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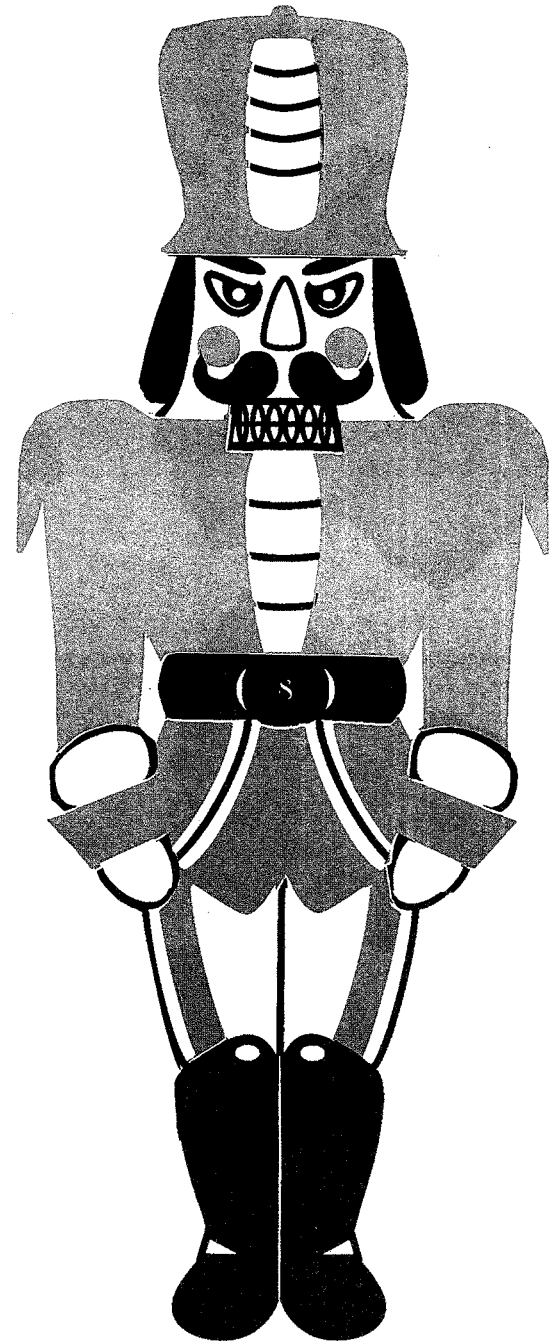
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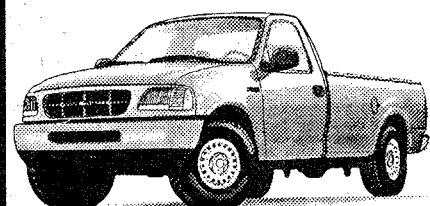


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Hennessy bandits hit Twp.

Robbery at Pilgrim Party Shoppe may have been 1 of ring's last

BY BRYON MARTIN

When the Hennessy Bandit robbed a Plymouth Township shopkeeper at gunpoint Friday, it wasn't his first crime in Plymouth-Canton, though it may have been his last.

Monday, East Pointe police arrested three men they believe to be the bandits — actually, a four-person robbery ring — who have hit eight party stores and convenience shops in Metro Detroit.

The latest heist happened around 3:30 Friday afternoon when the bandit escaped from Pilgrim Party Shoppe with bank deposits and money from the register.

The crime followed a pattern set during robberies in Dearborn, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Canton, and which has earned the thieves their collective nickname.

Friday's bandit requested two bottles of

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Guards stand outside Scott Correctional Facility, on Beck and Sheldon Roads in Northville Twp., where a gas leak last summer renewed investigations into allegations of sexual assaults against inmates. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

The case against Scott

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

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On the hot, sunny afternoon of July 15, a gas main broke near the corner of Beck and Five Mile roads in Northville Township.

Firefighters quickly arrived at the scene and, recognizing the danger of the situation, immediately cut off traffic to the intersection.

The leak was actually more of a gas geyser, spouting hissing fumes around the northeast corner of the intersection. Township firefighters were dealing with the possibility of a serious explosion.

Luckily, the corner of Beck and Five Mile wasn't very crowded. Optical Imaging Systems, a gas station under construction and a smattering of houses sit on three of the four corners. Firefighters evacuated O.I.S. and the houses without too much difficulty.

Evacuation at the fourth corner, however, was more complicated. Scott Correctional Facility, one of two women's prisons in the state, couldn't just be emptied.

Instead, the prison locked down. According to a Northville Township police report, prisoners were moved to the west side of the

facility, away from the gas leak and a possible explosion. Eight of the prisoners, however, were transferred to a male prison just down the road.

Hours later, the danger was gone. The main was patched, the explosion averted.

But one question was left hanging — what was special about those eight prisoners?

Northville police found it simple: the prisoners were pregnant. Their special needs necessitated a special move. That's what officials wrote in their report, and according to Chip Snyder, Northville Township director of public safety, that's what a prison liaison told Snyder's crew during the gas leak.

Less than one week after the incident, however, the Michigan Department of Corrections denied Scott Correctional Facility housed any pregnant prisoners. According to spokesperson Matt Davis, the Department of Corrections "does not have a policy of allowing sex in

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Crier carriers aren't to blame for late papers

If your home-delivered copy of The Community Crier has landed your doorstep a little later than normal lately, you're not

alone. Some subscribers haven't received their papers until late Wednesday, or even on Thursday.

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Car kills Canton woman walking dog

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 57-year-old Canton resident was struck and killed Wednesday evening while walking her dog along Sheldon Road.

According to Canton Police reports, Diane Louise Alff was hit near Cranberry Street, just east of the Mirage Party Store.

"Apparently she was either walking her dog or she chased it into the roadway and was struck by a vehicle traveling south," said Sgt. Chuck Raycraft.

Alff was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti where she was pronounced dead.

The dog and the driver of the vehicle, a 48-year old Canton resident, were not

injured, according to reports.

The incident has been turned over to Canton's Accident Investigation Team, according to Raycraft. Reports said there was no indication of excessive speed or wrong doing.

Raycraft said the driver will probably not be charged in the incident.

A member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Alff came to the community in 1977. She is survived by her sons, Steve (Dawn) Dunleavy of Livonia, William Alff of Canton, Michael Alff of Canton; mother, Florence Ayotte of Canton; brother, Albert (Carol) Ayotte of Shoreview, MN; and sister, Carolyn Clark of Livonia.

Livestock mutilated at Canton Camp

Vandalism, animal killings continue in string of crimes begun this summer

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Don Fraser walked into his animal pens at Real Life Day Camp Wednesday morning, he found a grisly surprise.

Vandals had broken into two of the buildings, killed eight exotic guinea fowl and emptied five fire extinguishers into the day camp's goat pens.

"The goats were just coated with yellow powder. The whole stall was thick with it," he said. "I have to think (the vandals) must have been coated with it too. Someone must have noticed. I would hope a parent would say, What's going on?"

The vandals also broke into a nearby equipment shed, removed a dozen baseballs and hurled them at the animals. Aluminum baseball bats leaned ominously against a pig pen nearby, but the swine appeared uninjured, according to reports.

"This is an ongoing incident since early this summer," said Fraser. "They've been doing some really nasty things."

Fraser said he's reported about eight other incidents to police, and several other incidents have occurred that he hasn't reported. Vandals have broken into Fraser's stables, saddled horses and ridden them. Animals have been freed from their pens and let into children's play areas. They have also performed acts of vandalism and other,

more gruesome activities.

Fraser said on one night a vandal killed a rabbit and chopped off its ears. The mutilated animal was left to be found the following day by one of the children visiting the day camp.

"It's very disturbing," Fraser said. "Anyone who can kill so readily can become a real problem to society."

Fraser also reports that in addition to the animals that have been killed, several others have been stolen. He said he has no idea who is committing the crimes.

Real Life Day Camp sits on a 60-acre site on Geddes Road, just west of Beck Road. The size of the site, and easy access are problems police have encountered while investigating the string of incidents, according to Sgt. Chuck Raycraft.

"There's a lot of fence line that provides a lot of access," Raycraft said. "We don't know where they are coming from."

Raycraft said the department had no leads on the incidents and couldn't guess at what would motivate the crimes. Interviews with neighbors have indicated that on nights the incidents occurred, no suspicious vehicles were seen in the area.

Police have stepped up patrols around the farm including their bike patrols. Fraser has supplied them with a key so that they may make a closer inspection of the grounds.

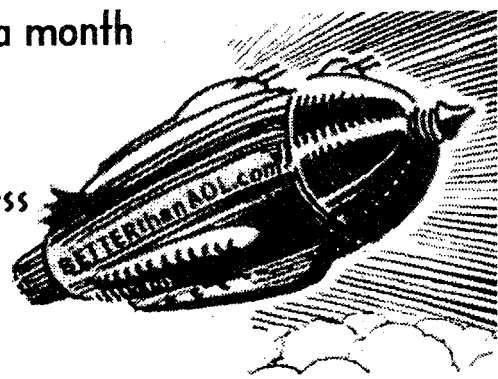
"It's set back from the road enough so that something could be happening and you wouldn't see it," Fraser said.

Fraser said he had no idea of who could be performing the acts.

Anyone with information about the incidents can call the Canton detective bureau at (734) 397-5337.

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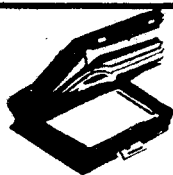


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BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER
 Remerica real estate has a new look.

The Plymouth-based nationwide real estate company has just unveiled a new logo.

"It's a new exciting splash look," said Jim Preston, Remerica vice president.

He said the logo was tested before consumer groups in two Michigan and two California locations. More than 70 per cent of the respondents picked the new logo.

The new logo went up at corporate headquarters on Ann Arbor Road on Monday.

Jeff The, DO, of Canton, has been granted medical staff privileges at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He specializes in internal medicine and has joined Mercy Primary Care in Livonia, which includes Drs. Sherrie Tefend and Kurt Wright.

The received his medical degree from Michigan State University. He completed his internal medicine internship and residency at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. Prior to joining St. Joe's, The was an assistant professor at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic and worked at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing.

The regular meeting of the Northville Chapter of the Business Network International (BNI) is scheduled from 7-8:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Kerby Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggery Roads.

The Plymouth Chapter meets at the Water Club Seafood Grill, Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Getting down to business

Teaching a sound choice

Plymouth man builds a recording studio, sound career in Plymouth

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When walking into Bill "Buzz" Buswinka's Plymouth recording studio, it isn't immediately clear that the place represents more than 15 years of education and instruction.

Carved out of a nondescript gray rental building, the studio holds all the equipment you would expect. Computers line one wall. Sitting next to them is a multi-level mixing board sprouting wires as colorful as a punk rocker's hair. There's a reel-to-reel tape machine, a surfboard-size keyboard and a big squishy couch.

On the other side of a long piece of glass is the studio itself. Designed by Buswinka, and constructed with the help of family and friends, the room hosts a myriad of microphones, an isolation booth for recording vocals and a variety of guitars, drums, and a five-foot harp.

"I spent many a day and night in engineering libraries trying to find the best way to squeeze the best acoustics out of the space," he said.

Buswinka's research included examining the acoustics of ancient cathedrals, and the eclectic design of the walls reflects it. In the equipment room, Buswinka has hung sound absorbing materials such as egg crate padding to clean the room of echoes and stray sound waves. Combined with the angled walls and ceiling, the studio produces a much more harmonious effect than originally

Some people start right from scratch and they end up creating something they didn't expect. I think that's what people imagine and I help them with that.
 — Bill Buswinka

expected.

"Nothing is worse than parallel lines in a recording studio," he said. "You remember the video game Pong?"

The equipment could have been purchased by anyone. But Buswinka's expertise is clear when hands slide over the equipment affecting minuscule changes in the sound, or when he tilts his



Bill Buswinka (left) works on the mixing board as Chuck Newsome (right) a student of Buswinka's for two years, puts down a musical track. "It's a real good environment to learn in because you have all the studio equipment right at your fingertips," Newsome said. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

head to ascertain the perfect blend of sound, or listens patiently to musicians.

That expertise translates easily to the final recording, which could be anything from a voice over for a radio advertisement or a CD for a local musician.

"I'm very fortunate to be able to do this," he said.

It is said that fortune favors the prepared mind. Buswinka, now 30, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and holds a masters degree in music literature. He has worked in music for 15 years, both as a teacher and in recording studios.

Part of his enjoyment in owning his own studio is passing his knowledge on to others, he said.

"It's a neat process to see the lights go off in their heads," he said. "Some people start right from scratch and they end up creating something they didn't expect. I think that's what people imagine, and I help them with that."

The desire to teach led Buswinka to offer classes in music recording through the Southeastern Michigan Conservatory of Arts. Buswinka taught at the Canton building when it was Arnoldt Williams and has continued to work with the conservatory, since it opened in July.

The classes will last for 10 weeks and begin in January, Buswinka said. Held at

night, they will outline the basic steps to recording music.

"We're not going to just integrate one particular instrument. We'll learn how to write songs and go over the line to see how they're put together," he said. "Until they see how the bass and guitar fit together they don't always know there's an engineering to it."

Buswinka says the class will be a real hands-on opportunity for students, and will cover everything from turning the

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equipment on to turning bits of music into a song. Whether it's using the mixing board, combine tracks in a computer with different sound effects or performing digital editing — the equivalent of word processing to music — Buswinka said the students will get a chance to do it all.

"They won't just hear it, they'll see it in action," he said. "It helps to have to do it while they try and learn it. It stays in the mind longer."

Crash with cop injures man, 77

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 77-year-old Westland man was hospitalized Saturday after a collision with a Canton Police cruiser.

According to reports, the man and his wife were traveling east on Palmer road when their sedan collided with a police car traveling south on Haggerty Road.

Ofc. Leonard Schemanske said the officer, Ron Holewinski, was en route to a run, but not traveling with his lights or sirens activated, nor driving at an excessive speed.

"It wasn't warranted in this instance," Schemanske said.

The man, Harvey Belden, was transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, and later med-flighted to the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor. He was upgraded from critical to serious condition yesterday, Schemanske said.

Belden's wife, Dorothy, was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. She is listed in stable condition. Holewinski was also transported to St. Joseph's and released Sunday.

"He's fine, but a little shaken up," Raycraft said.

The accident is being investigated by the Michigan State Police, according to Sgt. Chuck Raycraft.

"It's just our policy to have major accidents handled by an outside agency," Raycraft said. "If it's a minor accident we'll investigate our own."

Raycraft said he wasn't sure of the cause of the accident, but said preliminary reports indicate Belden ran a red light and struck the cruiser.

"If that turns out to be the case, he'll most likely be ticketed," he said.

Holiday deadlines

During the week of the Christmas holiday, Crier publication dates will change from Wednesday, Dec. 23 to Saturday, Dec. 19.

Special deadlines of note for Crier advertisers include:

- Classified ads: deadlines is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
- Display ads: deadline is Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
- Editorial deadlines: letters to the

Editor, listings in What's Happening, Obituary notices, general news and photo opportunities is Thursday, Dec. 17.

Crier offices will be closed Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25. The newspaper will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24.

The Crier offices will also be closed New Year's Day Friday, Jan. 1. The paper will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

Police catch suspected members of cognac crew

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Hennessy cognac from a high shelf behind the check out counter. When store owner Richard Hesano turned around with the bottles, the thief brandished an automatic pistol.

"Give me all of the money in the register and the black bag," the bandit said, according to Plymouth Township police reports. "Me and my kids got to eat too. I'll kill all of you if I have to."

Hesano handed over the cash and the cognac, and the bandit fled out the back of the store. As he ran out, he shoved a woman out of the way who was on her way into the store.

According to Sgt. Jim Jarvis, witnesses at the scene may help identify the thief.

Jarvis said police here and in other communities believe the bandits are the same who have hit other stores, including two robberies at The Canton Party Store, on Canton Center Road and Michigan Avenue.

"They're pretty sure these are the guys," Jarvis said. "This might clean it up."

Yesterday, Jarvis went to the East Pointe police department to question the suspects about their suspected connection to the robberies in Plymouth-Canton.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Marine Pfc. **Tuan Vogle**, son of **Paul D. and Kim T. Vogle** of Plymouth, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island SC, and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

He is a 1990 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Hospitalman **Stephen D. Littleton**, son of **Douglas A. and Beverly J. Littleton** of Canton, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

Home based in Camp Lejeune, NC, Littleton's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

He joined the Navy in Jan 1997.

Marine Cpl. **Ronald K. Cullen**, whose wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of **Mark and Roxanne Smith** of Canton, is currently based in Okinawa, Japan with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

The 1994 graduate of Salem High School joined the Marine Corps in January, 1995.

Marine Lance Cpl. **Nathan M. Branim**, son of **Debra J. Lehner** of Canton, is currently based in Okinawa, Japan with 2nd Battalion 8th Marines as part of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP).

Air Force Staff Sgt. **Jeanette M. Jimmerson** has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, TX.

Jimmerson is a triccare flight supervisor assigned to the 7th Medical Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, TX. She is the daughter of **Judy** and stepdaughter of **Marvin Hopper** of Canton.

Plymouth resident and William Tyndale College student **Catherine Billington** was inducted into Alpha Chi, a co-educational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction.

A truly decent proposal

Plymouth man makes the most of empty store fronts for surprise proposal

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The crowds in town for a bit of window shopping Thursday got more than they bargained for.

Plymouth's Don Morgan, son of the former city attorney, made a proposal in the empty store front facing Kellogg Park that would make many prospective business owners and developers envious.

Not that people walking by knew exactly what was going on — they merely saw a table in the now-vacant space front that housed the Pied Piper. Covered with roses, surrounded by balloons, Morgan sat down to a meal with his soon-to-be-fiance, Amanda Parrish.

"We'd been dating for more than three years," the 27-year-old said. "I knew there was going to be a time when I was going to propose to her and I thought this would be the perfect chance."

Morgan said the idea sparked when he was looking into renting the space from building owner Jim McKeon. A 1996 graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Morgan has been shopping around for a location for a restaurant.

"I lent him the key so he could pull this little caper off," McKeon said. "I'm just glad she said yes."

With the site for his proposal secured, Morgan went about making the other arrangements. He ordered three dozen long-stemmed roses and 50 balloons of various colors from Heide's Flowers and



Plymouth's Don Morgan was the talk of the town last week, with his innovative way to propose to his girlfriend, Amanda. Morgan borrowed the vacant store front facing Kellogg Park and cooked up a romantic dinner for two.

Gifts. He prepared a duck dinner, which he stowed at the store in a warming box.

Morgan said he chose to propose on Thursday because — as the day before Amanda's birthday — it would take her totally by surprise.

"I called her up and asked if she wanted to go downtown to get some coffee," he said. "She showed up in sweats and a t-shirt."

Morgan said he asked Amanda to wait out in the building's back corridor as he

made the final preparations. Candles were laid out and lit. Balloons scattered around. The roses and dinner were set upon the table.

"She cried right when she went into the place," Morgan said. "No one had ever done anything like that for her before."

At that point, Amanda still had no knowledge of the impending proposal. Morgan told her that it was a birthday dinner, and the two of them ate as people walked by, giving the scene double and triple takes and thumbs up signs, he said.

Then came the hard part.

The poem.

"Of the two of us, she is by far the better writer," he said. "This was pretty corny."

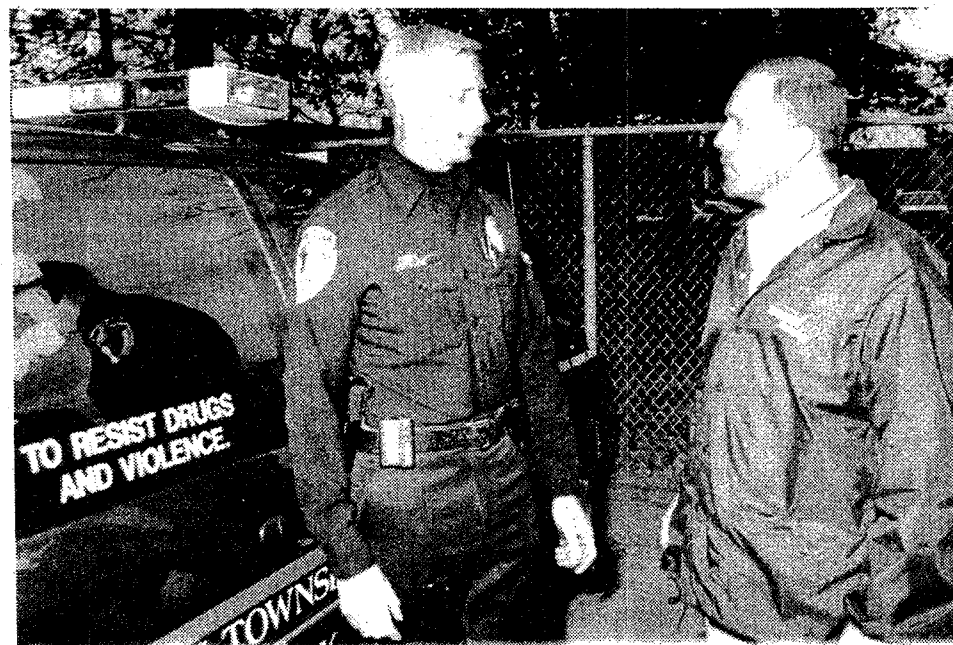
"From the day you came into my wife, I knew I wanted you for my wife..." the poem began. New tears welled up.

Morgan's poem tied the whole evening together, remarking on things the couple enjoyed doing, such as feeding ducks — which they named Charlie and Daisy — in Hines Park and ended up with Morgan asking for her hand in marriage.

The answer — a very heart-felt yes.

The roses and table still sit in the window, a tribute to the evening, Morgan said. And the idea, and successful execution of it had other rewards, too.

"My brothers have always been the popular, athletic types. Now they come up to me and ask me for advice on being romantic," he said, laughing.



A D.A.R.E.—ING Gift... Officer Bill Groff (left) receives a \$1,500 donation for the Plymouth Township D.A.R.E. program from Plymouth's Tenneco packaging. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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Plymouth Band takes caroling to new heights

Band gets it on again
Plymouth Band delivers free music for P-C-N

The Plymouth Community Band will offer another evening celebrating the music of the Christmas season Friday Dec. 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Canton Little Theater.

This year's concert will feature Christmas music exclusively, according to spokesperson Robert Baron. "A healthy dose of Christmas music," he said. "And, as always, it's free." The Theater is in Canton High School on Canton Center Road.

Canton hosts a bevy of holiday-related events

With a flourish, some caroling, and a visit from ole Saint Nick himself, Canton will officially kick off their holiday season with a tree lighting Monday, Dec. 7.

Held at 7 p.m. this year at the new Fire Station One, the tree lighting is only the tip of the holiday iceberg. There will be music, caroling, hayrides, ice sculpting refreshments and a visit from Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man.

Canton will also host its third annual Brunch with Santa Sunday, Dec. 13. Cost for the brunch is \$14.95 for adults and \$6.95 for kids and 4-10 years. Children three and under are free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 397-6800 until Dec. 11.

Parents wanting to drop off their kids and go Christmas shopping

will have the opportunity on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Santa's Elves Workshop. Children will be able to partake of a day full of holiday crafts, games and swimming for ages 6-11. Cost is \$20 for passholders, \$22 for residents and \$24 for non-residents.

Seniors can look forward to the annual St. Nick's Frolic on Wed. Dec. 9 from 12-4 p.m. in the Summit's banquet room. The event includes a buffet, door prizes and entertainment. Cost is \$8 for residents and \$12 for non-residents.

Dec. 5 in front of the new fire station the Canton Historical Society is hosting an open house and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about programs at the Summit call (734) 397-5110.



Brickscape Christmas store in Northville will be offering sno-flocked trees this season, a design popular in the fifties and sixties.

Santa comes to town Friday

The guy from up north is coming into Plymouth this Friday to see first hand how good all the little girls and boys have been.


Santa won't be coming by his traditional sleigh, however, Santa will ride a great firetruck in Kellogg Park at 6 p.m. Get ready.

Symphony, Garden Club to sell luminary kits through December

The Plymouth Symphony League will once again join forces with the Trailwood Garden Club for their annual luminary kit fundraising sale.

The sale will take place at the Kroger's at Sheldon and Ann

Arbor Road, at the Plymouth Marketplace at Lilly and Ann Arbor Road, and at Westchester Mall December 5, 12 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kits include 10 candles and white bags and cost \$4.



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The Plymouth and Canton Goodfellows will be out in force on Saturday Dec. 5 to sell their newspaper.

Volunteers will be accepting

donations throughout the one-day sale.

All proceeds go to buy food, clothing and toys for needy families during the holidays and throughout the year.

So watch for the Goodfellows sign and give 'em a brake.



PCAC hosts craft workshop, tree ornament class

Events for kids while parents shop

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will host a Christmas Craft Workshop and Visit with Santa on Tuesday December

15 from 10-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

The day includes a visit with Santa and holiday craft projects. Photos of children with Santa will be available for an additional \$2. The cost per child is \$7.

PCAC will also offer a ceramics

Christmas Tree Ornament class for children ages 6-12. Cookie cutters and rolling pins are just some of the tools kids will use to create a lasting momento or great gift. Pick-up of

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PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Please call PCAC at (734) 416-4ART.

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A Holiday Candle Lighting Ceremony to remember loved ones will take place Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., hosted by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Please call 453-3333 for more information.

Beckett craft show Dec. 5

The Saint Thomas A' Beckett Women's club will host it's 9th annual craft show Sat. Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday and other types of crafts to fit all budgets will be available.

The day will also include hourly raffles, lunches and

bake sales. Over 70 crafters will participate. Wheelchair accessible, and strollers are welcome.

Admission rates are as follows: \$1 for adults, 50 cents for seniors, children 12 and younger are free. Located at 555 S. Lilley Rd., Canton.



Plymouth Symphony and Ballet join forces to present The Nutcracker

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's better than Marvel Team-Up: the Plymouth Symphony and Plymouth-Canton Ballet join to tell the classic Christmas fairy tale, The Nutcracker.

This year's performance will take place at the Salem High School auditorium Dec. 11-13, according to Plymouth-Canton ballet director Dawn Greene.

Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell, both with the Cincinnati Ballet Company, will return this year as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the King.

Tim Smola, a dancer with the Dance Company of Ann Arbor, will perform the part of the nutcracker this year, Green said.

Canton's Hilari Smith will

reprise the role of Clara, the young girl who dances with the Nutcracker doll and is later transported to the Magic Kingdom.

Tickets for the show are \$17 for adults and \$10 students. The show starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 12-13.

A Sugar Plum Tea will be held in the cafeteria immediately following the Saturday and Sunday performances. Tickets for the tea are \$5.

To order tickets, or for more information call the Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or the ballet at (734) 397-8828.

Tickets can also be purchased at Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, and Dearborn Music and Evola Music in Canton.

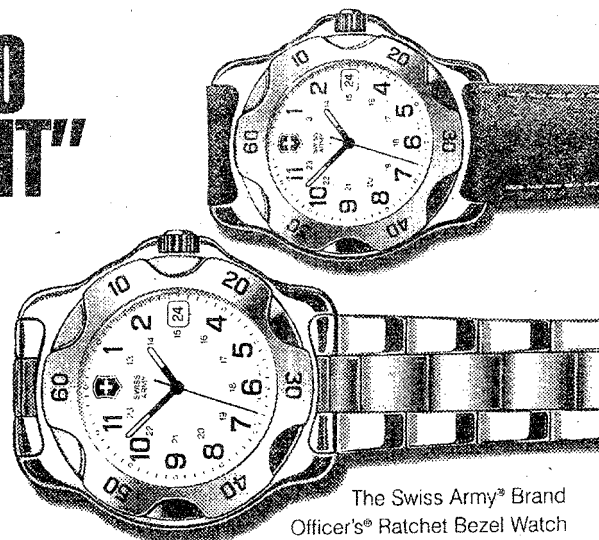
Mel's Razor collects toys for needy and handicapped children

Mel's Golden Razor is collecting new and used toys in good condition Nov. 23-Dec. 18 at 595 Forest. Money donations are also accepted.

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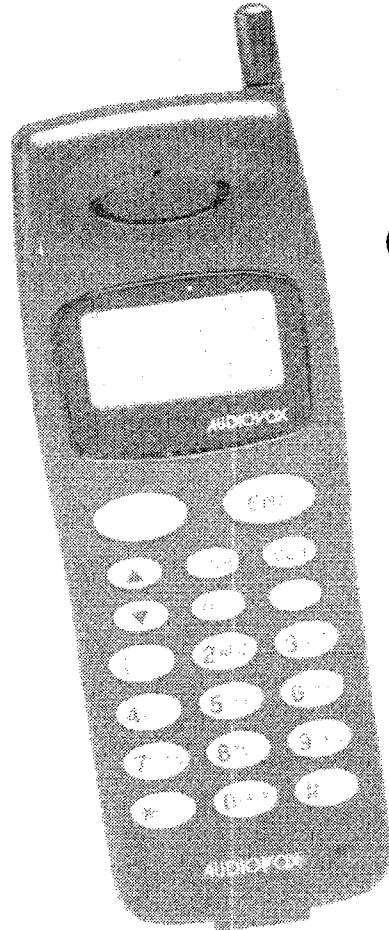


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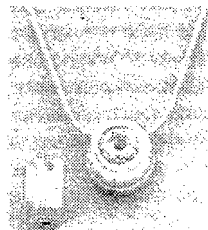


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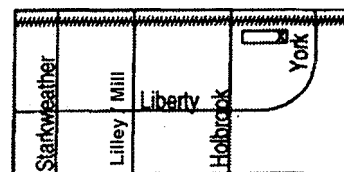
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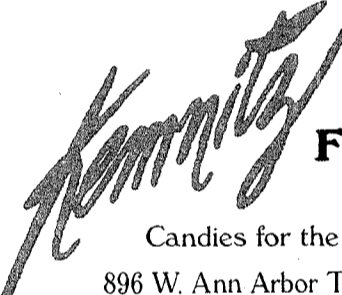


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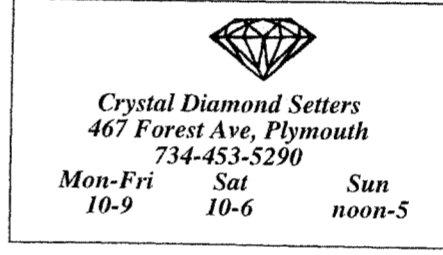


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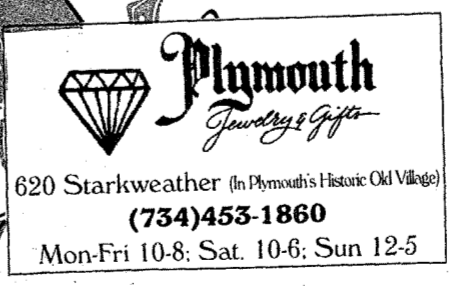
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Dec. 7 is the day to mark on your calendar if you're a senior citizen looking for holiday fun.

The Plymouth 60+ Club is sponsoring their non-denominational holiday dinner at noon, Dec. 7 at the First United Methodist Church on North Territorial Road.

The seniors will be serving

roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, salad and apple pie. Public is welcome to the dinner.

A program will follow, including a Christmas sing-along.

Tickets must be reserved by Nov. 28, and are \$6. For more information, or to order tickets, call Merle Dray at (734) 354-9282.

Canton Fire hosts X-Mas gala

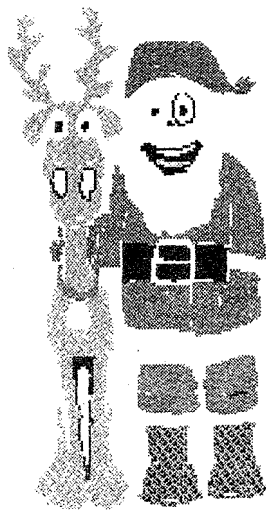
The Canton Fire Department is decking the halls and throwing a party for Christmas.

"It started out as an employee event, and then grew to their families and friends," said Lt. Jim Davison.

Tickets for the Dec. 18th event are

\$30 and include a buffet dinner, drinks and entertainment by a disk jockey, Davison said.

The event will be held at the Summit on the Park. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Davison said.



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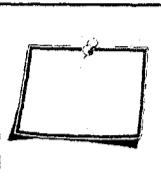
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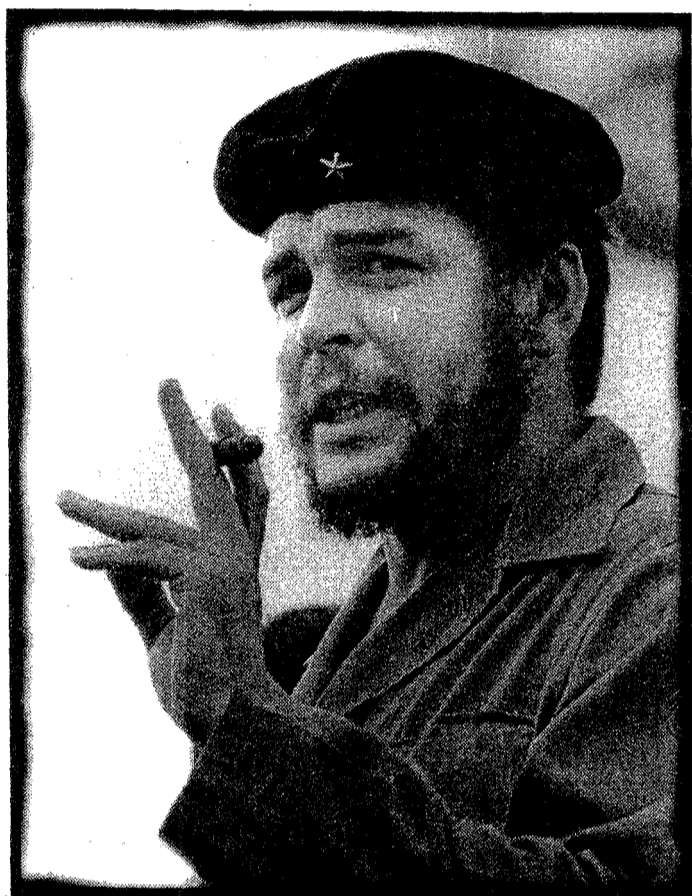


What's Happening

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



Events



Photos from Cuba... Frameworks and Quicksilver Photo is presenting a special exhibit of the photographs of Osvaldo & Roberto Salas from Nov. 27 until Christmas at the Frameworks store 833 Penniman, Plymouth. There will be a reception to greet the artist Dec. 4, from 5-8 p.m. Osvaldo is a sports photographer whose work appeared in publications such as LIFE and the New York Times. He and his son befriended Fidel Castro, and documented the events of the Cuban Revolution, including The Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis.

POTTERS GUILD ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE

The Village Potters Guild will host their annual holiday sale Dec. 3-5. Ceramic artist exhibiting both functional and decorative work in porcelain, stoneware, raku and pit fire at 340 N. Main. For more information call (734) 207-8807.

The Guild will also be exhibiting their work this weekend in the first floor conference room in the Dunning Hough Library. The exhibit will be open to patrons Saturday and Sunday throughout the library's hours.

BPW 70TH ANNIVERSARY

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club will celebrate its 70th anniversary this year with a luncheon Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998 at noon at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. For Further information or to make reservations please call (734) 455-9002 or (734) 453-8578.

NORTHVILLE NIGHT

Northville Parks and Recreation will again be sponsoring the second annual family New Year's Eve event called Northville Night. More than 400 people attended last year's event, which will once again be held at Northville High School. Tickets for this family event go on sale Nov. 1 at the Recreation Department and are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under the age of 12. There will be clowns, carnival games, slot cars and miniature golf and a magic show. For more information contact Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

GUIDE to Entertainment

Go P.C.N.

Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under What's Happening.

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CENTER STAGE

734-981-5122; Fri.-Sat.: Dance to alternative music and more.

ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.: Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.: Live Music in Piano Bar.

GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater: "Clueless at Christmas" begins Nov. 28.

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Wed.: Starlight Drifters; Fri.: Sun Messengers

MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Live Musical Theatre "Cinderella"

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734-453-0870; Now playing: "There's Something About Mary"

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Sun.: DJ Brian spins jazz.

PLYMOUTH WHALERS

734-453-8400; The Whalers host North Bay at 7:30 Fri. and Peterboro at 7:30 Sat.

STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Sat.: Live music with Wally Gibson;

WAGON WHEEL LOUNGE

248-349-8686; Wed.: Marilyn's Bath Dance; Sat.: Bob Willett and the Blue Devils

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor.

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings, reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.

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Obituaries

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ROY E. BAUDE

Roy E. Baude, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 11, 1998 at the age of 81.

Mr. Baude was born Oct. 28, 1917 in Detroit. He worked for the Rocco Ferrara Construction Company, retiring in 1973. He came to the Plymouth community in 1961 from Mt. Clemens, MI. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans 5th Fighter Squadron. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII in North Africa and Central Europe. He received the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with two Silver and one Bronze Star; five Overseas Service Bars and the Good Conduct Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret N. of Plymouth; sons, Mark W. (Cynthia) Evans of Duluth, GA, D. Mitchell (Marcia) Evans of Suwanee, GA; daughter-in-law, Janellen Evans of Livonia; and grandchildren, Lisa (Steve), Laura, Charlotte, Maek (Coleen), Amber, and Nikki. He is preceded in death by his son, D. Michael Evans.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

BETTY ANN KANE

Betty Ann Kane, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 15, 1998 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Kane was born Sept. 29, 1926 in Detroit. She worked in management at Michigan Bell Telephone Company, retiring after 39 years of service. She was involved in civil defense during a portion of her employment. She enjoyed arranging flower, making baskets, needlepoint and gardening.

She is survived by her sister, Kathy Cline of Plymouth; many nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with James Skimins officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

DIANNE L. ALFF

Dianne L. Alff, a Canton resident, died Nov. 17, 1998 at the age of 57.

Mrs. Alff was born Dec. 3, 1940 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton Community in 1977 from Detroit. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She is survived by her sons, Steve (Dawn) Dunleavy of Livonia, William Alff of Canton, Michael Alff of Canton; mother, Florence Ayotte of Canton; brother, Albert (Carol) Ayotte of Shoreview, MN, and sister, Carolyn Clark of Livonia. She is preceded in death by her father, Albert Paul Ayotte; and husband, William Alff.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

ANN CATHERINE O'SHAUGHNESSY

Ann Catherine O'Shaughnessy, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 17, 1998 at the age of 42.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy was born Oct. 15, 1956 in Buffalo, NY. She was a registered nurse. She was very active in the Plymouth community where she volunteered in the schools, hospitals and at community events.

She is survived by her husband, John D. O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth; parents, Arnold Laverne (Joyce Mary) Swable of Darien, NY; sons, Eric Jon O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth, Collin Patrick O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth; brothers, Aaron Swable of

Basom, NY, Burt Swable of E. Pembroke, NY; and sister, Arleen Shaw of Attica, NY.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI, 48076.

LAWRENCE HENRY McDONALD

Lawrence Henry McDonald, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 18, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mr. McDonald was born March 28, 1913 in Cambria County, PA. He was a maintenance supervisor for the Plymouth schools for 20 years at Smith Elementary and Salem High School.

He is survived by his daughters, Grace (Fred) Krause of Westland, Bernice (Charles) Merryfield of Roscommon, MI; grandchildren, Debra (Gary) Pack of Westland, Vicki (David) Gallinat of Livonia, Cheryl (William) Frost of Westland, Scott (Denise) Merryfield of Plymouth; sisters, Sally Fulton of Florida, Naomi Miller of Pennsylvania; and great-grandchildren, Jason Pack, Julie Pack and Shanon Frost.

Services were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with Pastor Jay Cubbison officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

MARY ELIZABETH STOBBE

Mary Elizabeth Stobbe, a Livonia resident, died Nov. 18, 1998 at the age of 71.

Mrs. Stobbe was born Oct. 25, 1927 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She came to Livonia in 1956 from Plymouth. She was a member of the Sara Ann Chapter of the D.A.R. in Plymouth. She loved to travel and do art work.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Donald F. of Livonia, sons, Warren (Arlette) Stobbe of Plymouth, David (Peggy) Stobbe of Commerce Township; daughter, Barbara (Jeff) Newlove of Big Rapids; sister, Margery (Warren) Mason of Prescott, AZ; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

CARL ALBERT RAYMOND PETERSON

Carl Albert Raymond Peterson, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 22 1998 at the age of 92.

Mr. Peterson was born Sept. 12, 1906 in Manistique, MI. He was the owner/operator of Peterson's Drug Store in Plymouth. He opened the store in 1948 and retired in 1971. Prior to 1948 he managed several Kinsel Drug Stores in the Metro Detroit Area — he worked for many years at the main location in downtown Detroit at Griswold and Michigan. He graduated from the Practical Institute of Pharmacy in Sandusky, MI in Nov. 1928. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Detroit. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. He loved to travel, play cards and golf. He loved attending Kiwanis Club meetings — he had been a member for many years. He was also a member of the Masonic Order and the Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by his son, Carl (Linda) of Rochester Hills, daughter, Beverly (Donald) Schmidt of Hinsdale, IL; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by two wives, Maude (he was married to Maude for 30 years), and Bertha (he was married to Bertha for 30 years as well.)

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



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By Geneva Guenther

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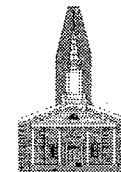
Usually I feel very good about our town of
Plymouth, but now I feel let down by the
tasteless exhibit some of our officials have put
us through. I pray for peace, but how can we
have it on a world basis if we cannot agree on
a simpler stand. "Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me." You don't just stand
there. However, what do you do when so
many are filled with their own importance and
a misconception of the worth of their ideas.
Woe is me!

But...

Suppose you had been taught and raised
with the concept that one must love people as
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Martha — help!

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Nipper, Tucker and Meatball: move over and make room for one more at the food dish.

You'll like him! -Juan Whonose

"We never talked about bowel movements when we were young." — Terri K. on her birthday at the Anchor Bar

Hey Jess, welcome home (I guess)

But, do vegetarians fly home for turkey & pie?

The Crier's Holiday Greeting Edition will be delivered to your doorstep on Dec. 19!

"The vagabond, when rich, is called a tourist." — Paul Richard

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THANKS DR. KEVIN ROOSE (and Rose and the kids) for all your after-hours attention. S & E.

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Janet Richwine was in town for a short time and wanted to say "hello" to all her friends.

Hello Janet, we miss you!

Sally - Somewhere between your brother's house and mine there is a very large bottle of zinfandel floating around that belongs to you. I had two bottles given to me and I am sharing — from one "wino" to another. The problem is to find your brother and make him give it to you. Love you, Geneva.

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Happy Thanksgiving to Dorothy Burke and Pat Carne! Love, Mike

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Wendy: Don't get burned up over Thanksgiving cooking!

KAY ARNOLD, expecting Ohio State to lose, took the week off. She's changing her mind and will return to gloat on John's dime.

— A Spartan

No one said life was easy, but no one said it would be this hard. Goodbye Beauregard, I've always loved you. — Geneva

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AMBASSADORS STING WINGS

BY NICK GISMONDI

After going 2-1 over the weekend against the Danville Wings and the St. Louis Sting, they slide into first place over the tough Soo Indians.

On Sunday the Ambassadors met the St. Louis Sting in a rematch of the Compuware Fall Classic final, where the Sting won to take the tournament. The Ambassadors dominated all night, scoring three quick goals just four minutes into the game. J.J. Swistak scored his twice in the swing.

Steve Jackson added two goals (his 13 and 14) in the second period with Swistak assisting on one. And rookie Rob Globke, who up until now has had trouble in scoring his first goal found the net at the 13:46 mark of the second period to make it 5-0. The eventual final would be 7-0. Kowalski made 9 saves on the night.

On Saturday the Ambassadors were set to play the Danville Wings in the second of two games last weekend. Danville opened the scoring in the first period with a goal by Matt Ciarcio at th 9:56 mark. D.J. Vogt answered back with a goal (his fifth in 15 games) at the 13:40 mark to tie the game at 1-1. Compuware took the lead a minute later when Swistak scored. Before the first frame came to a close though, Danville would tie it up with a goal to make it 2-2. Danville scored twice more in the second to make it 4-2.

Compuware got close at the 18:11 mark when Pat Brush brought it within one but it was not enough as Danville skated to a 4-3 victory. Danville's goalie, Martin Kresac stopped 37 shots, and Beau Fritz made 14 saves for Compuware.

On Friday things were better for the Ambassadors as they got a good start to the long weekend. Three first period goals by the Ambassadors were be a good start as Jackson, Williams, and Vogt, all scored goals.

Danville showed some life, bringing the game within one. Compuware also scored in the middle period to make it 4-2, as Williams scored his second of the night. In the third period Danville scored to make it 4-3, but D.J. Vogt's second of the night sealed the victory at the 13:31 mark. Compuware won 5-3.

The Ambassadors are now 16-4-1, which gives them 33 points, one point ahead of the Soo and first place in the NAHL. Their next games will be Friday at USA and then Saturday at home against St. Louis.

'The wheels fell off the wagon'

Salem's season ends with regional loss to West Bloomfield

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Sometimes the simplest explanations are the best.

"When you're playing at that level, you have to make your baskets," said Fred Thomann, Salem's girls basketball coach.

Unfortunately for his team, that's not what happened Monday night. The Rocks fell 53-38 in a first round regional match-up versus West Bloomfield.

It looked every bit a good game after the first quarter Monday with the score tied 13-13. But in the second, Salem couldn't solve the post-up game of Kim Kupela. She nailed the Rocks for 19 first half points, 11 in the second quarter.

"She was really the difference," Thomann said. "After we finally figured out how to play her in the second half, it was too late."

After being outscored 20-9 in the second quarter, Salem never recovered.

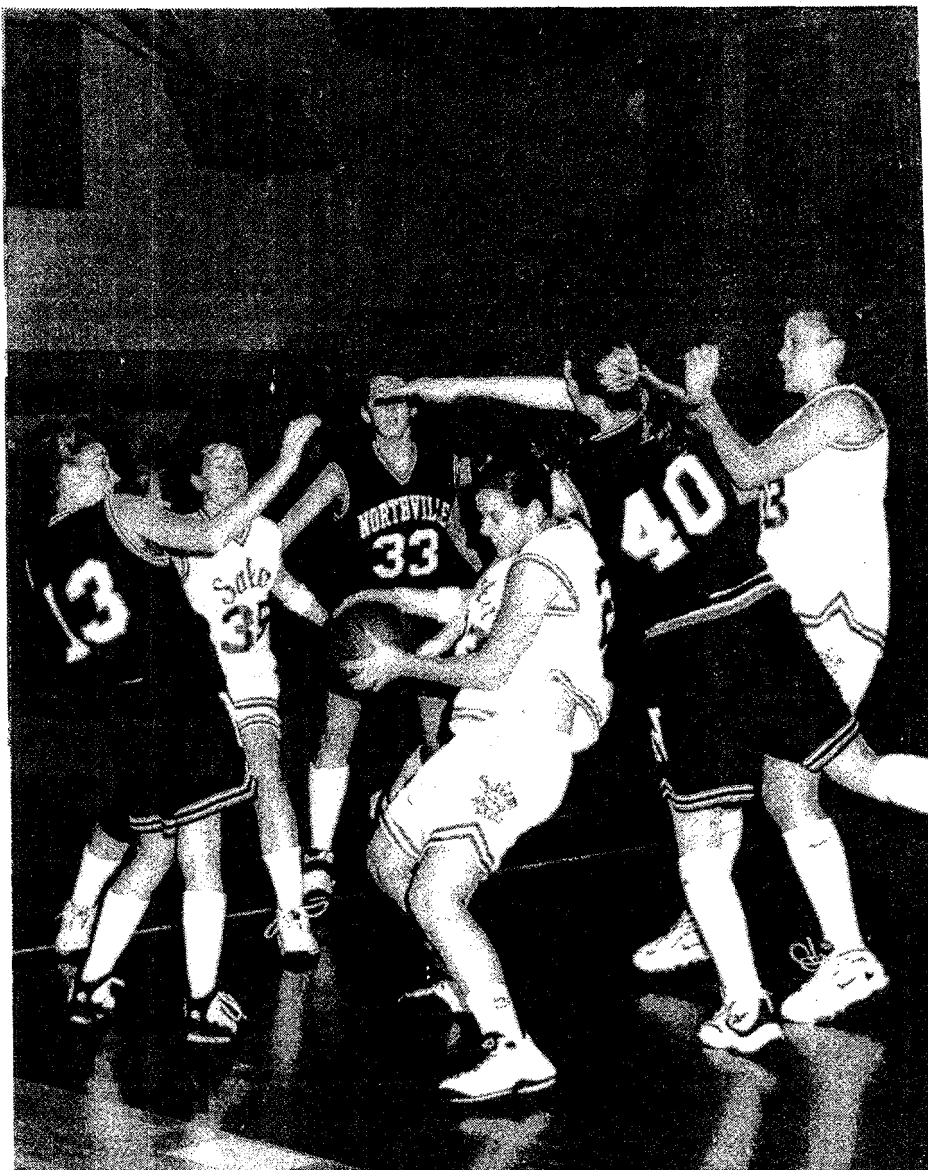
"We played a strong first quarter, but the wheels fell off the wagon after that," said Thomann.

Tiffany Grubaugh again led the Rocks with 17 points. Christine Phillips and Andrea Pruett finished their careers at Salem. They scored nine and four points respectively.

Pruett was the leading scorer Friday night with 17 points when Salem took the district crown with a 40-28 victory over Northville.

Thomann said all the factors, the division and conference championships, advancing to the regionals, still made the year successful.

"You're never happy when you lose," he said. "But all those things together are a pretty good accomplishment."



Despite an aggressive Northville defense, Salem dominated the second half Friday night at home to capture the district crown. Unfortunately, the celebration wouldn't last long as Salem was bounced by West Bloomfield (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.).

Salem sets two records at states

Despite impressive swims, Rocks place in middle of state pack

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Coach Sara Eubanks had no reason to be disappointed in her team. This was, after all, the largest group she had ever brought to the state tournament.

Several swam their best-ever times, including a pair of varsity records. But, in the end, the field was too tough. Salem could place no better than 12th in the five events in which they competed.

Freshman Danielle Drysdale set one of

the records in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:01.72. Her score landed her 12th in the state.

Terry Hanson tallied a 1:01.25 in the 100 butterfly to record a 17th place finish. Not bad, considering she was facing the 40 best swimmers in the state.

The other three Salem events were relays. In the medley relay, the Salem team of Drysdale, Hanson, Erin Rogala and Jaclyn Bernard swam to a time of 1:54.43

GIRLS SWIMMING

for 19th place, a varsity record.

The 200 free relay team of Hanson, Drysdale, Bernard and Chelsea Opdyke took 31st place at 1:43.94. The same players also competed in the 400 free relay, taking 39th with a time of 3:53.03.

"I'm excited," Eubanks said. "We had a successful year."

Sports shorts

USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT SALE

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its annual Sports Equipment Sale on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at the sale. Sellers can bring their equipment to the Pheasant Run clubhouse on Thursday, Dec. 3 between 6 - 9 p.m., where they will be priced and tagged for the Saturday sale.

You set the prices, you get the money (Canton Parks and Rec keeps 15 per cent).

Volunteers will be on-hand to do the selling, so sellers don't need to be present. You may collect your money or pick up your unsold items the day of the sale between 1-2 p.m.

For more information call Bob Dates at 397-5110.

AMBASSADOR SIGNS WITH MICHIGAN HOCKEY

Compuware Ambassador center John Shouneyia signed a national letter of intent Wednesday with the University of Michigan hockey program.

Shouneyia, a Bloomfield Hill native, has played in the Compuware system for seven years. Currently, he is second in the NAHL scoring with 31 points in 18 games.

Last season Shouneyia finished tied for fifth in scoring with 69 points in 55 games.

Shouneyia also led the league in playoff scoring last year with 11 points in seven games, helping lead his Ambassadors to the NAHL championship.

Shouneyia joins fellow Compuware alumni Bobby Hayes, Dale Rominski and Dale Huntzicker at Michigan.

PCJBA BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association will hold its high school registration, Saturday Dec. 5 at East Middle School in Plymouth.

Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. All girls and boys in grades 9-12 are eligible. The cost is \$100.

Storm continues to lash Whalers

Plymouth suffers through first losing streak of the season

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

When the Whalers lost in a sweep to the Guelph Storm in last year's OHL semi-finals, they said they had learned a lesson. They saw what it takes to win.

Guelph, with their balance, confidence and superb goaltending, showed the Whalers what a championship team was all about.

After dropping Plymouth 3-1 on Sunday, apparently the Whalers still have something to learn.

You can't entirely blame the Whalers if they were tired coming into their afternoon match-up with the Storm. They had played a grueling overtime game in Owen Sound the night before and immediately traveled through the Ontario night toward Guelph.

An afternoon game is unusual enough. But when it's compounded with the end of a four-day road trip, it's only worse.

But Coach Pete DeBoer isn't looking for excuses. And, he said, neither is his team.

"We didn't deserve to win," he said. "What happened is we went 11 games without losing. A little bit of complacency sets in."

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The Whalers pelted Windsor goaltender Mike Leighton all night last Thursday en route to a 7-2 lashing of their division rivals. But the tides would turn over the weekend, as Plymouth was surprised twice on the road. (Crier photo by Bill Reel)

To be a Whaler billet Captain's host tells her story

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is an edited version of an article that originally appeared in the Whale Watcher. Terry and Bill Reel are the host family, or billet, of Whaler captain Randy Fitzgerald.

BY TERRY REEL

I'm still trying to figure it out. One day I'm just a spectator at a Whalers' game, and the next, I'm a totally involved "Billet Mom" fan.

Never in our wildest dreams did we realize what our lives would become. Randy has consumed our lives. He came to us a total stranger from Toronto and became a special member of our family.

My first indication of major change was the phone. It rings constantly and it's always for Randy. We have a designated message center just for him. It's "checkpoint number one" whenever he arrives home from "wherever."

Because Bill and I ate out frequently, when Randy came to live with us I made a firm commitment to grocery shop regularly and cook homemade meals. Having a ravenous teenage appetite in the house makes it fun to plan meals. I've learned to ignore the "it looks like a heart attack waiting to happen" comments and instead take

great delight in the knowledge that they secretly appreciate my creative efforts.

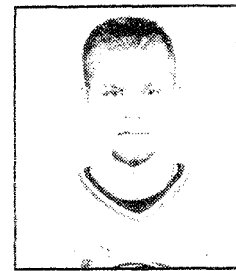
Have things really changed since I was nineteen? Or did I just not have a life? Randy is the proud owner of a leather-bound "day-timer." How else can one accurately keep track of one's social life? And thank goodness for the computer. The e-mail correspondence does help to reduce his phone bill.

Do I really enjoy a houseful of teenagers? Can I really look past the messy room? The late night phone calls? The loud music? The midnight trips to Oakwood? You bet. Do I anticipate his enthusiastic "Hi Ter" greetings every day? Those one-on-one talks? Yes I do. Has it been perfect? No way. But you can't have a rainbow without the rain.

One of the most meaningful benefits of billet life is the extended family relationship with the Fitzgeralds. What began as a friendly hello in 1986 has turned into a warm and loving friendship.

It is truly an honor to share my home and heart with Randy. What began as strangers has developed into something special. Bill and I greatly admire this young man whom we've come to know, like, respect, trust and yes, even love.

WHALER OF THE WEEK



#18 LEFT-WINGER
James Ramsay

This rookie left-winger from Ottawa has been a physical force since joining the Whalers. This weekend Ramsay scored his Momentous first OHL Goal.

Whaler of the week chosen by The Crier editorial staff and

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Community opinions

The City Commission:

Time to search for leaders

EDITOR:

In light of your recent article, "Cost of City's Cure" (The Community Crier, Vol.45 No. 41), we have attempted to formulate a more robust job description for the title of "City Commissioner" and "Mayor."

We are pressing for a recall to supplant the current "enfants terribles" with eight more civil, civically minded citizens. Originally, we believed that a tolerable solution could be distilled from the existing stew of selfish politicking and fido-esque territoriality, but after a sobering day of reflection we came to the conclusion the most efficient resolution is to "throw da bums out."

In accordance to that epiphany, we tender our humble solution:

'Mom and dad' should pay for City's retreat

EDITOR:

I thought we voted for adults, but from the way it sounds we voted for children.

I suggest that the City Commission sit down and talk like adults at City Hall — public invited — or pay the fine for not inviting them.

Or is it a vacation they have planned at an amusement park for eight children?

If they plan this, they should pay their own way. Or if they cannot afford it, they should ask daddy or mommy.

A disgusted citizen,
M. M. ROBERTS

Vacancy Announcement

City of Plymouth
City Commissioner/Mayor

• Opening Date: 11-18-98 • Closing Date: 01-01-99

Position: City Commissioner and Mayor,
City of Plymouth, Michigan

Number of Positions: Eight (8)

Nature of Position: Elected

Duty Location: City Hall, City of Plymouth

Applications will be accepted from: All Qualified

Candidates (Except current commissioners and mayor)

Brief statement of duties: Choose a new city manager, a new policechief, a new director for the Downtown Development Authority, format city recreation program, review and revise status of Mayflower renovation, deciding future of joint City/Township dispatch center, setting City budget and goals.

Qualification requirements: Must be emotionally as well as intellectually mature. Have sound communication skills, be able to establish common values and build trust with others. Must be able to cooperate and work as a cohesive unit in a problem solving environment. Critical thinking a plus.

Basis of rating: Candidates meeting these basic qualifications will be rated and evaluated against the following criteria:

I. SUPERVISORY AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- A. Ability to manage a large number of projects and render thoroughly researched decisions in a timely manner.
- B. Skill in supervising or working with both professional and support staffs without using harassment to advance personal or professional agendas.
- C. Ability to favorably represent the city council to other organizations.

II. TECHNICAL SKILLS

- A. Ability to work with others in a collegial manner.
- B. Skill in making effective oral and written presentations.
- C. Knowledge of relevant local issues, including: City of Plymouth Downtown Development, local tax structures, local human resource management.

Elected officials will be qualified based on total amassed votes for each individual candidate in local election.

III. PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Is decisive.
- B. Is efficient under pressure/meets deadlines.
- C. Ability to adapt to new or changing situations.
- D. Ability to develop innovative approaches and solutions.
- E. Willingness to assume increasing responsibilities and challenges.
- F. Objectivity.
- G. Supports policy decisions and organization goals.
- H. Ability to maintain platonic relationships in a professional setting.
- I. Will take seriously the responsibility of spending taxpayer funds.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION:

You must be a United States citizen to apply.

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JOE AND CAROL THOMAS

'Education at the college of fools'

I have to say, at first it seemed like a good idea.

But the more I see and the more I hear, the more I think it's a bad idea to pay for a retreat to teach City Commissioners how to get along. And I'll tell you why.

It won't do much good.

The retreat, as planned, would put commissioners in a room to talk about their differences — what they say to each other in private, and about one another in public. Their sticks and stones, it seems, have

mucked-up communications between them and made for angry words and hurt feelings. And hurt feelings have moved some to act out of revenge, rather than for the good of City. Such antics have knocked most of the Commission off track.

Now, in this retreat, commissioners are supposed to learn how to deal with their differences in positive ways. For \$3,600, a specialist will tell the commissioners not to swear at each other when they disagree, and not to beat each other up in the press and in

public at Commission meetings.

That's the kind of lesson 3,600 bucks buys today? Duh.

Such a lesson might be what Ralph Waldo Emerson meant when he described an "education at the college of fools." Shelling out taxpayers' money for that tuition would be a waste, because commissioners will only change if they want to. And the behavior of most so far has given little indication that they do.

I say save the time. Save the money, and



Some
might say
By Bryon Martin

spend a bit of it on Emerson's essay, "Self reliance." It has the lesson problem commissioners need to learn, and repeat to themselves: "What I must do is all that concerns me, not what people think."



Community opinions

Plymouth United Way 1998 fundraising campaign goal: \$950,000

43%



United Way



Contributions to the Plymouth Community United Way benefit organizations such as the Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth and the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, agencies that help members of our community get the most out of life.

Support the United Way

Need a reason to make a contribution to the Plymouth United Way's fund drive this year? How about several:

American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter; Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts of America; First Step; Growth Works; Huron Valley Girl Scout Council; Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute; Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Plymouth Community Family YMCA; Plymouth Family Service; Plymouth Opportunity House; Plymouth Salvation Army; Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth; Visiting Nurse Association of Michigan. Other United Way sponsored agencies are: The ARC Michigan; American Lung Association; Autism Society of Michigan; Children's Charter of the Courts; Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan; Citizens for Better Care; Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan; Kenny Foundation; Mental Health Association of Michigan; Michigan Association for the Deaf, Hearing & Speech Services; Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders; Michigan Council on Crime & Delinquency; Michigan League for Human Services; Michigan Legal Services; National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependence; National Kidney Foundation of Michigan; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MI Chapter; Paws With A Cause; United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan.

Is that reason enough?

City help from on high

With malice toward none

By W. Edward Wendover



The "turmoil" at City Hall may finally be solved.

Divine intervention has been called for.

In services at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth on Sunday, Father John Sullivan asked for peace and harmony at City Hall. As the priest pointed out, there hasn't always been harmony between City Hall and OLG, but his prayer Sunday was an honest wish to help.

Can we offer an "Amen!"?

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www.Crier.com

Today's City issues tied to fate?

EDITOR:

I would like to know what benefit people living in the City of Plymouth achieve from a combined police force with the Township?

In addition to the soap opera headlines our local government is generating lately, one also reads about city police requiring enhanced facilities, so I feel I should be nervous. Being a third generation property owner and resident, I witnessed Plymouth while it was becoming what it now is. To ensure our excellent quality of life and perpetuate its uniqueness I wonder whether we need bigger guns and higher tech radios. Is crime in the city about to break into such a scary thing we need to beef up our security? Is fear being sold here? Can we trust a city council to make auspicious decisions for us when they are under enormous distress and at odds with each other?

The problem for us City dwellers would seem to be our proximity to Canton, where there is a crime problem. Read the headlines in the Crier (Gunfire Riddles Canton Home, 9-30-98) and you will begin to see that life outside our little city limits is rather different than the life we enjoy here. Canton, no doubt needs enhanced police facilities, and the township, due to its bordering Canton, probably does, too. But does our little city have the same needs and problems?

Plymouth used to be a community that enjoyed a wide mix of people. Factory workers, police and firemen, property and store owners all lived next to, or near each other. This is mostly gone now, gone with the fire department. And we seem to have become an upper

management community that feels it needs big time police protection surrounding a new Plymouth where you nod, but don't speak to your neighbors. I prefer the old Plymouth where you surely spoke with passers-by because they lived right here and you cared about them.

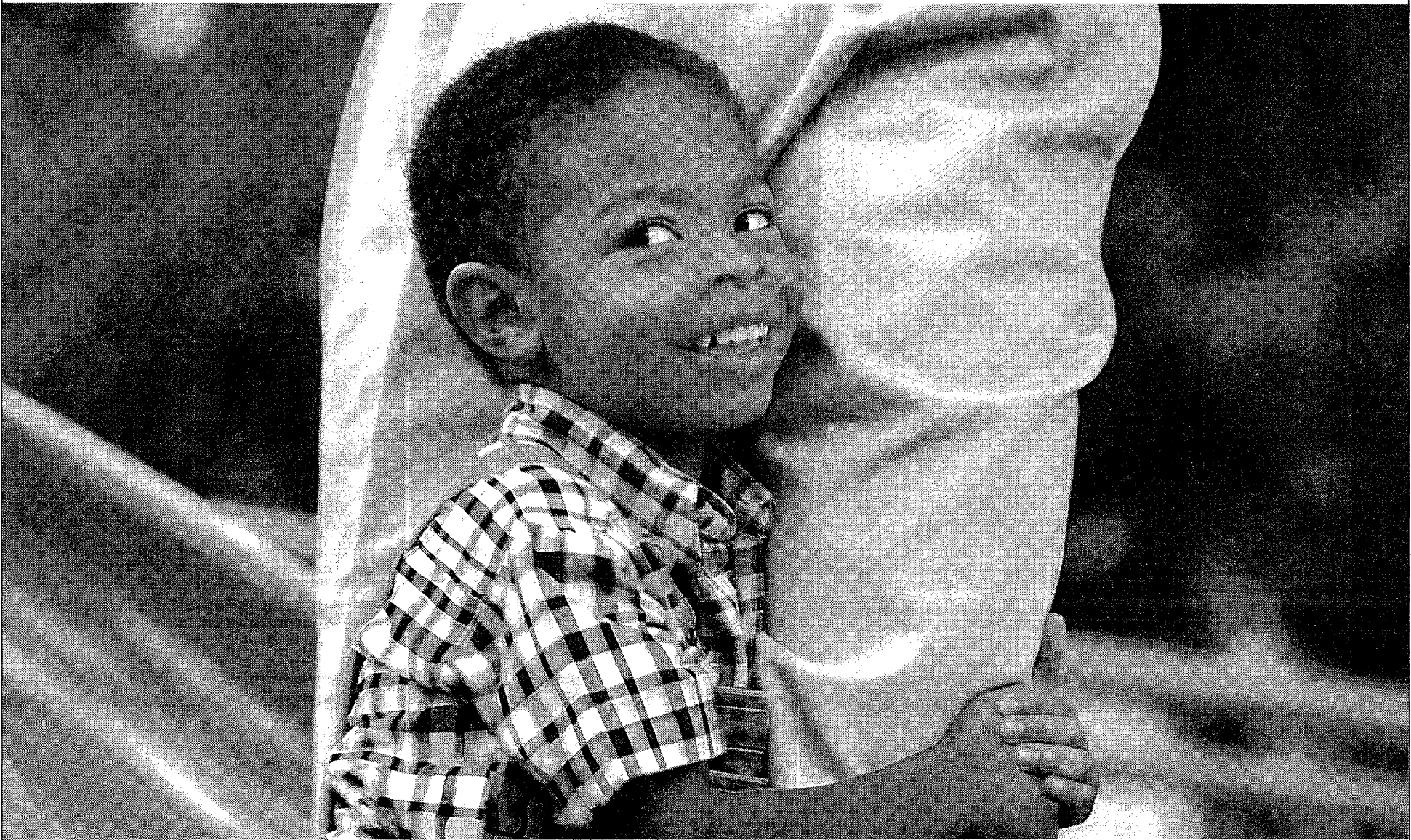
Perhaps I should move back to Europe, and on a visit back home, find Main Street has become a strip mall, the speed limit downtown has gone up to 45 mph, the park sold off to a super store, and the newly combined Chambers of Commerce will tell me happily that "Plymouth is now in Canton!"

Gone, then will be the local cop who knows your children because he knows their family, and the cop who belongs to a local service club. Gone, too, will be the unique individuality of The Plymouth Community. And therein lies what has always been of value here: our individuality. Combining our city police force with that of the township creates a new kind of police force. One that must be more fierce than the more comfortable task of policing the City of Plymouth at present.

Perhaps we should ask the City police department to provide ethics protection over our City Commission meetings. Maybe we should ask our commission to consider the matter of combined police forces after the "Conflict Facilitator" has helped them learn how to be good neighbors. Or, we could look back at what worked before, what values inspired Plymouth, what nature of resident forged this town, and ask the residing elders to give us some help. Or, we can just kiss Plymouth good-bye.

RANDY EATON

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