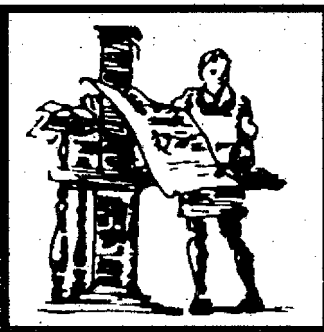


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Judges working in various locations; officials seek temporary, permanent court sites

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Less than two weeks after the Dunbar Davis Hall of Justice burned down, the 35th District Court is performing all of its functions.

Now all they need is to find one roof to hold court under.

Currently the courts are being held in two places, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman.

"Criminal docket, small claims and informal hearings are being held at Redford's 17th District Court this week," Erdman, who came to Plymouth from the Redford court, said. "Next week they'll be in Romulus."

Landlord-tenant cases will be heard in Plymouth City Hall for the next three weeks, according to Erdman. By then, he hopes the court will have a temporary solution to its location crisis.

"We're still looking and working at it," Erdman said. "It's difficult finding a place with enough space."

The court is using excess space in the Unisys building on Plymouth Road as its temporary office, Erdman said, but can't hold court there due to space and traffic concerns.

"They've been helping out a lot. We've made tremendous progress here, but it's only a temporary base," he said.

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Road work continues throughout Plymouth

BY MATT HUCAL

Road construction projects continue throughout Plymouth this week.

Major road-work is being done on westbound Ann Arbor Trail between Hamilton and Union streets. New 12-inch water main pipes are being installed to replace four-inch pipes, and new copper services will replace lead services.

Paul Sincock, City of Plymouth director of municipal services, said the parts are in and the Ann Arbor Trail construction should be "substantially complete by the first or second week of August."

Farmer Street is also in the midst of construction. All curbing, from Starkweather to the

railroad track at Amelia, is finished. Structures and curbing from Sheldon Road to the tracks are progressing at a better pace, according to Sincock.

It's still a good idea to try and avoid Farmer until construction is completely finished, Sincock said.

Projects coming in the near future include a sewer project on Amelia Street between Blanche and Liberty, where the city will replace pipes and and pave the street.

There will also be sewer repairs on Harvey. Sincock's crew is just waiting for Consumers Power to finish their work on the street.

Karate kid

Canton Tae Kwon Do student wins national tourney
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Plymouth supplier lands big contract with automaker
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Smart jock

Plymouth student wins at World Scholar Athlete games
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New laws open roads to electric cars

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Parking violaters will soon have a new enemy in Plymouth, thanks to a pair of new laws signed by the governor Tuesday.

City of Plymouth Police are adding electric cars to their arsenal of foot and bike patrols in their war against parking infractions, according to Chief Bob Scoggins.

The electric cars are capable of driving at speeds up to 25 m.p.h., Scoggins said, perfect for parking enforcement and crowd control. Under prior Michigan law the vehicle failed to meet classifications of a motor vehicle, and couldn't be driven on streets.

"They'll be perfect for our downtown commercial district," Scoggins said. "It's very congested and can require some tight maneuvering."

The department has one electric car on loan, and has used it in instances like last weekend's Art in the Park, Scoggins said.

"We're using them now, but people may not have noticed them because they don't have the police logo," Scoggins said. "We'll put the logo on when we buy our own."

The vehicles fell into a loophole in the law, according to Michelle Kristin, aide to Rep. Gerald Law, who sponsored the legislation. "They were somewhere between a car and a golf cart. It was just a matter of making up a classification for the vehicles," said Kristin.

Now, electric vehicles are street legal if they have four wheels, weigh less than 1,300 pounds, have head and tail lights, and can carry only four people.

The law is limited to municipal employees, emergency and law enforcement personnel, according to Kristin.

"Not everyone could drive one on the street," she said. "That would get a little crazy."

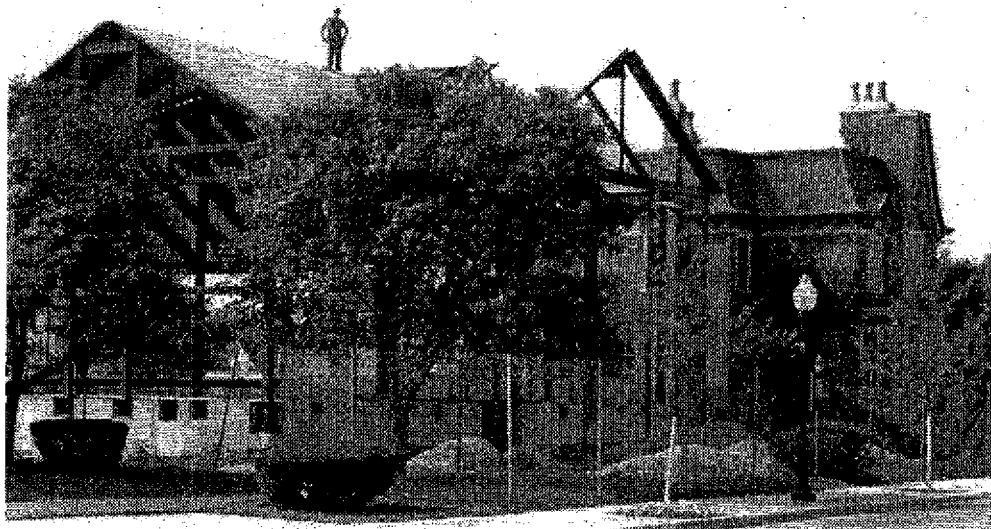
It is the second instance of a law change to accommodate law enforcement in Plymouth. An ordinance prohibiting bicycles on the sidewalks was repealed for police officers to allow Plymouth's new bicycle patrol access to city sidewalks.

Plymouth police are looking for funding for the electric cars, which run about \$7,500 a piece, according to Scoggins.

"We want to buy them as soon as we can arrange it," he said. "The legislation was just passed, so it will take a bit of time."

But the department already has uses in mind, he said. "We plan on using the electric car to enhance the foot and bike patrol. It will offer the same benefits, but with more speed and flexibility."

HOT on a tin roof



This week's temperatures, in excess of 90 degrees, slowed but didn't stop roofers working at Plymouth's new Dunning-Houhg library. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Monet gardens bloom along area expressways

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Large gardens inspired by French impressionist Claude Monet's wildflower garden paintings will soon decorate areas where three local expressways meet.

The Chrysler Plymouth Wildflower Paintings project included the interchange at I-275, M-14 and I-96 in Plymouth Township as one of three areas for planting.

"This is a way that we can give back to the community," said Jim Schebil, president of Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth. The project also gives dealerships a way to improve their public image, he said.

This is the first time a business organization has designed and planted wildflower paintings to transform highway roadside into floral displays for motorists, Schebil said.

Mark Snethkamp, president of the Chrysler-Plymouth Superstores Association of Southeast Michigan, said he considers the paintings as a visible, attractive and unique way to add visual pleasure along highways.

"We wanted to do something special and unexpected for motorists in southeastern Michigan," Snethkamp said. "Our 38 independent stores have a long tradition of hometown community involvement. We're just taking that tradition to the regional level."

The wildflower paintings will change throughout the summer, with green patterns and designs expected to emerge during June and wildflowers blooming in mid-July.

The Michigan Department of Transportation estimates approximately 1.5 million cars will travel past the paintings daily.

The project also includes plantings at the intersections of I-96 and I-75, and I-94 and I-696. The flower beds will collectively stretch along a mile of roadway.

The gardens were designed by Johnson, Johnson and Roy (JJR), a national landscape architecture firm headquartered in Ann Arbor. The plan includes more than 20 different kinds of flowers, including Sweet William Pinks and Black-Eyed Susans.

The wildflowers were specially selected for optimal bloom, said Rik Haugen, senior associate at JJR.

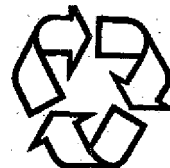
"Wild plants like these flowers have their own personalities and each demands its own particular conditions," Haugen said. "Each wildflower has its own special requirements for soil type, acidity, moisture, sun, shade and even type of plant it will accept as its neighbor."

Carleton-based Canon Rousseau, a landscape contractor, planted the wildflower paintings and will maintain them throughout the summer.

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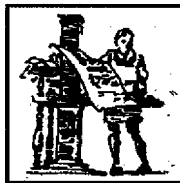
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Police Departments in P-C-N are as diverse as the municipalities they serve. Each community has its own unique problems, staffing demands and resident needs.

Each police or public safety department tries to answer the needs and concerns of their citizens: From foot, bicycle, and soon electric cars in the City of Plymouth, to the shared consortium of narcotics, auto theft and S.W.A.T. departments of Canton, Northville Townships and the City of Plymouth.

Townships
Plymouth Township operates from a budget generated by .83 mills. For every \$100,000 of their home's value, township residents pay \$83 for police services.

For their money, residents get 24 officers total, about .9 officers per 1,000 residents. That's about half the national average of a community of the township's size, according to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Acting Chief Bob Smith would like more men to help regulate response times, he said.

"The time we respond now varies," he said. "Sometimes we'll have to stack responses in order of priorities. We'll get to each call, but we'd just like to get to some

STORY: SCOTT SPIELMAN ○ **PHOTOS: KENNY INGLE**

of them quicker." Smith also would like more officers, and is petitioning for a budget increase next year, to increase police visibility.

Current staff levels allow for a minimum of two patrols at any given time, but little more.

"It can be a little hard to man shifts," he said. "Sure we've got staff at the station that can respond in an emergency, but they sometimes have other duties. They all take time, too."

Northville Township, with a budget generated from 3.4 mills, or about \$340 for a \$100,000 home. The money buys 20 officers, or 1.02 officers per thousand residents, which is significantly under the national average of 1.8.

Public Safety Director Chip Snider isn't as concerned with the national staffing average as the level of service he said.

"Every door I knock on, every person I talk to has one thing in common," he said. "When they call the police, the way to see someone and they want to see someone fast. That's the gauge I use."

Snider boasts an average 4.7 minute response time, one of the quickest of the area townships.

In addition to patrol and investigation, Northville township is also the base of the area's S.W.A.T. team, a group of specially trained public service personnel from Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Van Buren.

"Each member has their own duties to perform for their various departments, but when the pager goes off, they have to be ready," said S.W.A.T. leader Lt. John Sherman.

Northvilles Public Safety also has two certified divers for the 22 lakes within the

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Starting again

Demolition is complete and construction begins at Independence Village

BY BRYON MARTIN

Demolition is complete and some construction begins today at the Independence Village retirement development in Plymouth.

The development is being built in and around the defunct Plymouth Hilton.

The five-story hotel building has been gutted, leaving only the concrete shell from which 152 studio and one-bedroom senior apartments will be fashioned.

Carpenters begin roughing-in the rooms Monday, according to Victory LaRoue, general superintendent at the site for Delcor Inc., the firm handling demolition and construction.

Plumbers are examining the hotel's plumbing for salvageable materials; work on a new roof should begin in about three weeks, according to LaRoue.

Attached to the old Hilton will be an additional three-story, 52-unit wing where the hotel restaurant and pool area were, LaRoue says. Workers began pouring footings today for the three-story wing.

Further along is the rental office located across Northville Road, according to Linda Barnwell, marketing director for the development.

Without an office, Barnwell says she has spent the last six months traveling the area and making presentations for the project; early response to the rooms' design has been positive.

LaRoue says many have shown unexpected interest in the development: "Actually, we've done quite well. It's surprising people are jumping on it this early."

Barnwell describes similar experiences.

"People who have seen the plans said they like the layout," she said. "But

they're most excited about the services."

The village's 203 apartments are to be a mix of what Barnwell calls independent and independent-plus units.

Independent units are to offer basic services: biweekly house keeping, weekly flat linen cleaning and 30 meals per month. All 51

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Heritage Park in Canton, the Summer Concert series continues, featuring Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band. The show is free.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday and Sunday Plymouth's 17th Annual Art in The Park will bring more than 400 artists to the downtown area. Arts and crafts from 30 states will be on sale.
- Saturday, noon - 5 p.m., the Plymouth-Canton Civitans present their second annual Fab Food Fest at the N.A. Mans Building Center, 41900 Ford Road in Canton. Features samples of P-C-N restaurant dishes.

NEXT WEEK

- Monday, Northville Senior Citizens Center will host a Pot Luck lunch beginning at noon. Attendees should bring their own table service and a main dish to pass. Pinochle and a gift to follow. (810) 349-4140.
- Friday the Northville Community Center will hold its Preschool Challenge for toddlers age 2-5. Children's and parent-children games will be played.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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DONALD A. McCLUNG

Donald A. McClung, a Plymouth resident, died July 6, 1997 at the age of 77. Mr. McClung was born Jan. 1, 1920 in West Virginia. He was a Tech 5 in the U.S. Army in WW II.

He is survived by his wife, Madeline M. (Burden) McClung of Plymouth; daughters, Marsha L. (Carley) Easterwood of Plymouth, Babe (Terry) Whittaker of Canton; sisters, Vada Loftis of Petersburg, VA, Louise Willis of Hico, WV; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Major William Hartfoot of the Royal Oak Corps Salvation Army officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

JOHN McDONALD SIMPSON

John McDonald Simpson, a Westland resident, died July 4, 1997 at the age of 77. Mr. Simpson was born June 26, 1920 in Detroit. He was an asbestos worker and

member of local 25. He was in the U.S. Coast Guard, and a WW II veteran.

He is survived by his daughters, Collee (Gary) Beals of St. Clair Shores, Toni (Michael) Heath of Canton, Kimberly (Scott) Whitehouse of Howell; sons, Gary (Susan) Simpson of Westland, John Simpson of Dearborn Heights; brother, Russell (Martha) Simpson of Huntsville, AL; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions can be given to Local 14 Mesothelioma Fund, 6513 Bustleton Ave, Philadelphia, PA.

LILLIAN H. HARTMANN

Lillian H. Hartmann, a long time Plymouth resident, died July 6, 1997 at the age of 94.

Mrs. Hartmann was an accomplished pianist, a graduate of the Detroit Conservatory of Music and was very active in civic affairs. She was a life member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a life member of the Plymouth Womens Club and the Plymouth Garden Club. She was the widow of former Mayor and City Commissioner William C. Hartman.

She is survived by her daughter, Beatrice H. (Graham) Laible of Plymouth; son, William C. (Constance) Hartmann of Hudson, MI; granddaughters, Mary (Craig) Mauro, Mary (Michael) White, Elizabeth Hartmann; grandsons, Richard (Kate) Laible, William C. (Kim) Hartmann; great-grandchildren, Emily and Collin Mauro, Christopher and Andrew Hartmann, and Nicholas Morrissey. She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Hartmann after 63 years of marriage; son, Henry John; and granddaughter, Martha Laible Stilec.

Service was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Kimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made

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by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth or the Plymouth Historical Society.

VINCENT R. DiNATALE

Vincent R. DiNatale, a Westland resident, died July 4, 1997 at the age of 75. Mr. DiNatale was born Dec. 11, 1921 in Detroit. He was a steel mill roller for an automotive manufacture. He was in the army during WW II. He is survived by his wife, Stella Dobronski DiNatale of Westland; sons, Vincent W. (Alice) of Missouri, Donald R. (Marcia) of Canton; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made.

GERALDINE S. FINK

Geraldine S. Fink, a Canton resident, died July 6, 1997 at the age of 80. Mrs. Fink was born July 4, 1917 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton Community in 1977 from Dearborn. She was a member of The Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra L. Baer of Canton; grandson, Derek of Canton; and brother, Henry Frank of Hawaii.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Pastor K.M. Mehrl officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions can be given to Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth.

KENNETH A. JOZWIAK

Kenneth A. Jozwiak, a Canton resident, died July 8, 1997 at the age of 43. Mr. Jozwiak was born May 15, 1954 in Detroit. He was a Sales Engineer in the Experimental Design Dept of Milford Fabricating Co, a manufacturer of Automotive Prototypes. He loved golf, bowling and enjoying life with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Dale Ann Jozwiak of Canton; daughter, Kelly Jozwiak of Canton; son, Kyle Jozwiak of Canton; sisters, Marilyn Jozwiak of Richland, Lori (Michael) Groff of Cleveland, OH; brothers, Gary Jozwiak of Jackson, Steven Jozwiak of Dearborn, Carl (Janet) Jozwiak of South Lyon, Martin (Cindy) Jozwiak of Gaylord, and John (Tammy) Jozwiak of Gaylord.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jordan Lenaghan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the University of Michigan Cancer Center 101 Simpson Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

ANN ADAMS

Ann Adams, a Plymouth resident, died July 7, 1997 at the age of 78. Mrs. Adams was born in Detroit. She worked at Daisy Air Rifle and retired when the company moved to Arkansas. She babysat for many local families and loved to raise collies. She moved from Hamtramck to Plymouth Township in 1950 and built their on home on five acres of land. She is survived by her husband, Edmund; daughters, Gloria Anderson, Cindy (John) Bida; and grandchildren, Garrett and Jill Bida, Kelly (Joe) Gallagher and Scott (Monica) Anderson.

Services were held with the Rev. Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Memorial contributions can be given to the Knights of Columbus.

PATRICIA L. CARREATHERS

Patricia L. Carreathers, a Livonia resident, died July 9, 1997 at the age of 55. Mrs. Carreathers was born Feb. 8, 1942 in Detroit. She was an assembly line workers at General Motors for 15 years. She is survived by her daughters, Catherine (Ron) Pyle of Westland; Brooke Carreathers of Livonia; sons, David (Wendy) Chubb of Garden City, Brad (Kim) Bailey of Westland, Adam Bailey of Livonia; nine grandchildren; brother, Anthony (Noreen) Miller of Howell; and step-father, Arthur Finney of Livonia.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas G. Badley officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

STEVAN A. FISHER

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

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

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

Gustaf B. Carlson, Jr., 65, Training director at Federal-Mogul Corporation

Gustaf B. Carlson, a Plymouth resident, died July 6, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Constance of Plymouth; one son; two grandchildren; and two sisters. Service will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 18 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Margaret E. Jones, 87

Margaret E. Jones, a Plymouth resident, died July 6, 1997. She is survived by her son, Richard J. (Joann) Jones of Plymouth; one sister, one brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl R. Jones. Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

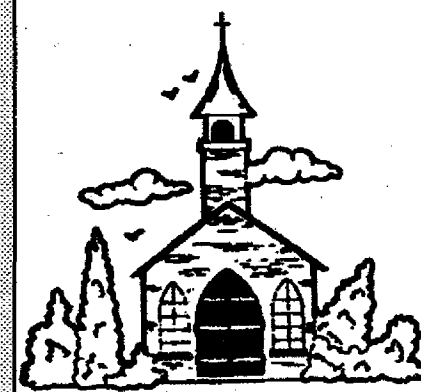


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Neighbors in the news

Andrew Johns has maintained a 4.0 Grade Point Average for both the Fall and Spring Semesters at Wayne State University.

Johns has been nominated to the Dean's List for both semesters and is a member of the Gold Key National Honor Society. He is majoring in Finance.

Patricia Pokay, of Northville won a Distinguished Faculty Award from Eastern Michigan University.

Pokay is a professor of education at Eastern.

Georgia Barton, Ryan Bayer, Lisa Birou, Elizabeth Cosenza, Nancy Dankert, Terrance Donohue, Caitlin Hoen, Sean Hoen, Evelyn Kaufman, Mary Kaufman, Janell Leschinger, John Lewis, Timothy MacArthur, Molly Malpass, Joseph Marquis, Elizabeth Miller, Heather Myers, Joseph Nieminski, Nicole Orlewicz, Laura Orłowski, Elaine Ranus, Alison Storm, Ryan Thomason, Susan Walters, and Kelly Woloszyk, all from Plymouth, were named to the Dean's List for the last semester at Madonna University.

Michael McCormick, of Northville, and **Jason Duerr** and **Julia Valenti** of Plymouth recently received bachelor's degrees from Indiana University Bloomington.

Plymouth's **Philip Korovesis** was elected to The Children's Center of Wayne County's board of Officers and Directors.

Korovesis, an attorney with the firm of Butzel Long, also serves on the Agency's Personnel Practices and Training Committees.

Lindsay C. Johnson, daughter of **Carlton and Phyllis Johnson** of Plymouth, **Jane DeCourcy**, daughter of **William and Jane DeCourcy** of Plymouth, and **Rebecca Hoon**, daughter of **Robert and Ruth Hoon** of Canton were named to the Dean's List for the Spring Semester at Albion College.

Claire E. Walton, daughter of **Edward and Martha Walton** of Plymouth was named one of 13 recipients of the President Bernard T. Lomas Project 250 Award.

The award scholarships are given to Albion College students who have made a significant contribution to the campus community.

Canton kid kicks competition

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Cool, calm and loose.

That simple motto was an important part of what propelled 11 year-old Canton resident Brandon Yopp to the top of his form as the gold medal winner in last weekend's Tae Kwon Do tournament in Louisville, KY.

What makes the achievement more incredible is the fact that he's only been studying the martial arts form for 15 months.

Yopp began his Tae Kwon Do training as a reward for improvements at school, he said. "I always liked Chuck Norris and Bruce Lee movies, but I had to earn the chance to take lessons. I had to get my grades up — no C's."

On his first day, Yopp sparred a brown belt student and beat him, he said.

"I knocked him down twice."

Eighteen trophies and nine medals later, Yopp had successfully tested for his red belt. Part of the test included jumping over four kneeling students and breaking a one-inch thick wooden board with a flying side-kick.

"It shows speed, power and control," Yopp said. "I broke the board the first time, every time."



Brandon Yopp poses beside the Grand Champion trophy he won in Kil's Karate interclub competition.

The short span of time he's been training hasn't hindered Yopp in any of the 15 tournaments he's entered, and it didn't

slow him down last weekend.

"I really didn't think about it," he said. "I just got in there."

Yopp said he spends the down time between and before his matches by stretching and concentrating on the match ahead of him.

When the whistle blows, he takes the mat for a freestyle sparr that will be decided within two and a half minutes.

"In my first match I went out like gangbusters," he said. "I just kept going. For the second match I let him come to me and moved out of the way. I saw how he left himself open and nailed him with a jump-spin-back kick."

The matches are set up as two-one minute spars with a 30 second break between them.

"The last match was really hard. It ended up with the score only 1-0. He was blocking everything I was throwing at him, and I was blocking everything he was throwing at me," he said.

But when it was all said and done, he had the victory, the national championship of the 11-15 age group and a gold medal to go along with his other medals and trophies.

And that's something to kick about.

Plymouth preacher heads for Scotland

The first marriage a newly ordained Plymouth man will be in is his own, then he heads back to his spiritual roots in Glasgow, Scotland.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Douglas Campbell, son of Janet Campbell of Plymouth, will head off to Scotland next month with a new wife and a new purpose.

Campbell, who was ordained last week at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, will report to the New Kilpatrick Parish Church just outside of Glasgow, Scotland next month.

An Art History Major at Ohio's Kenyon College, Campbell said he first felt drawn to the ministry during a trip to Europe.

"I was in Italy, looking at all the religious art and I noticed the trend towards deconstructing art," he said. "People would look at these beautiful works of religious art, and talk about them in terms of shades and colors and never considered what they meant to the painter. It made me think."

Campbell worked with Keyon's Alumni association for two years after he graduated, and gradually became more

involved with the church, he said.

A friend suggested the seminary, and his first reaction was a negative one.

"I had a concept of what a minister was and I didn't think I could do that," he said. "I knew a lot of ministers and I had a tremendous amount of respect for them. I didn't think it was something that I could do, though."

After some persuading, he went to the Seminary School at Princeton University where he first felt the call to be a preacher, and first met Emily Riley, whom he will marry next week.

"I first thought I was not going to go into church work," he said, "but then I interned in Glasgow, and the more I saw of the day-in, day-out church life, I felt this was where I was going."

He was right. The same church where he interned will be his home for the first part of his ministry, and Riley will be a minister at a church five minutes away.

"It's really worked out well for us," he chuckled. "We were going to perform our own marriage ceremony, but we already had seven ministers that wanted to help out."

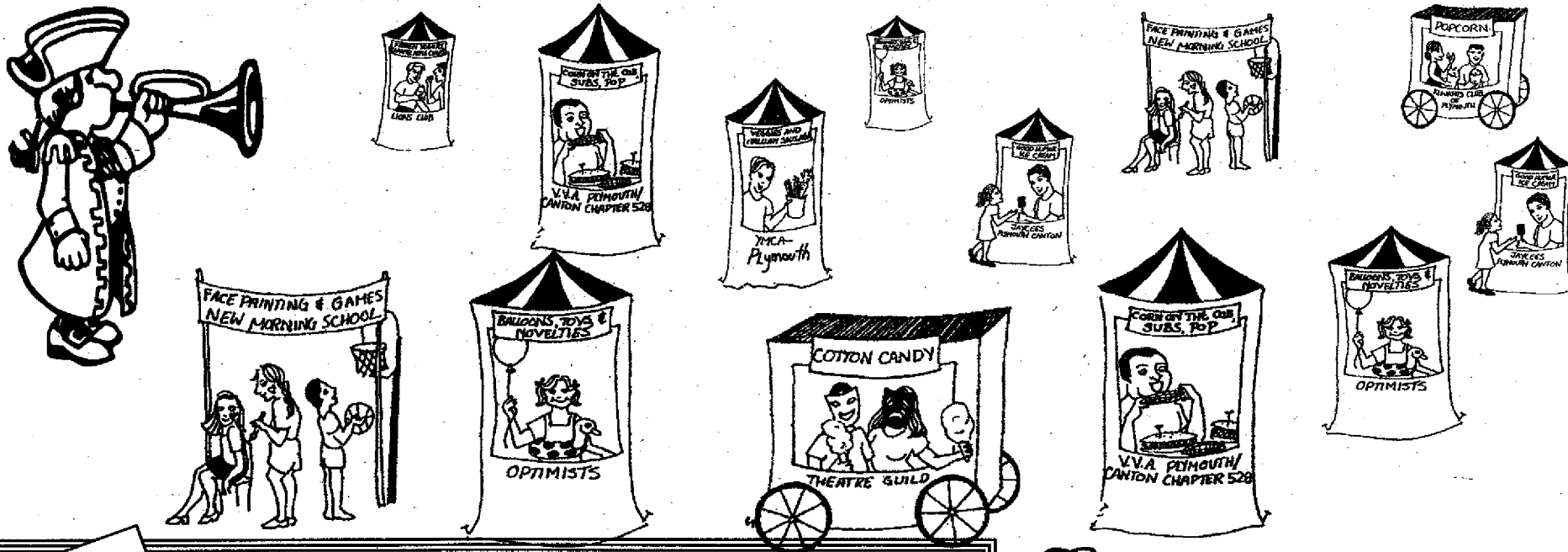
And Campbell seems to be over his pre-minister jitters.

"As I learned more I saw that I had placed them on a pedestal," he said. "Now I see that they're just human like everyone else. That was helpful. It's part of being on a continual growth basis in faith."



Douglas Campbell and his soon-to-be-wife Emily Riley at Campbell's ordainment at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

"You continue to grow and reach out and not get stagnant."



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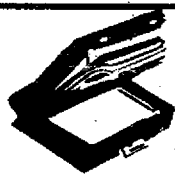
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Robert J. Gordon, D.O. of Family & Sports Medical Center met all criteria for accreditation by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation. COLA is approved by the federal government. Gordon's office is located in Plymouth at 965 S. Main Street.

Joseph Lorenz of Plymouth has joined the law firm of Strobl and Borda, P.C. of Bloomfield Hills as a partner.

Lorenz, formerly employed by Ford Motor Company, specializes in contracts, corporate transactions, business law and federal and state taxation law.

Charles Stocks of Canton is one of three executives who have acquired Helm, Inc., a marketing services organization in Highland Park. Stocks served in key operational and sales positions for 18 years and will become vice president of operations.

Canton Public Safety has been awarded a grant of nearly \$10,000 by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. A third of the award will be allocated to Plymouth Twp. Police Dept., who will collaborate with Canton police on an OUIL statewide enforcement effort.



DR. DENNIS GUT

Dr. Dennis Gut of Plymouth has been elected to the Board of Regents of the Orchard Lake Schools: S.S. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's College and St. Mary's Preparatory. Gut is a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School, the University of Detroit and U of M Dental School, and holds a master's degree in endodontics. He's a member of national and state dental associations and associations of endodontists.

Designers built to last

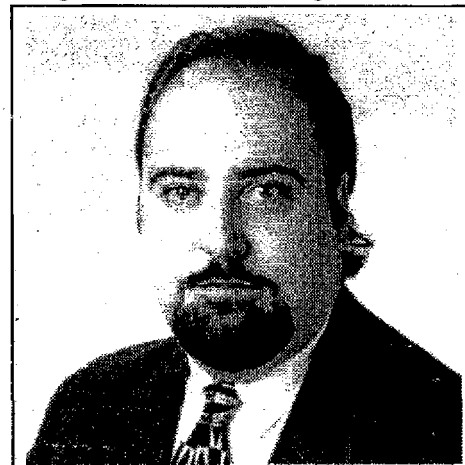
Plymouth husband and wife form architectural company

BY MATT HUCAL

Architects Robert and Maureen Kraemer have created a husband-wife firm, Kraemer Design Group, PLC. The firm has existed for seven months and is located in downtown Detroit's Harmonie Park.

"We chose to move downtown because we are located near the stadium and casino projects," Robert Kraemer said. "We're hoping to be on a secondary development and design team with the casinos."

Kraemer said the firm specializes in high-design commercial and retail projects, along with restaurants and nightclubs.



ROBERT KRAEMER

"We really strive to understand what our client needs" Kraemer said, "because our clients are really different from each other."

Before launching their firm, both Kraemers worked at Albert Kahn Associates. Maureen left last July to stay

home with their new baby and, according to Robert, discovered that workload was steadily increasing.

So, after almost five years at Albert Kahn, Robert left the company and formed Kraemer Design with his wife.

The firm has, along with the Kraemers, one full-time employee and contracts employees as needed.

One project that Kraemer said is probably his most impressive effort was the renovation of Salon Allegra in Northville.

"That was fulfilling because we had a

'We like being in an urban setting with older buildings, and like being able to walk downtown.'

Robert Kraemer

small budget and time frame, but we were able to finish it in a week," Kraemer said. "We were able to perform a dramatic change. We did our job."

Kraemer said one reason he and his wife chose to live in Plymouth rather than Canton was because of the downtown area Plymouth provides.

"We like being in an urban setting with older buildings, and like being able to walk downtown," Kraemer said.

The Kraemers moved to Plymouth four years ago, after one year in Northville. They met each other while they both attended U of M.

Kraemer said that he's more of the designer in the duo, while his wife works more on marketing and working with clients, although both Kraemers are licensed architects.

The Kraemer Design Group is now, among other projects, working on the renovation of a 22,000 square foot, 100-year-old building in Detroit. The historic building will be transformed into an office



MAUREEN KRAEMER

building.

What the couple would like to see by next year is for their company to double in size, Kraemer said. He added that the firm's target size is to employ 10 people in five years.

Adistra's international flavor

BY MATT HUCAL

Adistra may be located in Plymouth, but they've become a major overseas influence recently.

Beginning June 18, the company began to coordinate the entire Ford Motor Company's dealership supplier network in 19 different European countries.

Adistra will be qualifiers of equipment for 10,000 Ford dealers.

According to Frank Uller, president of Adistra Automotive, they'll test and choose what they feel to be the equipment which meets Ford standards.

Uller said they will produce catalogs for dealers to market select service items. Adistra purchases and re-sells equipment through two call

centers — London and Cologne.

Because the dealerships will purchase in large volume from Adistra, it will be a better value, he said.

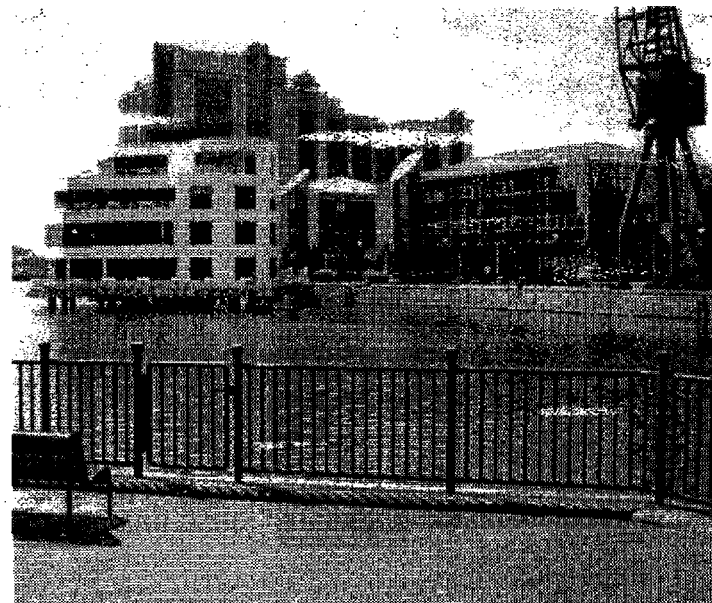
Adistra will also determine what equipment dealerships will need in the future.

Uller took the position of president in 1996, after the company was divided into two separate divisions — Automotive and Marketing Support.

"We're providing an easier solution for dealers to provide service equipment needs," Uller said.

Adistra will test the basic service equipment used in auto repairs.

Uller said that Ford is Adistra's only client in Europe at the moment.



The Gage International Facility on the Thames River in London, England houses Adistra's European supplier network. The company began coordinating the entire supplier network for Ford's on June 18, covering 10,000 dealers.

Documents salvaged from court fire

San Francisco company uses freeze-drying process to save financial records, tickets

BY BRYON MARTIN

Fire and ice.

It is considered cliché to use the two words to contrast opposites. But in reference to rebuilding the 35th District Court after its July 2 fire, the words are literally accurate.

Fire, a three-alarm blazed started by a storm-downed powerline, claimed the courthouse building and most of its contents.

Ice, used in a refurbishment process by Document Reprocessors, may reclaim some

of what was thought to be lost.

Paper documents stored in the court's basement escaped flames but sustained water damage.

Boxes of tickets and court financial records were soaked by fire-hoses, according to

C o u r t Administrator Kerry Erdman.

That's when Document Reprocessors were contacted.

"The state court administrator's office called them," Erdman said. The company, based in San Francisco, specializes in the refurbishment of various media — diskettes, microforms and others including paper documents.

Quintin Schwartz was dispatched from

the company's New York office and arrived Sunday after the fire, according to Eric Lundquist, president of Document Reprocessors. The soaked files — about four cubic yards worth — were sent to the coast office, Lundquist said.

There, water is being removed from the papers through a freeze drying process, Lundquist said.

"We have a 45-foot-long machine that takes the documents through a series of steps," he said. "We freeze the page and reduce the air pressure to zero," which vaporizes the water, according to Lundquist.

Once dried, any unreadable portions are trimmed away and the document is photocopied. The reprocessed pages are then sent back to the client. Copies "have to be accurate, not just close," Lundquist said.

"There's very little loss of information."

The process will cost the court about \$25,000, according to Lundquist. Except for the freeze drying, all reprocessing steps are done by hand, he said. "It isn't cheap because it's labor, labor, labor."

Insurance money will cover the costs, Erdman said.

Although the court has back-up copies of the water damaged documents on com-

puter, Erdman said there are a few reasons to have the original on hand.

"The main savings is in time," he said. It's one less thing for court employees to do as they get the court back on its temporary feet.

"And any time you have financial records, it's always good to have the origi-

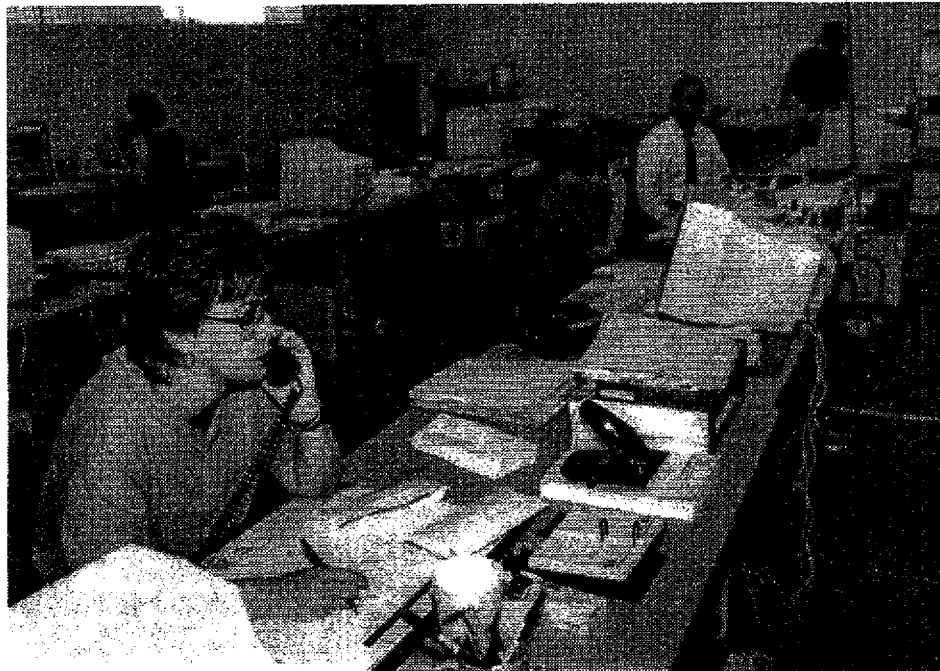
nals on hand," Erdman said. "It's nice to have them available when people come in to pay tickets."

And pay they will, he said. "We know who owes what. They won't be getting out of anything."

Erdman said the documents are due to be returned within four weeks.

'We have to be accurate, not just close. There's very little loss of information.'

Eric Lundquist



Court workers have set up temporary offices in the Unisys building on Plymouth Road, across from the former courthouse. (Crier photo, R. Alwood, Jr.)

Court seeks homes

Temporary, permanent sites being weighed

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Court officials, led by former Judge Jim Garber, will begin to meet next week to decide the site of the future court building when Garber returns from Florida, according to Erdman.

The search for temporary facilities has been narrowed to either the Western Electric Building on Sheldon Road, or modular buildings in the empty Unisys parking lot, Erdman said.

"We're still looking at the Western Electric building. There's enough space, but it would take 60 days before it would be usable by the court," he said. "We would need more walls and bathroom space."

Modular buildings in the parking lot across the street from the old courthouse are the strongest contender for a temporary location, Erdman said. Conceptually, the buildings are the same as mobile homes sites but can be made as large as a warehouse.

"They would see us through until the completion of a new courthouse, but they won't be ready until September," Erdman said. "And time is an issue."

While cost comparisons for the Western Electric building and modular buildings continue, Erdman and other court staff are constantly looking for other places.

"We've contacted every school in the district to see if we could use space while school was out. And we're constantly going to places, trying to come up with a solution. It's just difficult to find something that suits our needs," he said.

The business side of the court is coming along slowly because people aren't sure of where to send payments, Erdman said.

"If they send the payments to the old court address, we will get them," he said. "Or they can use the drop box in front of the old courthouse."

"We're getting demolition bids from companies now," Erdman said. "Once we have an idea of how sound the old foundation is, we'll have an idea of where to start."

Insurance will cover new courthouse costs, Erdman said. The court has also applied for federal disaster aid.

"We've asked for the paperwork, but we're not real hopeful. We're insured, so I don't think too many federal funds are available. But we have to try."



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Out with the old, in with the elderly

Fomer hotel is gutted, expanded for new Plymouth senior community

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units in the three-story wing will be fully independent, and all will have balconies or patios, she said.

Independent-plus will supplement the same basic services with medication reminders, three meals per day and assistance with dressing and bathing, if needed, according to Barnwell.

The different levels of service reflect the mix of seniors who have expressed interest in the units, which is quite a few, according to Barnwell.

"People say there's a real need for this in Plymouth. It's the ideal location," she said. "We've had a number of calls

"Many are Plymouth seniors who have been in town for a number of years," Barnwell says. "Some are just tired of home maintenance. They know the kinds of headaches behind it."

And it's a homey feeling without all the effort that Independence Village will offer, according to Barnwell.

That, and a use for the vacant hotel building.

"We've had a lot of community support," she says.

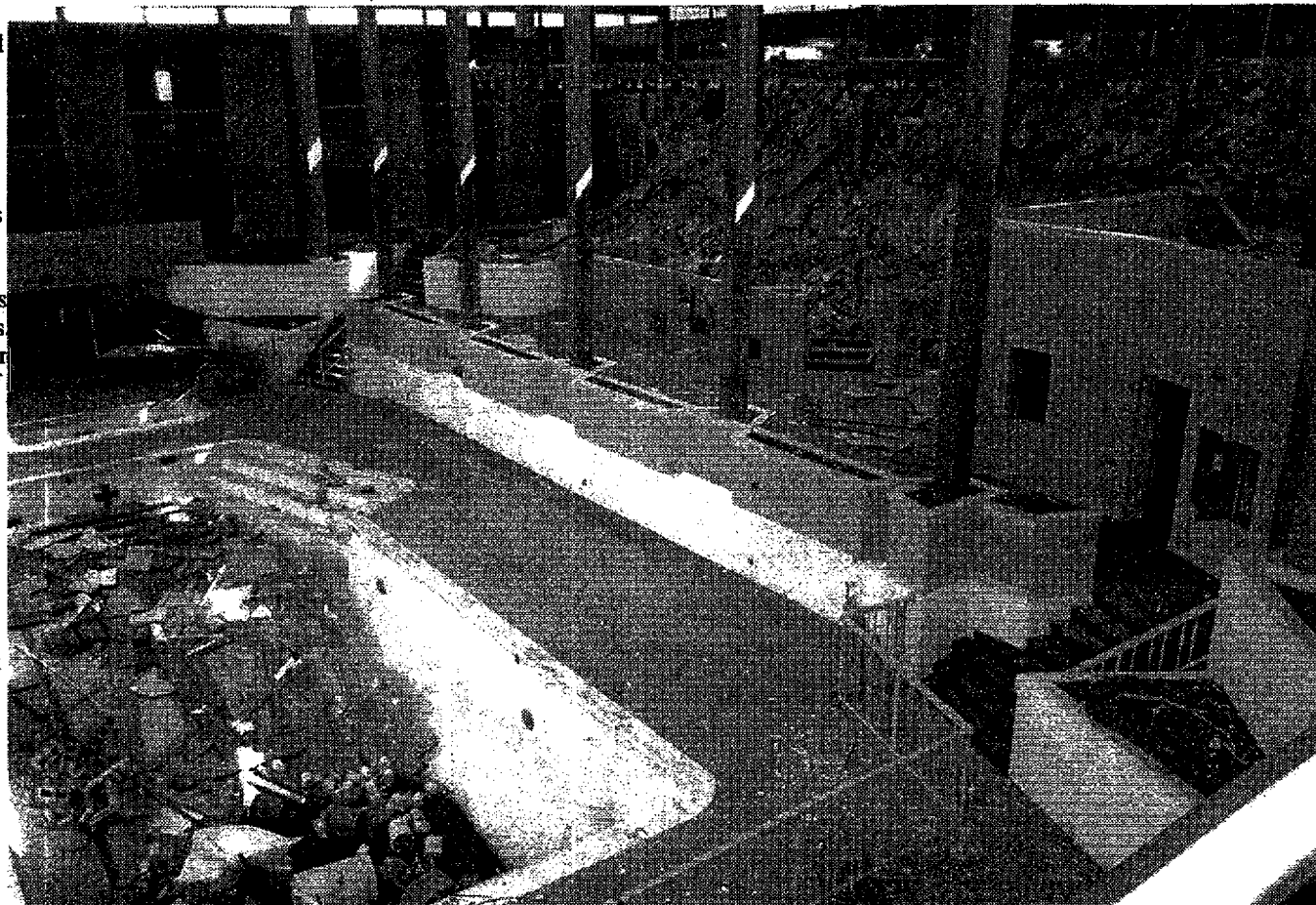
"People are excited just to see something going on at the site."

Barnwell and LaRoue say construction is expected to wrap up next year; apartments should be available by next spring or early summer.

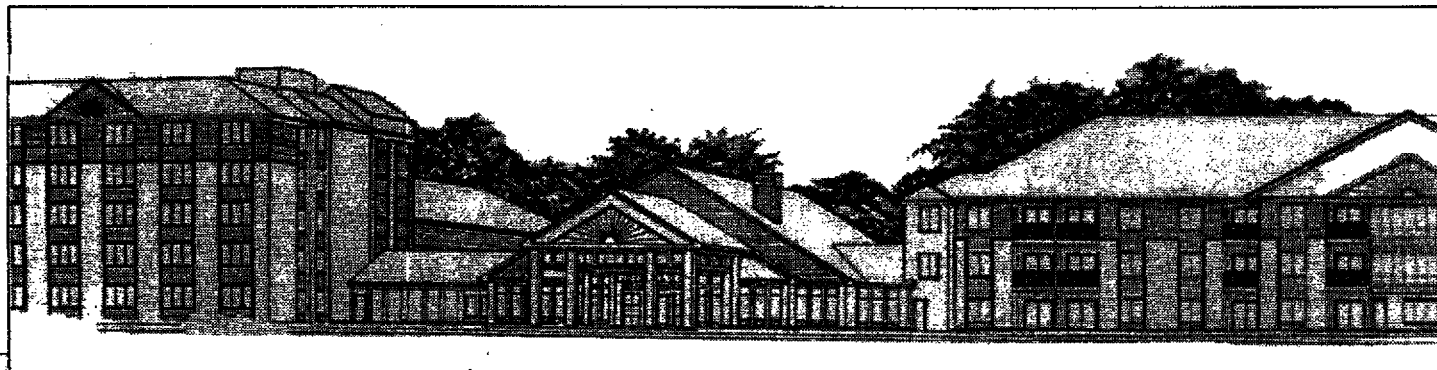
Strong community interest has led to a waiting list in the meantime, Barnwell says.

"People are coming in and choosing which rooms they want," she says, adding that those with views of the village's central, horseshoe-shaped garden are particularly popular.

Those interested in securing a place on the waiting list can stop by the Barnwell's office in the parking lot across from the development.



What was the Hilton's pool area has been torn out and will become a horseshoe-shaped garden. Barnwell said rooms with views of the garden have been most popular with those on the development's apartment waiting list.



An architectural rendering (above) shows what Independence Village will look like upon completion, sometime next spring or summer. The five-story portion on the left was the former Hilton. The section in the middle is being built in the space where the

hotel restaurant sat before demolition (above, left). The hotel structure was stripped of internal walls (above, right) to make way for new senior apartment units of varying size. (Crier photos, Bryon Martin).



Engagements

SLEZAK-ZURAWSKI

Dianne Marie Slezak, daughter of Joseph and Margaret Slezak of Plymouth, and Edward Alan Zurawski Jr., son of Mr. Edward Zurawski Sr. of Brighton and Mrs. Judith Zurawski of Detroit will be married on Sept. 27 in a ceremony at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, MI.

Dianne is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and the U of M - Dearborn. She currently works as a computer programmer/analyst at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Edward is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and Central Michigan University. He currently works for Compuware as a computer consultant.

Angela Petersen-Ernst will serve as Matron of Honor and Gregory Abb will be the best man.

A reception will be held in honor of the newlyweds on Oct. 10 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. They will honeymoon in Maui, Hawaii.

RILEY-CAMPBELL

Mr. and Mrs. William Riley of Bloomington, IN announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Eaton Riley, to Matthew Douglas Campbell.

Doug is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm David Campbell of Plymouth.

Emily is a 1989 graduate of Quaker Valley High School in Sewickley, PA. She graduated from The College of Wooster, in Wooster, OH and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1996.

She is serving as an intern at the Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC and was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA this spring.

Douglas graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor in 1987 and received a BA from Kenyon College in 1991. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 19.

He served an internship at New Kilpatrick Church in Bearsden, Scotland.



RILEY-CAMPBELL

Douglas will be ordained at Presbyterian Church USA.

Their wedding will take place in Sewickely, PA Saturday.

Following the wedding, the couple will live in Bearsden, where Douglas will serve as Associate Pastor of New Kilpatrick Church.



Births

Dana Lee Schrock was born Feb. 25 at 4:36 p.m. at Edward's Hospital in Naperville, IL and was eight pounds, 21.5 inches.

Dana was welcomed home to Plainfield, IL by brother Dylan, two sisters, Kelsi and Kara, and parents, Geoffrey and Janice Schrock.

The maternal grandparents are Ken and Agnes Wheeler of Plymouth and Frank and Barbara Schrock of LaGrange, IN. The paternal great-grandmother is Florine Evans of Carmel, IN.

Nolan Thomas Gerou was born on Feb. 25 to Jane and Michael Gerou. Nolan was

eight pounds, 10.5 ounces and 21.5 inches at birth. He is the younger brother of Miles and Elaine.



Tim and Julie (Tortora) Baechler welcomed the birth of their first child on May 19 at 7:11 p.m. Brocton David weighed in at eight pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. This is the first

grandchild for the maternal grandparents, Clem and Mary Catherine Tortora, formerly of Plymouth, and the sixth grandchild for the paternal grandparents, Dave and Marlynn Baechler of White Pidgeon, MI.

Well-wishers may send their congratulations to: Tim and Julie Baechler, 321 Nottingham, Brooklyn MI 49320.

Shannon (Townsend) Moore, formerly of Plymouth, and Doug Moore proudly announce the birth of their son, Lee Alton Moore.

Lee was born at Providence Hospital in Southfield on March 12 at 8:31 p.m. He

weighed 7.8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. He was delivered by William Blessed.

Lee's grandparents

are Dave and Carol Townsend, formerly of Plymouth, and Bruce and Sandy Moore. His great-grandparents are Geraldine Townsend (of Plymouth), Virginia Munoz, Emma Howard, and Lee and Marjorie Moore.



Burning drive to help others

When not saving lives in the line of duty, Canton firefighters improve lives through charity

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton firefighters are doing more than putting out fires these days.

When they're not out saving lives or performing other duties, the fire department is raising money for local charities.

Organized as the Canton Firefighters #2289 Charity Foundation Board (CFCFB), members of the Canton Public Safety Department have been raised thousands of dollars for donations with Red Wing Alumni games and charity softball outings.

Their latest endeavor takes them to away from the ice rinks and baseball diamonds to the slopes and greens of Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

"It's our first golf outing, so we're curious how it's going to turn out," said Canton Fire Lt. Jim Davison.

The outing will be 1 p.m. Aug. 5, Davison said, with proceeds to go into the

CFCFB's charity account.

"We usually work for a charity like Mott Children's Hospital or Special Olympics, but we have an account we can disperse funds from also," Davison said.

Funds in the account go towards community needs. When a resident recently lost his house to a fire, the foundation donated money for a hotel room until insurance money was available.

The fund raising started in 1995 when Greg Unger, a Canton teen, needed a double lung transplant. The foundation raised

\$22,000 for Unger and realized its potential for fund-raising.

"The whole idea was to do things for local charities as well as bigger ones," Davison said.

'We usually work for a charity like Mott Children's Hospital or Special Olympics, but we have an account we can disperse funds from also.'

The fee for the gold outing is \$100 and will include 18 holes of golf, a cart, beverages on the course, a steak dinner banquet with an open bar and a sports auction during dinner.

Residents who want to help but don't want to play golf can pay \$30 for just the dinner and the chance to bid on sports memorabilia provided by The Goalies Den of Troy, Davison said.

Business sponsorships are also available, Davison said. Businesses donating \$100 will have a hole named in their honor and have their name printed on a flag. Bigger donations earn banners displaying the company name.


Davison said he and the department are appreciative of the support of both the communities and governments.

"The Township is very supportive. A lot of companies wouldn't allow this on company time," he said "It's a lot of work, and some of it happens on duty — after all of our regular work is done, of course."

In the two years since the Canton Fire and Police have been raising money for charities, they have donated about \$100,000, Davison said.

"It's really taking off, and the guys are having fun doing it. And the guys involved are just great. They like giving something

Jack DEMMER



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Groups

SUMMER DAY CAMP

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

SPEECHCRAFT SEMINAR

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

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

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

HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A heart cancer support group will take place at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday of each month at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia. Call 422-1826 for info.

SALVATION ARMY TAE KWON DO

Class meets Mondays and Thursdays 6-8 p.m.. Cost, \$20 per person monthly; family plan available. Call Master Hernandez at (810) 539-7665, or the Salvation Army at 453-5464.

SALVATION ARMY SENIOR VOLLEYBALL

Team is looking for more players. If interested, stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 - 12 a.m. Players' annual fee is \$10. Call 453-5464 for more info.

DIVORCE RECOVERY WORKSHOP

Northville Christian Assembly holds a seminar to help separated and divorced individuals grow through their experiences. Register through the church office; child care available. Call (810) 348-9030 for more info.

CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who'd like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

Every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. Call Marc at 455-1635 for more info.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

First and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mayflower Hotel. Includes dinner and a speaker. Call Felix Rotter at 453-2375 for more info.

60+ CLUB

Meets every first Monday at noon at First United Methodist Church located at 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Call Lola Schueder at 453-7999 for more info.

3 CITIES ART CLUB

Meetings will be on the first Monday of the month. November meetings will be announced. Call S. Argiroff at (313) 422-8106 for more info.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.; third Tuesday of the month; second floor Plymouth City Hall. Call 455-7652 for more info. Amateur radio classes Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Plymouth Township Hall. Call 453-3840, ext. 223 for more info.

YMCA CLASSES

The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for a variety of classes, ranging from Adults' line dancing, to kid's French classes, drivers' education and assorted sports leagues. Call the YMCA at 453-2904 for more info.

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. Call 416-0418 for more info.

SUNDAY TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB

A new Sunday night Toastmasters meeting at the Plymouth Township meeting room from 7-9 p.m. Experience the public speaking training. Become a better listener, a better thinker. Call Marc Sullivan at 455-1635 for more info.

CHRISTIAN RECOVERY

Recovery in Christ offers assistance people needing help with an addiction or dealing with family members who are addicted. The group meets from 7:15 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday in room 212 at Temple Baptist Church, 49555 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

SINGLE PARENTS

Single Parents meet at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church, Livonia. Free child care. Call 422-1854.

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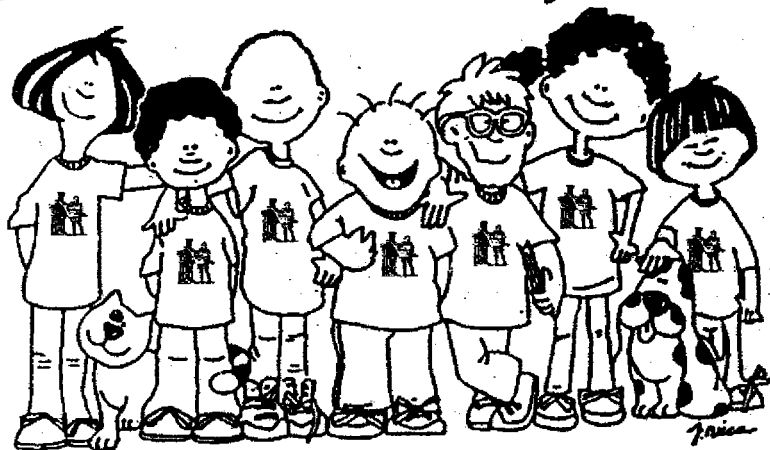
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The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Hospital will offer a safe sitter class for children aged 11 to 13 July 29 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and July 31 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B. Cost, \$40 per student. Register by July 20 by calling (313) 655-1100.

STRESS MANAGEMENT

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is offering "Stressed for Success," a three-week stress management program held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 11, 18, 25 in Pavilion Conference Room A near south entrance. Cost, \$25. Call Community Outreach Dept. at (313) 655-2922.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. Call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays for more info.

SMOKE STOPPERS

In combination with the "patch," or by itself, this program can help win the battle against smoking. Group and individual sessions available at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth and Ann Arbor. Call (313) 712-4141 for more info.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Plymouth-Canton, a non-profit, information and support group for breastfeeding mothers meets monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. Call 397-0197 for more info.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

A 40-page handbook containing current domestic violence laws, women's rights, a list of community resources and other information is now available in Arabic. Copies can be found at the Arab-American and Chaldean Council, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, the Wayne County Department of Public Health clinic in Dearborn and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. English and Spanish versions are also available. Call (313) 224-6994 for more info.

NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss because of death or divorce is welcome to attend. There is no charge. Call 453-7630 for more info.



Events

POETRY CELEBRATION

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, 844 Penniman, Plymouth, will host poetry readings from 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. every Thursday night during the summer. Events are directed by Plymouth's poet in residence Rod Reinhart. Tomorrow's featured reader is Van Baldwin reading "The Fifth Petal of the Rose."

SENATOR SPEAKS ON WSDP

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

FAMILY CAMP OUT AND MOVIE NIGHT

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

JEWS FOR JESUS

Jews for Jesus Liberating Wailing Wall will be singing and telling their story at 11 a.m. July 27 at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton.

FLORAL ART SHOW

Plymouth Community Arts Council's (774 Sheldon, Plymouth) Floral Art Show features six watercolorists this summer: Marjorie Chellstorp, Johnnie Crosby, Joanne Porter, Kay Rowe, Mary Stephenson and Donna Vogelheim. The public's invited to the show, running through Aug. 31 from 9 a.m.-noon Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. and 9-9 p.m. Wed.

FEATURED ARTIST

Native West Gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth will feature the works of Oregon artist Carol Grigg during the month of July. Often compared to Georgia O'Keefe, her Native American themes involve decorative patterns and subtle imagery.

YOUTH SOCCER

City of Plymouth accepts registrations for fall youth soccer through July from 8-4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri. \$40-residents, \$60-non-residents. Call 455-6620 for more info.



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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know, Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by July 18th to be considered for the May page.

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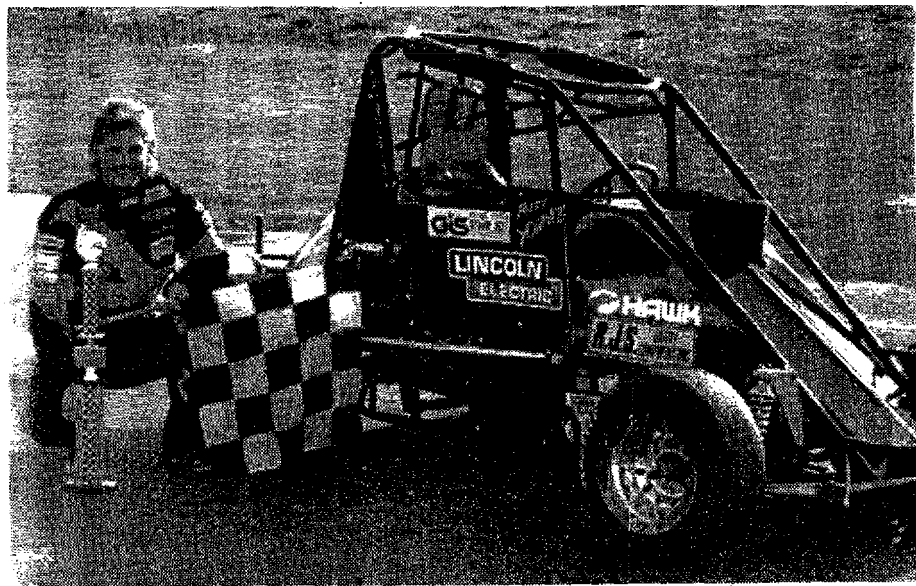
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Perry Younce

Two weeks until memorial race for Canton driver

BY MATT HUCAL

The Perry Younce Memorial Race will take place August 2 and August 9, with proceeds benefiting an educational trust fund for his sons. The midget-car driver from Canton was killed August 3, 1996 in an accident at Michigan Ideal Speedway in Springport.

The Aug. 2 race will be at the Owasso Race Track, and the Aug. 9 race will be at the Michigan Ideal Speedway.

A memorial race was held on Aug. 30, 1996 in Owasso in which \$6,000 was raised for the trust fund.

Younce was 35 years old and is survived by his two sons, Alexander, 11, and Taylor, 9. He was engaged to be married last October, and is also survived by his parents, Clyde and Shirley Younce, one brother and six sisters.

More than 400 people went to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth for the viewing, which helped the family heal through the tragedy.

"We would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the funeral last year, and thank everyone for their continued love, support and prayers," said Mary McFarland, Younce's sister. "Unless you go through an experience like this, it's hard to understand what that means."

McFarland said Father Richard Kelly of St. Thomas A'Becket Church plans to hold a memorial mass on Aug. 3 at 10 a.m.

Tickets for the Aug. 9 Ideal race are \$15 for adults, \$12 for 13-17 year olds and \$6 for 6-12 year olds — all in advance. Tickets are \$18 for adults at the door.

Competing in the Ideal race will be wing 'sprints, midgets and I-car modified race cars.

For more information on the Aug. 9 race, call (517) 857-3333 or (708) 352-6106.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the educational fund established for the sons of Perry Younce can do so through: The Perry Younce Memorial Fund, Account # 5590079710, First of America Bank, 41652 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Twp. Police issue kids helmet tickets

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Bicyclists beware: you could receive a ticket for wearing a protective helmet.

Yes, that right.

The Plymouth Township Police Department recently started a program to issue tickets redeemable for a scoop of ice cream to children, 16 years and younger, wearing helmets while biking or in-line skating, according to township Officer Jamie Senkbeil.

The program is the result of collaboration between the police department and business owners to promote safe biking and skating in the township.

"We hope to increase the positive contacts that the police officers have with kids in the community," Senkbeil said.

Children can redeem their tickets at the Baskin Robbins store, 985 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Officers advertised the program by distributing 5,500 flyers at elementary and middle schools in Plymouth and Canton. Alphagraphics of Canton donated the tickets and promotional materials.

Those ticketed will also receive an opportunity to win items from a drawing. Prizes include four \$10 gift certificates from the Trading Post Sports shop, six sets of two \$1 Canton Cinema passes, five \$10 gift certificates from Blade Sports, 10 \$5 gift certificates and a Schwinn mountain bike from Jerry's Bike Shop.

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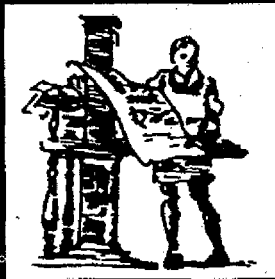
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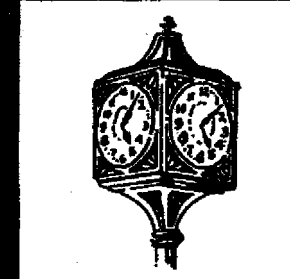
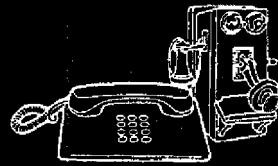
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certified divers for the 22 lakes within the township, Snider said.

Patrol officers generally follow up their own cases, taking them from initial report to closure, Snider said, although the department has two detectives for instances when investigating a case would take the patrol officers out of their districts.

It is a strategy shared by Plymouth Township.

"Sometimes someone will come into a community, commit a crime, then leave," Smith said. "Patrol officers can't always leave their districts, but detectives have larger boundaries."

Cities
Small dense areas and smaller communities mark the philosophies of City of Plymouth and Northville Police Stations. With less of an area to patrol and less staff, the departments meet the needs of their communities in an open, personable way.

'Every door I knock on, every person I talk to has one thing in common. When they call the police, the way to see someone and they want to see someone fast. That's the gauge I use.'

Chip Snider

City of Plymouth Police operates on a budget of \$1.3 million, drawn from the city's general operating budget, according to Chief Bob Scoggins.

The department's ratio of 1.6 officers per 1000 residents is slightly lower than the national average. Scoggins is working on changing that, he said, by replacing two retiring officers and hiring an additional one.

The department will also be re-organized, eliminating one command position and adding one patrol officer in order to increase police visibility and maintain the department's average response time of two minutes.

Plymouth's Community policing philosophy centers around special events, Scoggins said.

"We have a lot of festivals, like the Ice Festival, Fall Festival or Art in the Park. There's always something going on in town," he said. "A lot of the other communities don't have to deal with crowds like that on a consistent basis."

In response to the smaller area and denser crowds, Plymouth makes good use of its new bike patrol and old fashioned foot patrol, Scoggins said.

"It's a good chance to get the police out in the community," he said. "They love interacting with the citizens in a friendly way. The business owners like it too."

"We have a lot of functions that bike or foot patrols are just perfect for."

Much of a typical Plymouth police officer's day is about traffic enforcement, Scoggins said.

"I don't know if the drivers are any worse, but as the number of drivers increase, it's certainly more obvious," Scoggins said. "But that's not all we do. We're trying to get more involved, more

one-on-one contact."

Northville city is much the same, if you substitute Northville Downs for all of Plymouth's festivals.

"The race track is really a city unto itself," said Police Chief Rod Cannon. "It has its own restaurants, parking and staffing needs."

The race track is only part of the extra service that Northville's Police Department offers. With a budget of \$1.6 million, or 38 percent of the city budget, Cannon said.

The Department has no fewer than two patrol cars on the street at any time, and five officers patrolling on race days, and responds to calls within two minutes, according to Cannon.

The department also has a bike and foot

CANTON TOWNSHIP	
Budget: \$5.16 million	
Staff: .96 officers per 1000 residents	Calls per Year: 33,800
Response Time: 5-7 minutes	Minimum Patrol: 5
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP	
Budget: \$.83 million	
Staff: .9 officers per 1000 residents	Calls per Year: 11,700
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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP	
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Staff: 1.02 officers per 1000 residents	Calls per Year: 12,126
Response Time: 4.7 minutes	Minimum Patrol: 2
CITY OF NORTHVILLE	
Budget: \$1.6 million	
Staff: 1.9 officers per 1000 residents	Calls per Year: 6,7000
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CITY OF PLYMOUTH	
Budget: \$1.3 million	
Staff: 1.6 officers per 1000 residents	Calls per Year: 4,5000
Response Time: 2 minutes	Minimum Patrol: 2

patrol which they utilize "as often as they can," Cannon said.

"It's great for the department. People may have questions but are reluctant to flag down a cruiser. An officer on a bike is more approachable. We like to put them out as much as we can," Cannon said.

With the Northville Downs' new simulating ability, race number more than 135 days a year. Northville police is responsible to meet the needs of the additional people with added officers.

"The track has their own private security, but we handle the policing," Cannon said. "Wherever you have a gathering with a lot of excitement and booze, you're going to have problems, whether it be domestic situations, medical emergencies or assaults. It's a very busy place."

Like Canton.

By far the largest, of the other communities in both area and population, Canton's Public Safety Department incorporates techniques of the other four departments.

With a staff of more than 65, Canton's Public Safety has its own bike patrol, is a member of the shared narcotics, auto theft and S.W.A.T. divisions with Northville and other communities. It also offers its own programs, such as the Crime Prevention, Explorers or Community Youth Liaison officer, who works primarily with school children.

"We have obligations for certain services that a community this size needs," said Public Safety Director John Sauntomauro. "The most cost effective way to met those needs is to form partnerships with other communities. That way we can get more officers out on the street."

Canton Public Safety operate on a budget created by 5.16 Mills. For every

\$100,000 of their home's value, residents pay \$516.

Canton's officer to 1,000 residents ratio is 1:1, with an average response time of 5-7 minutes, according to John Sauntomauro.

Sauntomauro's philosophy centers around maintaining a high police presence on the street he said, and his department has the lowest number of command officers per sworn officers at 1:4.2.

With 85 percent of the work force on the street at any given time, Canton seems well in line to achieving that goal.

"Our philosophy is to put the maximum number of officers on the street at any given time," he said. "We have an area of more than 36 square miles, and it's difficult to maintain a strong police presence. So when we hire bodies, we put them out on the street."

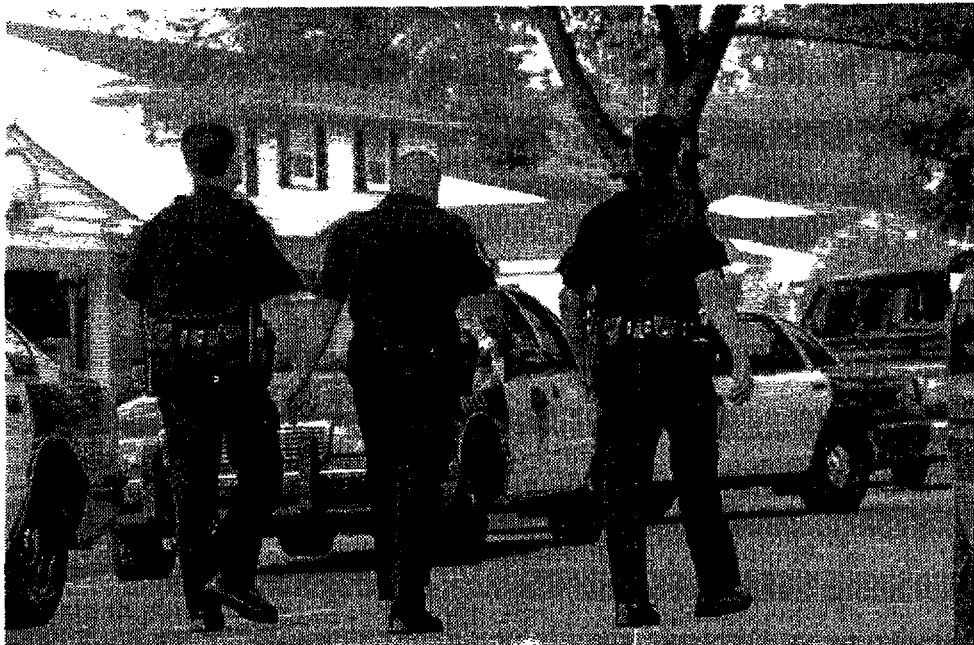
Canton police have a minimum number of five patrol cars on the street at any given time, one for each district, with one overlapping, according Sauntomauro

"But with overlapping shifts and officers scheduled from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m., the number is rarely that low," Lenaghan said. "It's usually around 10 or 12."

With increased bike and foot patrols and other such responses from police toward the concerns of the public, the police are trying hard to break any negative image they may have.

"The professionalism of today's law enforcement goes beyond what it ever did in the past," Cannon said. "Once upon a time there was no training involved, and police didn't get involved with the communities."

"That's all changing. We have had so much negative contact with the public, either through tragedy or complaints, it's a blessing to be able to have a conversation with the community. It shows that our officers are really good people."



Plymouth Township officers responding to a call. The township recently completed and presented a report to the Board of Trustees, comparing the department's current resources with its duties. New programs were also proposed.



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Rhonda's gotta new house!

Now the iguanas have "pet" anoles...

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CONGRATULATIONS to the new owners of The Lord Fox on their first anniversary!!!! Let's help them celebrate and join them for dinner.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERIKA. I hope you have a great time and all your dreams and wishes come true. Love, Ryan

Curiosities

EMILY, FORMERLY OF BOSTON MARKET, NOW OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY: What a delight you are and how nice of you to speak to me at Art in the Park. You made my day! Geneva

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ED, SALLY AND JESS- What a wonderful dimension you add to my life with your letters, phone calls and your Plymouth newspaper. Thank you, Martha Davis.

N.A.Mans located on Ford Road in Canton should be commended for the great job they did and for all their help and support for the Fab Food Fest. Mans is definitely a business with its heart in the Community and deserves all our support.

Cara has finally turned 21 years of age!!! Time to pass on the ID. Happy Birthday. Thanks John for your assistance in breaking into my vehicle (in 92 degree weather!) Jack cut the grass for the 1st time in about 9 years.

Curiosities

Erika will be 17 on July 18! Happy Birthday! Love Mom and Dad



Gene didn't look like he was retired on Saturday. I've never seen him work so hard.

Don't miss the great deals at Colby's Borders and Wallpaper Moving Sale. All borders \$6 and all single roll wallpaper \$6-BIG SAVINGS at Colby's: 2535 S Wayne Rd. between Michigan Ave. and Cherry Hill. Last 3 Days.

Richard Bardelli will be 1 year older on the 20th. Emma Rose says He's not quite ready for a cane yet-we'll see after he becomes a daddy for the 2nd time and has to put up with 3 women in his life.

Anyone who missed the 2nd Fab Food Fest at Canton N.A. Mans Building Center on Ford Rd. missed a great party. The Civitans did a great job at this years event.

Carey Nowakowski will become Carey Stout on July 12, 1997. Congratulations and Good Luck Mark and Carey. love, Elvis

Curiosities

DEAR MARTHA ET AL

In our town we barely have time to catch our breath after an event before another is upon us. Need I say that "Art in the Park" was extremely successful? Even the weather cooperated. Now this morning as we're pulling ourselves together, there is a reminder on my desk that the Plymouth Poets are presenting the Fifth Annual Summer Celebration of Poetry each Thursday night 7:30-10:30 pm at the Coffee Bean, Penniman at Harvey. (I'll bet your husband - Dunbar Davis - never would have missed a meeting.) Suddenly I have become aware of a number of my friends who write poetry. (I had no idea) My two latest friends are Phyllis Cox, a young in heart retiree who writes beautiful heart lifting thoughts that make you feel cared for and loved, and an old spirit, Katie, Dorothy and David Woods 13-14 year old granddaughter who writes beautifully and tells you in uncertain terms "life is real, life is earnest." Come on Katie, lighten up a bit will you? Those of us who "stand outside" need all the laughter and lightness we can get. Your poetry is good, just try a lighter vein for us who need cheer. Life in our town Martha, is alive and well. Aren't we glad to be part of it. Love Geneva

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A weekend of art in Plymouth



More than 400 artists invaded downtown Plymouth Saturday and Sunday. Weather and sales were good, this was one of the largest festivals in its 17 years. Organizer Dianne Quinn called this year "a great success." (Crier photos, Kenny Ingle)

BY MATT HUCAL

Plymouth's 17th annual Art in the Park was held last week, and organizer/founder Dianne Quinn called it "wonderful."

"Sales were so good, people were selling out by Saturday," Quinn said.

She said retail stores felt a more positive effect from the festival this year because she removed some booths from in front of them. One store doubled its sales during the weekend.

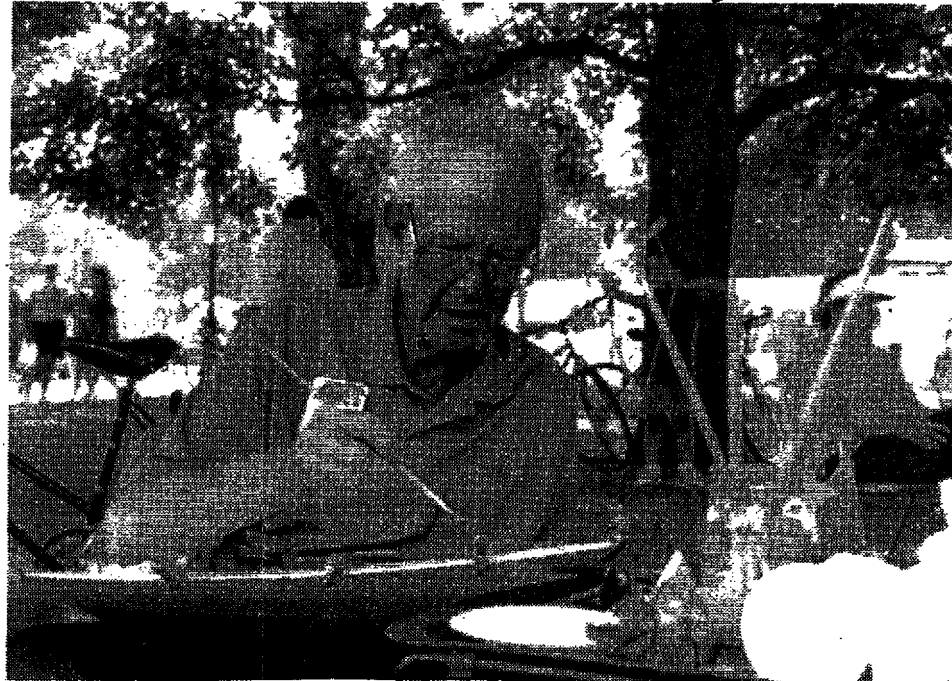
Quinn said she thinks the attendance this year was greater than last year, and

next year she'll keep the same amount of artists, 400.

"The only complaint I heard from people is that we were closing," Quinn said.

Adding Friday as a third day is something Quinn's thought about, but she said she would have to convince store owners, and she would "hate to mess up a good thing."

"Plymouth has the perfect small town atmosphere you can not re-create or build," Quinn said. "I am very thankful I have 'the streets of Plymouth' as my canvas."



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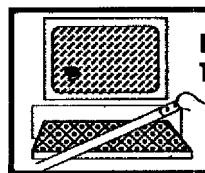
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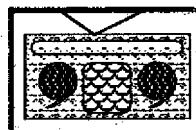


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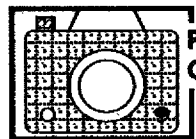
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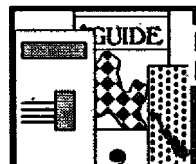
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The Salvation Army Senior Volleyball team is looking for more players. If interested, stop by on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10-12 a.m. Players' annual fee is \$10. 453-5464 for info.

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

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

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

The Plymouth Whalers 1997-98 regular season schedule will include 33 home games and 33 away games. Their Dec. 29 home matchup with Erie will be the OHL Game of the Week.

The Whalers open their season at home Sept. 20 against London and finish their home season March 11 versus Windsor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each location will provide a schedule of supervised activities from 10 a.m. - 4

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Valenti's success no lax-ident

Plymouth resident had never played lacrosse until 1992; now he's playing on a scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania

BY BRIAN CORBETT

How does a combination of hockey, soccer and football sound for a sport?

It sounded good to Tom Valenti when he was a freshman at Catholic Central High School.

He had never played lacrosse before when he tried out for the Shamrocks team in the spring of 1993, but it was the hottest sport that year at the Redford school known for its football and hockey dominance.

"I had heard a lot about it, mainly because I went to Catholic Central. I knew they had the sport before I went there, and I was always interested in it. My freshman year, it was really popular with our class, so I tried out," he said. "But I didn't make team."

Four years later, Valenti, a Plymouth resident, has just completed his first year of college at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, a school known for its dominance in lacrosse.

His understanding of the game, created by Native American tribes, occurred about as quickly as an attacker's shot on net, which, incidentally, is the only aspect of the game Valenti didn't master.

After being rebuffed as an attacker in his first attempt to make the Catholic Central team, Valenti, who also played football, returned his sophomore year and switched to defense.

Still lean and lanky as a sophomore, the move to defense paid off and Valenti made the cut for one of the state's most respected lacrosse programs. He spent that season adjusting to his new position and the longer stick used by defenseman. By his

junior year, he was a regular on a team that went 7-8, and he was beginning to attract the attention of college scouts with his speed and aggressiveness. Or, perhaps better said, the scouts were getting his attention. A growing but still underground high school sport in Michigan, local lacrosse players such as Valenti have to make overtures to colleges and attend summer camps to continuously improve their game and maintain a high profile.

"My freshman year it was really popular with our class, so I tried out. But I didn't make the team."
— Tom Valenti

The nation's top lacrosse programs are exclusively huddled along the eastern seaboard, from Connecticut to the Carolinas. "With Michigan, it's not very big here. Most colleges are looking toward Long Island, New York, and Maryland where it's the number one sport. A couple of Michigan players have broken through because they are great athletes, but it (recruiting) usually happens in camps," Valenti said.

It was under such circumstances at Notre Dame that Valenti realized the sport he was playing for fun just might pay for his education at one of the country's top universities. "I was at a camp at Notre Dame and I was walking back with one of their coaches, and he asked me if I was interested in playing in college," Valenti said. "From there, I made contract with

other coaches through my (Catholic Central) coach."

Penn called in February of last year, just a few months before Valenti's senior season was to begin. With a scholarship offer on the line, Valenti was named to the all-state lacrosse team, and Shamrocks went 19-2, losing in the state finals to Birmingham Brother Rice. After Valenti passed Penn's stringent academic requirements, the scholarship was tendered. But there were also offers from Georgetown, Notre Dame and Ohio Wesleyan. It didn't take a genius to make the decision, however. "I couldn't turn down an Ivy League school. I didn't think I'd ever have that chance," he said.

In a way, Valenti is still waiting for his chance. He saw limited playing time this season as the Quakers went 6-6 under first-year head coach Marc Van Arsdale. But Valenti gained invaluable experience through practices and watching. "It was night and day," Valenti said of the pace and mentality of the East Coast college lacrosse-style compared to his Midwestern high school career... "Every guy is big and fast, and has a rocket for a shot and all the moves. College is a lot more speed and finesse, too. High School was more hitting."

That should work out well for Valenti, who is 6-foot, 1-inch and 180 pounds; his speed is his best attribute, and is crucial for man to man coverage. Next season he should get more of an opportunity to test his game skills. "We only graduate four seniors, and none were defensemen. But I'm obviously looking for more playing time," Valenti said.

Silver Bullets shoot into 1st place

The Plymouth-Canton Silver Bullets are a Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League, girls 14 and under fastpitch softball travel team. Recently, they advanced to the semi-finals in the Okemos Softball Classic, and finished in third place. This tournament was part of the 1997 Great Lakes State Games held in the Lansing area in late June. The Silver Bullets also compete in the Western Wayne County League, under the direction of the PCJBL. They currently lead the league with a 9-1-1 record.

Playing for the Silver Bullets this season are: Jennifer Allen, Kaitlin Anderson, Kristy Barber, Katie Conlon, Theresa Horn, Jennifer Jablonski, Katie Kelly, Christina Kiessel, Lisa Niemi, Sarah Pack, Jenna Perino, Jennifer Warnick and Danielle Weber. (Courtesy photo)



Canton Senior Sluggers hit gold



The Canton Senior Sluggers Women's Softball Team won the gold medal in Tucson, AZ, at the U.S. National Seniors Sports Classic IV, formerly the National Senior Olympics. Local residents Joan Jasin and Gerry Gawura competed. The Sluggers defeated the "Golden Girls" from Fairfax, VA in the best of five game series. The Canton Senior Sluggers are currently practicing for the upcoming Michigan Senior Olympics in Frankenmuth. (Courtesy photo)

Koshizawa earns all A's: academics, athletics

MSU bound Plymouth resident attends World Scholar-Athlete Games in Rhode Island, wins two relay events

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There were sports and skills competitions, international cultural events, athletes from all over the world, and Opening and Closing ceremonies.

The Olympics? Nope.

But Plymouth resident David Koshizawa did represent his country recently in the second annual World Scholar-Athlete Games at the University of Rhode Island.

Conceived and organized by the Institute for International Sport, which is based in Newport, RI, the 1997 World Scholar-Athlete Games were held from June 22 to July 2, and featured events in seven sports and six cultural activities for ages 16 to 19.

"It was excellent. One-hundred and forty-four countries were represented. So I think there were over 2,000 kids there. You learn so much from other people, other cultures, languages," said Koshizawa.

An honor student carrying a grade point average of 3.1, Koshizawa is a three-year member of the student council at Canton High School. Along with serving as a volunteer at the Detroit Marathon and being named D.A.R.E. Roll Model of the Year, he was captain

of the Chiefs track team last spring, and was nominated for the Games by his coach, Bob Richardson.

Fittingly, he took part in the track and field component of the Games.

Koshizawa finished fourth in the 100 meter dash, and placed first as part of the 400 meter relay team and the sprint medley relay team, running the first leg of both races.

When he wasn't running, he was learning, listening and watching. The Beach Boys played the Opening Ceremonies.

There were basketball, volleyball and soccer games, sail boat races, and swimming and tennis meets intertwined with choir, dance, theatre and poetry, just to name a few.

A key aspect to the Games is that there were no national teams; instead, athletes from different countries played on teams together.

Besides the sport and cultural activities, there were seven Theme Days, which served as educational forums for uniting all participants, both cultural and athletic, in discussions about pertinent global issues.

Topics included World Health and Ethics and Sportsmanship, but

Koshizawa said his favorite Theme Day was World Hunger and Nutrition "because that's something I'm really interested in. But all of the days were really informative. I learned a lot from all those days."

Some of the noted presenters at the Games included Sierra Club President Adam Werbach, Peace Corps Executive Director Mark Gearan and Zoe Baird, President Clinton's initial nominee for U.S. Attorney General.

Other celebrities attending the game included: Sinjin Smith, a professional beach volleyball player and U.S. Olympian; Cliff Robertson, an Academy Award winning actor; and John Naber, a four-time Olympic Golf Medal swimmer.

"All of them (the speakers) were equally good. No one really stood out," said Koshizawa, who made friends from all over the world at the Games, including Rwanda and Botswana.

Koshizawa, 19, is spending the next three weeks in Japan before he begins preparing for his freshmen year at Michigan State University where he plans on studying dietetics.

"Hopefully, that'll take me somewhere, to the professional sports field; that's my dream," he said.

Sports shorts

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p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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

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

Call the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for more information. The program is free and participants must be City of Plymouth residents.

The boys — and girls — of summer are in full swing at diamonds around the Plymouth community.

Here's the most recent standings for the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department's softball leagues.

In the Men's Blue Division, Varsity Ford is in first place at 9-1. Rusty Nail is second at 5-4. Nutro's Disposable Heros (6-5) is in third place, one-half game ahead of D & D Video Transfer (5-5). Cantron Sports is 3-7, one game ahead of last place Dealer Specialties of Metro Detroit, who is 2-8.

In the Men's White Division, UAW 845 Ford Sheldon Rd. (7-0) is dominating opponents. But Card It (9-1) and Roush Wheels (7-1) have only one loss a piece. Crucam (4-5) is alone in fourth place, but there is a three-way tie at 3-5 for fifth place between the Box Bar, Soil & Materials Engineers and Capital Communications Services. Zena Comp/Informix is 2-6. Johnson Controls and Adistra are tied for seventh place at 2-7.

In the Men's Modified Division, Portland Building is in first place at 8-1. Hoechst Celanese (6-3) is in second place. Insurance Exchange is in fourth place at 3-6, and Canton Sports is in last place at 1-8.

In Women's Slow Pitch competition, All For One/Gallagher-Kaiser (9-0) is undefeated and in first place. Adistra is three games back in second place at 6-3. The Shark Club is within striking distance at 5-3, and Jamie's (6-4) is in fourth place. N.W.C. (4-5) is a game below .500 and in fifth place. Buddy's is 3-7, the Rusty Nail is 2-6 and Lucas Landscaping rounds out the league at 2-9.

In the Co-ed Blue Division, the Roman Forum leads the league at 7-0. Big "K" is in hot pursuit, though, at 8-1. St. Michael (6-1) also has just one loss in third place. S.H.G. is in fourth place at 4-5. The Great White Shark Club is 1-6, one-half game up on The Catalysts, who are 1-7 and in sixth place.

In the Co-ed White Division, Team #8 leads at 6-1. The Friends are keep the race tight at 5-2. GLA is in third place at 6-3. The Crusaders (4-3) are in the middle of the pack in fourth place. Risen Christ is 3-5, Stan's Market is 2-6 and Compcorp is in seventh place at 1-7



Community opinions

'What can I say?'

Has writer forgotten right and laws of free speech are key to balance?

What can I say?

Sometimes, my opinions are so different from those of others I think they just don't get it. This is the case with a letter to the editor that appeared in last week's Crier.

Canton resident Dana Anthony wrote in about an event which occurred May 21. On that night, starting at about 7:30, more than 30 strikers and locked-out newspaper workers gathered in front of the Canton home of John Anthony.

Anthony (no relation to Dana, he said) is head of security for the Detroit News and is a former FBI agent; his position has led to involvement with anti-strike measures at pickets and protests in the two-year newspaper strike.

I know all of this because I was there pursuing a tip we'd received, camera and notepad in hand.

Now, I said that sometimes I've got strong opinions, but this time, ironically, I don't. Yes, I grew up in a union household and, obviously, I'm tied up in the newspaper business.

But just the same, I don't have a passionate or decisive opinion about the strike. Sure I've got my sympathies. But I'm also cognizant of facts: the world of work has changed significantly since the birth of solidarity; unions are large institutions just like companies are, and when the two clash in a strike issues become complex.

So, ready to be an objective observer I showed up in front of Anthony's house as the spectacle was starting.

What can I say?

The views were balanced. The major interests in the strike were expressed: picketers chanted, shook their signs and taunted the Detroit News "security" guys with snotty nicknames they'd given them at previous encounters; the News "goons" sat silently in their cars recording the event for themselves and menacing back at the picketers. A Canton police officer was watching everybody from his own car, and timing them.

Canton P.D., also there on a tip, had informed the group they could picket until 8:30 p.m. At that time it ended, the officer said. "There are kids in this neighborhood. They've

got school tomorrow." After 8:30, he said, he was willing to make arrests.

Before it ended, however, a neighbor who disagreed with the strike walked by, mugging with an opened Detroit Newspaper. The strikers shouted. He shouted back. Strikers shouted again, and crossed the street to argue. This livened things up.

The News guys got out of their cars to tape the argument and scowl; the officer pulled up in his car; picket leaders broke up the argument with the neighbor and walked away with him to try a cooler dialogue. Again: balance.

He wrote '...it is against the law to disturb the peace.' His letter cites the department's responsibility to the law. Ah. More irony.

All sides were represented; everyone spoke for themselves: the strikers, the companies, the community and the law. How could such a complex issue, such a dynamic science be kept safe? Through the equal distribution of rights, the balance of free speech.

But this is where Dana Anthony picks a bone.

In his letter he explained he had written to John Santamauro, Canton police chief, admonishing him for not putting the kabosh on the picket.

"I was shocked and appalled that the Canton police allowed such a demonstration in a quiet, residential area," he wrote. "...it is against the law to disturb the peace."

Ah. More irony.

Some Might Say

By Bryon Martin



Anthony's letter cites the department's responsibility to the law: "It is my opinion that the Canton Police Department was derelict in their duty," he wrote.

Not at all. The department showed its loyalty to a U.S. law, a civil liberty and foundation of our culture: the right to free speech.

Anthony wrote, "They weren't there to sell Girlscout cookies. They were there to demonstrate and to disrupt the tranquility of neighborhood — and they did."

Good thing.

Because what good is tranquility if its cost is our right to protest, to demonstrate against injustice, even when not everyone agrees with us?

There's strength in this opinion: Dana Anthony is wrong in his assertion that the locked-out newspaper workers should have been denied their First Amendment rights. I cannot support censorship.

Santamauro, for his part in the decision to limit but not stop the picket, is to be commended. He has shown himself again to be a man of principle and tolerance. A sign charging the department with prejudicial hiring practices has sat along I-275 for quite a while with no action from Canton P.D.

Again, irony: A police chief (read "The Man") defending free speech while Dana Anthony ("The People") yearns for suppression.

Dana, tell me, what can I say?

But we both know the answer to that, don't we? According to laws upheld by the Canton P.D. for both of us, almost anything I want.

Good thing.

That's the key to balance.

Area roads: delays now, benefits later

Roads around Plymouth are being repaired. That's a good thing, right?

Those people complaining and bad-mouthing the recent road construction need to look at the situation in a different perspective. An example: delays in cars are known to greatly enhance one's humming and singing ability, and headbanging for those flexible drivers.

If you believe the City is out to get you and your car, take a step back, and remember that all the work being done on the streets is intended to HELP your automobile.

Take a ride down Farmer Street in Old Village — but go slowly. Any car going faster than 15 m.p.h. will definitely bottom out; chunks of cement are chopped out of the street like pieces of a puzzle.

Understand that road repairs are kind of like a bad movie: you may hate to see it, but there's always an ending.

All of the orange pylons make the street look like a race track. But be positive. Eventually Farmer will offer a smoother ride. Until then, nearby residents have their own Plymouth Grand Prix.

Last week, we reached the pinnacle of all inconveniences with repairs at the Sheldon road railroad crossing. One of the busiest roads in the community was closed.

Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal



There was little forewarning; and when forced into a u-turn because the street is suddenly blocked off, it's hard to remain positive.

But take a deep breath and remain calm, because these days of inconvenience have enabled travelers to safely drive more than 10 m.p.h. over the tracks without having to go directly for a realignment.

And remember, Plymouth is not alone in its detours and delays. Repairs are happening all over Wayne County. The heavily-traveled Eight Mile Road just received a facelift, but people are not jumping off of buildings. They understand that road repairs are kind of like a bad movie: you may hate to see it, but there is always an ending.

Of course I can say that, because my car is in the repair shop. But I still ride on the same streets as everyone else.

Summertime is devoted to the return of drivable streets. It just takes time. I think we can all be patient for a while. Relax, and look forward to the outcome of our short inconveniences.



Community opinions

Parade, yes! Jaycees...

Good Morning U.S.A., Plymouth's revamped and re-energized Fourth of July parade, was a success in a few ways.

There were more floats; there were giant balloons; grandstands full of "bleacher creatures" were lead by parade hosts in participation; an announcer emceed and guided paradegoers float-by-float; F-16s and B-24s buzzed over the route and skydivers landed a giant American flag in front of Plymouth City Hall. It's little wonder the crowd was as enthusiastic as it was.

The parade won also with a new level of organization and planning. Fred Hill is to be commended for his work.

With the first of presumably many Good Morning U.S.A.s complete, Plymouth Jaycees are now soliciting feedback on what could make the parade even better next year.

The Jaycees should step back from the parade and leave it to those who have engineered its success. The same is true for fireworks planning. It was the work of Ron Edwards, Steve Walters and other officials that ensured an explosive event.

The Jaycees have had their troubles with planning in the past thirty years: waiting until July 3 to request a fireworks permit, for example, is not a good organizational practice. In the interest of continuing this year's success, the Jaycees should pass the July Fourth mantle.

And the Community should organize those who have proven effective planners, and form a specific July Fourth committee.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Jaycees seek parade feedback

Editor's note: Directed toward parade attendees.

The annual Fourth of July Parade, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, saw a great deal of changes from past celebrations. The 1997 event saw a dramatic increase in the number of bands, floats and specialty acts. In addition, the historical 1:00 p.m. start time was changed to 7:30 a.m. This new time allowed several parade entrants to participate, and also made the Plymouth celebration the first Independence Day parade in the state of Michigan.

Given the tremendous amount of changes from past celebrations, the Jaycees would welcome your comments about the 1997 parade. You can make your feelings known by calling the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407 or in writing at P.O. Box 700123, Plymouth, MI 48170. Your opinions will be considered as the plans for the 1998 Fourth of July Parade are made.

TIM FEDEWA
PRESIDENT, P-C JAYCEES

Will the real Gary Mirto please stand up?

Can this be?

Is this the same Gary Mirto of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education during the early 1970s?

The same confrontational Gary Mirto?

The school board member who nearly came to fisticuffs at a school board meeting in Canton?

The same Gary Mirto who got into a shouting match with a school principal during a board meeting?

Maybe it's an imposter of the same name elected to the Brighton School Board last month.

Must be.

The Brighton Gary Mirto said Monday, "We're not going to change everything right off the bat. The name of the game here is change, but we've got to bring the administration along."

That certainly doesn't sound like the Gary Mirto of the Plymouth-Canton School Board 25 years ago. During that era of great growth in Plymouth Schools, adding the name Canton to the district, and threatened cross-district busing, the school board meetings here were often frantic, split-vote affairs.

Brighton is going through many changes — the same growth issues seen here 25 years ago fuel the fires there now.

Who would be more experienced at coping with those changes than Gary Mirto?

Yes, it's the same Gary Mirto.

Only 25 years wiser and calmer, a Brighton resident who still works in his father's old office in downtown Plymouth as a personnel recruiter.

This won't be the "wild" Gary Mirto. He was once jokingly attacked in this

column as "Gary Murto — he obviously doesn't care what folks say about him as long as they spell his name right." (He now laughs when his dad, Fabe, brings out that column and admits, "You were absolutely right.")

Too bad too.

Near fisticuffs at school board meetings

With malice
toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



would be a refreshing change to watch compared to the ho-hum, administrative-rubber stamp at Plymouth-Canton Schools. (Just kidding!)



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