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BY JOHN BRODERICK

Henry E. Graper will be remembered as someone who wasn't afraid to ruffle feathers.

That was the gist of reactions among city residents and political watchers following Graper's "resignation" Monday night.

"It comes as no surprise -- now we're left with his mistakes," said Fred Hadley, a member of the Board of Review, while attending Plymouth's Fourth of July Parade. "I think we'll see him march down the street in a few minutes -- it'll be his swan song."

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City secretly hires new manager

Graper stepped from Draper



Tom John the Bank

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A 1979 Crier front page announcing the hiring of Henry Graper.

But Graper did not march in the parade. "It's Plymouth's loss," said city resident Sue McElroy. "As controversial as he was, he's done a lot for the community."

"I think it's a positive move for the city -- he's overstayed his welcome as far as I and a number of other people are concerned," said Jerry Vorva, a candidate for city commission, and former city police officer who was fired by the city for comments he made to The Crier, about the department's policies.

"It comes as a surprise to me," said Jean Morrow, a candidate for city commission who has run before on a platform questioning Graper. "I do see a lot of good things that he did."

Mayflower Hotel owner Scott Lorenz worked with Graper on Plymouth's Ice Sculpture Spectacular, and a number of other projects.

"Any time you have somebody moving forward with ideas, there are bound to be people who don't agree," he said. "He probably wouldn't have caused any controversy if he just sat and rocked in his rocking chair. Henry has done a lot for this town -- I'm really saddened."

"He's done a great deal for the community," said City Commissioner Jack Kenyon -- said to be in line to become Mayor Pro Tem (see related story). "We'll miss him and his service a great deal. He's established very high standards of performance -- I think those high standards will be maintained. We look forward to the new opportunities with a new manager."



Henry Graper with Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen. (Crier photo)

Kenyon particularly complimented Graper for streamlining the city's workforce and payroll.

Sitting next to Kenyon at yesterday's Vietnam-Korea Men orial dedication,

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen said that he was surprised by the resignation. "He'll be missed. We've had a lot of good relations over the years -- regardless of

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## Graper resigns

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for hiring a city manager," Ron Lowe said.

He emphasized that he was "not aware of any meeting that took place" at which current city commissioners discussed firing Graper.

In his resignation letter, Graper said, "I've had an opportunity offered to me to enter into the private sector of business."

Graper, 48, added, "I feel privileged to have been employed as city manager of Plymouth and I am very grateful for the opportunity to have served the city in that capacity."

Gansler said "differences" over management techniques led to the resignation.

The mayor said part of the reason for Graper's resignation stemmed from the fact that the commission -- during recent budget sessions -- removed about \$10,000 from the operating budget of the city manager's office.

"He felt questioned by that," said Gansler.

But, Gansler said, Graper was not directly asked to resign.

"We were trying to work this out in some way to satisfy all concerned," he said. "We couldn't meet a resolution and I think he (Graper) thought it time to move on to greener pastures."

Gansler would not say what other management techniques were at issue during his discussions with Graper, but he added that commissioners, including himself, expressed concern at the direction of the talks. The mayor

said that during his talks with Graper the city manager said he had been offered another job.

Graper's contract will remain in effect until Dec. 2 of this year -- one day after his vested retirement kicks in -- but he relinquished all of his responsibilities as city manager Monday morning. Graper originally took office on Dec. 1, 1979, having been formally hired on Nov. 5, 1979.

"Graper went above and beyond for people," said Gansler. "He has given this city the finest budget preparation we've ever had." The mayor called Graper a "nine" on a rating scale of 10.

Gansler said he had an "inkling" something was up this week when Graper called him on Sunday and said he wanted to talk. "He sounded very upset," said Gansler.

The mayor also appointed a selection committee of Commissioners Dennis Bila, R. Jack Kenyon and Robert Jones on Monday.

They will begin the process of finding a new city manager this week. Gansler also directed Graham to advertise for the position this week.

"I think Mr. Graper has been the catalyst for many positive things in this community," said Commissioner Mary Childs, who noted that while in office Graper pushed through the building of the 35th District Court facility as well as the Gathering and Central Parking Lot deck.

"It is with great regret that we accept this," she said. "We all wish him well."

## Bila may step up

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this (mayor's position) is a caretaker role until November. I'll try and carry on the policies we have in front of us, but it would be hard for me at this point to say what I'd do as mayor."

Most commission watchers thought Bila a shoe-in for mayor after the elections in November.

Bila also credited Gansler with the handling of the Graper "resignation."

Once Gansler leaves, the commission would also appoint another member -- a likely choice, according to some sources, is John Vos III, who is already seeking election to the commission in November.

"If asked, I probably would serve," said Vos, who had not heard until late yesterday about Graper's resignation, or that he may be in line for the open commission post.

Vos is among four non-incumbent candidates seeking spots on the commission this year. The others include Greg Green, Jean Morrow and Jerry Vorva.

But, Vos cautioned, that in the past the commission has appointed "caretaker" commissioners who were not candidates when a seat was vacated close to an election.

"There are two schools of thought," Vos said. "One -- Don't give them extra help as an incumbent; or Two -- If we on the Commission think he or

she has good credentials, appoint."

The current City Commission, which includes Mary Childs who took over as mayor after Turner left and hired Graper, will begin its selection process by first advertising the post next week. It may be Fall before a new city manager is picked, City Hall sources speculated.

Graper was officially appointed at the City Commission meeting one night before the city elections in 1979.

Deja vu

### Editor's note:

Due to the late breaking nature of the news surrounding the resignation of Plymouth's top administrator -- City Manager Henry E. Graper Jr. -- and the "hurry up" effort it took to put together an additional four pages for this edition, readers may note some confusion over page numbers.

Some of the stories in this edition of The Crier jump to other pages further inside. Page numbers corresponding to these jumps may be incorrect. We regret any difficulty this may cause.

We ask that readers please bear with us. Thank you.

Thanks also to the VFW for the chicken dinners.

Artley spends more than \$5,000

# School elections get expensive

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Plymouth-Canton school elections -- be they for a millage proposal, or for a school board seat -- are becoming expensive.

This year, more money was spent than ever before on both the election for a four year term on the school board, and in support of an increase of four operating mills.

David Artley won the board seat, and the four mill increase passed by a substantial margin.

But Artley spent over \$5,000 -- more than ever before spent by a candidate.

Robert Anderson, the second place finisher in the race, spent nearly \$2,500

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as of the time of filing pre-election campaign statements (May 27). It is likely that he cleared \$3,000 by the June 12 election.

Artley's major donor was Dean Swartzwelder, board vice-president, who gave \$500 to his fellow board member. Artley's list of contributors was long -- as many as 50 individuals --

including union representatives, members of the Plymouth and Canton Township Boards of Trustees, the Plymouth City Commission.

Anderson's major contributor was Diane Daskalakis, president of Citizens for Better Education, who gave \$500. About 15-20 other contributors helped raise funds through a flower sale to support the Anderson effort.

The other five board candidates spent significantly less money on the campaign. Carl Battushill, the third place finisher, spent just under \$1,000.

The Citizen's Election Committee, which ran the "I Care" campaign, spent over \$16,000 -- more than eight times as much as has ever been spent before on a millage campaign here.

"The previous high for a millage campaign was just under \$2,000, in March of 1988," said Steve Harper, the committee's treasurer.

"Previous to that, the most was about \$1,200, and aside from that, there were none over \$1,000, since the committee began in 1978," he said.

Harper said that this rise in election costs could be a trend that will continue.

"If you want to pass a millage bad enough, you have to have an aggressive public relations campaign -- and that is becoming very expensive," he said.

"Tougher campaign finance reporting laws have added to that -- if you're going to have a phone campaign, you can't just have people do it from their home any more, you have to have a phone bank," he said.

While most of the donations to the

committee were under \$100, there were a few big donors. The largest were Don Massey Cadillac, which purchased a newspaper advertisement on behalf of the committee for over \$2,000, and the Michigan Education Association, which gave \$800.

School officials and employees accounted for a part of the committee's donations. John M. Hoben, schools superintendent, gave \$100, as did finance director Diane Barnes, and administrative assistant for community relations Dick Egli. A number of other employees, such as teachers, principals, and other administrators appeared on the list of contributors.

Harper said that businesses that have contracts with the school district were asked to donate, but that many were reluctant. A few that did were: the Birmingham law firm of Clark, Hardy, Lewis, Pollard and Page; Rauch Brothers Paving, of Northville; and Unity School Bus Parts, of Marine City, MI.

Harper said that while this year's expensive campaign could be a prophecy for future campaigns, that would be unfortunate.

"I hope that's not the case. But I think in neighboring communities, such as Livonia, they all spend over \$1,000," he said.

"That would be a shame. I hate to see Plymouth-Canton going in that direction. The average

guy just does not have the ability to raise that kind of money -- people like that just do not have a chance of winning," he said.

## Good Counsel plans parish expansion

BY LAUREN SMITH

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in the City-of Plymouth is expanding.

Plans are underway to build a \$2 million, three story addition, which would give the parish and school much needed office and meeting space.

The plans to expand have been considered "for a couple of years now," said Rich Antoun, chairperson of the parish communication committee.

The parish is in "serious need of meeting rooms, office spaces, and assembly room space," said Antoun.

"We're extremely strapped for facilities," he said. Some groups have had to "have meetings in Father's living room, dining room and kitchen."

The project, entitled Focus GIFT -- Growing In Fellowship Together -- will include an auditorium in which the entire student body of the school could meet.

"Right now (the project is) just in the conceptual stages," said Antoun. The estimated size of the expansion is approximately 20,000 square feet (in three levels) and will cost about \$2 million. One level will be underground so "it will not be higher than any of the current structures," said Antoun.

The new structure will be built between the rectory, the church, and the school so it will be "almost right in the center," said Antoun. Residents "won't even know the other building is there," he said.

In May of this year, meetings were held with the parish Our Lady's neighbors. The committee sent out 250 invitations and 50 neighbors attended.

The committee received a "very favorable response," said Antoun. He felt the concerns of neighbors were simply due to lack of information, and once they were informed, the "neighbors felt very comfortable" with the plans he said.

An Archdiocese of Detroit spokesperson explained that individual parishes deposit excess operating monies in a general fund, and can then

borrow from the fund for projects such as this. OLCG is likely to receive a long term loan for its project, the spokesperson said.

The concept plans were presented to Cardinal Edmund Szoka in June and met with his approval, said Antoun. An architect will be hired within 60-90 days.

The Plymouth City Commission has also seen the tentative plans and "in concept they didn't have any problems with what (the parish) is proposing."

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### At work

This is how the intersection at Joy and Lilley roads looked last week (facing Mettetal Airport). Wayne County construction is continuing in a project to straighten that

crossing by summer's end. Canton is participating in the road project effort. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

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# 'Glorious' 4th: Birthday celebration, time to honor veterans



Laughter of clowns and kids mixed with tears over lost loved ones yesterday in downtown Plymouth. Clockwise from top left: Jordan Bechdol, 2, of Plymouth gets a lift from a clown; veterans, family members, and friends check out the new Vietnam-Korea memorial;

three-year-old Nicholas Sellers and Old Glory; Karry Lancaster and daughter Amber shed tears for Karry's brother Pat Eckles, who died in Vietnam; Mike Daigle, 4, of Plymouth pays respects; and red, white and blue cyclists peddle their way down Main Street.



# Yack continues funding push in D.C.

BY KEN VOYLES

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack rushed back to Washington D.C. last Wednesday to continue the push for a possible "demonstration" grant to help pay for the massive water project between the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) and the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA).

"It was an opportunity for us to speak directly to various Congressmen and their staff," Yack said. "We also touched base with our local officials."

"Everybody seems to be very

supportive," he added.

Last week's trip was Yack's second to Washington D.C. in pursuit of the special funding. Back in April of this year Yack, Maurice Breen, Plymouth Township's supervisor, and Georgina Goss, Northville Township's supervisor, began the process by meeting with state and national officials.

The grant — as much as \$15 million — would help pay for the wastewater project currently being developed by the three townships. One of the key elements of the project is the return of treated water from the YCUA plant

back into the Lower Rouge River.

Yack said if the grant is not forthcoming this year it may be possible to obtain the funding next year. "We should know by the end of July," he said.

Because of the length of the project development (the system will not be on line until 1993) Yack said funding is not directly "tied" to the construction schedule.

A lobby group has also been working in Washington D.C. representing the WTUA communities, said Yack, to "keep the idea in front of people."

Yack said that he went to Washington armed with letters from other communities (many from the downriver area) supporting the WTUA project. "That's important," he said.

"It looks like they'll be 'marking up' a bill sometime after the July 4th recess," said Yack.

In a related note, Yack said that the WTUA communities had received the first documents from the project's design consultants, consisting of basic design reports (such as the size and type of piping that will be needed).

"Right now the basic engineering needs to be completed," he said.



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Berry Rogers (right) and Eugene Rogers fill their truck Friday with grass clippings as a part of Canton's pilot recycling program. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## Trustees look for solutions Recycling snags

BY KEN VOYLES

A pilot composting collection program in Canton has run into a few snags, forcing the Canton Board of Trustees to act last week to make improvements in the test venture.

The pilot program, which has been run for two weeks, is being tested in an area bounded by Cherry Hill and Palmer and Haggerty and Morton-Taylor. Homes in those areas are being required to separate their grass clippings for transportation to a composting area at Canton Recycling on Van Born Road.

"We've had a large amount of support for the program," said Loren Bennett, Canton's clerk. "There have been a few complaints about stains and smells."

There have also been a few snags. The main problem as indentified last week, said Bennett, was that some residents continue to mix in other trash with the grass clippings which forces extensive handling to clear the material for the composting pile.

"People like the program. That's been my feedback," said Bennett. "But I believe we have to have an ordinance to enforce keeping trash out of the grass clippings."

Bennett said that the collection of grass clipping in normal plastic bags has proved "unmanageable." He said the collection personnel have to open the bags and empty them.

He also said that the first test run on June 16 proved to be more costly than

anticipated.

Bennett, who noted that participation in the Canton program has increased, added there are rumblings among state legislators to mandate composting programs in all communities. Bennett said he expects a law on the books by 1990 which will outlaw the dumping of grass clippings in Michigan landfills.

"This is a program we've got to have," said Robert Shefferly, a trustee on the Canton board.

Bennett said the program could be expanded but not until the problems are worked out in the current test area.

The board also debated the merits of offering new biodegradable plastic bags or special trash bins to residents in the test area as a way to reduce the amount of non-composting material in the collections and as a way to get even further participation by residents.

"I'm willing to invest a little money to help make it work," said Trustee Henry Whalen, who added that the township needs to put its "good faith" on the line.

The board resolved to commence a communication plan with residents in the test area, explaining the current problems and possible solutions. The board also approved the expense of \$10,000 to help subsidize the purchase of biodegradable trash bags and special bins.

"Every Friday we'll learn more," said Bennett, referring to the day of the week when crews pick up the composting material and haul it to Canton Recycling.

# Mobile homes targeted by residents

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Residents of four Plymouth-Canton mobile home parks have filed complaints recently about park rules which they think are too rigid, and about conditions which they consider unhealthy.

But unless one actually lives in a mobile home, or has occasion to visit a park, this living alternative remains somewhat mysterious.

About 3,000 families live in mobile home parks in Plymouth Township and Canton. That number is rising, as two of the community's nine parks are currently expanding.

Most of the parks are between 20-25 years old, but others have opened as recently as last year. They range in size from about 250 lots, to nearly 700. Some have pools, clubhouses, and social activities for residents.

Mobile homes are unique in that residents own their home, but must rent the lot on which it is placed — a sort of cross between renting and owning. Base rents (most charge extra for pets, and more than two occupants) in Plymouth-Canton parks range from about \$200-\$300 per month.

The result is often a gray area about what park owners can require of residents.

## Analysis

"He drives around at 8 a.m. in the morning with his pencil and marks things down," said one mobile home park resident about a park owner. "He charged one old lady \$40 because her grass was not cut."

If residents own their home, what can a park owner reasonably demand of them?

"If you own an apartment, and I'm renting from you, you can tell me that I have to leave when the lease is up — that's not the case any more in mobile home parks," said Joe Ruggirello, owner of Plymouth Hills Mobile Court.

A recently enacted state law requires mobile home park owners to show just cause before a tenant can be evicted. Ruggirello said that he disagrees with the new regulations, and has vowed to fight them in the courts.

More than 20 residents of Plymouth Hills have filed complaints with the Michigan Mobile Home Commission (MMHC), a division of the Michigan Department of Commerce which

regulates parks, about new rules in Ruggirello's park.

He is requiring that before a mobile home is sold, it must have a pitched (sloped) shingled roof, and lapped (horizontal) siding.

"I have a responsibility to those who are staying to keep the place looking

good," Ruggirello said. "I'm not kicking anybody out, I'm just saying that if they want to sell on site, they have to upgrade."

A hearing is expected this summer during which the MMHC will rule on the complaints. Ruggirello said he

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Some of the complaints filed in Plymouth-Canton are centered on Sherwood Mobile Village. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

# Project will be Twp.'s largest

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Imagine stepping out your back door into a golf cart, speeding down a wooded trail to the clubhouse for a glance at the headlines and a sip of coffee, then on to first tee.

This and more can be yours, at the soon-to-be built Plymouth Country Club -- if you can handle the price tag.

The largest single development ever in Plymouth Township -- a 420 acre golf course and residential complex -- has received the support of the township planning commission, and is on its way to the board of trustees.

Marcello Scappaticci, of Marcello and Silvio Builders, of Garden City, said that the company plans to break ground for the project in April or May, and be ready to open in 1992.

"It's going to be very exclusive," Scappaticci said. "It's going to be the richest thing Plymouth Township's got."

Scappaticci said that there will be 400 residential units -- single family homes, and condominiums -- on an 18 hole golf course. Each home will be on a one acre site, costing between \$375,000-\$600,000.

The golf course will be open to members only -- a non-resident membership could cost between \$15-\$20,000 up front, plus an annual fee, Scappaticci said.

The planning commission has granted a special use permit clearing the way for the golf course, and has recommended that the township board of trustees approve a request to rezone the sites from agricultural to residential.

The 420-acre site is located on the western edge of the township, north of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell, between Napier on the west and Ridge on the east.

Scappaticci said he has been planning the project for about two years, and had to purchase up to 12 separate plots of land to accumulate the entire site.

"We've also bought another 130 acres on the other side of Ann Arbor Road, in Canton, which has just been rezoned to residential," he said. "We plan to build about 76 condos there."

The land is actually divided into two parcels -- separated by a backward 'L' shaped plot owned by Detroit Edison. Scappaticci purchased 40 acres of land from Edison, but the utility company still owns land around its power station and power lines.

Scappaticci said that an easement has been granted by Edison, which would allow golfers to walk under power lines to get from one hole to another. Township officials said that they had not heard about the easement yet, but that it would be a requirement for final approval.

Residents of the adjacent properties had mixed reactions to the new

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## A veteran says, 'Thanks'

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MEMO  
TO

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DATE: 6/29/89

RE: Ken Voyles' Vietnam & Korea articles in 6/28/89 edition.  
Mr. Voyles' stories are among the best and  
most moving I've ever read. Thank you.

Richard Thomas  
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## A protester says, 'Thanks'

with Malice  
Toward None



Yesterday's dedication of the Vietnam and Korean Memorial for The Plymouth-Canton Community veterans put a lot of things in perspective for an old war protester like me.

The very fact that none of the veteran groups or City of Plymouth officials had added a plaque to The Rock long before this speaks to the dilemma faced by veterans of these two "non-wars."

Add to that, the Vietnam veterans' nervousness about war protesters showing up for the Memorial's dedication and it's easy to flash back 20 years.

It was 21 years ago -- exactly -- that a group of us petitioned the City of Plymouth to hold a Peace Parade and rally the same day as the annual July 4th Parade. Even the Jaycees, sponsors of the parade, agreed with the idea.

But the City Commission voted down the idea and assigned the first Peace Parade a date during a quiet weekend later in the summer of 1968. (It went off without a hitch -- except for heckling from a few guys at the gas station.)

At the conclusion of the Peace Parade, a short ceremony was held in Kellogg Park -- near yesterday's Memorial dedication -- including a prayer that asked for the well-being of the men and women fighting in Vietnam.

That's the perspective here.  
Last week's Crier devoted an unusual amount of space to a series of stories on Plymouth-Canton veterans from Vietnam and Korea. Crier Managing Editor Ken Voyles spent weeks on the project to time it with yesterday's ceremony.

Some, who knew of my anti-war sentiments, questioned why my newspaper was devoting such space and effort to war heroes.

It's all a matter of perspective.

Those of us who argued against the Vietnam War were fighting for our friends who were soldiers there too. One of the Plymouth-Canton men killed in Nam -- Pat Eckles -- and I graduated from Plymouth High School together in 1966.

Our argument was not with friends who were in the service, but with the politicians in Washington, D.C. who needlessly and selfishly threw our country into war. And then, as it developed, turned their backs on the very folks they put in jeopardy in Vietnam.

One of my best friends and fishing buddies is Steve Mansfield, of Heide's Flowers and Gifts. He's a Vietnam vet, as is his partner there, Mark Hyland.

People have often asked how someone with Steve's war experiences and my war protest background can get along.

It's easy -- it's simply a matter of perspective.

To that end...

From one old war protester to the many Vietnam and Korean veterans who now draw overdue recognition and comfort from the new Memorial in Kellogg Park, and to the many WWI and WWII veterans who proudly served and are recognized by The Rock: THANKS for all you did.

To the families of those who died in service to our country: THANKS and may we all be aware of the pain and evils of war.



# Community opinions

THE COMMUNITY CRIBER, July 5, 1989

## *I was embarrassed by Plymouth team*

EDITOR:

I am a graduate of Plymouth High School. I have always been proud of the fact that I came from Plymouth, until today. Today I had the dubious pleasure of being one of a team of soccer referees for Little Caesar's U-16 game, (Plymouth based) Michigan Elite vs. The Kalamazoo Organization (TKO).

It was apparent from our first contact with the "Elite" coach that he was going to be somewhat of a problem. It soon became evident that the team (not surprisingly, since the coach sets the stage for the team) had no respect for referees in general, themselves, their fellow teammates, their opponents, or the game of soccer. Although boys who are nearly 16 old need to be held accountable for their own behavior, it is hard to fault these kids for their mouths when they have the role models they do.

Neither the coaches nor their spectators (AKA Parents) attempted to control the behavior of the team, in fact, they encouraged their inap-

propriate behavior. I heard one parent say, "I don't blame you, I'd hit him, too." (This definitely demonstrates GOOD sportsmanship.) "This ref is biased." (Which by this time he may well have been and I certainly wouldn't have blamed him!) and various other things, some of which are not suitable for print.

To be fair, there were a few times when the spectators yelled, "Good call, Ref.!" However, it was always after a call in their favor. While the "Elite" were better than TKO in their skills, speed and passing etc. and had dominated the game, their mouths (foul language, complaining about calls made, complaining about calls not made, making calls themselves, arguing with the referee) and their cheating, (I've never seen so much shirt holding in my entire refereeing career) could have cost them the win.

I was embarrassed by this team and it's fans and ashamed for them. In the future, I will not be so quick to announce that I am from Plymouth.

LESLIE SCHULTZ

## Thanks for Back-to-Back

EDITOR:

We would like to express our appreciation to all the generous sponsors who chose to support this year's French/American Back-to-Back Program. With the funds we received, we were able to provide a plethora of field trips and activities for the visiting French children. They will undoubtedly remember our fair community and its citizens with fondness and affection.

This is the fourth year for this program. It is entirely funded with private and corporate donations, and its success is directly related to our donor's far-sighted generosity.

Plymouth-Canton is one of only a very few communities in Michigan offering this program, a unique opportunity for our children found almost nowhere else. It is a tribute and a credit to our community that it has been so successful and received so well.

Again, to our sponsors, Merci Beaucoup!

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BACK-TO-BACK PROGRAM

P.S. Any inquiries about the program can be directed to Doug Swatosh at 455-7059 or Sam Barresi at 451-6545.

## *Stop bicycle thefts*

EDITOR:

On Wednesday, May 17, my mountain bike was stolen from outside East Middle School. I could not believe it had happened to me. A gift for my thirteenth birthday. I liked my red Peugeot a lot. Now, I would like to share some suggestions which might have saved my bike.

First, never leave your bike unlocked. Unfortunately, a lock and chain often does not deter anyone other than a casual thief or joyrider. (I always locked my bike.) Use a sturdy lock and a strong lock and a strong link chain. (Mine was not very strong.) Do not pass your chain through your tires. Tires, relatively cheap, can detach from the frame. (My bike was locked

through the frame.)

Also, do not leave your bike out at night if you can help it. Thieves often work after dark.

Last, record information about your bike -- and put it where you can find it. Information needed by police includes size, type and serial number. You will find the serial number of your bike very important. Police told me that if they recover it, they can not return it if I do not know the serial number or fifteen indentifying marks. I don't know my serial number, but I can identify my bike.

I hope that everyone follows my suggestions. Maybe they can prevent another loss.

STACY GALAZIN

## CBE's real stand:

EDITOR:

Thank you for the comments about CBE in the June 14 Crier. I found your conclusions extremely interesting. The way you come up with facts about our organization is almost like magic. I wonder if you have ever thought about going into show business?

I am glad that you have taken so much of your time to investigate CBE in such depth. You seem to know everything there is to know about us. You know where we get our financing. You know about our "secret agenda." You even know how many people are in our "core group." The next thing I expect to see, is Ken Voyles pulling a rabbit out of a hat.

In truth, Voyles, you don't know what you're talking about! But I must give you credit, you make it sound like you do.

When you speak of our "secret agenda" I began to wonder if I have missed something at our meetings? Perhaps you can fill me in on the secret.

And what about The Crier's agenda. I haven't heard what you want from all this. Until now that is. It's good to see that you have finally come out of the closet "cousin."

There's one statement in your editorial that has at long last given Crier readers some insight in the agenda of your paper.

When you spoke about the majority you stated and I quote, "and parents who may not like R-rated movies but who agree they can serve a purpose in education" (as all things serve a purpose when it comes to educating our youths about reality).

Do you mean to tell me that "Excalibur" is reality? I don't know how much more fantasy could be packed into one movie.

The thing that scares me is that you seem to think that there's no limit to what can be used in a classroom, as long as it suits some educational goal.

If we take your line of thinking to it's logical conclusion, it's only a matter of time before we have X-rated movies in the schools. After all, you said "all things serve a purpose."

I know what you'll say to that. I'm being ridiculous, you would never suggest that pornography should be used in the schools (or at least I hope you would). But what if someone comes along that feels as strongly about X-rated movies as you do about R-rated movies?

What would give you the right to draw the line there? What about educating youths about reality then? You wouldn't want the kid's to be "sheltered" would you?

What is the real difference between R and X-rated films anyway? They both have profanity. They both have nudity. They both show intercourse. So what's the difference?

The only thing that I see as different

in R and X-rated films is that R-rated movies don't show the genital area. They don't have close ups of the sex act. That's the only difference that I see.

Go rent the movie, "Birdy." If you can watch the scene with Al and the girl he picks up having sex and not be concerned about this scene's effect on the kids watching it, then I'm sorry about it concerns me.

Or sit down some day and watch the sex scene in "Excalibur" and then tell me that teens viewing this movie won't be influenced by what they see.

If you don't think that these scenes are at the very least sexually arousing then you aren't being honest with yourself. Even if you claim that these kind of scenes don't bother you that way, you must admit that most kids are not that well adjusted.

We seem to forget that we are dealing with teenagers. Young people experiencing some of the strongest emotional changes that take place in ones life. The kids who have to sit through these films in class can't help but be stimulated by these scenes.

You like to talk about censorship all the time. Well, what about the reports I mailed you two weeks ago on the movies "Breakfast Club" and "Birdy."

The censorship issue with your paper is dead, as far as I am concerned. What we are dealing with here is nothing less than hypocrisy. You practice your own form of censorship every time you print your paper.

So why don't you stop playing dodgem and give the community a chance to deal with this problem honestly and openly. CBE doesn't have a "secret agenda." We have tried to tell our side of the story. But you keep suppressing it. So I wonder, what is it that The Crier has up its sleeve?

On the matter of the renewal and the increase you are totally wrong about CBE's position. I hope that it is just a mistake on your part. I would hate to think that you are purposely twisting the truth.

Just for the record, I was at two meetings when CBE took a census of the members' feelings on the millage proposals. At the first we decided to stay neutral. At the second we decided to stay on the sidelines and not say anything one way or the other about our position. We chose to have everyone vote their conscience.

It was our hope that by staying neutral we could avoid hurting the proposals. I will tell though, that most of those at the meeting felt that they didn't want our differences with the school system to impair the children's education.

I would appreciate it if you would tell your readers the real stance that we took on this issue. It's only right that you retract this incorrect statement.

RANDY P. MASON



A trio performs an upbeat routine for the camera. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## Dancers audition for shot at fame and fortune

BY LAUREN SMITH

So you wanna be a star -- or pocket a very large cash prize, or maybe even be "seen" on television?

Whatever their own motives, dancers from all over the area as well as from numerous states competed in "Star Search" auditions on June 23 at Joanne's Dance Extension in Plymouth.

It was definitely a showbiz scene -- ratted hair, painted faces, revealing costumes, and very grown-up children. Long legs dominating very trim bodies was the rule.

"Star Search" is a nationally syndicated television show hosted by Ed McMahon which features contestants who have auditioned for the

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## Friends & Neighbors

### *Patriot surrounds himself with Americana*

BY KEN VOYLES

You can't miss Walt Montgomery's home in Canton.

Just look for the 15 or more American flags strategically positioned around the property, or the wooden eagles emblazoned on the side of the house:

And it's hard to miss the sign out front which reads: "Our people died for our flag; now don't let our flag die. Call or write Washington."

Montgomery, 59, is a crazy about Americana. His collection of antique Americana fills three walls in his Canton home (and there's plenty more in storage).

Look for books full of presidential election buttons or the war medals, state medals, military and service group pins, all shapes and make of eagle statues, model cars, Indian arrow heads, flags (endless flags of all sizes), banners (one reads "Active service Mexican Border 1916"), and police badges (including Texas Rangers).

Montgomery, who served in the Merchant Marines from 1961-74 visiting port after port around the world, said he started his collection because, "I didn't want anything more to do with other countries. I wanted to be surrounded by my country.

"I've tried to get everybody in --

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My country 'tis of thee

Walt Montgomery, of Canton, displays a portion of his extensive Americana collection. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

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# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Buying a car should be fun and exciting not confusing and frustrating.

The hardest part about buying a car is getting over the shock of the sticker price.

Once the idea of a new car enters the brain, you start paying attention to the different kinds (style, size and make). Everytime I walked through the parking lot I checked out the cars. I was even getting to the point of telling one car from another.

The next step is looking through the newspaper ads. It's amazing how many different cars look almost the same in those ads. Of course if you've been checking out the cars going down the street, you have some idea of size and basic design.

Marketing of the automobile is an interesting (and money making) business. It takes some imagination to find sex appeal in a car and as for the commercials that show cars speeding in, out and around everything, who needs another speeding ticket?

There is a difference in how each car dealership and each salesperson operates. If you know the salesperson and have already established a trust in them, it makes things a lot easier. However if they don't sell the car you want, you have to shop around. Dealing with an unknown salesperson takes a while to feel comfortable (sometimes it doesn't take long to know that someone is trying to play games with you).

How you dress and what time you pick to go car shopping can make a difference in how you're treated. Women - don't bother going out Monday or Thursday evening if you're wearing jeans and tennis shoes (unless you're 20, beautiful and know how to wear those jeans). One place I visited sent a security guard out to check on me while the salespeople watched.

I discovered that if I wore a suit it didn't matter when I shopped, and if I went during the day, it didn't matter as much what I wore. Interesting, considering you would think people who worked during the day and shopped at night (no matter what they wore) would more likely be able to buy a car.

Confusion runs high after you've visited enough dealerships. Price automatically limits the field, then you have to decide what size you think you want. You can eliminate some cars by simply looking at them up close, then the next step is the test drive.

It took a while, but I finally narrowed the decision down to four choices. What I wanted versus what I could afford still played a big part in the elimination process. As I approached the final decision, one salesperson showed me a dealer demo at a price I could afford and another salesperson started fast talking and whispering about a special price just for me (me and who else, and how low would they go, and what about service?).

At that point the decision was easy. Getting the local financing was even easier and the insurance was a snap.

After all that process I now have a new car, a headache and car payments, but somehow I think it was all worth it.

*For Chrysler*

## Adams heads project

Timothy Adams, of Plymouth, was recently appointed president of a joint venture between Chrysler Motors and Renault to develop and produce a new line of mini sport utility vehicles.

Adams, the director of International Business and New Venture Development for Chrysler, received a BA from Eastern Michigan University and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Adams, 43, joined Chrysler in 1988. He came from American Motors Corporation where he was the company's hdirector of New Business Development. He joined AMC in 1976.

A U.S. Army veteran, Adams is originally from Ann Arbor.

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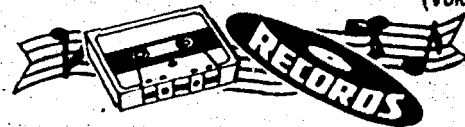


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### GOLF LEAGUE

There are mens golf league openings available on Wednesdays in Canton this summer. Tee times are 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fellows Creek Golf Course. The fee is \$97 for 10 weeks green fees. Canton Parks and Rec has openings for the second half of the season (10 weeks). Call 397-5110 for information. Register in person or by mail.

### HOTSHOT

The Pepsi/NBA Hotshot Basketball Competition will be held July 11 at Eriksson School, July 17 at Hulsing, and July 19 at Hoben. It begins at noon. Registration is at 11:45 a.m.. Boys and Girls nine to 12, 13-15, and 16-18. It is free. Participants test their basketball skills in shooting from various spots on the court. Winners of each age group will advance to an area playoff later in the fall. Call 397-5110.

### SPARTAN CORN ROAST

The MSU Western Metro Detroit Alumni Association invites residents to attend a Spartan Corn Roast on July 29 at 3 p.m. at the home of Wendell and Margaret Smith 12600 Beacon Hill Ct. in Plymouth. Cost is \$10 for couples and families and \$5 for singles. Corn, hot dogs, beverages. For more information call 455-7367 or 453-5423.

### SCHOOLCRAFT REGISTRATION

Schoolcraft College's 1989 fall term mail-in registration begins July 10 and continues through July 27. Register early for classes which begin Aug. 31. For course schedule or information, call 462-4426.

### SCHOOLCRAFT SUMMER MUSIC SCHOOL

Junior and senior high school students are eligible for Schoolcraft College's Summer Music School. There will be a two week session with instruction in piano, chamber music, sight reading, music theory, history, and appreciation. The next session is from July 10 to July 21. Admission by audition. \$175 per session. For an audition and info call Donald Morelock, 462-4400, ext. 5218 or 5225.

### GYMNASIICS, JUDO, KARATE

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will be offering gymnastics starting July 11 and running 8 weeks. Ages three to seven will be on Tuesdays, from 4-5 p.m. Ages eight and older will be on Tuesdays, from 5-6 p.m. Held at the Cultural Center. Costy is \$35 for city residents, \$38.50 for non-residents. Judo and karate classes will be held starting July 6. Ages six to 13, and 14 and older. Cost is \$30 for residents, \$33 for non-residents. Call 455-6620 for details.

### COLLEGE FOR KIDS

"College For Kids" is being offered by Schoolcraft College's Continuing Education Services division. Courses for middle and high school students starting July 10. Call 462-4448.

### CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will once again be offering a summer playground program for children of city residents beginning July 5 and running through the week of Aug. 18. At Kiwanis Park, Jaycee Park, Firehouse, and Garden Club Park. For more information on special activities call 455-6620.

### YMCA SWIMMING

Backyard Swimming Lessons will be offered by the YMCA July 10-20, July 24 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 7-17. Call 453-2904 to register.

### MAKING IT ON OUR OWN

"We're Making It On Our Own", a conference for people with developmental disabilities, will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 29-30 at Madonna College in Livonia. The event is sponsored by the Interdependent Living Council of Michigan. For more information, call John Sigworth at 455-8880, ext. 227.

### AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The MAIA Chapter, American Business Women's Association, is interested in forming a new chapter in the Plymouth-Canton, and Westland-Novli areas. ABWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the professional and personal advancement of women. They are planning two social/networking meetings in mid-June and mid-July for potential members. For more information call 451-7205.

### 50-UP CLUB

St. John Neumann Seniors 50-Up Club will meet at the church on Warren Avenue on July 11, at 7 p.m. Guests and new members welcome. For more information, call Betty at 459-4091.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The third annual "For Kids Only" week will be held July 10-14 at Bird Elementary School from 9 a.m. to noon for ages three to 16. Recreation, arts and crafts, music, and stories. Sponsored by West Plymouth Community Church. For information or to register call 459-5775.

## TOASTMASTERS

Join the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club meeting next Tuesday at Denny's 39550 Ann Arbor Road at I-275 (exit 28) at 5:45 p.m. For reservations or information call Phyllis at 455-1635.

## OLGC SINGLES

Our Lady of Good Counsel Singles group for singles from ages 21-35 years old is sponsored by OLGC in Plymouth. On Saturday, July 8, there will be a trip to see the Detroit Tigers play the Toronto Blue Jays. Meet in the OLGC parking lot at 5:30 p.m. On July 15 there will be a trip to the Ethnic Festival along the Detroit River. Meet at 6 p.m. And then on July 22 there will be a trip to the Art Fair in Ann Arbor. Meet at noon. For information call 459-8019.

## YOUTH SUPERSTARS

The 10th annual "Youth Superstars" contest to find the best all around athletes will be held July 15 at 10 a.m. at Griffin Park (Sheldon Road Side). Boys and girls ages nine and under, 10-12, and 13-15 from Canton can compete. Pre-registration at 9:30 a.m. It is free to participate. Call 397-5110 for more details.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a Grief Support Group at Plymouth Church of Christ will not be meeting for the rest of the summer; they will begin again in the fall.

## ART IN THE PARK

The annual Art In The Park art show will be July 15-16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Artists from many states and 85 cities will feature their work. For more information call 453-1540.

## GIVE BLOOD

Give blood at the American Red Cross Livonia Donor Center, Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 100C, on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 2-8 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment or info call 494-2881 or 494-2856. Red Cross Bloodmobiles will be located in the following location: July 28 at the K-Mart, 5725 Sheldon Road, Canton, from noon to 6 p.m. Call Roger Whithill at 455-9700.

## CLASS REUNION

Plymouth (Salem) High School class of 1949 "The Nuggets" 40th class reunion is Sept. 8-10 "Lookin Under For Every Rock." The 1948 and 1959 class members also invited. Call Gerald D. Harder at 455-9137 or Joan Palmer at 453-5231 for information.

## BIBLE SCHOOL

"Celebrate God's Love" is the theme of Vacation Bible School at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Ages four to 12, the week of July 10-14 from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The church is located at 46250 Ann Arbor Road (one mile west of Sheldon). All children are welcome. Register in advance by calling the church office at 453-5252 or register on Monday, July 10.

## BREEN ON RADIO

On July 7 at 1 p.m., Supervisor Maurice Breen will be talking about Plymouth Township with host Lou Farrell on his weekly show "What's On Your Mind?" on WCAR (AM-1090). Listeners can call in with questions and comments.

## FAMILY DETROIT TIGERS TRIP


The Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family trip to see the Detroit Tigers take on the Minnesota Twins on July 30. \$10 per person includes excellent reserved ticket and bus transportation. The bus will leave the Canton Administration Building at noon. Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation. Call 397-5110.

## SENIORFEST '89


The Plymouth Community Council on Aging is sponsoring Seniorfest '89 on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hines Park near Riverside Drive. Food and refreshments will be served. Lots of help and suggestions for entertainment needed. Call Carol at 455-6620.

## FISH NUMBER CHANGE

Plymouth-Canton FISH will be changing its phone number at the request of their answering service, which is updating its equipment. The new number is 261-1011. Calls made from Plymouth and Canton to the new number will still be local.



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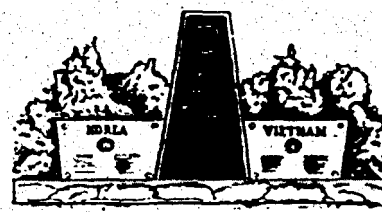
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Dawn Green applies last minute makeup before her daughter, Dawnell Dryja of Canton, has her audition. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

*Star quality?*

## 'Star Search' stops in Plymouth

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show and then compete against other chosen talent for an ultimate grand prize of \$10,000 for juniors or \$100,000 for adults.

Joanne Zavisa, whose dance studio hosted the auditions, said that there were girls from all over. Dancers had even come from as far as Penn-

sylvania. Despite the location in Plymouth, the auditions were not open to all dancers in the community. They were private auditions, open to dancers who had been screened and chosen prior to the arrival of the "Star Search" crew.

The warm-up room at the studio held nervous contestants getting in some last minute practice on their most

difficult moves and distorting their bodies in stretching preparation. Adjusting costumes and applying a final coat of lipstick, the dancers listened to their teachers and parents giving them pep talks.

Alison Allison, a talent coordinator for "Star Search," conducted the auditions.

In the closed-off audition studio, she explained the procedure to each dance group separately and gave them a practice warm up before the actual taping. The cameras and technical equipment were enough to aggravate the nerves of any committed participant.

Animated faces and perfectly synchronized moves characterized one dance groups audition which featured one Westland girl and two others from Pennsylvania.

There was only one dancer from The Plymouth-Canton Community on hand to take a shot at stardom.

Dawnell Dryja, of Canton, a ballet dancer, did a solo routine. Dryja, who attends East Middle School, dances at Joanne's Dance Extension. Her mother, Dawn Green, is her teacher and has been for the past 10 years.

Dryja, 12, is not a stranger to the competitive world of dance. She is the Petite Miss Dance of Michigan this year and she competed in the Oregon National Convention representing Michigan from June 30 to July 5.

Later this summer, she will be off to the Cleveland Ballet where she received a scholarship. Last summer she attended the Chicago Ballet.

Soon the auditions are over, but the dancers retain a bit of anxiousness waiting to see if their costume was an eye catcher or if their routine had the flawlessness and style that it takes to make the coveted appearance.

## Americana

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Indians, women," he said, pointing to a collection of Indian arrow heads and then turning to pages of buttons depicting the women's movement.

Montgomery, who has lived in Canton for about 20 years, started his collection 15 years ago after he was given a gift by his shipmates of a wooden eagle plaque with the words "E Pluribus Unum."

While in the Merchant Marines, Montgomery also got pulled in war as he made more than 30 trips to South Vietnam bringing in supplies for U.S. forces engaged in the conflict.

Much of the collection is displayed side by side in frames on the walls of the Montgomery home. Some of the displays show Montgomery's handy work where he set off the medals or buttons with further decoration.

In one corner is a letter from the 101st Airborne unit thanking Montgomery for a gift he sent to the outfit as a tribute. In the same frame are the unit's badges and pins.

Dogtags (including Montgomery's own) tangle from several displays, but most startling is the set of eagle statues over the mantle. There are more than

50 on display, including one on the floor which was apparently made out of walnut shells. Some are painted, others look like bronze or copper.

"This is isn't just my collection," said Montgomery, who is always receiving new pieces for it from his family and friends.

His wife Janet Montgomery said, "I think it's great. It keeps him busy and it makes buying presents for him easy.

"And he cleans it all to," she added.

Only part of the collection is displayed at any one time, said Montgomery, who likes to constantly fiddle with the display, making additions or changing a piece so that he can display something that has been tucked away for a while.

"This country is the best in the world," he said. "We're not perfect, but we're near to perfect."

Montgomery haunts flea markets, garage sales and antiques show always on the lookout for his little treasures. Often he drags along his wife or daughter, who also get caught up in the hunt.

All the work, though, seems well worth it, especially when reminded by Montgomery's wife that, "It'll take you all day to go through it."



# Community Deaths

THE COMMUNITY CRIBER, July 5, 1989

## Elzerman, a piano teacher

Evelyn M. Elzerman, 75, of Novi, died June 19 in Novi. Services were held June 22 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Samuel F. Stout officiating.

Ms. Elzerman was formerly of Plymouth. She moved to Northville from Plymouth in 1982. She was a homemaker and a former piano teacher. She also did typing for crippled children. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville. She was the oldest living Spina Bifida patient in Michigan.

Survivors include: sister Alma Higgins, of Farmington Hills; and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Crippled Children Association or the Spina Bifida Association.

## Torrie, WWII veteran

Agnus M. Torrie, 91, of Livonia, died May 30 in Livonia. Services were held June 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Richard Perfetto officiating.

Mr. Torrie was a retired stationary engineer at the University of Detroit. He was employed there for over 30 years. He came to the Livonia Community in 1978 from Detroit where they were long-time residents. Mr. Torrie served in World War II with the Canadian Armed Forces in France and Germany.

Survivors include: wife Mary, of Livonia; daughter Sharon Rucinski, of Plymouth; brother Duncan, of New Hamburg, Ontario; sister Isabel Neil, of Georgetown, Ontario.

## Melow, former farmer

Charles Melow, 79, of Redford, died June 21 in Redford. Services were held June 23 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth F. Gruebel officiating.

Mr. Melow was a farmer on the family farm on Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township before moving several years ago. He attended Plymouth High School.

Survivors include: daughter Judy Van Huysen, of Onaway; brother Raymond, of Redford; two grandsons.

Memorial contributions to the Michigan Cancer Foundation are appreciated.

## Petka, Daisy employe

Virginia J. Petka, 72, of Tipton, died June 27 in Adrian. Services were held June 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Francis Williams officiating.

Mrs. Petka, formerly of Plymouth, was an assembler for the Daisy Manufacturing Plant in Plymouth for 10 years.

Survivors include: daughter Patricia Goldbach, of Tipton; sisters Margaret Prentiss, of Livonia, Dorothy Wilhelmi, of Plymouth, Eleanore Fordor, of Detroit; two grandsons.

Interment was in St. John's Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

Arrangements were made by Braun Brothers Funeral Home in Adrian.

## Keefter, Chevy employe

Dorothy V. Keefter, 61, of Plymouth, died June 18 in Ann Arbor. Services were held June 22 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating.

Mrs. Keefter was formerly employed at Chevrolet Spring and Bumper plant in Livonia for 15 years in food service. She was also employed at the Plymouth Trading Post for several years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and also a member of the Vivians--Plymouth Elks B.P.O.E. No. 1780 Auxiliary. She worked for the Plymouth Township Election Board for several years.

Survivors include: husband William L., of Plymouth; son William C., of Redford; daughters Gloria, of Ann Arbor, Lois Meade, of Plymouth; sisters Margaret Bunyea, of Plymouth, Mildred Sutherland, of Gaylord, Leona Titus, of Gregory, Izzetta Kerr, of Ironton, OH, and Shirley Sutherland, of Plymouth; sister in law Ruth Haab, of Boynton Beach, FL; grandchildren Kimberly, Kathryn, and William Keefter.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

## Blevins, a heat treater

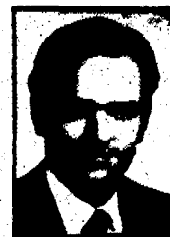
Wiley Lee Blevins, 90, of Westland, died June 27 in Ann Arbor. Services were held June 30 at the Lambert-Vermeulen-Funeral Home with the Rev. Tucker Gunnaman officiating.

Mr. Blevins was a steel heat treater.

Survivors include: wife Jennie E., of Westland; sons Emery, of Bessemer, AL, Jack, of Canton; daughters Helen Stewart, of Plymouth, Shirley Nejeleske, of Royal Oak; brother James, of Indiana; sisters Emma Chadwick, of Indiana, Ruby Meyer, of Hale; four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy.

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The classes will begin on July 10.

Course offerings will focus on math and English skills as well as a variety of areas, including music and science.

For further information, call 462-4448.

## City offers gymnastics, judo, karate classes

The City of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a gymnastics class beginning on Tuesday, July 11, which will run for eight weeks.

It includes vaulting, balance beam, floor exercises, and mini trampoline activities. Three levels will be offered in each age group. Ages three to seven will meet on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Ages eight and older will meet on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m.

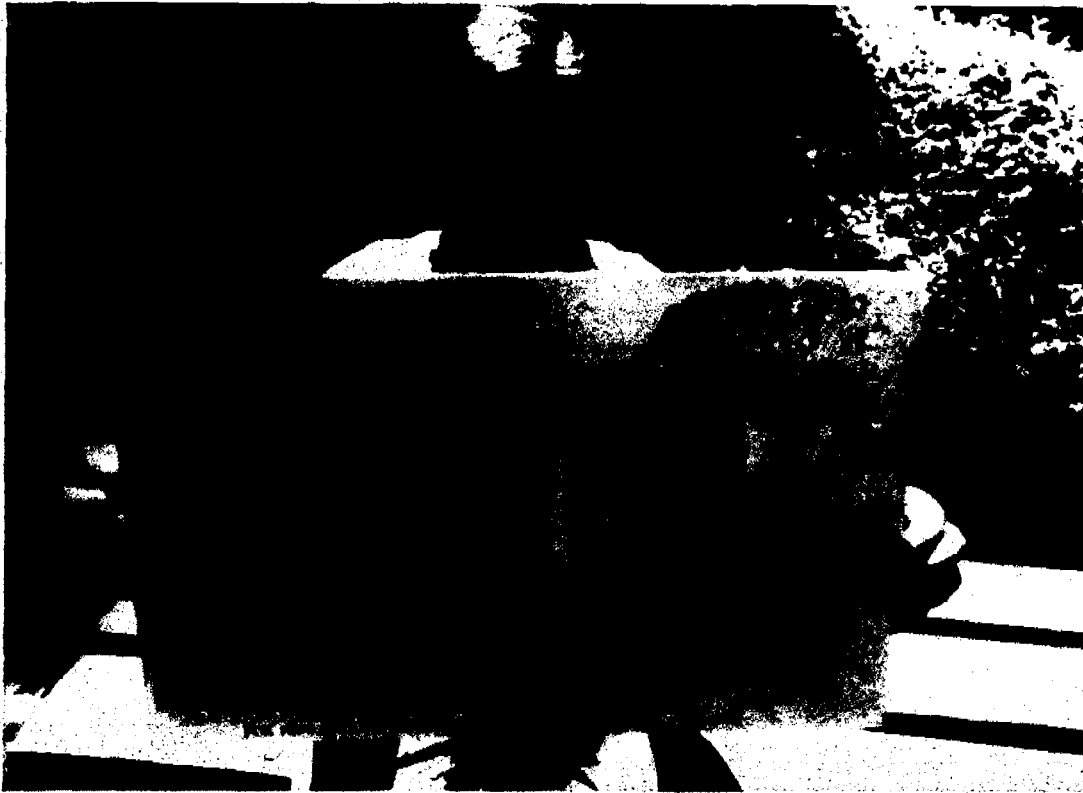
The cost is \$35 for city residents and \$38.50 for non-residents. For more information call 455-6620.

Judo and karate classes will also be offered through the recreation department beginning on Thursday (July 6).

The cost is \$30 for city residents and \$33 for non-residents. Classes will be offered for ages six to 13, and 14 and up, in both judo and karate. For times and other details call 455-6620.



# Places to be



Chris Konovliv, 12, was the winner of the Art in the Park coloring contest. He won \$25. Jennifer Smith finished in second place. Both students attend West Middle School. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## In Kellogg Park

# Art in the Park...July 15-16

Get ready art lovers, the 9th annual Art in the Park art festival will be held July 15-16 in the City of Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

More than 220 artists and craftspeople will display their work. There will be artists from Indiana, Florida, Ohio, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, Ontario, and 85 different Michigan cities.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 15 and will run on both Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Not only will the artists be there to exhibit a huge variety of art work, but there will also food and music.

All of the arts and crafts exhibited by the artists is original and handcrafted.

Some of the many featured pieces will include jewelry made with hand forged sterling and handcrafted gold, quilted and musical teddy bears, painted cloth fold dolls, pottery, hand woven rugs and baskets, water colors, oils, and photography.

Etched and stained glass lamps, wreaths, bird houses, and rocking horses, and patio furniture will also be available.

Now might be the time to shop for Christmas.



## In harmony

Rosie Lee (from left), Lauren Doetch, and D.L. Turner belt out a tune during last week's "Music in the Park." (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## City home named to register

BY LAUREN SMITH

The Michigan Historical Commission has listed the George A. Starkweather House on the State Register of Historic Sites.

It now joins the Baker House and the Sutherland House in Plymouth which are also listed in this honorary register.

According to Laura Ashlee, the coordinator of the historic marker program, to be considered "a building has to be at least 50 years of age and still have its historical integrity."

The Starkweather house has a Type B listing because it has been altered with siding. Ashlee said that the commission "ideally likes to list sites that haven't been altered...but (this house) has significance because of its connection with Starkweather."

Starkweather's property covered the area which is now much of downtown Plymouth and some surrounding land. The Starkweather House was built in 1875 diagonally from the General Store he owned with R. G. Hall.

More than 2,000 buildings are listed in the State Register of Historic Sites. First, the owner George Bergevin

applied for the listing and then the application was channeled through various departments before it was put before the Historical Commission.

After the owners applied, the application was reviewed by the staff of the Historic Preservation unit of the Bureau of History. After it was deemed eligible, the house had to be nominated by the State Register Coordinator and finally the nomination was presented to the Michigan Historical Commission.

On June 15, the Starkweather House was "formally designated as a State Historic Site," said Ashlee.

"The Register is mainly honorary," said Ashlee, but the owners are "now eligible to acquire a State Historical marker," she said.

The state does not purchase the marker, it must be purchased by the owner if they wish to do so.

There is no standard number of buildings named Historic Sites each year. Ashlee said that sometimes it is "so difficult to find information on when the house was built or the people that built it (that it) takes longer to do the research...some owners do extensive research."

## School board to pick officer

BY JOHN BRODERICK

By this time tomorrow, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education should have new officers.

The board will hold its annual organizational meeting tonight (July 5) to choose a new president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary.

The board will also formalize routine annual business decisions, such as the naming of legal counsel, financial consultants, auditors, and publications in which legal notices will be placed.

"We usually just sit down and say, 'Who would like to do which job?'" said Roland Thomas, current board secretary. "It's a pretty informal process."

Dave Artley, who recently retained his spot on the board during the last school election, is currently the board president. Dean Swartzwelter is vice president and Marilyn Schwinn, treasurer.


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## Getting down to business




Savory Fare owner Anna Stebbins shows off one of her creations. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

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## For gourmet tastes...

BY LAUREN SMITH

Craving a cajun meal or something like escargot? But wondering where to turn in Plymouth to satisfy those gourmet taste buds?

Savory Fare, a catering and gourmet carry-out located in the City of Plymouth recently opened to serve the community with finer foods.

Anna Stebbins, owner of Savory Fare, began catering in homes last October. She has enjoyed cooking since she was very young and hosted many of her own large parties before she made a business out of it.

"Something I've wanted to do for a long time is have my own business and be in the food business," said Stebbins. Anna Stebbins and Pam Knauss work together in cooking up the extravagant dishes.

Stebbins said that this business "seemed perfectly right for Plymouth. It's grown so much in the last 10 years. We can certainly utilize something like this." The entrees offered will change daily on the carry-out menu,

but some of the dishes include: duckling a l'Orange, chicken and beef Wellingtons, and lobster Newburg.

A variety of soups, pasta, salads, and hors d'oeuvres is also available, including everything from marinated shrimp, terrines, cornucopia vegetable salad, and dilled carrot soup to Bourbon Street Fudge Cake.

Some of the dishes will be available already refrigerated so they can be put in the oven at home.

"What we have to offer is unique for Plymouth," said Stebbins. "We (Stebbins and Knauss) are both very capable of doing wonderful things in the food area." She hopes that she will be able to "broaden the taste of customers with the different items we offer."

Savory Fare Ltd. is located at 515 Forest in the back of the Cheese and Wine Barn. Daily menus will be posted on the window.

Carry-out is available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday on Saturday until 6 p.m.



# Getting down to business

THE COMMUNITY CRIBER, July 5, 1989

Available in Plymouth

## Pasta for the Italian at heart



Yes, there is a "Mama Mucci." It's Margherita Mucci, of Plymouth Township. Her pasta business recently opened up in the City of Plymouth and is already providing pasta to several restaurants. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

"Real homemade pasta like Mama used to make."

That advertising slogan may soon be seen more often through The Plymouth-Canton Community, Northville, Ann Arbor and other nearby environs.

Thanks to the launch of Mama Mucci's Pasta -- now manufacturing several types of fresh pasta in downtown Plymouth -- several restaurants are already using the fresh pasta that the company hopes will be available wide-scale for consumer purchase soon too.

And, yes, there is a real "Mama Mucci."

She is Plymouth Township's Margherita Mucci, originally from Montelongo, Italy. (Many Plymouth-Canton folks know her husband, Pete, of Pete's Shoes, on Fleet Street in downtown Plymouth -- three doors down from the pasta company.)

Housed in the former Kresge department store kitchens, the pasta company is truly a family business. Everyone has pitched in to transform the old kitchens into a sparkling modern facility with state-of-the-art equipment.

Along with "Mama," sons Francesco and Vincenzo, have developed the recipes and, with long-time family friend Tim Sweeney ("I'm Irish-Italian," he chuckles), are now making fresh fettuccine, linguine, spaghetti, angel hair, lasagna sheets, and quadrettini.

No colorings or preservatives are added, but different flavors and colors are achieved by adding egg, spinach and tomato, said Sweeney, the company's general manager. Other herb flavors and even squid inks can be added for custom orders.

"There's a big difference between a dry pasta and our fresh-made product," said Sweeney. "The texture, taste, firmness and aroma are advantages, and there are a lot of cooking advantages that go with fresh pasta.

"We can justify the higher costs because of the quality," he added.

The nature of fresh pasta -- "it's a perishable item and means we can't use inferior ingredients," said Vincenzo Mucci.

He added that the family's company hopes to meet the increasing American appetite for pasta, now averaging about 17 pounds per year per capita. "But in Italy, it's almost 40 pounds," he added, hoping that Mama Mucci can raise the American average to that.

Eventually, the company hopes to add "Mama's" sauces -- she prepares steaming kettles of it for taste testing parties in the pasta kitchen -- stuffed pasta products like lasagna and tortellini, and extruded pasta products like shells and curly noodles.

Starting with the recipes "Mama Mucci" brought over from Italy, the pasta effort is off and running.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The fresh pasta of Mama Mucci is available for retail sale at the Penniman Delicatessen on Penniman just off Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

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## End to conflict could be near

# Stahl to begin parking lot improvements

**BY JOHN BRODERICK**  
The problems between the Stahl Manufacturing Co., and neighboring City of Plymouth residents may soon be coming to a peaceful conclusion.

A company spokesperson said that construction should begin in early July on a wall, a new drainage system, and newly paved parking lot, around Stahl's Junction Street plant.

Neighboring residents have complained since last fall about a number of problems caused by Stahl, including dust from an unpaved parking lot, water runoff onto adjacent properties,

noise, and trucks turning around on residential streets.

Ron Kosinski, operations manager of Stahl's Plymouth plant, said that the planned project should alleviate problems with neighbors.

"It's too bad that it has taken this long. Our company has been going through massive changes recently — we were back logged with work for our customers, and had to bring in extra employees to make up for that," he said.

"Our future is linked to that of the auto industry. We are beginning some new programs with the 'big three,' and

the future for the company looks very good. Now we can begin to focus on redeveloping a good working relationship with our neighbors," he said.

Kosinski said that letters will be sent to neighbors explaining the changes, and encouraging future communication with the company.

The city has filed criminal charges against the company for building code violations, and for failure to comply with a site plan approved by the city commission.

"They are well aware that we are

going to proceed with the criminal proceedings. It is everybody's hope that the issue will be resolved before it comes to trial," said Ron Lowe, city attorney.

"Company representatives have been meeting with us, and seem sincere in their commitment to resolving the problems soon. I'm cautiously optimistic at this point," he said.

"Our main point is to appease the neighbors, who have had to put up with these problems for long enough — if they were to make some of the changes, the city could probably ease its stance," Lowe said.

# Two developments slated for Canton

Canton's Board of Trustees gave special land use and site plan approval last week to two new development projects which could continue the expansion of the township's residential market.

Both the Rolling Hills Estates Condominiums project, and the Charrington Park Condominiums projects were granted special land use and site plan approval by the board.

The Rolling Hills project calls for 76

homes on 110 acres at Napier and Ann Arbor roads in a heavily wooded and hilly section of Canton. The developer has chosen a cluster design for the homes (the density averages one unit per 1.4 acres).

The developer said each site is designed only for a home. Because of the nature of the site, he said, there would be virtually no yards.

Dave Nicholson, of Canton's Community Economic Development

department, said the area includes some "sensitive wetlands," but both the Canton Planning Commission and Supervisor Tom Yack recommended approval.

The homes in the development will be custom designed for each new owner and cost \$200,000 or more.

Nicholson called the location "one of the prettiest spots in Wayne County." He said the developer was planning to retain the beauty of the area, completing the project in two

stages.

The Charrington Park project calls for 16 single family detached residential units on the 5.5 acres site off of Warren Road between Canton Center and Sheldon roads.

The project is being developed by Mike Burley, of Canton.

Both the planning commission and Yack recommended approval. Trustee Robert Shefferly dissented on the 6-1 vote.



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## Hop-In robbed of cash

The Hop-In convenience store at Ann Arbor Trail and Lilley Road was robbed Saturday night of \$79.

According to City of Plymouth Police, a Hispanic man in his mid-20's entered the store near midnight, asking for a pack of cigarettes.

When the attendant opened the register, the man jumped onto the

counter and grabbed money from the register, police said.

The man, reportedly about five feet, seven inches tall with a medium build, and shoulder length wavy hair, then left the store on foot, police said.

No weapons were used or implied, police said.

## EMU to study Canton's needs

**BY KEN VOYLES**

Eastern Michigan University will conduct a social needs assessment in Canton after winning the bid award for the project during last week's Canton Board of Trustee meeting.

A member of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Council told the board that they were "more confident in EMU's proposal than the others."

Dave Nicholson, director of the Community Economic Development department in Canton, said that EMU's proposal would be reviewed by the township attorney before it is presented for authorization by the board. The cost of the project is \$25,000.

According to an EMU brief, the project would be made up of four parts — a target group or full population survey, a public service agency client survey, a community leaders and service providers survey and focus groups of service providers.

Work on the project will begin this month with a final report due by March of 1990.

At the same time that they approved the social needs assessment, the Canton board also approved the "reprogramming" of 1987 CDBG funds to be used to upgrade the parking around the Canton Seniors Center on Michigan Avenue at a cost of about \$49,000.

Other CDBG funds will also be used to purchase a new handicap van (\$30,000).

## Addenda & errata

Last week The Crier reported that school board trustee E.J. McClendon would be taking over the presidency of the Plymouth Rotary. While the decision is not final, McClendon is likely to take over the position in July of 1990.

## Community births

### Welcome Alesa

Alesa Sue Panicacci was born on March 2, weighing 6 lb., 13 oz.

Her parents are Gary and Lori Panicacci, of Whitmore Lake.

Her grandparents are Emerson and Diane Coates, of Plymouth, and Nate and Mary Lee Panicacci, of South Lyon.

### Hello Hillary

Hillary Anne Bracht was born April 9, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Hillary weighed 8 lb., 4 oz.

She joins brothers David, 12, and Andrew, 7, and sister Allison, 7.

Hillary's parents are Andrea and Bill Bracht, of Plymouth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bracht, of Sunny Hills, FL, and Mr. and Mrs. Bokerman, of Naples, FL.

### James arrives

James Edward Mathias, IV arrived April 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. James weighed 7 lb., 6 oz. at birth.

His parents are James and Nancy Mathias, of Canton. Grandparents are Steve and Angela Pappas, of Southgate, and James and Helen Mathias, of Bellevue.

### Hi Jonathan

Jonathan Kyle Warner was born February 26 at Clark Air Force Base in the Phillipines.

Jonathan weighed 7 lb., 8 oz. upon his arrival.

His proud parents are Nick and Tami Warner.

Grandparents are Diane McGill of Harriet, AR; Keith Warner, of Naples, FL; Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Prescott, of Naples, FL; and great-grandparents Fran and Tex Warner, of Plymouth.

### Nicholas is here

Nicholas Steven was born to Jennifer and Steve Wood, of Tulsa, on May 25.

The grandparents are Carl and Meredith Fain, of Tulsa, and Ron and Kay Wood, of Plymouth.

### Welcome twins

Amanda Lauren and Charles Christopher were born to Bob and Beverly Waite, of Houston on April 18. Bob is formerly of Plymouth.

The grandparents are Charles and Ann Waite, of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cullinan, of Belton, TX.

The great-grandparents are Sara Updike, of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sanford, of Florida, formerly of Plymouth.

# Canton Library reaches out

BY LAUREN SMITH

The Canton Public Library is reaching out.

Library officials said last week that they have applied for a grant to place outreach libraries in two senior residences — the new Canton Place Senior Residence, which will open in late September, and the Royal Holiday Mobile Home Park.

Jean Tabor, the director of the Canton Library, said that township is trying to set up "two small circulatory collections." She said they will be "like little reading centers in residence."

Tabor said the program will be initiated with about 200 books in each location and they will rotate the selection.

Library officials hope to set up the collections in November of this year. They are asking for a \$5,000 grant to get the program started.

Tabor said the sites were chosen because the Royal Holiday Park is on the other side of Canton and there is little public transportation available for seniors. The program will make it easier for the seniors to access library materials, she said.

Each location will have a librarian and a driver.

"Residents will keep statistics and help with check out," said Tabor.

With the construction of Canton Place, Tabor said it is "an excellent time to reach out to seniors." She said this would be the first step to more programs for Canton's seniors. Tabor would also like to initiate book discussions and read aloud programs in the future.

The library has also applied for a grant to help fund four illiteracy projects for older adults.

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# Public notices

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC NOTICE

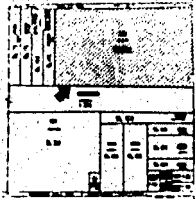
The report on uses of GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS for the fiscal year of 1988 has been submitted, as required, by the Charter Township of Canton.  
The report is available for public inspection on weekdays at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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Loren Bennett, Clerk

## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 1989, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.



CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL 064-99-0007-000 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF CANTON CENTER ROAD BETWEEN SALTZ AND CHERRY HILL ROADS.

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Planning Commission  
John Burdziak, Chairman

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF THE RECREATION FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE RECREATION BOND PROGRAM FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

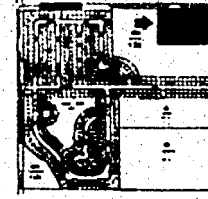
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Michigan P.A. 329 of 1988, the Recreation Bond Implementation Act, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 11, 1989, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, at 7:00 p.m. to consider submission of the following proposal to the State of Michigan for possible funding through the Recreation Bond Implementation Act.  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE, OR PORTIONS OF, THE 50 ACRE ADDITION TO THE CANTON RECREATION COMPLEX (PHASE III AND PHASE IV) LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF THE CANTON CENTER AND PROCTOR ROAD INTERSECTION ADJACENT TO THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. THE DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED TO INCLUDE BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL USES INTENDED TO SERVE THE ENTIRE CANTON COMMUNITY.

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Charter Township of Canton  
Loren Bennett, Clerk

## CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.  
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CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND FOREST BROOK PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PALMER ROAD AND MORTON-TAYLOR ROADS PARCEL NO. 105-99-0001-004.

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Planning Commission  
John Burdziak, Chairman

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1989 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Breen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 1989, Regular Board of Trustees meeting, as submitted. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all, except Mr. Munfakh who was excused from voting since he was not present at the meeting.

Mrs. Brooks moved to approve the bills for June 1989 in the amount of \$219,702.73 for General Fund and \$91,839.59 for Water and Sewer for a total of \$311,542.32. Supported by Mr. Horton.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Mr. Munfakh moved to accept the agenda for the June 27, 1989, Regular Board of Trustees meeting, as presented. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Recognition of Pioneer Middle School National Junior Honor Society Public Service Project.

Supervisor Breen requested that Jann Hoffman present a plaque to Ms. Kheder, Pioneer Middle School Instructor, and then he read the Proclamation recognizing seven students from Pioneer Middle School and their participation in a Recycling Awareness Service Project.

The proclamation has been made a part of the Official Minutes.

Supervisor Breen presented Length of Service Awards to Marilyn Massengill, recognizing 20 years of service and Steve Rapson, recognizing 10 years of service.

Supervisor Breen opened the meeting for public comment on Tax Abatement for Key Plastics, Inc., A-Line Plastic Division, 40300 Plymouth Road, at 7:42 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

Mr. Horton moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-29 granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a period of 12 years to Key Plastics, Inc., A-Line Plastic Division, 40300 Plymouth Road, for product expansion and further automation of injection molding capacity and of mold and tool making and parts assembly capability. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-29 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to utilize a generic contract, submitted by the Township Attorney, and require any organization that requests Township donations to sign the contract which will be altered to fit the specific event or organization. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Stewart moved to accept the fee proposal submitted by Mr. Kolano from Kolano and Saha Engineers, Inc., and directed him to prepare a document updating the Township's Noise Ordinance for submission to the Township Board within 6 to 8 weeks. After Board perusal and acceptance, the document will then be forwarded to the Township Attorney for final draft into an ordinance format. Supported by Mr. Horton.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution of Intent No. 89-06-27-36 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Horton moved to deny the request from residents that the Township finance the repair of the rear yard drainage problem in Riverside Subdivision No. 2. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to deny the request from McAuley Health Center that the Township authorize the County to prepare a list of property owners from the township tax records and further to instruct the Township Supervisor not to allow any list of property owners to be given out. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

Mr. Stewart moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-31, approving the Storm Drain Agreement for Brent M. Wasik, 9333 Lilley Road. Supported by Mr. Horton.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-31 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Munfakh moved that July 18, 1989, be established for a public hearing on the request of TNT-EDM, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved that July 18, 1989, be scheduled for public hearing on the request of MLC Corporation for a transfer of their Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 88-616 to their

parent company, Hertel Cutting Technologies, Inc., of New Jersey. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-32 recommending that the Liquor Control Commission consider "Above All Others" a request from Pruzinsky, Inc., 39405 Plymouth Road, for a Class C License. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-32 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the Amendment of Easement for Willowgreen Building Corporation, Lot 8, Metro West Technology Park, as approved by the Township Engineer as to form and by the Township Attorney as to form and content. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to authorize the Township Engineer to advertise for bids for the Ridge Road Master Meter connection for the construction of a meter pit and pressure reducing station located at Joy Road and Ridge Road. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the extension of the Solid Waste Disposal Contract with Canton Waste Recycling, effective through July 1, 1990. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to adopt a policy requiring all Township residents who have cancelled their Solid Waste Disposal service and later wish to return to the Township contracted service, be required to pay a fee of \$3.00 for every month they do not utilize the Township service. Residents would have a penalty-free grace period of 60 days from the date of adopting this policy. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to deny the proposed new policy of selling Township Trash Bags to only those residents that can provide a current, paid water/SWD bill. The existing policy shall remain in effect.

Mr. Griffith moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-33 approving the adoption of a Cafeteria Plan, a specifically written plan which allows employees to choose between taxable cash compensation or several specifically permitted non-taxable benefits, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign such plan documents upon completion by the Township Attorney, with attorney fees not to exceed \$5,000. Supported by Mr. Horton.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-33 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Horton moved that the concern of traffic conditions on Powell Road describe by Tara Richer be turned over to the Police Chief. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-34, approving a Project Area and establishing a Project District Area for Graco, Inc., of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Metro West Technology Park. Supervisor Breen appointed Abe Munfakh and Greg Williams as additional directors to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-34 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Stewart moved Resolution No. 89-06-27-35 approving the 35th District Court Interlocal Agreement creating the 35th District Court Authority. Supported by Mr. Munfakh.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Hulsing, Brooks, Griffith, Horton, Munfakh, Stewart, Breen

Nays: None

Resolution No. 89-06-27-35 has been made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Horton moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth to sign the Inter-Local Agreement for the 35th District Court Authority. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to receive and file all items under L. Communications - Resolutions - Reports. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Horton moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Mr. Stewart. Ayes all.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hulsing, Clerk

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• The above is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees regular meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 1989. The full minutes of the meeting are on file in the Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, awaiting approval by the Board at their next regular meeting, July 18, 1989. They may be read at any time during the working hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

# Please don't call them 'trailers'

THE COMMUNITY CRIBER, July 5, 1989



Royal Holiday Park, in Canton, is home to a variety of mobile homes. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

## In Plymouth-Canton Mobile home complaints

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plans to fight the matter "as high up as I have to."

Residents of the Sherwood Mobile Village, at Michigan and Haggerty Roads in Canton, have complained about conditions in their park. They said that poor drainage leaves much of the park swampy, and that the standing water is creating a health hazard.

Park owners and public health officials from a number of state and county offices have said that the poor drainage does not pose a significant health threat.

Residents said they plan to continue with a rent strike, placing their monthly payments into a special "escrow" account until the problems are resolved.

Since 1987, when the MMHC began handling complaints for mobile home parks, complaints have been filed

against two other parks in Canton:

College Park Mobile Homes has two closed complaints, one about an eviction, and the other about problems with roads in the park, and one open complaint.

Holiday Estates has one closed complaint, which involves a dispute between two neighbors, and four open complaints. The MMHC will not release information on open cases, which the office is investigating.

Most parks require that homes are fixed up, and brought up to code, before they are sold. The only other park that requires a shingled roof and lapped siding is Academy Point Mobile Homes, which is only a year old, and in which all homes already have such features.

Royal Holiday Mobile Home Park in Canton is exclusively for senior citizens -- the only Plymouth-Canton park with age restrictions.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Maurie Walker is a former newspaper reporter/photographer. He and his wife, Rose are long-time residents of Royal Holiday Park in Canton.

BY MAURIE WALKER

Mobile home living is a unique experience.

This does not mean it isn't comfortable and homey. It's just different than living in a regular house.

For example, there are no basements, no attics, no garages, so storage does become a problem. Of course, this does give you an excuse for getting rid of a lot of junk.

A practical answer to this problem is the shed which you will find adjacent to most mobile homes. These can house tools, lawn mowers and such items. This shed is also a good place in which to store items that you don't want to keep in the house but are "too good" to discard.

Anyone who thinks mobile home living will get them away from all the household chores, is in for a sad awakening. There are still lawns to mow, snow to shovel, periodic decorating and painting and perhaps plumbing to repair. However, the interior as well as the exterior painting is at a minimum.

Persons unable to do these various jobs as well as fixing a leaky faucet, can always find someone in the mobile home park who can do the job or knows of someone who can. If the handyman is a resident of the park, in many cases he will do the job at a fairly low rate.

It may take time for a person to get accustomed to the sounds of a mobile home.

Since the outside of these units is aluminum, they expand some when the weather turns from cold to warm, causing off and on cracking sounds. A person usually becomes used to it and before too long seldom notices it.

Heavy rain and hail are heard louder in a mobile home. This soon fails to bother you.

Mobile home living can be the least expensive of any housing. If you can afford, as many persons can and do, to purchase the home outright, it is a lot cheaper than an apartment or a home mortgage.

While you do have to pay a monthly rent for the property on which the house is situated, it is still the least expensive monthly home

payment you can find. As in most other living quarters there are the monthly utility bills.

Mobile homes come in a variety of sizes. There are two and three bedroom units, one and two baths, some units have expandos which add several feet of space in the living and dining areas. Some units have sun purchases, complete with storm windows and screens.

Owners of mobile homes take pride in their homes and surroundings. Although there are many homes of the same make and style in a park, each home and yard is decorated differently and the yards have a variety of trees, bushes and flowers, all planted by the homeowner.

As in many neighborhoods, neighbors help each other in various projects on their homes when help is needed. And while maintenance is a minimum, the roof of a mobile home needs to be coated with a water-proofing material. This is where a neighbor may help.

A feeling of safety is felt in many parks with street lights shining brightly at night and the area constantly patrolled by police.

Residents stroll through the park on summer evenings or ride bicycles around the winding streets, waving at neighbors.

Should you happen to live in a park such as Royal Holiday in Canton which has a clubhouse and a swimming pool that is restricted to residents, there are many things to occupy your leisure times. This park has a club made up of residents which meets every Tuesday in the clubhouse.

The club has a full set of officers who run the meetings and through Canton Senior Citizens Coordinator, Dianne Neihengen, inform the club members of upcoming events and trips.

In addition, there are nightly card games, weekly bingo and monthly potluck. All this with friendly people with whom you can visit.

Purchasing a mobile home can be a good investment since used homes are usually in demand. In addition to being the least expensive way to live, a mobile home can be comfortable and enjoyable.

One more thing -- Never call them trailers. They are mobile homes!

## 'Sister city' mulled

Canton's Board of Trustees last week moved to develop a "sister city" program when it passed a resolution establishing a committee to research the idea.

The board unanimously approved the plan.

Canton Clerk Loren Bennett said the plan would "create an opportunity for Canton and its citizens to increase its business and cultural ties around the world."

A committee, including Bob Padget, David Pandit and Trustee Elaine Kirchgatter, will research the feasibility of creating the sister city program.

Bennett said the idea was first proached back in 1988 when he and Padget met with Ramu Pandit, secretary general of the Indian Merchant's Chamber of India.

## Twp. development

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development. Some residents wrote letters to the planning commission in support of the project, but others were less pleased.

Jim Lesperance, of Powell Road, said the project is enough to make him consider moving.

"We moved out here to enjoy peace and quiet, now the eighth hole will be just over our back fence -- we're not too pleased," he said.

Scappaticci said he got the idea for the project by talking to friends.

"People have been saying to me how

nice it would be to live on a golf course, so we went out and found a piece of land that is perfect for that," he said.

The club will feature a \$2 million clubhouse, equipped with banquet facilities, built on a 15-acre site.

"We're not talking about a four car garage," Scappaticci said. "When this is complete, it will be a \$40 million plus project."

Marcello and Silvio Scappaticci have been in business for 34 years, and will soon be opening an office in the Plymouth Atrium office complex on Ann Arbor Road.





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## Kickers ready for European trip

BY RITA DERBIN

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BY LAUREN SMITH

Applications to live in the new Canton Senior Place residence being built for seniors citizens in the township, are currently being reviewed.

The National Church Residences, a non-profit organization which is responsible for building the high rise, received 1,200-1,300 letters of interest.

Applications were available on June 14-16 and 286 forms were submitted

for review. There are a total of 117 residences available in the new facility.

According to employees at National Church Residences, Federal laws demand that preference must first be given to applicants in substandard housing, anyone who pays more than 50 per cent of their income for rent, or anyone who has been "involuntarily displaced".

Besides these special cases, placement, keeping with income

requirements, will be in the order of postmark. The seniors who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waiting list.

In late September when Canton Place opens, other seniors who did not apply and have decided they might be interested will also be able to have their names placed on the waiting list.

Applicants will be sent a packet of information they will need to fill out before the start of their scheduled

interviews. This information will help determine whether they fit the preference criteria and the other requirements.

The first interviews will be held on August 8-10 in Canton for those applicants who have been notified and sent information.

## Our Lady

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Antoun said the communication subcommittee is in place to "open up the doors of communication." He believes it is very important to maintain "good relationships with all the shareholders."

The parish hopes to have a building fund drive in October this year, and if all proceeds as tentatively planned, ground breaking will occur next spring, maybe in May of 1990. That way a lot of ground work can be started "just as school's getting out," said Antoun.

The actual construction could take nearly a year, he said. If all goes as planned, the new facilities will be open by May of 1991.

# Your write to fight

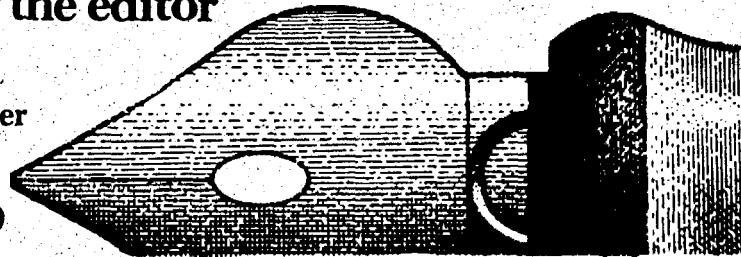
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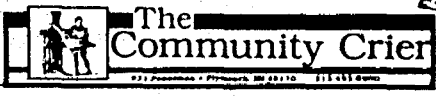


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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACK!** Remember age is only a state of mind.

Ed, you're not helping me find my desk.

Bob, have you ever thought of going into forestry? — forget it!

Did J.R. have her flag out for the 4th?

Have a BIG & BOLD Birthday Jack!

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, Jack jumped over all the bags and boxes in his living room.

BETH: It was great going to see Batman with you! Next time you'll have to keep your eyes open the whole movie!

John, Marc, Johnny and Beth: I'll have to be sure to send you some postcards from California! I can't wait for vacation! Only 1 1/2 more weeks until I'm visiting the West Coast gang! I'll tell everyone hi from the Michigan gang!

JOHNNY: Did you get a key from Aunt Loretta — or didn't you ask? You'll have to come out and go skiing and swimming on Duck Lake sometime. Oh, and bring the family, too.

CONGRATULATIONS all Vietnam and Korean veterans. All WWII and WWI veterans, too.

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Brie, thanks for letting me win one game of Uno.

Just remember — you're never too old to be grounded.

Michelle — Next time you want to take a swim, go to the beach!

Did everyone enjoy the Fourth?

I wear large polo shirts, I like gold jewelry, and I like presents. (Crown Royal)

Phyllis — Congrats on the new set of wheels. Remember the speed limit on Main Street is the same no matter what color the car is.

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick, can Jack jump over 51 candlesticks?!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Be sure and pay up your debts by Fri. Do not waver on your goal you set. Things happen, live with that attitude & we will be bearable.

Dad & Rich: Thanks, we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks, Julie and Janet

Diane and Judy, come back again — Soon!

Welcome back Kathie!

Our newest Crier carriers are: Jill is taking over Route No. 11, Barbara is taking over Route No. 94 and 94A, Joel and Tony are taking over Route No. 173, Kevin is taking over Route No. 189B. Welcome aboard and good luck! Verna

Any local restaurant or bakery wishing to have their food and desserts tasted and judged by the flavor buds of an expert, just drop off samples at The Crier. Attention: Jack. The best time would be between the hours of 11 a.m. and noon.

TUNE-UP TIME for Steve Mansfield — in again for an adjustment.

JESSICA gets lost in Washington D.C.

Happy Birthday to the other bald man on The Crier staff, Jack, how does it feel to be over the hill again?

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Kevin finally got the dust off his windshield!

Aunt Hazel — Have you gotten out of the kitchen yet?

Dorothy Lee is another year younger. Happy Birthday, Dorothy!

Welcome Back Kathel!

Julie — How's your hand?

Verna, you did a great job keeping the front desk "glued" together these past 2 weeks! (Kathe wants to know if you even notice she was gone.)

Way to go, Margaret! (Jack, you look cute when you're pouting)

Certain people won't recognize Phyllis when she drives Main Street this week. (Lucky for her!)

People tend to stand clear of Leslyn when she is eating or drinking. It saves on the cleaning bill.

Maybe next year we can get a group of 5 to 10 businesses to sponsor the fireworks. We all miss them.

The Press Box does birthdays. Just order the tuna plate. It comes with candle and singing waitresses.

The Post Office carriers are about to get their annual workout. Sample Fall Festival Crier papers are being prepared to go out.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Lunar position emphasizes ability in controlling your fate. Use to the utmost. Be open with younger generation. It will pay off. Don't believe big is better.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Moon in your sign highlights financial benefits but time is running short so take advantage now. Previous weekend is sign of things to come. Be prepared to spend time on the water.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Tomorrow is big day. By now you have recovered and can hear better. Keep up search for hard to find items, it is there somewhere.

The cheesecake at Savory Fare melts in your mouth. More samples please.

MOM — don't talk so loud when you're not supposed to be home to answer the phone!

Greg — thanks for the golf clubs — when's tee time?

My, my Jack. You must be under a lot of stress... Two cigarettes at once?

Jack, did you say your favorite colors are the warm pastels in the peach family?

C.P. — You better always double check what you're Fed-Ex'ing Leslyn.

DAVE P.: Too bad you missed the party, but Lita says she still loves you! Spunky

Greg, is your batmobile multi-colored, too? Mark

Fran, Get out your walking shoes because I'll be by. Spunky

LALA — It was nice seeing you, even though it was only your picture on a milk carton. Spunky

Mary and Carol, are you enjoying The Crier?

Happy 4th of July to the girls in "The Pinochle Club."

Speaking of Pinochle, is it September yet?

Sorry I missed your party Lita, but I want to wish you loads of luck in this new adventure. Verna

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PAM CONN: congratulations on marshalling the Plymouth July 4th just grand.

STEVE AT THE PRESS BOX fixes tape decks — or tires.

ESCANABA GRAND MARSHALLS: congratulations and happy feeling.

HAPPY JULY 4th!

THANKS FOR the two-hearted ale.

THE DODGES ARE in town from California. Welcome back.

OLIVIA WENDALL: OK, OK: It's a duck (thanks).



Melissa Rockwood  
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Love, Chris, Mary and Kim Gattfield

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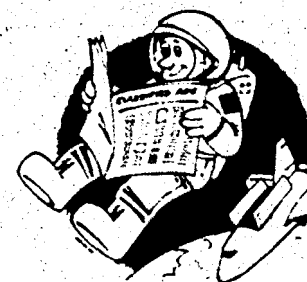
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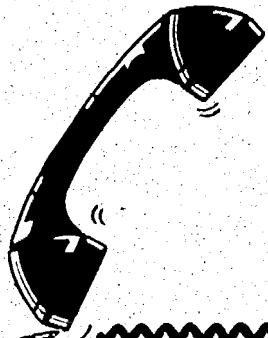
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what people think."

John Miller, a car salesperson and city resident said he was not displeased with the news. "I never saw him downtown -- did you? He was just not a people person."

Brian Kidston, an attorney and longtime resident said, "I think he stepped on a few toes, but he got a lot of things done -- you have to give him credit for that."

Paul Sincock has served as assistant to the city manager for a number of years. "We were all shocked," he said. "I am grateful for all the opportunities that Henry provided me over the years."

"It's a change that will affect all the city employes, and the entire city itself -- but it's too early to tell how."

Many people had not heard about the resignation until yesterday's parade, and were shocked when told by Crier reporters.

"Unbelievable," said Bill Joyner, a former Wayne County Commissioner. "Graper has done a lot for this city -- he's made a lot of positive contributions. As a county commissioner, I appreciated his understanding of the reliance between different levels of government."

"He didn't seem to mind ruffling a few feathers to get things done, and he did get things done -- although we didn't always agree on everything," said Terry Bixler, a member of the Downtown Development Authority.

"You're kidding?" said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who took office in November. "I had no idea -- I didn't really know Graper that well, we hadn't really had time to develop a relationship."

Mary Brooks, Plymouth Township Treasurer, hadn't heard the Graper news until the parade yesterday. "Oh my goodness sakes.

"What happened?" she asked.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry -- who formerly served as police chief in the city under Graper -- simply motioned zipping his lip.

Brian Lysaght, a reporter for a Livonia-based newspaper chain but a former Plymouth City Hall reporter for The Crier, said, "It's a dirty game.

"You lose your four votes, you lose your job. That's why I don't want to be a city manager.

"I want to hear the complete 'Why?'," he said.

"As a Plymouth resident, I hope this won't affect my services," Lysaght concluded.

*"You lose your four votes, you lose your job. That's why I don't want to be a city manager.*

*I want to hear the 'Why?'"*

*Brian Lysaght*



Henry Graper cannot be accused of lacking a sense of humor. He and city commissioner Mary Childs once served breakfast in bed in Kellogg Park, to clothier Fred Hill, as part of a WSDP auction. (Crier photo)



One of Henry Graper's final responsibilities was to oversee the moving of the Plymouth Rock memorial, and the installation of the new Vietnam-Korea memorial. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

# What really happened to Graper:

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

As yesterday's July 4th parade rolled by, few of the thousands of onlookers even thought twice about the vacant spot in the lineup which the program said was "Plymouth City Manager Henry Graper."

That's the nature of hired gun positions.

City managers and school superintendents -- four votes out of seven and they're just a blank spot in a parade lineup.

Graper joins an illustrious Plymouth-Canton list.

Before him at City Hall, Fred L. Yockey got the broom.

And before Yockey, Norm Gaffney.

At Plymouth-Canton Schools, James Rossman got the hook and was replaced by the current superintendent, John M. Hoben.

Contracts and lawyers can drag out the inevitable and sweeten the pot -- as they did in both the Rossman and Yockey cases -- but in the end, four votes win out every time. (During extreme circumstances, like 40 years ago in the City of Plymouth, the citizenry can rise up through recall and change the four votes. That was the case of the Plymouth recall of 1949 when disgruntled residents wanted Plymouth City Manager Harold Cheek fired, but the commissioners wouldn't do it.)

Don't look for any of that political turmoil in this City Commission's telling Graper "please resign."

Graper, who often pointed out that family investments allow him to supplement his \$50,000-a-year city manager salary (plus \$5,000 towards retirement, plus perquisites), will land somewhere else like a cat ALWAYS lands on its feet.



HENRY E. GRAPER JR.

Look at what's happened in the City of Plymouth in the past decade. There are many Michigan cities that would drool to have those things happen there.

"My track record speaks for itself," he insisted.

Graper won't sue the city -- that's not his style.

"I don't want to see the city get into an uproar or bent out of shape," he said while the commission was reading his "resignation" letter two blocks away Monday night. "The people in Plymouth have treated me phenomenally.

"I say, 'Farewell and God bless.'"

And besides, the city commission gave him five months off for good behavior -- his "resignation" officially kicks in on Dec. 2, the day after his 10th anniversary with the city and the date his retirement here becomes vested.

Yet, there are many who feel Graper overstayed his welcome.

Like the one resident who, just after learning of the "resignation" yesterday, complained that the city hadn't properly deployed a sound system for the veterans' memorial dedication because the city administrators were probably in the Plymouth Landing or the Mayflower Crow's Nest -- two of Graper's frequent haunts.

The deposed city manager chuckled late Monday that the commission having reduced his office's budget was a slap in the face to his promotional efforts for the city. (The commission had earlier cut off house accounts for entertainment to the manager.)

"It's just not easy to promote a community like this without spending money," he said.

In particular, Graper's detractors will point to his public relations attitude.

"It is not Hank's strong suit," said Commissioner Jack Kenyon a month ago.

Case in point -- one of his biggest faux pas was his memo to a property owner threatening condemnation by the city if he didn't capitulate to a private developer.

That raised the ire of not only "little people" in town, but several influential business people as well.

It was the loss of confidence among the downtown business community that put the nail in the coffin of the city manager who would otherwise become the political hot potato with city elections coming in November.

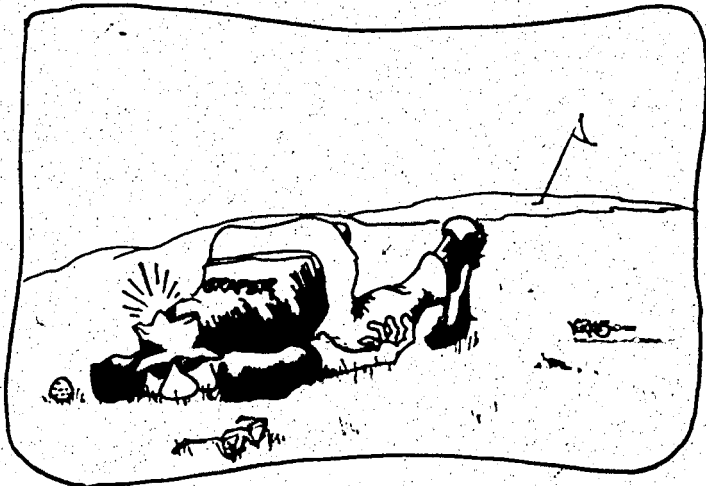
And that's ironic too.

Lately, Graper had tried to broaden his perceived power base out of the downtown.

"I was trying to de-emphasize my total commitment to downtown," he said Monday.

"The neighborhoods are equal to me, but the homeowners have to understand that the downtown must exist. We could have the showplace of

## Analysis



*Poor Henry, He Must Have Forgotten The Commission Isn't Required To "Fore," All They Have To Do Is "Three!"*

Michigan with 16 square blocks."

But in the end, he couldn't hold on any longer.

In fact, the past six months of Graper's eroding confidence were best described by his own thoughts.

He'd told commissioners that a city manager can expect to lose a single vote of confidence on his or her commission each year.

Graper simply ran out of votes.

"In my particular job, you make a lot of friends and a lot of enemies," Graper explained. "Over a 10 year period, I've done a lot of both."

It's the nature of the business and this man -- who started in politics at age eight stumping for Harry Truman -- understands it well.

"I'm a good politician," he asserted, smiling.

It's never easy for city managers -- or other hired guns -- and their commissions-boards to part company.

Most administrators overstay their welcome and their usefulness. Often, their own successes make them less needed and the job more attractive for younger rivals climbing up the ladder.

Graper knows and understands all that.

History will tell whether he fares better at his next jumping off point and whether the next city manager for Plymouth made this commission's decision the right roll of the dice.

Families are always caught in the middle.

Graper's wife Leanne, his sons Hank III and Mike must almost certainly face moving elsewhere. That will be the hardest on Mike, a sophomore at Catholic Central High School on a scholarship.

But life -- at both City Hall and at the Graper household -- will go on.

"This has been a great place to work," the deposed city manager said -- wiping an eye. "It's a great staff that someone will inherit."

Even after the stunning "resignation," turning in his keys to City Hall, and the difficult times facing up publicly, Graper was still on the job.

During yesterday's holiday ceremonies, he was discretely offering advice and making sure all was in order.

"Did you take the red tape down?" the FORMER city manager quietly asked of the DPW.



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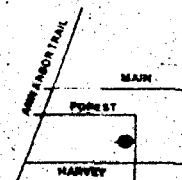
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