black Belt-Senior Men:** Ron Sutton was first place in fighting, third place in weapons kata and fourth place in kata.

**Brown Belt-Senior Men Advanced:** Kim Diver was second place in fighting and third place in kata. Marty Fowler was sixth place in kata. Stephon Fulton was fourth place in kata. Dennis Koss was first place in fighting and second place in kata. Brian Quick was first place in weapons kata and first place in kata.

**Brown Belt-Senior Women Advanced:** Julie Diver was first place in fighting and first place in kata. Cindi Young was second place in fighting and second place in kata.

**Brown Belt-Junior Advanced:** Todd Schoen was second place in fighting and fourth place in kata. Joshua Turner was first place in fighting, first place in weapons kata and first place in kata.

**Green Belt-Men Intermediate:** G. Todd Poore was second place in fighting and seventh place in kata.

**Green Belt-Women Intermediate:** Judy Fowler was fourth place in fighting and fifth place in kata.

**Green Belt-Boys/Girls Intermediate:** Clayton Fowler was seventh place in fighting.

**White Belt-Senior Men Beginner:** Jim Vanlerberg was third place in fighting and third place in kata.



# Community opinions

## Dean of Plymouth — Canton politics is back

He's back.  
He's rested.  
He's tanned.  
He's ready.  
Yep.

The dean of politics in The Plymouth-Canton Community — retired Congressman Carl Pursell — is once again in the fray.

He's stumping for old friend Jack Kemp (oh, and for that other guy on the GOP ticket) and for Joe Fitzsimmons for Congress.

Carl and Kemp often sat next to each other in Congress and worked on several budget and appropriation matters. Kemp was in Plymouth in the fall of 1978 to campaign for Carl.

Hopefully, says Carl, the vice presidential designee will be back here to stump for Fitzsimmons for Congress in that uphill fight to beat incumbent Lynn Rivers.

As the old friends on Carl's loop — the Gloom and Doom Society at the round table of the Handout Hotel, the Plymouth-Canton School folks, the Plymouth-Canton Republicans, the Eastern Michigan University crowd — have all heard by now, one of his proud possessions is a 1985 letter from Kemp saying, "I'm grateful for your leadership."

Dole and Kemp will win, predicts Carl. "Not because of the personalities, but because they have the best ideas. We've got the better ideas for the 21st Century."

Of course, as the area's ranking political leader, Carl might be expected to take up his party's lines. "This is the party of the future," he exclaims.

And speaking of the future, Carl had some predictions for the three local men who are attending the Republican national convention as delegates-alternates.

Delegate Dave Brandon, of Plymouth Township, is "ambitious" and a "possible"

Governor of Michigan.

Delegate Loren Bennett, Canton's state senator, is "one of the finest young legislators ever" — a potential environmental czar.

Alternate Delegate Steve Ragan, of Plymouth, a youngster working at "establishing a personal record."

The future, according to Carl, will be clearer on Nov. 5 — when his hope, Fitzsimmons, will beat Rivers by fewer than 5,000 votes. As the former Congressman campaigns for a Republican successor, he admits the battle of the 13th Congressional District breaks down as follows:

Rivers wins in Washtenaw.

Fitzsimmons wins in the western Wayne tier of Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

The battle looms in the next Wayne County tier of Westland, Garden City and Wayne.

But another factor, naturally, will be the trickle down of the Presidential race. Don't be surprised to see Clinton and/or Gore here stumping for Rivers; will Dole show as well as Kemp?

(Station 885 may have to add a mural to get all the U.S. Presidents who visit along with the George Bush and Teddy Roosevelt paintings.)

Yes, Carl's back.

After his failed bid for the U.S. Senate, Carl pretty much dropped out of sight.

He pretty much restricted his activities to his EMU regency and to the Field Elementary School reading program.

Now his blood sugar is under control — no sneaking candy bars, he proudly boasts. He's feeling better and even sometimes can beat Hugh Harsha at tennis.

With the blood sugar under control, Carl can now get his blood boiling with politics.

As usual.

### With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



Vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp and Carl Pursell, a former Congressman, often worked together during their days at the Capitol. (Crier file photo)

## Business owner promotes Plymouth

Annette Horn, owner of Native West Gallery in downtown Plymouth, is not a self-promoter.

She's never tried to boost her image or that of her gallery anymore than any other business owner.

But there are similarities between Horn and the immortal promoter P.T. Barnum.

Horn actively promotes downtown Plymouth — and she does it because she simply loves the town.

Horn is probably best known for being the key organizer for the "Plymouth is Artrageous" art walk (scheduled for Sept. 27-29.)

She's also working on a chili cook-off for October. Horn said she envisions the chili cook-off including country music, line dancing, salsa-making competition and a classic Harley-Davidson motorcycle show.

"There's one more event I'm trying to put together," she said. "We have February, March, April, May and June where we don't have any weekend festivals."

Is a spring festival in Plymouth's future? Horn hopes it is. And so should the entire town.

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



Many people love downtown Plymouth, but few put forth so much effort to show others Plymouth's greatness.

Horn is the exception to the rule.

"I enjoy it when people come into town for the first time and say, 'What a great town you have,'" she said.

Sure, Horn does indirectly benefit from more people coming to Plymouth. But that's all part of doing business. What makes Horn's style of promotion different is that it benefits everyone in town. The events she plans are fun for the entire community.

"I don't want to get too spiritual or anything, but you ask yourself, 'What will people remember me by?' We're only on this earth for a short time," she said. "I'm not only doing this for me. I want something to pass on to my children."

Through hard work and tireless volunteering, Horn has emerged as downtown's unofficial leader (whether she knows it or not.) She always has a finger on the pulse of downtown Plymouth's business community.

What will Horn organize next? It's hard to tell, but the community can take comfort in knowing we have our own P.T. Barnum telling people something most of us take for granted — that downtown Plymouth is a great place to be.





# Community opinions

## The 'Real' game

*Amateur sports are more enjoyable for 'real' sports fans*

While professional baseball tries to decide whether it wants to be a game or a business, amateur teams are as popular as ever. Canton's excellent Connie Mack team just finished an outstanding season, and the U.S. women's softball team earned Olympic gold. "Real" sports fans are more attracted to these teams for one reason: the players play for the enjoyment of the game.

Baseball was never intended to be a vocation (or a vacation, as some professionals seem to think). You can look it up. I did. The rules set down by the Knickerbocker baseball club in 1845 are very specific — baseball is a game to be played by gentlemen (or ladies), and not for pay.

Meanwhile, television advertisers continue to find new and inventive ways to spoil our game. As you know, every stadium is plastered with billboards. The outfield fence sells beer, the scoreboard sells pizza and the little area behind home plate advertises your local bank.

Or does it? Depending on where the game will be televised, these billboards are changed to advertise the local bank in Boston, Cleveland or Seattle, simultaneously. The video image of the live broadcast is altered to match the market to which the game is directed.

I'm sure the marketing guys see this as a brilliant advance in segment targeting, and I'll admit it's a clever idea. But the idea that I'm watching a game that's been filtered through a computer leaves me as cold as an April home opener.

Before long, the technology used to fake today's billboards will become sophisticated enough to create tomorrow's players. The marketing geniuses will convince the team owners that computers can create entire games, even whole seasons. After some initial public outcry, (as usual, just a minor annoyance to team owners), "cyber baseball" will catch on and become a

## Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



sensation. The computer-literate generation will embrace it with open arms and open wallets.

Think of the possibilities! Computer images will replace the now expendable and much more expensive players. No more agents, coaches or team jets. The stadiums will become museums. The games, fabricated daily, will be orchestrated to attract fans to the story, just like a good soap opera. Plus, every city that wants a team can have one! No rainouts, no contract squabbles, just good old-fashioned baseball. I can hardly wait.

In the meantime, I'll continue to enjoy baseball as it was meant to be played — by amateurs. If you consider those 1845 knickerbocker rules irrelevant, don't tell the two teams that played a week ago last Sunday.

The Greenfield Village Lah-de-dahs played host to the Forest City Base Ball Club from Cleveland, and on a beautiful day made for baseball, the locals prevailed 16-15. These teams are just two of many clubs throughout the Midwest that play antique baseball, strictly by the original rules. Several members of the team (yes, myself included) are from the Plymouth-Canton area.

So, for a taste of baseball in its original form [insert shameless plug here], come see the Lah-de-dahs this Sunday as they attempt to subdue the always restless Woodstock Actives.

You can expect to see hits, runs and errors, presented with a refreshing dose of sportsmanship. Missing from the action will be spitting, swearing, showboating, labor disputes and loafing.

Oh, and you also won't see baseball mitts — they hadn't been invented yet.

## Negative campaigning rejected by voters

EDITOR:

It is with surprise that I received through the U.S. Postal Service a publication called, "Western Wayne Civic

Spotlight," which appears to be a piece of political literature mailed by "Vorva for State Representative," and made to look like it is a legitimate publication.

## School Board meeting date should be changed — again

While the Plymouth-Canton School Board held its first regular meeting of August last night, so did the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

And if the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees didn't reduce its meetings to once every four weeks during the summer months, it would have too.

That means three out of the four majors boards in The Plymouth-Canton Community convene on the same night

How can residents be in two different locations at the same time?

The answer: They can't.

But this is the position the community finds itself in after the P-C School Board decided to move its regular meetings from the second and fourth Mondays of

each month to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

While the schools say it will allow more time for review of the agenda and administrator's preparation for the meeting, residents are inconvenienced by being forced to make a choice.

If Tuesday meetings will — as the schools insist — increase community participation and interest, then they should be held the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

That would enable residents to regularly attend board meetings for their schools and their community.

It is the only (fair) solution.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

This sheet of trash made me lose all faith in people such as Jerry Vorva, who attempt to deceive the voters of our community with negative campaigning and attempts to raise fear in the electorate. Evidently the voters in the 20th State House District are too smart and too sophisticated to believe the material published in this piece of trash. As a result, our State Representative, Mr. Gerald Law, was re-elected by an almost two to one margin on Aug. 6. I hope this result teaches people such as Mr. Vorva that negative campaigning and presenting information that is untruthful in an attempt to deceive the voting public is an unacceptable practice that has been rejected by the voters.

With material such as this, I have lost all respect for Mr. Vorva, and I believe the public has recognized him as an opportunist who will go beyond reason to produce self-serving material not caring whose life or future he affects by his innuendos and half-truths. I raise my hat to the voters of the 20th State House District for their understanding and staying the course.

ABE A. MUNFAKH

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