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3 OLGC students injured in accident

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A Monday morning three-car accident on M-14 in Plymouth Township sent a Plymouth resident and three students from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic (OLGC) grade school to the hospital.

One of the injured, a nine-year-old Plymouth boy, still was in the U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor after having surgery Monday to stop internal bleeding, said OLGC Principal Ted Behn.

Nancy Mouridian, chief of staff for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department refused to release the name of the victim.

He was traveling with his mother, Patricia Elliott of Plymouth, and two other children, an eight-yearold Plymouth resident and an eight-year-old Canton resident, at 9:40 a.m., Mouridian said. They were struck by a light blue GMC pick up truck, driven by Joan Alexander, which crossed over the median and into on-coming traffic, Mouridian said. "The Cadillac was then hit in the rear by another vehicle, a semi-truck, as it was spinning," she said.

The driver of the semi-truck was not injured.

"From what the road officer told me, the witnesses said he did a good job trying to break his vehicle," said Mouridian, who could not provide the driver's name.

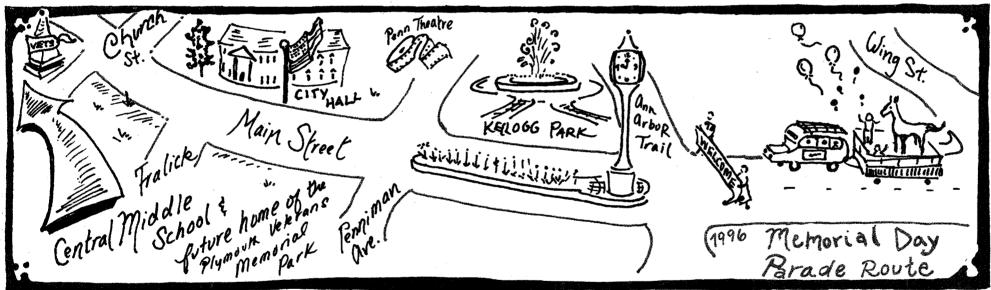
Alexander was treated and released, according to Mouridian. "Everyone who was injured today (Monday) was treated and released, except the one child who was the son of the driver of the Cadillac," she said.

M-14 was closed for approximately 10 minutes, said Mouridian. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Michigan State Police were called to the scene, Mouridian said. "There were no arrests made at the scene," she said. "However that may change depending on the ongoing investigation."

The Cadillac was part of second grade field trip to Greenfield Village, Behn said during a phone conversation Monday prior to leaving for the hospital.

"They seem to be doing fine," Behn said of the OLGC students involved in the crash.

Fr. Jim Livingston counseled students and staff after the accident, Behn said.



Memorial Day events scheduled throughout community

Memorial Day events are planned throughout the community Monday.

The Plymouth Community 1996 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, but will be heading a different direction this year.

The parade will begin at the corner of Wing and Main streets this year. The parade will then proceed north on Main Street and will disperse in the park area of Central Middle School — the site of the newly-designated Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park.

Although the Plymouth Memorial Day

Parade is a City of Plymouth sponsored event, Plymouth Township American Legion Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 is this year's host of the parade and ceremonies following the parade, according to Parade Chairman and Vice Commander of the Post, John Pappas.

"With the change in the parade route, along with the new veterans park having been approved and the participation of new veterans and patriotic groups, we are very excited about the parade and ceremonies," Pappas said.

This year's parade will "step off" with a police escort by the City of Plymouth

Police Department, followed by a military jeep containing parade Grand Marshall Jack Wilcox, a W.W. II veteran and long-time Plymouth resident.

A motorcade of public service vehicles from Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton will follow the initial escort.

Following the motorcade, the parade will be led by veterans and members of The American Legion, Beasley-Zalesny Post 112, its Auxiliary Unit 112 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 112. American Legion Post 391 of Plymouth, along with Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528; VFW Post of Canton; and new participants, AMVETS Post 171 of Westland will also march. In addition, the parade will include

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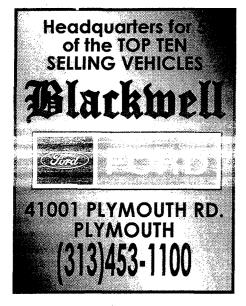


COMMA, Crier offices closed

The Community Crier and COMMA, offices will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Classified and display advertising deadlines have been moved to Friday at 4 p.m.

Schools to conduct demographic survey Survey is first step toward public referendum on funding for new schools

BY BRIAN CORBETT Superintendent Charles Little announced the first of many steps toward a public referendum on funding for new



facilities in the Plymouth-Canton School District at Monday night's school board meeting.

A \$1,200 study documenting the The Plymouth-Canton Community's demography will be performed.

"There is really no choice. The state education department requires a close demographic study be done for your school district by this one outfit located at Michigan State," said Little.

At last week's meeting, Little presented an outline of a growth management plan that could put a bond issue on the ballot in December. Included in the outline was the return of a demographic study in July. The results probably won't be a su prise, they'll just be official for the Department of Education. "SEMCC

Department of Education. "SEMCC data indicated an 86 percent growth total population of Plymouth-Cant between 1990 and the year 2020," sa Little. "Those are startling figures."

Community celebrates Memorial Day Monday

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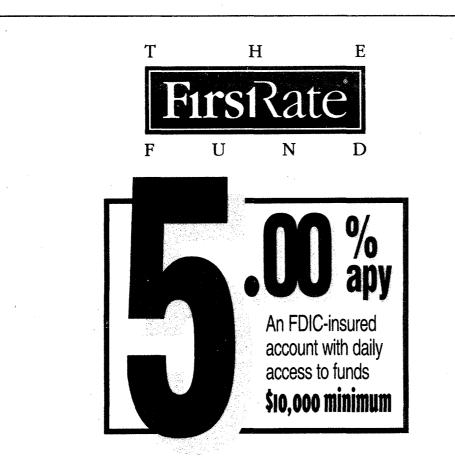
float and military vehicle participation by various branches of the armed forces; marchers from particitic and scouting units, and marching bauds from Central Middle School, East Middle School and the award-winning marching band from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"During the parade," said Pappas, "members of VVA Chapter 528 will break away from the parade and join members of VFW Post 6695 momentarily at the Rock in Kellogg Park for a rifle salute.

"This is to allow these two veterans groups to provide a final salute at a place that has been used for many years to remember our veterans." Although the parade will not stop during this salute, and the VVA and VFW will be involved in the ceremonies in the new veterans park area, this action allows them to take the final time to present appropriate honors to the area that has served out see erans and community for so many years, said Pappas.

The Memorial Day ceremonies will conclude in the ne Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park with an address by Davi Artley, president of the Plymouth-Canton School Board, and ceremonial wreath laying, remembering the veterans of our cour try by the different veterans organizations.

Following their participation in the Plymouth parade, veteran groups will head to Canton to lay wreaths at the veterans memori al in Heritage Park at 1 p.m.



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School administration shakeup? Little discusses possibility of restructuring

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A summer shake up of Plymouth-Canton Community School District administrative positions is on the mind of Superintendent Charles Little.

At Monday night's P-C School Board meeting, Little proposed the elimination of one of the executive director of instruction K-12 positions, the creation of a deputy for the director of instruction, and elevation of the two curriculum coordinators to Curriculum Center supervisors.

The proposed actions are a result of current Executive Director of Instruction K-12 Tom Tattan's June 30 resignation to become superintendent of the Clarenceville School District in Livonia.

Patrick O'Donnell is also executive director of instruction K-12. "I would like to eliminate one of those positions and, in doing so, elevate Pat O'Donnell to position of assistant superintendent of instruction," Little said.

Little asked for authorization for job

Cadillac King

posting of a deputy position, or support staff, for O'Donnell.

Tattan's departure will also leave an opening in the Curriculum Center, where he serves as manager. To remedy the situation, 🦜 K-12 Curriculum Coordinator/Language Arts and Social Studies Sheila Alles and K-12 Curriculum Coordinator/Science and Math Kathy Harenda would become Curriculum Center supervisors. Little said the revision would streamline the school district and save some money. "There will be some savings on this," he said. "Whether it's \$9,000 or \$25,000, it depends on who's hired."

The administrative reorganization was questioned in several areas. Trustee Barbara Graham asked why an interview committee, similar to the type employed to hire Little two years ago, was not going to be used for the new assistant superintendent's position. "Why don't we have that?" she said.

Because of one-half dozen new hires in the administration building this school year, Little said the transition would be made easier if O'Donnell was selected. "I feel we have the person who compliments what we need," Little said.

Said P-C School Board President David Artley: "Given all the changes we've had, I'm glad we have someone who can step in and do this."

Treasurer Michael Maloney, Secretary Sue Davis and Trustee Jack Farrow all asked what the precise responsibilities of the deputy director of instruction would be. "It looks to me we got two people doing the same thing, only one works for the other," said Farrow.

Little said the new position would handle the day-to-day questions associated with instruction, grants, and special education plus additional duties. Little will provide a report to the school board June 10 on the deputy position's duties.

Maloney said he preferred establishing a salary for the deputy's position before someone is hired. "I think the board has trouble with salary when it's a specific person," he said.

Plymouth resident Jeff Phillips, assuming O'Donnell's increased responsibilities would be accompanied by higher pay, suggested a performance-based salary increase for O'Donnell. "Let him demonstrate he can do the job," said Phillips.

Canton plans for \$975,000 in park projects

The Canton Board of Trustees last week awarded \$66,000 in professional service contracts to three landscape architectural firms for the purpose of designing two new community parks and for improvements at Barchester Park.

The projected construction budgets for the three park projects totals approximately \$975,000.

The two new parks to be created include a "soccer complex" at Denton Road on 40 acres of property currently being acquired by Canton, and the development of a 20-acre park on a site already owned by Canton located at Sheldon and Palmer roads.

Design of the soccer complex, which will not be formally awarded until the property sale is complete, will include 12-14 premier soccer fields, parking lot, playground equipment, picnic area, concession and restroom buildings and signage. That project is expected to cost approximately Please see pg. 9



THIS WEEK

• WSDP's profile of candidates for the P-C School Board race continues today with Liz Givens at 5:40 p.m. The profiles will continue each Wednesday through May 29.

THE WEEKEND

- The "Art in the Air" Kite Festival, presented by the **Plymouth Community Arts** Council, has been rescheduled to this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Design-your-own kites are available by calling the PCAC at 416-4278. The cost is \$15. Prizes will be given for the best kite.
- The ninth annual Flower Sale will be held in Northville Friday and Saturday. Among the many spring and summer blossoms for sale are annuals, perennials, shrubs and herbs.

UPCOMING

• The Plymouth District Library will be closed June 4 through June 20 for the move to its temporary quarters at 705 S. Main St. (formerly Farmer Jack's). Complete library operations will be housed there until the new building is completed in Spring, 1998.

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Don Massey Cadillac again has earned the title of Cadillac Motor Car Division's largest volume Cadillac dealership for the fifth consecutive year. Massey (center) unwraps his award as District Manager Gary Nance (left) and Zone Sales and Service Manager Denis O'Shaughnessy (right) look on. (Crier photo by R. Alwood

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Obituaries

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DR. DEBORAH A. IVERSON

Deborah A. Iverson, a Bloomfield Hills resident, died May 16, 1996 at the age of 38.

Iverson was born Sept. 17, 1957 in Detroit. Although she was raised in Livonia, she previously lived in Indianapolis, IN, Detroit and Plymouth. She was Director of the Opthamology Clinic and Associate Director of the Opthamology Residency Training Program at Beaumont Hospital. She was a former faculty member of the Kresge Eye Institute and former Assistant Professor, Department of Opthamology, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1990-93.

She was a member of the American Academy of Opthamology and also delivered several scientific presentations.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Robert L. Iverson; sons, Richard Braden Iverson and Colin Robert Iverson; parents, Dr. Richard D. and Barbara Budd; sisters Mary (Joseph) Budd-Horozaniecki, Cynthia L. Budd and Laurie Jean Budd; and niece Sherry Horozaniecki.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills with Rev. James Meyer officiating. Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Memorial tributes can be made to the Hutzel Hospital Development Fund or the Beaumont Hospital Development Fund.

She was a loving mother, a conscientious physician and a warm, wonderful person, say those mourning her sudden death. Longtime friends and associates characterized Debbie and her husband, Robert as a dymanic couple. Susan Erickson, a personal friend and Executive Vice-President of Hutzel Hospital, said, "both Debbie and Bob are an intricate part of the Hutzel family. She had a wonderful sense of humor, one of the funniest people I know. She was also an exceptionally loving mother."

"She was brilliant," said Dr. Robert Jampel, former director of the Kresge Eye Institute. "She was very conscientious and took everything very, very seriously. She was an excellent physician." He often tried to persuade her to relax. "She worried with her patients," he said.

George Peck, neighbor and prominent Detroit attorney,



summarized everyone's feelings by stating that, "Debbie was a loving and devoted mother and wife, and was tireless in her efforts to help people. She was talented, unpretentious and genuinely funny and her death will be an irreplaceable loss to her many friends and neighbors."

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Community

JOAN D. BRANDT

Joan D. Brandt, a Plymouth Township resident, died May 10, 1996 at the age of 63.

Mrs. Brandt was born Feb. 12, 1933 in Lackawanna, NY. She lived in Hamburg, NY until the mid-1950s. She is a graduate of Hamburg High School and Cornell University. She worked as a residential Realtor in Plymouth with Prudential William Decker Realtor.

She is survived by her daughters, Marianne B. (Matthew) Thomas of Canton and Gail C. Brandt of Plymouth; sons, Mark R. Brandt of Troy, OH and Andrew (Deborah) Brandt of Westland; sister, Fay Helmon of Olympia, WA; sister-in-law, Eleanor Spink of Watertown, NY; mother-in-law, Olive Brandt of Watertown, NY; eight grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held at St. Kenneths Catholic Church with Fr. William Pettit officiating. Private interment was held at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to Angela Hospice or the Radiation Oncology Unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

HURLEY DAROLD MITCHEM, JR.

Hurley Darold Mitchem, Jr., a Utica resident, died May 11, 1996 at the age of 41.

He was born July 17, 1954 in Welch, NY and came to Utica in 1956. He was a musician.

Mr. Mitchem is survived by his wife, Clara Mitchem; son, Rick of Utah; step-son, James Harvey of Louisville, KY; sisters, Jewell (Ron) Richards of Brighton, Judy (Seymour) Forbing of Livonia, Bonnie Darga of Chelsea and Beverly McNulty of Brighton; and mother, Geneva Mitchem.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor Jim Clark officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Janice E. Hills, a Canton resident, died May 17, 1996.

She is survived by her two sons; mother; three brothers; and nine grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold R. Hills.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with Rev. Brad Lewis from Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Vera R. Jefferson, 85, clerk

Vera R. Jefferson, a Livonia resident, died May 16, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Paul (Elizabeth) Woodard of Plymouth and two other sons; five daughters; daughter-in-law, Mary Woodard of Plymouth; 31 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son, Melvin.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. R. John Harris officiating.

Carl L. Thornton, 67, superintendent

Carl L. Thornton, a Canton resident, died May 17, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Thornton of Canton; son Dan Thornton of Canton and one other son; one daughter; one brother; three sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 1 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Janice E. Hills, 69, homemaker



Community deaths

Tripp dead at 72

He co-founded Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps, served on school board

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Donald Frasier Tripp, one of the original founders of the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps and Plymouth School Board member during the turbulent time of district growth in the early 1970s, died May 5 at his home in Center Lovell, ME. He was 72 years old.

Tripp, along with Mark and Carol Petty, founded the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps in 1973. Tripp and Mark Petty hatched the idea while working together at General Motors as a way to keep the traditions of Plymouth alive.

The drum line from Plymouth High School was enlisted. Friends of the drummers were urged to take up the fife.

An avid music lover, Tripp worked hard to spread the word about the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps — to the point of their national status today.

Tripp was active in community education far beyond the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

He was appointed an interim member of the Plymouth School Board in 1968

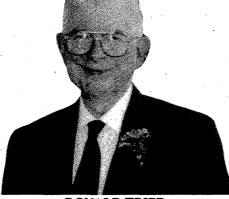
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DONALD TRIPP

and elected in 1971 to another term. Tripp was a member of the school board during the long and bitter teacher strike of 1969.

He was also an important part of the high school "campus" plan to have multiple schools at the same site to save the district much-needed money. Tripp also came up with the short-lived idea to run school year 'round.

> is on the Canton Historic District Commission?

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Tripp's love for music and education never slowed, even after he retired from General Motors in 1980 and moved his family to Center Lovell, ME, where he began his second career as the manager of Westways Lodge. While living in Maine, Tripp started a six-week summer music series. Musicians came from across the country to play in the historic church where the concerts were held. Each week during the summer, a different style of music was featured.

Although he lived in Maine, Plymouth still held a special place in his heart. He came back to visit friends and family several times a year.

He had many friends in Plymouth and was active in the community. He was a past president of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and sang in the choirs of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and later the Dixboro Methodist Church.

Tripp graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw and later from General Motors Institute. He served in the Navy during W.W. II.

Above all, Tripp was a family man. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Thayer Tripp, with whom he was married for 47 years; daughters, Nancy C. Tripp of Center Lovell, ME, Susan J. Thomas of Ann Arbor and Barbara Reymann of Stoneham, ME; sons, David T. Tripp of Gardner, KS, Mark D. Tripp of Center Lovell, ME, Paul D. Tripp of Plymouth and Stephen M. Tripp of Pembroke, MA; sister, Myra Beck of Tulsa, OK; and 14 grandchildren.



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Susan E. Davis, Secretary

ROUGE RESCUE 1996

The City of Plymouth is participating in the 11th Annual Rouge Rescue in conjunction with Friends of the Rouge, to help clean up the Rouge River Basin.

ROUGE RESCUE '96 will be held on Saturday, June 1, 1996.

Volunteers are needed to work at the Plymouth Site. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Plymouth location is at **LIONS PARK** at the corner of **Burroughs and Harding Streets** in the City of Plymouth. Volunteers will be cleaning debris, branches, logs, and whatever may be encountered from the Tonquish Creek, a Rouge Tributary.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the volunteers working until noon.

All volunteers will be supervised and working with the Municipal Services Department employees.

All ages of volunteers are welcome, those under age 18 will be required to have a parent or guardian sign their registration form.

We recommend work boots and long pants for volunteers. For safety reasons volunteers are restricted from entering the water of Tonquish Creek.

A POST-CLEAN UP PICNIC is planned for 12:30 p.m. at Lions Park for all participants.

Any persons interested should come to Lions Park on June 1st or contact Jim Penn at 453-1234 for information about the Plymouth site, or call (313) 961-4050 for other site information.

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Application and job specifications are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30 in the Township Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Application deadline is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, 1996 NO PHONE CALLS.

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Friends & neighbors

Tribute to Griff

Alumni concert will honor one of community's best

offeeBY LIZ SEYMOUR' wasHe wasn't the easiest teacher or the most easygoing.n InnBut that's the reason James R. Griffith, the Plymouth-Cantonff inband director for 38 1/2 years, still draws praise from studentses indecades after graduation."It's not just what he taught." said Susan Pocklington, a flute

"It's not just what he taught," said Susan Pocklington, a flute and piccolo player from the Class of 1976. "He expected excellence, he demanded excellence and we rose to that."

Former students reunite under Griffith's direction this weekend as they perform in the second Band Alumni Reunion Concert at Salem High School Auditorium. The concert honors Griffith, who retired from the school district last year.

More than 100 former students will participate in Saturday night's concert. They're coming from as far as California, Texas, Georgia and Vermont. Some graduated as many as 25 and 30 years ago.

The tribute to "Griff," as his students called him, includes more than just a concert. Organizers have put together a weekend of activities, including a potluck picnic lunch and volleyball at Maybury State Park and a golf outing at Brooklane Golf Course. Some alumni unable to attend submitted video clips that will be shown at the post-concert reception.

Griffith, who joined the school system in 1957 before he received his music degree from the University of Michigan, said he's overwhelmed by the attention.

"I'm not just flattered, I'm honored beyond forever," said Griff, who is 59. "Use any adjective you wish."

His students said they are the ones who are honored.

"It gives us all one last chance to play under his direction," said Stu Delaney, a French horn player who graduated in 1971.

Linda Hagopian, another organizer of the concert weekend, said her motives, too, were selfish.

Lots' of help

"I thought I always wanted to play one more concert with him," said Hagopian, a 1972 graduate who plays the clarinet.

The band will perform between 10 and 12 pieces, most of which were played by the musicians when they were students. Still, many of the participants haven't picked up an instrument in months or years. And after just three, two-hour rehearsals on Friday and Saturday, they have to perform before what's expected to be a packed house.

The organizers say they are undeterred.

"That's because of who Mr. Griffith is and why the concert came about," Delaney said. "We know how demanding he is. He demanded your very best and because of it, they're not going to show up unprepared."

Griff admits he was tough. "I think I was being like a farmer; you plant your fields and you reap what you sow," he said.

The band did reap the benefits of hard work. Scores of honors and awards were received over the years. The marching band performed in the Tournament of Roses in 1973 and played in the Orange Bowl twice, in 1975 and again in the early 1980s.

It costs \$20 to participate, plus an extra fee for the golf outing. But that won't cover the weekend's expenses, organizers said, especially because concert admission is free.

"We're hoping for donations to help defray these costs," Delaney said.

The only other band reunion was held in 1990 and after it was over, several alumni musicians decided the second such concert would occur when Griff retires.

At his appreciation dinner last June, the subject came up, Pocklington said, and planning started in October.

"I think it's going to be a big deal," she said. "When you play with a group that has the musical excellence that Mr. Griffith was able to inspire, it's just an enjoyable experience."



They came to pave. Twenty-three Noon Kiwanis Club members, library officials and friends of the Plymouth Community Library sealed the lot at the library's temporary location (Farmer Jack building on Main Street). With the help of Frank Palmer of Palmer Paving, the Kiwanians and friends sealed the lot Saturday, saving the library more than \$3,000. (photo courtesy of Jim Jabara)

'Music in the Park' begins next month

"Music in the Park," an hour-long performance of music every Wednesday in Kellogg Park, begins next month.

Reg Pettibone & Family, playing Native American music, opens the series of concerts run by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Reg Pettibone & Family performs June 19.

Other weeks will highlight jazz, accoustic, and children's music.

The free concerts will be held in the park every Wednesday through August 21. The series is sponsored by Carl Schultz of Sealant Equipment and Engineering Inc.

Neighbors in the news

Mary Ann Saint's "Toffee-Coffee Brownies Layers of Bliss Dessert" was honored recently at the Bavarian Inn Lodge 10th Annual Cook-Off in Frankenmuth. Saint, who lives in Plymouth, was a finalist in the desserts category. Among the ingredients: eggs, sugar, baking powder, pudding mix and toffee-flavored candy bars. Winning recipes were judged on originality, flavor, texture and appearance. Saint won two tickets for Sunday brunch at the Bavarian Inn Lodge.

Diane Wheeler Schou of Cedar Falls, IA recently received a doctorate of industrial technology from the University of Northern Iowa. She is a 1972 graduate of Plymouth High School and is the daughter of Agnes and Kenneth Wheeler of Plymouth. Schou's dissertation was titled: "A Comparison of Measurement Reliability between a Sonic Digitizer and a Tape Measure on a Complex Three-Dimensional Object."

The following Canton residents were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Madonna University: Susan Alonzo, Heather Amos, Kelly Austin, Andrea Barbee, Craig Benedict, Jessica Brey, Tricia Bush, Rebecca Chadwick, Jason Crabb, Mary Jane Dolar, Natalie Dugas, Kara Eddlemon, Nancy Escote, Khashayar Farrehi, Erin Ford, Kathleen Frey, Akiza Gocaj, Deanna Golinski, Lea Holleran, Jerrie Kelly, Jeffrey Kolodziej, Lori Kuschel, Stacy Lamphere, Carla Maura, Hilary McMullen, Tracy Prybylski, Christine Quattro, Christie Saffron, Suzanne Sleeva, Brandon Slone, Michelle Swiderek, Judith Tiano, Tiffany Tyra, Joel Tyrpak, Abid Vali and Francine Williams.

Nine educators from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools gave seminars at the 20th annual MACUL conference. That stands for Michigan Association for Computer-related Technology Users in Learning. More than 3,000 educators from Michigan, surrounding states and Canada attended the conference. The Plymouth-Canton educators talked about the use of computers in writing, math and science, television news, map study, and other areas of the curriculum.

Army Staff Sgt. Edwin Kolb recently arrived for duty at the U.S. Army Great Lake Recruiting Battalion in Lansing. He is the son of John and Josephine Kolb and a 1985 graduate of Canton High School.

Parents want Journey Program expanded

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Journey Program has saved the school careers of many students. Now their parents want to know if the **Plymouth-Canton Community School** District will save the alternative education setting.

At Monday night's P-C School Board meeting at Field Elementary School in Canton, four parents of ninth graders attending the Journey Program at Starkweather School urged the school district to expand the freshmen-only program to 10th graders. "It is our desire to see this program extended to the 10th grade," said one woman.

"I really think we need to dig into the school district and find money for this program," Leslie Queen said.

The Journey Program is in its first year as a satellite high school from the **Plymouth-Canton Educational Park** (PCEP). It was created by PCEP administrators as an alternative atmosphere for students who had faced academic and/or disciplinary problems in middle school.

The Journey Program received rave reviews during a board meeting March 25; those remarks returned Monday night. "I want to continue it for 10th graders," said Queen. "I really hate to see them (ninth graders) lose it."

Rosa Vazquez listened the women speak for the Journey Program's expansion, and then stepped up to the microphone to plead for at least its continuation for ninth graders. "I'm hoping my daughter has the same chance as their daughters have had," she said.

"There is going to be a Journey Program next year," Superintendent Charles Little. "It's going to take 50 kids. It's in the budget forecast.'

But the possibility of extending the Journey Program to include 10th graders is bleak.

"You need substantial dollars to double a program," said Little.

And for a school district that is struggling with its finances as bad as P-C Schools are, it might be hard to convince people to spend the money.



Mayor receives 'date' with Dearborn Heights

Loiselle will participate in exchange program

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

City Manager Steve Walters called them two wallflowers at the prom who didn't have dates.

Fate brought together the cities of Plymouth and Dearborn Heights, which didn't participate in the Michigan Municipal League's lottery drawing for Mayor Exchange Day.

The communities learned each other was "dateless," and decided to pair up.

Walters, along with Mayor Ron Loiselle and Commissioner Stella Greene, visited Dearborn Heights on Monday. A slew of that city's officials will explore the Plymouth community tomorrow.

Plymouth leaders toured several public facilities in Dearborn Heights, including the library, the high school planetarium, the senior center and the new, \$2.5 million recreation center.

because they are grappling with recreation spending during the budget process. "It's very interesting to find out how they run things, how they fund things, and what their fee structure is," the mayor

at the recreation center, Loiselle said,

Plymouth officials took a close look

said. Dearborn Heights has 60,000 residents, seven bordering communities, and lies within three school districts. But it also has some similarities with Plymouth, Loiselle said, including a 20-25 percent senior citizen population, and a diverse housing stock. When Dearborn Heights officials arrive in Plymouth on Thursday, they'll walk through downtown and Old Village, tour some manufacturing plants in Plymouth Township, lunch at The Mayflower Hotel and visit the Plymouth Historical Museum and Tonquish Creek Manor.

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Residents chosen as convention delegates

Three residents from The Plymouth-Canton Community have been chosen as delegates to the 1996 Republican National Convention.

David Brandon of Plymouth Township and Loren Bennett of Canton will represent Michigan's 13th Congressional District at the convention, which will be held August 12th - 15th in San Diego.

Steve Ragan of Plymouth will serve as an alternate.

Delegates were selected at state and county conventions held last weekend.



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Two facilities operated by automotive seating and interiors supplier Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls, Inc-Automotive Systems Group are among only seven winners of the 1996 Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing.

The facilities are located in Orangeville, Ontario, Canada and Georgetown, KY.

The award, sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers and several other industry associations, is designed recognize world-class manufacturing operations and improvement reward in productivity, quality and customer satisfaction. "We're honored to have two facilities win the Shingo Prize this year — one of the most prestigious awards any manufacturer can receive," said Chip McClure, vice president and general manager for Johnson Controls.

Plymouth Township-based AVL North America was recently approved for \$8 million tax-exempt bond issue by the Michigan Strategic Fund, agency of the Michigan Jobs Commission.

The bond will be used for expansion, including the expansion acquisition of land, the construction of an approximately 65,000 square foot facility, and the acquisition and installation of machinery and equipment.

Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. is pleased to announce that Abe A. Munfah has been appointed by Gov. John Engler as a member of the State Board of Professional Engineers. Munfah will represent licensed professional throughout the state, serving as a liaison to the Michigan state government. Munfah is a Plymouth Township resident. He has been with ALNM since 1970.

Plymouth-based **Ray R. Stella Contracting, Inc.** was named to Remodeling magazines's Big 50 Hall of Fame. Owner Ray Stella was honored last week at the Big 50 Conference in Washington D.C.

Golden golf course into goldmine

BY BRIAN CORBETT Fox Hills Country Club was one of four Michigan small businesses recently honored as a Elue Chip Enterprise.

The Michigan designees are among 175 businesses from around the country who were honored for their creative use of resources to meet business challenges and prosper.

Sisters Kathleen Aznavorian and Sandy Mily, whose parents bought the golf course in 1974, accepted the award for Fox Hills. "We were pretty excited," said Aznavorian. "It's a wonderful award. It means a lot."

"It's a wonderful feeling," said Mily. "Only four businesses were chosen for it, so that's a really small percentage."

Fox Hills was chosen from 600 applicants nationwide by volunteer judges from business, government and academia. "Actually, we were shocked," said Aznavorian.

There were similar feelings by businessmen when two women took the reigns of Fox Hills 22 years ago. At the time, their parents owned an automotive parts manufacturing business and a Romulus golf course when 250 acres of Salem Township land caught their eye. "We came out to look at the property, and just fell in love with it," said Mily. "My father had tried to buy it with a group of investors, and it fell through. So he decided to pursue it personally."

When the deal was complete, Mily moved on to the property as general manager, and began to work with Aznavorian and their mother, Estelle, to restore the neglected greens, fairways and buildings. "The woman who had owned it was running it by herself because her husband had died," said Mily.

"If you kind of imagine something in its heyday in the 1960s, and then nobody did anything for 10 years, that's what it looked like," said Aznavorian.

The challenge was complicated by resistance to women as golf course operators. "I'd been in since the very beginning," Mily said. "I was younger and a lot of pros of the area golf courses didn't like women in the business. Basically, I was told, "They didn't like women in the business, and don't count on any help from us.' Even other golfers, other guys would say, 'We're not going to go out there. Women run it'."

gazines's Big 50 Owner Ray Stella t week at the Big Washington D.C. The sisters were undaunted. They spent months on pest control, cleaning and renovating buildings. With some help from their parents' Romulus course, clientele began to grow, and golf outings were secured. To keep the momentum



(left to right) Kathleen Aznavorian, her mother Estelle Dul and sister Sandy Mily have proven it doesn't take a man run a successful golf course. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

rolling, Aznavorian and Mily's clubhouse needed a liquor license. Salem was still a dry township in the late 1970s, so the sisters led two campaigns for voter approval in a public referendum; the second was successful. In 1982, demand was great enough that a nine-hole golf course was added.

Nine years later, Aznavorian and Mily took a gamble on a second golf course, an 18-hole championship layout on another 225 acres of land, with its own clubhouse — The Golden Fox. "We needed a firstclass clubhouse," said Aznavorian.

It was a well-timed investment with the M-14 corridor completed and growing affluence in the area. Revenues doubled from \$2 million in 1989 to \$4 million in 1991.

Hard work had a lot to with Fox Hills' growth from an 18-hole course to a 500

acre empire with 45 holes of golf, two clubhouses and banquet areas. But Aznavorian said perseverance also contributed to their success.

"We have the belief we can get through anything, that nothing's insurmountable," she said. "You just keep plugging away."

Revenues now exceed \$5 million a year, and The Golden Fox frequently hosts weddings and Plymouth Symphony activities; Aznavorian sits on its board of directors. The once haggard course is now host to the First of American Challenge on Memorial Day, which includes appearances by PGA and LPGA golfers. It is no longer the sport's best kept local secret. "Not at all, which has been good for us," said Mily. "We've evolved. We keep getting busier and busier."

Business group volunteers needed

A new public group has been formed to promote downtown Plymouth.

The Downtown Business Association is looking for members among property owners, merchants, and others with a financial interest in the district.

Steve Guile, the director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, said the new association differs from other municipal boards, such as the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority, that also touch on downtown issues.

"We found that we are void in terms of representing basic downtown issues," Guile said. "The sentiment over the past few years has been to give the downtown kind of a sounding board."

Anyone interested in serving is asked to contact Guile at his City Hall office.

ADDREVGOST NEET TOTALE GOS

450 evacuated following Salem Twp. fire Flames, smoke pour from Detroit Edison electrical substation Saturday

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Close to 300 homeowners and 150 golfers were evacuated on Saturday afternoon after fire broke out at a Detroit Edison station in Salem Township.

No one was injured in the blaze, but it took public safety personnel three hours to control the fire, said Lt. R.J. Smith of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

"There was large, billowing smoke," Smith said, "and very thick flames, about 200 feet high." They could be seen from as far away as downtown Plymouth.

The cause of the electrical fire is still under investigation, said Smith and Detroit Edison spokesman Scott Simons. Between 40,000 and 100,000 gallons of oil used to cool and run the electrical turbines in the station caught fire at 3:12 p.m.

Early reports claimed that toxins were being released into the air, but that was later refuted by Detroit Edison. Smith said police and firefighters revisited the scene on Monday to do additional testing.

The Red Cross set up a shelter at Salem Township Hall for about two hours on Saturday for the evacuated.

Golfers at the Fox Hills Country Club were forced off the course, but a wedding reception wasn't affected, said Kathy Aznavorian, an owner of Fox Hills.

seat belt use to 75 percent by 1997.

Enforcement Programs, or STEPs.

Canton police will intensify traffic enforcement during the spring

Every law enforcement agency in the State of Michigan has been

and summer as part of the "Safe & Sober Campaign," a national

effort to reduce alcohol-related facilities to 43 percent and increase

invited to take part in "Michigan Safe & Sober." Michigan is adopt-

ing a national model for traffic enforcement called Special Traffic

Emergency personnel from Wayne and Washtenaw counties flooded the scene and didn't leave until after 6 p.m., when the blaze was under control, Smith said.

Two hours before the fire started, members of the Office of Emergency Management were conducting a simulated disaster in Ypsilanti. Those officers

anton police intensify traffic enforcement

he can't remember the last time this has happened.

traffic along Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

unbelted drivers and their passengers.

'It's been quite a while," Simons said. "They don't happen that frequently."

cut the training class short and headed to

between Joy Road and North Territorial,

has never caught fire before. Simons said

The station, at 5300 Tower Road

Salem to help out, Smith said.

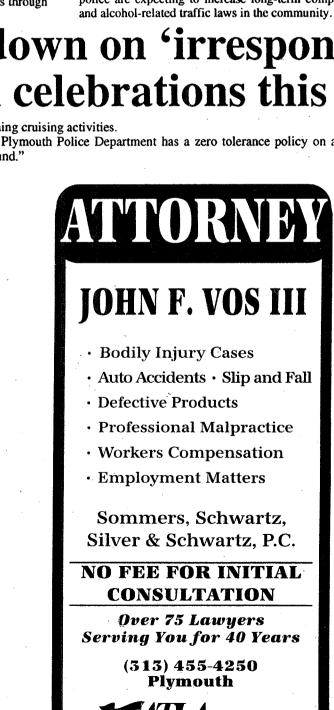
As Canton's first STEP in the campaign, police will focus on

Checkpoints, saturation patrols and other enforcement tactics will

During the months to follow, patrol units will initiate additional

be utilized to pursue and arrest alcohol-impaired drivers and ticket

STEPs to address other life-threatening traffic concerns, such as



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child passenger safety, teenage drunken driving and speeding. Each STEP will target one of three time periods for high visibili-By increasing the number of arrests and raising the perceived ty enforcement. STEP one occurs May 19 to June 2 and includes risk of arrest through enforcement initiatives such as these, Canton Memorial Day weekend; STEP two, June 27 to July 7 encompasses police are expecting to increase long-term compliance to seat belt the Fourth of July; and STEP three, Aug. 26 to Sept. 8 runs through Labor Day weekend.

Community police to crack down on 'irresponsible behavior' during graduation celebrations this year

Local police officials and the Plymouth-Canton School District are issuing reminders to area parents, teens and business owners about the consequences of irresponsible behavior during graduation night celebrations.

Again this year, local law enforcement agencies have adopted zero tolerance policies on substance and alcohol abuse.

Recently, Canton's Public Safety Director, John Santomauro, issued letters to local hotel and motel operators advising them of legal penalties that may result from renting to parties for the purpose of alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years of age.

The law falls under a criminal statute that took effect in June 1994 and applies to any adult - including parents - who own or control premises that are used by minors to consume alcohol. In such a case the adult is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both.

The school district will re-enact safety measures from previous years that have helped to reduce the likelihood for mischief. Police will be present during the last days of school to help monitor traffic and serve as a reminder to students to adhere to established school rules and to exercise good judgment and safety first.

In addition to graduation day, June 9, other end-of-the-school-year activities also will be closely monitored by police and school officials to assure that celebrations do not turn into tragedy. These activities include: the last day of school for seniors, June 5; graduation rehearsal, June 6; the senior party immediately following graduation, June 9; and the last school day for underclassmen, June 13.

Parents are asked to simply know the whereabouts of their children during these events to help the three communities' cooperative efforts to assure a safe and successful school ending.

Bob Scoggins, chief of police for the Plymouth Police Department said, "the Plymouth Police Department will put additional patrols in the City to address summer

Canton begins park design, soccer complex projects

Continued from pg. 3 \$600.000.

The Sheldon/Palmer park work may include a picnic area, jog/walk paths, practice soccer fields, a parking lot and an open play area with a total cost of about \$250,000.

Barchester Park, a neighborhood park, acquired by Canton several years ago would see improvements that include a parking lot, playscape, picnic area and jog/walk paths with a price tag of approximately \$125.000.

It is expected that the soccer complex will be constructed this year along with the improvements to Barchester Park.

The design contracts were awarded to Beckett & Raeder, Inc. (\$35,000), Grissom/Metz, Inc. (\$20,300), and Carlisle/Wortman, Inc. (\$10,680).

Two other park projects are also being considered, but no action was taken by the board last week. Those projects include improvements to Heritage Park and Griffin Park renovations.

and evening cruising activities.

"The Plymouth Police Department has a zero tolerance policy on alcohol and drugs year 'round."

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If you witness an act of kindness, if an organization you are associated with plans a good deed, and if someone is especially kind to you, please write a letter to The Kindness Editor describing the act of kindness. We will gather the reports and publish some of them on a special page on May 29th.

The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by May 24th.

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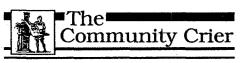
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Groups

TRAILWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Garden walk on June 25 (severe weather date June 26) from noon to 7 p.m. View six lovely gardens. Meet at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Tickets \$5 presale and \$6 day of the tour. For more information, call Jeanne Hutko at 459-5285 or Georgia at 459-7146.

THREE CITIES ART CLUB SPRING SHOW

May 30-June 2 at the Canton Library. Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday from noon-4 p.m.

THE BUSINESS NETWORK-PLYMOUTH CHAPTER

Meets Thursday mornings at the Mayflower Hotel, 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail, at 7 a.m. For more information on The Business Network, call 459-7249 or 844-3432. CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANTIQUE APPRAISAL

The annual DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic on June 1 at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center rd. Hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Limit of three hand-carried items per person. No books or jewelry. Verbal appraisals are \$7 and written appraisals are \$10. All proceeds benefit the Canton Historical Society and Museum. For more information, call 453-5297

PCAC SUMMER ART CLASSES

Two performing arts workshops, each one week long, June 24-28 and July 15-19. Classes for all ages in pottery, water color, drawing, sketching and more. Registration has begun. For more information, call 416-4ART.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

"Two-for-One" early bird presale of 1997 Entertainment books. Anyone ordering before May 31 will receive 1996 book free. To order the \$40 books which go to support the PCC's work, call Stan at 459-6829.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMISTS

Free 1996 Entertainment book when you order your 1997 book. Offer expires June 28. All proceeds go to children causes. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619 ST. JOHN NEUMANN SINGLES GROUP

Summer Dance Blast June 15 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Pizza, pop, raffle tickets, prizes and music by James Dunn. BYOB. No jeans. \$8. For more information, call Marilyn at 591-9269 after 6 p.m. or Pat at 277-6083.

NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 26 is the seasonal opening of Mill Race Village from 1-4 p.m. To welcome visitors, NHS is holding its third annual meet the author, book purchase and sale day. For table space respond by May 15 by calling Diane at 810-349-9005.

PCAC SPONSORS "KISS MY HEAD"

Heidi Hepler and Michele Ramo play Brazilian-Flamenco jazz with some vocals and instrumental selections. Series of concerts begins June 15, shows at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. For tickets, call the Plymouth Guitar Gallery at 459-8850.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES/ FLOWER SALE

Mention the P-C Jaycees while buying plants and flowers at Canton Floral Gardens, 8307 N. Lilley, and they will donate 20 percent of the proceeds to the Jaycees. The program will run Friday to Memorial Day (May 27). The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.



LYNN RIVERS COFFEE HOURS

U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers has scheduled coffee hours in Canton June 3 from 8-9:30 a.m. at Johnson's Family Restaurant, 42400 Ford Rd. For more information, call 722-1411. PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM YARD SALE

Rain or shine. June 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. Antiques, collectibles, toys, pottery, furniture, electrical, garden baskets. Includes bake sale with coffee. For more information or to donate items, call 455-8940.

DON BAKER IN CONCERT

"Tribute to the King." At the Church Street Baptist Church, 670 Church St., May 31. Free admission. For more information, call 459-1602.

PLYMOUTH FAMILY SERVICE

An eight-week class beginning May 22 at 7 p.m. Learn how to cope with the problems of a "step" family situation. Plymouth Family Service is an agency of the United Way. For more information, 453-0890.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Antioch A.D. 49. Register now for vacation bible study. July 22-26, 9-12, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. For more information, call 453-5280 **INNER LIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA**

June 8 (11 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the Mayflower Hotel, 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Body workers, crystals, jewlery, psychic readings, astrology and metaphysical books. \$5 admission and \$10 readings. For more information, call 532-8584.

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LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

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

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM

Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. For an appointment, call 455-7526. **SMOKE STOPPERS**

The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

Schools

CANTON/SALEM SENIOR CLASS PARTY

All 1996 graduates of Canton and Salem high schools can attend a senior class part from 9 p.m. on June 9 until 4 a.m.on June 10 at Salem High School. No one will be admitted after 10:30 p.m. Only 1996 graduates can attend. Parents have organized this party. All food and entertainment is included in the price of the tickets, which will be sold during lunch hours of both schools May 30-31 and June 3-5. School I.D. is required to purchase tickets, which are \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door. Ticket holders are eligible for cash prizes.

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

The Canton High School baseball team is selling discount cards good for free items and discounts at Plymouth Canton merchants. Cards cost \$5, and are good for one year. Cards are available from any baseball team member or by calling 420-0127 after 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

First annual golf outing at the Links in Novi on June 3 at 10 a.m. Shotgun, lunch, dinner prizes. Proceeds to benefit New Morning School. For more information, call 420-3331. WCCC SUMMER REGISTRATION

Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., in Belleville through May 24. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; no Saturday registration. Senior citizens get free enrollment. For more information, call 699-0200.

PCEP COUNSELING STAFF EXTENDS HOURS

The counseling staff of the PCEP is now available during after school hours until the end of the semester. At least one counselor will be available until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information, call 455-6794

Volunteer...

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in its purpose of aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller," or just running errands, call 261+1011 and leave a message

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750. PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

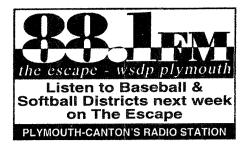
Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity pro-grams for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION The Michigan Cancer Foundation-West Region is looking for volunteers to provide transporta-

tion for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.



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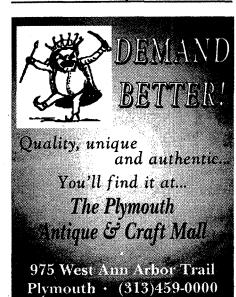




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Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring sand volleyball leagues for men and coed teams this summer on the sand volleyball court in Heritage Park behind softball field number two.

The mens league (two-man teams, four player team limit) begins June 18 and plays on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. The coed league (four person teams, eight player team limit) begins on June 19 and will be playing on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The mens league cost is \$45 per team and the coed league is \$48 per team. The price includes tee shirts for all participants and awards to the top teams.

Registration for both leagues began May 13 and ends June 14 with no residency requirements. League organizational meetings will be held prior to the first games. Call 397-5110 for more information.

Canton Parks and Recreation is cosponsoring a Sega Tournament with Continental Cablevision. A team representing Canton will be chosen to compete against teams from Plymouth and Northville in the finals on May 31 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. There are four sport-related games selected for play. Each team will select which participant will play each sport. Prizes will be awarded and there is no fee. Register at the Summit in teams of two (parent and child under 18). Registration deadline is Friday.

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its 16th Annual Father's Day three-person "scramble" golf tournament at Fellows Creek Golf Club on June 16 with tee times from 11-11:45 a.m. Teams will compete for prizes, including awards for the longest drive, closest-to-the-pin and the top three teams. This is open to all golfers and costs \$90 per team (Includes all greens fees, awards and snack lunch. Electric carts extra.) Registration deadline is June 14.

Sports Crunch Time

Salem, Canton shut out opponents in first round of district competition Monday

BY MATT HUCAL

close.'

the game.

Landefeld said.

forward after that."

offensive power.

Both high school girls soccer teams from PCEP had their first district game on Monday and they each won with shutouts.

SALEM

After playing a lackadaisical game and eventually losing to Churchill, 1-0, last Thursday in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, the Rocks went to Ladywood on Monday and handed them a 2-0 bouncing.

Salem had numerous chances at scoring during the first 15 minutes of the game — including a few breakaways but weren't able to put the ball in the back of the net until freshman Christina Seniuch scored with approximately 20 minutes gone by in the first half. Seniuch scored the only other goal of the day with 10 minutes left in the game.

"They work really hard and outmuscled us at times," Salem coach Doug Landefeld said. "That, and because we couldn't capitalize, helped keep the game



The Rocks bounced back from their loss to Churchill by beating Ladywood Monday, 2-0. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

should be getting involved," Landefeld said. "We weren't moving or giving The WLAA championship between Salem and Churchill at the PCEP soccer options. We looked like we were satisfied field last Thursday was a game in which to have someone else do the work.' the Rocks dominated the first 15 minutes. Landefeld said getting more numbers

forward and having a more positive attitude is necessary to advance in state competition, which they began Monday with the 2-0 win over Ladywood.

Salem takes on the Garden City -Redford Union winner tonight at the PCEP soccer field.

CANTON

The Chiefs began their district action at their home field on Monday with a 9-0 slam of John Glenn.

With the score only 2-0 at halftime, Canton erupted for the rest of their goals in a big second half.

Jenny Parviani led all scorers with three goals and two assists and Melissa Marzolf also finished the game with a three goal hattrick.

Canton plays their second round district game tonight.

Salem, Canton softball prepare for playoffs

After those 15 minutes and after

Churchill was hardly able to cross the

midfield into Rock territory, Churchill

broke down the field and scored on a

stunned Salem team. The Rocks weren't

able to recover from that for the rest of

tative after they (Churchill) scored,"

offensively we weren't able to get anyone

We went into a shell and became ten-

'That took everyone by surprise and

The loss was Salem's second in as

many games against Churchill this sea-

son. They lost, 2-1, back on April 3 in a

game where they displayed more of their

to step forward and score when everyone

"We were waiting for certain players

BY BROOKE KILBY CANTON

Harrison and Canton split a double-header Friday. The first game was a battle that left Salem on top, 5-4, after eight innings. Canton hit well as a team. Several batters ended up with two

or more hits Senior Shelley Butske was two for three with two RBI's. Juniors Jenny Sikora and Amy LaGrow both ended up two for four. Sikora also had a double while Angela Litwin finished by hitting two out of three.

The playoffs will continue today on Canton's home field at 4:00 p.m.

SALEM

Bonnie Southerland's Salem softball team had a rough day Friday. Farmington batted in nine while Salem managed to get two across home-plate. Despite the loss, Salem played well.

Stephanie Volpe, Jenny Trott, Rachel Owens, and Shannon Coultas performed strongly for the rocks. All four had a single and Trott had an RBI. Owens also completed her day with a double and a RBI.

Salem golf heads to state final

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem golf team entered regional competition expecting to do well and with the hope of sliding into the top 10 finishers.

After a long day of golfing, the Rocks reached their goal last Friday at Oak Pointe in Brighton as they ended up in seventh place out of 20 teams participating. That seventh place finish was taken with a score of 414. Regional champion Saline scored a 351, second place Ann Arbor Pioneer was only one stroke out of first with 352 points, and third place Ann Arbor Huron ended regionals with a 384.

"I knew if we shot well and played how we usually golf that we'd be in the top ten," Salem coach Rick Wilson said. "I'm really pleased with the way the girls played."

Leading her squad, and at the same time qualifying for state final competition, was Katie Murinas as she shot an 85 and was third place overall in the region. (The top five scorers in regional action move on to the 36-hole state finals on May 31 and June 1 at Michigan State University's Forest Akers Golf Course).

The girl that Murinas competes heavily with in every match — teammate Katie Collins — finished the day with a score of 95. Wilson noticed Collins had a bit of difficulty putting, which raised her score.

"They (Murinas and Collins) have been our leaders all year," Wilson said. "Every match they've been going back and forth."

The third and fourth best scores for Salem were shot by Julie Licata and Jessica Hedges as they both finished the day with a score of 117.

The day before regionals the Salem Rocks and Canton Chiefs golfed against each other at Hilltop in Plymouth. The score for the nine-hole dual meet was tied at 229 after the top four scorers on each team tallied up what they shot.

Six golfers are involved in each match for each team, and because only the top four scores on each team are figured in the final scoring, both fifth-place finishers for the Rocks and the Chiefs had what they shot tallied into the final team scores in order to break the tie. Salem's fifthplace finisher — Licata with a 70 topped Canton's fifth place finisher — Amy Siegrast with a 72 — giving the Rocks the two shot lead.

Leading the Rocks was Murinas with a

45, Collins with a 50, Hedges with a 66 and Chrystal Kopacz with a 68. Canton's Kim Stafford led her team with a 49, Ann Alioto scored a 58, Allison Young had a 59 and Sandra Pavlo shot a 63.

Salem's record before yesterday's dual meet against Novi was 6-3 in dual meets. They travel to Huron Meadows in Brighton for conferences tomorrow.



The first fish Jesse McCaffrey ever caught was a 17" brook trout. It was also the largest fish caught during the Plymouth/Canton Vietnam Veterans fishing derby at Hines Park Waterford Bend Picnic Area in Northville Saturday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Li advances to state tennis finals

BY BROOKE KILBY

The Canton and Salem boys tennis teams traveled to Novi for the regional tournament last Friday. Neither team won, but they both put in a tremendous amount of effort.

CANTON

The Plymouth Canton tennis team did "As well as can be expected," according to coach Barb Hanosh. Hanosh was referring to their not-so-successful season. Even though her team did not advance to the state tournament, she said she was proud of the way they played and with the way things were run at Novi. According to Hanosh, it was a good experience for all.

Pablo Ruiz, the number four singles, put in a strong performance by going two hard fought sets with a player from Ann Arbor Huron. Even though the Huron player came out on top, Ruiz's effort was commendable. Unfortunately, they did not qualify to advance to the state finals, which means their season has come to a close. When asked about how their season will be next year, Hanosh was optimistic. They will lose five key seniors, but the JV players did an outstanding job this season against most other JV squads. They were undefeated.

Hanosh said next year will be more of a success if the underclassmen live up to their potential.

SALEM

The Salem tennis team placed third with 14 points at the regional tournament last Friday. They were just two points short of going to the state finals as a team. In order to advance to states, they would have had to overcome Ann Arbor Huron and Northville, who placed first and second respectively. These two teams proved too strong for Salem.

There were a number of impressive

performances put in by the Salem team. First and foremost was their number one singles player, Xinning Li.

He was a finalist at the regional and will be advancing to the state finals two weeks from now in Midland, despite defaulting for medical reasons. Gabe Burnstein, the number two singles player was also a finalist.

Coach Bill Nelson of Salem was extremely happy with his doubles players. All year, their doubles teams have been struggling just to score a few points. At regionals, they rounded up a total of four points. Members of the scoring teams were Jim Boomis and Cory Krabil of the number two doubles team. These two players made it all the way to the semis before being defeated by Northville. Matt Horlings and Erin Niemec, number three doubles, also made it to the semis where they encountered Northville and lost.



SALEM SOCCER

At home tonight for the second round of districts against the Garden City - Redford Union winner from Monday night. If they win today then they're at Ladywood on Saturday for the district final.

SALEM BASEBALL

At home for a playoff today. At the Madonna Tournament on Saturday. Pre-Districts on Tuesday.

SALEM TENNIS

Number one singles player, Xinning Li, and number two singles player, Gabe Burnstein, compete in the state finals on May 31 and June 1.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

The individual qualifiers for the state meet travel to Rockford High School on June 1.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

At home for the conference meet today at 3 p.m. At Ypsilanti for the Lady Braves Relays on Friday at 3:30 p.m. At Ypsilanti for the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions on Tuesday at 5 p.m.

SALEM GOLF

At Huron Meadows in Brighton for conferences tomorrow. Katie Murinas travels individually to the state meet at Forest Acres at MSU on May 31 and June 1.

SALEM SOFTBALL At a playoff today. Pre-Districts on

Tuesday.

CANTON SOCCER Second round district game today.

CANTON BASEBALL At a playoff today at 4 p.m. At the Madonna Tournament this Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Pre-Districts on

Tuesday.

CANTON BOYS TRACK State qualifiers are at the state finals at Rockford High School on June 1.

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CANTON SOFTBALL At home for a playoff today. Pre-District on Tuesday.

Track teams qualify for state

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem boys and girls track teams hosted their respective regions last Friday and had a fair share of events qualify for the state meet on June 1. Both teams finished slightly behind Detroit Cass Tech.

BOYS

Cass Tech took the team competition with 116 points. Salem finished second with 75 points.

With the top two finishers in each event qualifying for the state meet, the Rocks qualified six events and were led by the school record breaking 3200 relay team.

That team of Jason Barylski, Scott Loewe, Jared Biniecki and Scott Pengelly came in first place with a time of 8:00.02, re-breaking the school record they set earlier in the season with a time of 8:01.09.

Also qualifying was Mike Discher in the high jump. He came in second place with a jump of 5'9". Barylski finished in third place in the 400 meter dash at :50.03 and will run in the state meet by finishing under the qualifying time. The qualifying time is set before the event. Anyone who betters that time qualifies, regardless of what place they finish

Qualifying in the 800 meter run was Pengelly. He finished second with a time of 1:59.05. Rob Hawley and Dan Johnson are going to the state meet in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Hawley was second at :40.22 and Johnson was third at :40.23, under qualifying time. The final state qualifying event was the 1600 meter relay with Scott Kingslein, Loewe, Biniecki and Barylski coming in second place with a time of 3:27.04.

"I was very pleased with the great performances we got from a lot of the kids," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "We hope to carry this into conferences (yesterday at Farmington). If we do, no one should be able to stop us."

GIRLS

Cass Tech topped the field of 17 teams with a final team score of 108 points. Canton was second with 87 points, Stevenson was third with 73.5 points and the Rocks took the fourth place spot with a final score of 62.5.

Three events qualified for the state meet for the girls track team. In the high jump, Nicole VanHees finished in first place with a jump of 5'2" and Kristen Kosik came in second place with a 5'1" jump.

Kristie Giddings qualified by coming in second place in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:25.03. The final event qualifying was the 800 meter relay. The team of Giddings, Katie Bonner, Ellen Stemmer and Evelyn Rahhal came in third place with a time of 9:50.08 (the qualifying time was 9:57.07).

The Salem girls had five events that just missed qualifying for the state meet.

"Whenever you get in a big meet

like that and just miss states, it's pretty disappointing," Salem coach Mark Gregor said.

"But we had some kids come up

with super efforts, so hopefully we'll carry that over into conferences."

Salem hosts the Western Lakes conference meet today at 3 p.m.





exciting Skins Game at the First of America Challenge at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.



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Michelle

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earned her

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Tour victory

seventh on the money list with \$449,296. Liselotte Neumann has six LPGA Tour victories to her credit, including the 1996



Tournament of Champions and the 1996 Standard Register Ping. Neumann is currently number two on the money list:

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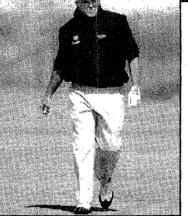
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Lanny Wadkins has 21 PGA Tour victories in 24 years on the Tour with over

\$6 million in career earnings. Wadkins was the 1995 Ry

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See the First of America Challenge, Memorial Day at the Golden Fox.

Captain and has been a member of the Ryder Cup team eight times.



Bob Murphi

Bob Murphy

joined the senior tour in 1993 and has eight victories. Fourth on the money list in 1995, he won over \$1.2 million and had four victories in that year alone.

Jim Colbert was named player of the year in 1995 leading the

money list with over \$1.4 million in earnings, winning four major tournaments. Colbert has an early jump on 1996 with a win at the Toshiba Senior Classic. If you're looking for



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something special to do on Memorial Day, load up the family and enjoy a great day of golf. Advance tickets are available at all Southeast Michigan First of America offices or at the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth for just \$7. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets at the gate are \$10 and a portion of the proceeds from the event will support Michigan Special Olympics. For more 810-901-2050 today.



Whalers' arena on track

Despite hectic construction schedule, Whalers will hit Twp. ice this fall BY BRIAN CORBETT

One by one the trucks rolled in.

And in a matter of days, the walls for the Detroit Junior Whalers' 150,000 square foot arena had gone up.

"It's pretty amazing, isn't it?" said Kerry Kerch, the Whalers' assistant general manager.

Developers, architects, engineers and planners are admittedly working on one of the most aggressive projects schedules in their careers to ensure the Ontario Hockey League club has a new home by September.

The Whalers are moving from the Oak Park Arena to Plymouth Township for the 1996-97 season. The team was displaced from its long time home ice, Joe Louis Arena, in 1995, and split home dates between Oak Park and The Palace during the 1995-96 season.

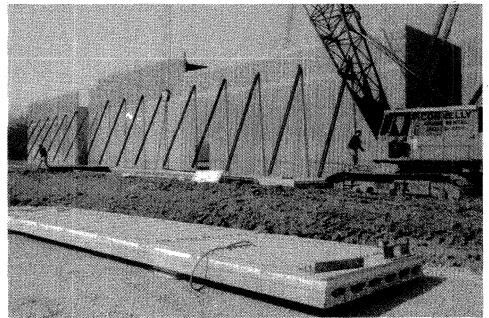
Ground was broken in March, and in order to have the project done in six months, walls were cast off site and hauled in from Minnesota to construction crews who are working around the clock. "Time is money," said Project Manager Mike Genrich of TNT Systems, the Plymouth-based developer for the arena. "We have an aggressive schedule. We need to be skating by Sept. 1."

The 26 acres of land located east of Beck Road and north of M-14 will be home to two ice rinks, one Olympic size, the other will be regulation size with a seating capacity of 4,000. "We've worked day and night on this," said Nader Wehbe, president of Beckman-Wehbe Corporation, the site and civil engineers for the project. "We are working really hard. This is the fastest project we've ever worked on."

Genrich said the practice of trucking in sections of concrete, which weigh 37,000 pounds a piece, expedites the construction process. The arrivals are staggered to allow for unloading and placement. "It's a little bit more expensive to go this way, but it's the most productive way," he said. "I'm guessing it's probably a 30 percent increase in getting the walls up."

And after the walls are up, Genrich said, they serve as their own support system since beams are already built in. "So it's one wall acting as an entire structural system," he said. "We'll put the roof on top next, and close the box."

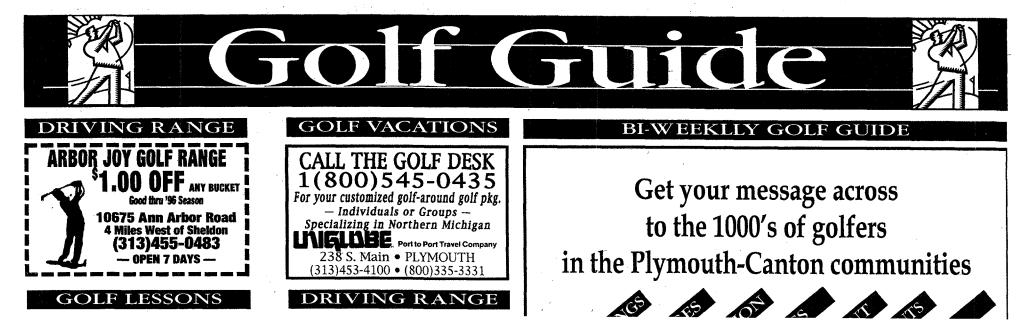
That will make the building water tight, allowing for inside work to begin. "We'll have two shifts almost the entire duration of the schedule," said Genrich. "We'll even have a third for painting."



Construction has been around the clock on the new Detroit Whalers' arena in Plymouth Township. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

While Genrich acknowledged, "a lot of things still have to happen," he said construction is on schedule. "Yes, we are. We have to be," he said. "There's no slippage in the schedule. It's not allowed. A lot of people have been amazed by this. We have no choice in the matter. The Whalers need a place to skate."

However, the surrounding environment and the quality of work performed by TNT Systems, Beckman-Wehbe Corporation, planners Robert Leighton of Ann Arbor, primary contractor A.J. Etkin and project architect Robert Andarus have not been sacrificed. "Absolutely, we are very proud of it," said Wehbe. "There has been no compromise in terms of quality and Township ordinances...Plymouth's going to be proud of this for years to come."





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Community opinions

Expand Journey Program at P-C Schools

The Plymouth-Canton School Board should expand the Journey Program to include 10th grade students.

The Journey Program helps kids who might have trouble adjusting to high school. The program identifies kids who might be in need during middle school. The kids are urged to apply for the program, where small class sizes and hands-on teacher support are used to help the kids.

The Journey Program is a great success and parents with kids in the program want it expanded.

Like every budget item in the Plymouth-Canton Schools, money is tight. But even if cuts need to be made elsewhere, the Journey Program should be expanded. When programs are successful, funding should be found.

The P-C School Board and administration are in a tough position. Money is not available for every project.

But with the proper leadership, the Journey Program could be — and should be — expanded to include 10th grade students.

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Stick with SAD funding to pave City streets

The City of Plymouth is faced with a lose-lose situation when deciding how to fund road improvements.

Some residents want a City-wide millage vote to pave all roads, spreading the tax burden equally to all home and business owners.

Others want road paving to be funded through special assessment districts, where home and business owners along the road to be paved would split the cost of resurfacing amongst themselves, with the lion's share coming from the City.

When the decision is made (possibly at the June 3 City Commission meeting), few will be happy.

But the fact remains: The roads in Plymouth are in horrible shape and need to be repaved.

The City should continue with the special assessment district method of funding road improvement. Although it is not perfect, it is a fair way to distribute the tax burden.

Nearly everyone in Plymouth will be affected by the road improvements — and nearly everyone will face a tax increase when their road is paved.

The time has come for the Plymouth City Commission to make the tough decision.

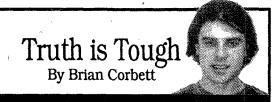
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Continue special assessment districts to fund our road improvements. THE COMMUNITY CRIER

P-C School Board should allow more public comment

Current situation stifles discussion

I have a challenge for the Plymouth-Canton School Board: change the format of citizen participation during your regular meetings.



The current practice does the same for public relations and community interaction as the Exxon Valdez did for Prince William Sound.

It stinks.

There is no other public forum — the City Commission, and the Canton and Plymouth township boards — that handles citizens^{*} interjections so ridiculously.

Presently, citizen participation on non-agenda items and action items bookend board members' requests and reports. To speak, you must fill out a card and give it to P-C School Board President David Artley. When you are recognized, either in the order the cards are received or by the action item indicated, you are asked to state all of your questions, comments, concerns and then listen to a reply — a luxury that isn't reciprocated.

(Only at the tail end of the meeting is citizen participation a bit more open).

It's true. Read this dialogue from the May 20 meeting, which could be used as a definition for "How Not To Run A Public Meeting."

"May I respond," said citizen, Lynn Gregg.

"No" said Superintendent Charles Little, tersely.

"No sir, you may not," said Artley. "We appreciate your comments. If you want to, we're meeting again next Monday, if you'd like Mr. Gregg, and/or delineate in writing, that's fine too."

Gee. Great. This man is one of a few parents to take up a cause he believes in — instead of complaining secretly — and he's rewarded with "come back next week" or "write a letter."

A strange method of enticing more comments and attendance. What it does spurn is frustration. The groans in the audience could be distinctly heard. Gregg's views may or may not be correct, but the concerns he raised deserve more attention than Little's assault.

What was Gregg's response going to be? We'll never know.

What do the board members think? Do they care that this person has regularly slammed the school district's high schools? What are they going to do about it? If they have something in mind, I wish they would've spoken up. As Oliver Goldsmith said, "Silence gives consent."

The perception citizens' comments are ignored was in the audience — again. "I think this gentleman should not have been dismissed," said Carol Bollman, who served on the school district's Housing Committee.

"Nothing is getting dismissed," assured P-C School Board Vice President Mark Horvath.

Maybe not the facts, but the people are. And remember, this is the people's board.

Perhaps the concerned parents will wait until the bond issue makes it to the polls before their voice is actually heard — by turning down it down. Then what will the P-C School Board's response be?

Community opinions

Altman protects 'City of Homes' motto in Plymouth

Nary a paint chip or crabgrass weed can be found along Penniman Avenue these days. The Rodeo Drive of Plymouth has an image to uphold, don't you know.

Brick walks are being cemented in, impatiens and marigolds are being dug in. Everyone's spying the construction at 1053 Penniman; you know the house that's being rebuilt twice as big as its former size.

David Turner has noticed the obvious pride in homeownership. Since he and his wife moved to 1177 Penniman last December, they ripped out bushes and planted flowers. Now they're discussing an exterior paint job.

That project list doesn't even touch on the interior redecorating that's gone on since winter.

"It's kind of a 'keep up with the Joneses' situation," said Turner, a GM executive who was transferred from Virginia. "There's some pressure to keep up."

But it's not just Penniman. Throughout Plymouth, homeowners are



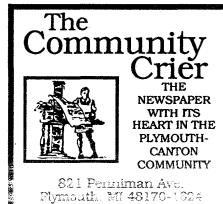
painting, building, landscaping and remodeling. "The City of Homes" takes its nickname seriously.

That's why we should all give Charles Altman a round of applause each time we pass the building department on the second floor of City Hall. Altman gets real busy this time of year. When residents aren't too busy repainting their picket fences or buying the latest sale item at Builders Square to improve their home, they're inspecting the homes around them.

And they're calling Altman to complain. You'd think he was a private eye from all the anonymous phone calls and whispered tips he gets. Instead, he's the City's code enforcement officer. If your backyard is a junkyard, expect a letter from him in the mail. Maybe even two or three, and if you don't accede to his "suggestions," Chuck, as his friends call him, takes you to court.

Some residents think Altman doesn't work hard enough. If he doesn't go running to slap a ticket on a homeowner whose lawn isn't perfectly manicured, he's not doing his job, some have said. They've got property values to protect, don't you know. There are some homes Altman admits he wouldn't want to live next to. That doesn't mean they've violated City codes, he said. His motto: Tacky isn't illegal.

So give Altman a thumbs-up, a pat on the back, a show of support. He's a homeowner's best friend, don't you know



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Parade season begins in Community

"Parade Season" starts Monday for The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The veterans' groups Memorial Day Parade starts at 10 a.m. at Wing and Main streets and goes up to the new Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School. (Jack Wilcox is grand marshall).

But as significant as that parade is, it's really the appetizer for the July 4th Parade.

And this year — we can thank our lucky stars that the umpteenth-annual Independence Day march is on firm footing. Each year, the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees organize the parade, timed to play off the groups and individuals marching in other parades as well.

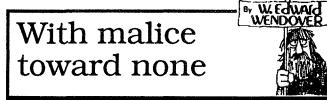
Especially a factor in"cross parade" influences is the annual Northville Parade.

A controversy cooking there won't affect the Plymouth July 4th, but it's fun to watch from next door.

According to Northville Rotary Club honchos, this year's parade has replaced the service club's traditional hot dog vending by "selling the franchise" to a restaurant. Chuck Speera, incoming Northville Rotary prez, says the addition of the restaurant's food selling was done without consulting the club about its traditional role.

Speera says the Rotarians will go on selling hot dogs as always to raise the \$2,000 or so for good causes regardless of what the "Official Hot Dog" designation may be.

While the Celebrate Northville organizers are in a pickle over the Great Hot Dog War, the Plymouth parade moves on ahead full steam.



Last year's July 4th was presented with a money crisis and the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees were rescued by the Kolb Family of Lincoln-Mercury fame.

"If everybody had as much community spirit and patriotism as the Kolbs do, we'd never have any problems," said the Jaycee's Cam Miller, who is now helping organize the July 4th that will be his 39th parade here.

Miller said this year's parade marks two significant musical entry-events.

The crowd-favorite Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will be marking its upcoming 25th anniversary with the addition of an "alumni corps." This is especially fitting as a tribute to the co-founder Don Tripp, who died recently (see story on page 5).

Also, for the "first time anybody can remember," the award-winning PCEP Band will be marching in the July 4th parade.

Fireworks will complete the evening...the real type, not the Northville Hot Dog fireworks.

TO DONATE: send donations to the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, P.O. Box 700123, Plymouth, MI.

