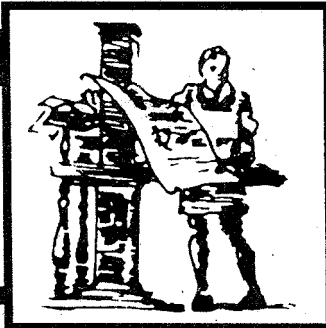


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## Gunfire riddles Canton homes

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A pair of Canton houses were damaged by gunfire in separate instances last week, according to Canton Police reports.

In one instance, a Canton homeowner reported being awakened by a popping sound and the sound of squealing tires at about 2 a.m. Tuesday.

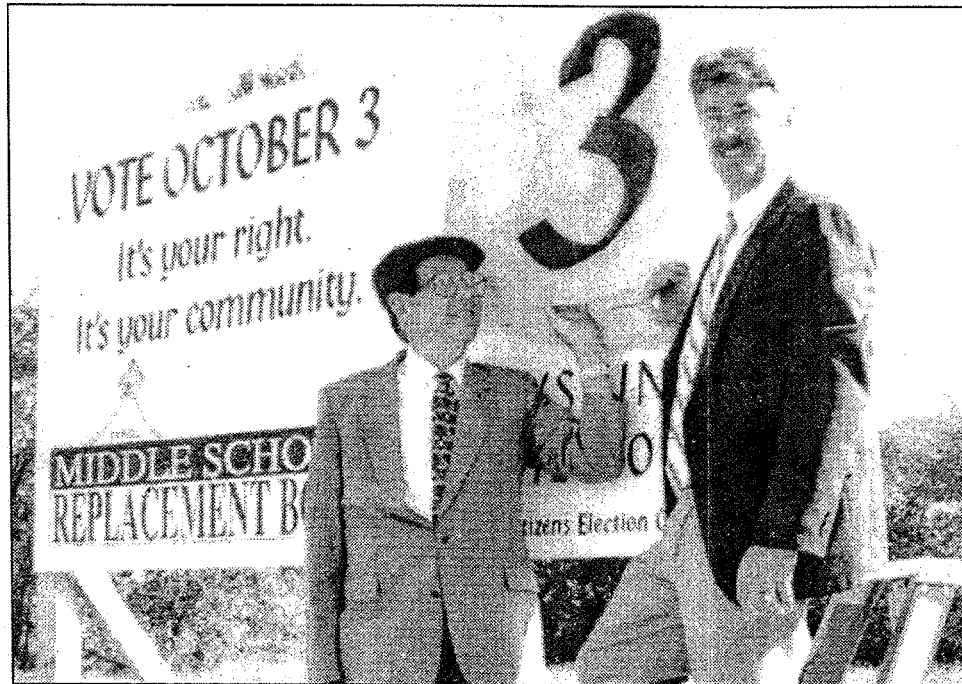
He reported the incident the following day, when he found several small bullet holes along the front of his house. Police responded to his home, which is located near Joy and Sheldon roads and found seven holes in the front of the home.

Many of the bullets had apparently lodged in window frames; one went through a porch pole and flattened against the house's brick wall, according to reports. Two other bullets entered windows and lodged inside the house, one in a ceiling fan and the other in a wall, according to reports.

Evidence technicians found 10 .22 caliber casings in the street in the front of the house, as well as a tire mark that belonged to a full- or mid-sized car, according to reports.

"This is gang-related," said Ofc. Leonard Schemanske. The resident also had

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E.J. McClendon and Patrick Williams, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, count down to Saturday's school bond election during a visit to the proposed middle school site on Canton Center Road. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

## Eye on bond undervotes

BY BRYON MARTIN

School supporters throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community will be watching the polls Saturday as voters decide whether or not to pass a \$19.7 million bond to build a replacement middle school and buy new buses.

Others in the community are interested in a different aspect of the returns: the number of undervotes.

Saturday's election will be the first

single-issue ballot the district has presented since March 1997, affording a comparison to that bond election in which 716 residents undervoted.

Those undervotes — ballots cast without a 'yes' or 'no' vote — led Jerry Vorva to sue the district, beginning an attritional legal battle that has stymied sale of the schools' bonds.

Depending on how many undervotes are

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## City hosts Chili Chefs, bikers Sat.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off is returning to downtown Plymouth this weekend, and it's bringing a number of old friends with it.

According to cookoff organizer Annette Horn, many of the chefs from the Michigan State Chili Championship, which took place during Fall Festival, are returning for this Sunday's event as are other competitors from around the state.

Back also will be the Chili Pepper 10K Run and the popular motorcycle show. It's all for a good cause, Horn said.

"The whole concept is that it's all for charity," she said. Funds raised during the event will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and the Salvation Army.

The day begins with an 8:30 a.m. fun walk, followed by the 10K Chili Pepper Run, which begins at 9 a.m. in Kellogg Park. Motorcycle registration begins at 10:30, and the chefs will begin mixing their concoctions at 11 a.m. Chili will be ready to sample by 2 p.m.

Horn said she expects about 300 runners for the Chili Pepper Run, and more than 3,000 motorcycles to line the downtown streets. Registration for both the run and the motorcycle show can happen on the day of the event, but the spots for chili chefs are closing fast.

"We've only got so much room for everyone," she said. "We've already got about 40 people signed up, and I've been

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### Home opener

Whalers season started with wins at North Bay, Sudbury

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### Changing hands

New menu, interior face lift among changes at Harvest Moon

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### The Sheriff

Waltonwood resident remembers law enforcement days

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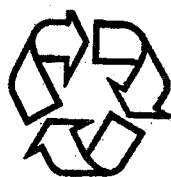
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# Robbers derailed

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Chalk one up to the railroad.

Canton police had an easy time arresting three men for robbery Sunday, when their escape route was blocked by a train.

The incident occurred about 8:10 p.m., according to police reports. A 47-year-old Canton woman left the Arbor Drug store on Morton Taylor and Joy roads and was returning to her car when a man allegedly grabbed her purse and jumped into a white mustang, which then fled east on Joy Road.

Ofc. Todd Wright and Ofc. Chris Wilsher responded from Joy and Sheldon roads. When they approached Lilley Road, they noticed a line of cars backed up from a train, according to reports.

They also saw a white mustang, similar to the one described in the robbery, heading westbound on Joy. They turned to follow and determine whether the vehicle was involved in the robbery. Plymouth Township Ofc. T. Spienko had turned from

South Main to Joy Road and effected a traffic stop on the mustang, which turned out to be the suspect vehicle, according to reports.

The three men inside the vehicle were arrested without incident, according to Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

Further investigation showed the men were involved in as many as a dozen similar crimes in Livonia, Westland and Dearborn Heights, Schemanske said.

"They've admitted to at least five of them, and we think they're responsible for more," Schemanske said. "It was the same style, and the same car."

The men, Marvin Barkley, Jevon Walker and Chris Hugley, all 19, from Detroit, were arraigned yesterday in front of 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald. All pled not guilty, and are being held in Wayne County Jail on a \$10,000 cash bond, Schemanske said. A preliminary exam has not yet been set.

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# Adele's heart

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Lodged between shelves of white towels and a row of discount perfume at the Kmart in Plymouth Township lies an unremarkable glass-case jewelry display, weakly lit and overwhelmed by red sale signs.

The jewelry is separated by category:



Adele gray, before the February mugging

watches, pearls and silver rings to the left, sapphires and diamonds to the right. Kmart sells a variety of diamond pieces, from earrings to bracelets. They're oftentimes cheaper, smaller stones, but diamonds nonetheless.

It is here that 69-year-old Adele Gray stood on the cold afternoon of Feb. 12, two days before Valentine's Day.

She was shopping for a pick-me-up, as was often the case that time of year. Her husband, Donny, had passed away nine years before the week of Valentine's Day. Ever since, the holiday that is a celebration of love for most has cast a shadow over Gray's heart.

She eyed a small diamond pendant, looped together with a thin gold chain, under the glass case. It was a good piece, on sale maybe and within Gray's modest budget. It was also heart-shaped.

She bought the pendant, bagged it and walked out of the store.

Brain Jackson, 18 years old, and his 21-year-old friend Michael Smith had a problem. They needed money.

They needed money so bad they could feel it in their veins, lungs, hearts and brains. The need made them shake. It blurred their vision.

The need overcame everything else. Jackson and Smith were desperate to fill its craving.

On the afternoon of Feb. 12, Smith and Jackson were particularly needy. Out of cash and luck, they drove their blue-green Escort into the Kmart parking lot at the corner of Ann Arbor and Haggerty roads.

She was out shopping for a Valentine's Day pendant when two men in search of drug money found her in a parking lot, and changed her life

They drove between rows of parked cars, working up the nerve to do something, anything.

They saw Adele Gray as she emerged from Kmart's automatic front doors. They saw her, unsuspecting, as they pulled up slowly behind. They saw her struggle, briefly, as they grabbed her purse.

Smith, the passenger, was the one who reached out. He made contact. For a moment, it was only him, her and a black leather purse between them. On one side was panic, the instincts of a victim to claw and fight. On the other was need, blinded by addiction.

Need won out.

The blue-green Escort sped from the parking lot, entered Ann Arbor Road heading eastbound and nearly struck another vehicle.

Left behind, writhing in pain on the icy pavement, was Adele Gray. Her hip shattered in the fall.

Nearly eight months have passed since the assault on Adele Gray. But the effects of that afternoon are still being felt.

The capture by Plymouth Township police of Michael Smith and Brian Jackson

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## Canton OKs \$1.3 M grant

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Board of Trustees approved a land grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Tuesday for 218 acres of potential park land in western Canton. The agreement does not obligate Canton to purchase the land.

## Teachers union questions benefits

BY BRYON MARTIN

If you want it, you've got to pay for it — that's what Plymouth-Canton School officials say about the health benefits teachers once received at no cost.

This year some 100 teachers have left the plan as the co-pay the district now requires for the coverage has increased. Instead, they're signing up for a less-expensive package called Preferred Choices.

It is that plan which is now available without a co-pay, although some teachers question the finances behind it.

Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth Canton Education Association (PCEA), alleges that the district is turning a profit by taking in increasing amounts from teachers on the two Blue Cross plans while paying out the lesser Preferred Choices costs.

"It's a money maker," he said. "They're asking teachers to pay the difference in the co-pay."

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The grant is for about \$1.3 million, 40 per cent of the estimated cost of the Coleman Trust property, which is located along Napier Road between Ford and Cherry Hill roads.

Canton has been interested in the possibility of purchasing the land for about two years, and the site has recently been put forth by citizens as an alternative to the township's proposed purchase of the Canton Softball Center.

Under the terms of the agreement, Canton would be responsible for the remaining 60 per cent of the cost, according to Dan Durack, Administrative and Community Services director.

The final price that is still unknown, Durack said. Two appraisals are being conducted on the property. Those appraisals, which should be completed within a week, will then be submitted to the MDNR, which will use them to determine a fair market value. Canton can then make an offer on the property, Durack said.

"Obviously the owners don't have to sell it for that amount," he said.

The land could be appraised at significantly higher than the \$3.1 million estimate.

Even if it were not, Canton may not offer to purchase the property because of the amount of improvements necessary before it would be useable, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"We weren't interested in the whole parcel to begin with," Yack said. "That was the only way they were willing to sell it."

Yack said Canton would be more interested in the property if the owners were willing to split up the parcel. He said he wasn't sure if the township was still willing to purchase the property.

"We're not to the point where we can say 'Yes we're interested,' or 'No, we're not,'" he said.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Tonight, WSDP 88.1 F.M. will broadcast the match between the Salem Boys Soccer team and Livonia Franklin, live from C.E.P. Stadium at 7 p.m.

### THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, the Plymouth Community Chorus hosts its 25th Anniversary Reunion at Canton's Summit on the Park. Call 734-459-6829 for details.
- Saturday, the Old Village Craft Fair takes place in Plymouth's Old Village. Call 734-453-1234 for more information.

### NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Canton's planning commission meets at 7 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.
- Monday, Plymouth's City Commission meets at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 201 S. Main St.
- Thursday, the Plymouth Library's writers group meets at 6:30 in the library. All aspiring writers are invited. Call 734-453-0750 for more information.
- Thursday, Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Board meets at 7 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall, 201 S. Main St.

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# 'Greasing the wheels to let them out.'

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in the early morning hours of Feb. 15 ended a three-day spree of purse snatchings. Besides Gray, Smith and Jackson had grabbed two more purses from women in Farmington and Farmington Hills over that weekend. Only Gray, however, suffered injuries from the assault.

Also, the heart-shaped pendant Adele had bought for herself was gone, presumably sold for drugs.

The two admitted to each purse snatching, admitted to drug problems and seemingly accepted responsibility for both. They were convicted and sentenced, each for two-15 years.

End of story. Justice had prevailed.

Not quite, says the family of Adele Gray.

Following the assault, Gray was transferred from St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor where she was slated for a hemiarthroplasty—hip replacement surgery. Because of a heart condition and blood thinners she had taken for years, Gray could not handle the surgery right away. She waited for three days while the swelling went down and the pain continued.

The surgery was successful and seven days later she was moved to Heartland Health Care Center in Ann Arbor. She would spend another 36 days recovering there.

"All this time I was away from my home, my family and my life...eating hospital food and learning to walk again," Gray wrote in her victim impact statement dated April 3. "All because these drug addicts needed a fix and chose me as their victim."

Gray returned home April 1, but it didn't last long. Still wobbly with every step, Gray's home life was stationary, with only the occasional painful trip to the bathroom.

"Now I must use a walker just to get around in my own home and outside," Gray wrote April 3. "I am unable to drive my car. I have a special chair in my bathtub because I can't take a regular bath anymore. A special connection was made to my telephone to accommodate a "life-line" attached to my wrist to call for help if I were to fall, since I fell my first day home and cut my face."

It would get worse for Gray. Home for only three days, she fell and shattered her other hip. Again she was put in the hospital for hip replacement surgery and again she was taken off her blood thinner medication, this time with disastrous results.

In May, Gray suffered a debilitating stroke, paralyzing her right side and leaving her nearly helpless to speak, bathe or feed herself.

Since the arrest of Jackson and Smith, the family of Adele Gray has been fighting at every turn to ensure maximum punishment. At the arraignment, Gray's daughter, Cynthia, the unofficial spokesperson for the Gray family, requested the highest possible bond for the two accused assailants.

"They messed with the wrong woman's mother," Cynthia said. "They've screwed up her life. They've got 15 years coming."

That was in February. While the sentence for both Jackson and Smith does carry a maximum of 15 years, today it appears as though Jackson, could serve less than the minimum two.

In July, the Gray family learned that Jackson was to be transferred to a Special Alternative Incarceration unit (SAI), or "boot camp," a stringent, controversial program designed to quickly alter the behavior of prisoners.

According to Matt Davis, spokesperson for the Department of Corrections, the only SAI facility in

## Plymouth Township Police Department

### Voluntary Statement Form

on February 15th we AND BRIAN were driving around with ~~no~~ <sup>M.S.</sup> no were to go. We had no money, no food, and our only shelter was his car. I was sick from Heroin withdrawals and I was mentally sick from my addiction. ~~MS.~~ <sup>MS.</sup> I am constantly Depressed about my addiction and at the same time heroin takes that away. I needed money so we thought about driving by some one and ~~grabbed~~ <sup>grabbed</sup> M.S. grabbing there purse. It was hard to do, I never did anything like this before we drove around alot but I couldn't get the nerve to do it. finally at the Kmart at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty with the help from my sickness I ~~did~~ did grab a lady's purse.

The confession statement Michael Smith gave to Plymouth Township police cites the cycles of heroin addiction as the catalyst for the robbery of Adele Gray, who still battles with her injuries today.

Michigan is located at Cassidy Lake in Chelsea. But Jackson was not transferred to Cassidy Lake. Instead, he ended up at Camp Lehman in Grayling, a minimum security prison without perimeter surveillance.

The Gray family was horrified to learn that a transfer to this camp meant Jackson could be released after serving less than his minimum sentence. In addition to the care of their mother, bore now had the burden of disillusionment.

"I figured about after a year we might start hearing things about an early release," Cynthia said. "But I never dreamed three months later. I felt very defeated."

The Gray family began a diligent letter-writing campaign, hoping against the odds to divert the Correction Department's decision to transfer Jackson. They wrote letters to nearly every level of government, from judges and prosecutors to the desk of Governor John Engler.

Thus far, they've gotten few replies.

Of those that did reply, including the Office of the Governor, most said simply that they were sorry, but this matter was beyond their control.

One letter from the office of the Attorney General Frank J. Kelley, written by Robert Ianni, assistant-in-charge, sounded a somewhat pessimistic note. In it he writes that while the Attorney General has no control over incarceration matters, "it does not appear to me... that these two men are being treated any differently than similar criminals in the system."

"The Department of Corrections' primary goal is to protect society by keeping these people behind bars and ensuring that...they have been rehabilitated as best as possible," the letter says. "In most cases, that effort does not succeed, but it is incumbent that the Department of Corrections at least try."

One woman, however, has taken up the Gray cause. Diane D'Agostini, assistant prosecutor at the Oakland County prosecutor's office, wrote a detailed letter to Dan Bolden, deputy director of the Department of Corrections, requesting that the security classification of Brian Jackson be increased.

"(Jackson's) placement in a minimum security camp facility is shocking considering he preys on women," she wrote. "His actions and background have displayed a flagrant refusal to abide by rules and it is frightening to know that he can roam the facility and even work outside the facility with this type of record."

According to her letter, Jackson was on probation for larceny when he was involved in the Gray assault. It also said that Jackson "used heroin and crack on a daily basis and was supporting himself by selling drugs at the time of the crime spree." Currently, the letter said, Jackson was not enrolled in a drug treatment program at Camp Lehman.

To date, D'Agostini said she has not gotten a response from Bolden, but hopes the Department of Corrections can at least offer the Gray family an explanation.

"I'm concerned Jackson could walk away from this facility," she said. "It is a serious concern with a person of his record."

Despite the Gray family's attempts, Jackson was transferred to Camp Lehman Aug. 31. The same day, Adele Gray lost her Blue Cross coverage and her family was forced to pay the \$115-per-day cost of her nursing home care.

"It's an outrage that the Department of Corrections is spending any extra energy to put (Jackson) into something special," Cynthia said. "They are greasing the wheels to let them out, and I am afraid when they do."

What this case says about the state's prison system remains to be seen. If Jackson is released early, and he does not violate his parole or commit more crimes, has justice prevailed?

For Adele, who eats pureed foods and is confined to a wheelchair, what can be said for punishment? Is it the job of the justice system to do more than correct nefarious personalities?

Last week Adele Gray returned home for the first time since May. Cynthia has quit her job as a court reporter to stay home and take care of her mother. She said her family has considered a civil suit, but right now her only concern is Adele's welfare.

"I'm tired of pursuing this," Cynthia said.

For her part, Adele still has goals and small aspirations.

"She wants to go to the new Casino Windsor," Cynthia said. "She still can't use her right hand, so I guess she'll have to pull the slot machine with her left."

Maybe at the casino, Adele's luck will change. Maybe she'll win some money, enough to buy back the heart that Jackson and Smith took from her.

# Bullets from 'gang activity,' hunters

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gang symbols on his car, which were painted there two weeks earlier while he was visiting friends in southwest Detroit, according to reports. Police are uncertain if the victim wants to press charges, according to Schemanske.

The second incident occurred the same day near Cherry Hill and Beck Roads. Homeowner Kim Barr called police when she found a bullet hole through one of her home's windows.

Reports said the bullet's trajectory carried it through a pair of closet doors, where it

lodged into a piece of door trim.

Upon investigation, police also found another bullet hole about 20 feet away. The second bullet apparently entered the house's outside roof gutter, according to reports.

Police traced the probable trajectory of the

bullets to a large field and wooded area to the north. They also found fresh deer tracks along Cherry Hill Road, according to Schemanske.

"Someone was probably shooting at the deer and the shots went wide," he said. "They carry a long way."

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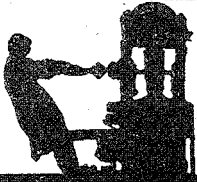
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1998

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

In the absence of Clerk Massengill, Trustee Griffith moved to appoint Trustee Arnold to act as Secretary for the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1998. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all, with Trustee Arnold voting no.

Item J-2 MediaOne Telecommunications Permit Application was administratively removed from the agenda, as requested by letter from MediaOne.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 22, 1998, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Griffith. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller requested that the September 8, 1998, Board of Trustee minutes be removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Griffith. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller asked that on page 2, Item H.2, Approval of Final Plat for Country Acres of Plymouth, be corrected by adding "and subject to a meeting being held with Shirley Barney, James Anulewicz and Trustee Mueller to ensure the concept is being met" following the words "on lots 179, 180 and 181." The entire motion will now read "approve the Final Plat for Application 1034/0598, Country Acres of Plymouth Subdivision No. 3 located North of Ann Arbor Road, south of Powell Road, west of Ridge Road, east of Napier Road, subject to the provision of financial guarantees in the form of cash or irrevocable letter in the amount of \$1,658,475, as recommended by the Township Engineer, and to the documents being modified, as approved by the Township Attorney to show that the tennis/pool facility shall be provided on lots 179, 180 and 181, and subject to a meeting being held with Shirley Barney, James Anulewicz and Trustee Mueller to ensure the concept is being met."

Supervisor Keen McCarthy requested that the minutes be corrected under *Others Present* by removing "Robert" and adding "Lawrence" Carey.

Trustee Arnold moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 1998, Regular Board of Trustee 1998, as amended. Seconded by Trustee Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public on non-agenda items.

Mr. Robert Nassar updated the Board on the water retention problem in Trillium Woods Subdivision.

The Supervisor asked Mr. McIlhargey, Township Building Official, to update the Board and Mr. Nassar on the progress in Trillium Woods Subdivision. Mr. McIlhargey stated that there have been several meetings with the developer, their engineer and with Dietrich Bailey's office. The Township requested another meeting, but there has been no response from the developer. On September 21, a Field Correction notice was issued giving them 10 days to respond to the Ordinance violation. If they don't respond within 10 days a ticket will be issued and the matter will go to court.

No other public comments.

Trustee Curmi moved to approve Resolution 98-09-22-44, with the change in the Debt rate from 0.2236 to .22, adopting the 1998 Millage Rate and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to sign Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 verifying said rate. Seconded by Trustee Arnold.

#### Roll Call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: Edwards  
Absent: Massengill

Resolution declared adopted.

The resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal  
Treasurer Edwards moved that October 27, 1998 be established for a Public Hearing on the request from Hella North America, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for their new facility, located on Lot 12, Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Treasurer Edwards moved to authorize Supervisor Keen-McCarthy and Clerk Massengill to sign the Release of Easements for property located on the Northwest corner of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads, as

requested by Unisys Corporation. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller clarified the correction of the minutes of the regular meeting dated September 8, 1998, with respect to the approval of the final plat for Country Acres of Plymouth. A meeting was held with Mr. Anulewicz, Mrs. Barney, Mr. Witthoff, Township Attorney, and herself to review questions she had with the number of homeowner associations related to the entire Country Acres of Plymouth project. The entire project will be governed by three homeowners associations upon completion, which arrangement was set forth in the original RUD Agreement approved by the Board as recommended by Township staff and consultants. The pool-clubhouse facility will be operated and maintained by a fourth association, the "Community Center Association" which consists of all residents in the development. The developer put forth good and valid reasons for the multi-association frame work which included fair allocation of maintenance costs to each section of the development and the ability to speed up the transfer to the homeowners the control of their Association. Accordingly, the multi-association arrangement for this project, which the Board previously approved, appears prudent.

Trustee Curmi asked the Supervisor who had been appointed as Project Manager for Y2K and when will the Board receive a report. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated that Bob Janks will be the chairperson of the Committee and Rosemary Harvey will be the liaison between the Township and the CWW. Individuals from each department will be placed on the Committee. Rosemary Harvey gave a brief report of requesting inventory of items in individual departments that have potential of being effected.

Trustee Griffith thanked Rosemary Harvey for the cost analysis status report from YCUA which indicates how the costs will be escalating.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy informed the Board that she would be meeting with Consumers Energy on September 23. They will be submitting plans for the installation of a regulator station on the grounds at Western Wayne Correctional Facility.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy advised that she has been appointed by the Conference of Western Wayne as the Conference's Representative to the EMS Board (Emergency Management). EMS is the Coordinator for all emergency pre-hospital care.

Trustee Arnold asked the date for the Budget Meeting. The Supervisor stated that the detailed Budget Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3, 1998. If there are no significant changes, it will be discussed again at the work session on October 6, and the Board will act on it at the regular meeting on October 13. However, if there are significant changes, additional review of the Budget would then take place at the October 20, work session, to allow the department heads time to make revisions and placed on the October 27 agenda for Board action.

Mr. Roy Hart addressed the Board referring to a discussion by the City Commission at their September 21, meeting concerning delay in Fire Department response time. Supervisor Keen-McCarthy explained that the system currently in place, following input from both communities' Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs, was agreed to by the City and Township prior to the fire departments merger. Short of merging dispatch, it is the best system that could be achieved. There has been no degradation in response time in the past four years, which is between 3 and 4 minutes. She continued that the City has not notified the Township of any issues concerning this matter.

Mr. John Seidelman addressed the Board concerning televising Board Meetings. It was explained that in 1992/93, Omnicon did provide the means to televise the meeting. However, the success was dependent upon volunteers who were not always available to attend meetings. Ameritech NewMedia and MediaOne have provisions to do so in the future. A grant will permit the cameras to be installed and hopefully a part-time employee can be hired to film meeting.

It was moved by Trustee Arnold and seconded by Treasurer Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Ayes all.

Kay Arnold, Acting Secretary  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
Board of Trustees

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Danielle Simescu**, daughter of **Dorothy and Barry Simescu** of Plymouth; and **Stephen Filios**, son of **Patricia and John Filios** of Canton recently spent a week at this year's Summer Youth Programs at Michigan Tech University.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Michael R. Brescoll**, son of **Joseph R. and Christine L. Brescoll** of Canton, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville, homeported in San Diego.

He is a 1980 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Fireman **Joseph D. Fournier**, son of **Daniel G. and Ellen M. Fournier** of Canton, recently visited western Australia after leaving the Arabian Gulf on a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis.

Fournier's ship spent a record 131 days in the Arabian Gulf to support Operation Southern Watch, helping to enforce U.N. mandates levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

He is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Aaron J. Bell**, son of **John J. and Sarah A. Bell** of Plymouth, received a Letter of Commendation while assigned aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

He is a 1992 graduate of Canton High School.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Bryan S. Swanson**, son of **James A. Davison** of Canton is halfway through a five-month deployment aboard the guided missile frigate USS Doyle.

Sawson is one of more than 200 sailors aboard the ship which departed its home port of Mayport, FL to participate in Unitas, a multinational exercise held off the coast of South America.

**Jonathon M. Jiovani**, son of **Carl M. and Suzanne M. Jiovani** of Canton; **Sarah S. Hoffmeier**, daughter of **Willis L. and Barbara A. Hoffmeier** of Northville; have completed training and received the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.

## The sheriff of Waltonwood

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When 87-year-old Richard Aleks of Canton tells a story, he always begins it the same way:

"This is a good story, and it's the God's honest truth," he says. "And may He strike me down if a single word of it is untrue."

Aleks, a retired Wayne County Sheriff, has plenty of stories to tell. He worked for the Department for 21 years, and earned numerous citations during his storied career. One of the awards he is most proud of is his pistol marksman award. He always kept that shiny metal bar with him in his front pants pocket, until he lost it during a recent hospital visit.

The Wayne County Sheriff's department replaced the medal last week, and Aleks quickly pinned it on the lapel of his favorite sport coat. He now lives in Waltonwood, where he enjoys telling stories of his law enforcement days.

### Like shooting fish in a...lake

Aleks and his partner were working midnights and patrolling in Hines Park. They stopped by a lake in Plymouth. Aleks looked out into the water and saw the silvery shadow of a fish slightly below the surface about four or five yards away from the shore.

"As I watched it, another fish started swimming right next to it," he says. "I took out my gun and got one shot off. Both fish floated up to the surface. It was a thing I never should have done, but I couldn't resist it."

Aleks said he had been in more than his share of shootouts during his time on the force, and in his earlier position as a police officer with the City of Detroit.

The stories he most likes to tell are the ones that don't involve violence, however.

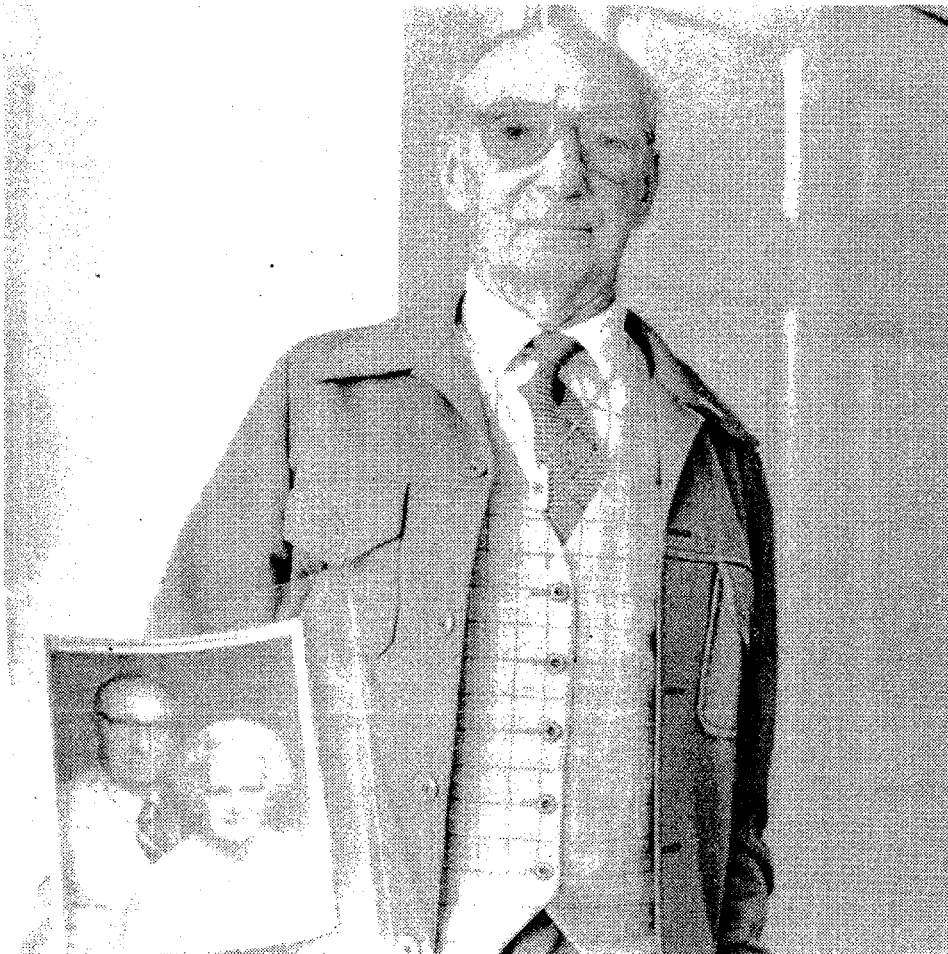
### The youngest B&E artist

"This is a good story, and it's the God's honest truth," he says. "My partner and I were working midnights, and the captain had told us all that there was a five-year-old boy missing for the past two days, and we should all keep an eye out for him. He gave us all a description and off we went.

"Now, we drove around all evening and it was about 4:30 in the morning, when my partner was sound asleep, that I saw the bottom half of the door to the party store on the corner of Hix and Ford Road had been broken out."

Aleks called the situation in and woke his partner. He sent his partner around back, while he crawled in through the broken door to find pieces of candy littering the floor.

He also found, after checking the regis-



**Richard Aleks**, a retiree from the Wayne County Sheriff's department, keeps himself busy at Waltonwood senior center. Although his wife, Lena (in photo) is in a nursing home in Chelsea, she is never far from his side. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)

ter, that all the change had been removed, with not so much as a nickel left. A quick search of the building showed that whoever had broken in had left. When he went back outside, however, he saw a small figure walking away from the scene. He matched the description of the missing boy, he says.

"I knew that he was the missing boy and the break-in artist, too," he says. "I called after him and he tried to run, but he couldn't run because his pockets were filled with change. He could barely move his legs, there was so much change in his pockets."

### The day he saved the railroad

One night, while patrolling, Aleks was called in to check out a suspicious situation. He was on Michigan Avenue, by the psychiatric hospital. The roads were dirt back then, and he stopped by the railroad tracks before crossing them.

"You always look both ways before you cross or you're a goofball," he says.

The left side was clear. On his right, though, Aleks saw a man crouching by the railroad tracks, about 200 yards away from the road. He called it in and went to

investigate, thinking the man had probably passed out drunk. What he found was something different.

Aleks says it was a patient from the hospital, who, using makeshift tools, had somehow managed to dismantle a section of the railroad tracks.

"I told him, 'Well sir, you've done enough good work for one day,' and I walked him back to the hospital," Aleks says. "Then I called in to the station and shouted for them to for God's sake stop all the trains that might come that way.

"They treated me like royalty then," he added. "They says I'd never know how many lives I'd saved. I always thought it was an act of God that sent me there."

Aleks says it was instances like that that made the job so worthwhile. It never seemed monotonous to him, although it occupied more than two decades of his life.

"I loved the excitement of it," he says. "It was like a crossword puzzle to me, except I used psychology and diplomacy to figure problems out. I was always like that, and may God paralyze me if I'm not speaking the truth."

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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business



**Melissa K. Flynn** (above) has joined the public and financial relations consulting firm of Durocher•Dixon•Werba, LLC. In her new position, Flynn will work closely with clients on communications and marketing efforts, event planning, opinion research and other public relations-related activities.

Flynn and her husband, Mark, reside in Plymouth.

**Jeffrey A. Burstein** has been named Executive Director of the Automated Imaging Association, North America's trade association for machine vision suppliers and users.

Burstein, who had been managing director of the organization since 1986, lives in Plymouth with his wife, Jayne and daughters Lily and Eliza.



**Deborah Silverman** (above), of Plymouth, will receive the Award for Excellence in the Practice of Dietetic Education from the American Dietetic Association (ADA).

The award, which recognizes an outstanding dietitian who demonstrates excellence and leadership, will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the ADA annual meeting in Kansas City.

## Harvest Moon changes hands

*Different menu, interior facelift among new owner's plans*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The restaurant scene in Plymouth is changing again, and Harvest Moon is the next to go.

The popular vegetarian restaurant, located on Forest Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing Street, will become Missi's as of Oct. 1.

The name won't be the only thing to change, according to new owner Deann Szeliag. Missi's menu will feature Szeliag's own recipes.

"I grew up on a farm with down-home cooking," she said. "Many people have told me I should try my hand at it."

The restaurant will have a country diner theme, and serve breakfast and lunch, she said.

"It's what you would normally ask for if you were at home: bacon, eggs, hashbrowns or a sandwich like what your mom used to make," she said.

In addition to the breakfasts and sandwiches, Szeliag said she will also offer brown bag lunches for business folks and daily specials. She also said she will keep some of Harvest Moon's veggie sandwiches for their regular patrons.

Szeliag previously worked in sales and said that owning a restaurant was something she always wanted to do. When she began scouting locations, she was looking for something close to her Livonia home. Plymouth seemed to fit the bill, and Harvest Moon seemed like the ideal place.

"My maiden name is Moon, so it felt like it was supposed to be," she said. "I could envision the restaurant when I walked in. It felt like it was the perfect size to start out in."

Szeliag said she will probably close the restaurant between when she takes position of it next week and when she hopes to open to the public Oct. 30. While she doesn't plan major renovations, she said she will perform some modifications to the interior.

"I'm going to freshen it up a bit and give it more of a country look," she said. "It needs a feminine touch."

She plans to have a grand opening celebration Nov. 10, and said she hopes Missi's will provide a good alternative for dining downtown.



**Deann Szeliag** (above) will transform Harvest Moon into Missi's, a country-style diner this month. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

"Being a sales rep I worked on the road a lot and I know there's not much of a variety when you eat out," she said. "I'm taking a look at what was important to me when I was going out to lunch. You have to give customers a variety and a reason to come back."

## Penn Theatre to hold Gemini concert

*Downtown landmark to try to expand children events*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Ron Cook and John Mazzei purchased the Penn Theatre in May, they promised to bring magicians, matinees and more children's activities to the Plymouth landmark.

Now, they're proving it.

With an Oct. 24 concert featuring Gemini — twin musicians that play a variety of children's music — Mazzei said he hopes to start a new era of entertainment at the Penn.

"We have a lot of ideas about what we want to do, but one thing we don't want to do is make the business something besides a movie house," Mazzei said. "We are just trying to bring in some live

entertainment."

Gemini performs a variety of music for children and families, Mazzei said. They alternate singing with playing any of several different instruments throughout their show. Mazzei said the Gemini brothers play flute, guitar, violin and mandolin, as well as sing familiar children songs and their own catchy tunes.

Mazzei said the Gemini concert is an experiment and if it goes well he hopes to offer similar concerts throughout the year. The main goal is to provide an entertainment alternative for children, he said.

"Technically Plymouth does a good job with children's activities in the

summertime with music in the park," he said. "We want to give the kids something to do in the winter and fall, too."

Mazzei said he is looking to providing other types of entertainment at the Penn, as well. He and Cook have had a number of requests to show 'art' or independent films and they are looking into that possibility.

"They typically require a different type of projector, and we're looking into the cost of that," he said.

Tickets for the 2 p.m. Oct. 24 Gemini show are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, and can be purchased at the theatre, Mazzei said. The price of admission also includes a free movie ticket.



# Co-pays on the rise

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The amount the district collects in co-pays each month has increased at some levels as much as 464 per cent since 1997. The amount it pays out for benefits has remained the same.

The arrangement was created during negotiations that produced the district's current three-year contract with teachers.

As stipulated in that agreement, teachers who sign up for the Preferred Choices plan pay nothing out of pocket for their coverage. Coverage under the plan costs the district \$160 for a single subscriber, \$325 for a couple and \$387 for a family. The district has set these amounts as the limits it will pay for benefits.

Teachers can also opt for either of two Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans, both more expensive than Preferred Choices. Those who pick the Blue Cross plans must pay the difference through monthly deductions from their paychecks.

Since 1997 the single-, couple- and family-coverage levels in both Blue Cross plans have increased, enough so to prompt teachers to change their coverage.

One 26-year-old teacher at Allen Elementary who wished to remain anonymous said her decision to switch was purely financial. "I did it just because of money," she said.

When she decided to teach second grade in Plymouth-Canton four years ago rather than in another district, it was because she was "impressed with the pay scale, reputation and benefits," she said.

Now, it's as if the district has reneged.

"We work hard for the district and we feel like they've taken away our benefits," she said, explaining that the hard feelings are probably a hangover from the contentious negotiations of 1996.

Before then all teachers received traditional Blue Cross coverage free of any co-pay. But during the heated bargaining, teachers and management haggled over pay increases and health care options. As a result, two more plans were created during — another Blue Cross package called Community Blue, and the Preferred Choices plan.

Preferred Choices is part of a smaller healthcare network which proved to cost the district less. It replaced the Blue Cross plan which all teachers had received at no cost. Teachers who stuck with the plan now pay as much as \$1,474 a year for the same coverage.

"That's where employe concern has come in," Erroll Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations and personnel, said.

Increases in the cost of coverage reflect more employe claims and a trend felt throughout the healthcare industry. He also said the district has nothing to do with setting the rates healthcare providers charge.

"Whatever they give me is what I pass on," he said.

Portelli says the district should strive to make all three plans more affordable.

"They need to find a way to make co-pays fair," he said. "Or I'll be forced to make an economic choice and not a health care choice."

According to the second-grade teacher from Allen, that's the only option she had.

"I don't know if I feel okay with the choice because I don't really have a choice. I can't afford the old coverage" she said. "It's upsetting."

Some who have switched to Preferred Choices have had to change doctors as well. Another teacher from Allen said her kids will no longer see the pediatrician who has treated them since birth. She said she isn't crazy about making the change this year, but that it's "too early to tell" if it will produce any difficulties.

"It's been easy because with haven't made any claims to compare it with yet," she said. "We're one of the families

who've been very healthy."

For those battling serious illness, a switch isn't as easy, even if it is cheaper.

It was three years ago that Kathy Sykes began her battle with breast cancer. "I was healthy one day, and 24 hours later I was not."

For Sykes, who works with students

in special education at Allen, the fight has been mentally and physically grueling. Part of what has helped her survive has been the doctors she has come to know through her operations and treatments.

"They come out of the operating room and see me and say 'What are you doing here again,'" she said. "By now they know me well enough to bring me coffee and not juice after my operations."

When the cancer came, she chose doctors in the district's traditional Blue Cross coverage which she'd had for 23 years with no co-pay.

Now she pays \$26 out of each paycheck, she said, a 175 per cent cost increase. "I don't think that's equitable," she said.

"I'm not unhappy with my coverage," she said. "But I have all these years of service to the district and I'm the one who's paying extra. There's something wrong with that picture to me."

Nonetheless, a change in coverage would mean a change in doctors, a prospect she finds frightening. "Your life goes on the line and you want to have doctors you can trust," she said.

Sykes is a member of the district's health benefits committee, and says the district could set its pay-out limits higher.

"If I could have complete coverage without the co-pay that would make me happy," she said. "I think (the district) can provide health care for us. They had for 23 years."

*I have all these years of service to the district and I'm the one who's paying extra. There's something wrong with that picture.*

— **Kathy Sykes**  
Allen teacher

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# Events

**PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD**

The Plymouth Theatre Guild proudly presents, *The Nerd*, a play directed by Sandy Rosenberger. The show plays **Oct. 4**. All shows will be performed at The Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Tickets for the shows are \$8 in advance and \$9 at the door. For more information or group rates, call (248) 349-7110.

**LIBRARY TOUR**

The Women's Club of Plymouth will be hosting a Know Your Community Luncheon at noon on **Oct. 2**. The event will be catered by the Penniman Deli, and feature a tour of the Plymouth District Library by the library staff. Tickets for the event are \$15. For more information call ticket hairperson Rita McClumpha at (734) 453-2065.



**THIRD ANNUAL ART & CRAFT FAIR**

The Old Village Third Annual Art & Craft Fair will be held **Oct. 3-4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in Old Village. Come enjoy the great music, food and fun. For more information call (734) 454-1314.

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY**

The Plymouth Symphony has announced its 1998-99 concert season. The season opens **Oct. 17, 1998 at 8 p.m.** at the Salem High School Auditorium, and will feature a performance by Flutist Deborah Rebeck Ash. **Nov. 21**, guest conductor Anthony Iannaccone will perform, as will vocal soloists Glenda Kirkland and Conwell Carrington. For more information, or to order tickets for these or other symphony events, please call the symphony office 451-2112.

**GLASS BLOWING CLASSES**

Don Schneider of York Street Glassworks is offering classes on how to blow glass beads and ornaments. The two-day bead classes will be held **Oct. 11-12; 25-26; Nov. 1-2 and 15-16**. Ornament classes on **Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28; and Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25**. For more information call (734) 459-6419.

**HALLOWEEN DANCE**

St John Neumann Singles will be holding a Halloween Dance **Oct. 24**, at 8 p.m. Pop, pizza and other treats will be provided, over 21 B.Y.O.B. Admission is \$8. For more information call (313) 277-6083; (734) 454-4269 or (734) 480-7830.



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## Schools

### GED TESTING

GED testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Adult Education Department. Testing will take place on **Tuesday, Oct. 6** and **Thursday, Oct. 8** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and/or 5-10 p.m. both days (it is a 2-day test). The test will be held at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI. Registration fee is \$75. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4901.

### FIRE HOUSE VISIT

On Oct. 15 at 9:15 a.m. the Fire Safety House will pay a visit to the NW corner of the Gallimore parking lot. The fire safety professionals will teach fire safety to the 3rd grade classes.

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### MEET OTHER MOTHERS (MOM)

Meet Other Mothers meets on the **second and fourth Fridays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** MOM's main goal is to provide an outlet for those moms who are at home, either full or part time, with their children and are seeking a network of women in similar situations. They also schedule an evening activity, MOMs night out, once a month. For more information call (734) 207-9715.

### AMERICAN LEGION RUMMAGE SALE

The American Legion Post No. 112 in Plymouth Township is holding a rummage sale Thursday, Oct. 1 at the I.O.O.F. Hall at Elizabeth and Ann Arbor Trail. The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call Joe Berman at (734) 459-7324.

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, on the third **Thursday** of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Barb Kobiela, 464-1129.

### HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The heart cancer support group meets the second and fourth **Monday** of each month, 7pm, at Northville's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

### GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.

### CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

Canton Republican Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. Call Melissa McLaughlin, 495-0304.

### USED BOOK SALE

Friends of the Plymouth Library will hold a special used book sale on **Oct. 1-3** during regular library hours. For more information call (734) 455-0782.

## GUIDE to Entertainment

## Go P.C.N

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

### BOULDERS

734-459-4190; Wed. and Sun.: Karaoke. Sat.: Conformation

### CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900. "There's Something About Mary" "Snake Eyes" "Blade" "Rounders" "Rush Hour" "One True Thing"

### CENTER STAGE

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

### CROWS NEST

734-459-4020; Wed.-Sat.: D. L. Turner

### ERNESTO'S

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### GENITTI'S HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater: "I Do...I Think."

### KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live music: Mud Puppy

### MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Live Musical Theatre "Raggedy Ann & Andy."

### PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "Lethal Weapon 4"

### PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

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

### STATION 885 RESTAURANT

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

### WAGON WHEEL LOUNGE

248-349-8686; Thurs. Open Jam, and Sat.: Karaoke

### WEST SIDE SINGLES

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

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

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**Clockwise from left: Laura Heywood turns fresh-picked apples into gooey, caramel covered treats; Owner Han Neuroth surveys the days pickings while Canton's Paul Kiefer helps his daughter, Rebecca find the perfect apple (right) and later take a stroll through the orchard with Gayle (below). (Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.)**



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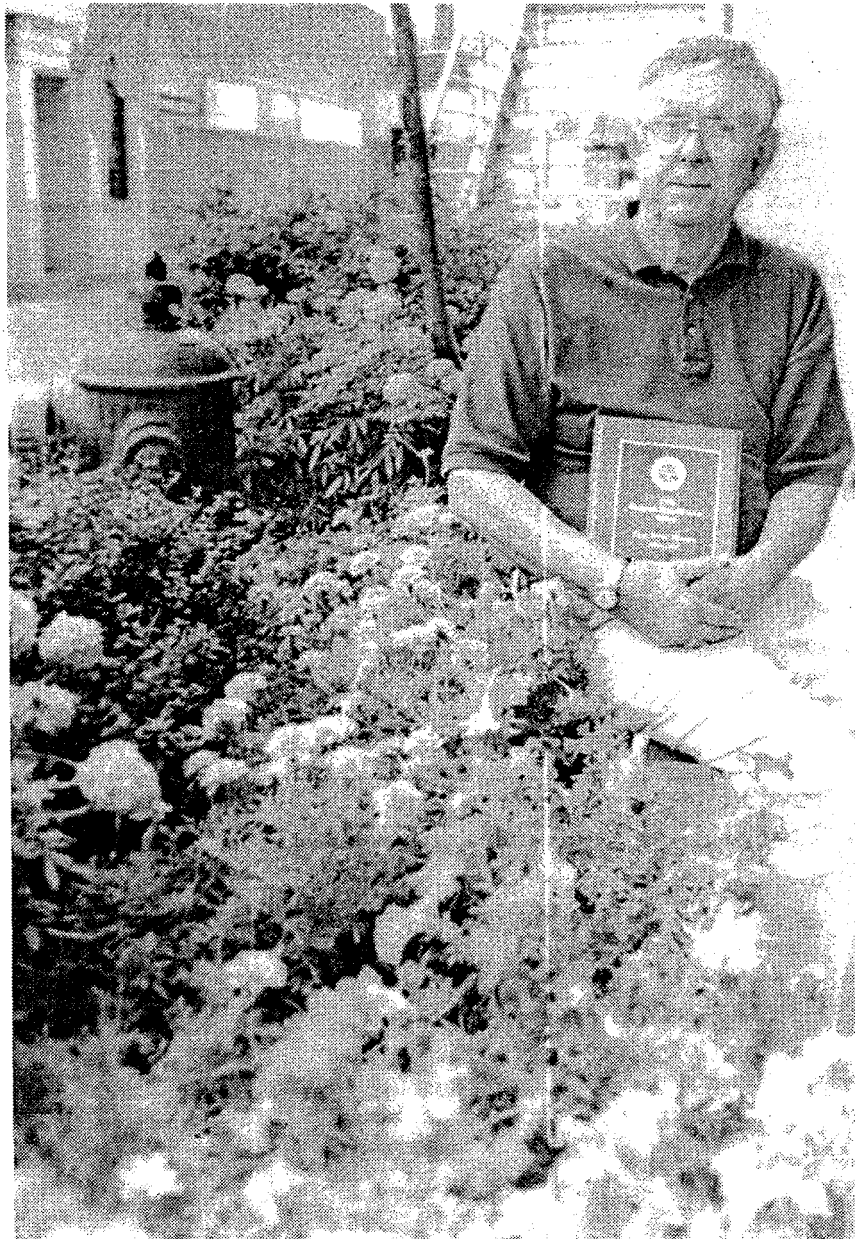
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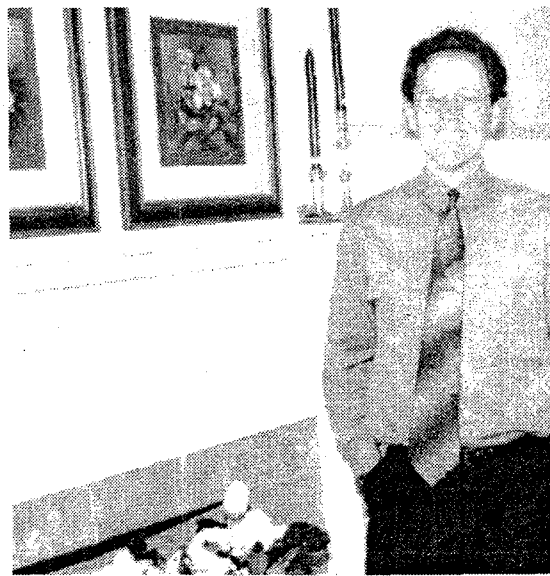
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# Home (town) improvements



The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce have announced the winners of the 1998 Beautification Awards. The Awards are given to community members who make an extra effort to make Plymouth look better. And the winners are . . .



The winners are (above) Allen O'Dell for landscaping along Fleet Street, "Gabrialla's Hidden Secrets for the Home" for interior design (above center), R.G. Meyers and Associates (far right) and PDC Glass of Mich. (bottom) for exterior improvements. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr. and Scott Spielman)

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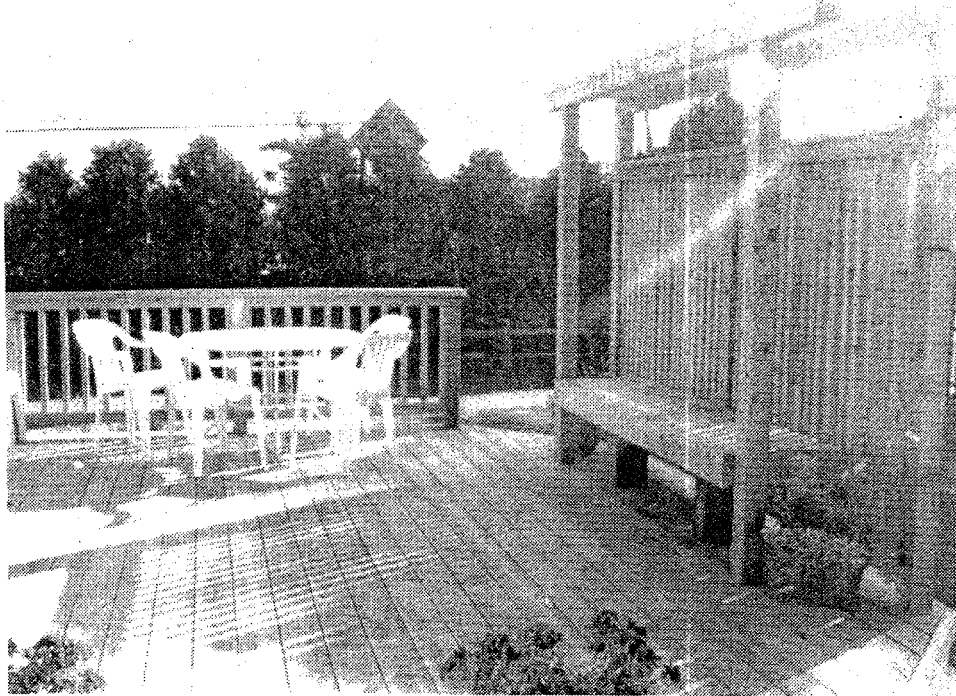
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This deck in Canton, in the backyard of Bob and Marianne Sanborn, was designed and built by Outdoor Ingenuities. The shaded trellis on the right is made of cedar, looks good and smells great. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

# Backyard refuge

*Decks can be built around any customer's needs and desires*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

For some, a backyard is a nuisance. Cut the grass. Pull the weeds. Scare off the pesky squirrels.

For others, a backyard is a place of refuge, their own bit of earth to sculpt and to cherish. Some grow elaborate gardens, some keep the perfect lawn and some build decks.

Sometimes the decks are small, and simple, a wood platform large enough to hold only a few lawn chairs and a flower pot. Othertimes they are very large, many layered, and loaded with enough accessories to make James Bond jealous.

When it comes to decks, the equation is simple: the more you want, the more you pay, and there is no limit to what you can get.

"Anything the customer wants is

pretty much buildable," says Steve Morgan, a deck builder who works with Outdoor Ingenuities in Canton. "If you want to build around a corner, we can do that. If you want to build a deck 20 feet high, we can do that too."

The process begins with the customer's vision. Generally, most deck companies will design a deck to fit the customer's needs and desires.

After the design is approved, the customer then must choose what materials the deck will be made from.

According to Morgan, there are three basic choices: pine, cedar and trex.

Pine is the cheapest. It is usually treated by pressure, chemicals or both to help withstand the weather.

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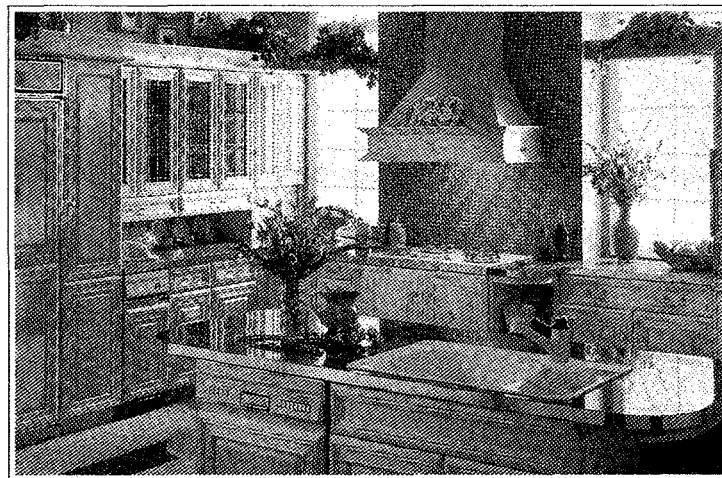
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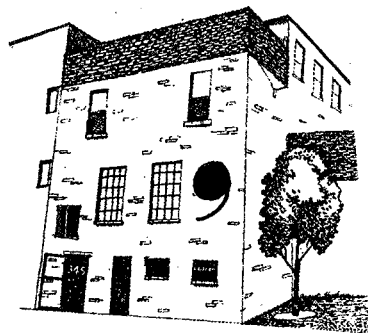
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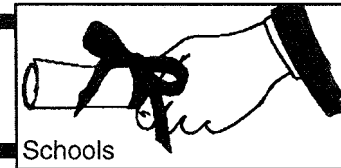
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## Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Student Calendar

First day for teachers .....Aug. 31  
 First day for students 1/2 day k-12 .....Sept.1  
 Labor Day .....Sept. 7  
 Student 1/2 day (K-8)/Full day all staff .....Sept. 24  
 Student 1/ day (K-12) (inservice) .....Nov. 3  
 No school (K-5)/Half day (6-8)/Full day (9-12) .....Nov. 20  
 No school (K-12) (Staff EC/SC) .....Nov. 25  
 Thanksgiving break .....Nov. 26 & 27  
 Winter break .....Dec. 21-Jan.1  
 Classes resume .....Jan. 4  
 Student 1/2 day (K-12) (inservice) .....Jan. 18  
 Student (6-12) No school/Half day (K-5)/Full day staff Jan. 22  
 MEAP test windows - Grades 4, 5, 7,& 8 .....Jan.25-Feb.12

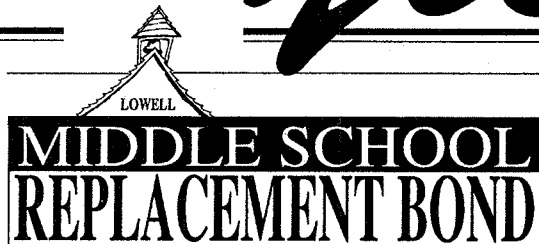
Mid-winter break .....Feb. 22-26  
 Student 1/2 day (K-12) Full day staff (inservice) .....Mar.17  
 Spring vacation .....April 2-9  
 Student 1/2 day (K-12) inservice) .....May 13  
 Memorial Day .....May 31  
 Last day for students .....June 17  
 Last day for staff .....June 18  
 Make up days due to emergency closings will be determined.

### District Mission Statement

In partnership with the community, we expand and enrich educational opportunities, empowering each student to achieve personal excellence.

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**BIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (734) 416-3100; 220 Sheldon Road, Plymouth 48170. Jane VanSteenis, principal.

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**FARRAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (734) 420-7100; 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth 48170. Ann Kuhn, principal.

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**GALLIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (734) 416-3150; 8375 Sheldon Road, Canton 48187. Valorie Williams, principal.

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**ISBISTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (734) 416-6050; 9300 Canton Center Road, Plymouth 48170. Lee Harrison, principal.

**MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** (734) 416-4800; 43721 Hanford Road, Canton 48187. Peggy Brooks, principal.

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**LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL:** (734) 416-2880; 8400 Hix Rd., Westland 48185. Roche LaVictor, principal.

**PIONEER MIDDLE SCHOOL:** (734) 416-2770; 46081 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth 48170. Tom Owens, principal.

**WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL:** (734) 416-7550; 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail: Plymouth 48170. Raymond Fougner, principal.

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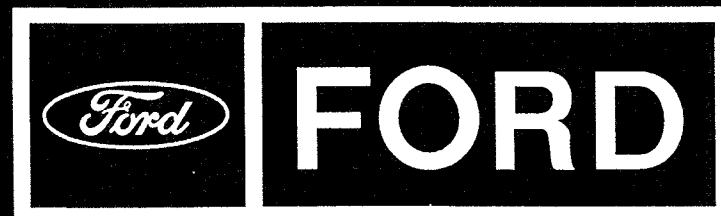
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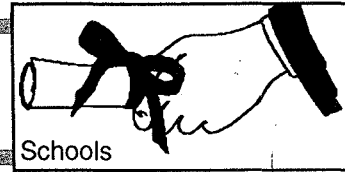
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Vocational Education: (734) 416-7905; 8415 Canton Center Rd., Canton 48187. Mary Kay Frey, area coordinator.

## Plymouth-Canton School Board

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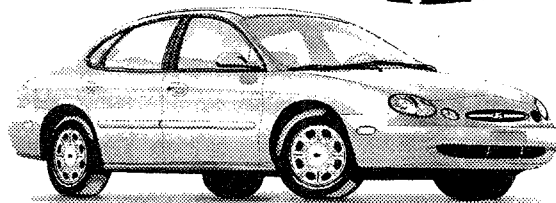
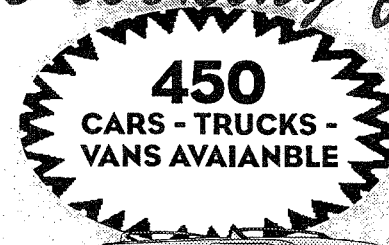
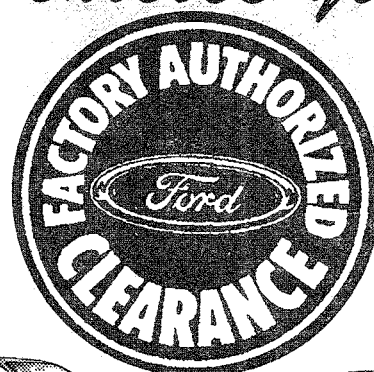
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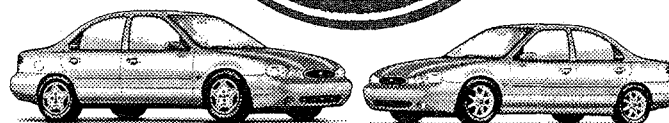
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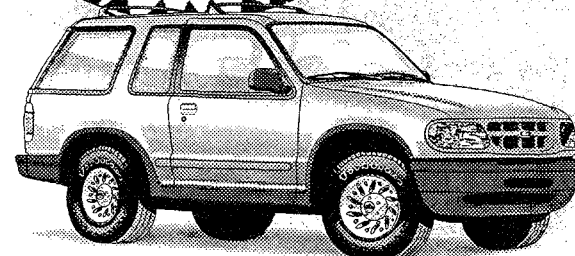
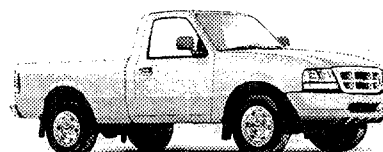
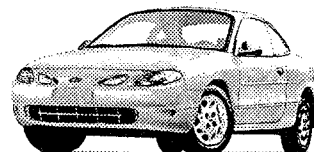
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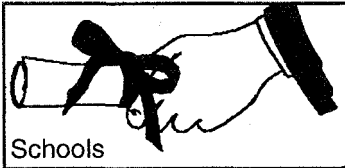
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# Options abound for deck extras

*Trellises, benches and flower pots among the many accessories*

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pine, but it's more attractive and, for most people, smells better. Says Morgan, "Cedar is a naturally preserved wood, so it doesn't need to be treated the same way pine does."

The third option for building materials is the most expensive, the longest-lasting and even environmentally conscious. It is called trex and is usually made from recycled plastic, milk cartons and wood bits. All the materials are compressed to create a material that doesn't crack, won't splinter and is resilient to most things that stain.

"It sort of has a plastic wood feel," Morgan said.

Another advantage of trex is that it doesn't need to be treated.

"The worst enemy of a deck is the sun," says Morgan. "But with

trex, you don't need to worry about that."

Pine and cedar, however, are another story.

A deck made from either material needs to be restained periodically to avoid discoloration and decay.

"Cedar will turn gray without treatment," Morgan says. "The darker the stain, the longer it will last."

One disadvantage of pine, however, is that it should not be treated right away. Because of the chemicals already locked into the wood, Morgan says, any stain applied will likely wash away.

Morgan suggests waiting at least three months for pine. Cedar can generally be stained right away.

Once all the necessary details are taken care of, the customer can

move to the fun stuff: deck extras.

To add flare to their wooden platforms, many people choose to add accessories such as trellises,

where vines can grow, flower pots, benches, wrapped poles for design and planters, which are "real popular," Morgan says.



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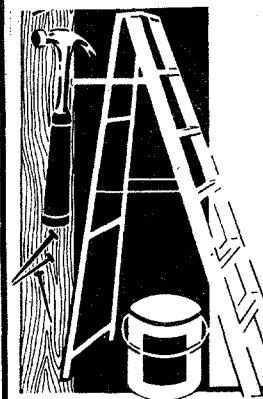
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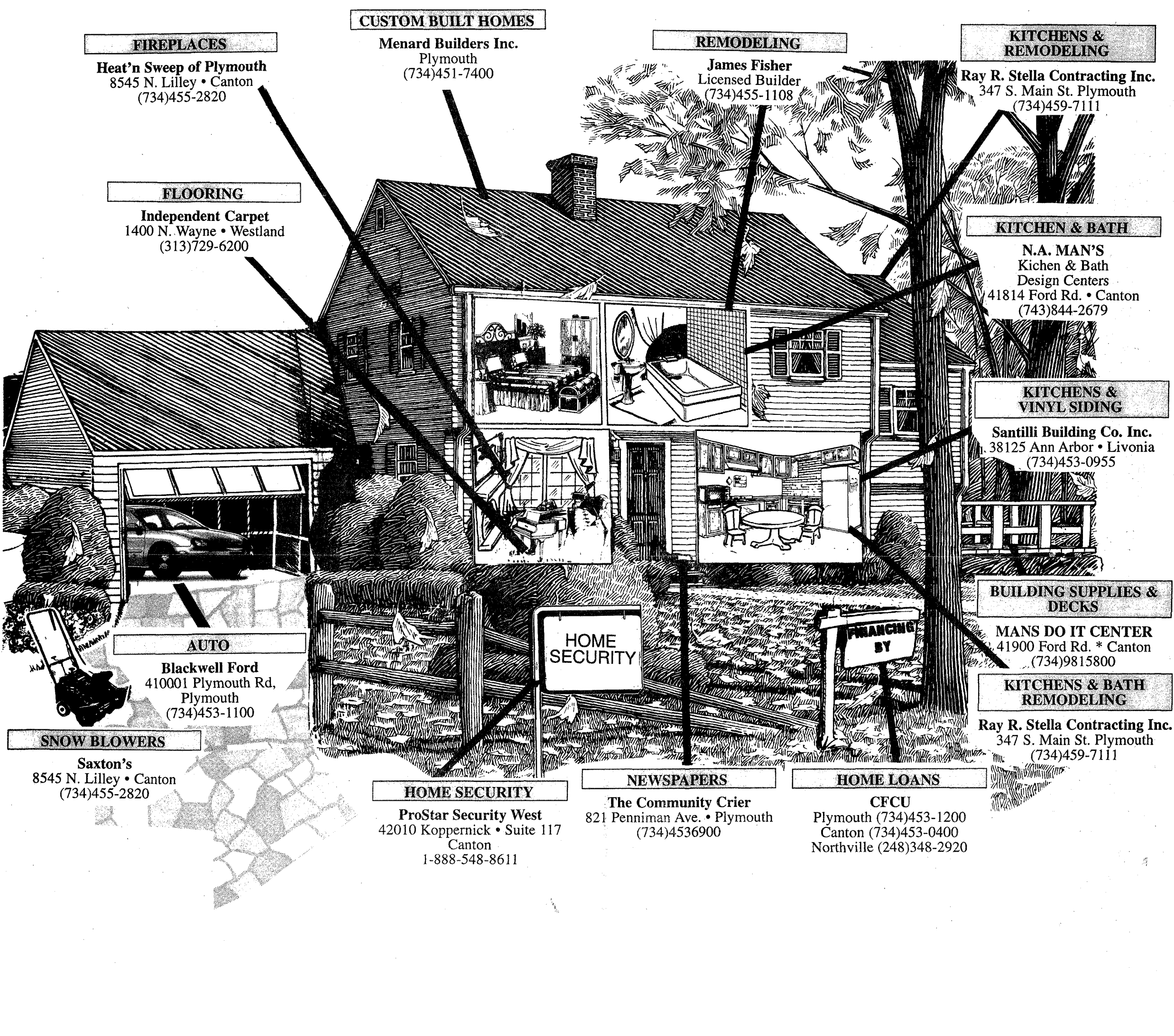
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# MediaOne backs off from Twp.

*Telecommunications ordinance slows influx of deregulated cable, phone companies — for now*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

MediaOne has dropped their request for a Plymouth Township telephone permit, for now.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees was expected to reject the MediaOne request at last week's meeting, based on MediaOne's failure to comply with a newly-passed Township ordinance. But before they could, MediaOne pulled the request at the last minute.

According to Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, MediaOne could still resubmit a request.

"It's not a confrontational thing," Keen McCarthy said. "MediaOne had said they wanted to negotiate the ordinance. But ordinances are designed for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. They are not negotiable."

Because of state and federal deregulation of telecommunications, telephone companies now have an easier time penetrating new market communities with their services. The Township ordinance, which was passed at the Sept. 8 meeting, was designed as a sort of speed bump, Keen McCarthy said, another step telephone companies need to climb before they can come into communities and rip up residents' backyards.

The ordinance — essentially a permission application — will not stop the expected influx of telephone companies into the Township, nor is it supposed to, Keen McCarthy said. That would be illegal. Communities cannot unreasonably deny access to public utility easements for telecommunication providers requesting it.

"Bottom line, this is deregulation at

work," Keen McCarthy said. "This change is clearly due to the lobby efforts of telephone companies."

For the last 100 years, telephone services for Plymouth Township have been supplied by Ameritech. They are a state-franchised organization and, thus far, have not been subject to rules of the new telecommunications act.

Although not necessary yet, Ameritech is expected to apply for a local franchise soon,

under the same conditions as a new telephone company coming into the Township.

"What we've been told is that Ameritech wants to be a good corporate citizen," Keen McCarthy said.

Besides MediaOne, Phone Michigan has also requested a Township franchise. Although they are expected to solicit phone services from businesses only, they still must abide by the new Township ordinance.

Keen McCarthy said the ordinance is not designed to stunt competition. On the contrary, she said, a little competition will probably be a good thing.

"I think that cable has proven that competition holds down the prices," she said. "We have (enacted this ordinance) because we know the impact the telephone industry can have on our citizens, tearing up their backyards and such. We are just trying to protect them."

## Celebrating hot chili, ugly bikes

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getting five more a day."

In addition to the chili chefs competing in the gathering, local restaurants will man booths to sell chili to hungry spectators, Horn said. Restaurants such as Vassel's, Bush's Marketplace and Chili's are sure to show. Central City Diner, New York Catering and Deli and Bob's of Canton may provide chili as well, she said.

There will be 14 categories for motorcycle prizes, including Harley-Davidson and non-Harley categories, Horn said. Awards will be given for the People's Choice, Best Street or Touring Bike and the Ugliest bike, among others.

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# Stacking up: Canton plans \$6 million library expansion

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Break out the banjos and strap on the life-jackets — it's time for dueling libraries.

Almost five months to the day after the new Plymouth District Library opened its wide doors, the Canton Public Library announced its own intentions to bust out the walls and add some more space.

According to Library Director Jean Tabor, \$6 million in Building Authority bonds will be sold to pay off the library's remaining debt

and add an additional 21,000 square feet of learning, reading and group space.

"It's been in the works for a long time," Tabor said. "The library board has always been planning for the future and we decided to go ahead with it."

Tabor said that among the factors leading to the expansion were the lack of space within the library and the growth of the community as a whole. This growth and the increase in taxable value of Canton property allow the

library to repay the bonds through operating funds, rather than from taxpayers' pockets, she said.

The library's current bond debt would be paid off in 2002, Tabor said. The bond issue would extend that debt, but keep the payments at the same size, about \$500,000 a year, she said.

The expansion would bring the library to 52,000 square feet, according to Tabor. With larger youth sections, adults sections and three

group study rooms, Tabor said she hopes the new library will provide more services, better use of space, and ultimately, a quieter environment.

The new library will feature an Internet training room, more seating, additional book collections and a room to house all of the library's equipment such as copiers and Microform machines, she said.

Tabor said the architect is fine tuning plans, and hopes to break ground in April.



## Community deaths

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#### VERNA M. ARTMAN

Verna M. Artman, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 22, 1998 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Artman was born June 15, 1911 in Allouez, MI. She was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1974 from Detroit. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. She loved to play golf, grow flowers and travel.

She is survived by her husband, William of Plymouth; sisters, Marcella Tolonen of Dearborn Heights, Evelyn Boulton of Gatlinburg; TN; and brother, William (Eleanor) Tolonen of Paradise, MI.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Joseph Mallia officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### SHARON LEE LEANHARDT

Sharon Lee Leanhardt, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 24, 1998 at the age of 49.

Mrs. Leanhardt was born Aug. 4, 1949 in Sparta, IL. She was a homemaker. She was currently working at the First Presbyterian Church as a secretary. She came to the Plymouth Community in 1971 from St. Louis, MO. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since she 1971. She loved to mountain bike, snow ski and water ski.

She is survived by her husband, Dale E. of Plymouth; son, Aaron of Plymouth; daughter, Wendi of Plymouth; and brother, John Berwelle Hopkins. She is preceded in death by her father, Herbert Hopkins, Mother, Billie Hopkins Irwin; step-father, Jack Irwin; and brother, John Berwelle Hopkins.

A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Tamara Seidel officiating. Another memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Westminister Presbyterian Church, 360 E. Broadway, Sparta, IL with the Rev. Chad Neal officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

#### MABEL G. ESHELMAN

Mabel G. Eshelman, a Loveland, OH resident, died Sept. 25, 1998 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Eshelman was born Oct. 13, 1904 in Middlesboro, KY. She was a postal worker. She lived in Plymouth for many years.

She is survived by her sister, Gertrude Emmett of Middlesboro, KY;

grandson, Michael (Terri) J. Sayles of Cincinnati, OH; great-grandson, Nicholas Sayles of Cincinnati, OH; great granddaughters, Claire Sayles, Lauren Sayles, Sarah Sayles, all of Cincinnati, OH; and son-in-law, Joseph (Marcia) Sayles of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions can be given to the Leukemia Society of America Michigan Chapter, 21617 Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

#### ANTHONY BACYINSKI

Anthony Bacyinski, a Northville Township resident, died Sept. 25, 1998 at the age of 77.

Mr. Bacyinski was born Sept. 25, 1921 in Livonia, MI. He owned and operated the Bradford House, a restaurant at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon Road in Plymouth from 1968 to 1973. He also owned a Mobil service station in Royal Oak. He moved to Northville from Dearborn in 1972 and was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Prior to his move to Northville, he was a member of St. Alphonsus Church in Dearborn. He was a member of Mayflower-Lt. Gamble V.F.W. Post No. 6695 in Plymouth and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 123 in Garden City. He loved to fish, golf and be with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons, John (Kathie) of Canton, Robert (Darlene) of Plymouth, Mark (Beth) of Farmington Hills; daughter, Nancy Bacyinski of Colorado Springs, CO; sister, Helen Grill of Chicago, IL; and grandchildren, Brian, Melissa, Eric, Andrew and Kayla. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helene.

Services were held at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville with the Rev. Fr. James Kean officiating. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

#### Gerald Lee (Jerry) Adams, 53, welder

Gerald Lee (Jerry) Adams, a former Plymouth resident, died Sept. 21, 1998. He is survived by his wife; his mother; his daughter; two sons; one step-son; two sisters; and one grandson. He is preceded in death by his father and one sister.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Sorenson Funeral Home McEvers Chapel in Grayling, MI. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Mc Evers Chapel.

#### Wynona G. Clark, 88, business owner

Wynona G. Clark, a Canton resident, died Sept. 22 1998. She and her late husband, Harry, owned and operated The Ash Trumbull Bar and Clark Tool and Die Company near Tiger Stadium.

She is survived by her daughter, Audrey (Joe) Morris of Canton; grandchildren, Sharon Saputo of Canton, Robert McLean of Canton; and two great-grandchildren.

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By Geneva Guenther

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cane missed you. Even so, it must have  
been a scary experience. You son-in-law  
was in and I'm sure he was more con-  
cerned than you were. What a nice man  
and a son-in-law, too.

I had a wonderful experience this week-  
end, speaking of "in-laws." Mine involved  
me with their family -- twenty or so --to  
the Fisher to see "Chicago." Loved it, in  
spite of the reviews. After the show, the  
group went to Ernesto's for dinner, which  
was super. Couple dinner with beautiful  
decor, and needless to say, my day was  
perfect, and I do thank the "powers that  
be" for including me.

I love relatives, no matter whose they  
are. Maybe it's because I do love people.  
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"Hot lips", she was "knowed" as, and nobody paid any attention.

Patty - No one ever said that life was easy but neither did they say that life could be this hard. How can I help you? Geneva

Where could you go and have a local merchant carrying his four-month-old son down the street in the sunshine and have half a dozen men cuddle the baby under his chin, talk to him, poke him in the tummy, hold him and generally make a fuss? In Plymouth, that's where!

"SO MANY OF THESE smart ideas are lost on me." — Sally Repeck 1998

GAIL & LEO: why not move back here? We don't have hurricanes. — Ed (You can stay with Mary and Walter)

UNCLE JACK STRICKLAND went cultural for his birthday. Art! Ballet?

U OF M HAS A CHANCE of winning the M.A.C. this year." — Charlie Roebuck, a Wolverine

BOB MUNDY'S IDEA of a (surprise!) 60th birthday present: a urinal for each side of the fireplace.

HUG CHRISTY MAJOR...she's over her chicken pox now. (eeeeewwww!)

TERRI KRISTALSKI ALERT — she's baaaaaack soon. Where are my pyjamas?

JEN DISMUKE STUCK her foot in it — the styrofoam cup she was wearing on her high heel

LIAM'S birthday present finally arrived. — Beauregard

CONGRATS ALEX, KATRINA, VICKY & DAVE on your new house

GREAT CHILI Lynn & Jack — Thanks! — Barney White

BRIAN STACEY coached Michigan past their penalties. "Bad team! Bad team!" (Unfortunately they heard him.)

## Curiosities

TOM WEBBER: dinner when?

Dog B. "Who has the best football team in the State of Michigan? J.M. J.M. "The University of Michigan Wolverines." Dog B.

Chuck wouldn't take the bet

"GREAT DAY, GREAT CHILI, GREAT GAME." — Chuck (empty pockets)

POLLY: The Friends of the Library in Plymouth are having a big sale of special used books on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October. I'm planning to do some birthday and Christmas shopping there. Let's meet, shop and do lunch. Clara.

CLARA: Great idea for us to visit the special sale of used books at the Plymouth Library. Anytime October 1, 2 or 3 will be fine. Making a shopping list now. Best if you drive. That nice policeman who warned me about overtime parking might still be mad at me. -Polly.



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Mark Wells is 40 & still just as cute. Happy Birthday Mark

IZZY TORRES is my kinda judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court. --Beauregard

## Curiosities

To whom it may concern: Your Crier decorations are lovely. If you sip your raspberry tea in the Penniman Deli, you can look across the street and see how attractive they are. Nice, eh?

Carolyn, look for a package in the mail. I wanted to send something with your Grandma and Grandpa when they left and missed saying goodbye. Grandma G.

Well, finally, all the boys in the Olson family have come, one at a time, to Evergreen Street and ending with John Jr visiting his father and mother. (Now you know why your three sons like to take their turn visiting Grandma and Grandpa, John.)

Liam - come to my house. It looks like a regular one, but it isn't. It's a playhouse and little kids like to visit there. Love you, Grandma Geneva

It's nice when the Green & White actually have a little hope of beating U of M. It doesn't happen very often.

If Chuck thinks he feels bad now - wait til Saturday afternoon.

Fred Hadley is in St. Joseph Hospital with a problem but doing very well. This is a good chance to get even with him and send him a card. Be nice to the nurses, Fred, but not too nice. Love you, Geneva

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# Canton fire house opens house

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

What better way to kick off Fire Prevention Week than with the grand opening of a new fire station?

If you're a member of Canton's public safety, there is none. The department will hold a special celebration for the station, which was

long overdue and became operational last month.

The event also kicks off Fire Prevention Week, Rorabacher said.

"We might make it Fire Prevention Month," he said. "We can't be everywhere we need to be in one week."

The Saturday event will include an open house that runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. Light refreshments will be served and visitors will be able to tour the new facility, which is located at 1100 S. Canton Center Road, near the Canton Administration Building.

Firefighters will be on hand to give fire prevention tips and special prizes, Rorabacher said. The Fire Safety House will also be on display.

The new station has living quarters for 12 firefighters. Its five-bay garage has room for all of the firefighters' vehicles, and other features such as a hi-tech ventilation system and a hose-drying tower.

The station was built to replace the facility at the corner of Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads, which had served Canton for almost 50 years.

The Board of Trustees approved a bid request Tuesday to demolish that old building. Rorabacher said it will be torn down within a month.

"There's quite a bit of history in that building," he said. "A lot of stories to tell."

## Little: I think there will be undervotes

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cast Saturday, the rationale for Vorva's case could receive a boost or a blow.

"I'm going to be watching very closely," Vorva said Tuesday. "If this election comes in with (an undervote) rate higher than 1 per cent I'm filing a lawsuit. I'll claim it was defective.

"I think that when you have a high rate of spoilage of ballots it's (evident) that something is wrong," he said.

Vorva also said that a high number of undervotes would be a vindication of his current lawsuit against the schools.

"I think the voting equipment is junk," he said. "Undervotes would bolster my case."

The March '97 issue passed by a narrow margin of 96 votes; 716 of the roughly 12,000 ballots cast did not count. Vorva charged the school district with using complex computerized balloting equipment and failing to educate voters on its use.

After more than a year in court system, his lawsuit may be on its way to the State's High Court.

As that case has wended its way through the courts over the last 15 months, six separate bodies have upheld the vote as valid. The district has nonetheless chosen an ounce of prevention over a pound of legal cure. In the weeks leading up to Saturday's vote the schools and the Citizens' Election Committee have engineered a voter-education blitz.

Handouts explaining how to vote.

Posters explaining how to vote.

Instructional videos at the polls.

Extra precinct workers and 50,000 copies of "Newline" mailed to Plymouth-Canton residents with voting instructions inside. Such are the schools' efforts to avoid a repeat of the March '97 results.

According to Superintendent Charles Little, though, all the voter education in the world can't absolutely circumvent miscast ballots.

"I think there will be undervotes," he told The Crier during its bond endorsement interview. "There will be some element of it, but I don't know how much."

Undervotes can suggest more or less about the voting process depending on the number of issues on the ballot. On tickets with multiple issues, voters sometimes "plunk" — choose to file their ballot with only one vote.

On single-issue ballots, though, an undervote technically is not a plunk. According to Liz Adams, schools elections clerk, some voters do it anyway.

"Some people choose to undervote," she said. "They don't want to vote for or against the issue, but they don't want to tarnish their voting records either."

Little says undervotes are nearly as tall-tale as Vorva claims.

"I don't think you can draw any conclusions," he said. "I don't know how you can tell that would," support Vorva's initial suit.

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

### Ambassadors still undefeated

BY NICK GISMONDI

The Compuware Ambassadors remained undefeated this past weekend, dropping the defending NAHL champs, Springfield Jr. Blues twice.

On Friday, it was the Ambassadors who scored first after Pat Brush found a hole at the 9:27 mark of the first period. 10 minutes later, the Ambassadors scored again this time with a goal coming from Steve Jackson to make it a 2-0 lead. Springfield scored in the second, but it would not go unanswered as the Ambassadors scored another to give some comfort on the score board. Springfield pulled within one in the third period to give the Ambassadors something to worry about, but that's the way it ended, 3-2.

On Saturday, Ambassador Pat Brush opened the scoring at the 16:28 mark of the first period. Springfield didn't waste time answering though when Brian Sherry lit the light for Springfield tying the game at 1-1. In the second Springfield scored twice with goals by Frank Werner and Chris Thorton to give their team a 3-1 lead. Compuware answered back with two from Mark Mink and Jack Redwood to tie the game 3-3 going into the third. At the 2:19 mark of the third J.J. Swistak got the game winner. Mark Mink added a goal to seal the victory 5-3. Kowalski made 20 saves in the Ambassadors victory.

The Ambassadors next game will be Friday at Compuware against the Chicago Freeze at 6:35. Then again on Saturday starting at 3:35. It will be broadcast on 88.1 FM WSDP Plymouth, starting at 3:10 with the pre-game.



### Jr. Rockettes learning the skills

The Plymouth Salem Rockettes held their annual kids' Pom-pom clinic on Saturday at the high school.

More than 115 girls between the ages of five and 11 participated in the event, learning kick line, cheers and pom routines.

# Brighton shocks Salem, 3-1

Canton tops Franklin, Troy, while injury-laden Rocks lose two in one week



Slowed by injuries, the Salem boys soccer team dropped a tough loss to Brighton Saturday afternoon at home. "They were very motivated to play us," said Salem Coach Ed McCarthy. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## SOCCER

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

It's strange to say, but sometimes losing can be a good thing.

Last year, the Salem Boys soccer team didn't lose until the season's final game: the state finals. That may have hurt them, according to coach Ed McCarthy. Sometimes you need to know how to lose.

After a 3-1 loss against Brighton on Saturday, following a loss against Stevenson earlier in the week, Salem probably feels like they have learned enough.

"It doesn't get much worse than that," said McCarthy. "That was really a tough one."

In addition to the defeat, Salem also lost several key players to injury. Senior Aaron MacDonald (torn cartilage in the ribcage) and Tim Cdrodowski (broken toe) are out, possibly for several weeks.

But McCarthy is looking for the silver lining.

"(Not losing) counted against us last year," he said. "With these loses, now we know what can happen if we don't come out and play our hardest."

Salem bounced back on Monday, pouncing Harrison 7-0. Leading scorer Giuseppe Ianni netted three, while Jeff Haar scored twice. Sean Loewe and Aaron Rypkowski also added goals.

Salem faces a big test on Saturday as they travel to Warren DeLaSalle.

"They are probably the most talented team in the state," McCarthy said. "This is as big a game as we will have all year."

Salem is now 11-2-2 overall.

Canton improved their record to 9-3-1 as Scott Wright kicked four goals to help his team past Franklin 6-1 Monday afternoon at home.

Pete Andreolli added a pair for the Chiefs.

"We're starting to come along nicely," said Canton Coach Don Smith. "We're finally starting to gel."

On Saturday, the Chiefs squeaked by Troy, as Evan Malone scored the game's only goal with 18 minutes left in the second half.

"That was a real nail-biter," Smith said. "Troy was a real scrappy team."

Last Wednesday, Canton drew a tie at Farmington, 2-2. Mike Zemanski and Andreolli each scored for the Chiefs.

# Lady Rocks continue domination of B-Ball foes

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Livonia Franklin girls basketball team was probably wishing their sport had a mercy rule, not unlike the one that governs baseball in the spring.

Maybe if you behind by more than 50 points after the third quarter, throw in the towel. The game is over.

Unfortunately they had to endure the entire game Thursday, and the onslaught of the Salem offense.

When it was over, the score was almost ridiculous, 71-15.

"We played well," said Coach Fred Thomann. "And they just weren't very good."

Christine Phillips and Tiffany Grubaugh led the way for the Rocks with 18 points

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

apiece.

That dominating win followed another last Tuesday, when Salem "played exceedingly well" against Ann Arbor Huron, claiming victory 55-25.

Grubaugh scored 18 and had 6 assists, while Andrea Pruett knocked down 13 points and grabbed 12 boards.

"We've really had a wonderful season so far," Thomann said.

Still undefeated at 6-0, the Rocks faced a tough test yesterday versus Flint Northern.

"It was one I had circled on my calendar," Thomann said.

# Chiefs swim through Walled Lake, Rocks stay afloat at Invite

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The division race has begun and so far, both Canton and Salem are holding their own.

On Thursday, the Chiefs traveled to Walled Lake (both Walled Lake Central and Western combine for one team), and swam right past their division rival, 101-85.

Teri Hanson led the way with a state-qualifying time of 1:01.26 in the 100 fly. Other first place finishes included Daniel Drysdale (200 free at 2:06.55), Kim Weaver (500 free at 6:00.36), Erin Bogala (100 breaststroke at 1:17.29) and the 200 free relay team, Drysdale, Megan Dowd, Chelsea Updyke and Jaclyn Bernard, coming in with a time of 1:46.67.

"It's nice to start with a division win," said Canton Coach Sarah Eubanks. "I think we swam real well."

On Saturday, Canton competed against some of the better teams in the state at the West Bloomfield Invite. Canton placed fourth out of six teams with an overall score of 114. Ahead of Canton were first-place Monroe (223 points), North Farmington (192) and Novi (190).

## GIRLS SWIMMING

Some notable times included Liz Gable (100 fly at 1:12.73), Michelle Nilson (100 fly at 1:10.35) and Lindsey Muliolis (100 free at 1:03.38).

Canton is now 2-2 overall.

For Salem, although they narrowly lost a non-conference match against Dearborn last Tuesday 98-88, they are pretty much where they want to be according to Coach Chuck Olson.

"We're doing well," he said. "A few lumps never hurt."

On Saturday, Salem squared off with several of the State's top teams and fared respectable in their own Salem Rock Invite.

Ann Arbor Pioneer (ranked fourth in the state) controlled the meet, while Livonia Stevenson fell in close behind. Salem was third.

Some individual bests worth noting: Christy Roy (200 free at 2:10.75), Alex Evans (200 IM at 2:26.69), Lori McKay (100 fly at 1:04.02) and Stephanie Tyler (100 fly at 1:07.29).

## On deck

### SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday at Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday at home versus Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS TENNIS

Today at home versus North Farmington, 4 p.m. Friday at Harrison, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Conference Meet at Stevenson, time: TBA.

### SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at North Farmington, 7 p.m.

### SALEM GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Saturday at the Crestwood Invite, time: TBA.

### SALEM FOOTBALL

Saturday at North Farmington, 1 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS SOCCER

Today at home versus Franklin, 7 p.m. Saturday at Warren DeLaSalle, 7 p.m. Monday at home versus Canton, 7 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS GOLF

Today at Harrison, 3 p.m. Friday at home versus Franklin, 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Conference Meet, time: TBA.

### SALEM BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Saturday at the Crestwood Invite, time: TBA.

### CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday at home versus Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.

### CANTON GIRLS TENNIS

Today at Farmington, 4 p.m. Friday at home versus Franklin, 4 p.m. Tuesday at Stevenson for the Conference Meet, time: TBA.

### CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Northville, 7 p.m.

### CANTON GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Saturday at the Gross Ile Invite, 9:30 a.m.

### CANTON FOOTBALL

Friday at home versus Northville (homecoming), 7:30 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS SOCCER

Today at Churchill, 7 p.m. Monday at Salem, 7 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS GOLF

Today at home versus Franklin, 3 p.m. Friday at home versus Churchill, 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Conference Meet, time: TBA.

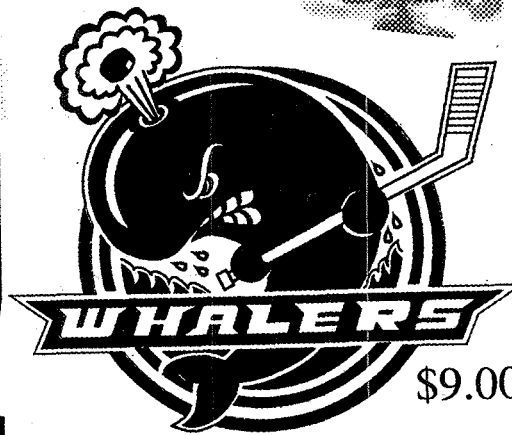
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Saturday at the Gross Ile Invite, 10 a.m.

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# Whalers so close to road trip sweep

## Season opens with wins at North Bay and Sudbury, OT loss at Soo

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Don't call it a goaltending controversy. At least not yet. Three games into the 1998-99 hockey season and the Plymouth Whalers have already used three different goalies.

Sign of trouble? Are the Whalers looking for a team identity or some consistency between the posts?

Hardly. In fact, the only goaltender to lose this weekend was the one expected carry the load this season: Robert Holsinger. Rookies Rob Zepp and Dwayne Bateman both got victories in their first OHL match-up, including a very impressive shut-out for Zepp.

Right now, DeBoer doesn't know who to play, but unlike position controversies in other sports (see Detroit Lions), the Whalers are strong throughout the goaltending ranks. DeBoer says he will continue to rotate until one either shines above the rest or knocks himself from contention.

"So far, no one has played themselves out of a starting job," DeBoer said.

**Sault Ste. Marie 5, Plymouth 4** — After cutting his thumb in a pre-game skate on Thursday, keeping him out

for two games, Holsinger got his first start this season. But it wasn't enough for the Whalers, who fell to the Soo with less than a minute left in overtime.

The winning goal came on a powerplay for the Greyhounds with only 53 seconds remaining in the extra period. Kevin Holdridge had been called for a roughing penalty. It was the Soo's eighth powerplay chance of the night.

"I attribute the extra penalties to fatigue, not frustration," DeBoer said. "It was a tough road trip."

Harold Druken, who was picked up by the Whalers at Toronto airport on Wednesday night (returning from the Vancouver Canuck training camp), scored a pair of goals for Plymouth. Nik Tselios and Adam Colagiaco each netted a score as well.

**Plymouth 4, Sudbury 3** — Rick Smith scored the game-winning goal with less than five minutes to play Friday night as the Whalers came out on top of a see-saw battle with the Central Division Bulls.

Jamie LaLonde and Druken also added goals to the winning effort.

Bateman made 28 saves for his first OHL victory

**Plymouth 3, North Bay 0** — Playing before a packed house, rookie goaltender Rob Zepp stole the show Thursday night, stopping all 19 shots that came his way.

The Whalers led by only one heading into the final period, when Julian Smith and Rick Smith dropped in their first goals of the season. Adam Colagiaco, playing his first regular season game in a Whaler uniform, got a goal and an assist.

### Tickets still available for Saturday home opener

About 700 tickets were still for sale as of press time for this Saturday's home opener against Sudbury at Compuware Sports Arena.

According to Whaler officials, most of the tickets are endzone seats. For more information on available tickets call the Whalers at (734) 453-8400.

If you can't make the game, catch the Whalers on the tube. Saturday's game marks the opening of the Whalers' televised season as well.

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WINDSOR	1	1	0	1-1-0	2
LONDON	1	2	0	1-2-0	2

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
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PETER.	2	0	0	2-0-0	4
KINGSTON	1	0	0	1-0-0	2
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OSHAWA	0	0	0	0-0-0	0

MIDWEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
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BRAMPTON	0	1	0	0-1-0	0
KITCHENER	0	2	0	0-2-0	0

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BARRIE	1	1	0	1-1-0	2
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NORTH BAY	0	2	1	0-2-1	1
TORONTO	0	1	0	0-1-0	0
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### WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:  
Goals: Druken (3)  
Assists: N/A  
Points: N/A  
PIM: N/A  
+/-: N/A  
GAA: Zepp (0.00)

### CATCH OF THE DAY

Although the forecast called for snow, the Whalers saw no flakes during their weekend road trip. But they did see some hail according to Coach Peter DeBoer.

### UPCOMING GAMES:

• Fri. at London (7:30 p.m.)  
• Sat. at home versus Sudbury (7:30 p.m.)

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# Community opinions

Splitting the City dais:

## Koch blasts Commission factions

EDITOR:

I know this is supposed to be a non-partisan commission, and people ask me, "How much partisanship can there be in a city the size of Plymouth?"

The answer: plenty.

It all started that fateful day in November 1997. That's the day I was surprised by certain commissioners looking for me to become mayor of this great city. Do not get me wrong. I would love to be mayor of a city of this caliber some day, but I was taken somewhat aback because I am not affiliated with the Democratic party.

When I told these commissioners I had chose to support our current mayor Donald Dismuke, I was told something to the effect of "we will support and help you, but if you support him we will make this the most disruptive partisan commission since the City Charter was enacted." And with this motion, one of them made himself the self-proclaimed leader of the sour grapes movement.

I want the citizens to know that I relish and encourage opposing positions in and outside the chamber walls. It allows me additional input to make a better decision. I can also handle the many personal attacks on me, but what really upsets me is when politics become so involved that it starts to tear at the fabric of our great

city, breaks down City Hall and destroys our personal lives, all for the sake of partisan politics.

There are independent witch hunts going on throughout our municipality, putting all areas of the City government on the defensive against one another for the sake of politics.

*There are independent witch hunts putting all areas of the City government on the defensive for the sake of politics*

There are press leaks against the wishes of private individuals, putting the City at great risk and blowing things way out of proportion to embarrassed those involved.

There are false rumors being spread up and down the streets of the City to wreak havoc in our community. Some commissioners have even taken it upon themselves to inquire into the conduct of City employees without

taking the appropriate steps according to our City Charter.

Finally, there are individuals that vote against removing items from the agenda regarding a closed session of personal decision, without the express written permission of the employe.

This, all for the sake of partisan politics.

If I sound disappointed, I am. It is not any single issue that haunts us; it is the inappropriate process of resolution that lacks integrity. The whole municipality is to blame. We allow the appropriate process of the City Charter, employe handbook and morality to break down in our City by our unwarranted division.

I long for the day of meaningful dialogue that allows us to get back on track to making this the best city in the United States. This commission, with its leadership, has accomplished an agenda that has been 20 years in the making and set the road for improvement in The City of Plymouth into the 21st Century. Change breeds uncertainty, but we, The City of Plymouth, need to work together to continue our growth. I offer my hand to all those willing to join me.

JOE KOCH

Mayor Pro-Tem, The City of Plymouth

## There are honest people among us

Who says there're no honest people left in the world?

Tom Publiski, Grandknight of the Knights of Columbus, met such a man recently and is very glad he did.

Publiski said a minor tragedy followed the K of C's recent ox roast fundraiser. On the way back from the event, a box containing leftover state-issued raffle tickets — and about \$500 in cash — flew from the back of a pickup truck somewhere along Michigan Avenue.

The funds were intended as start-up monies for all of the K of C's annual projects, Publiski said. Without them, there would be no cash to support their fundraisers to help children in special education programs and the Special Olympics, among others.

A frantic search followed. Publiski and fellow knights searched up and down Michigan Avenue for two days, to no avail.

Then came the mysterious phone call.

"There was a message on my answering machine that said 'I might have something you want'," Publiski said. "At first I thought someone was playing a prank on me."

He returned the call and talked for the first time to Robert Birdwell of Canton. Birdwell was on his way home to Canton from the

Off  
the cuff  
By Scott Spielman



Ford Motor Truck Plant in Wayne where he works. He said he saw the box with lottery tickets flying out of it, lying on the side of Lilley Road just north of Michigan Avenue.

The tickets weren't marked, except for a serial number at the top. There was no immediate way to trace them back to the Knights of Columbus. But Birdwell had a feeling that they belonged to a charitable organization, and so gathered them up into his car — twice. (The first corner he took spilled them all over the back of his car.)

Birdwell called the Bureau of the State Lottery, which told him they had been sold out of Century Novelty in Livonia. Century Novelty put him in touch with the man who had purchased the tickets, but he too thought the call was a wrong number at first, according to Publiski.

"He wasn't there for the fundraiser and didn't know they were lost," Publiski said. "He thought they belonged to someone else."



ROBERT BIDWELL

A quick check showed that they did belong to the knights, though, and Publiski soon had the missing tickets and cash.

Birdwell said it never occurred to him to keep the money. Indeed, he has refused to accept any of the rewards Publiski has offered. When he told his co-workers about his discovery, they all expected him to buy lunch, as is the custom at the plant when someone hits the lottery.

He declined, saying the money was from a charity and that he had to give it back. It took some digging, and required more than

just a simple phone call, and in the end it may have even been easier for him to keep it.

He never once considered it.

Publiski said it was wonderful to run into a person like Birdwell, and I agree. It's nice to know that although many stories you read or hear focus on the bad, there is good to balance it out.

It was nice to see an example, shake his hand and hope to myself that I would do the same thing, and know there are honest people among us.



# Community opinions

The Community weighs in:

## Voices for and against the bond

### *Seniors should, could & would vote 'yes'*

EDITOR:

As we approach election day for the middle school replacement bond, I believe I should get on the record about why I feel seniors such as myself and others should, could and would vote 'yes' on the Oct. 3 bond if fully informed.

The reasons are

- It can be life determining in the future of our children, who need the best education we can give them for the future they must manage in our world.

- We lost the lease on Lowell Middle

School through no fault of our own and no injustice by Livonia.

- Our middle schools face monstrous over crowding if we have to dump some 200 kids into each of the other four middle

schools, educational failure would surely result.

- The cost is very minimal at \$20 per year for the average home owner. Some seniors who own condominiums will pay only \$9 - \$10 per year due to owning unit and not the land.

- Of greatest importance to most would be a drop in the values of our homes, which is the largest single investment many of us have. This is certain to occur if we get a reputation for having poor

*Our middle schools face monstrous overcrowding if we have to dump 200 students into each of the other 4.*

schools.

The solution to all of these problems is a 'yes' vote on Oct. 3 or sooner by absentee ballot.

E. J. McCLENDON

### *Protect your vote, pocketbook & property*

EDITOR:

I recently read a letter with very disturbing allegations. The author stated, "Remember this school district only wants your money, not your voice." He also stated, "Please protect your right to vote, your pocketbook and your property."

In support of the author's position, the letter fails to mention many important facts. Some of these are that in the year 2000 Plymouth-Canton will lose a school. This school, Lowell Middle School, will return to Livonia Public Schools. At least 750 children will then be without a middle school. These children will have to be placed into the four, already crowded middle schools remaining. This will then result in double shifts or year-round schools.

This election has nothing to do with the high school vote, it only deals with the replacement middle school bond and new buses. Failure to pass this bond not only will impair our children, but their families, neighbors and our community.

This dire scenario can be averted by voting 'yes' on the Lowell Middle School replacement bond.

So, dear neighbors, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and property owners, on Oct. 3 please vote 'yes'. As you know, education is so important for a healthy community and healthy children. And yes, protect your right to vote, your pocketbook and your property, because without good schools our property values will decrease.

DIAN SLAVENS

### *Cut frilly classes, extra administrators*

EDITOR:

I am addressing this letter to the people of the Plymouth-Canton School District who keep approving millages and blindly giving this district more and more money without accountability. And what are the results?

It is appalling to waited on by young people who don't even know how to give change. What kind of education are we buying? Perhaps we are not stressing the basics enough. English, math, science, music and art are very important, but my concern is about

some of the frivolous classes offered to our students. We would have more room to teach more students if we got rid of some of the frill classes.

I also feel we have far too many administrators in the district. Maybe if we got back to fundamentals and cut some of the administration, we wouldn't need such large bond issues or a new high school.

And whatever happened to the last bond to add classrooms to the present facility?

JACQUELYN DOSTAL

### *Learn from business: jiggle finances first*

EDITOR:

I have written before and I am writing again to say that I am for Jerry Vorva 100 per cent.

When 716 votes are void out of a total of 12,000 votes, common sense tells me something is wrong. The voters weren't instructed properly. One worker at the polls said he didn't have proper instructions and when a voter asked me a question, I

couldn't answer him as I didn't know what to tell him.

I just received the "Newline" school paper and page three has a full page on how to vote for our ballot to count.

Was it in the paper before the March 1997 election? I don't recall reading it and that is why I said the school board pulled a fast one on the voting public the day after the election.

My question today is, suppose the vote was against the school board by 96 votes? I'll bet we would have had another election in June 1997.

All Vorva is asking for is a fair election

and to-date the voters in the school district haven't had one.

A Plymouth Observer headline was about the district's school buses and how badly we are in need of them.

I have a solution

Instead of spending 90 per cent plus of the district budget for salaries, how about cutting it to 80 per cent for salaries and 10 per cent for replacement of school buses?

When the buses wear out in 10 years, you have the money to replace them.

Industry is allowed a depreciation deduction on their equipment, so when

it needs replacement or repairs it has the money to do so.

In business, when you spend all your money for operating expenses you are just out of business when it comes time for replacement.

It's just plain common sense which our School Board and government don't use.

Just ask for another bond issue and hope you can sucker the voter to say 'yes'.

*It's just common sense which our School Board doesn't use.*



# Community opinions

## Cast 'yes' vote Oct. 3

It is clear that whether at the polls or through absentee ballots, voters in the Plymouth-Canton School District should say 'yes' Oct. 3 to the bond proposal to build a replacement middle school and replenish the district bus fleet.

Unlike previous instances when the school district has sought public approval of a bond, this proposal is unclouded by issues up for debate.

Growth is not an issue.

School location is not an issue.

The district's management of its buses is not an issue.

In short, *need* is the issue, and it is obvious

and acute.

Without a school to replace Lowell, which after 18 years will no longer be available for lease from Livonia Public Schools, the district will be forced to shoe-horn the same number of students into four buildings instead of five.

The likely effects — redistricting, portable classrooms, split scheduling, year-round school — are neither convenient nor conducive to public education. Further, they are the symptoms of a school district unable to fully provide for its students, one disconnected from its community.

The district also needs replacement buses so that it can retire those now working beyond



their planned lifetimes. Dilapidated buses are not the way to transport our students.

For the roughly \$20 the bond will cost most Plymouth-Canton homeowners, it is a worthwhile investment in the community and our students. The bond deserves a 'yes' vote Saturday, Oct. 3.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## A bond issue, a community issue

EDITOR:

On Saturday, Oct. 4 our community will again exercise one of our most precious rights, the right to vote. By comparison to almost every other election this one is very simple. Our community is being asked to decide if we want to maintain our present middle school capacity and support the safe transportation of our students to and from school. This comes in the form of a bond election to build a middle school to replace Lowell Middle School and to purchase eight to 10 school buses to allow our students to be transported safely.

That's how simple it is.

This is not about growth in our community. It is not a referendum on the School Board. It has nothing to do with lawsuits, high school placement or any past elections. It is simply about replacing a leased middle school with one we will own, and purchasing the bare minimum of buses to transport our students. There are many other issues in our community regarding our schools and this bond has nothing to do with any of them. Here are the basic facts of the election.

- The amount of the bond is about \$19.7 million, with the money being used to build a replacement middle school and purchase eight to 10 buses.

- The tax increase associated with this bond would be 0.2 mills. This means that for a house worth \$200,000 the tax increase would be \$20 per year!

- Lowell represents one of our five current middle schools and its loss without replacement would mean a significant change in the way our middle school students are educated.

- Our district has leased Lowell Middle School from the Livonia public schools for the last 18 years. The Livonia schools have made a decision not to renew the lease

effective at the end of the 1999-2000 school year.

- The district bus fleet is in desperate need of replacement buses. Without replacement buses it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide basic transportation for our students.

- This election is being held on this date to allow the completion of the new building in time for the 2000-2001 school year to prevent any students from being displaced. It is being held on a Saturday to do everything possible to increase voter turnout.

Those are the basic facts. An unsuccessful vote Oct. 3 will affect every person in our community. All middle school students will see a significant change in their education beginning in the 2000-2001 school year. While plans have not been finalized by the district, the currently discussed options seem to include year-round school or double sessions where a group of students attend school perhaps 6 a.m. until noon, and another group from noon until 6 p.m. Many people also seem to be suggesting the use of portable classrooms. This option would mean the need for the purchase of 25 or more portables at about \$60,000 each. With this \$1.5 million coming from the general fund, many current district programs would have to be reduced or eliminated to cover the cost of the portables.

Even if you have no students affected you will feel the effect of a negative vote. IF you are a property or business owner, your property or business value is directly tied to the quality of the public schools in our community. Poor public schools equal lower property and business value.

Unfortunately for all of us, a negative vote Oct. 3 will be reflected in lower values immediately. These things will happen if the

vote is not successful Oct. 3.

Sound too strong? Sound like a threat? It is neither. These words are based on the data from other school districts who have unsuccessfully faced the same issues. The loss of property value, business value and community worth are all easily accessible thanks to the wealth of information available on the Internet. Don't take my word for it, get the information for yourself.

Still not convinced that this is a matter of survival for our community? Ask the business leaders in our community how important it is. Both the Plymouth and Canton Chambers of Commerce have endorsed this bond election. Many of the governmental leaders in our community have also endorsed this bond, including civic leaders and local judges. This type of widespread public endorsement of school bonds is unprecedented in the nearly 10 years I have lived in this community. These leaders recognize that a strong public school system is the leading reason that people move to and stay in a community. It stabilizes the community and provides a foundation for business and quality of life.

This election is a matter of survival for our school district and our community. Do not leave its outcome to your neighbors, your friends or anyone else in the community. You must get out and vote. This issue is far too important for our children, our property values and our community. Do not allow yourself to wake up Oct. 4 and think about all the reasons you didn't vote and how disappointed you are if the outcome is negative.

This issue is a simple one. I am confident that once you have the facts you will join me in voting 'yes' Oct. 3. Just say yes to your community.

MARK HORVATH  
Chair, Citizens' Election Committee

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- 1-4: Plymouth Theater Guild- "The Nerd" Call (248)349-7110
- 3,10 Farmer's Market -7:30 am-12:30pm
- 17,24: Gathering Plymouth (734)453-1540
- 3-4: Old Village Craft Fair -10:00am-5:00am Stark/Spring/Liberty Cannon Park
- 4: Chili Pepper Run-7:00-9:00am Kellogg Park and throughout City
- 4: Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff 9:00am -5:00pm Kellogg Park
- 17: Plymouth Symphony Orchestra - Grand Opening" 8:00pm, Ply/Salem
- 30: Great Pumpkin Caper - 5:30-7:00pm Gathering-Plymouth Chamber (734)453-1540

## CANTON

— October —

- 13: Preschool Storytimes - Canton Library Call 397-0999
- 19: Evening Book Discussion Canton Library Call 397-0999
- 24: October Fest 98 - noon to 4pm Heritage Park - Call 397-5110
- 24: Monster Makers - Makeup artist Jeff Ferreri. Canton Library. Call 397-0999
- 28: Flu Shot Clinic for Seniors. Summit Call 397-5444
- 29: Board of Trustees meeting 7pm

## NORTHVILLE

— October —

- 3-9: 6th Annual Art Show, 1st Presbyterian Church (248)349-0911
- 9/10/11: Hand Crafters Craft Show, Northville Community Center (734)459-0050
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