



# Community Crier

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### Graper, Jones ask

# Audit Graper's City funds

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Amidst rumors of improprieties following the "resignation" last week by Plymouth City Manager Henry E. Graper, both Graper and a commissioner are seeking a full accounting of the city.

City Commissioner Robert Jones had said last weekend that he understood an audit into allegations about Graper's accounts had been ordered. But after learning that only the standard fiscal-year audit of the city was starting, Jones said he would seek a more thorough investigation.

In a statement released by Graper's attorney yesterday, a "full and fair investigation" was "welcomed" by the resigned-manager to "protect his good name and assure the citizens of Plymouth that the rumors are unfounded."

The city's auditor, Dave Williamson, said that his firm had already begun its standard city audit for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Graper "is confident that the audit will reveal just what it has in the prior nine years — no evidence of wrongdoing or improprieties," said Stephen Boak, Graper's lawyer.

But under Michigan law, any citizen can request that the State Treasurer's Local Audit Division conduct an investigation. Such a request — particularly if it were to come from a commissioner and/or a city manager — can trigger a state review of the books. And, if specific problems are discovered by auditors, they must report to the state.

Rumors—of Graper's expense accounts, automobile and gasoline use and promotional spending have spanned almost all of his nine-and-ahalf years. He has consistantly denied wrongdoing and said last week, "It's not easy to promote a community like this without spending money."

One area of expenses - Graper's car - has been singled out by one source close to City Hall. The manager's

Please see pg. 28

# Jaycees out of Fest?

BY JOHN BRODERICK

The Plymouth Jaycees have been bumped from their Saturday evening dinner spot for this year's Fall Festival. But fest-goers will certainly not go

without -- the Knights of Columbus have stepped in and offered to prepare the steak dinner, in addition to their yeal parmesan dinner planned for Thursday night of the festival.

The Jaycees have only recently paid their contribution, from the proceeds of last year's fest, festival officials said. And they have not submitted a financial report from last year — a requirement for participation in this year's fest.

"I felt that the board's action was unfortunate, but necessary," said

STAND: Some Canton youths have been doing a brisk business at their lemonade stand. See pg. 3.

BALLOON: Chinese Balloonists visited Plymouth last week. Janet Armstrong writes about their adventure. See pg. 27.

Mike Pollard, chairperson of the Fall Festival Board of Directors.

"They're still welcome to participate in some other way," said festival board member Mary Childs.

Board members offered the slot to the K of C after learning that the Jaycees had not responded to a 10 day notice of the requirements.

"Press kits are being prepared, and really have to go out next week (before the board meets again)," said Paul Sincock, Plymouth's assistant city manager, who handles publicity for the feet.

"We really need to know the 'mainevents' right now -- it's something the board should act on," he said.

Jaycees representative Fred Eagle said it was unfortunate that the group lost its dinner\_spot, but he did not blame the festival board for their action

"It was a problem, and they had to deal with it the way they did," Eagle said.

"The problem stems from miscommunication between our members. Things we thought were done were not," he said. "We're still going to try to participate in some other way, such as a booth."



Contain Fibre Chief Held Freeher stands in friend of the window which he used to enture from a mobile bount fire of the saving a young child. (Crief photo by Clark Further)

Saves child's life

# Chief's heroics

BY KEN VOYLES

Disregarding his own safety, Mei Punton, Casson's fire chief, deshed to the rescue of a two-year-old child Thursday who was trapped in a barding College Park mobile home.

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"It was just that easily at the fire.

suld Paulus, describing how he made his way through the black smoke to find Kittle in a back badroom.

After becoming disoriented by the smoke and unable to find his way out of the bedroom, Paulus spotted a bedroom window. He knocked out the whidow and handed the beby to some bystanders from the mobile home park. He then climbed out with the

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# Kim Tyburski: 'Give my dad a lighter sentence'

In a packet to Judge Richard Hathaway, Kim Tyburski, the youngest daughter of Leonard Tyburski, asks the judge to "find it in your heart to give my dad a lighter sentence. He really is a great dad!'

Kim Tyburski's letter is just one of about 16 letters Tyburski's defense attorney, Carole Stanyar, submitted to the court before the Canton man's

sentencing this week.

Titled the "defendant's sentencing memorandum," it includes comments by Stanyar, letters from Kim Tyburski, -Tyburski's parents Joseph and Mary, his cousin Steve Tyburski, family friends, teachers and other staff at Detroit's MacKenzie High (where Tyburski worked for more than 25 vears).

Tyburski, 45, was found guilty of second degree murder two weeks ago in the beating death of his wife Dorothy Tyburski. He killed his wife more than three years ago and hid her body in a family freezer.

Tyburski is scheduled to be sentenced before Hathaway today (July 12). He faces a possible life sentence.

In her comments, Stanyar asks the court to consider "the following factors in mitigation of sentence."

Stanyar writes that Tyburksi was "uniformly well-liked and well-respected for his good judgment and good temper." She writes that his students knew him to be a "compassionate teacher."

Stanyar adds: "In the three years he concealed his wife's body, his concern was not merely for his inevitable loss of freedom, but for the emotional well being of his daughters...During that time he provided a stable home for them, worked two jobs to save their college tuition, and tried to be a more attentive father."

does not need rehabilitation in the classic sense, writes Stanyar. "If Mr. Tyburski needs rehabilitation...it is to enable him to accept and acknowledge completely in his own mind that which he denied for over three years, the shame of killing his own wife and hiding her body."

Stanyar adds that the sentence imposed will not have any deterrent



LEONARD TYBURSKI

effect on the "true crime of passion."

She asks the court to be mindful of the "enormous losses" Tyburski has already sustained, including the end of his teaching career, and the worldwide "media exposure" he has "endured."

"He has been shamed, ridiculed and condemned publicly since the day of his arrest," Stanyar writes.

In closing, Stanyar "...Tyburski is mindful that he has reached his judgment day and that he is going to be punished, he asks for a

sentence that may allow him, some day, to reunite his family."

In her letter, Kim Tyburski writes Hathaway: "Please don't think you have to give my father a harsh sentence for my sake....Just understand this important note: I do not want my father to go to jail at all. He's the only family I've got left."

Joseph and Mary Tyburski write that they are still proud of their only child's accomplishments. "He suffered so much already, so we are pleading for clemency for Leonard."

Many of the other letters refer to Tyburski as "Len" or "Lenny" and speak of his devotion to education, his students and his family.

All of the letters ask the court to give Tyburski a lenient sentence

Stanyar said she had no other statement to make, except to add, "I'm just trying to get some balance to this whole thing.

The packet made available to The Crier on Monday is identical to the one Stanyar submitted to the court.

Stanyar said she tried to contact the judge to inform him of her plan to release the materials, but she said he

# Youth entrepreneurs battle the heat

What would the dog days of summer be like without a cool glass of lemonade?

Hot, hot, hot,

Some Canton youths are doing their best to fight off the heat, selling thirst quenching lemondade from a corner stand at the junction of Hanford and Burnham roads.

And they're doing a good business, thank you very much.

"It was something to make money," said one of the youths, Tony Publiski.

The 10-year-old and his partners Darren Vassel, 10, and Daniel Ungarten, 11, have made more than \$25 since opening up the stand three weeks

ago. "We all needed a little more money," said Ungarten.

Helped by two sisters, the partners also offer nachos, popcorn (which they make themselves) and cookies at the stand.

Their single best day came last Wednesday (the day after July 4th) when they earned \$12.79, mostly from drivers passing by the stand or from neighbors.

On Friday, though, business wasn't so good, they said.

The money the friends make is split three ways, though Ungarten, who was unofficially fired last week because he was a little over zealous in his advertising methods, gets less than his other two

After building the stand from materials gathered at home and with the help of older brothers, the threesome set up at Hanford and Burnham.

They've since been open "every day that it's

Before long, though, they also had some competition. Ungarten said a few of the neighbor kids didn't like their lemonade so they opened their own stand.

'They quit. We put them out of business," said



The three friends all live nearby and know each other from school days. Though good friends, they remain split-on how they'll use the money

Publiski and Vassel said they will "save it," but Ungarten quickly added, "I'll save half and spend half.'

Selling lemonade is the hot weather around here lately is a lough job. but these Canton youths are m a business of it. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

### As president

### **Board names Swartzwelter**

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Dean Swartzwelter was selected as the new president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education during last Wednesday's annual organizational meeting.

Swartzwelter takes over the top slot from previous president Dave Artley, who will remain on the board as a trustee following his re-election.

E.J. McClendon will serve as vicepresident of the board, and Jeanette Wines and Marilyn Schwinn will serve as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Swartzwelter, a Ford executive, was first elected to the board in 1985, and was re-elected to a four year term in 1987. His son Scott graduated from Salem High School this year, and has

A May warning issued by the Wayne

County Health Department of possible

contamination at the former Child

Development Center on Sheldon Road

in Northville Township has been

County health officer, said that further

sampling, testing and evaluation has

reduced the concern about health risks

A soil sample in early June indicated a barely detectable PCB level, but more recent test information has

from PCBs at the facility.

Vernice Davis Anthony, Wayne

revised.

County says site is safe

recently left to study at West Point.

Swartzwelter was nominated by Wines for the presidency. Roland Thomas was nominated by McClendon, Thomas recieved two votes—McClendon's and his own — and Swartzwelter picked up the five others.

Board member Barbara Graham then nominated McClendon for vice-president. Wines nominated Schwinn. Schwinn recieved two votes - Wines' and her own - while McClendon received the other five.

Wines and Schwinn were then chosen secretary and treasurer, uncontested. Both of their terms end in June of 1990.

Schwinn served as treasurer for the past year, and Swartzwelter, as vice-president.

turned up negative, said Anthony.

Control Division.

dards.

contaminated materials.

Ten soil samples were tested

separately by an independent firm and

the Wayne County Air Pollution

removed vandalized PCB transformers

from buildings on the site, as well as

other tainted debris. Further work is

being planned to remove other possibly

comply with state and federal stan-

Tainted soil will also be removed to

The county's contractor has



The Philander Burd House in Canton may be designated as a historic site this week. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

As historic site

### **Burd house considered**

BY KEN VOYLES

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to set a public hearing date (Aug. 8) to consider designating the Philander Burd House a local historic site.

An application was submitted recently by the current owners of the house -- Gerry and Elaine Gutowski. The home is located on Joy Road in Canton, west of Centennial Educational Park (CEP).

The structure was originally built around 1827, according to the owners, and may have been one of the first homes built in the township that wasn't a log cabin.

The site is that of the first land grant

purchase in the township, said the owners. Burd, who moved to Michigan from New York in 1825, was a township supervisor in the late 1830s.

The house is a Federal Colonial scaled down with post and beam construction, which was a method of building homes before "balloon" construction came into being after 1840.

Members of the Canton Historic District Commission approved the property for local historic eligibility in April of this year.

Canton's Community and Economic Development Department concurred with the commission's recommendation.

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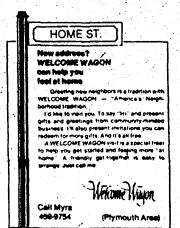
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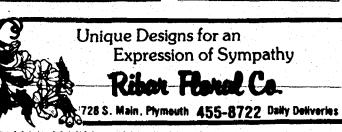
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### Schools to remove tanks

BY LAUREN SMITH

The Plymouth-Canton Community School's Board of Education voted Monday to move ahead with the removal and replacement of five underground fuel storage tanks as "required by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations."

The five present fuel tanks in the school district will be replaced with three new tanks. Two of the tanks will have a 12,500 gallon capacity and the other will be of 6,000 gallon capacity.

The EPA has "pretty stringent regulations on underground storage tanks," said Dale Goby, the district's director of transportation, "and the EPA has changed their requirements."

There are "no exact records on the age of the tanks," said Goby, but they have estimated that two of the tanks are more than 30 years old. When they were built the tanks were supposed to have a lifespan of about 15 years, he said.

Goby added that the district is "not aware of any problems with leaking at this point," but the age of the tanks could be a concern, he said.

"We will have to do lots of things to try to comply if we don't replace," he said. The high cost of maintenance requirements if new tanks are not installed would be too high to be a desirable option at this point. Goby said that the district will try to "improve the efficiency of (bus) routes" to finance the estimated cost of \$60-\$70,000 for both the removal and replacement of the tanks.

Goby said there are different possibilities in the actual type of tanks which will be installed. "We are looking at a number of possible systems," he said.

Goby also said that there will be monthly monitoring and periodic tests for leakage of the new tanks. One tank will be used for diesel fuel.

### Legion officers

Three Plymouth Township residents, Victor Riblett, Jr., John Cenzer, and Jim Maahs were recently elected, as American Legion, 17th District Officers.

The 17th District of The American Legion in Michigan, consists of Legion Posts located in Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Livonia, Redford Township, and Detroit.

Riblett who also is the Commander of Passage-Gayde Post No. 391, in Plymouth, was re-elected as the 12th District's Finance Officer. Cenzer, an Executive Board Member and Past Commander of Post No. 391, was reelected as District Chaplain and Maahs, a Vice-Commander of the post, was elected to the office of District Sergeant at-Arms.

### 35th court agreement mulled

BY KEN VOYLES

An interlocal agreement to create a new 35th District Court Authority is being considered by both the Canton and Northville township boards this

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees approved the agreement during a regular meeting two weeks ago. The City Commission of the City of Plymouth has tabled action on the agreement until the meeting on Monday (July 18).

The City of Northville council was expected to approve the agreement on

Monday.

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to consider the agreement during last night's regular meeting, while the Northville Board of Trustees will consider the plan on Thursday (July 13).

The agreement, if approved by all five communities, will create an authority responsible for the eventual ownership of the building which currently houses the 35th District Court.

Maurice Breen, Plymouth Township's supervisor, said the next step would be the formalizing of the authority. Representatives to sit on the authority's board of directors will be selected from each community.

In a letter to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, township attorney Ernest Essad, Jr., said that since the agreement may require the Governor James Blan-chard's approval he would send the

documents to the governor's office.

The authority would become ef-

fective upon the governor's approval.

The new authority, as outlined in the agreement, would succeed the City of Plymouth as lessee under the current court lease arrangement, and sub-sequently "acquire, own, finance and dispose of the courthouse for the mutual use and benefit of the" five communities.

The authority plan also states that it will have no "power or authority to levy any type of tax."

### Twp. eyes noise rules

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Plymouth Township may be on its way to instituting a noise ordinance which sets actual decibal limits on how loud noises can be in the township.

Last week the township Board of Trustees hired the engineering firm of Kolano and Saha to prepare a draft of an ordinance, which could then be considered by the board.

proposed ordinance, The spearheaded by Trustee John Stewart, comes in response to continued complaints by residents of the Arbor Village Subdivision, and various other

residents of the township The Arbor Village Homeowners Association has been complaining to the board about noise from the adjacent Howmet manufacturing facility.





# Community opinions

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### To clear air in City

# Investigation necessary

It is time to clear the air in the City of Plymouth.

There are just too many unanswered questions at this point to consider the "Henry Graper affair" over and done with.

Even Graper and his detractors agree on that

Rumors of impropriety are flying.

Residents, city elected officials and various political watchers may want the affair to end so that "Plymouth" is not dragged through the mud of a scandal, but they are also entitled to a full accounting of what happened during the final years of Graper's near 10-year reign.

The only way to satisfy the curious (and those clearly concerned about what has been going on at Plymouth City Hall) is a full investigation -conducted not only by city officials and auditors, but by the State Treasurer's office as well.

There remains way too much confusion over

the "resignation" of Graper.

That confusion is largely the fault of the City Commission, which either refused to act or lacked the guts to do so earlier despite numerous "red flags." Graper's tenure included instances of favoritism, poor public relations and allegations, but it seemed that the commission sat idly by each time one of those charges was raised.

Why the commission failed to get the city's "house" in order for so long remains a mystery. Some say it stems from the belief that the city might have a nasty scandal on its hands, a scandal which could bring down others while aimed at Graper.

But Graper has thrown the hot potato back into the commission's lap. By calling for an audit to clear the air, he is stating, "I've nothing to hide. The commission is aware of everything that has gone on during my administration.'

City Commissioner Bob Jones is adamant that a thorough investigation must be made.

Mayor Karl Gansler, (who is about to resign the commission) or Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Bila (who automatically becomes mayor), should have sought resolution to the questions.

Admittedly, Gansler did what had to be done to oversee a transition in the city manager's office, but he seems to lack the courage to continue the probing.

Plymouth's name might be dragged through the mud during a full investigation, but it is an investigation that needs to take place.

Bringing in state treasury officials may mean some distasteful short-term consequences, but such an inquiry helps clear the air. A necessary evil that is owed the citizens and to Graper.

On the same lines, it is too early to judge

It would be unfair and inappropriate at this point to consider him guilty of wrongs against the city and its taxpayers. This country says a



A few years ago this go-cart, owned by Henry Graper's son, was spotted in the City DPW yard awaiting repairs. (Crier photo)

"suspect" is innocent until proven guilty, and even more so, the charges being rumored sometimes appear to be little more than kicking a fellow when he's down.

Some of the allegations stem from Graper's weak suit - public relations. That may have been

his political undoing.

For future reference, it would do well for the City Commission to re-read the City Charter. That document proscribes a proper check-andbalance between the commissioner and the manager.

Had those citizen-government rules been followed, Graper might have retired as city manager of Plymouth or at least have been given a softer landing.

Yes, a lot of accusations have been made, some with very substantial backing, but accusations are nothing more than that until a full -- and fair -- investigation weighs them.

In fairness to everyone, the State Treasurer's office -- helped by the city's independent auditors - should take a look. At the very least, new procedures for city expenditures may be suggested.

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# Community opinions

# A model citizen Paulun acted heroically, unselfishly

It is people like Mel Paulun who make The Plymouth-Canton Community a special place.

The 57-year-old Canton fire chief's heroics in saving a young child during a College Park mobile home fire on Thursday deserves special recognition.

Paulun acted without regard for his own life (and the safety rules one learns over many years as a firefighter) when he plunged into the mobile home to find the trapped two-year-old child.

There was hardly time to think. But what Paulun did think to do was totally unselfish, and without further delay he acted to perform a feat of heroism.

It's not an easy thing entering a burning mobile home - the chief

# Eloquent letters, fair coverage

**EDITOR** 

As one who reads The Crier wordfor-word and does not wish to be readily critical of its contents, I was elated to read Diane Stamp's exceptional letter in the June 28 issue. She did express most eloquently the views prevalent during the recent board of education candidates and millage election.

She writes as an ordinary citizen giving credit precisely where due without theological coloring of the campaign. Stamp deserves the undying gratitude of all sincere citizens in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The Crier is to be commended for publishing letters like the above-mentioned, and especially a lengthy one that appeared in the July 5 issue by Randy Mason. It takes brains and guts to write commentaries such as Mason's and an honest desire for fairness on the part of The Crier.

Let us hope that The Crier will continue to increase in power as a bastion of free and unfattered expression. Above all, let it be mindful that, as a public medium, The Crier presents diverse views and never side with any special interest groups or individuals.

**PAUL NASTOFF** 

# Thank you for your support of P-C athletics

EDITOR:

The athletic department of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District would like to thank those who have been very supportive and understanding throughout the past year.

Our student athletes are fortunate to have a hard working and dedicated coaching staff, an administration that believes athleties has an important role in the total educational process and, most importantly, parents who have supported their youngsters financially, physically, and emotionally.

Because of the support for millages, youngsters will continue to be competitive and to have the same op-

portunities as thousands of other athletes before them,

We are grateful that the community understands that participation in extracurricular activities leads to better citizens, a healthier atmosphere within the schools and friendships that are rewarding and long remembered.

Thank you.
GARY R. BALCONI
ATHLETIC MANAGER - SALEM
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said so himself - especially without any kind of protection from the stifling smoke pouring from it.

But his act undoubtedly saved the child's life.

Paulun's actions say much abut the veteran of more than 30 years as a firefighter, and they say much about the men and women of the Canton Public Safety Department (police and fire).

Apparently, after the deed Paulun received a cake from officers and staff of the department, depicting a burning house with flames on it, and offering a hearty thank you.

Now it is the community's turn to say "Thank you, Mel Paulun."

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# In the margin



# **Christmas in July?**

When Tim Slepsky called last week the farthest thing from my mind was the Christmas holiday.

Slepsky, the owner of Sun Tree Farms, one of those cut-your-own places out near Saline, changed all that in a moment.

You see Slepsky sells Christmas trees (a lot of his customers travel from Plymouth-Canton to his stand of several thousand trees).

His call wasn't a sales pitch. He didn't want me to buy a tree. He just wanted me to think about Christmas (and consider a story idea he had).

Now I'd just as soon not think Christmas right now, thank you very much, but I don't mind talking to anybody for a minute or

And I don't even mind telling folks around here why they should think about Christmas.

It's the trees, Slepsky said. They are entering an important time before their final cropping for some home in Plymouth-Canton or Wayne County.

That's right, it's shearing time for the Scotch pine trees. The annual ritual has begun at the Sun Tree Farms.

Using a knife blade similar to those chefs use to carve beef, Slepsky and his crews trim the "top leader," along with the lateral side branches, with one hearty swing of the knife.

The trees are sheared when the branches are most succulent, said Slepsky. "Shearing the trees at this time of year stimulates the tree to set more buds for next year's growth," he said, obviously pleased that he had caught my attention.

Shearing, it seems, keeps the branches within the pyramid shape of the tree. This must be done every year beginning in a tree's third season.

I told Slepsky that I wasn't going to be taken in by this very anicent ritual (I was just kidding). I like a good story as well as everyone else, but only when it has a happy ending.

Thinking about all those trees being lopped off so that they could stand in the corner of some Yuppie's home made me want to hang up the phone.

Instead, I finished listching to Slepsky (never once thinking about Christmas) and suggested he send me some more information.

Now that it has arrived I seem to hear jingle bells.

# Community opinions

# Artley out of 'hot seat' for now



**DAVID ARTLEY** 

### Swimming upstream

by John **Broderick** 

When school board members stepped off for the Fourth of July Parade last week, David Artley rather symbolically -- was in the driver's seat of the fancy car in which they rode.

And he probably drove because no one else

Artley has been in the driver's seat on the board for two years, until last week, when Dean Swartzwelter took over the presidency.

"It feels cooler over here already," Artley said as he switched seats with Swartzwelter after the vote last week.

Whether or not Swartzwelter takes the bull by the horns and provides leadership on the board will be seen over the coming months.

Let's hope he does.

And let's hope that when voters choose two school board members next June, they will ask themselves, 'Could this person be an effective

Artley has been slammed (here, among other places) for lacking the leadership qualities needed to run the board.

But the lack of leadership on the board is not Artley's fault -- he didn't campaign on a leadership platform.

Instead of being criticized, he should be thanked for stepping in and filling the void.

Just as he stepped into the driver's seat last Tuesday, he took over the board presidency when no one else wanted it.

Artley's strong points did not show at board meetings. But he should be credited for working behind the scenes, getting people involved, and doing his best to improve the district.

The CREW report may never have happened without Artley, nor would the "I Care" campaign have been successful without his support and encouragement.

He was the only school board candidate to stop by the "I Care" headquarters on election night, according to people who were there.

It will be interesting to see the new board with Swartzwelter directing traffic - although his questioning, gadfly sort of role will be missed at the table.

Artley will more than make up the loss as trustee. He will be free to contribute more to discussions, and to offer motions and resolutions.

And after a two-year tour of duty in the hot seat, he deserves time to cool off as a trustee.

# Teacher proud of graduation speech

EDITOR:

I am certain you will receive numerous responses to Mr. Miller's letter directed against the Salem graduation speech given by Cholley Kuhanek. He said the speech "stunk," that it "seemed to be typical brainwashing by the school board," and also questioned whether the speech was in fact written by Cholley or by "John Hoben or one of his henchmen."

At Salem we have a tradition of holding a graduation speech competition, open to every graduating senior. This allows any student who chooses to participate the opportunity to give what he or she feels is an important message to the senior class on their final day together. Cholley's speech was selected by a committee of teachers and administrators. I am writing to you because I was one of the representatives from the English Department on the selection committee and I can vouch for the fact that Cholley's speech was entirely original.

For those readers who did not attend graduation ceremonies, Cholley's message to her classmates dealt with the problem of apathy. She drew upon many personal and historical examples to warn against the dangers of complacency by citizens in a society. Among her many examples were the plight of the students of China and the recent millage election in our community.

As far as the miliage election was concerned, she spoke of her satisfaction with the Plymouth-Canton schools compared to the district where she had previously lived. She stated,

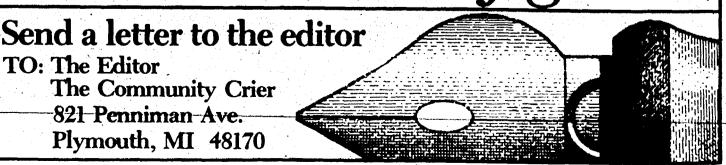
from personal experience, that it is important to not take one's education for granted. Her larger message was that every citizen is responsible to be involved in the decisions his society makes.

I, for one, am proud that students such as Cholley Kuhanek realize the importance of participation in a democracy. Her speech was a timely one because it reflected something all of us in the Canton community have learned in recent weeks: the importance of being involved.

CYNTHIA BURNSTEIN

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# Canton fire chief displays heroics

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the window," Paulun said. "I thought the child was a girl but I found out it's a boy.

a boy.
"I guess you could call this just part of the business," added the firefighting veteran of 35 years. In all his years, though, Paulun said he has never made a solo rescue before.

Canton's fire marshall said the blaze was caused by a short in the cord of the home's air conditioning unit.

All three children were treated and released for smoke inhalation, as was Paulun, who was to have been honored last night (July 11) during the regular Canton Board of Trustees meeting.

The fire was under control shortly after the rescue, said Paulun, who had heard the fire call at 1:34 p.m. Thursday.

Paulun happened to be driving by Canton Fire Station No. 1 on Canton

Center Road at the time and quickly sped to the scene. On the way he passed a department fire engine also heading to the fire.

Upon arrival, Paulun found out there was a child inside the mobile home. "On the way I was informed that everybody was out, but when I got there they said a baby was inside," he said. "It was a dangerous situation."

Another College Park resident, Kathy Rider, said one of the children ran to her nearby home for a fire extinguisher. Rider said she followed him back to the home and tried to put it out, but the curtains were already on fire and she was unable to extinguish the blaze.

"We got the water hoses out too and tried to put it out, but we couldn't," said Rider. "Then I heard Scotty screaming for his mom.

"I was hysterical when I heard him."

Rider said she tried to go in the front door but was unable to get inside because of the smoke. Along with a neighbor she busted out a couple of windows to try and let the smoke out, Rider said.

"I tried to go in but there was just too much smoke," Rider said.

It was then that Paulun arrived in his department vehicle. Once he had heard that there was a child inside Paulun made his way inside from the front door of the mobile home.

When he handed Kittle out of the window, the child was covered in soot and smoke, said Rider, who helped wash him off before his mother arrived.

"I made it clear to (Paulun) when he sells the movie rights that I want a piece of the property, " said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "Here we had a fire chief on the scene who saw what he

had to do and did it. We're all real proud of him.

"I wonder how many times a fire chief ends up jeopardizing his own safety to save someone else," Yack added. "It doesn't happen very often."

"I really applaud (Paulun) for making that kind of split second decision," said John Santomauro, director of public safety in Canton, and Paulun's boss. "There's no question to me that he saved the child's life."

Santomauro added, "We're exceptionally proud of him. Anytime our personnel do something like this, it speaks a lot for the individual and for our organization."

Santomauro also said that Paulun will be recommended for a departmental honor this year.



# Friends & Neighbors

In Plymouth-Canton

# **Executive life**

BY LAUREN SMITH

Quietly living in the residential neighborhoods of Plymouth-Canton are some of Detroit's top automotive executives.

John Manoogian is one of them,

After 48 years working with Ford Motor Company, the Plymouth Township resident passed up retirement for the position of general manager of Alpha - "Ford's most important advanced project." It is one of the company's major "innovation" departments.

Alpha develops "improvements in all aspects of business in both products and processes," according to Manoogian,

"I was supposed to retire three years ago," he said. "(Ford) asked me to stay, and it sounded interesting and exciting to work on innovative things. So I stayed."

While working on the creative and challenging projects, Manoogian has resided in Plymouth since 1966 when he moved to the township from Rochester.

"They're both nice," said Manoogian, of Plymouth and Rochester, though he said he left-Rochester before it became so populated.

The executive has held so many positions at Ford that he has a hard time listing all of them without forgetting a few.

"I've done everything in the car business except sell cars;" he said. And seeing the extensive resume, that may be very accurate.

"When I was a kid -- 14 years old -- 1

got my first 'car. I always liked automobiles," Manoogian added. "From there it became apparent to me that what I wanted to do was work on automobiles."

The training began with a high school automotive mechanics class. More schooling followed in the automotive business, including in draftsmanship and mechanical engineering. He is a graduate of Detroit Institute of Technology.

Now, after close to five decades of experience. Manoogian leads a department whose job is to "come up with creative concepts and innovative approaches on how we can build cars better," He has held the position of general manager since 1986.

general manager since 1986.

Alpha is "a very challenging business...with new government regulations on fuel economy," he said. One challenge is to develop a way to reduce the weight of the cars so that larger size cars can still fit the current legislation.

When asked about his interests outside of Ford, Manoogian said, "I really don't have any, outside of golf."

Manoogian, a Marine Corp veteran, has three children — a son who works for GM, and two daughters, one who teaches in Plymouth and another who taught in Plymouth until she moved out of the state.

When asked about his future at Ford, he said, "It depends on how long they want me." It seems that for now, though, Alpha will keep him busy.

"There's always room for improvement...for continuous improvement," he said.

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Plymeith reident John Manoogian in his Duarborn office. Manoogian lends Ford's "Alphn" project; (Crier photo by Chris Farian)

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# Tell it to Phyllis Redfern

Cleaning projects are always a pain in the neck (to put it mildly). I have a hard enough time doing normal cleaning where you move a few things around and run the vacuum and dust rag over the sur-

When you put off cleaning as much as I do, it becomes a major project by the time I get to it. For me to tear a place apart and really clean. I have to be in the mood to do it.

Cleaning around the house is never fun, but cleaning and trying

to organize at the office is much worse.

It is amazing how many pieces of paper it takes to run an office. Do you have any idea how many pieces of paper you use each day at work? Just think about it - all the letters you receive and write, phone messages, billing notes or questions, vacation requests or notes from co-workers.

Last Friday and Saturday were cleaning days at our office. Not only was I not in the mood to clean, but it didn't take long for those around me to discover that I wasn't in the mood. Since I didn't give

anyone else a choice. I had to jump in and do my thing.

There's little doubt that my office would win the award (if one were given) for the worst looking mess in The Plymouth-Canton Community. My way of organizing and doing things is a bit different from most people. I can live with piles of papers on my desk as long as someone doesn't shuffle them around. In my disorganized way of organizing, even I had to admit that my desk had gotten out of control.

My first clue to losing control is when the desk starts to eat things. I know when I put something on my desk and it suddenly vanishes, the only possible answer is either the desk ate it or someone else moved it under some other papers.

I suppose cleaning wouldn't be so bad if I could just do it without being interrupted every two minutes. I know I'm supposed to know what to do with everything, but this is the office, and I'm the general manager, not the mom.

I guess I wasn't too surprised when everyone else left early in the afternoon and I had to spend the rest of the day working by myself. Actually, I did accomplish more working alone, but by the end of the day I still had untouched mountains of things to sort through.

I think mine is a week or maybe even a month-long project, but at least now that I'm started, maybe I can keep the momentum going. For those who are waiting to see my desk completely cleared off, forget it. I can't work if all the work is stuffed in some file cabinet or desk drawer.

# Will be honored July 27 4th parade winners

The Plymouth Jaycees annual July 4th Parade last week featured a variety of marching groups, bands, floats and walkers.

Parade entries were all judged as a part of the annual event, and winners were announced shortly after the festivities.

There were five different categories.

The popular Fred Hill's Briefcase Drill Team took first place in the marching competition, while Same Day Fire Service put in the winning entry in the Antique Car Classic.

For floats, the Plymouth Business and Professional Women won in the adult division; in the youth division, the Polish Centennial Dancers came in first overall.

Sara Tacia, nine, won the bicycle decorating competition.

This year's parade judges included Dennis Bila, Ann and Jerry Leland and Jaylee Lynch.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the Jaycees meeting on Thursday, July 27 (8 p.m.) in the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meeting is open to the public.

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# Insurance costs may sink dunk tank

BY JOHN BRODERICK

Insurance is adding an interesting and expensive - twist to this year's Fall Festival

Each group participating in the fest is required to have insurance. Many are covered by blanket policies by national organizations - the Kiwanis and Lions don't need to buy separate policies, because they are covered.

But school groups - such as high school student government group, sports teams, and pom-pon squads are not covered under the school district's blanket policy, and are thus being required to pay an extra \$50, in addition to their \$150 entry fee.

"The extra \$50 allows us (the festival board) to include these groups under our policy," said Mike Pollard, chairperson of the Fall Festival Board of Directors.

Many of the groups have already come up with the extra money, Pollard said, but added that there is a particular problem with one group.

The Salem Rockettes, a high school pom-pon squad, has sponsored a dunk-tank for a number of years at the fest, and is now running into insurance

"Our underwriter is unwilling to insure the dunk tank at any cost." Pollard said.

Insurance for the weekend dunktank could cost about \$400. Pollard

"The board certainly wants them to continue as part of the fest - but they

have an economic decision to make,' he said. "They either need to find a sponsor or two to defray the costs, or decide if with the new \$400 overhead, it is still worth participating.'

Rockettes' coach Liz Barker said that the group had considered a "celebrity" dunk-tank, in which folks would have a chance to dunk commuhity notables, but is not sure now whether the group can afford the tank at all.

"After we get a decent tank, and pay 25 per cent to the festival, plus pay insurance - that's almost \$1,100 in overheads. Last year we only brought in \$500, and the weather was beautiful," Barker said.

The group is now looking for a sponsor to help fund the unexpected insurance costs, and will be discussing the celebrity dunk-tank idea with festival officials.

## No deal for Domino's, Massey

BY LAUREN SMITH

Despite persistent rumors, both Don Massey and officials from Domino's Farms deny any sale of Massey's Cadillac dealership to Domino's owner Tom Monaghan.

'I've heard a lot of talk," said Massey of the rumors, but he added that there have been no sale agreements made with Monaghan.

When asked if he is considering the sale of the huge dealership, Massey said, "I plan to be in it for another 100 years.

Massey recently sold some property on Dixboro Road to Monaghan, but Monaghan officials deny bargaining for the dealership which is located in Plymouth Township.

"At this time this is not something that is in the works," said Kerry McNulty, a public relations officer at Domino's Farms.

Massey owns one of the largest Cadillac dealerships in the country.



With the arrival of summer, music lovers may enjoy an afternoon of music, featuring local and area musicians, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park on Wednesdays at noon continuing through Aug. 23.

Percussionist Chris Romanowski, a recent graduate of Salem High, will perform on July 19, while on July 26 the Arbor Winds Saxophone Quartet will perform a range of music from classical music to big band jazz.

The August shows will feature the music of flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash (Aug. 2) and violinist Debra Hynes (Aug. 9) who will be accompanied by her string quartet for a concert.

On August 16, Ronnie J of RJ music productions will play the guitar and harmonica, and sing easy listening music. To finish off the season, Mary Ann Stokes will join Brian Pratt for a concert



**COLEMAN YOUNG** 

# **Detroit Mayor Young** to visit Plymouth

BY JOHN BRODERICK

The relationship between Detroit and its various suburbs goes back a long way, and is a constant concern of lawmakers at all levels of government.

With that in mind Coleman Young, the longtime mayor of the city of Detroit, will visit Plymouth this month to discuss the delicate relationship between the city and its surrounding suburbs.

Young plans to speak at a meeting of the Colonial Kiwanis at the Mayflower Meeting House on Thursday, July 27.



### Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JULY 20, 1909

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1989 AT 7:30 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AGENDA AND ANY RELATED MATTERS:

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8.0 DH and III of Ordinance No. 103 regarding installation of fences on corner lots. (BLDG.)
2. RICHARD CONNOR RH FY, representing Ameritech Mobile Communications, Inc., agent
for Detroit SMSA Limited Partnership. Appealing Sections 30.01, 33.06, 28.03 to allow Public
Utility Building in any zoning district. Subject property is located at 4316 Lotz Road between
Michigan Avenue and VanBorn. (CED)
3. MELISSA MCLAUGHLIN, resident of 600 S. Ridge Road between Cherty Hill and Proctor
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4. KAL A. JABARA, representing Ultra Auto Wash at the SW corner of Joy and Lilley, appealing Section 26.01 to allow piacement of vacuum units forward on the property. (CED)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REARING

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Loren N. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Suite of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other haterands paramete.

1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of street lighting has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917.

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 on the 25th day of July, 1993 at 7:00 n.

of Carton, pursuant to Act 204 of the Public Acts of 1917.

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the insensment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188 on the 25th day of July, 1999 at 7-00 p in

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said bearing, file objectious to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed spacial assessment distance is long-and in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot insinhers 1 through 208, 1 ther 61, page 71, Beentwood Estates Subdivision, Register of Deeds, Mayne County, Michigan,

5. That said petition and the estimated center and expresses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48128 and may be examined at any time during the register business flours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other innerested person who fails to appear and object to the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have wrived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1917.

7. That the proposed layout of streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Carl Deversy the house ACTUAL EDISON, Loren N. Bennett --- Clerk

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# The Crier



# A different kind of loss

BY LAUREN SMITH

Losing a child through miscarriage or stillbirth is a tragedy for parents and relatives and is sometimes overlooked when discussing grief and loss.

The loss of a child prenatally or in the final stage of pregnancy can be especially devastating for parents and equally difficult for friends and relatives to relate to and handle appropriately.

Kathy Menestrina and Linda Fryz are co-coordinators of the support group Resolved Through Sharing at Oakwood Hospital in

Unlike some of the national organizations, this local group has 30 certified counselors who meet one on one with the patients. The group meets once a month to help people who have encountered a loss such as a stillbirth or miscarriage.

Fryz, who is also an assistant head nurse at the hospital in newborn intensive care, said that 20 years ago the loss of a baby was "handled in a hush hush manner." She said that many studies have been done, and psychologically, "this is not the way to handle it. The mother likes to be acknowledged of the fact that she had a baby."

Menestrina, a staff nurse at Oakwood also in newborn intensive care, said that parents go through stages of grief in these situations. 'First they go through a period of shock and disbelief," she said. "Some of that is real similar to older patients with a diagnosis of cancer."

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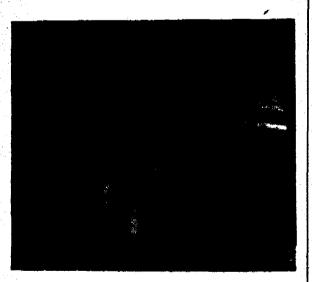
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# Losing a baby

Next is the period of "searching and yearning." Some parents have dreams that they hear a baby crying. Sometimes they can be seen carrying something similar in size to a baby in their arms, said

Both Fryz and Menestrina noted the feeling of "aching arms."

'(The parents) feel their arms aching a lot, aching to hold that baby," said Menestrina.

Fryz said that one way they help the parents at the hospital when the baby is stillborn is by asking the mother and father if they would like to hold the baby. She said that some people object initially, but usually the objection is due to fear and they often times find it very comforting.

She said that she offers to "give the baby a bath...take pictures, foot prints, hand prints...anything that may be meaningful later on." She said that fathers are sometimes more uncomfortable with the idea, but they usually hold on and don't want to let the baby go.

The father's pain is often overlooked during this time and Menestrina said that it is important to "include dad in decisions."

Fryz said that during pregnancy fathers picture themselves in certain situations with the child such as taking them to school or playing baseball with them. Later on, "dad will be depressed the day they thought they would be together with the lost child...it is very hard for men," said Fryz.

The grandparents' grief can also be forgotten during this time of focus on the parents.

"Grandparents really go through the loss too," said Menestrina. "Their child is hurting and they've lost a grandchild," said Fryz.

Siblings as young as one year of age can also be affected by the loss, said Menestrina. They see their parents upset and they know something is wrong. If they are older, they may feel guilt because they did not want the new baby.

When hearing that someone close to you has lost a baby, a typical feeling is that "you want to run away," said Fryz. "The best thing is to just go and be present." Tell the family that you were thinking about them and ask if there is anything you can do, she advised.

'They want that baby acknowledged," said Fryz. "They are

afraid (people) are going to forget they've had a child.

"Some people are very hard to talk to," she added, so occasionally a touch on the shoulder may help. "Remember the parents on the baby's due date," she also advised if it is a

Sometimes they encourage parents to buy something like a locket so they will "always have a memento of the baby," said Fryz.

It is important to be careful of what you say to someone who has lost a baby. There are certain things that a concerned friend or relative should probably not say though it may seem comforting at

"Never say you're young, you can have others," Fryz advised.

If you know the name the parents had planned for the baby, call the baby by his/her intended name, not "it" - or ask the parents if they had a name planned and then use that name when referring to

Telling the parents they have an angel in heaven is not comforting either because "people want that baby here--not in heaven," said

She also advises not to say that you know how the parents are feeling because if you have not lost a baby, you cannot know.

Don't say that it happened for the best because there must have been something wrong with the baby.

When dealing with a miscarriage, often times people do not think it is as difficult as a stillbirth, said Menestrina.

"People like to think 'stillborn' is much worse," she said. "We try not to place a value judgment on whether (the pregnancy) was six weeks or full term because it is still their child in their hearts. A baby's, a baby.

."We try not to say one loss is worse than another."

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### Community Deaths

## Jones, GM employe

Fred A. Jones, Sr., 90, of Livonia, died June 24 in Livonia. Services were held June 28 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. John Walaskay officiating.

Mr. Jones was retired from General Motors, the Cadillac Division, in 1965 after 38 years as a welder with the company. He came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Detroit. He then moved to Livonia in 1944.

He was a member of the Plymouth Assembly of God and served in the army reserves for 13 months during World War I.

Survivors include: son Fred, Jr., of Livonia; daughters Constance Buregin, of Topeka, KS, Dolores Davis, of Dearborn Heights; sisters Irene Reneau, of Richardson, TX, Mary Jones, of Ilion, NY, Lorainne Sweet, of Anaheim, CA; eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

### Kelley, Legion member

Glen S. Kelley, 68, of South Lyon, died June 28 in Ann Arbor. Services were held July 1 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Howard L. Vogan

Mr. Kelley was a member of the Plymouth Elks No. 1780. He was also a

member of the American Legion in Redford.

Survivors include: wife Kay, of South Lyon; daughters Judith Tyrrell, of San Diego, Charmaine O'Reilly, of Waterford, Sue O'Connell, of Whitmore Lake; son Michael, of Plymouth; step daughter Barbara Alcock, of Canton; step sons Daryl C. Anderson, of Canton, Gregroy Anderson, of Clarkston, Dennis Anderson, of Dallas; sister Leone Gray, of Falls Church, VA; fourteen grandchildren; two great grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boystown of Omaha, or mass

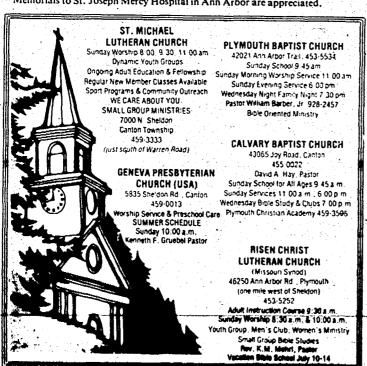
### Lepkowski; bus driver

Caroline L. Lepkowski, of Plymouth, died June 20 in Superior Township, Services were held June 24 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Plawecki officiating.

Mrs. Lepkowski was a school bus driver with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for 13 years.

Survivors include: husband Edward R., of Plymouth; son Paul, of Plymouth; daughters Lynne Filsinger, of Ypsilanti, Cheryl, of Salt Lake City; brother Donald, of Tecumseh; sister Judy Delong, of Florida; grandson Christopher.

Memorials to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor are appreciated.



### Japinga, a homemaker

Anne C. Japinga, 76, of Paris, IL, died June 16 in Paris, IL. Services were held June 21 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas A. Belczak officiating.

Mrs. Japinga was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son Malcolm Japinga, of East Hartford, CT; sisters Genevieve Jakubos, of Canton, Eleanor Winn, of Florida; brothers Henry Wesley, of Novi, Edward Wesley, of Southgate.

Interment was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.

### Mielbeck, a homemaker

Alice Mielbeck, 90, of South Lyon, died June 26 in South Lyon, Services were held June 29 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl E. Pagel officiating.

Mrs. Mielbeck was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1918 and then moved to Livonia in 1937 and lived there until 1982. She was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Livonia.

Survivors include: husband Walter A., of South Lyon; sons Donald, of Danville, CA, Robert, of Jamestown, CA; sisters Lena Salow, of South Lyon, Gertrude Hicks, of Dexter; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

Burial was in Glen Eden Cmemtery in Livonia. Local arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

### Sharp, plastics employe

Martha Sharp, 62, of Plymouth Township, died June 30 in Superior Township. Services were held July 3 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating.

Mrs. Sharp worked at Great Lakes Plastic for 29 years. She retired in the fall of 1988. She came to the Plymouth community in 1956 from West Virginia.

Survivors include: son John W., of Caro; brother Paul Morrison, of Florida; sister Betty Carpenter, of West Virginia; grandchildren Todd Sharp, Jerry Copeland, Jim Copeland, and Dawn Copeland.

Burial was in United Memorial Gardens in Superior Township.

Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association of Michigan are appreciated.

### Schmitz, a teacher

Alice A. Schmitz, 93, of Livonia, died June 28 in Livonia. Services were held June 30 at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating.

Mrs. Schmitz was a teacher in Trempeleau, WI, for 10 years. She came to Livonia in 1931 and was a life time member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Surviyors include: sons Adelbert, of Plymouth, John, of Livonia, and Tom, of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren.

Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Local arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions mabe given in the form of mass offerings.

## Dunkelberger, a nurse

Marilee Dunkelberger, 69, of Plymouth, died June 25 in Ann Arbor. Services were held June 29 at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee officiating.

Mrs. Dunkelberger was a registered nurse. She came to the Plymouth community in 1973 from Livonia, She was a resident of Livonia from 1960-73. Prior to that she lived in Sturgis. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth and graduated from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo in 1943 with a BS

degree with a major in nursing.

Survivors include: husband Richard C., of Plymouth; son Michael L., of Southfield; daughters Judy A. Burkett, of Romulus, Susan K. Russo, of Miramar, FL; and four grandchildren

Local arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association of Michigan, or the endowment fund for the Presbyterian Village, 17383 Garfield, Detroit, 48240.

# Support groups are there to help

BY MINAL HAJRATWALA

The death of a loved one is always difficult. Whether a death is accidental or follows a long illness, survivors often find themselves in need of additional support.

While support groups are not for everyone, they can provide a needed sense of community, a chance to share painful emotions, and an aid to the healing process.

What follows is a sampling of local resources:

New Beginnings 721-4013/721-3376

**Plymouth** 

New Beginnings is run by Wilma Williams, a retired social worker, and Grace Wheeler, a nurse, out of the Plymouth Church of Christ on Sheldon Road. Open to the public, the group was formed to "help one another in getting information, giving support, and understanding grief" according to Williams. Although it is small, the group has met every Monday from 7-9 p.m. since January of this year.

453-3333

Plymouth

The Horizon Program began three years ago "as a service to the community." said Schrader Funeral Home Director Steve Socha. It meets monthly from September to June; each meeting consists of a lecture and a question/answer period. Topics include coping with the holidays, suicide, and death of a spouse. Lectures are given by Diane O'Conner, who has a masters degree in grief counseling.

Average attendance is 60 to 75 people.

Bereavement Support Group

572-3521

Ann Arbor

The Bereavement Support Group is specifically for adults who have lost other adults to death according to Debbie Mattison, social worker at Ann Arbor's McAuley Health Center. The group meets on the second Thursday of each

month, from 7-8:30 p.m. In existence for approximately one and a half years, the group's size varies from 10 to 20 people. Sessions have specific topics ranging from "Coping with the holidays" to "What's normal in grief."

**Grief Recovery Support Group** 

677-0610

Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti

The Grief Recovery Support Group provides a balance of education about the grief process and support in dealing with it. The group meets weekly for five weeks; it started in 1985 as a service of the Hospice of Washtenaw.

The group is run by professional counselors according to Coordinator Tanis Hale. Sessions average 15 to 20 participants experiencing any kind of loss to death.

Starting Over

677-0500

Plymouth/Northville

Starting Over is a group for young widows and widowers, under age 45. The Northville group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.; the Plymouth group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Both groups are directed by Cathy Clough.

onate Friends

428-8906

Ann Arboi

The Ann Arbor chapter of Compassionate Friends, a worldwide organization which provides support for parents who have lost children, has existed for 10 years. According to Elisabeth Reed, who became the group coordinator after losing a son five years ago, the "loose-knit" group consists of 15 to 20 parents.

It meets every third Sunday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Ann Arbor's First

Presbyterian Church, and is open to the public.

Michigan Self-Help Clearing House 1-800-752-5858

This hotline provides information and referrals about self-help organizations. It also offers consultations to individuals wishing to start a self-help or support group. A free publication is available upon request.

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Canton firefighters (from left) Don Adams, John Bartle, and Thomas Kruger relax between runs at Canton Fire Station No. 1. On a day to day basis, these three men must deal with life and death situations, (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

# Death is a part of their jobs

BY RAY SETLOCK

It can be a tense job, but as they say "somebody's got to do it."
Those who deal with death and suffering and the ensuing grief on a day-to-day basis as a part of their profession are a special breed.

It's not always the easiest task to deal with those who have just experienced the loss of a loved one, or to deal with someone who is on the verge of death.

Don Adams is a licutenant with the Canton Fire Department. During his 16 year tenure, he has seen everything from airplane crashes to car accidents. Some serious, others milder, but all involving a need to understand the complex process of those in pain.

Adams recalls his most memorable duty two years ago, when Flight 255 plunged into I-94 outside Metro Airport, killing almost 150 passengers."

"The destruction was just enormous," Adams said. "With only one survivor, there was very little we could do but cover up bodies and body parts."

Adams added: "I have never felt such a sense of helplessness. It was awful."

But for Adams, death is part of the job. He never really knows what he will experience each day when he laces up his shoes and pins on his badge.

Adams feels he cannot allow himself to get caught up emotionally

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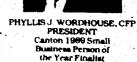
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# Dealing with death

in a victim's situation. He believes if you do that you can self destruct and not do the victim any good.

Although he feels you cannot erase it totally from your mind, Adams believes there is a time and a place to let one's emotions hang out. He sees it as something one learns with experience.

"If you are hurting because you lost a victim at the scene, it's nothing you're going to forget about right away," said Adams. "But I do feel that there will be a time when you'll save a life and things will not seem so bad."

Canton paramedic Tom Kruger said the best thing to do is to discuss the incident with another person who was at the scene. He feels it is good therapy.

"We go back to the fire station and replay the scene," said Kruger, "Occasionally, we'll even joke about something. It's necessary. It really is.

"We need to forget about it, and get on with our jobs."

Adams recalls a paramedic Canton hired a couple of years ago.

"The first three times he went on runs, the victim died. After that, we called him 'Doctor Death,' " said Adams, admitting the repugnant nature of the misnomer.

For Michelle Slupski, who works as a volunteer at Plymouth's West Trail Nursing Home, the passing away of a resident there tends to be even more personal.

When you care for someone for a period of time, you tend to have a relationship with them. If they die, then you feel it, " said Slupski. "But you cannot dwell on it. Maybe for a short period of time, but then you must move on.'

Slupski added: "The hardest to deal with, are those which come unexpectatly. They are often in good spirits, then they die.

"That's tough, but part of the job."

Steve Socha, a director at Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth, deals with death from a different aspect. He deals daily with grieving relatives.

"It takes a great deal of compassion," said Socha. "Many times, these people don't really know what to do. If that's the case we guide them in the right direction. It takes patience.'

For all these people, there is little time for vacation, since thereare no rules which state death has to occur on a weekday during normal business hours.

"We are constantly working," said Socha. "Weekends, holidays,

The special touch these people lend, is what helps make our society what it is. In a world where destruction can sometime get out of hand, it's nice to know there're people like Don Adams, Tom Kruger, Michelle Slupski and Steve Socha.





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# & Weddings

## Walden, McElroy engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Walden, of Ann Arbor, announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Jo Walden to Todd McElroy.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Huron High School and is a junior majoring in psychology at Eastern Michigan University.

The future groom is the son of Lawrence and Sue McElroy, of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy and is a junior majoring in criminal justice at Eastern Michigan University.

No date has been set for the wedding at this time.



WALDEN-McELROY

### Figurski, Rydjord plan wedding



FIGURSKI-RYDJORD

Calvin and Karlene Rydjord, of Jackson, announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa to Larry Figurski.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is presently working as an English/Journalism teacher for the Cadillac Public Schools.

The prospective bride groom is the son of Lawrence and Judith Figurski, of Canton. He is also a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed as a television reporter for station WWTV in Cadillac.

An Aug. 19 wedding is planned at St. John's Church in Jackson.

### Brown, Deeter to wed

Mr. and Mis. Gerald Brown, of Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Marie Brown, to Frank Erwin Deeter.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by the Birmingham School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deeter, of Dearborn. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by First of Michigan Cor-



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# Engagements Bahr, Jones to wed



JONES-BAHR

Jim and Nancy Bahr, of Plymouth. announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Steven Clifford Jones.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Salem High School and a graduate of Hope College. She is a senior at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she is studying for a master of divinity.

The future groom is the son of Helen and Clifford Jones, of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Canton High School and of Michigan Technological University. He is employed as an applications analyst with Sherpa Corporation in San Jose.

The couple will reside in San Jose after their wedding. An Aug. 19 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.



### Community births

Kristopher David Brandt was born

on May 27 weighing in at 7 lb., 14 oz.
His parents are Kenneth and Karen Brandt, of Plymouth.

Kristopher joins his siblings, sister Karli, 4, and brother Kenneth, 3.

His grandparents are Nancy Jarskey, of Plymouth, and Kenneth and Beryl Brandt, of Plymouth. Great grandparents Tom and Helen McKenzie, of Canton, and Erwin and Pearl Brandt, of Redford.

### It's Joshua

Joshua Alex Beeler was born on May 15 at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Joshua weighed 8 lb., 8 oz at birth.

His parents are Bob and Paula Beeler, of Livonia.

Joshua joins an older brother, Kyle. His grandparents are John and Elaine Kay, of West Bloomfield (formerly of Plymouth), and Bob and Flora Beeler, also of West Bloomfield. His great grandparents are Gladys Baldovini, of Farmington, and Bill

Kuczerewicz, of Sterling Heights.

### Here's Allison

Allison Kathryn Strok was born on June 14, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She weighed 8 lb., 1 oz upon arrival.

Her parents are Andy and Karen Strok, of Plymouth. She joins brothers Christopher, seven, Matthew, five, and Berjamin, two.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, of Warren, OH, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strok, of Euclid. OH. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kocher, of Vienna, OH, and Mary Strok, of Willowick, OH.

### It's twins

Twin girls, Kelsey Lynne and Jacqueline Michelle, were born on June 19, weighing in at 6 lb., 13 oz., and 7 lb., 7 oz.

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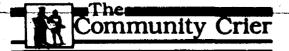
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### SONSEEKER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sonseeker Safari Vacation Bible School will be offered at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, on Aug. 7-11, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 per child; includes t-shirt. For children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call 453-6464.

### FLEA MARKET AND RUMMAGE SALE

Madonna College will hold a flea marker and rummage sale on Sept. 16-17, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Indoor and outdoor vendor space available at a weekend rate of \$30. Proceeds go to scholarships. Limited space. For reservations and more info call 591-5126.

### REUNION

Plymouth High School Class of 1944 is holding their 45 year reunion pm July 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Elks Lodge on Ann Arbor Road. For reservations call Jean at 453-0550 or Dora at 453-0769.

### THERAPEUTIC DAY CAMP

Camp ABLE, for the physically and mentally impaired will continue through Aug. 18 in Canton. Campers meet five days a week from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hoben Elementary School on Saltz Road. Cost is \$40 for Canton residents and \$60 for non-residents. Limit 15 people per session. Call 397-5110 for in-

### MS SUPPORT GROUP

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet July 16 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Church in Plymouth Township. Pot-luck dinner -- bring a salad or dessert to share. Chicken provided. For more details call 455-2461.

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### **POM PON CAMP**

Mid-America Pompon, Inc. will offer their four day summer pompon camp at the Northville Community Center from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 14-18. Bring or buy pompons at the camp. Recommended for six to 12 year olds. Preregistration required at Northville Recreation Department (349-0203). Cost is \$20 for residents, \$25 for non residents.

### **FOLK AND BLUEGRASS FEST**

Northville's 13th annual Folk and Bluegrass Festival will be Sunday, July 30 at Ford Field in downtown Northville. The gates open at noon and shows run from 1-8 p.m. \$8 for adults. Children under 12 are free. Food and beverages will be available, Call 349-9420.

### SONGWRITING WORKSHOP

A songwriting workshop with Michael Smith, a featured performer in the Northville Folk and Bluegrass Festival, will be offered Saturday, July 29, from 7-9 p.m. Get tips from the expert, the man who wrote "The Dutchman" and many other songs. Reservations recommended. Call 349-9420 for reservations.

### TENNIS TOURNEY

The Canton Parks and Recreation 1989 Open Tennis Tournament will be held on Aug. 4-6 at the CEP tennis courts. Cost is \$5 per person. Each person must provide one can of USTA approved tennis balls. The deadline is Aug. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Register at Canton Parks and Recreation; call 397-5110.

### SEMINAR FOR WOMEN

National Seminars, Inc. will present "Image and Communication Skills For Women" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 1

### 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.

### **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.



# What's Happening To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the not

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**HUNTER SAFETY PROGRAM** 

The Mayflower Lt. Gamble Auxiliary 6695 VFW will sponsor a Hunter Safety Progam conducted by certified firearms instructors. Limited to 30 persons of any age with certification given to students 12 and older. It will be held Aug. 7, 10, and 11 from 6-10 p.m. and Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at 1426 S. Mill-St. in Plymouth. Preregistration is necessary. Call Bob Biallas at 981-5862 for more information.

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

The Conference of Western Wayne regular meeting will be held July 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Canton's Administration Building. Call 525-8690 for more details on the

REUNION

The Salem High School Class of 1979 is planning its 10-year reunion for Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Mayflower Meeting House. For more information call Collecn Howe at 471-2836.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391 will hold a special, preconvention business meeting July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at 173 N. Main Street in Plymouth, All post members and veterans interested in Legion membership are invited to attend this meeting. For more information contact Commander Riblett at 455-4565 or Jim Maahs at 455-5541.

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 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

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. Preregistration at 9:30 a.m. It is free to participate. Call 397-5110 for more details.

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.

**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 barious 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.





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# Places to be

# N'ville music festival features bluegrass, folk

Northville's annual Folk and Bluegrass Festival is back for the 13th year this summer.

The benefit for Huntingtons Disease victims is sponsored by the Gitfiddler in Northville as well as WDET, M-CARE Health Care Center and Budweiser.

This year's festival is Sunday, July 30, at Ford Field in downtown Northville. The gates open at noon and the show runs from 1-8 p.m.

The festival features Michael Smith, Balduck Mountain Ramblers, Mustards Retreat, Frits Family Bluegrass Band, Neil Woodward, Detroit Bluegrass and Jim Perkins.

The cost is \$8 for adults, while children under 12 get in free. Food and beverages will be available during the festival.

For further information call the Gitfiddler at 349-9420.

# Art comes to park

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 are 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.

### To start in Canton

### Farmer's Market

Some of that "home grown goodness" will be available again this year in Canton.

Residents looking for a variety of produce, baked goods, flowers, diary products and other food stuffs might find what they need at the annual Canton Farmer's Market.

This year the market will be held on every Wednesday and Saturday starting on Saturday, July 29 and running through Oct.

The market is open at the New Towne Plaza Shopping Center at Sheldon and Ford roads in the township. It runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The City of Plymouth also has a Farmer's Market every Saturday this summer at the Gathering near Kellogg Park.

### Hunter course planned

The Mayflower Lt. Gamble Auxiliary 6695 Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a Hunter Safety Program conducted by Bob Biallas and Bob Hall, certified firearms instructors.

The course is open to all first time hunters. The class is limited to 30 (of any age). Certification is given to those students age 12 and older who complete the course.

This year the course will be held Aug. 7, 10 and 11 from 6-10 p.m. and Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to noon at the VFW post on Mill Street.

Pre-registration is necessary. Proof of age is required on the first night.

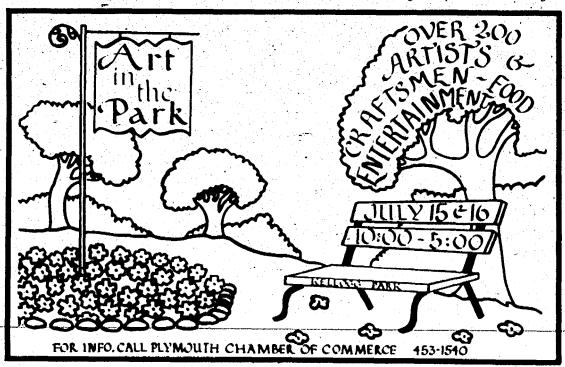
Call Biallas at 981-5862 for further information or call 459-6700. There is a small registration fee.

### Seminar

National Seminars, Inc. will present "Image and Communication Skills For Women," from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 19 at the Plymouth Hilton Inn.

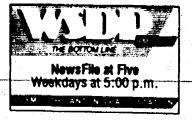
The cost for the workshop is \$48 and includes workbook, coffee break and a certificate for continuing education credit.

For information call 1-800-258-7246.



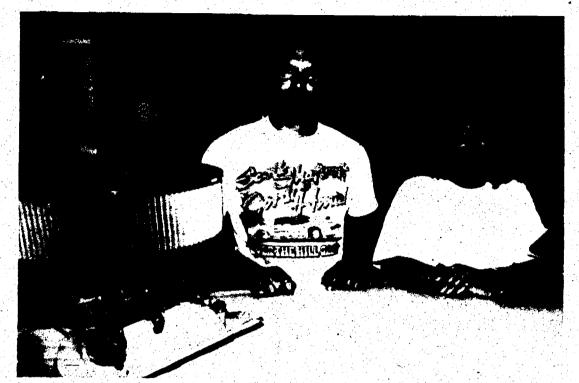








# Getting down to business



Hugh Meyer (left) and Denise Walks run the new Performance Plus shop in Plymouth, along with Chris Walkis. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

# Performance Plus hits high gear

BY MINAL HAJRATWALA Nitehawk Performance Plus is more than just another auto parts retailer.

The new business offers equipment for race cars, high performance street use and boats, according to Hugh Meyer, who, along with Denise and Chris Wallis, owns the recently opened shop.

"There is nothing in the Plymouth community that does what we do," said Meyer.

Nitehawk, which is located in Plymouth's Old Village, sells racing fuel and a wide variety of equipment, including helmets, racing suits, tires, and even nitrous oxide. Commonly known as "laughing gas" and administered in a dentist's office, the nitrous oxide is used as fuel by most of

the top drag racing machines on today's racing circuit.

"It gives a lot of horsepower with very little expense," Meyer explained.

The three owners have their own history of racing.

Meyer has built drag racing cars of his own (he also ran an auto parts warehouse for a while). Both of the Wallis family drive race cars competitively.

In fact, the new store is named afterthe Wallis' fleet of four drag racers named Nitehawk 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The owners said they see their store as a real chance to make what is a favorite hobby into a successful business.

"It is so related to our hobby, it's what we enjoy doing," said Denise Wallis.

### Hilton becomes Radisson

BY LAUREN SMITH

The Plymouth Hilton officially became the Radisson Hotel of Plymouth on July 1.

The new owner -- Columbia Sussex -- also owns the Detroit Metro Radisson and the Holiday Inn of Southfield.

With the new company also comes an almost completely new management team -- 80 per cent of the management has been changed, including the general manager.

General Manager Tom Ferrell, said there are also 'new attitudes...more enthusiasm."

There will be a variety of "facelifts to make the property more attractive physically," he said.

The Radisson's emphasis, he added, will be on service.







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# Van Wagoner named to head Chiefs hoop team

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

It is case of deja vu for Dave VanWagoner, who was named Friday as the new Canton varsity boys basketball coach for the second time in his coaching career.

VanWagoner led the Chiefs from 1976-1985 (he served four years as head coach 1981-1985). He said he is excited to be named coach at Canton.

"It's great to be back," said VanWagoner, "I'm in it for the duration, as long as they'll have me.

"This is a dream come true for me," he added.

VanWagoner, 35, spent last season as the varsity girls coach for Livonia Churchill High.

Cenntennial Educational Park (CEP) Athletic Director Paul Cummings said he is pleased to have VanWagoner back.

"We feel he is the person we want," said Cummings. "He is young, eager and willing to put the time into the program and community."

Cummings added "I know he enjoys working with the kids."

Cummings also said that another key

aspect in hiring VanWagoner is the fact he works in the school district.

"He's been in our district for 10 years," said the athletic director.

VanWagoner added that he is anxious to get started with the team.

"We're going to step in and evaluate the talent we have on hand then just roll up our sleeves and go to work," said VanWagoner.



# **Sports**





On top of the world

The Canton Senior Sluggers (above) give the "thumbs up" last week after winning a national title. The squad's

coach, Louise Spigarelli, (left) gets the team psyched for another practice session. (Crier photos by Chris Farina)

# Softball stars don't act their age

BY RITA DERBIN

Fresh off winning gold medals in St. Louis a couple weeks before, the Canton Senior Sluggers traveled to Mt. Clemens for a tournament last weekend and didn't fair quite so well a

The Sluggers won just one game in the six game series by the score of 22-2.

"We were close a few times," said team captain Eleanor Hoelscher. "But our pitchers walked a few batters that scored."

Hoelscher said the team played well and had a lot of fun playing against teams from Canada, Virginia and other parts of Michigan but their competition was tough.

"It was suppose to be seniors," said Hoelscher. "But the women we were playing against were in their 40s and they're just a little quicker than us,"

The average age of the members of the Sluggers is 64. Their ages range from Evelyn Nealeigh, who is 55 years old, to Alma Foerster, who just turned

"The men's senior program has been picking up steam the past four or five years," said Slugger manager Louise Spigarelli, who is also the sports specialist at the Canton Seniors Center on Michigan Avenue, "Since the Senior Olympics finally offered women's softball on a national level we're hoping the local level will

boom.'

In the meantime, the Sluggers are preparing for the rest of the season by practicing at least two or three times a week. They're already looking forward to defending their gold medals in Syracuse (NY) in 1991.

"The ladies were real excited about St. Louis and paid for their own expenses," said Spigarelli, "The center helped some, too there was a raffle to help pay for their entree fee and local businesses sponsored the player's uniforms for \$50 apiece."

The sponsors included: Willow Creek Dental, Canton Firefighters, Jasin Heating and Cooling, Crystal Bakery, ABS Industries, Kelso DDS.

VFW, First of America Bank, Rusty Nail Lounge, Super Bowl Bowling Alley, Wayne-Ford Civic League, Canton Top Valve Muffler, Jansen Enterprises and softball player Kay Oswalt.

"We really appreciated the support of those local businesses," said Spigarelli. "The uniforms really made us look like pros out there on the field and any extra money went back into the program."

The Sluggers' next big tournament will be a coed competition at the Warren tournament this month where they will be defending their title with seven players from the mens team.

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# Long distance friendship thrives



It was a friendship that was formed 9,000 miles from Plymouth, but this week that friendship is thriving right here.

In October of 1988, Scott Lorenz went to Anyang, China to compete in the Anyang Balloon Race (the only one of its kind in China), and that's where the friendship was born.

Hao Dongshan, Qin Jianmin, Zhang Jie and Zhang Futai where invited to Plymouth last December after befriending Lorenz in China.

The three Chinese balloonists and their interpreter (Jianmin) arrived at the Mayflower on June 27 and have since been busy competing in balloon races all over Michigan.

The quartet was also introduced to America's Independence Day during the July 4th festivities in the City of Plymouth.

"We were very lucky to spend Independance Day with the Americans," said Jianmin. He added China has a similar holiday so the festivities weren't new to them.

For a while it looked grim for the foursome. When they tried to obtain visas to visit the U.S. they ran into a few problems.

"We went to the U.S. Embassy on June 6 but the Embassy was closed," said Jianmin. "So we had to go back on the 19th for visa's."

All four said they were surprised by the reception given to them by the American people.

"Three of us know not so much



Four of China's finest balloonists took out a few hours from their busy competition schedule last week to enjoy

the July 4th parade in the City of Plymouth. (Crier photo by Chris Farina)

about America (Jianmin is an interpreter for Americans when they visit China)," said Jianmin.

"Our biggest impression is friendship by Americans," said Jie. "American people very friendly."

According to the four, they haven't had much time for sight seeing, they spend most of their time in their balloon.

So far the group has been to the Traverse City Balloon Race (June 30-July 3), and the Howell Balloon Race (July 7-9) and they're expected to take part in yet another competition starting

on July 18.

The balloonists said one major difference between China and Plymouth is the population.

"The first difference is in population," said Dongshan. "Generally speaking, Plymouth is well developed so it looks very backwards."

The balloonists agreed on a second difference, that being traffic.

"All traffic is very busy in China," said Jianmin. "Traffic here is in good order."

When not ballooning the four spend their time giving interviews and watching sports on television. They said it doesn't matter that they don't understand english.

According to the four, they will have a lot to remember from their trip to the states.

"The people here have been very friendly to us," said Futai.

"It is a very beautiful and clean town," said Jianmin of Plymouth.

They will also remember all the ballooning they've been able to enjoy. There is only one hot air balloon race each year in China; last year only seven teams participated.

# Sluggers take field with pride

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The womens softball team will then participate in the Michigan Senior Olympics in August.

Last year the Sluggers were formed in order to participate in the Michigan

Olympics as a womens softball team but did not have any competition. Hopefully that will change this year.

"It's just hard to find women our age to compete against," said Hoelscher. "But we enjoy playing in those 'practice' games against the younger ladies."

"Playing softball has done quite a bit for myself and the other ladies," Hoelscher added."The senior center and Louise deserve a lot of credit, they've stuck with us."

The Sluggers enjoy the socializing and work hard in practice -- as

Hoelscher says, "Everyone's eager to see what we can do."

And with that attitude, how can they lose?

So with high spirits and youthful enthusiasm, the gals of summer continue to play the summer game the way it should be played — for the love of it.

# Net tourney on tap

The Canton Parks and Recreation 1989 Open Tennis Tournament will be held on Aug. 4-6 at the Centennial Educational Park (CEP) tennis courts.

The cost is \$5 per person and a can of USTA approved tennis

The registration deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 4:30 p.m. Register at Canton Parks and Recreation, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

The competition includes various age divisions -- 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50 and over.

For more information call Canton's Parks and Recreation at 397-5110.

# Be a 'superstar'

The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the 10th Annual "Youth Superstars" competition on Saturday, July 15 at 10 a.m.

Registration is at 9:30 on the same day and the competition is free.

"Superstars" test a variety of athletic skills including basketball, golf, soccer, baseball, running, and more.

The age divisions are nine and under, 10-12, and 13-15 for both boys and girls. Awards will be given out in each age group.

For more information call 397-5110.

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Based on Henry Graper's resume, the above could be his "position wanted" advertisement.

### City investigation next?

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contract calls for a monthly auto reimbursement — \$350 — but city sources could not say whether mileage was paid, or gasoline supplied in addition to that.

The source said Graper had access to city gasoline, implying that he might have been paid as well for that mileage. Through his attorney, Graper admitted access to city gas pumps but denied using city gas in claiming a mileage reimbursement.

Graper voluntarily turned his car into the city Friday even though his resignation letter and contract terms apparently did not require him to do so.

City sources said that "house charge accounts" at two city restaurants were restricted in February and that Graper's expenses reports required mayoral approval at one point.

Most of the allegations focus on city budget item known as "Line 9560.". That item included the miscellaneous expenditures for Graper; his assistant, Paul Sincock; and two other staffers.

According to Acting City Manager Bill Graham, the amounts paid out for promotion, tuition, entertain expenses and seminars could be included under "Line 9560." Since some of the checks drawn against that budget item included advances to Graper (which would later be charged against other expense categories), the amounts "may not necessarily reflect the exact total," Graham said.

Under that item of the budget the city spent \$4,071 in March; \$1,892 in April; and \$2,204 for May; Graham said. He added that the March total reflected a six-month billing from the Mayflower Hotel.

Mayor Karl Gansler had argued against Jones' request for an audit of Grapet's accounts, but praised Graper's request for the investigation. "To clear any questions, it's a smart thing." Gansler said.

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Bila said, "I

have no evidence of wrongdoing, but it's my understanding that an investigation has been called for." He said he reserved further comment until those results are made public.

In related developments, Graham issued a memo to Gansler late yesterday reviewing Graper's contract and the implications of its extension through Dec. 2. Graper's "resignation" used that date because his 10th anniversary with the city is Dec. 1 and his retirement is vested then.

Graham's memo pointed out a number of areas where commission action over the past 10 years has seemed inconsistent with Graper's contractual agreement. Some commissioners have said they were unaware of all the provisions in the city manager's contract when they accept its extension through Dec. 2.

According to Graham's calculations of Graper's \$141.04 per day salary plus deferred compensation, comp time, sick time, longevity and insurance, Graper's severance will cost the city \$34,319 or more after his July 1 resignation.

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER During his decade at the helm of City of Plymouth government, what has Henry E. Graper accomplished?

"Look at where the town is today versus where it was 10 years ago," said Chuck Skene, the 15-year chief of Plymouth's Parks and Recreation program. "I hope Hank is remembered for that."

Skene, and the city's 33-year veteran

Skene, and the city's 33-year veteran with the DPW - Ken Vogras - both reeled off a list of accomplishments they felt Graper should get credit for.

They included:

•The Gathering - a multi-purpose structure across from Kellogg Park.

•McAuley Health Center - now expanding to offer more health care uses at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

•Fleet Street parking and beautification — launched to accompany the McAuley Center's parking needs.

•Highland Appliance Corporate headquarters - located in the abandoned Western Electric plant on Sheldon Road.

•The under-construction mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery.

•The new DPW building and selling off some of the land for development.

\*Added one-way streets for more parking and better traffic flow.

•Eliminated parking meters on the streets.

•Promoted the city through festivals and events. He personally took part in developing the Ice Festival with the Mayflower Hotel's Scott Lorenz.

•Added a liquor license and renovation to the City's Cultural

•Recently obtained a \$57,000 credit for water loss at Ann Arbor Trail and Forest.

 Built the 35th District Court building to house a centralized fivegovernmental-unit court.

 Went through a period of supplying police services to Plymouth Township.

•Expanded the Dunning-Hough Library and helped form the citytownship authority to operate it.

•Granted "air rights" over the city's parking lot next to the Mayflower Hotel for the addition to the hotel.

Two other important ac-



HENRY E. GRAPER

complishments were also credited to Graper by City Commissioner Jack Kenyon and City Clerk (and acting city manager) Bill Graham.

 Reducing the city's total number of employes.

•Implementing new budgetary processes that provide a clearer accounting and tracking of city finances.

In his own resume, Graper lists many of those accomplishments as well as:

•Recession management (including the shrinking city work force).

•Several items of personnel administration.

•Tax abatement and commercialindustrial development.

•Changing the city's ambulance service to private contract.

Major paving and street lighting programs.

But Graper doesn't take all the credit,

In his resume letter, he writes, "I would be remiss in stating that any of the accomplishments we take credit for, as a city administration, would not be possible without a strong department head core and a highly professional and well-trained personnel staff."

# Local businesses help out PSO

BY LAUREN SMITH

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO), which is approaching the end of a recent fundraising campaign geared toward businesses, has received its biggest contribution ever.

Ford Motor Company recently presented the symphony with a check for \$2,500.

Last year, First of America presented the symphony with the largest donation which amounted to \$1500. The bank has piedged that amount again this year, and according to Holly Lubowicki, the symphony's business manager, this is the second largest donation the PSO will receive this year.

The biggest supporters over the years in terms of actual contributions have been Unisys, Ford Motor Company, and First of America.

Lubowicki said the symphony is using "a different approach" this year in soliciting from businesses. They are using a technique she learned when working with the Pittsburgh Symphony.

She said the local symphony "took their ideas and principles and reworked them to fit (the Plymouth Symphony)." Rather than reward businesses with tickets, the PSO is offering "public relations and marketing" in proportion to the

contribution

Besides the largest contribution ever, Lubowicki said the fundraising has been record breaking in other capacities. This year is the "the first time we have 20 some people working on fundraising," which is the most "man power" by far that they have ever had.

The Symphony League, which raises money for the Plymouth Symphony, presented the PSO with a check for \$8,000 in revenues from their home four.

"We really need people to actively support the symphony," said Lubowicki,

# Crier Classifieds

### Curiosities

Shewn, I'll be thinking how sorry I feel for you back here while I'm having fun in California. Don't work too hard! When I come back you and Charlie will have to come out water skiling!

Bob DeMattia puts on a great party.

The Coneva at Canton Coney Island are out of this world. Across from Meijer in Canton Landing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Hey, you score! Things get hotter in a short time. Be sure and dress for the weather. Shere in relative's happy times. Person near to you is trying to cool off. Keep getting things shed, you will sleep better

lerch 21-April 19) If it feels right, "Do it." Remember it is your decision, You can gain a lot and if it's not right, you can't lose. Maybe at the worse you can break

Aunt Hazel was flying high over Chicago on Sunday! (Just how much hot air did that take?

Ded -- Are you still "Hobbling" along?

California Here I Come!

Johnny, have lots of fun at Jamborse!

Beth, I had lots of fun sitting with my favorite niece at the Tiger game!

Big John - let's play catch again! That was lots of fun - I think Beth even had fun once she caught a bell.

John and Merc, you were right —I really liked "Eight Men Out." Now I'll here to get the book and set it next to "Shoeless Joe," and "Total Basebell" on my

"Feeling hot hot hot!!!!"

Red — Let's hope the heat wave holds until July 28th! Blue

Groove Master acts the "grump" over the reckend, but Tiny Winy maker fump," thank for bearing with . . .

"CIGARS ARE LIKE avacadoes - you've get to really get into them." - Allen O'Dell **BEAUREGARD STILL BOUNCES Grandma** 

Jeen's devited eggs off his nose.

VINCE HERBRUCK swims too.

"Tomorrow's" I shall return.

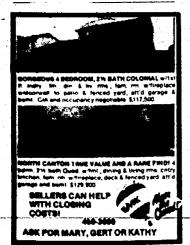
STEVE: was that operation a six-month tune-up? Next time, hold out for one of those seven-year warranties.

MARK MORA: your photos are ready.

JOE BIDA is older! Surprise! Now everyone knows

Julie - the area between the furnace room and broom closet shouldn't be too bed. You should be receiving your official notice from your dorm soon.

Kevin has "HOCK" toes!



### Curiosities

"Oh no - Five-0!" Happy 50th Birthday Ralph Wilhite - this Bud's for you!

by Jaycees? Go to Mrs. D's! Thenke

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DONNIE JR. JR. -- nice pool!

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### Curiosities

Welcome Home Sue!

Nathen and Todd have Joined The Crier Carrier Team. They will be taking over Routes No. 41 and 41B. Welcome aboard and good luck. Verns

My kingdom for a deak!!

JESSICA makes popcorn, goes whitewater rafting and keeps an eye on the Attorney General to see if he doesn't cheet at croquet.

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