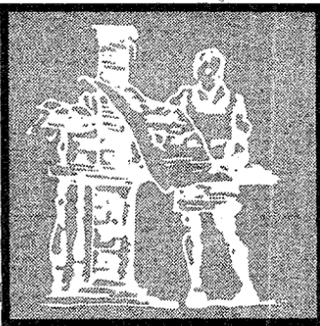


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## Penn Theatre sold

*After 15 years, Smiths say goodbye to 'Jewel of Plymouth'*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Tickets will still cost \$2, but look for magicians before showtime and more matinees as The Penn Theatre comes under new ownership.

Sale of Plymouth's landmark theater was finalized Friday afternoon, passing from Earl and Bonny Smith to Paula and Ron Cook, of Plymouth.

A real estate developer, Ron Cook owns and operates Cook Development. John Mazzei, a Cook Development employe, invested in the purchase with the Cooks.

Paula Cook will take over where Bonny Smith left off, Cook said, keeping track of the theater's finances and seeing to its day-to-day operation.

Mazzei will provide "behind-the-scenes support," he said. "I'm here to help keep history alive."

Ron expressed a similar sentiment, saying "we're in it to keep the theater open."

The Penn will maintain its family-oriented movie format, he said. No immediate increase in ticket price is planned.

But changes under consideration include showing more Saturday matinees and hiring magicians to perform before films begin, Ron said. The aim is to capture a younger audience.

The deal between the Smiths and Cooks began with a compliment from Paula to Bonny, according to Paula.

"I said 'I really love your theater,'" she said.

"We said 'Oh really? How much,'" Bonny added.

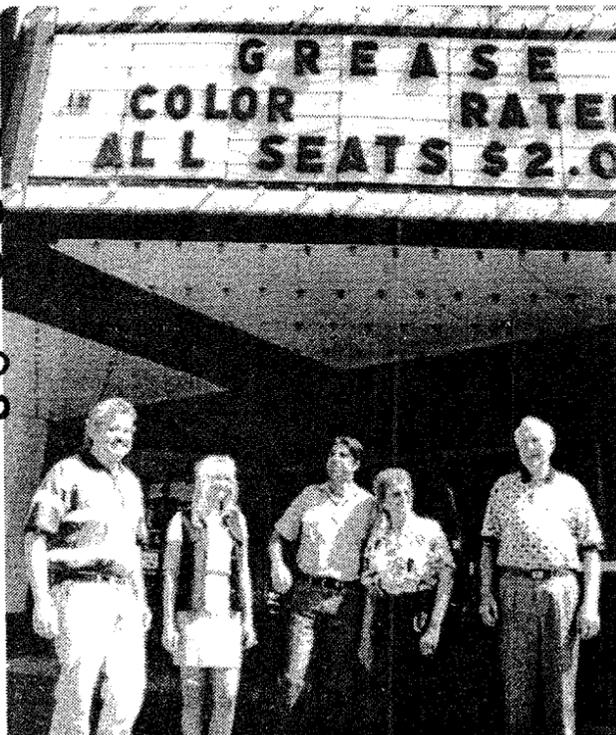
The Smiths and Cooks have a five-year friendship that began when Ron and Earl, also a real estate developer, first worked together on a deal.

Improvements to the theater's interior will consist of minor repairs and upkeep, Ron said.

"There are some squeaky doors that need fixing, but we will keep the feel of nostalgia."

The sale, for an undisclosed amount, marks another passing of Plymouth's cinematic torch, described as among "the jewels of Plymouth" by DDA Chairperson Bob Mundt.

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After closing their purchase of the Penn Theatre, Ron Cook, Paula Cook and John Mazzei (from left) step out of the theater and into the sun with Bonny and Earl Smith, owners for the last 15 years (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

## Canton DDA split on mega deal

*Meeting with trustees, planners on tap for decision on \$3.2 million bond*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

After satisfying Department of Environmental Quality concerns for their proposed megadevelopment, Burton-Katzman developers are turning their attention to their next

hurdle: Canton Township.

Likewise, the Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board is pushing the proposed deal to the next level by scheduling a joint meeting with Canton's Board of

Trustees and Planning Commission.

Burton-Katzman hopes Canton will sell \$3.2 million in bonds to help finance its proposed mega-development. Monday's DDA meeting suggests opinions of the project are split and that developers will continue to hold their project.

Proposed last year for 124 acres at Ford Road and I-275, the mega-development has stalled as Burton-Katzman awaits possible subsidy from Canton, which would help offset the project's initial construction costs.

After an unofficial vote on the project, the 11-member DDA board is split with six supporting the proposed \$3.2 million subsidy, three against it and two undecided.

Board members Dave Khoury, Penny Klei and Jim Horen expressed disapproval for the project at the DDA meeting Thursday.

"I'm concerned about the change in the project. We're dealing with a long time frame and anything can happen,"

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## Parade, fountain dedicated Mon.

*Crier offices to close for Memorial Day observance*

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

To remember those who have fallen, get up with the sun this Monday, May 25—Memorial Day starts early.

The traditional Plymouth Memorial Day Parade will set out earlier than usual, starting at 7:30 a.m. from Theodore and Main streets, down Main Street to Ann Arbor Trail to the monuments at Union Street. This year's parade will be organized by the Vietnam Veterans of America who picked

its early start to mirror that of the Plymouth July 4th parade.

A number of downtown Plymouth stores are planning to open early Monday to accommodate parade goers.

Immediately following ceremonies at the memorials, another ceremony will be held.

The Plymouth Rotary Club and city officials will honor

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### AHL decision

*Minor league won't uphold year-long OHL ban*

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### Fancy footwork

*Plymouth teen is World Champion in Irish Dancing*

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### Spinning

*Popular 'Bicycle aerobics' comes to Canton gym*

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Plymouth District Library  
223 S. Main Street  
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# Twp. police bust store for porn

BY BRYON MARTIN  
Plymouth Township police are seeking a warrant to charge the owner of

Qic-Pik party store, at 9450 Lilley Road, with display of pornographic materials. The state misdemeanor charge could

bring the store's proprietor, Masoud Shango of West Bloomfield, to the attention of the state Liquor Control Commission (LCC), according to Lt. Bob Smith, who initiated the action against the convenience store.

According to his report, Smith confiscated 27 sexually explicit videos and nine explicit magazines he found on display in the store during an unscheduled stop last week.

The videos were arranged near the check out at the front counter, Smith said. Their cases showed still shots taken from the adult films they contained.

The covers were so revealing, according to Chief Leonard Carey, "we didn't have to look at the films to know they were in violation."

Magazines positioned near the beer cooler were found without the wrapping or concealment required by state law,

Smith said. Shango had put up a piece of cardboard as a shield that was insufficient, according to Smith's report.

"What if you walked in there with your kids," Smith said. "The owner agreed. He said he wouldn't want his kids to see those (materials) on display either."

If Wayne County issues the warrant and township police get the conviction they seek, Shango would then be in violation of a LCC law. The rule makes it unacceptable for owners of businesses with liquor licenses to be convicted of a state crime on business premises.

Smith said Shango has been warned before about the illegal display of such materials.

Qic-Pik was also ticketed for selling liquor to a minor in August and May.

In some of today's Criers, look for an insert from:



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# Knock down, build out

*Twp. Kroger will level 3 nearby apartment buildings to make room for store expansion*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Kroger is busting at the seams.

The supermarket at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon is expanding, and it's knocking out a few apartment buildings along the way.

The Kroger Company has reached an agreement with Plymouth Township that will allow the company to build a new, larger store at the existing site. Through that agreement, the current store will be knocked down, along with three buildings of the Plymouth Square apartment complex, to make space for the development.

According to Kroger's public relations firm, Kroger still hasn't officially closed a deal on the property, but should sometime near the end of this month.

Paul Dietz, vice-president of the management company that runs Plymouth Square Apartments, said Kroger has been mulling the idea for several years. "We knew quite a while ago this was going to happen," he said. "We've had plenty of time to prepare."

Rental agreements in the three apartment

buildings that are coming down have been done on a month-to-month basis for the last year, Dietz said. Residents will be out by the end of the month, he said. Arrangements were made with several residents to move them to other apartments.

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**Getting ready...** Landscaper Mark Baldwin (at left) and Tim Joy, owner of Christensen's Nursery, were among the group of workers dressing up Kellogg Park in green Saturday. Baldwin and Joy helped plant shrubs and flowers in the area around the new fountain, which will be dedicated in a ceremony Monday following the City's Memorial Day parade. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

# City streets repave delayed

*Officials say savings worth 1-year wait*

BY BRYON MARTIN

Taxpayers in the City of Plymouth can expect their three-year project to repave City streets to extend into a fourth year following measures passed at Plymouth's City Commission meeting Monday.

The Commission approved bids to proceed with "40 per cent" of the streets originally set for repaving this summer, according to Commissioner David McDonald.

The City will now pave North Main, South Main, and parts of Church, Wing, Evergreen and Fairground.

Projects cut from the repave roster are: Church; Blanche; Starkweather; Liberty; Junction; Pearl; Evergreen; Davis; Goldsmith; Cherry; Dunn; and Harvey.

A summer construction season filled with large, lucrative state and county paving projects have led to premium construction costs, according to Paul Sincock, director of the Department of Municipal Services (DMS).

"With the amount of road paving and construction work, you'd expect some pricing to be higher than anticipated," he said.

Hiring construction crews to pave streets would cost more—\$1 million more than the City had planned to spend when bids came in March 24, according to Sincock. But increases ranged in severity.

Since then, according to Commissioners Stella Green and Colleen Pobur, the Commission had been calling contractors to double-check that they weren't overestimating the project's size.

The City voted to pursue the sections with "typical" increases of 9 per cent and postpone those priced as much as 40 per cent higher than anticipated, Sincock said.

Delayed sections will be sent out for bids this fall, said City Manager Steve Walters. This start, earlier than last year's he said, could help the City get early-bird low bids.

Sending out bids in the fall can return lower bids because contractors can complete projects in spring, before the busier summer construction season comes with its increased costs.

"We could open bids January 1 and the contractor will bid low because he can book the early part of the year in April," said Scott Baker, of DMS.

It also means the project, originally

planned for three years, would extend into a fourth, according to Walters.

The bidding lessons learned could help the City get reduce construction costs on portions yet to be done.

"I'm guessing that many taxpayers prefer to take up another year than have it cost hundreds of thousands more," he said.

This year's paving will begin with the summer season around June 1, said Shawn Keough, an engineer employed by the City. North Main will be first, he said, and one lane will be open in each direction for the duration of the project.

Keough's employer, Wade-Trim, is the company engineering this year's sewer and water and, as of Monday, the paving projects.

Wade-Trim was given the job Monday night in a motion that simultaneously ended the City's contract with Deitrich-Bailey, who had engineered last year's much-delayed Ann Arbor Trail rebuild.

Cadillac Asphalt was chosen to do the road work for a total cost of \$856,285.

## Paving project status

### STREETS CUT FROM '98 SCHEDULE

Church west of Harvey	Blanche
Evergreen north of William	Davis
Starkweather	Goldsmith
Liberty	Cherry
Junction	Dunn
Pearl	Harvey

### STREETS TO BE REPAVED IN '98

N. Main Street  
S. Main Street

### STREETS ALREADY UNDERWAY

Church Adams to Harvey Wing  
Fairground Ann Arbor Trail to Joy  
Evergreen Penniman to William

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Friday, Municipal Services workers in The City of Plymouth will haul away trash from downtown businesses during its spring cleaning pick up. Call the Department of Municipal Services for details: 453-7737.

### THIS WEEKEND

- Friday, the Carolyn Crawford Trio will play from 7-9 p.m. in downtown Plymouth.
- Saturday, the Plymouth Farmer's Market will be open in The Gathering from 7:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.. Call 453-1540.

### NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday, Plymouth's Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to Mt. Pleasant's Soaring Eagle Casino. Trip includes motorcoach transportation. Cost, \$27 residents, \$28 for non-residents. For details, call 455-6620.
- Monday, Plymouth's Memorial Day parade rolls down Main Street beginning at 7:30 a.m. The new Kellogg Park fountain will also be dedicated. City offices will be closed.

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With a look in next week's Crier, students and parents alike are sure to find fun things for kids to do over the summer vacation. Check out the Camp Kids plus section.



# Public notices

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Trustee Curmi, who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.6 Reappointment to Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda, as amended, for the May 12, 1998, Regular Board of Trustees meeting. Seconded by Mr Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Seconded by Mr Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m., on the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., on new machinery and equipment for their facility. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 98-05-12-20, granting a four (4) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Moeller Manufacturing Company, Inc., for new machinery and equipment, totaling \$2,000,000, to be installed in their existing facility located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The Resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve for second reading, Ordinance No. C-98-04, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by amending Section 5.67 regarding the graduated licensing provisions. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve for second reading Ordinance No. C-98-05, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 51, Section 51.1200, regarding minors possessing alcohol. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. C-98-06, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances, Chapter 60, Uniform Traffic Code, by amending Section 5.16b, regarding open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-98-07, amending the Charter Township of Plymouth Code of Ordinances by adding a new Section to Part V, Police Regulations of the Code of Ordinances, regarding Use and Possession of Tobacco by minors and Sale of Tobacco to minors. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved that June 9, 1998, be set for public hearing on the request by Collins & Aikman Carpet & Acoustics, located at 47785 Anchor Court, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 98-05-12-21, approving the ballot language to be placed on the August 4, 1998, primary election ballot, requesting approval of 3.0 mills to be used for Police, Fire and Communication services. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth has experienced growth and development in the recent past; and;

WHEREAS, there are more calls for police, fire and communication services than when the 1985 police and fire millage was approved by the Township voters; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth had maintained an extremely low crime rate and an extremely safe and pro-active community on fire prevention issues; and

WHEREAS, the current staffing levels in the Charter Township of Plymouth are insufficient for the Township to continue providing preventative intervention, investigative service and adequate call response; and

WHEREAS, a citizens committee has recommended that the Township Board place a ballot question before the residents requesting additional millage for police, fire and communication service funding in order to continue and strengthen call response as well as prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds (2/3) of the funds generated by the police, fire and communication millage of 3 mills would insure that the current level of services will be available instead of relying on existing sources of income which are expected to diminish in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the remaining one-third (1/3) of the funds generated by the passage of a police, fire and communication millage of 3 mills would allow the Township to add four (4) additional police officers, three (3) additional communication operators and three (3) additional firefighters now and would further allow four (4) additional police officers and three (3) additional firefighters within 3 to 4 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on this 12th day of May, 1998, that the following question be, and is hereby, approved to be certified to the Wayne County Clerk to be placed upon the ballot and submitted to the Plymouth Township electorate at the August 4th, 1998, Primary Election:

"Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed 3 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$3,709,604, and the funds thereby derived be used for police, fire and communication services?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to take the necessary steps to cause preparation and distribution of the ballots required to conduct said election and to provide notice thereof as required by law.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 98-05-12-22, approving the ballot language to be placed on the August 4, 1998, primary election ballot requesting approval of 0.5 mills to be used for Recreation Services. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the passage of a recreation millage would establish dedicated funds for recreational programs

and services; and

WHEREAS, the population of the Charter Township of Plymouth has changed over the last number of years with an additional population of youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth has been encouraged by a citizens committee to expand recreation services and recreational opportunities for the youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens committee had reviewed the available programs and has reviewed the potential for programs and has found a need to be served by the passage of such a recreational millage to allow the Township board the ability to establish and operate recreational services and programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on this 12th day of May, 1998, that the following question be, and is hereby, approved to be certified to the Wayne County Clerk to be placed upon the ballot and submitted to the Plymouth Township electorate at the August 4th, 1998, Primary Election:

"Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$618,267, for the exclusive purpose of designing, acquiring, constructing, implementing, maintaining and/or operating recreation programs, services, equipment, facilities and/or property?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property tax so levied, not to exceed .5 mill, shall be earmarked to provide for the municipal purposes of the Charter Township of Plymouth in providing recreational services, programs and facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to take the necessary steps to cause preparation and distribution of the ballots required to conduct said election and to provide notice as required by law.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 98-05-12-23, approving the ballot language to be placed on the August 4, 1998, primary election ballot, requesting approval of 0.75 mills to be used for payment of obligations to the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) under the Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988, among Canton, Northville and Plymouth Townships. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Charter Townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville entered into a Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988, as part of the creation of the Western Townships Utility Authority (WTUA); and

WHEREAS, the Township water bill contains a fee for the payment of obligations of the Charter Township of Plymouth under that Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the fee appears on the water bill as a WTUA charge; and

WHEREAS, converting that fee to a millage should benefit Township residents in that some or all of that tax may be deductible on their income tax returns; and

WHEREAS, the repayment of a sewage treatment financial obligation is a municipal purpose under the Charter Township Act and as such can be converted to a tax; and

WHEREAS, a citizens committee has recommended this issue be brought to the voters:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on this 12th day of May, 1998, that the following question be, and is hereby, approved to be certified to the Wayne County Clerk to be placed upon the ballot and submitted to the Plymouth Township electorate at the August 4th, 1998, Primary Election:

"Shall the total tax rate limitation on property in the Charter Township of Plymouth be increased by an additional amount, not to exceed .75 mills (\$.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) upon all real and personal property in the Charter Township of Plymouth for twenty (20) years beginning in 1998 through 2017 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$927,401, for the exclusive purpose of payment of obligations to the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA) under the Construction, Finance and Service Agreement dated September 28, 1988, among Canton, Northville and Plymouth Townships?"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk is directed to take the necessary steps to cause preparation and distribution of the ballots required to conduct said election and to provide notice as required by law.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the re-appointment of Gary LaBret to the Civil Service Commission for the term expiring 4/2003. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen McCarthy informed the Board that she received a letter from Michigan Townships Association stating that they are very interested in participating with the Township in the appeal of the jail charges millage question and will file an amicus curiae brief.

The Supervisor also informed the Board that the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, Secretary to the Johnson inter-county drainage District, which Plymouth Township participates in, has sent to Judge Fiekens a communication of their intent to file for a general permit under the storm water permitting for the Johnson inter-county drainage district.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Plymouth Charter Township

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has cut another compact disc, this one with music recorded from the concert with the Three Baritone at the Detroit Orchestra Hall.

The Orchestra was joined by Pablo Elvira, Dino Valle and Quinto Milito Nov. 9, 1997, and performed such favorites as The Marriage of Figaro, La Traviata, Rigoletto and several pieces from the Barber of Seville, all of which are featured on the CD.

The \$15 CD is available at the Symphony office at 819 Penniman, or can be ordered over the phone by calling (734) 451-2112.

The following students from Canton graduated from Eastern Michigan University in April: Tracee Altman, Ryan Anderson, Audra Arndt, David Askewm, Jennifer Baibak, Dyan Bailey, Timothy Baker, Erica Bazman, James Blaylock, Timothy Boes, April Brian, Tammie Cach, Laura Carbone, Pamela Casoglos, Ya Hwei Chung, Lisa Cimeot, Gina Cimo, Chantell Civello, Heather Connors, Sarah David, Phillip Doumanian, Brian Dunlavy, Susan England, John Ferrell, Noncy Fields, Adam Fox, Mary French, Kathryn Gable, Amy Goodhart, Jennifer Granader, Deborah Granowicz, Tricia Crezskowiak, Mary Gumber, David Haines, Sean Heck, Patricia Henry, Cari Herron-Mengel, Mark Holt, Deborah Hope, Julie Hoplinson, Julie Howald, Linda Janack, Jeffrey Johnson, Paul Kijek, Tabitha Killingbeck, Mary Koltunchik, Cheryl Lauzon, Phyllis LaForte, Carmie Lembach, Nancy Lessel, Timothy Lindon, Jason Little, Hung-Wen Liu, Scott Mallon, April Martin, Lynn Massucci, Mary Matias, Jerry McCann, Marcella McCausland, Justin McClain, Jennifer McKian, Kimberly Miller, Julie Noricks, Carl Olszewski Jr, Alan Pawlik, Smita Phaphat, Fan Ren, Wendy Sadler, Jennifer Samples, John Santomauro, Teresa Schulz, Peter Seilo, Carrie Swanson, Hwei-Ming Wang, Diarra Weathers, Robert Whiting, Daniel Wiles, Jeffrey Worth, Monica Wroblewski, Sandeep Yalamanchi and Joan Marie Zarosley.

Steven Zechiel of Canton was inducted into Lambda Iota Tau, Lawrence Technological University's honor society.

Eddie Chapman, son of Willis A. and Elvira V. Chapman of Canton, joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program.

Chapman, a student at Salem High School will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO for basic training on July 8, 1998.

## Champ shows fancy footwork

BY JULIA NELSON

You might say Paul Cusick and Michael Belvitch of Plymouth have dance fever. The pair continued to dominate in competitive Irish Dance on their way to world Championships last month.

Cusick dominated the 19 and under category and Belvitch won the 15-17 group.

Both train once or twice a week in Plymouth under the supervision of Tim O'Hare, a former World Champion who owns schools of Irish dance in Plymouth, Chicago, and Akron, Ohio. Until last year, it was the only dance school in Michigan that taught Irish dancing, according to Belvitch. The self-disciplined dancers also practice a few hours each day at home or the local YMCA.

"Making yourself practice is the hardest part, some days you just don't feel like it," said Belvitch.

Cusick, 17, a junior at Catholic Central High School in Redford, has been dancing for 12 years and competing for eight. He became involved due to his parents belief in the importance of preserving Irish culture. Cusick stated that over the years his natural ability has developed into a love of the dance.

Belvitch, 16, attends Plymouth Salem High School and became involved with Irish dancing eight years ago when his mother signed him for lessons. Belvitch shares the same feelings about dancing as Cusick.

"I love Irish dancing. It reinforces my Irish background, culture and heritage," Belvitch said.

The road to the World Championships was paved with competitions, and Cusick and Belvitch are no strangers to success.



PAUL CUSICK

Cusick has already won the National Irish Dance Championship five times. Belvitch won the Midwest regional championship for five consecutive years as well as this year's National Championship.

The competitions are on an individual level using traditional steps. According to Cusick, dancers are judged on posture, footwork, timing, and how high they can lift and jump.

Scores are tallied much like ice skating, he said. In the world competition there are seven judges who award points. Highest and lowest scores are thrown out to make an average. The judges come from areas where traditional dances are popular, such as

Ireland, Great Britain, the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

To become National Champion, Belvitch and Cusick first had to be selected by their school, which sends top students from under-8 to over-21 age groups to the competition. Then both competed and defeated other young men from all over the United States.

Being selected to compete in the World Championships is very difficult, according to Cusick. Each November, Irish dancing schools send students to the Regional Championship. The highest scorers qualify to compete at the World Championships. The competition is very intense and is more like a sport than a performance art according to Belvitch.

"I have already been offered contracts to perform in 'Riverdance' or 'Lord of the Dance,' since they scout at the Championships," said Cusick.

After completing his senior year at C.C., Cusick said he plans take a year off to dance before college. Which company he'll join remains a

question.

"I will travel around the world with a dance company and I will chose whatever show and people I like better," Cusick said.

Belvitch also plans on taking a year off to dance professionally before enrolling in a university.

Later he said he would like to teach Irish dancing, but not until he has had his fill of competition. Teachers must stop competing and pass an exam to become certified.

Both champions said they are glad to see Irish Dance increase to a broader audience through the popularity of the touring companies.

"Before people didn't understand Irish dancing. Now I don't have to explain what I do to everyone," Cusick said.

Cusick also explained that his Irish dance school has dramatically increased enrollment because of the popularity of the shows like Riverdance. Many non-Irish students have developed the desire to learn the traditional dancing.

Both are supported and encouraged by all of their family throughout their dancing careers. Most of Cusick's family traveled to Ireland to see him perform this spring. He said he believes that excitement might have helped him succeed.

"Winning the World Championships is a lifelong dream. It is the greatest thing that has happened," he said.

## Senior contestants wanted

The 11th annual Ms. Senior Michigan Regional Pageant will be held Sunday June 28, 1998 at the Novi Hilton.

Pageant organizers are looking for women who are able to express themselves in front of others. Contestants must be 60 years of age or older, and will be judged based upon an interview, inner beauty, poise and talent.

The event will take the place of Canton's Miss Senior Liberty Fest, according to Michelle Connell of Waltonwood Senior center in Canton.

Winner of the regional pageant will compete in the State Preliminary Pageant in Rochester, MI in July, and then the state finals at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts in October.

For an application or qualification requirements, contact Denise Aleardi, Michelle Connell or Betty Torsky at Waltonwood Senior Community center at (734) 844-3060.



Michigan State Police are releasing few details about a four-car accident Monday between a Northville Township Police car and three civilians. According to NTPD, all drivers were treated for injuries and released (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

## MSP investigates police crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Michigan State Police are investigating a four-car accident involving a Northville Township Police Officer.

According to Michigan State Trooper Quentin Allen, at about 7:55 a.m. Monday a police cruiser heading west-bound on Six Mile road just east of Brandner crashed into the rear end of a stopped car. That car then struck two others, he said.

Allen said he could not release further details until his report was complete later this week. He would not comment on the cruiser's rate of speed, or if its sirens were activated.

Chip Snider, Public Safety director for

Northville Township, said the cruiser was driven by Ofc. Mike Wildt, who had been on the force for about 8-10 years.

Snider said Wildt has a spotless driving record with the department. The accident was turned over to State Police because local police departments don't investigate their own accidents, he said.

"They haven't told me many details yet," he said. "We know for sure the three cars were stopped and that the officer hit them. That's about all."

Snider said he wouldn't know if Wildt would be charged until the Allen completed his report. The drivers in the three vehicles were treated and released, according to Allen.

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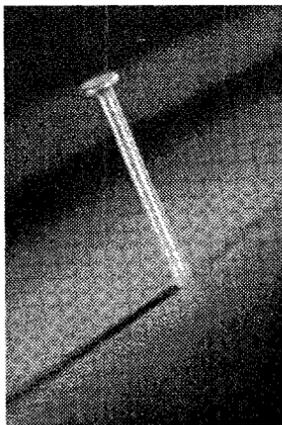


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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

As part of the Crier's annual Readers Rate, four respondents were selected at random to receive dinner for two at The Lowertown Grill. Those winners are: **Joe Connor, Paul Sims, Krystle Kay and Jim Skaggs**, all of Plymouth.

Nominations are being sought for the **Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Beautification Awards**.

For the past seven years, the Chamber has presented beautification awards to acknowledge those businesses who strive to make Plymouth a more beautiful place to do business.

Nominations are eligible in three categories: Renovation, Landscaping and New Construction. Nominated businesses must be in the City or Township of Plymouth.

Nominations must be submitted in writing by July 24, 1998 to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 386 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information call 453-1540.



Four American Speedy Printing centers in Farmington Hills, Plymouth and Wixom recently became Allegra Print and Imaging, a new concept in print and visual communications services being rolled out across America by the American Speedy Printing franchise system.

The centers are owned by **Harvey Johnson** (above) and **Mario Grech**.

## Trainers put new spin on exercise

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

Looking to add a new spin to your exercise routine?

Terry Pratt and Russ Andrews, of Rejuvenation Fitness may have the answer. For the past few months, the two personal trainers have been teaching "spinning" classes at Gold's Gym in Canton.

What is spinning?

Well, think of it as step-aerobics, minus the steps, plus a bike. Essentially a stationary bike class, spinning is the latest craze in group exercising. According to Pratt and Andrews, it's huge out west and down south, and looks to be catching on here as well.

"It's rocking," said Gregory Balteff. "A lot of people had reservations about its success, but it has really done well."

Inside a small room they rent out at the back of Gold's Gym, Pratt and Andrews teach their classes in an almost Zen-like atmosphere. There is little light (candle power only), soothing, motivating music and five riders all on an exercise quest. The instructor goes a long way toward keeping the students involved and pushing their limits.

"It's all one command cues," said Pratt. "There are no steps to learn, no choreography."

Indoor cycling is commonly seen as a solitary event, one person, one machine, and maybe a magazine to divert their attention, but spinning goes a long way towards smashing that myth. According to Pratt, it's all about a comfortable atmosphere.

"It's non-intimidating," he said. "You ride to your own fitness level."

Also, for those worried about the physical stress of running or aerobics, spinning is non-impact. "You don't receive the pounding like you would on a treadmill," Andrews said.

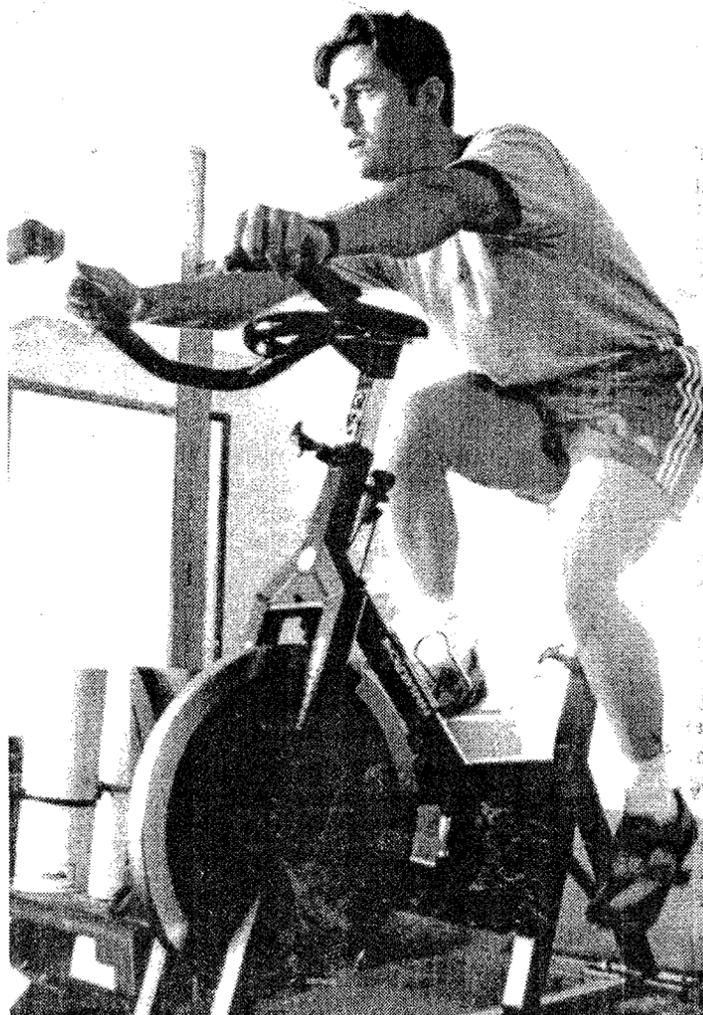
In addition to the spinning classes, Andrews and Pratt, both former bodybuilders, do personal training, kickboxing aerobics classes, even play tennis with their clients.

"I can do just about anything," said Andrews, a former goaltender for Eastern Michigan Hockey. "Anything the client wants."

So far, that philosophy is working. Since they started their fitness company last year, their schedules have been packed.

They'll be adding a part-time spinning instructor soon, and within the next 12-18 months could be moving into their own studio.

"That's the goal," said Andrews. "We already have investors



Russ Andrews teaches people how to spin their way to good health. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin.)

lined up." Spinning classes run \$10 for members of Gold's Gym, \$12 for non-members.



*Emerald City...* David McKnight (right) and Curt Christoff (left) celebrate the grand reopening of Emerald City Design at 900 N. Mill Street in Old Village.

Emerald City is a special event florist, and provides everything a planner can ask for: flowers, tables, chairs even tents. The five-year-old company made the move from Northville to take advantage of their new location's 5,000-square feet. Their old office, at 750 square feet didn't come close to meeting their needs, according to Curt Christoff.

Included in the new location is a 20-foot-by-14-foot walk-in cooler, allowing Christoff and McKnight to provide floral arrangements of a much grander scale.

For more information, call Emerald City at (734) 454-7077. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

# There goes the neighborhood'

*anton neighbors wary as Bad Frog Tavern moves in, hand gesture and all*

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Ironically enough, one of the slogans for nton's newest restaurant echoes the sentiments of its neighbors.

"There Goes the Neighborhood," is one of slogans Bad Frog Tavern may use for the ain's Canton location, according to Jim auldron, president and founder of Bad og, Inc.

Another of the staurant's slogans, he tavern with an attitude," captures hat bothers neighbors near the ighigan Avenue site oposed for the bar.

According to auldron, who said e lived in Canton for 0 years and now wns a house in ymouth, attitude isn't something that should orry neighbors.

"It's just a fun restaurant," he said. "Our irmingham location is loaded with kids. We ven have placemats for them to color."

Bad Frog Tavern will be located on Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and anton Center roads. The site was originally lated for a Happy Days Restaurant, but those evelopers pulled out and Bad Frog moved n, according to Community Planner Jeff oulet.

Bad Frog's site plan was approved unaniously Tuesday despite flack from neighboring residences and representatives from two earby churches.

Their concerns centered on the tavern's logo, which depicts a frog making a gesture with his middle finger.

"We wanted to take more of a moral position," said Syd Paul, a board member at Agape Christian Center. "We just don't think it's appropriate for our community." Paul, who attends the church, also teaches during the week for the Wayne Westland Schools.

"We're not opposed to a restaurant on the site, or the application for a liquor license. There are plenty of reputable restaurants that happen to serve alcohol." Paul said. "Our big concern is their logo and what it stands for."

But Wauldron said the sign isn't obscene. The gesture is simply a way of ordering a beer in the establishment. He even had the finger-flippin-frog logo trademarked to remove any negative connotations.

"Legally, it doesn't mean anything bad any more," he said. "Besides, the frog only has four fingers. He doesn't really have a middle finger."

The tavern is a new concept, according to Wauldron. The Birmingham location has only been open two months and specializes in Cajun food and the eight varieties of Bad Frog beer.

The Canton location would be based on the Birmingham site, Wauldron said, which

*The frog only has four fingers. He doesn't really have a middle finger.*

— Jim Wauldron  
Bad Frog founder

called for a variance on Canton's 50 per cent brick architecture requirement. The restaurant's exterior will primarily be rust-colored wood.

Inside the restaurant will feature high ceilings and, at more than 5,500-square feet, the restaurant is larger than the Birmingham location.

Canton Trustees approved the plan, although several voiced concerns about the tavern's reputation.

"We didn't have any wiggle room. We did what we had to do," said Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. "They were appearing before the board for site plan approval, and they had met or exceeded all of our ordinances."

Yack said the board of trustees offered a recommendation to the Liquor Control Commission (LCC) for each liquor license request, but the liquor license was applied for under the name of Happy Days Restaurant, which was originally proposed for the site.

Bad Frog would operate under that license for three years, and then could apply to have it transferred to their name, he said.

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## Guile's contract reviewed

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) board was scheduled to meet in a special session last night to review its contract with DDA Director Steve Guile.

The meeting was called after the DDA was unable to reach a conclusion on Guile's employment at their regular meeting Thursday.

The DDA has employed Guile since 1992. As director, he has run the department which oversees the City's relationship with downtown businesses and their growth.

He also helped manage the City's 1995 streetscape program.

Guile served in similar capacity as director of the Old Village Development Authority (OVDA).

During recent sessions to prepare the 1998-1999 City budget, Plymouth's City Commission elected to end its subsidy of his OVDA salary—roughly 20 per cent of Guile's total salary.

About 10 per cent of Guile's salary comes from the City Manager's general budget.

## A 'state-of-the-art' Kroger

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While the current Kroger will be torn down, according to township plans, much of the building that houses it, including Blockbuster Video and ACO Hardware, will remain.

A parking lot will replace the current Kroger spot. The new store will be built back over the existing apartments' site, according to the plans.

Dietz, whose company received "adequate compensation" from Kroger, said the project is good for the area.

"Kroger is in a dysfunctional center because of its age and condition," he said. "A state-of-the-art store would be great for the senior citizens who live in our complex."

In addition to the new store, the entire southwest corner of the intersection will get a facelift. The parking lot and entrances into the shopping center will be revamped for better traffic control, according to Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy.

"We're trying to eliminate that dodge'em car feeling," she said.



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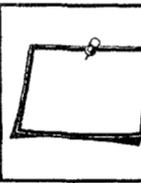
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## Events

### PLYMOUTH POST OFFICE BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth Post Office and the Red Cross are teaming up for a blood drive today at 47526 Clipper and Beck Road. Walk-in's are welcome. For information or to schedule an appointment call Barb at 453-6110.

### MAYBURY STATE PARK TRAIL DAY

Join REI, the Department of Natural Resources and SOLAR (School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation) in a community service project at Maybury State Park in Northville on **Saturday, June 6**, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.. 75 volunteers are needed to help maintain the hiking trails. There are all levels of work for the entire family. Bring work gloves, small tools, shovel and wear work boots and comfortable clothes. REI will provide a snack and beverages. Rain or shine. Call 248-347-2100 for details.

### PLYMOUTH YMCA 19TH ANNUAL RUN

The Plymouth YMCA's 19th Annual Run/Walk will be happening on Father's Day Sunday, **June 21**, taking place at the Gathering in downtown Plymouth. There will be lots of fun and excitement for all ages and levels. Call 734-453-2904 for registration.

### FARMER'S MARKETS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is hosting Farmer's Market every **Saturday** through the summer at the Gathering in Kellogg Park. The market opens at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 12:30 p.m. Contact 734-453-1540 for more details.

### ART IN THE SUN

Northville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual fine art and craft show "Art in the Sun" the weekend of **June 20 - 21**. More than 150 exhibitors will take part in this juried show. For more information call Laurie Marrs at 248-349-7640.



## Volunteer

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON HEADSTART PROGRAM

Plymouth-Canton Head Start located at Central Middle School is looking for volunteers to help in the classroom with group activities, recess and learning centers. If you have mornings or afternoons free please call 734-416-6196. Seniors and retirees are very welcome.

### MENTORS NEEDED

Growth Works is recruiting and training mentors for the Plymouth-Canton Youth Assistance Program. The program is aimed at mentors age 21 or older. If you have two hours a week to help with reducing delinquent behavior in adolescents, call Lynne Ponder at 734-397-3181 or 734-455-4095.

### THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK RIDING

Volunteers age 14 and over are needed to help disabled people in a therapeutic horseback riding program in South Lyon. No experience is necessary, volunteer training is provided. Volunteers are needed weekday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Call 248-486-7433.

### FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C's in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call 734-261-1011, leave a message.

### NEW MORNING SCHOOL NEEDS CHILD CARE AIDE

Attention students and seniors: Plymouth New Morning School is looking for a child care aide Mon.-Fri. from 7-9 a.m. Could be volunteer or paid position. For more information call 734-420-3331.

### SUMMIT SHUTTLE

Summit on the Park, Canton, offers shuttle service from east parking lot (next to playscape) to north door of Summit. Enclosed eight-person cart provides service 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. If P-C Schools close because of bad weather, tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings shuttle won't operate. Senior Office, 734-397-5444.

### STUDENT EXCHANGE

Families needed to host international students from "Academic Year in America," sponsored by American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range from 15-18 years, arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and other countries. Call Amy Mullen, 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423.

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### SALVATION ARMY RUMMAGE SALE

The Salvation Army at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth will hold a rummage sale on **May 27, 28 and 29** from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be clothing and miscellaneous household items. All proceeds are for the Salvation Army's World Services.

### CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Society will host their annual DuMouchelle Antique Appraisal Clinic on **Saturday, May 30** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cherry Hill High School, located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road. Verbal Appraisals are \$7 and written are \$10. No appointments necessary. For further information 734-453-5297. All proceeds benefit the Society and Museum..

### CANTON CHIEFS BASEBALL CLUB

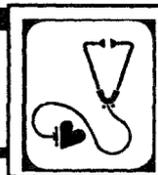
The Plymouth-Canton Baseball coaching staff and players will sponsor the Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp for kids 7 to 14 years old, from 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. **June 15-19**. Included will be days of group and individual instruction in all phases of the game. Cost is \$85 if received by June 9 and at the gate registration is \$90. Camp is limited to the first 125 players. For more information, call Mike or Diane Kwiatkowski 981-2024, Doug or Debbie Cortellini 451-1525.

### CANTON ROTARY HAWAIIAN RAFFLE

The Canton Rotary Club is holding its annual "Hawaiian Raffle" **Monday, June 15**, at the Roman Forum Restaurant on Ford Road. The event begins at 6 p.m. and raffle tickets cost \$160 for the Grand Prize of a round trip to Hawaii with \$3000 cash. A second drawing for Myrtle Beech is only \$10 per ticket. Call Dave (734) 453-2230 for tickets and information.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all **June** classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call 734-453-2904.



## Health

### DEMENTIA SYMPOSIUM

Madonna University is hosting a symposium on Dementia **Thursday, May 28** from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Registration fee is \$55 per person, which includes lunch and refreshments. The Keynote speaker Stephen G. Post, PhD. is a noted ethicist and author. To register call the Alzheimer's Association 248-557-8277 or Madonna University 734-432-5530.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Starting Over is a grief support group for widowed men and women under the age of 45. The group deals with the unique issues faced by the younger widowed person. Meetings are held at the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For information call 734-662-5999.

### SENIOR WHEELS PROGRAM

Wayne County residents who need wheelchairs, electric scooters, walkers and other medical equipment now have a friend. The Senior Wheels Program of Greater Wayne makes these items available to Senior Citizens (65 years and up) and the permanently physically challenged of any age. Call 1-800-211-6502 for qualifying information.

### THE PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obtrusive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Arbor Health Building - Plymouth. For information, call 734-712-5367.

### SUICIDE LOSS PROGRAM

Arbor Hospice offers a group for adults who have experienced a loss through suicide. The group meets at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth on the first and third **Monday** evening of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information call 734-662-5999 or 248-348-4980.

## GUIDE to Entertainment

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

### CANTON CINEMA 6

734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Les Miserables" "Deep Impact" "The Horse Whisperer" "Quest for Camelot."

### CENTER STAGE

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

### COFFEE STUDIO

734-416-9288; Wed.: Open Mic Night.

### ERNESTO'S

734-453-2002; Mon.-Thurs.: Strolling Musicians; Tues.-Sat.: Live Music in Piano Bar.

### GENITTS HOLE IN THE WALL

248-349-0522; Live Interactive Dinner Theater.

### KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thurs.: Live Blues: Black Beauty.

### THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Live Blues Thurs.: Moose Monkeys, Fri.: Curis Sumpter Project Feat with Kathy Davis, Sat.: Blue Suit Feat with Johnny Yard Dog Jones.

### MARQUIS THEATRE

248-349-8110; Sat: Live Musical Theatre "Hansel and Gretel."

### PENN THEATRE

734-453-0870; Now playing: "Grease" & "The Man in the Iron Mask."

### PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

734-454-0178; Sat.: Family Magic, Sun.: Jazz DJ Bryon Edward.

### STATION 885 RESTAURANT

734-459-0885; Wed. - Thurs.: Live music with Wally Gibson; Fri.-Sat. Wally Gibson and Angelino Primo.

### WEST SIDE SINGLES

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

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

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# City bails on skatescape project

BY BRYON MARTIN

Commissioner Ron Loiselle says he'll move to repeal the City ordinance prohibiting skateboarding, rollerblading and bicycling in downtown Plymouth, in light of the City Commission's apparent abandonment of the ongoing skatescape project.

Loiselle sought \$5,000 from the Commission Monday to pay for preliminary drawings of the skatescape, an park that would be designed for in-line

skaters and skateboarders.

Loiselle has worked on the project for more than a year and told commissioners he was working with a private investor who might pay for the park, but who would need to see schematics first.

Without the support of another commissioner Loiselle's motion died before coming to a vote. The skatescape project died with it, he said.

"The Commission is sending a bad message to our youth," he said. "We're

making them feel unwanted downtown."

Commissioner Joe Koch has worked with Loiselle on the project but, acting as Mayor in the absence of Mayor Don Dismuke Monday, was unable to give the motion the support it needed.

Tentative plans for the skatescape would have built it on a portion of Central Middle School property near the Plymouth Cultural Center. It would have included features for skateboarders to do the riding and stunts some had been doing downtown in parks and on sidewalks, angering business-owners and attracting attention from police.

The subsequent crackdown on skateboarders and in-line skaters caused a backlash in the City. Trying to balance 'boarders' interests with those of the City and merchants, the Commission created a Youth Task Force from a mix of police, business owners, parents, kids and City officials.

According to Loiselle, the task force created a plan with three components. One was to tighten up the City ordinance on use of in-line skates, bikes and skateboards. In turn, the City agreed to pursue the construction of a skatescape to which skaters could relocate their activity.

The ordinance was tightened right away, according to Loiselle. Use of skateboards, in-line skates and bicycles was specifically

prohibited in the Central Business District. Fines were increased.

For more than a year Loiselle, Koch and members of a skatescape committee had explored the park's feasibility, from design to liability issues.

But now, he said, the City has reneged on its part of the deal by letting the skatescape die.

"It doesn't seem fair," he said, adding he intended to pursue returning the ordinance to its less-strict form.

Koch attributed the apparent disinterest in the project to the change in commission since last November's election.

"(Some commissioners) are out of touch with all the work

and all the noise," from unhappy residents and business owners, he said.

Koch said Plymouth could have served as a model for other municipalities by building the skatescape, especially as skateboarding continues to gain acceptance as a sport. He compared it to the City's construction of the Cultural Center and its ice rink in 1972, before such facilities were common.

"We're trying to be visionary," he said. "The rest of the Commission is just being reactionary."

*City Commissioner Ron Loiselle says the City has reneged on its part of the deal by letting the skatescape die*

## Canton ceremonies at 1 p.m.

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Charlotte and Calvin Perry who donated the new fountain for Kellogg Park. A plaque will be unveiled at those ceremonies.

Canton veterans will mark Memorial Day with ceremonies at 1 p.m. at the Canton Veterans Memorial behind township hall.

In observance of Memorial Day, The Crier will be closed Monday. Deadlines for next Wednesday's Crier will be Friday, May 22 at 3 p.m. for classified ads, and 5 p.m. for display ads.

## Bonny has seen the changes

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The theater opened Dec. 4, 1941. Margaret Wilson owned it until the Smith's bought it in 1983.

In the beginning it was the Smith's daughter, Lauren, who was to run the theater. But two years later Bonny found herself charged with the task, she said. The job lasted 13 years.

She's seen her share of change.

"In that time they built... theatres around us and they choke us out," she said. As a second-run theatre, the Penn is able to book movies only after first-run theaters are done with them.

A family friendly format, especially in "The City of Homes," has kept the Penn afloat, if not very profitable, Bonny said.

# Yack backs mega deal; changes worry board

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Horen said. "I'm also concerned about the traffic and other inconveniences for residents. I don't think we need to contribute any funds."

"If another developer comes along we can get the same type of project and increase in the tax base without putting up any funds," Khoury added.

Originally consisting of residential buildings, office buildings, a shopping center, several restaurants and a multiplex movie theater, the development would be constructed with similar architectural themes in a unified look.

Burton-Katzman asked for \$3.2 million in infrastructure improvements to offset the initial cost of starting the project. This amount is due to the highly inflated price of the land and cost of improving the storm water drainage, and providing sewer services.

After an unofficial vote on the project, the 11-member DDA board is split with six supporting the proposal, three against it and two undecided.

Board members Dave Khoury, Penny Klei

and Jim Horen expressed disapproval for the project at the DDA meeting Thursday.

"I'm concerned about the change in the project. We're dealing with a long time frame and anything can happen," Horen said. "I'm also concerned about the traffic and other inconveniences for residents. I don't think we need to contribute any funds."

Other members thought that benefit of having a cohesive project, rather than piecemeal development along Ford Road, make the \$3.2 million subsidy worth pursuing. To do so, Canton would sell bonds and to pay for the construction of a central roadway and improvements to storm water drainage and sewage systems.

The improvements wouldn't be likely if the individual plots of land comprising the site were developed separately, according to Melissa McLaughlin.

"The township may not have as much control over the development if there isn't a central roadway," she said. "And the property owners don't have to put one in."

The DDA board will meet in a joint study session with the Board of Trustees and the

Planning Commission within the next two months to discuss all aspects of the proposal, according to Ralph Shufeldt, DDA Chairperson.

"We're merely an advisory board. We don't have the authority to enter into an agreement or sell any bonds," he said.

Shufeldt said he was for the project because he didn't want a repeat of the development between Morton Taylor and Ford roads.

A similar project was proposed for that area before the Target store and neighboring restaurants were constructed, along with a roadway connecting Ford and Sheldon. Instead plots of land were developed separately with no cohesive look.

"We have no idea what's going to be developed there next," Shufeldt said. "I

would rather see this parcel developed in its entirety."

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack is also in favor of the project. He suggested moving the

discussion to the next level because many of the concerns raised by the board could be answered with Planned Development District (PDD) or Developers agreements, which the trustees can require of the developer.

"With a PDD

agreement we can be very specific as to the types of uses, architecture and landscaping," he said.

Yack said the joint meeting would help to get members of the planning commission and board of trustees up to speed on the project.

A final decision is a long way away, he said.

*I'm concerned about the traffic and other inconveniences. I don't think we need to contribute any funds.*

**- Jim Horen  
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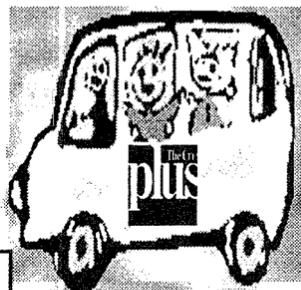
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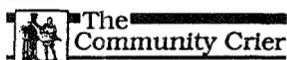
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BY SCOTT GOODWIN

They flutter, they fly, they sing and they chirp.

They build nests, make babies, and call tree tops home. They're birds.

Not your kamakazi-diving, Hitchcockian killer birds, but birds of a more genteel disposition. Look out your back window and into their world. Bluejays, sparrows and cardinals mix with gold finches, robins and barnswallows to create their own society.

Their voices fill yards throughout the summer like nature's background music. Only the sounds of crickets and lawnmowers may be more discernibly summer.

Yet, despite commonness of birds, few people can match the kildeer to its high-pitched squeel or the sparrow to its subtle chirp. Birds are birds, some might say. They flutter, they fly, they sing, and they chirp. What else is there to know?

For those who are interested there is a lot to know. Ask Gary Phillips of Backyard Birds in Plymouth. He can tell you that birds are surprisingly particular, and that there are ways to accommodate their tastes and attract them to your yard.

"It's not rocket science," Phillips says. "There are three ways to get them into your yard. You need to feed them. You need to give them water. And you need to provide housing."

This sounds simpler than it is. To attract certain birds you need certain types of seed, says Phillips. Not all seeds are the same. They often are mixed to attract a select bird or group of birds.

You never want too much millet in your seed, for example

"Too much millet and you give the feeder over to doves and sparrows," Phillips says.

Doves and sparrows are nice. But what if you want hummingbirds, or the elusive oriole, says Phillips, there are ways to attract them too. It's all about presentation.

**Feed them**

According to Phillips, the birds most people want to attract—bluebirds, cardinals, robins—prefer premier seed. Black sunflower oiler, white safflower seed and sunflower stripe often are mixed with a tiny bit of millet to make a good general seed, he says.

Too much dark-brown or yellow in your seeds could be bad for your feeder, Phillips says. The dark-brown, called milo or wheat, oats or barley often serve only as fillers.

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— Gary Phillips  
Backyard Birds

"Birds are going to just fight through that crap to get to the good stuff," he said.

Birds are picky, and they can be messy too. For those with a feeder on decks or balconies, Phillips says "no-waster seeds" without a shell are the way to go, so there is nothing left behind after birds eat.

For woodpeckers and some hummingbirds, suet may be the way to go, Phillips says. Suet is hard fat and comes in a multitude of flavors, for winter birds or year-round use.

Suet can be used as a deterrent too. "Keep the squirrels out of the suet! Try our new 'hot chili pepper suet,'" one Backyard Birds' sign says.

Once you've got the seed, now you're ready to select a feeder. Again, feeders are tailored for specific types of birds.

"There are three types of feeders," Phillips says. "There is a general seed feeder, a

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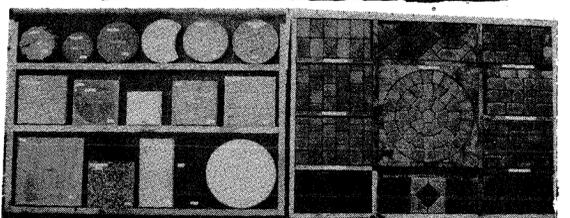
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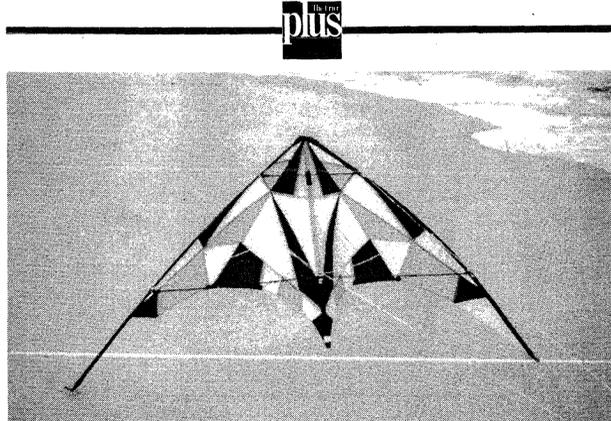
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The Voodoo sport kite, imported from Tunisia, is easily recognizable by the number of panels, which would make it prohibitively expensive to manufacture in the U.S. It will soon be available at Kites & Fun Things in Plymouth.

## Kite-flying

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designed to be primarily a trick kite. It can change courses in the blink of an eye.

Today's kites are less expensive which has made them more available to a wider group of people, Kirchoff says.

In response, the sport of kite flying is growing. Trennepohl is a major sponsor of one of the largest kiting events in the country. The event, which took place last weekend in Grand Haven, MI, was an opportunity for kite enthusiasts to compete and exhibit their kites in many different ways, including sport and synchronized kiting.

And watch out for power kiting. "It's where you fly your kite into a strong wind and jump at the same time," Kirchoff says. "The kite will actually pull you along

over the ground. It's a little like para-sailing."

Kiting is enjoying a resurgence, Trennepohl says. He teaches the basics of kite flying nearly every Wednesday evening on the soccer fields at Schoolcraft college. The site is ideal because its relative flatness and proximity to the freeway combine to generate strong winds.

With several spare kites, he and colleagues show curious onlookers the basics of kite flying, as well as how to perform tricks. He also answers any questions that fliers might have, he says.

Kirchoff says the sport draws people of all ages, a fact which he relates to the sport's quirkiness.

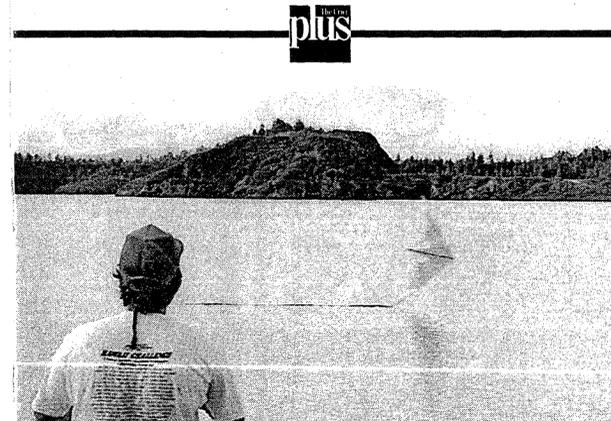
"It's definitely a different type of sport. It's so peaceful that it really lets you relax," he says. "It's almost meditative."

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Jon Trennepohl demonstrates some of the maneuvers possible with today's sport kites.

## Go fly a kite!

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN  
 Summer is for some a chance to relax and unwind, and there are few better ways than to throw a kite up into the air and fly it.

Kite flying has come a long way since the days of paper and sticks. Today's kites are bigger, lighter, faster, more durable and yes, they do tricks.

"There's a lot more thought put into the design," says John Kirchoff, of Rider's Hobby Shop. "Where 12 years ago a standard kite would have been a diamond shape supported by two sticks, today's kites feature delta wing designs, like a big triangle.

"The long string has been replaced by a keel, which acts as a rudder and makes a kite a lot easier to fly," Kirchoff says.

Indeed, today's kits are so much easier to fly that just 3 m.p.h. of wind will lift them, according to Jon Trennepohl, owner of Kites & Fun Things in Plymouth. Trennepohl also imports kites from around the world and manufactures Sky Burner Kites.

Today's sport kites utilize two strings, to control the kite's lateral and vertical motion, according to Kirchoff.

Sport kites, which first caught the wind about 15 years ago, have gone through transformations, he says.

A dual-line sport kite places one line in each of the pilot's hands. The pilot pulls with the left or right hand to change the kite's direction, Kirchoff says.

Other innovations include the quad-line kite, according to Kirchoff.

A quad-line kite has four strings attached to it, two leading down to each controller. The pilot holds out the controller, and changes the kite's direction by rotating his wrists either to the left or the right. Each direction has a different effect on the kite's movement.

"It's pretty incredible. You can literally stop the kite, back it up, go sideways, or place the point of the kite on any particular spot," Kirchoff says. "I once had someone fly a quad-line kite at me, stop and flip my baseball cap off without touching me."

Trennepohl's latest import, called the Voodoo, is manufactured in Tunisia. The Voodoo is easily recognized by its many colorful panels and is

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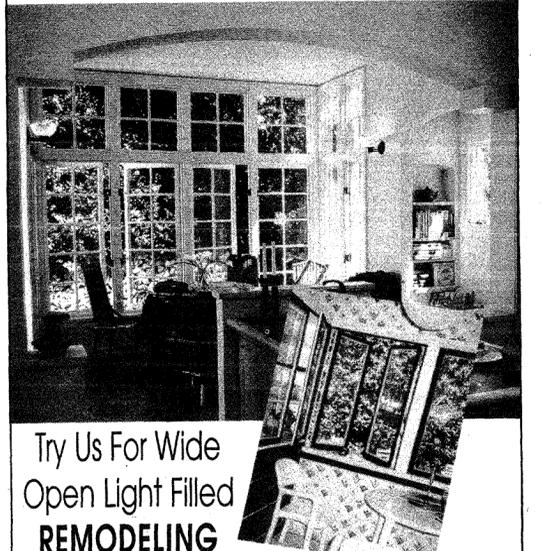
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# Birdwatching

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thistle feeder and a suet feeder."

Phillips says his general seed feeder, combined with a small suet feeder on the side, is the most popular configuration. "It's a good first-time feeder," he says.

Thistle feeders are designed to attract smaller-beaked birds, according to Phillips. Thistle is

a small black seed which can only fit through a small hole. "The holes (in the thistle feeders) are too small for a sparrow. It's good for your chickadees and gold finches," he says. One drawback: thistle is one of the most expensive seeds.

The third type of feeder, the suet feeder, is obviously designed to hold suet. Those on the lookout for nut hatches might want to try one of these, according to Phillips.

There are several specialty feeders as well. There are feeders designed specifically for hummingbirds and orioles, and some that are designed for both. "Orioles often will eat where hummingbirds do, so they made one for both," says Phillips.

But, he warned, in order to attract hummingbirds, you need more than a crafty feeder. "Hummingbirds are like mailmen. You only get one, but they come back regularly," he says. "So you need to put a big red ribbon on your feeder. You need to make a show of it so they'll come."

So far this year, Phillips says there has been only a few hummingbirds and one oriole spotted in our area.

**Giving them water**  
First, to keep the water clean, keep it away from the feeder. "Yucky water bothers the birds. They won't drink it," says Phillips.

Second, refill the water bath everyday. "That's the key," he

says. "Don't worry about the algae. That'll happen no matter what you do."

Also, birds like to show off. They like to play with the water. "That's what a dripper is good for," Phillips says. Drippers pumps water from the bath into a steady drip from which birds can drink.

**Provide housing**

"I like to classify nesting boxes in three ways," Phillips says. "Show, go and combo."

Show boxes are for people, often decorated with fancy metal and colors. "Not many birds nest in show boxes," he

says. "They usually hang indoors."

"Go" boxes, while plain, are usually the most successful, Phillips says. "You have to have the right size hole and the right size box. If the hole is too big, you'll get just sparrows and starlings," he says.

Sometimes, though, nesting boxes with large openings are designed for bigger birds, like hawks or ducks, Phillips says.

There are even boxes for bats. "Some people might cringe," he says. "But bats kill more than 3000 flying insects per night. So there is good reason to have them around."

**Tips from Tweety**

Having the right seed and the proper equipment can't guarantee you'll get the right bird, Phillips said.

"Never put a nesting box within sight of a feeder," he says. "One bird's nesting box could be another bird's lunch box."

Another tip: "Squirrels can jump four feet up and eight feet sideways. That's why you want to keep a feeder away from a tree."

To really attract birds, Phillips says, it has to be worthwhile. "Our theory of birdfeeding is simple: if it ain't fun don't do it"

*Some people might cringe, but bats kill more than 3,000 flying insects per night. So there is a good reason to keep them around.*

- Gary Phillips

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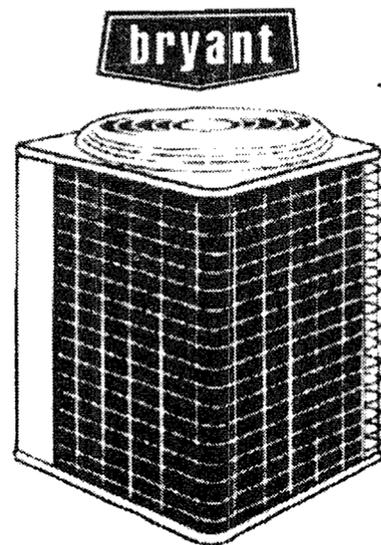
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# Area parks have the recipe for fun

BY JULIA NELSON

If you like food and the great outdoors, the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area is the perfect picnicing area.

Locations of all the area parks can be found in The Crier's 1998 GUIDE.

While there are few grills or other cooking areas in many of the City of Plymouth's small neighborhood parks, there are many sheltered areas for outdoor eating. Parks such as Lions, Garden Club, Kiwanis and Rotary have areas to provide shade and cover from sudden summer storms.

In Canton, Heritage Park also has several picnic shelters and a gazebo, as does Griffin Park.

Barchester, Freedom and Independence Parks are now under construction and will be open in the coming year. All include picnic areas.

If all else fails, bring an old sheet or blanket to throw on the ground as a "table cloth" and a portable grill or pre-made foods to chill in the cooler.

To make grilling easy, chop up chunks of meat and veggies, throw them in the cooler, take some skewers and lance up some kabobs. Or defrost some pre-made pizza dough at home, bring along some sauce and toppings and lay it on the grill to create a smoky pizza.

To have an all-veggie meal try marinating some thick

mushrooms such as portobellos at home, spoon into a plastic container with some peppers then toss on the grill to replace the boring old hamburger-on-a-bun.

Don't forget the typical raw veggies, fruit salad, pasta or potato salad to complete the picnic. Finish off with some classic sticky s'mores.

To work off that picnic meal, one can participate in various park activities. All of the parks in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have playground areas except Cannon and Village Pointe Parks. Most have fields suitable for frisbee, pick-up football, soccer, softball, or anything else needing a lot of space. Jaycee park has both volleyball and basketball courts in addition to their playgrounds.

Griffin and Flodin parks in Canton both have baseball and basketball areas, tennis courts and soccer fields. Flodin park also has a walking path. The soon-to-be-open Barchester and Freedom parks will have in-line skating rinks, jog/walk paths, and playground areas. Freedom Park will also have soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts and a nine hole frisbee golf course. Independence Park will contain paths, baseball fields, and soccer fields when opened next spring.

To engage in hiking, biking, or rollerblading one might have to

picnic a bit further from town, but not as far as you might think.

Hines drive, which runs from Dearborn to Northville, has a trail that follows the majority of the road as well as picnic areas with grills, tables, and playgrounds scattered in various stops down the drive. Some of the drive and its various paths close to vehicles on Saturdays in the spring and summer months for biking, walking, and rollerblading.

Maybury State Park in Novi has many hiking, biking, rollerblading trails. There is a large playground next to a eating pavilions with grills. Also a working petting farm to entertain the little ones.

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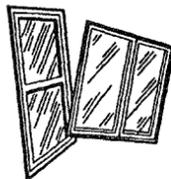
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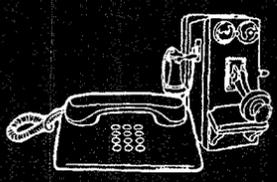
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### JOHN J. "JACK" GILLES, SR

John J. "Jack" Gilles, Sr, a Plymouth resident, died May 15, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mr. Gilles was born May 21, 1914 in Saginaw, MI. He was a 1932 graduate of Plymouth High School. He was general manager of Central Distributors for 33 years, retiring in 1970. He was a charter member and past grand knight of Fr. Victor Renaud Council, 3292, Knights of Columbus, Plymouth, the former district deputy of the Michigan State Council, Knights of Columbus, fourth degree member of Pope John XXIII Assembly 1536, knights of Columbus. He was instrumental in starting the sports program at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, and an usher at Our Lady of Good Counsel. He was the chairman of the A.D.F Drive at the church and a member of the church building board.

He is survived by his daughters Sally (Jim) Jarvey of Canton; sons, Brian (Candy) Gilles of Plymouth, John Jr. (Beth) Gilles of Plymouth, Richard W. Gilles of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lorenz.

A memorial mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Arrangements were made by The Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Kids with Cancer in care of the family.

### JESSE ALBERT WOODRING

Jesse Albert Woodring, a former Canton resident, died May 8, 1998 at the age of 71.

Mr. Woodring was born Jan. 13, 1927 in Chicago, IL. He was a foreman. He moved from Canton to Florida in 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Woodring of Hudson, FL; 13 children; 38 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Fred Wilbert officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

### GAIL H. MARSHALL

Gail H. Marshall, a Plymouth resident, died May 14, 1998 at the age of 46.

Mrs. Marshall was born April 17, 1952 in Detroit. She was a teacher. She taught English as a second language, mostly in Singapore and Malaysia. She moved to the Plymouth Community in 1978 from Singapore and Malaysia. She was a member of the Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton. She graduated from Western Michigan University and did her advanced studies at Eastern Michigan University and the University of London in Singapore. She was just one course short of her Masters Degree, which she was studying for at the time of her illness.

She is survived by her husband, Robert B. Marshall of Plymouth; daughter, Angela Ree Marshall of Plymouth; son, Christopher Lee Marshall of Plymouth; mother, Helen (Hugh) Settle of Florida; and grandmother, Lorna Kennedy of Florida.

Services were held at the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton with the Rev. Bryan Smith officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Gail Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Geneva Presbyterian Church, Canton, MI or the American Cancer Society.

### VIVIAN M. KELLY

Vivian M. Kelly, a South Lyon resident, died May 16, 1998 at the age of 73.

Mrs. Kelly was born Sept. 11, 1924 in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Paul W. Kelly of South Lyon; sons, Michael (Lynne) Kelly of Davisburg, MI, Darin (Robbyn) Kelly of Stockbridge; daughters, Nannette (Ronald) Begola of White Lake, Susan (Dennis) McCusker of Canton; sister, Kathryn Reno of Williamston, MI; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William B. Lupfer officiating. Burial was at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions can be given to Arbor Hospice 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

### RALPH B. KELLEY

Ralph B. Kelley, a Plymouth resident, died May 17, 1998 at the age of 77.

Mr. Kelley retired Professor Emeritus from Schoolcraft College in the mid-1980s, where he had been on the staff since the college was founded in 1964. In the early years he set up and developed both the art and music departments at schoolcraft. a multi-talented man, he was widely known as a playwright, an artist and a musician as well as an accomplished producer in other art forms. A United Methodist Minister, Mr. Kelley first served in the Dayton District. He moved to the Toledo district in 1947 and served with St. John's and Asbury churches until 1954 when he moved to Metamora, OH. He remained there until joining the staff at Adrian College in 1959.

He is survived by his sister, Jean Parker of Louisville, CO; daughters, Ruth Norris of Jacksonville, IL, Mary Lynne Kelley of Grosse Ile, MI; son, Richard B. Kelley of Fairfax, VA; grandchildren, Jeff and Scott Norris, Amy and Karin Bauman, Christopher M. Walters, and Aaron P. Kelly; and close family friend, Bob Roberts. He is preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and his daughter, Patricia Kelley.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Leukemia Society of America.



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Thanks Geneva for the plant - it made my day. Love, Lynn

## Curiosities

First the noise & sign police. Then come the hot dog police. Now the "LAWN" POLICE??? I'm feeling WAY over-protected. ("One Adam-12, we need back up for a straggly lawn bust on Deer Street...")

**ALLEN O'DELL** really jazzes up Fleet Street. And the DPS guys are helping too. -Thanks, your Fleet St. neighbors.

**Dave & Mary Mills** - You're already in the Teamsters & Typesetters Unions --are you trying for "Dock Workers" too? -Mike



Moose

Headstrong, unstoppable, longevity! Sounds like someone from Lowertown Lynn had a great birthday & to top it off she looks younger.

sideways and Crier staff: thanks for covering for me over the last few weeks. It's no fun being down n' out sick! Your help was much appreciated! Regards, Maura

## Curiosities

Yes, Rhonda, today is Wednesday and the paper got out on time. Maybe we'll get you a wake up service for Monday mornings so you won't have bad dreams. Maybe you should just stop eating ice cream & dill pickles on Sunday evenings.

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**CHINESE MAGNOLIAS** were beautiful! Jack Wilcox was so thoughtful.

--Sally and Mary



Happy First Birthday to Our Special Boy, William James. Love, Nana and Family Bryon had a birthday and Rhonda's got one coming!

Could it be that Ed's goin' fishin' or going on a job interview? Let's see which briefcase he takes.

## Curiosities

**Palma & Joe Underhill-Cady** are moving closer to home (now only a 10 hour drive). Hooray!

**BEAUREGARD** eats Stella Greene's Armenian dinner. WOW!

**MARY POOLE IS 50!** Actually not - but she dared us to print that. Call her at Poole's Tavern.

**Mom K.** - Check your schedule and pencil me in a T.J. Maxx Day! Linda

**Rhonda** - one pickles & ice cream coming up! -Just name it!

**Pete** swabs the deck

**Ed** - those who own the water still get wet! P & L

**Sally** - thanks for the skirt! Linda You'll be missed.

The Kibilkos are spending their vacation working on everyone else's lawn!

We aren't complaining. Thanks Guys!

**STELLA GREENE** cooks great lamb, green beans, eggplant, bread, dessert.

(Brother Chuck Vanerian helped) --Beauregard the Armenain Feaster

Boys played a good ball game, good ball game...

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# Sports

## AHL: Boulerice can play Nov. 15

*Minor league won't uphold OHL's year-long ban*

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

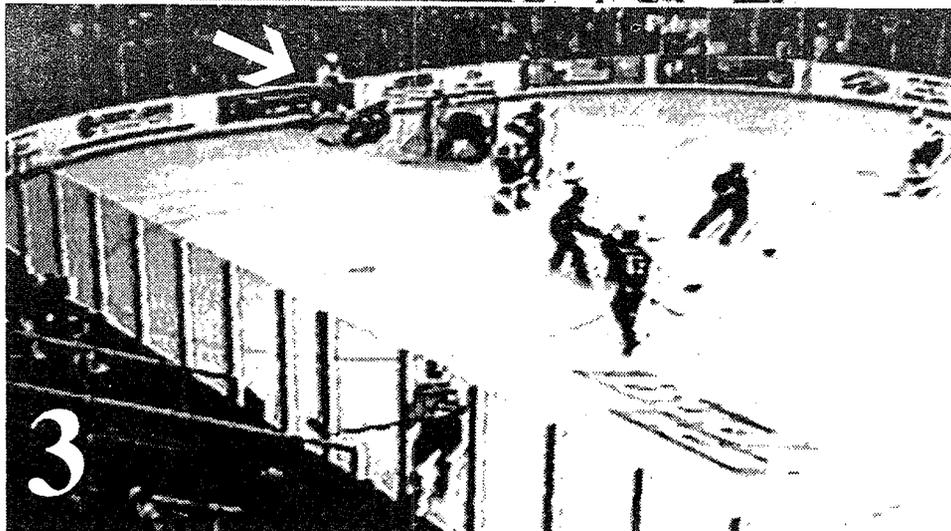
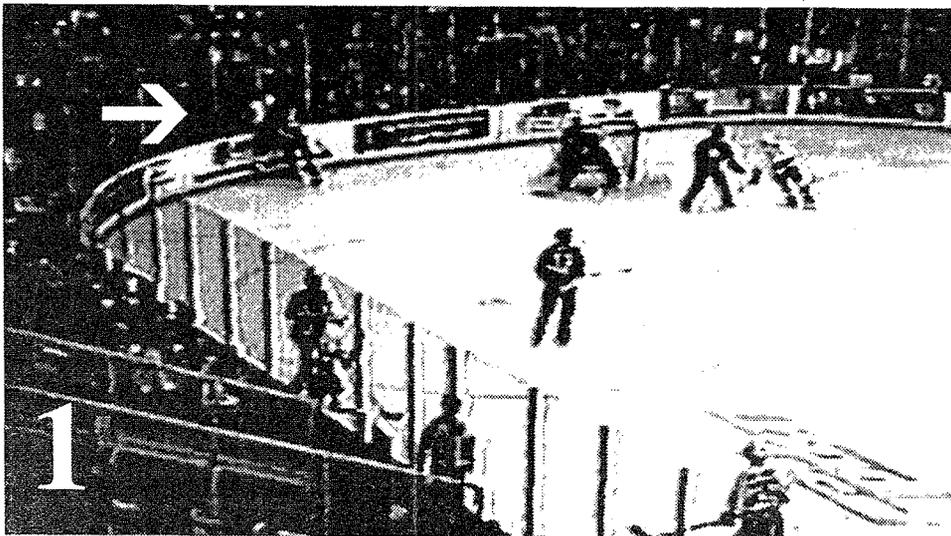
Saying his decision came by independent review, American Hockey League President Dave Andrews announced last week that Plymouth Whaler Jesse Boulerice would be ineligible to play in the AHL until November 15.

The decision comes less than two weeks after the Ontario Hockey League had placed a year-long ban on Boulerice following a stick-swing incident that left Guelph Storm forward Andrew Long with facial fractures and a blood clot April 17 at Compuware Sports Arena.

Boulerice was set to join the AHL's Philadelphia Phantoms following the end of the Whaler's season, but Andrews keep him from playing pending an investigation. Boulerice will miss the entire AHL playoffs—the Phantoms are currently in the Western Conference Finals—and probably the first 10-15 games of next season.

"I know I deserve it," Boulerice said,

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### OHL releases stick-slashing video

The OHL has released the video showing Plymouth Whaler Jesse Boulerice using his stick to hit Guelph Storm Forward Andrew Long in the face.

Picture 1 (left) shows the initial check Long laid on Boulerice before the hit. Boulerice then retaliated by shoving Long a few times, pushing him back behind the Storm net.

Boulerice appears to turn his stick, heel side up, and then swing it two-handed at Long's head (picture 2 above).

Picture 3 shows Long falling to the ice. The blow appeared to knock Long unconscious. The video cuts off as Long lays on the ice (picture 4 below).

The hit stopped play for 20 minutes as trainers and paramedics aided the injured Long. According to reports, Long had stopped breathing when paramedics arrived. Long spent two days in the hospital following the incident, recovering from two facial fractures, a severe concussion, a broken nose, and a 20-stitch gash.



## Sports shorts

Once the new Canton Ice Arena is ready in the Fall of 1999, it will have a hockey league waiting for it.

Efforts are currently underway to form a Canton Hockey Association to deal with the expected large numbers of Canton residents who want to play hockey at the new ice rink.

The complex will feature two NHL regulation-sized ice surfaces, with room for a possible third.

The hockey association will be responsible for organizing and facilitating the teams, including ordering team jerseys, interviewing potential coaches, scheduling ice times, and securing referees.

Canton is currently seeking residents interested in serving as a hockey board member. For those interested, applications are available at the Canton Recreation Services office located in the Summit on the Park.

Registration for hockey leagues will take place once the board is formed.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a team, or making a contribution to the hockey league, can contact Wally Hill at (734) 451-1538.

The Guelph Storm have fallen short in their quest for a Memorial Cup.

The Storm, who beat the Plymouth Whalers in the OHL semi-finals last month, lost the championship game to the Portland Winterhawks, 4-3, in overtime.

"When you get that close it's tough to get upset," said Alan Millar, Guelph general manager.

Guelph went 2-1 in the round robin tournament leading up to an exiting overtime victory over Spokane, the host team. But they couldn't hold off the Winterhawks.

Next Year's Memorial Cup Playoffs will be held at an OHL venue.

# Rocks roll at regionals

## Chiefs finish eighth on Salem's day to shine

The Salem Rocks track team went into Friday's Class A Regional track championship heavily favored to win. However, Salem Coach Geoff Baker knew his team could not just show up and expect everyone else to fold their cards.

"There are some tough teams there," said Baker. "We can't just expect to win. We're going to have to perform."

And that they did, annihilating the competition by scoring 112 points, 45 1/2 more than nearest competitor Detroit Cody High.

Highlighting the day was a new school record by the Rock 800 meter relay team. Mike Shull, Chris Mason, Mark Sheehan, and Scott Kingslien put together a 1:30.1, granting them a birth at the May 30 state track meet in Bay City, Michigan.

"The 800 meter win was incredible," said Baker. "We weren't the favorites, but we put together a perfect race. I wasn't expecting us to win."

The group then came back to finish second in the 400 meter relay (44.4), also a state qualifying campaign.

Shull capped off what Baker called a "huge day," with a second place finish in the 200 meter (22.8). This means Shull will have three events at next week's state championship meet.

Shull was not the only one to come up big for the Rocks. Kingslien, Ian Searcy, Andy Briggs, and Nick Allen also qualified three times.

The trio of Allen, Briggs, and Searcy joined forces with Bobby Cushman to take the 3200 relay (8:03.3). Allen also took top honors in the 1600 meters (4:25.6) and placed second in the 3200 meters (9:42.8). Searcy won the 800 meters (1:57.2), with Briggs taking fourth (1:59.4). The duo later led the Rock 1600 meter relay team to victory (3:24.2), with the assistance of Kingslien and Gabe Coble.

As if the Salem tracksters were not content with this, Jon Little qualified in both the 1600 meter (4:27.6) nabbing second, then returning to finish third in the 3200 meters (9:44.8).

The Rocks also sent two 110 meter hurdlers, Ryan Thomas (14.9), and Dave Clemons (15.0). Both posted personal bests on the day.

The Rocks were heavily favored in last night's Western Lakes Activities Association Conference meet and have their sights on a top five finish in the state.

"I think we have as good a shot as anybody," said Baker. "We just need to keep improving."

### Canton

The Chiefs have two qualifying athletes for next Saturday's state track and

field championship: thrower Kevin Keil and distance runner Shaun Moore.

Keil won both the shot put (52'9") and the discus (161'8"). "He had a real good day," said Richardson. "The kid's a real deserving senior."

Moore ran a personal best 1:58.6 to finish second behind Ian Searcy of Salem, a time just .3 seconds off the Canton school record. "Both these kids worked hard to be Bay City bound," said Richardson. "We're real proud of both of them."

Overall, the Chiefs took eighth, scoring 35 points.

The big surprise of the day, however, was the arising of freshman Marty Kane. Kane took fifth in the 800 meters in 2:01.4, a personal best of nearly four seconds.

## Rocks can't vault past Stevenson, Chiefs place 5th

### BOYS TRACK REGIONALS

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

The Rocks could never overcome the pole vault. The first event in Friday's Girls Track regional was dominated by the favorite Livonia Stevenson, and both Salem and the rest of the competitors were playing catch-up the remainder of the day.

"We had hoped to challenge Stevenson, but they were just a little stronger that day," said Coach Mark Gregor.

Salem scored in an impressive 15 of 17 events, but the one that hurt them, the pole vault, was a shutout.

Nonetheless, en route to the second place finish, Salem qualified for states in six events. Freshman sensation Autumn Hicks accounted for three of them.

Hicks will attend states as a member of both the 800 relay team and the 1,600 relay team. With a time of 59.5 seconds, Hick's

Larry Anderson took sixth in the 400 meter dash (51.7) and helped the Chief 1600 meter relay team of Moore, Kane, and Eric Larsen to a sixth place finish (3:32.2).

Larsen took fifth in the long jump (20'4"). Senior Mark Popejoy finished sixth in the discus with a throw of 136'6".

C o a c h Richardson was very happy with his

teams performance and hoped it would carry over to last night's conference championship.

"We had a number of kids run personal records," said Richardson. "We hope this can be used to springboard our conference meet showing. Salem will probably win, but a lot of teams are hungry for 2 through 4. We want to be in there."

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— Geoff Baker  
Salem Boys Track Coach

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Salem Girls Track Coach

also qualified for the state 400 meter.

Joining Hicks on the 800 relay are Wendi Leanhardt, Brynne Deneen, and Rachal Jones. The group placed third at regionals with a time of 1:46.30. The 1600 meter relay team is composed of Hicks, Deneen, Katie Bonner, and Shannon Will. Their fourth place finishing time of 4:08.30 was good enough to make the state cut.

The 3,200 meter relay team of Anne Marie Vercruysse, Ellen Stemmer, Becky Phelan, and Evelyn Rahhal will also be headed to the state tournament next week. They placed third at regionals with a time of 9:48.50.

In addition to Hicks at the 400 meter, Tiffany Grubaugh and Allison Flohr will be competing in individual state events. Grubaugh got Salem's only victory Friday,



## High School Track

# REGIONALS

## Tournament

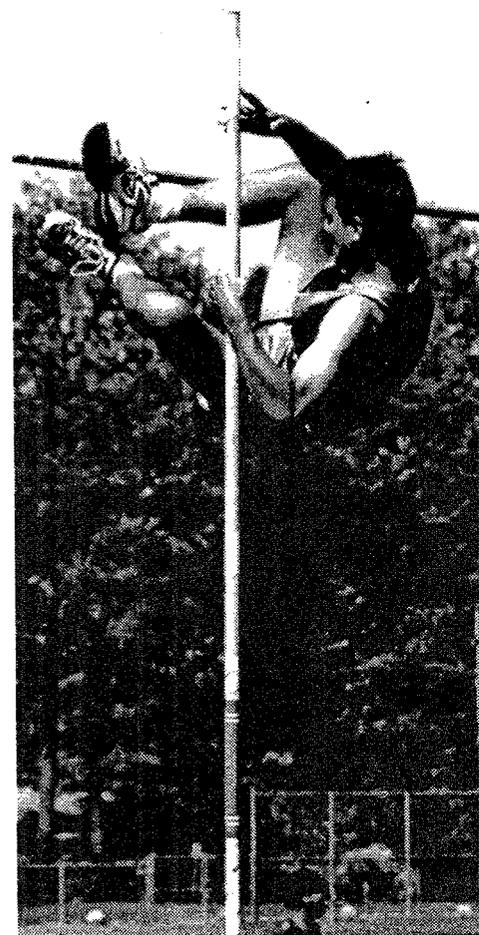
### Girls Track Regionals Finals Results

Place	Team	Points
1	Livonia Stevenson	124
2	Salem	90
3	John Glenn	79.2
4	Cass Tech	74
5	Canton	48
6	Dearborn	45.2
7	Ladywood	21.2
8	Churchill	17
9	Franklin	16
10	Garden City	6.2
11	Redford Union	6.2

**E**ric Larsen (above) leaps into fourth place at Friday's Regional Tournament. Although he didn't qualify for the State tournament next week, several area players did, including most of Salem's dominating relay teams. On the girl's side, Canton hurdler Crystal Alderman and long jumper Nkechi Okwumbua took charge. While Tiffany Grubaugh of Salem tossed herself a regional championship, and a trip to the States. (Crier Photos by R. Alwood Jr.)

### Boys Track Regionals Finals Results

Place	Team	Points
1	Salem	112
2	Detroit Cody	65.5
3	Dearborn	58
4	Cass Tech	48.5
5	Fordson	44
6	Churchill	41
7	Stevenson	36
8	Canton	35
9	Catholic Central	26
10	John Glenn	19
11	Franklin	17



# Okwumbua, Alderman pace way for Chiefs

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dominating the Discus with a throw of 114-3. She narrowly missed qualifying in the shot put as well, placing third with a throw of 34-10.

Heading into today's conference meet, Gregor is confident in his team's ability to overcome Stevenson. "They'll probably score 18 in the pole vault again," he said. "But I think we're strong enough to overcome that. I think we're capable of scoring even better in the sprints."

Canton

Several personal bests helped the Chiefs to a fifth place finish at Friday's regional.

"I don't know how we could have performed any better," said Coach George Przygodski. "I thought we had an outstanding meet."

Canton players will compete in three state events next week, including the long jump, the 100-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles.

Crystal Alderman, described by Przygodski as "our most outstanding athlete," placed second behind John Glenn's Nicole Herring in both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles with times of 16.30 and



**Wolves devour competition...**The "86" Michigan Wolves, a U-12 boys premier soccer team, won the 16th annual Midland Soccer Tournament held May 8-10. The Wolves beat all five teams that they faced by a combined score of 22-1. Team members include: (back row, left to right) Coach Derek Williford, Pat Kolodziejczak, Casey Lopata, Jon Show of Plymouth, Ryan Belanger, Mike Budd; (middle row, left to right) Kenzo Webster, Randy Ward, Jeff Kusch, Joe Hess of Canton, Jason Gringell, Christian Kistic; (bottom row, left to right) Carey Arrington Scott Schwarzlose, and Andrew Davis. (Not pictured: Matt Nickel)

47.80 respectively. A second place finish guarantees a trip to the states.

"Those are personal bests for her," Przygodski said.

Also qualifying for states, grabbing Canton's only victory Friday afternoon,

was star long jumper Nkechi Okwumbua. Okwumbua's jump of 17'06" was five inches further than Nicolette Jarrett of Glenn.

"She is currently seeded third for states," Przygodski said.

# Guelph G.M.: Suspension not enough

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adding that he is thankful the AHL didn't uphold the entire OHL decision. "I knew it would be a severe penalty, but I wouldn't want to be suspended for a year. Hockey is my life."

Andrews' decision calls into question the by-laws that regulate minor hockey leagues, and how suspensions are levied between them.

"I don't want to put a whole lot of onus on the AHL because we don't have a good system in place," said Alan Millar, general manager for the Guelph Storm. "But for Jesse Boulerice to come away with just a 12 to 15 game suspension, well, it's not enough."

"This has really been a precedent-setting situation with us," Andrews said. "I really have no jurisdiction at all."

According to Andrews, there are no laws or agreements which require the AHL to honor a suspension from another league. "The OHL did not ask us to uphold the suspension," he said. "Ours is a different situation than (OHL Commissioner) Dave Branch had to deal with."

Andrews said he didn't think the OHL year-long ban was too severe. "They were making a decision on something

that happened in their league," he said. "I was making a decision on a player coming into ours."

Though less serious, Andrews' decision should hold more weight than the OHL ban. While Boulerice was eligible

sion) is a fair suspension."

Millar disagrees. "He's almost going unpunished," he said. "I know it's going to be difficult for Long and his family knowing that this guy will be out for only a dozen games or so."

Millar said he's good friends with Andrews and understands the difficulty of the situation, but he said he doesn't understand the decision. "I don't know what Andrews was thinking, I guess I'll have to ask him."

There had been talk of possible criminal charges as well from this incident, but according to Plymouth Township Police Chief Lawrence Carey, none will be filed. "A complaint was made," Carey said. "But, per the victim's request, there will be no pressing of charges."

Boulerice said he expects to join the Philadelphia Flyers at next fall's training camp. If he makes the NHL team, the AHL decision would not apply.

"Every league will have to make their own independent decision," said Andrews.

Long, who couldn't play at last week's Memorial Cup Playoffs in Spokane, is expected to join the Florida Panthers for training camp next fall.

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— Alan Millar  
Guelph Storm G.M.

to play one more OHL overage season, he was expected to play in the AHL by next year.

"I think it's still a severe penalty," said Whaler Coach Peter DeBoer. "At this stage in (Boulerice's) career, a year-long suspension would have been like a death sentence. I think (the AHL deci-

## On deck

### SALEM BASEBALL

Today, conference playoff. Saturday, Madonna Tournament, time TBA. Tuesday, district playoffs begin, time and place TBA.

### SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Season finished.

### SALEM BOYS TRACK

State meet next Saturday, May 30, at Bay City Western.

### SALEM SOFTBALL

Today, conference playoff. Tuesday, district playoffs begin, time and place TBA.

### SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Today through Saturday, district playoffs. Regionals begin on Tuesday, time and place TBA.

### SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Today, conference meet at Farmington. Tuesday, the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions at Ypsilanti at 4 p.m. Next Saturday, May 30, state meet at Bay City Western.

### SALEM GIRLS GOLF

If necessary, state finals next weekend, May 29-30.

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# Community opinions

## Students write back:

# Bigger is better at CEP

*Student says electives, two-school campus provide 'excellent educations' at the Park*

### EDITOR:

In response to Cathy Shumaker's letter in the May 13, 1998 edition of The Community Crier, I would like to express the disbelief I and fellow CEP students felt after reading her outrageous claims.

She claimed "educators in other communities have a low opinion of the campus." First, I would like to know just what educators Shumaker is referring to. I have an aunt who teaches in the Ypsilanti School District and cousins who attend school in the Troy, Ann Arbor and Jackson school districts. All have very high opinions of CEP.

Mrs. Shumaker also claimed that CEP was a "monstrous facility" that "works against the well-being of the lives of an educational goal of our children." This is my second year attending school at CEP and never has the well-being of my life nor the lives of anyone I know been put in danger. We are all receiving excellent educations.

As for the claim that eighth graders saw students smoking dope on their visit to CEP, I would have to say that they were most likely mistaken. I don't imagine an eighth grader should know what dope looks like anyway. Plus, my sister is in the eighth

grade and she had a wonderful experience on her tour of CEP.

Also, I don't believe people are moving out of Plymouth-Canton to avoid CEP, as Shumaker said. If they were, we wouldn't need a new high school and there certainly wouldn't be the overcrowding there is at CEP.

I would like to add that having a two-high school campus and a variety of electives to choose from as a result is one of the best things about attending CEP. Friends who attend other schools are envious of all the classes CEP students can

choose from.

Finally, I am curious to know where Shumaker found that 20 per cent of CEP students are at risk of dropping out or dropping in on the drug culture.

Maybe this, too, was written on authority of some eighth graders.

Before Shumaker criticizes CEP she should come visit the campus. She would find that CEP students and teachers are well-mannered and well-educated and that bigger is better at CEP.

JESSIE LOBENHERZ  
Salem Sophomore

# Writer has wrong picture of Park

### EDITOR:

I am a junior at CEP and am writing in response to Cathy Shumaker's letter concerning conditions of a third school at the park (The Community Crier, 5/13/98.)

I believe that if the school district is going to add a new high school, then they should build it close to the existing two. From what I have heard from teachers and peers, the district is planning to build a new school with no pool, no auditorium, no mechanics or automotive classes, and no culinary arts programs. If this is true, then (the district) might as well build it so that students enrolled there would have access to all electives that others have available to them. It would save buses and money by not having to haul kids back and forth.

Not once in my three years have I ever felt that the "well-being of my life and educational goals" were at jeopardy because I was on a campus, instead of in one school. I actually feel safer because there are always people around and security is in easy reach if we need them.

One question that Shumaker had was whether or not we really need all of the electives offered. The easy answer to this is yes. These electives offer us the chance to find out what we may want to do for the rest of our lives. Without these classes, we wouldn't be able to explore the opportunities for future careers.

I know that because of a photography elective I took, I want to be involved in photojournalism. My "educational goals" have become much higher because of all the classes I get to choose from.

To answer the question about people smoking pot on campus—not once have I ever run into anyone doing drugs at school. I'm sure that there are people who do, but no matter where you go, you'll find them. Being at a smaller school won't make this problem go away.

I would also like to comment on one last concern that Shumaker had. There may be people that will move out of the district because of the high schools, but they are

building new houses everyday for people who would love to send their kids to school here. The reason (the district) needs a new high school is because of the increase in enrollment at the Park. I don't see that too many people moving away is a concern.

In conclusion, let me ask this. If (the district is) going to spend millions of dollars building a new school off campus, with no pool, auditorium, or extra electives, is this the high school experience that anyone would want to have? I'm sure that these were "extras" offered even where Shumaker went to school. When they do finally build the new school, and it is off campus, the students will eventually have to come to CEP anyway just to get the classes or extra curricular activities that they want.

So in the end they would be exposed to the campus, no matter how hard you try to shelter them.

KRISTEN BOIES  
Salem junior

# Take away what you can when peers sneer

Being in a place surrounded by people of surpassing talent and expertise is a familiar experience for most people.

As both a reporter and a creative writer struggling to find my voice, I find myself in this position quite frequently.

This weekend's Motor City Comic Convention was certainly no exception.

For the uninitiated, a comic book convention brings together an eclectic group of people—movie stars, television personalities, artists, writers, publishers and producers, as well as retailers. And swordmakers. Separated into sections, the convention offers something for everyone.

Comic book fans wander around the convention, held at Novi's Expo Center, and

are free to mingle with the artists, ask questions and get autographs. Artists show projects hoping for the word-of-mouth publicity to needed to get them distributed.

My friend Dan and I sat with our one product, a supernatural comic book entitled The Crusader. It was the only thing separating us from other spectators, a thin shield at best.

Immediately to our left a table displayed several slick-covered and professional looking comics. Plymouth's Caliber comics, publishers of such titles as The Crow, were also nearby. It didn't take long before the scorn in the eyes of the patrons left me wishing I had the sense to pack up and leave the business to the pros.

Such is the nature of the business. Any business. There are bound to be times when, striking out on your own, the sneers of peers will affect you.

At times like these it's best to remember what I learned while sitting at that empty table this weekend: It's not what you bring into a situation that counts, but what you take away.

Still, it was a long weekend with highlights few and far between.

By the end of the weekend Dan and I were full of ideas of how to do it right the next time around. I wearily dropped him off at his Plymouth apartment and tried to keep my eyes open long enough to find my own.

The exuberance I felt scant weeks earlier



Off the cuff  
By Scott Spielman

as I filled out the application form had long since faded. But I left with a greater appreciation of what the independent comic creators go through just to present a product on a regular basis, and how middle-sized companies like Caliber help those just starting out. I feel a sense of kinship.

Not a bad thing to take away from the experience. (And we still have most of our comic books, too.)



# Community opinions

## The 3rd high school:

### 'Not the best' plan, says CEP teacher

EDITOR:

I have been a teacher at Plymouth-Salem High School for 25 years, a resident of Plymouth for 21 years, and a parent of three children — one who is a 1997 graduate of Salem high school, one who is a freshman at Salem and a six-year-old who will be attending Smith Elementary in the fall. Some of you may know me because your child has been in my class (or because you were in my class!), or because of my association with the Humanities and Spectra programs at CEP.

I have never really been involved in politics, or even public issues, but in the last few months I have been very outspoken on the subject of the proposed new high school. Like many others, I have grave concerns about the future of secondary education in our community should the present plan be implemented.

After the March bond election, the Board of Education convened a committee made up of representatives from the various groups of workers at CEP as well as parents, students, citizens, and central administrators to help plan the new school.

The committee was given a set of parameters that included the following: the new school would be built without a pool, auditorium, or other specialized facilities; the new school would share facilities with Salem

and Canton; the new school's students would be assigned to it by random selection, as has been the practice at Salem and Canton for many years; and the new school would be located at CEP at Beck and Joy Roads.

It was readily apparent to the committee members that a quality education could not be delivered within these parameters. How could we build an incomplete high school that would be too far away from the other two to share facilities? Since the money allotted to the new school in the bond proposal was fixed, we couldn't realistically recommend adding facilities.

Equity in programs was also a priority — if students were to be randomly assigned to the new high school, they should have the same opportunities available to them as the students assigned to the other two high schools.

To the members of the Planning Committee, the only responsible solution was to be sure the new school was built within walking distance to Salem and Canton. That way the limited facilities, as well as our many outstanding programs, could be shared by all.

On March 10, we presented to the Board of Education our report, which recommended placing the new high school's entrance on Beck Road and the building itself within walking distance to Salem and Canton. The

board rejected this plan. In the discussion that ensued, board members insisted that they promised the community that the new school would be built on the far corner of Beck and Joy Roads.

The board members point to their Web site, articles in local papers, fliers circulated before the election and a sign on Beck Road as evidence of this intention. However, the actual ballot language is far less specific: "erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new high school and constructing and equipping physical education and athletic facilities therefore."

Superintendent Charles Little has recommended ways to solve the problem of location by busing students between buildings (more than 1,000 students!), having low-enrollment classes taught via TV, rotating teachers and their materials between buildings throughout the day and teaching some classes at a particular building on a rotating basis.

As a teacher, I find this plan to be educationally unsound. As a parent, I find this plan to be counterproductive to my children's welfare. And as a taxpayer, I don't want to spend \$50 million on what is clearly a poorly conceived plan.

In response to its rigid position, presentations have been made at nearly every Board of Education meeting since March 10

by teachers, parents, and myself in which we have tried to present evidence that the board's plan is flawed. Despite research showing distance learning to be inappropriate for high school students, a petition signed by 157 CEP teachers and statements from parents who are concerned about the excellent programs that will be lost if this plan is implemented, the board has stood firm.

Recently, however, I have been gratified to learn that the message is reaching the public. Several new candidates running for the three open seats on the Board of Education have stated that they are willing to re-open discussion on the issue of a new high school in Plymouth-Canton — beginning, some of them say, with a new election.

For better or worse, the legal hold-ups that surround this bond election have given all of us some time to think about how we should deal with the overcrowded conditions at our schools.

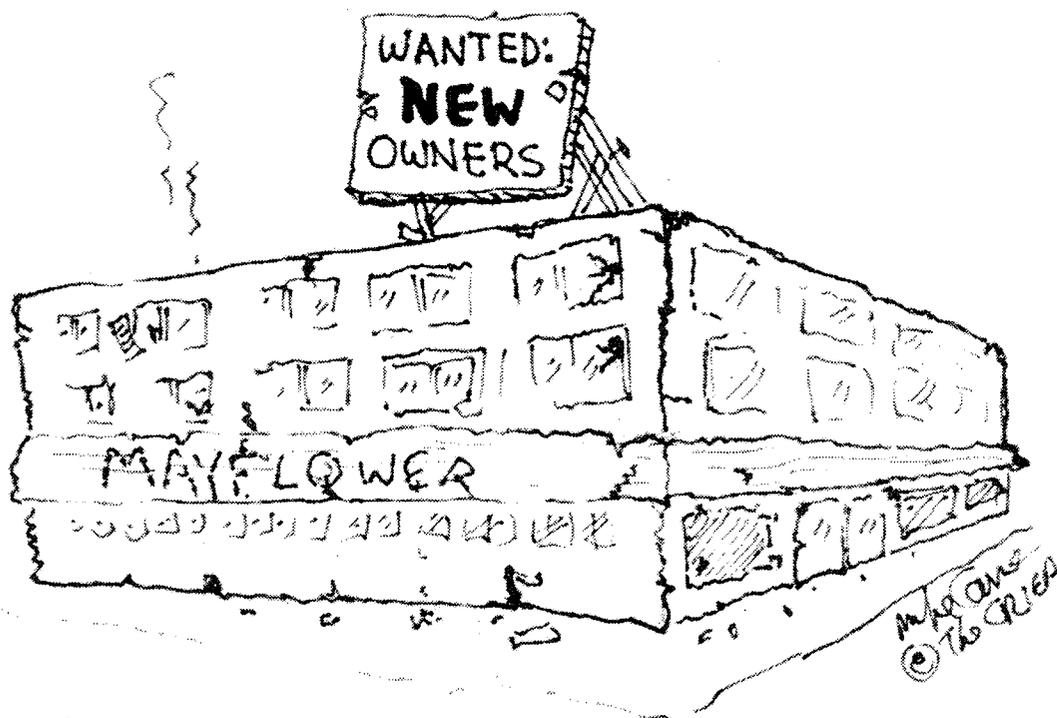
I personally believe that there are a number of good solutions to our present housing problems, not just one.

What I am sure of, is that the present plan is not the best we can come up with. For the sake of our children and the future of secondary education in our community, we must do better.

CYNTHIA BURNSTEIN

## The bait shack

By Mike Carne



## Furniture store offer shows concern for community youth

City Commissioner lauds Walker-Buzenberg

EDITOR:

As parents of a graduating senior, we would like to thank Walker-Buzenberg Furniture for their positive action encouraging young people not to drink and drive. Recently distributed to the students was a pamphlet which read in part:

"Congratulations Seniors! To commemorate your graduation we have a free Lane Cedar Keepsake Chest for you. This memento chest has a lock and key and is made of natural cedar. Give us your pledge that you will not drink or ride with a drinking driver during graduation time. If I am ever in a situation where a friend or date who is driving has been drinking, I will seek safe, sober transportation home."

We commend Walker-Buzenberg Furniture for looking out for our graduates with such a positive incentive.

As parents we certainly want these weeks to be a memorable, fun and safe time for our families. Let's remember to sit down with our kids

and remind them that they ultimately are responsible for their own actions. There are lots of things that they can be doing that won't endanger themselves or others on the roads.

Remind our young people that all the Police chiefs in the school district are enforcing the Zero Tolerance Alcohol Law. Drivers under 21 years, who are stopped for any reason and have any detectable level of alcohol, can receive up to 4 points on their permanent driving record. A sobering fact for young drivers but one they need to be reminded of this time of year.

What a great community we live in where the businesses are as concerned about our young people as we parents are.

Walker-Buzenberg, we appreciate your efforts and we thought others ought to know what you've done.

STELLA AND BILL GREENE  
Board member of the  
Community Council for Substance  
Abuse Prevention



# Community opinions

## Keep God, recreation separate

For months now it has been known that the Plymouth Community YMCA wants to run recreation in the Plymouths if the City and Township decide to share a program.

Officials have had their plates full with options on how such a shared program would be run. But an ad placed last weekend by the YMCA gives them another question to chew on.

Is the YMCA familiar with the separation between Church and State?

In the program for the City's Celebration on Ice, put on by the Parks & Recreation department, the YMCA ran an ad stating they provide "quality children's programs and activities which contribute to the development of Christian ideals and values in Spirit, Mind, and Body." A religious seal appeared in the advertisement, too.

Christian-catered programs are fine for church groups and other organizations formed to satisfy the wants and needs of individual sectors of the community.

But such biases can prevent a municipal body from reaching all populations in Plymouth and serving them equally. No matter their intent they have no place in government.

These biases work contrary to the belief that the Church and State should be run independent of the other's interests, a fundamental American principle.

True, the ad represents only one instance of suggested religious affiliations. It does not mean the YMCA should be rejected out-of-hand for the recreation job.

But the ad does recall the spectre of doubt shrouding the YMCA's qualifications for the recreation job, doubts first raised by the



organization's reputed difficulty in managing its own programs.

As the City and Township gather again this week to explore their options in leadership for a shared program of recreation, officials would be wise to look not only for efficient, proven management abilities, but also for a connection to the entire Plymouth Community.

Christian-tailored agendas would get in the way of that.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Beitner's time: 46 years

When Beitner's Fine Jewelry built their Ann Arbor Trail building in 1957, they were the westernmost retail location on the block.

Bill Beitner recalls though that it was real step up from the eight-foot-wide converted public restroom rented from the City of Plymouth between what is now Memory Lane Antiques and Steve Petix Mens Wear.

The Beitners — Bill and Fred — began their jewelry tradition in 1952 by buying the assets of the bankrupt Simmons Company and hoping the city would then lease them the space that was so small they had to go outside and around the back to enter the lower level. (Fred Beitner, an active Rotarian and Plymouth tax review board member, died in November, 1994.)

When Bill locks the doors on May 30 for the last time — after 46 years to the day in business for Beitner's Fine Jewelry — a tradition passes. One family of

### With malice toward none

By W. Edward Wendover



clients with the Beitners will feel the loss in particular — they've started the fifth generation of doing business there.

As Bill (PHS Class of 1946) tells the old stories (the good and a couple of bad ones), pausing to add the memories' feelings (it got just a little misty-eyed) and to recall old friends (not customers), others come in to share their memories and heartfelt goodbyes.

Bill, is quite philosophical about the future.

"My last week off — a whole week — was in 1965," Bill recalled. "We've had long weekends, but not a week since then. So we'll start there.

"We'll do everything I've not had time to do."

Certainly, that includes more flying with his wife Elaine and their daughter — Bill has been an active pilot and plans to continue. (He once piloted The Crier crew to report-photograph Salem High School playing in the state finals of baseball.)

And it will take a while to clean out the store and find a new tenant. "It's going to be a long time before we can get 46 years of stuff cleaned out," laughed Bill.

"It was time," he waxed poetically. (His wistful way of noting his retirement was similar to that said by Bonny and Earl Smith who sold The Penn Theatre last Friday to Paula and Ron Cook. See story on pg. 1.)

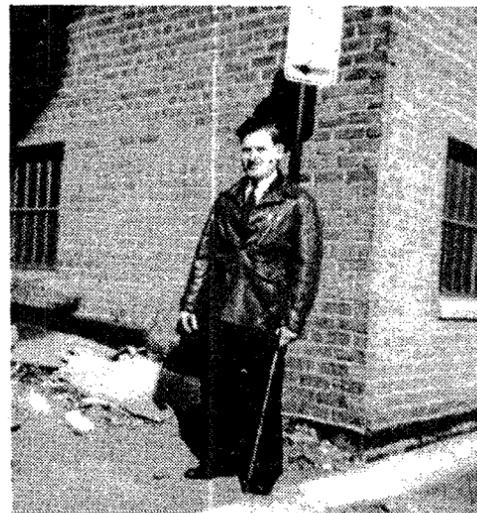
Bill said 46 years is long enough. He felt the same way about 37 years as a trumpeter with the Plymouth Symphony.

"I'm not going for 50 because they'll give me a gold watch," he laughed.

But even as he stood behind his familiar counter telling stories that marked the end of an era, Bill's optimistic attitude moved three doors down to where The Breadsmith is rapidly preparing to open — where Terry's Bakery was a quarter of a century ago.

Beitners will close next Saturday.

But their memories live through thousands of class rings, engagement and wedding rings purchased at Beitner's by their friends.



BILL BEITNER and FRED BEITNER (about 46 years ago)

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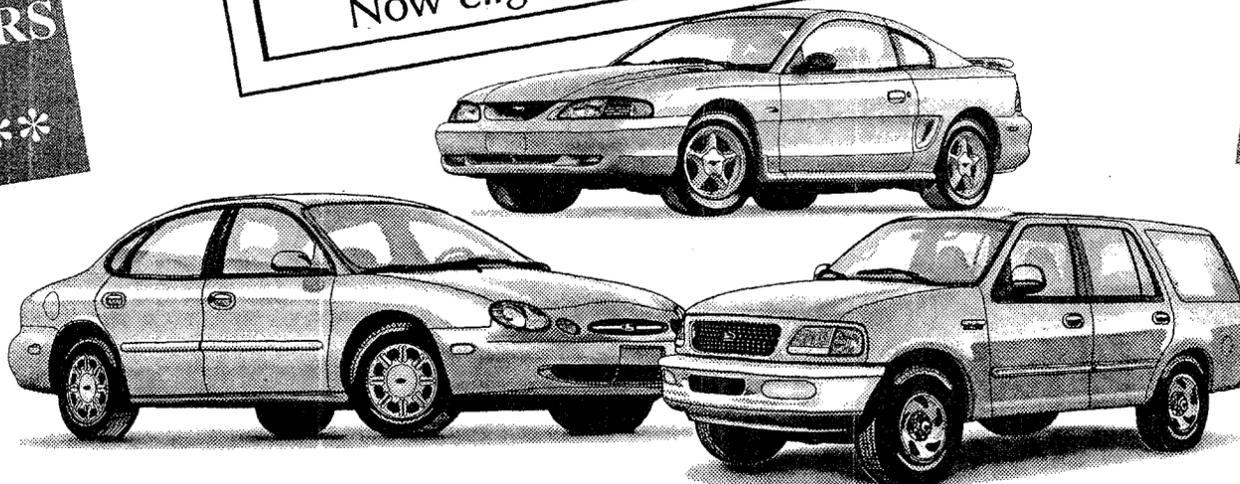
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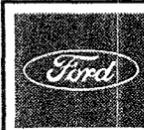
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