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Court burns

Plymouth's 35th District Court burned to the ground in a storm-related fire, Wednesday. Find out what happened and what is to come for the court in The Crier's special section, 'Judgement of Damages,' pages 14, 15 and 18.



Art in the Park begins Saturday

More than 400 artists from 30 states to exhibit

BY MATT HUCAL

Plymouth's 17th annual Art in the Park returns to downtown Plymouth this weekend.

Dates and times are set, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Founder and director of the show, Diane Quinn, has assured as large a show as ever.

"We have artists from over 30 states coming in, that's more than we've ever had," Quinn said. "But I think we'll be saying that every year."

And to think, in the festival's first year there were only 30 artists. This year 30 states will be represented by 400 artists ready to display their fine arts and crafts to the community.

Quinn has made additions to the festival every year and 1997 is no exception. She said there will be live entertainment throughout the festival, mostly the sound of big band

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Canton PD: NY hitmen may have been lie

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police suspect reports that three men were on their way from New York to Canton with plans to kill a woman living in the township were false, according to Canton Police Captain Alex Wilson.

"We now strongly believe it was a hoax," Wilson said. "But because of the way it was reported, we believed at the time that if we didn't handle it properly we could put someone else's life in jeopardy."

Canton Police were originally informed of the situation by a friend of the victim, a woman living in Canton Commons.

Canton Police then called the woman, who told them of a murder she had witnessed four years ago in New York City. Upon checking with New York Police, Canton Police learned that the murder had taken place, that the Canton woman had knowledge of it and had participated in either a trial or a hearing, according to Wilson.

NYPD also corroborated that one of the men allegedly coming to Canton was involved in the homicide, Wilson said.

"It lent quite a bit of credibility to the story," he said. But that's where the credibility stopped.

"Her actions since we notified her were inconsistent," Wilson said. "She doesn't act like someone who is in fear for her life."

According to Wilson, it took more than a day for the

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Capt. Alex Wilson

victim to come into the police station after she was notified. "You've got to ask yourself if someone were really out to get you, wouldn't you drop everything to get help?" Wilson said.

As the search for the three alleged hitmen went on, Wilson said, the victim was less and less cooperative.

"When we first learned about it we thought the best way

to make sure nothing happened was to get out a description of the men right away. We thought if they saw their names and descriptions in the paper, they would figure it wouldn't be worth it and leave.

"When we had more time to investigate, both words and actions didn't fit. Now she's no longer cooperating at all. She won't answer questions."

Canton Police got a number of calls about the incident, Wilson said, but not an overwhelming amount.

"Some of the calls we dismissed right away, others we dismissed later, but we have dismissed all of them," Wilson said. "In fact, we have no evidence to determine if they've ever been to Canton, either recently or within the past four years."

Wilson said Canton Police will have the case cleared up by the end of the week, either through closing the case or proving the report was false and issuing charges, he said.

"Everything we have points to a false report," Wilson said. "And if that's true then we will definitely charge them."

High honors

Deeds and services lauded for high school students

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Half a decade in Plymouth leads to growth for brokerage

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Throwing Holmes

Canton girl graduates from U of M with softball records

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Canton seeks funds for ALS training

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Public Safety Department is putting the final touches on a proposal that would provide training to add 16 Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedics to its proposed 1998 budget.

"It's a funding issue now," Public Safety Director John Sauntomauro said.

The program will have an estimated start-up cost of \$205,000, which will primarily cover the cost of training personnel, Sauntomauro said.

ALS would work in conjunction with Basic Life Support to provide a higher level of services to Canton residents, Sauntomauro said. Paramedics would get training to allow them to handle a wider variety of emergencies.

"It's the next best thing to having a doctor in the ambulance," he said. "It's the highest level of services we can provide."

The primary roadblock now is the billing, he said. The current plan would add ALS costs to the ambulance service bill, but Sauntomauro stresses that residents will not pay from their own pockets.

"It's our goal that no Canton resident will have to pay for the service," he said. "We're required by law to bill for the service, but we'll allow a lot of latitude for payment," he said.

Canton is the only community in Wayne County that does not bill for emergency medical transports.

According to Sauntomauro, about 80 percent of the residents who would require ALS have medical insurance that would be charged for the service. Those who don't can request a waiver due to hardship, he said.

"It will probably turn out that we will accept anything they can pay," Sauntomauro said. "If they can only afford \$5, that's what we'll charge. If they can't pay any, we'll waive the fee."

Despite the fact, Sauntomauro expects the ALS to be self-supporting, and even build revenue to reduce millages and defray the costs of upgrading services.

"The bottom line is not about the charges, because Canton residents won't have an increased charge," he said. "The bottom line is enhanced services."

Public Safety's proposed 1998 budget will go before the Board of Trustees within the next two weeks, Sauntomauro said. "It's a political decision now," he said. "Elected officials make that decision."

Sauntomauro invites a response from any group concerned about the costs and billing procedures. Concerned residents can call Public Safety at 397-5350.

Warren Rd. closed thru Aug.

Just when you thought you could get around in Canton, another construction project pops up.

Beginning next week and lasting through the end of August, Warren Road from just west of Beck through the intersection with Ridge, will be closed to through traffic.

The road is scheduled to be paved as

part of Phase II construction of the Royal Pointe West Subdivision.

Detour signs will re-route traffic from Warren to Hanford, and those driving along Ridge will be directed to either Hanford or Gyde road, because the Warren/Ridge intersection will be closed as well.



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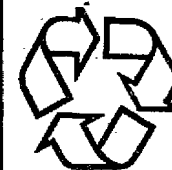
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Natural hearing

Story and photos by Scott Spielman

Public input could influence how the future sounds at a cramped Canton parcel

Fellows Creek winds through the middle of the field, under a canopy of branches. Tall grasses sway in the wind, disturbed by the passage of small animals and children, if pawprints and bike trails are any indication.

On the south side of the creek, past a makeshift bridge made of plywood from a nearby construction site, a tree fort rests between the branches of a sturdy tree. It rocks gently and provides a view over the field, creek, and houses in the distance.

Two melodies fill the air: bird songs and chainsaws; an increasingly familiar cacophony of nature and man.

Sandwiched between two new and growing subdivisions along Canton Center Road between Ford and Hanford roads, this piece of wilderness may be on its way to joining the mass of houses and subdivisions popping up in Canton.

Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality scheduled a public hearing for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 at the Canton Township Board Meeting Room in the administration building on Canton Center Road. Reactions are sought on a proposed development that would replace tree forts with colonials.

"There are a lot of issues involved," said Rebecca Sekulich of the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). "The public hearing is a time when nearby residents can give their views and concerns."

According to Sue Folsom, Canton engineer, the public hearing was called because of some tricky environmental issues.

"The developer is required by law to send out a public notice to adjacent landowners, the township and Wayne county," Folsom said. "Anyone with any concerns can write to the DEQ and receive a public hearing. The DEQ can take those comments and concerns into account when they approve or deny the permit."

Culver Custom Homes (CCH), the property's developer, is applying for a permit to make changes to the area, including developing a detention basin and filling in areas designated as wetlands or part of the Fellows Creek floodplain.

According to the permit application, CCH proposes to place about 5,500 cubic yards of fill in the wetlands area touching the creek. That much could cover about four acres of land at a depth of one foot, according to



Folsom.

The permit also asks to add about 18,000 cubic yards of fill in and above the floodplain of Fellows Creek: enough to cover about 12 acres at a depth of one foot, Folsom said.

"The DEQ has to determine the possible adverse effects. You have to think about what could happen," Folsom said. "If you level off or fill a floodplain, you still have the same volume of water to deal with and it's got to go someplace. It could flood somewhere else. You have to be very careful."

According to Folsom, after filling the floodplain the developer can send a letter of map revision to the Federal Environment Management Association (FEMA) to have the floodplain moved.

"Then FEMA comes in, evaluates the area and calculates the impact. If everything the developer is doing is okay, they revise the floodplain," Folsom said.

It's an important step for developers because most mortgage companies require houses built in floodplains to carry flood insurance, which is only available through the government, Folsom said. "And map revision can remove them from the floodplain."

The hearing is just the first step in evaluating the potential of the land, according to Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

"The developers haven't made an application for subdivision approval yet," he said. "This is just to see what they can do with the property. They may well end up doing something else with it."

For now, the process is up to the DEQ and any adjacent property owners who voice their opinions at the hearing, Folsom said.

Although the DEQ can't stop a company from developing its land, it can make development difficult, or shape the type of development that occurs.

"The hearing isn't a debate," Folsom said. "The DEQ just listens to questions, concerns and problems and makes its decision. It might help; if a lot of residents show up, the DEQ may require the developer to do more research or redesign the project to reduce impact."

"It's not for me to say what would be more adverse. Any type of development will disturb the ecosystem."



Development would replace tree houses with colonials.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today at Noon, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park, in Kellogg Park, will feature Chautauqua Express. The show is free to the public.
- Today, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Busch's Valu Land, The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will be on hand for a talent search: children ages 3 -12 can participate by reciting the Oscar Mayer Wiener Jingle or singing the Bologna Song. Auditions will be limited to 150, so early arrival is encouraged.
- Tomorrow from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company in downtown Plymouth, the Plymouth Poets' Summer Celebration of Poetry continues with featured readers Guthrie Neidhardt and Lisa Barrett.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Science & Math, and Discovery Day Camps begin at New Morning School. For enrollment info, call 420-3331.
- Saturday, Plymouth's Art in the Park begins downtown, and will run through Sunday.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

MARY M. CATHERS

Mary M. Cathers, a Plymouth resident, died June 25, 1997 at the age of 87. Mrs. Cathers was born Aug. 3, 1909 in Lebanon, PA. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her daughter, Joyce M. Wheeler of Plymouth Township; brother, Frank Manduch of Dearborn; grandchildren, John "Skip" (Carol) Wheeler of Door County, WI; Kim (James) Fazio of Fort Wayne, IN; and great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Rebecca Wheeler and Ryan and Jason Fazio.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Sister Michelle Gillespie officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery Algonac, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Wastenaw, 806 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

CLARA M. PETRONE

Clara M. Petrone, a Plymouth resident, died July 5, 1997 at the age of 83. Ms. Petrone was born March 27, 1914 in Detroit. She was a men's clothing sales clerk.

She is survived by her sister, Amelia E. Dewstow of Plymouth; brother, Louis Petrone of Covina, CA; nephew, Leroy H. Dewstow of Plymouth.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075.

CHARLES L. MILLER

Charles L. Miller, a Canton resident, died July 1, 1997 at the age of 54. Mr. Miller was born Oct. 24, 1942 in Detroit. He worked for production control at the Ford Motor Sheldon Plant.

He is survived by his wife, Carol A. Miller of Canton; daughters, Darcie Anne Miller of Valparaiso, IN, Megan L. Miller of Canton; sister Caryl Jane (Terry) Witt of Murfreesboro, TN; and mother, Jane C. Miller of Murfreesboro, TN.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Rd Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48976; American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile Rd, Southfield, MI 48075; or Development Department of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital 5305 East Huron River Drive, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106.



Public notices

NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN SUMMER TAXES

Summer taxes are due July 1, 1997 and payable through August 11, 1997 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. Payments can be made at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at the treasurer's office window. First of America Bank, Plymouth office, will also accept payments for your convenience through August 11, 1997. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH.**

Teresa Cischke, CFMA
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DORIS M. KOROW

Doris M. Korow, a Garden City resident, died June 29, 1997 at the age of 65. Mrs. Korow was born June 5, 1932 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Joseph S. Korow of Garden City; daughters, Sandra Hackett of Canton, Dawn (Kevin) Clark of Orlando, FL; sons, Randall (Vicky) Korow of Chandler, AZ, Kurt (Kymm) Korow of Howell; sisters, Carolyn Stawasz of Detroit; Mabel (Ted) Edwards of Lenox Twp, MI; brother, Leon Foxworth of Port Richey, FL; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral home in Plymouth with Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth, MI 48170.

RUSSELL DAWN KAISER

Russell Dawn Kaiser, a former Plymouth resident, died July 3, 1997. Mr. Kaiser was born April 14, 1933 in Plymouth. He worked for Plymouth Schools from 1956-1987 in the transportation maintenance Dept, and was administrator of energy control.

He is survived by his son, Walter D. (Deborah) of South Lyon; daughters, Barbara Gayle (David) Hodges, Cheryle (Douglas) Barber, both of Fort Myers, FL; step-children, Mary Ann (Jeff) Becker, Gloria Jean Price, Wesley G. Price, all of Westland; 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Delphine and step-son, Thomas Price.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor David Calvert officiating. Burial was at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions can be given to the Juvenile Diabetes Association.

GRACE M. AYOTTE

Grace M. Ayotte, a Canton resident, died July 1, 1997 at the age of 83. Mrs. Ayotte was born April 7, 1914 in Detroit. She worked at Madonna College for eight years as a secretary in the business administration office. She volunteered at St. Mary Hospital and was a member of Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald (Barbara) of Curtis, MI, Michael (Mary) of Troy; daughters, Suzanne Ayotte of Walled Lake, Nancy Ayotte of Saginaw, Mary Anne Ayotte of Royal Oak, Maureen (James) Oury of Canton, Margot Ayotte of Canton; grandchildren, Lauren, Jill, and Matthew Oury, Nicole and Cheryl Ayotte; and sisters, Mary Ellen (Dan) Ziegler of Mt. Clemens, Lillian Heybour of St. Clair Shores, MI.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Mass offerings can be made.

STEVAN A. FISHER

Stevan A. Fisher, a Plymouth resident, died July 4, 1997 at the age of 11. He was born Dec. 21, 1986 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was a student at Gallimore Elementary School where he completed the fifth grade in June. He recently received the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement. He loved to build with Legos and K'Nex and help his dad with his carpentry business. He also received an award for an essay written for the Plymouth/Canton D.A.R.E. Program. He loved to walk in the woods, especially with his dog Rusty.

He is survived by his parents, Donald and Verna Fisher of Plymouth; biological father, Kyle Campbell of Howell; sister, Linda Jackson of Romulus; biological sister Kyle Ann Campell of Missouri; biological brother, Tyler Campbell of Howell; grandparents, Albert and Stella Fisher of Somerset, PA; biological grandfather, Fred Campbell of Plymouth; nephews, Eric and Jeff Jackson of Romulus; sorely missed by his dog, Rusty.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth

James G. Ryan, 76, retired from Ford Motor Company

James G. Ryan, a Plymouth resident, died June 27, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Mary Therese of Plymouth; one brother; two sisters; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. A memorial service was held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Investigation of crash continues

FAA looks at 'mechanical aspects' of crash, airport environment

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Bureau (NTSB) are still investigating the June 25th plane crash at Mettetal airport, according to investigator Mitch Robbins.

"We still have several issues we're investigating," Robbins said.

Pilot Bill Kern, 40, from Farmington Hills, blamed a non-responsive engine for the crash which left him and his passenger, 60-year-old Jack Bourques of Livonia, with minor injuries.

Robbins completed the on-scene phase of his investigation by the end of June, he said.

"We went through everything we saw on the scene, all the local, perishable items such as the wreckage, pilot's medical records, the plane's maintenance history, weather, and the airport's environment."

Robbins wouldn't give exact details of the investigation, but said that two issues he was looking at closely were the mechanical aspects of the crash — specifically the engine — and the airport environment.

"After listening to the pilot's account,

we're looking closely at the engine to see why it may have failed," Robbins said.

As in Mettetal's fatal Cessna accident in the early 90's, the airport environment is also coming into question, according to Robbins.

"We're looking at the area. There's no emergency landing available, and the area is congested, with a road on the north side

of the airport," he said. "That gives it a displaced threshold of usability, because the use of the other end of the runway is for take-off only, because of obstacles."

The lighting may have come into play, too, Robbins said.

"Some guidance

lights that were supposed to be installed on the approach for the north side of the runway on the south side of the airport haven't been installed yet," he said. I don't know to what degree, if any, those factors contributed to the crash."

A preliminary report will be available later this week through NTSB's web page at NTSB.GOV, Robbins said. The final report will be completed in a few months.

'After listening to the pilot's account, we're looking closely at the engine to see why it may have failed.'

Mitch Robbins



Antiques?

Was it just a coincidence that retiring State Senator Bob Geake was caught in front of an antiques sign as he marched in Plymouth's Good Morning U.S.A. parade? Maybe not — his value increased with each year of service. The Crier wishes Geake all the best in his return to life outside congress. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

Art makers and buyers en route to Art in the Park

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music. Festival-goers will have a chance to listen to Dell Kaufman of Plymouth perform during the weekend.

Along with the continuing entertainment, Quinn has created an Art in the Park Outdoor Cafe, which will be set up behind Delta Diamond at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Forest Avenue. Quinn said there will be outdoor cooking and tables with umbrellas.

The 1996 festival saw a change in the layout of the booths to open more space for the artists. But Quinn said because the sidewalks were still clogged with people, she'll try to create even more room for business exposure.

"We'll have some more open spaces in front of retail stores so they can have more visibility," Quinn said.

Although it's one of the youngest festivals around, Quinn's show has built a strong national reputation. She said the festival is in the running for the best 200 in the nation, according to Sunshine Artists magazine, and has already become one of the best in Michigan.

The continuing attraction of so many out-of-state artists has had something to do with the vigorous sales that take place during the weekend.

Quinn said good advertising and exposure has helped make the festival a buying show. She also attributes the show's success to a particular word: organization.

Quinn's organization, along with the help of nearly 50 festival volunteers, is why Caryl Pohland has continued to bring her family's flower business to Plymouth from Latrobe, PA for the last three years.

"It's an excellent festival," Pohland said. "The people in Plymouth have been wonderful to us, and we enjoy coming out here."

Pohland's son, Bret, will show their goods in booths 332 and 333.

Quinn added, "Many of the artists come up to me and ask me how much I pay the people helping them, but they're only volunteering. They're so kind that some people think I

pay them \$50 an hour."

Throughout the years, the festival has seen booths with paintings, drawings, sculptures, furniture, wood, glass and ceramic designs, baskets, rugs, photography, jewelry, toys and natural fibers. It all returns this weekend.





Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Jason Chapman, from Plymouth, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in recognition of outstanding academic achievements during the spring 1997 semester.

Daniel F. Dunnigan, of Canton, was recently chosen to lead nine area units of a "stake" of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Dunnigan ran for Plymouth-Canton school board in 1995, placing fourth in slate of seven candidates.

Zach Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Zach E. Holmes** of Plymouth, was recently named to the Dean's List for second semester of the 1996-1997 school year at Hillsdale College.

Reba Sullivan, a Plymouth resident, was one of four winners in the 2nd week of D.O.C.'s "Wake Up Your Face Challenge."

Sullivan won \$500 and will be entered into the final contest with 31 other contestants for the chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000 and a guest appearance in an upcoming D.O.C. commercial.

Plymouth resident **Daniel Hershberger** was the opening speaker at the fifth annual National Convention of the Lincoln Highway Association last week in Mansfield, OH. The Lincoln Highway was the nation's first transcontinental automobile highway.

In addition to being a member of the Lincoln Highway Association, Hershberger also serves as president of the Society for Commercial Archeology.

Robin Comer and **Christine Ervin**, of Plymouth, were named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 1996-97 school year at Siena Heights College.

Michael Sonnenberg of Canton, **Geunter Albrecht** of Northville and **Marsha Koet**, **Diane Morse**, **Basim Rizkallah** and **Maureen Skelley**, all from Plymouth were named to Siena Heights College's Academic Achievement List, which is the Dean's List equivalent for part-time students.

Suzanne Townley, a graduate student in German from Plymouth, has been awarded the "Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst," the German Academic Exchange Service award, to study in Germany for the 1997-98 academic year.

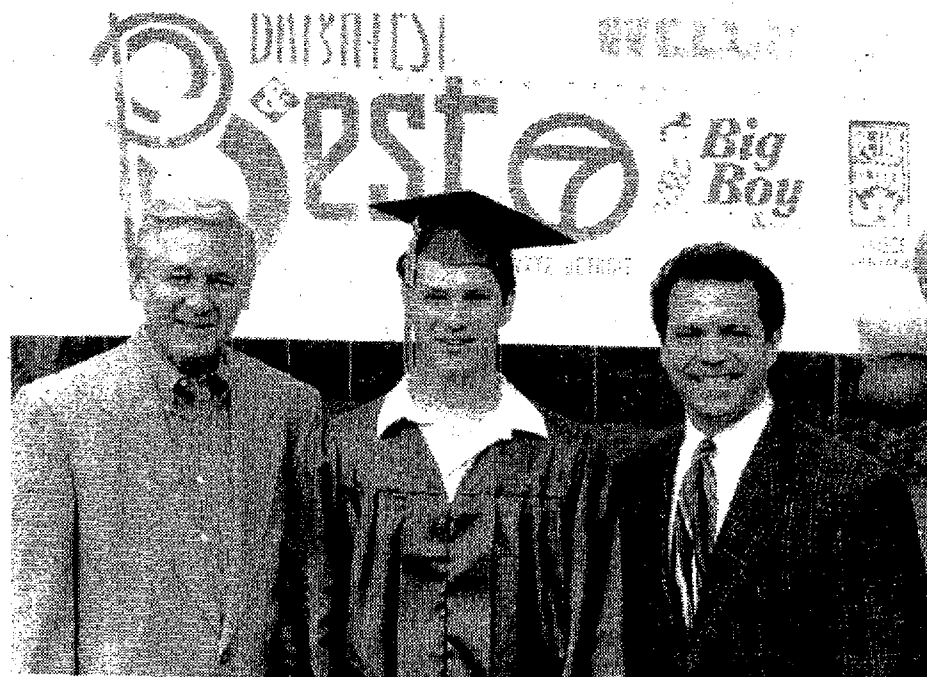
The Brightest and the Best

Canton student adds public service to list of accolades

Timothy Comer (pictured with WXYZ's Jerry Hodak, left and Chad Myers, right) of Canton, a student at Agape Christian Academy in Plymouth, was among the more than 200 high school students WXYZ-TV/Channel 7 is honoring in its 17th annual "Brightest and Best" public service campaign.

"Brightest and Best" salutes Michigan high school seniors who have demonstrated excellence in academic and community pursuits. A series of public service announcements featuring the students will air on Channel 7 throughout the summer months.

"Brightest and Best" is sponsored by Elias Brothers Restaurants and Be True To Your School at Fairlane, Lakeside, Twelve Oaks and Briarwood Malls.



Golden Years

Jan and Jerry Elston, formerly of Plymouth, recently enjoyed a grand reunion with many Plymouth Friends at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration June 21 in Anderson, IN.

The celebration, which included a reception with about 160 friends and relatives from all over the U.S. at the Park Place Church and a picnic dinner at Anderson University, was set up by Elston's children, Mark and Sheryl, and grandchildren, Kate Hamilton, Davy Hamilton, and Rachel Elston.

"As Jerry and I reflect on our years in Plymouth we have such glowing thoughts and memories," Jan Elston wrote. "We feel fortunate to have enjoyed more than 50 years as a team in P-C schools. It will live in our hearts forever as the birthplace of our family."

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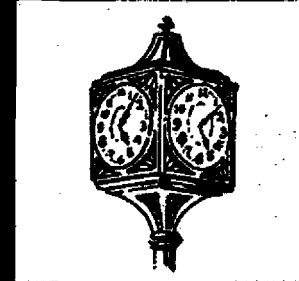
Emily Kiewicz of Plymouth uncovers mammoth bones on a recent visit to the ELEPHANTS! exhibit at Cranbrook Institute of Science.



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The 1997-98 edition of Leadership Plymouth will begin in September.

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Leadership 1997 graduates include: Natalie Howse, AAA Michigan; Sandra Miller, St. Joseph Mercy; Dawn Rossi, ADP; Camille Shy, St. Joseph Mercy; Tom Nunez, Parker Hannifin; Linda Langmesser, Clerk, City of Plymouth; Carrie Blamer, Plymouth Canton School Board; Wes Smith, E & E Manufacturing; Norma Lovallee, Schoolcraft College; Colleen Pobur, Wayne County; Frna Toney, Director, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce; Sue O'Connor, Community Federal Credit Union; Toni Knechtges, Howard Ternes Packing, Co.; Jeanne Knopf Derouche, The Knopf Co.

Tuition is \$795 per person. Applications must be received by August 15, 1997. For more information or to obtain an application form, call the chamber at (313) 453-1540.

Herriman & Associates, Inc. doing business as Condo Managers, a Plymouth-based firm specializing in condominium management, recently appointed Jeffrey A. Billington to a position of Property Manager.

Billington, who attended Eastern Michigan University, will be managing several condominium sites for the firm and will join the management team of Dan Herriamn, Beverly Ellis and Lily-Ann Beament in implementing the firm's overall strategic plan.

Billington will be moving to the Plymouth community with his wife, Catherine next month.



Mike Nash (left) and Marty Tuchman (right) founding partners for Mr. B's Restaurants celebrate 20 years in the business.

Plymouth brokers have local roots

The Roney and Company brokerage firm, celebrating five years in Plymouth attributes the branch's success to staying true to their roots.

BY MATT HUCAL

The building located at 505 S. Main in Plymouth may not be expanding, but the business inside of it is.

The Roney and Company brokerage firm celebrates five years of residing in their Plymouth location this year.

The company has seen its fair share of growth. But with their growth they've also seen the surrounding communities blossom immensely, said branch managers Craig Fleming and Tim White.

"The secret to our success is we have roots in the community," Fleming said. "We're not worried about other businesses coming into the area and taking our business away because of that."

The roots Fleming is speaking of are the years he and White have worked in the community, even before 1992. Fleming was living in an apartment on Main Street in 1969 when he was first

starting out in the workforce.

Eight of the 10 brokers in the company currently live in either the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township. That's something the company is trying to build around.

"The area is important. If we ever thought about moving the firm, and we have, it had to stay in Plymouth," White said.

White and Fleming are quick to point out that a company can't just open up a business in Plymouth and expect it to thrive. It takes more than that.

"The staff is the key. It's important to have the loyalty of individuals," Fleming said.

Loyalty shines through with Fleming, one of his clients opened an account in 1971, retired, and has lived in Florida for the past 20 years.

When the company moved into the 5,500 square foot building in 1992, it was empty. They shared it with two other companies and occupied 3,500 square feet until those companies moved out. Roney now occupies the entire building, and White and Fleming said they're considering adding a second floor.

The company deals in financial and retirement planning, mutual funds, tax-free planning, annuities and financial products.

Roney and Company is headquartered in Detroit, has 23 branches throughout the state, and 28 overall.

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Blackwell, earning high marks on everything from sales presentation to service, received the award for the second year. (Crier Photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

COP *Clowns On Parade?*



City of Plymouth Police Lt. Wayne Carroll (at bottom) escorts one of the Good Morning U.S.A. parade balloons down Main Street. Three such balloons appeared in the Fourth of July event. Several reports of funny business and clowning around were filed (Crier photo, Bryon Martin).

Natural arsenic deposits slow Haggerty Road project *Delay latest in series of setbacks*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Design issues and soil samples are holding up the paving of Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer, according to project engineer Craig Wobrock.

The road, which has been under construction since April, has suffered a number of setbacks, Wobrock said.

"We had one problem which led to another problem," Woback said. "The road had to be redesigned, which held it up for a while."

The other problem occurred when the developer tested the soil to see where they could deposit the excess soil. The fill excavated from the site, which had been meant for fill for a residential project, tested high in arsenic in two areas, Wobrock said.

"We tested it for contaminants, and it came back high on arsenic, so we had it resampled."

The project is on hold until the results from the second testing are available, later

this week and engineers know where to safely deposit the excess soil, according to Canton Engineer Sue Folsom.

"We had the soil resampled, because we didn't want to just take the developers word for it," Folsom said. "Then we have to meet with the Department of Environmental Quality. If they say it's contaminated, then we have to take the soil to a landfill."

'It's not contaminated. It could still be used as fill, or taken to a landfill.'

Craig Wobrock

that testing them is difficult.

"Arsenic is a naturally occurring substance, but it showed up in more than trace amounts in two areas. It's not contaminated. It could still be used as fill for an industrial site, or taken to a landfill."

Wobrock hopes to have the result of the second test by the end of the week.

"We want to have a plan within the next week," he said. "We really need to get on with it. It's been sitting there a while now."

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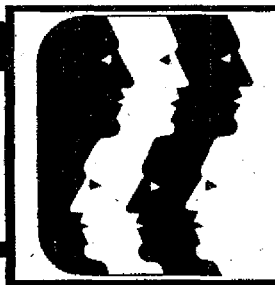
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Groups

SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Salvation Army is now taking registrations for the summer day camp program. Children must be between 6 and 12 years old. The camp takes place July 21 to Aug. 15. Cost, \$125. Financial scholarships available. Call 453-5464.

SPEECHCRAFT SEMINAR

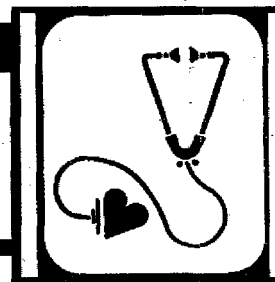
The Holy Smoke Toastmasters Club is offering Speechcraft, a world renown speaking program for non-members. The Sunday night seminar will take place at 7 p.m. throughout the months of June and July in the auditorium at the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office. Cost, \$30. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at (248) 455-1635.

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 15 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. Cost, \$500 for a foursome, \$150 individual. To register, call the chamber at (313) 453-4040.

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

The guild, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to the advancement and education of ceramic arts; its 25 members share space and equipment for the production of pottery. Classes offered each semester. Call 207-8807.



Health

PREMARITAL CLASS

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital AIDS class from 7-8 p.m. tomorrow in the West Addition Conference Room B. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (313) 655-1100.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Oakwood Community Focused Health Promotion Network provides low cost osteoporosis screenings at its Canton location. People 35 years and younger can have the simple bone density screening plus counseling and referral services for a \$10 fee. To register, call 1-800-543-WELL.

SENIOR EMERGENCY PRESCRIPTIONS

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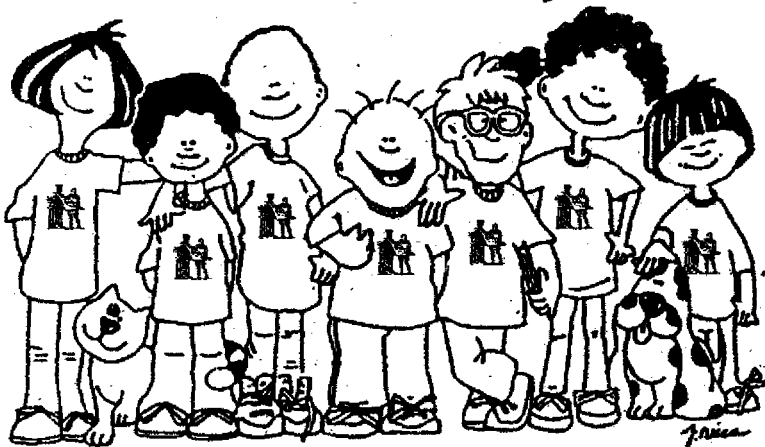
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SENIOR VAN

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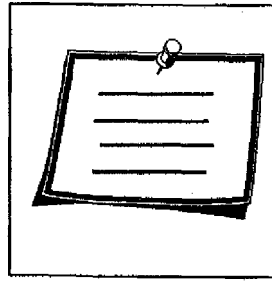
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FAMILY CAMP OUT AND MOVIE NIGHT

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a camp out/movie night at Heritage Park on July 18-19. Movie fee is \$2, camping permit required—free if registered by July 16 at 5 p.m., \$10 after. Tents only. Tent set-up begins at noon on July 18, tents down by noon July 19. "Independence Day" will be shown. Call 397-5110 for more info.

SENATOR SPEAKS ON WSDP

WSDP, 88.1 FM, will air People and Policy on July 17 at 10:30 a.m., hosted by State Senator Loren Bennett (Canton). Discussion will include tobacco use and billboards.

DISCOUNT AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department now sells discount tickets to the following amusement parks and attractions: Cedar Point, Cedar Point's The Beach Water Park, Sea World, Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum, the Detroit Zoo and King's Island. Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (313) 455-6620.

POETRY CELEBRATION

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, Plymouth, will host poetry readings from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. every Thursday night during the summer. The events are directed by Plymouth's poet in residence Rod Reinhart. Featured readers for July 10 are Jim Thompson and Gary Erwin.



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WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

SUMMER ACADEMY

Students entering first through eighth grades will have an opportunity to enrich their progress this summer in math, science, writing and reading. Elementary academy sessions run from 8:45 to 11:55 a.m. for three weeks, July 14 to 31 at Bird, Bentley, Fiegel and Miller elementary schools. Middle school summer academy sessions will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 21 to Aug. 1 at Pioneer Middle School. Scholarships are available. Academy open to all Plymouth-Canton, parochial and private school students. Register at the E.J McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth or call 416-2938.

DAY CLASSES

New Morning School is now accepting registrations for Discovery Day Classes and science and math camps. The first set of week-long classes begins July 7. Topics include puppets and masks, bugs and other critters, monsters and dragons and science in a bag. Call 420-3331.

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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 July 18th to be considered for the May page.

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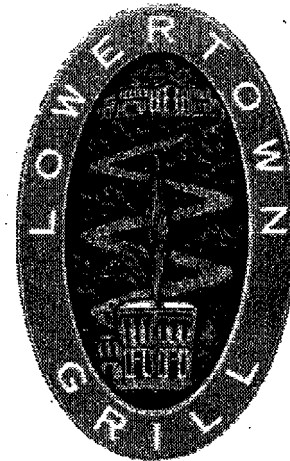
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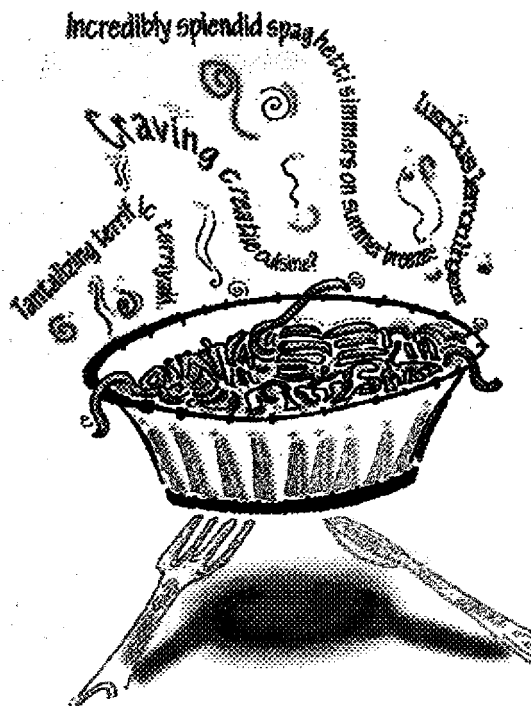


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Judgement of Damages

After the fire at the 35th District Court

Files & fishbowls

Employees regroup for court next Monday

BY BRYON MARTIN

Staplers. A bar journal. Phones, computers and a fishbowl.

Judge Ron Lowe is making a list — what it takes to get a five-city courthouse on its feet.

He and the entire staff of the 35th District Court are preparing for Monday, when court is scheduled to be fully active again.

The temporary court now operating in a portion of the Unisys plant handles only felony exams and felon arraignments and landlord-tenant disputes, according to Lowe. Limited resources have put a premium on time before the court.

"These are people with a tight time table," he said. "Our concerns have to be focused on what needs to be done now."

Monday would see all court functions return: civil, traffic and misdemeanor cases will again be heard.

But where this all will happen is still undecided, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman.

"We've had offers from all the district courts in the area," he said. Renting a "spec" building from R.A. DeMattia, or the Western Electric building on Sheldon Road, were both discussed, according to Erdman and MacDonald.

"Space isn't a problem," Erdman said. "It's getting all the other things together."

Crucial to getting the court back to full service are its records, Erdman said. "That's what we're waiting on."

Warrants, tickets, criminal records and other files all were kept in the courthouse. Many were in useful shape when found in

the basement and vault, Monday. For those that weren't, a records retrieval specialist was flown in by the court from New York, according to Erdman.

Files with fire or water damage, but not completely destroyed, may be restored to readable condition, he said.

Erdman and Lowe spent part of Monday morning assessing the condition of the files found in the courthouse ruins.

"The fire burns from the outside in," Erdman said. "So those toward the middle are in better shape." In some bundles, only these outside records were singed.

They're important in cases yet to be heard and in progress, and in those decided as well.

Files for adjudicated cases are required to be kept in house six years for misdemeanors, ten for felonies, per state law Erdman said.

Court records must be kept on file six years for misdemeanor cases, ten years for felonies per state law, according to Erdman.

On the plus side, however, file reconstruction provides the opportunity to upgrade to CD ROM storage, according to Erdman. Documents will be photographed and saved to disc.

Court Supervisor Judy Richardson and most other court employees are set up at Unisys, across Plymouth Road from the former courthouse.

Others, she said, are working at the law offices of attorneys Liz and Ted Johnson's offices; Ted is also a 35th-D magistrate.

All are equally invested in the effort to get the gavel going again.

Lowe, Erdman and other court employ-



Not everything was lost in the fire that leveled the 35th District Courthouse. Items pulled from the ashes include these files, which Court Administrator Kerry Erdman has said are crucial to getting the court back to full operation. The files, kept in a fire-resistant vault, survived the blaze. Other pieces, important in the courthouse's history, were found in the basement with only mild water damage (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

ees are also compiling lists of the smaller things they need to perform their duties, Lowe said.

"We've told everybody to make a list of the things they had on their desks," Lowe said.

The phone system was working Tuesday morning; computers are due to arrive and be online by Friday, according to Richardson.

Official court seals, staplers, letterheads,

— everyday tools for the construction of justice. "They're all either in our possession now or on the way," Erdman said.

By Monday, he said, the checklist should be complete, and all items should be in-house — including the fishbowl.

"We use it to pull names for jury trials," Lowe said.

"It's funny, but there are so many things, little things that you don't have to think about until they're gone."

Lost and found

BY BRYON MARTIN

Most of the building and its contents were lost.

Most, but not all.

Lowe and Erdman searched the 35th District Court's rubble for artifacts and personal items Monday afternoon.

"We've been inside and it's not all bad," Lowe said, removing his glasses and wiping a streak of soot from his nose. He and Erdman were sooty in their jeans and T-shirts, assessing what was lost and found.

"The basement essentially was water damaged. The U.S. flag was still up on the wall."

MacDonald, said he, "was quiet pleased to, please put it on the hard drive."

Other court memorabilia made it through the blaze, according to Lowe. Historical items from the courthouse, called the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, survived.

Davis was the founding judge of the court, and sat on the bench from 1968 - 1984. He died Dec. 22, 1994. The building that burned Wednesday was built and named in Davis' honor in 1981.

"Davis' original bench and all the pews made it," Lowe said. "The pews were floating. The bench has high-water marks, but they made it."

The judge's portrait, which hung near the court entrance, did not make it. Paintings of Lowe and presiding judge John MacDonald, however, were spared as was "The Jury," a painting by Barbara Woods, a California artist, donated to the court in memory of the late, noted Plymouth-Canton Robert B. Delaney.

But it wasn't a search for court property only.

Lowe combed the charred and fallen insides of the building for court and personal items, too.

He found that his collection of Uncle Sam memorabilia, antique dictionary stand and construction paper card from his oldest son were all lost.

The attention heaped on the loss of an important building community structure and utility eclipsed other, close thoughts.

"You wake up at night. And its — whoa. I forgot I had that there," he said. "Everybody lost something."

Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Larry Groth and City of Plymouth Police Lt. Wayne Carroll examine "The Jury," one of the paintings to survive the court blaze (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).



After the fire at the 35th District Court

What now?

The old building is gone and court officials need to decide: rebuild or relocate?

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The phones are scheduled to be up and running today, and computers should be on-line by Friday in the 35th District Court's temporary "command center," in the Unisys building on Plymouth road.

But the court may not stay there long. The 35th District Court staff and advisory board may choose the site as a temporary home while a permanent courthouse is built. But court officials say the Western Electric Building on Sheldon Road, and a



An aerial view from the Plymouth Community Fire Department's ladder truck affords a view of the total devastation left by the fire. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

'More than a building'

Court workers' reactions emotional, varied

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Many 35th District court workers watched as the building was consumed by flames Wednesday night.

Staring wide-eyed and in shock, their responses varied from somber silence, to jokes about days off, to serious discussions of the work ahead.

"A friend called me and I came right away," said Penny Rowland, a clerk at the court for more than a year and a half. "I couldn't talk for a few moments. I was stunned. It's just so devastating."

Rowland watched with friends and co-workers as firefighters battled the blaze at the 35th District Courthouse for most of the night and early morning.

"Another clerk called me at home," said Barb Shelton, a clerk of nine years. "It didn't look bad at first, but as I was standing here it just got worse and worse. Flames started shooting up. I felt the heat all the way (at Ernesto's).

"I just kept thinking about all the memories. It's not just a building; it had a lot of stories to tell."

"There was no fire at first," said Judge John MacDonald, "My first thought was it was just a downed wire, and there was no threat. Half an hour later there were flames everywhere. It went up faster than I would've thought. I was really shaken."

"It's just starting to sink in now," he added. "It's like losing a member of the family."

Slowly they turned to the tasks ahead.

"We'll put the pieces together," Lowe said. "But we're going to be building for a long time."

MacDonald said, "We've already had offers of help from local businesses and leaders. It's going to be a big job. It's something you don't expect, but you have to deal with it."

R.A. Demattia "spec" building, are appealing, too.

The temporary location at Unisys, across from the burned courthouse on Plymouth Road, gave the court a place to centralize and regroup after a fire leveled the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice Wednesday night. Several millions of dollars in damage was done.

Later this week a final decision will be made on where court will be held during construction of the new building.

A committee will then be formed to compare the benefits of building from the old floorplan with designing an entirely new courthouse, according to Judge John MacDonald.

"We have to weigh all the options," he said.

Former presiding judge Jim Garber was appointed head of the building committee to examine those options, said Judge Ron Lowe.

"We don't have any long range plans yet," he said. "but we have put names together for a committee to review the options."

Location is of primary concern to the court. According to Plymouth City Manager and court adviser Steve Walters, it should be central within the five communities it serves: Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles.

"Getting there is part of the problem," he said. "It needs to be central, both for neighboring police departments or citizens that have to go to court."

Costs of land and construction will also be weighed, Walters said, as well as how

much is salvageable from the old building. "If the foundation is still good, and the parking lot is still useable, those are things in favor of the old site," he said. "We're at a point where we have options."

Lowe said the court will be rebuilt with insurance funds. The building was covered by two policies. One is a \$1.7 million policy through the Michigan Township Participating Plan to insure the city of Plymouth could pay for bonds in cases of a disaster. The policy was for the building itself, Walters said, and didn't take into account the recent additions to the facility.

The remaining policy, through MMRMA,* was for \$3.4 million. It covered the building and everything inside it.

"I'm under the impression that the insurance will pay for the reconstruction," Lowe said.

But that's a long-term question that will require long-term answers; staffers and court advisers agree there are many things to deal with now.

"The first challenge is to find and set up a building for an extended period of time," said Canton Supervisor and court adviser Tom Yack.

"Then we can look at issues like how the public is served, sensitivity to the city and case load. We have plenty of time to consider the options."

But no matter where the courthouse is built, MacDonald is serious about one thing.

"We're going to have underground wiring."

'If the foundation is still good and the parking lot is still useable, those are things in favor of the old site. We're at a point where we have options.'

Steve Walters
Plymouth City Manager



Judge Lowe hugs Mary Anne Bono as (R to L) Sue Secorski, Barb Shelton and Walter Abick, court employees, watch their building burn (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).



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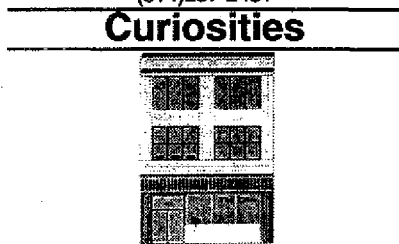
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After the fire at the 35th District Court

Crazy days

A week filled with accidents and emergencies emphasized the community spirit in Plymouth-Canton-Northville

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

It was a bad day for the fire departments.

Actually it was a whole weird week that started when Bill Kern's plane crashed short of Mettetal's runway about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.

By 9:30 p.m. the following Wednesday, July 2, the 35th District Court House was engulfed in flames.

The courthouse fire enters the annals of fires to remember in the history of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community: the P & A Theater, the Penniman Avenue Shops, Packaging Corporation of America, the Six-Park Party Store-Gas Station, the Brinks Farm barn.

But soon after the flames were finally out at the courthouse at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, the emergency crews and media folks scrambled together to a house fire on Union Street. Fortunately, it wasn't a seri-

ous fire (flames from a storm-damaged outlet) although it caused a few anxious moments because Brandi Hall, is eight months pregnant. Neighbors showed up for comfort and aid.

No sooner had the rescue folks rushed Brandi off to the hospital (everything is OK), the call came in about a car fire on Ann Arbor Trail at Forest.

A woman with three children in the car saw in horror that her engine started on fire. A man ran up to help getting the

At every turn in the emergency-filled day, neighbors and strangers came forward to help as fire-rescue-police-media folks dashed from scene to scene.

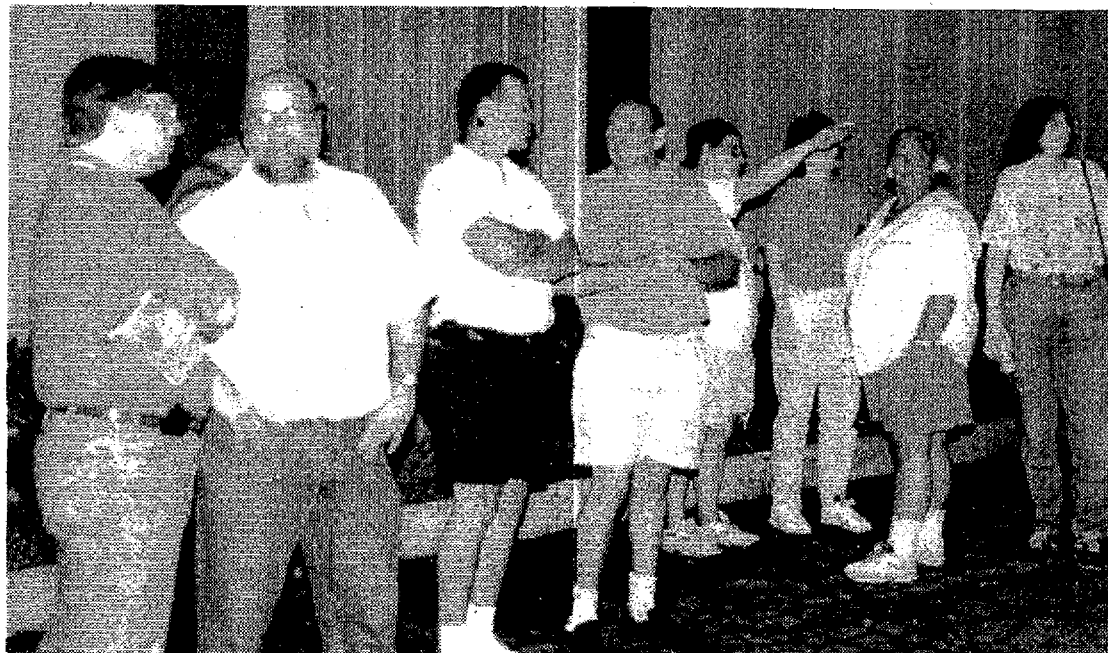
youngsters out of the car and harm's way.

At every turn in the emergency-filled day, neighbors and strangers came forward to help as fire-rescue-police-media folks dashed from scene to scene.

And the firemen showed their selfless efforts too.

Canton Fire Lt. Jim Davison helped pump water on the courthouse most of the night, knowing that when he returned home Thursday he would have to face severe storm damage to his house. His neighbor's maple was toppled onto his roof during the same storm that downed the line that burned the courthouse.

It was a bad day, a bad week for the entire community.



Collaboration and planning began early: Community members gathered outside of Ernesto's Restaurant and talked with court employees. (L to R) Russell Franzen, administrator of the 34th District Court in Romulus speaks with Ted Johnson, Plymouth lawyer and 35th district magistrate. Johnson and his wife Liz, also a lawyer, were among the first to donate temporary space for court organization; their office was used the morning after the fire. Liz Johnson and Sue Secorski follow Court Administrator Kerry Erdman's gesture as he points toward the fire (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.).

Sports

Sports shorts

PCJBL AA League standings and scores.

American League: White Sox 9-1; Twins 6-3-1; Athletics 4-5; Brewers 3-5-3; Tigers 4-6; Orioles 4-5-1; Royals 4-5-1; Yankees 2-7-1.

Royals 14 - Yankees 10; Orioles 11 - Twins 10; Brewers 14 - Athletics 14; White Sox 19 - Tigers 5.

National League: Dodgers 9-0-1; Cardinals 7-3; Mets 6-3-1; Cubs 4-5-1; Marlins 4-4-2; Diamondbacks 3-7; Braves 2-7-1; Rockies 2-8.

Rockies 1 - Diamondbacks 0; Marlins 10 - Cubs 7; Cardinals 13 - Braves 2; Dodgers 6 - Mets 3.



MIKE WEST

Mike West, son of Bill and Melinda West of Hunters Creek Drive in Plymouth, earned a varsity letter as a member of the 1997 Principia College Men's Tennis team.

As a sophomore, he made contributions to the team this Spring.

Principia is a private liberal arts college located in Elsau, Illinois.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring Junior Tennis Camps throughout the summer at Griffin Park.

Two camps remain — July 21-24 and Aug. 4-7. The two age groups are Little Swingers from 4-6 years of age and Juniors from 7-15 years of age.

Instruction is for the beginner up to the intermediate level. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Plymouth Whalers 1997-98 regular season schedule will include 33 home games and 33 away games.

Their December 29 home matchup with Erie will be the OHL Game of the Week.

The Whalers open their season at home on September 20 against London

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What an arm

Canton resident stars on U of M softball team, breaking records along the way

BY BRIAN CORBETT

For once in her outstanding softball career, Kelly Holmes' athleticism failed her. It was April 5 and Holmes, a Canton resident and a senior pitcher on the U of M softball team, was on the mound versus Big Ten rival Iowa.

An innocent pop-up caromed off the bat of a Hawkeye player, and Holmes sprinted from the pitching circle. But the Wolverines third baseman Sara Griffin — also U of M's other starting pitcher — and another infielder closed in on the fly ball, and each other, much faster.

When Holmes reached her teammates, Griffin had broken her left arm.

"It was a good thing I'm slow or I would've been hurt too," Holmes said.

The nation's number one pitching combination had just been cut in two. Griffin's season was over and the Wolverines' would have been too if Holmes hadn't responded to her new role as the team leader and top pitcher. She answered like a champion.

"I enjoyed the role I was thrown into," Holmes said. "It was always my goal to be the number one pitcher, especially on a team as good as Michigan. It was kind of an honor."

Honor: that's a word that seems to follow Holmes everywhere. The same goes for championship and award.

She received them all at the end of the 1997 season as the Wolverines won the Big Ten softball tournament, and Holmes was honored with 13 awards, including U of M Co-Female Athlete of the Year, GTE Academic All-American first team and Big Ten Pitcher of the Year. In 1997, her final season at U of M, she won 33 of the Wolverines 56 victories and posted a 1.16 earned run average (ERA).

If there was anything positive to come from Griffin's injury, it was the two months U of M students, alumni and fans had to appreciate the quiet, unheralded success of Holmes:

A young firethrower who jumps over the foul line on the way to the pitching circle, a la Sparky Anderson.

Her 76 career wins top U of M's softball record books. She's second all time in no-hitters with two and innings pitched (731), third in shutouts (30) and fourth in strikeouts (361) and winning percentage (.738). Impressive statistics that largely went unnoticed because Holmes played alongside two high-profile recruits, Griffin and Kelly Kovach, who is now a U of M assistant coach.

The wins and strikeouts started to accumulate following a four-year varsity career at Canton High School. As a prep star, Holmes pitched 15 no-hitters, struck out 958 batters — including a national record 24 in a seven-inning game — posted a 0.39 ERA and went 73-12. All of this while she was on her way to becoming valedictorian of her 1993 graduating class.

She chose U of M over MSU, Notre Dame and Northwestern University because the Wolverines offered

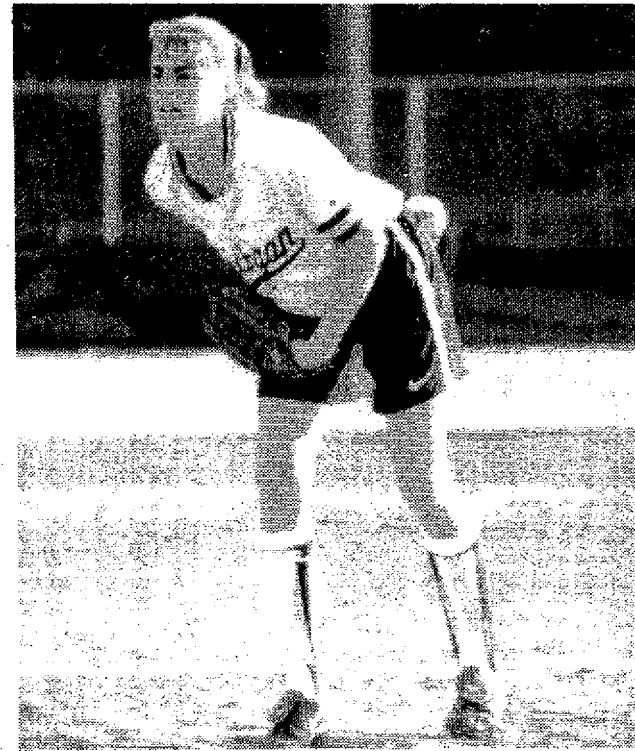
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Kelly Holmes

her a chance to play her freshmen year. Also, Ann Arbor's proximity to her parents' home would allow her family to see her pitch on a regular basis.

As it turned out, pitching outings by Holmes nearly became a daily event: the first-year player surpassed her own version of the Freshmen 15 by winning 16 games. As the number-two pitcher behind Kovach, Holmes' 35 game appearances and 190.2 innings pitched ranked second behind her 1997 numbers.

Indiana University broke the Wolverines' two-year run as Big Ten champions that season, but U of M reclaimed the title in 1995, Holmes' sophomore year. Surprisingly, after a stellar freshman season Holmes' spot in the starting rotation was cut in half to 14 games. With the



KELLY HOLMES

arrival of Griffin, the nation's top recruit that year from California, U of M Head Coach Carol Hutchins went to a three-woman rotation.

After a lifetime in the sports spotlight, Holmes found herself playing in the shadow of two All-Americans.

"It was really frustrating at times, especially for the Big Ten games. The coaches would

"Hosting the regional was really exciting. Just to be involved with something like that at the college level was really fun," she said.

With Kovach graduated, Holmes became the number-two starting pitcher again in 1996, even though she had a year's more experience than Griffin. It was a trivial fact for Holmes, who is always more concerned with improving, rather than disapproving.

"I think we have a good competitive relationship, just not really openly. Sara is such a competitor, so anything I did she would try to do," Holmes said. "Honestly, I think she's the best softball player I've ever seen. People said we had the best one-two rotation in the nation. We fed off each other. That's good. It gave me incentive to work hard and not blow off practices."

Holmes became more precise in her pitching with the extra training, resulting in no-hitters versus North Carolina and Indiana State during three weeks in March that also included a one-hitter against Indiana. She won 16 games again, half of which were shutouts, including two complete game outings at the Tennessee Tournament of Champions, earning her Big Ten Pitcher of the Week honors — her first conference related award.

try to get me in to close so I could pitch. But when you've got a one-run lead, you want to leave the pitcher in. I'd go two weeks at a time without being on the mound," Holmes said.

But disappointment didn't give way to apathy. It wasn't Holmes' style. She challenged herself by working on her pitching repertoire, determined to make her drop-pitch her best delivery as opposed to her high school favorite, the rise-ball. Her ERA dropped to 1.62 and she recorded as many shutouts (five) as she did in 1994, despite pitching 100 fewer innings.

Holmes finished the season at 11-1, and the Wolverines won the Big Ten's regular season and tournament titles and their first-ever NCAA Region I title.

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'Goose' is loose in P-C-N

Rockers soccer team visits Plymouth to teach youngsters

BY MATT HUCAL

The thought of trying to control 150 kids between the ages of 6-14 would make most people quiver in their shoes. But the Detroit Rockers do that every day throughout the summer with their soccer camps.

Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, Rockers goalkeeper and camp director of coaching, is joined by Randy Prescott and Tim Ernst —

By the end of the week some of the coaches have gotten invitations to campers' birthday parties.

who do the majority of the on-site coaching — and nine teammates in running the camps, which has invaded Plymouth's Heritage Park this week.

The five-day camps spend each day working on the various parts of a soccer player's game.

"We try to focus on a different topic every day," Finnerty said.

He said Mondays, for example, are spent working on dribbling and foot-skills, "a nice, easy way to break-in the players." Passing work is on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays are spent on the basics of heading the ball.

Once Thursday comes around a shooting exhibition takes place and all the Rockers rip shots at Goose. They demonstrate different shooting routines and the campers root for their individual coaches.

A World Cup simulation is set up on Friday in which the campers are divided into teams — taking the names of countries throughout the world — and play a tournament. The camp wraps up with graduation ceremonies, when the Rockers and their pupils part ways.

Even when compared to the drills, Friday may be the toughest day of camp for the youngsters — and the coaches —

because of the personal ties that are built throughout the week.

"We form good relationships with the kids," Finnerty said. "One of the things that's helped me is that I've got a staff of guys who aren't like the typical professional. They don't just come on Monday and Friday and forget about the rest of the

Along with the \$99-\$119 fee, campers also get soccer balls, tickets to Rockers games or Detroit Red Wing preseason games, and plenty of autographs.

The camps are also good publicity for Rocker games, which were moved to Joe Louis Arena after seven years at Cobo Arena. Detroit went 20-20 last season —



Detroit Rocker Jay White watches over campers in his 11-13 year old group Monday at Plymouth's Heritage Park. The camp returns — to Canton this time — at the end of July. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

week. They're people who love to be with kids."

One step in developing those bonds is the ice-breaking the coaches put the campers through. According to Finnerty, by the end of the week some of the coaches have gotten invitations to campers' birthday parties.

And the campers' parents are beginning to get in the swing of things, too.

"When we first started seriously running these camps about five years ago, only a dozen or so parents of over 100 kids would stay around," Finnerty said. "Now we get about 90 percent of them staying around."

15-5 at home. Their attendance was up 35 percent and they just missed the playoffs.

"I address the parents on Monday before the camp starts, we have a good chat," Finnerty said. "I make no bones that this is our living and that we can't continue to play without people who watch the games."

Finnerty mentioned that family season tickets are sold for \$99, and include three tickets for each game of the Rockers' 20-game home schedule.

The Rockers camp returns to the community from July 28-Aug. 1 at Heritage Park in Canton. Call the Rockers at (313) 396-7070 for information.

With star teammate hurt, Holmes takes charge

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But it wouldn't be her last.

The Wolverines went 51-14 in 1996, repeating all three titles from the previous season, and finished seventh in the nation. With Holmes and Griffin returning for the 1997 season, U of M was poised to place higher in the rankings. After a rocky 0-2-1 start in February the Wolverines grew feisty, and went on a 30-6 tear.

Those dominating performances became even more important to the Wolverines a week later when Griffin sustained her season-ending injury. It provided Holmes and her teammates the confidence they needed in their quest for an unprecedented fourth-straight, outright Big Ten title. U of M struggled a bit initially, going 7-4 in the two weeks following the Iowa game.

"Everyone was wondering how the season would turn out," Holmes said. "But I enjoyed the challenge of proving I could do it."

Do it, she did. Holmes was the leader through U of M's 17-game, month-long winning streak. She won 22 games in a row and was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week twice. In the Big Ten tournament she threw three complete game wins, and tied U of M's career wins record with a 4-2 win over Iowa in the Big Ten championship game. Holmes would break that record just six days later on May 16 with a

14 shutout of Cleveland State in NCAA Region VI competition.

"I didn't even know I was going to break the career record-wins mark until a week or so before in the paper; it said I was a few wins away. And I was like, 'I didn't know I was up for something,'" Holmes said.

U of M won its region for the third straight year behind Holmes' three wins, but was knocked out of the College World Series with losses to Iowa and UCLA. The Wolverines finished fifth in the nation, but Holmes finished number one in several statistical categories and award voting.

"It's amazing. If I could map out a dream season, this is it," Holmes said.

Unfortunately for her, Holmes can't map out her future. While the accounting major will get an opportunity to test her distinguished academic past as an auditor at a Southfield accounting firm, her gender prevents her from continuing to develop her sports skills to a professional level.

"I am disappointed in that it's just a huge part of my life. I've been going to camps for years and all that," Holmes said. "I wish I could keep going to see it pay off."

She'd definitely be able to count her money.

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versus Windsor. The Whalers will then finish up their regular season schedule on the road versus London on March 13.

The Canton basketball program is holding **basketball shooting camps** with one remaining session.

The camp costs \$50 and campers receive a Canton basketball t-shirt and a basketball.

Session II runs from July 14-18. The camp is held at Phase III at PCEP. Camp for grades 4-6 (Fall '97) runs from 9-10:30 a.m., and grades 7-9 (Fall '97) runs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Canton boys b-ball team and coaches will run and conduct the camp. Call Dan Young at 495-1079 for information.

The **Dan Young Basketball School** will take place July 21-25 at Phase III at PCEP.

Young, Canton boys basketball coach and 1996 News and Free Press Coach of the Year, will provide individualized instruction on the floor, as well as in the classroom.

The emphasis will focused around: developing a strong mental approach to high school/collegiate competition, fundamentals that will help improve your game, individual offensive and defensive techniques, and team offense and defense.

The classes are limited to 30 students and will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The cost is \$125 and includes a t-shirt, notebook and lunch on Friday. Call Dan Young at (313) 495-1079 for more information.

The Plymouth Recreation Department continues registration for their **Summer Park Program**.

The five registration locations are Kiwanis Park (Auburn and Junction), Jaycee Park (Harding and Joy), Garden Club Park (Sutherland and Forest), Rotary Park (Wing and Herald) and Fire House Park (Holbrook and Spring).

Each location will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Arts and crafts, active games, street showers, bowling, miniature golf and table games will accent the daily program.

Friday field trips are planned at the Detroit Zoo, the Skatin' Station, Rolling Hills Water Park, Kensington Metro-Park and Oakland County Wave Pool.

A fun-filled field day is planned for the final date on Aug. 15.

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for more information.

The program is free and participants must be City of Plymouth residents.



Community opinions

Canton resident decries pickets

'Quiet, residential area' no place for locked-out newspaper workers to demonstrate; police neglecting neighbors' rights to peace

EDITOR:

A couple of months ago, I read a newspaper article (The Community Crier, May 21, 1997) titled, "Locked-out newspaper workers picket Canton man's home."

The article stated that 30 members of six unions marched into a quiet residential neighborhood in Canton armed with picket signs, a bullhorn, a recording/playback machine, and some dressed in costumes and chanting slogans.

They set up their demonstration in front of John Anthony's home and two or three of his neighbors' homes.

They even crossed the street to argue with a neighborhood resident who was merely walking his dog. A Canton police sergeant arrived on the scene and instructed the demonstrators to halt their picket at 8:30 p.m.

I was shocked and appalled that the Canton police allowed such a demonstration in a quiet, residential area. So appalled, that I wrote to the Canton Chief of Police stating that it is against the law to disturb the peace and that

the Canton Police Department let this group of protesters do just that.

I was shocked and appalled that the Canton Police Chief allowed such a demonstration in a quiet, residential area. It is against the law to disturb the peace.

I received a letter back from Mr. John R. Santomauro, Director of Public Safety. He white-washed the whole incident in a reply letter to me by saying that it was a

"small demonstration, legal and peaceful."

Does 30 sign carrying, chanting, angry, argumentative strikers sound small and peaceful to you? It doesn't to me!

They weren't there to sell Girl Scout cookies. They were there to demonstrate and to disrupt the tranquility of a neighborhood — and they did.

It is my opinion that the Canton Police Department was derelict in their duty regarding this incident.

Disturbing the peace is against the law! And the Canton Police Department let them get away with it.

Shame!

Our homes and neighborhood should be protected from activities of this sort and be a place of peace and tranquility.

If people want to demonstrate, then take it to a commercial area or factory — not our home.

DANA ANTHONY

(NO RELATION TO ANYONE INVOLVED)

Politics and ethics not the same

Vorva's lawsuit and the March bond are not about political choices, but ethics

EDITOR:

I have just done something which those who know me will think is crazy. I have just sent a check to attorney Stephen Boak on behalf of Jerry Vorva's campaign to assure that 700 voters in the P-C school district are not disenfranchised. It's a crazy act because on a political level Mr. Vorva and I seldom agree on anything. But this isn't politics, this goes to the heart of a democratic society. One may vote based on politics, but your right to vote is an American's right.

What should cause everyone a real concern is the fact that the superintendent of the school district, and the school board, seem to think that because this loss of votes can be argued away through some technicality of the election commission that the loss of votes is "legal."

What seems to be missing in their thought process is their lack of understanding that what may be legal and what is "ethical" are not always the same. Ethically, those 700 people lost their votes because of the carelessness of the school district. Lawyers argue the law, honest

people see truth whether written or not.

The recent school board election for a seat on the board provides clear evidence that the district knew it had poorly served the electorate in the bond election. The added training and care taken with the June election shows clearly that they knew they had been in error in March.

Our superintendent would like to have our students grow as adults, as caring and good citizens. Perhaps he would do well to

This isn't politics, this goes to the heart of a democratic society. Your right to vote is an American's right.

set an example by admitting that his present stance exists in part because he won — however may votes were in doubt. Doing the right thing would be to permit the March voters to re-vote.

Of course it's not clear that doing the ethically

right thing is what he is likely to choose. In a recent lawsuit against the district the plaintiff was bought off rather than permit the truth to come out — another case of twisting the law to cover-up unethical behavior. We read about cases of corporations who pay the fine but admit no wrong. Apparently, that's the standard by which this district operates. Play the legal

angles regardless of, dare I say it, "moral behavior."

Perhaps those 700 voters supported the bond, perhaps not. Perhaps in a full hearing the former employee could not demonstrate that the superintendent's subordinate caused a constructive discharge, perhaps she could have. We'll never know because this superintendent, and I'm ashamed to say, this school board, would rather play the legal system than abide the ethical system.

So Mr. Vorva will receive a few dollars from someone who wouldn't vote for him,

but I'll feel I've done something morally good for my community. It's too bad the school district leadership can't say that.

I've asked the newspaper editors to not print my name because my spouse is a district employee, and the district's leadership's code of ethics almost certainly would lead to punishment for my spouse. It's really sad. I've always felt free to exercise my "right to write," but now I worry because of the devious nature of the so-called leadership of this district.

NAME WITHHELD

Challengers wasting money

Bond challengers are wasting time and money on something the school district desperately needs

EDITOR:

The recent letter about fund-raising efforts for the group seeking to overturn the recent bond approval has me very perplexed. Where is the community outrage that a few people are not only trying to stop a project desperately needed by the school district, but are causing the school district to spend taxpayer dollars defending a frivolous lawsuit?

The comment made in the June 22 article that the school board is "using our money against us" is equally offensive. The bond challengers are wasting everyone's money!

Do people really think that defending the democratic process is the goal of these people, or that they would be bringing this action if the bond had failed?

Hopefully no one is that naive: the goals are only to try to overturn the result of the election, not to ensure equal protection or represent the community.

That the district needs this project is clear, and no one who cares about quality education in our schools should doubt that. Our tax dollars are being wasted by every minute of delay, and I hope that the school district will seek sanctions against those causing this waste.

MICHAEL S. KHOURY



Community opinions

Airplane crash offered valuable lessons

Accident could have been a lot worse if it weren't for 'buffer zones' at the end of the runway, and cooperation between fire safety, rescue and law enforcement.

The Mettetal Airport mishap that occurred June 25 was quickly overshadowed by the complete devastation of the 35th District Court Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice a week later.

But the crash had two lessons that warrant a visit to the accident again.

It's fortunate that pilot Bill Kern and passenger Jacques Bourque received relatively minor injuries. Kern, known in the Mettetal Community as a meticulous pilot and active-trainer-of-young-pilots, played the "rapidly-changing weather and poorly-responding engine" hand he was dealt as best he could.

The margin of safety was the buffer zone purchased across Joy Road from Mettetal. Trees on the three north parcels had just recently been cut down.

Anti-Mettetal Airport forces had opposed buying the buffer zones at the ends of the Mettetal runway, erroneously ranting that the only reason to acquire the buffers was to lengthen the runways. This should put those arguments to rest forever.

Lesson Two was the increased desirability and ability of regional law enforcement, fire safety and rescue services to work together. As history is proving, Plymouth Township may well be the primary responder to Mettetal emergencies.

Cooperation between all the police-rescue-fire agencies and the Mettetal Airport Board and management was evident early at the Kern-Bourque scene. This should make the communities' residents feel safe, knowing that potential mishaps face the best of preparedness and mutual cooperation.

A crumpled plane can be replaced.

But there is no replacing good, shared community public safety and local airport operation.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The author was former chair of the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport Advisory Board.

With malice toward none

W. G. WENDOVER



Sheldon repairs a sign City forgot

Railroad, City of Plymouth neglect to provide residents advanced warning of Sheldon Road work

"Thanks a lot" say many Plymouth-Canton residents for the inconvenience and lack of notice from the Wayne County Road Commission and the CSX Railroad on Sheldon Road's grade crossing repairs. After the road was closed without notice and without detour signs erected, the news got out that Sheldon will be closed until Friday. At least the City of Plymouth has notified folks that the Central Parking Deck will be closed for repairs for a month and a half starting next Monday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)





Community opinions

Davis' legacy outlasts flames

The 35th District Court's Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice will rise again.

A mere \$5 million fire cannot end the fine tradition that has been earned by the Plymouths, Canton and the Northvilles to operating one of, if not "the," best district court in the State of Michigan.

One of our community's proudest traditions was that of the courthouse operation. The late, great Dunbar Davis set the tone of justice — real, honest to goodness justice — for which the 35th has been known.

It was fitting that the consolidated

court operation that opened in 1981 was named for him and his legacy. A new courthouse, says Chief Judge John MacDonald, will continue that. "I'm so glad to hear that," said Martha Davis, widow of the jurist, when she learned a rebuilt courthouse would carry the Davis name again.

Where will the courthouse be rebuilt?

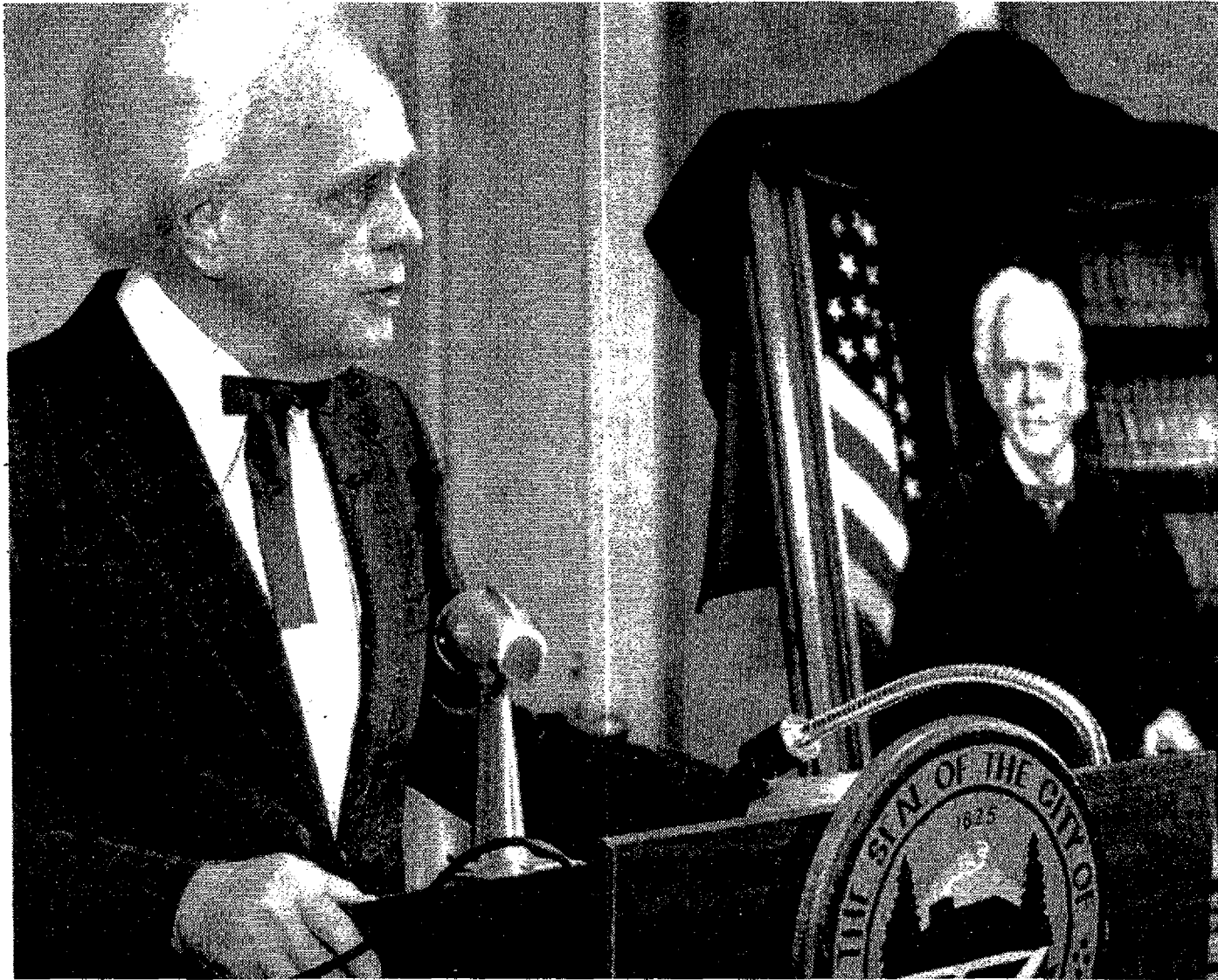
That's a good question at the moment.

When all the caseload, building cost and insurance proceeds are studied, it will be hard to imagine a better site than where it was can be found.

Convenience to the five participating communities, successful operations, and an existing site (with foundation and parking) will make it hard to beat as a location.

A committee, headed by former Judge James Garber (who spearheaded the courthouse consolidation in the first place), will sift through the ashes — both literally and figuratively — to determine how the new facility should be rebuilt.

Godspeed to that committee.
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At the dedication of the 35th District Court Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice, Davis addresses the crowd in front of his portrait. The painting was destroyed in last week's fire — but will be repainted for a rebuilt court, say Judges John MacDonald and Ronald Lowe. (Crier file photo)

Community rises, again

After every major disaster in this community, it seems compelling to note just how well people rise to the occasion here.

Once again, it's true.

From the very start of the fire, neighboring communities sent fire, rescue and police help. The owners at Ernesto's restaurant next door quickly helped patrons leave (without paying for their dinners), coffee shops and restaurants sent food and sandwiches,

temporary office space was offered, help of all types was volunteered by other courts, attorneys and prosecutors.

It is exactly this community spirit that gives encouragement that the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice will be back, rebuilt and in operation soon.

Congratulations and thanks to all who helped.
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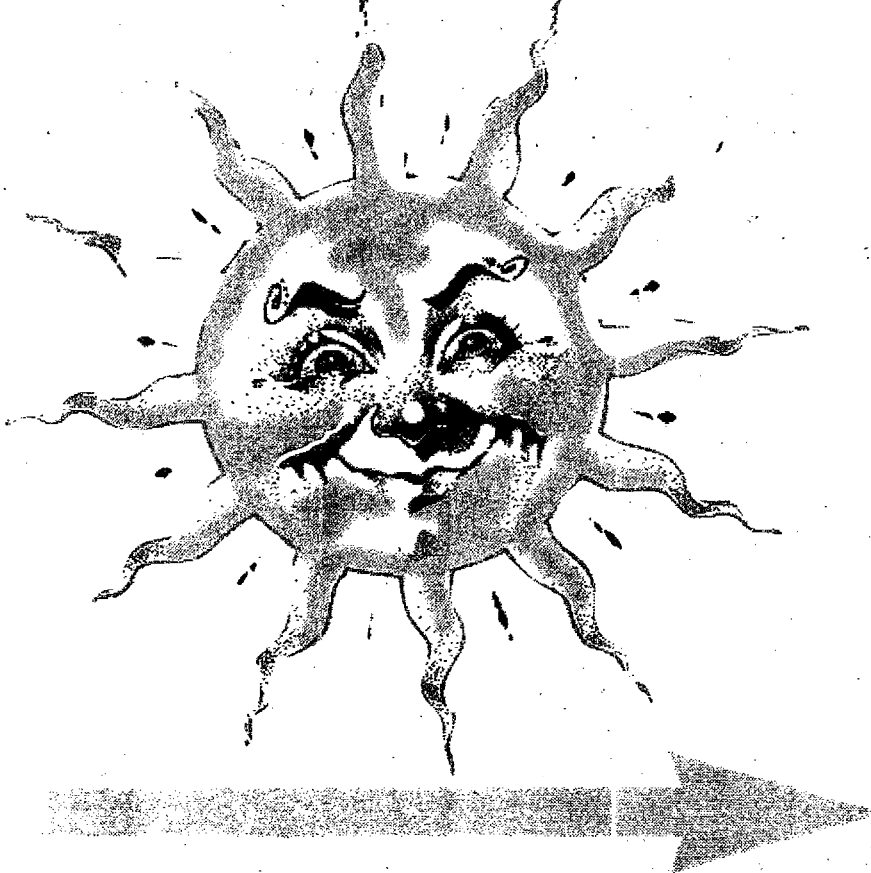
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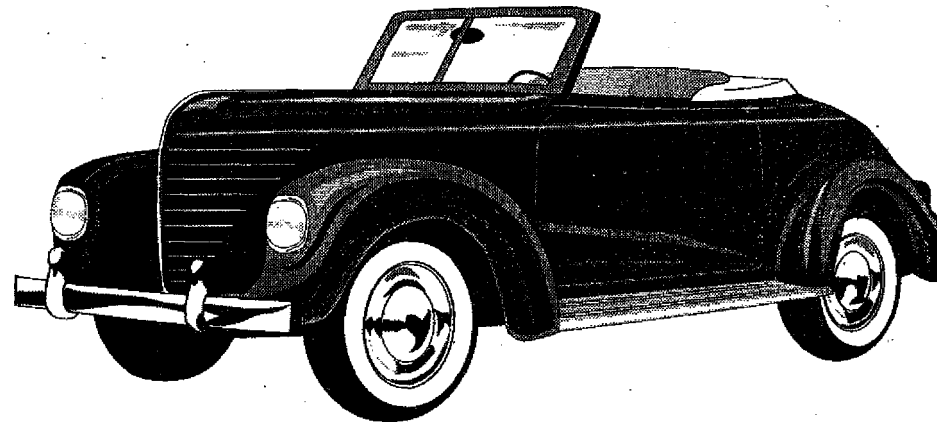
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