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### HUMANITIES SHOWCASE

Beginning Tuesday and continuing until March, the student radio station at Centennial Educational Park will be presenting special programming titled "Humanities Radio Showcase."

The programs on WSDP (88.1 FM) are 15-20 minutes long and produced by the humanities students at CEP and directed by instructors Cindy Brunstein, Maribeth Carroll, Sue Welker, and Debra Winger.

Among the topics to be presented are the history of Canton, "A Dinner With Socrates," and Douglas Adams on democracy, freedom and other issues. "The project allowed students who are not WSDP staff members to get involved with our radio station," said David Snyder, station manager. "The Radio Showcase not only opened students' minds to different cultural experiences, it also gave them a chance to put together an actual radio program. They did a tremendous job."

"It's history gone awry," said Carroll with a laugh. "All the programs either present solid information or are based on classic dramas. They do it with a humorous twist, however." The humanities programs will be aired every Tuesday directly following "News Five at Six" at 6 p.m. beginning Feb. 2.

### LEADING TOASTERS:

The Oral Majority Toastmasters recently installed its new officers at its Honors Night held to recognize the educational achievements of its members.

District governor George Gorday addressed the club and inducted new members Dawn Ness and Paul Allegrina. New officers installed were: Craig Saxton, president; Marc Sullivan, educational vice president; Phyllis Sullivan, administrative vice president; Russ Bingley, sergeant-at-arms; Ness, secretary; Mary Reigner, treasurer.

Membership in the Oral Majority Toastmasters is open to anyone 18 and older. The group meets Tuesday evenings in Denny's restaurant at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

### LIBRARY GIFT:

The Plymouth Jaycees recently presented Plymouth District Library with \$480 to be used to purchase books written about the U.S. Constitution. The Jaycees collected the money from local attorneys after the library had expressed a concern about its lack of books on the Constitution.

This is the second half of a project chaired by Ronald Lowe to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Last fall the Jaycees planted an oak tree in Jaycees Park to act as a living legacy to the Constitution. The check was presented by Ron Lowe, Constitution Committee chairman, and Chuck Lowe, Plymouth Jaycees president, to library director Pat Thomas.

**DISTRICT COORDINATOR:** Robert Saxton of Plymouth has been named a district coordinator for the District of Eastern Michigan. He will be responsible for the district's activities in the area.

## Rates go up at township golf course

Golfers who don't live in Plymouth Township or the city of Plymouth generally will pay more to play the township-owned Hilltop Golf Course this year.

Residents may pay more, too, but that remains to be clarified by the township board.

The board set greens fees for non-residents at \$8 for nine holes and \$12 for 18 holes weekdays. Last year, the rates were \$7.50 and \$10, respectively.

Non-residents will pay \$14 for 18 holes weekends and holidays, up from \$12.50 last year. The nine-hole weekend holiday rate for non-residents will remain at \$9.

SPECIAL RATES for golfers 62 and older and those under 17 also were increased.

Seniors can play nine holes for \$7 and 18 holes for \$8 by starting play before 2 p.m. weekdays. Juniors who tee off before noon weekdays can play nine holes for \$6 and 18 holes for \$7.

Those special rates apply to golfers regardless of residency.

That factor leads Supervisor Maurice Breen to conclude that the board intended to raise rates proportionately for residents, even though the resolution on 1988 fees indicates that rates for residents will remain the same.

Breen said he will ask the board for a clarification at its Feb. 9 meeting.

**Plymouth Township receives 50 percent of gross greens fees. The township's budget this year projects revenue of \$165,000 from the golf course.**

Residents have paid 50 cents less for nine holes and \$1 less for 18 holes than non-residents.

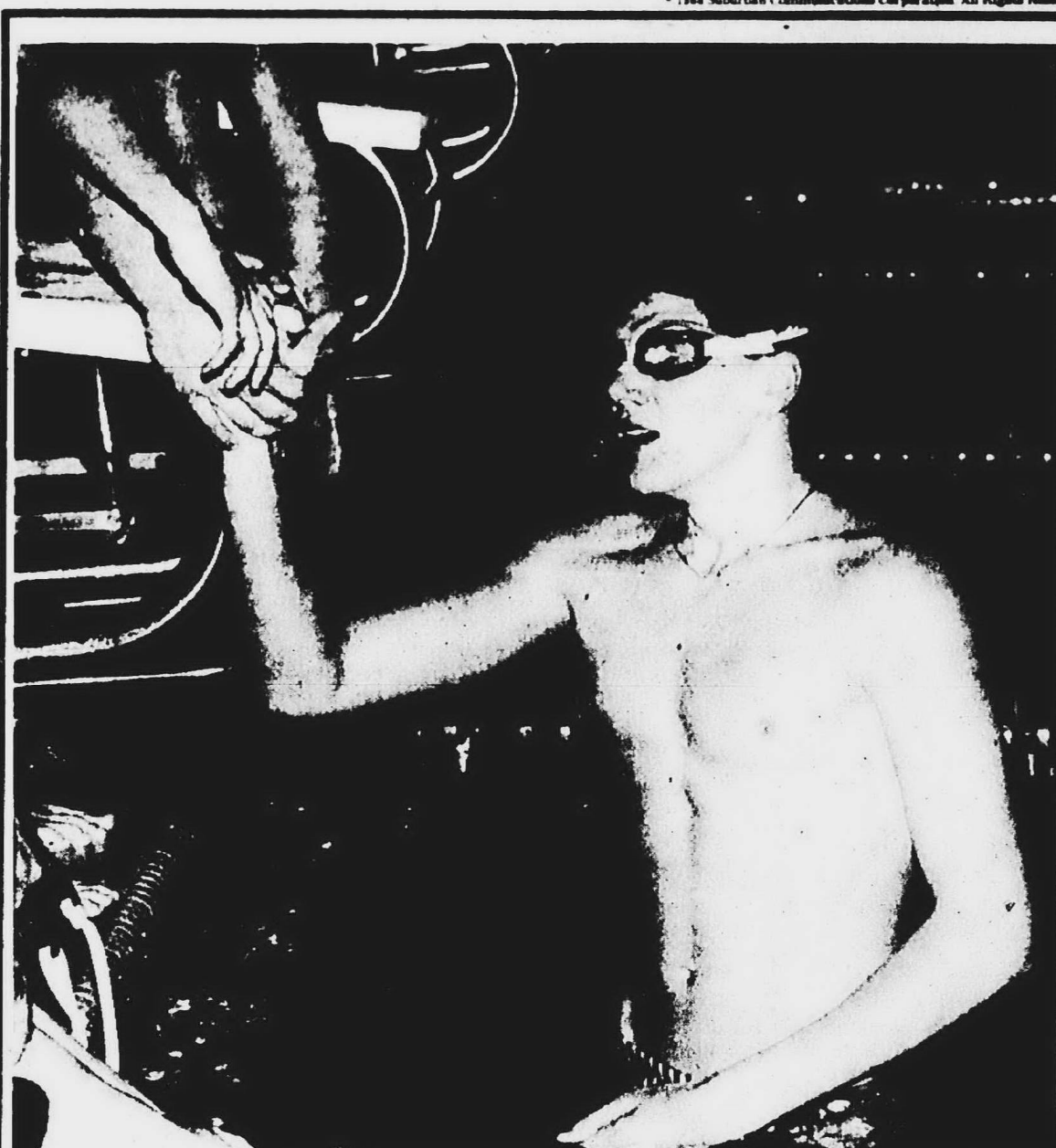
LAST YEAR, residents were charged \$7 and \$9 for nine and 18 holes, respectively, weekdays and \$8.50 and \$11.50 for nine and 18 weekends and holidays.

The township owns the 6,416-yard, par-70 golf course but contracts with a private company, John Jawor Inc., to operate and maintain the facility. Jawor has leasing rights through 1993.

Plymouth Township receives 50 percent of gross greens fees, said Breen. The township's budget this year projects revenue of \$165,000 from the golf course.

Even with the rate increase, non-residents will pay less to play at Hilltop than at Brae-Burn or Salem Hills.

Hilltop is on Powell Road at Ann Arbor Trail.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## Rocks capture meet

Plymouth Salem Rocks took on the Chiefs of Plymouth Canton High Thursday night in a Western Lakes Conference dual swimming meet at the Centennial Educational Park and came out victorious. Shown here is Ron Orris of Salem being congratulated by his teammates after a strong finish on the anchor leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay. For details on Salem's victory, please see Page 1C of today's edition.

## Staff development boosts skills, morale

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

\$260,000 estimated to be spent next year

On Feb. 19, Plymouth-Canton Superintendent John Hoben and school trustee E.J. McClendon will fly to Las Vegas for a four-day conference. McClendon is presenting a paper and speech to the American Association of School Administrators.

The district will pick up the \$1,922 tab.

From March 8-14, Shirley Spaniel, executive director of elementary ed-

ucation, will attend a conference in Boston. Her plane ticket, lodging, meals and registration fee will total \$970.

Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for employee relations, recently returned tanned and refreshed from a weeklong seminar in San Diego.

Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, has at-

tended seven-day conferences at colleges in Colorado, California and Missouri.

CONTINUING EDUCATION is offered to teachers, also. But seldom are the programs they attend out of state.

Teachers are required to spend six hours a year at "in-service" work-

shops or seminars designed to enhance job skills.

Last year, the school district spent \$87,592 in general fund monies for staff development. Government grants raised the total to roughly \$130,000.

From July 1, 1987 through Jan. 21 of this year, the district has spent about \$53,000 on staff development,

said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

Hoben estimates the district will spend about \$260,000 on staff development next year. It's money well spent, in the superintendent's view.

"The positive gains are enormous in terms of attitude and achievement. It has opened a vista," said Hoben.

Hoben often brings educational consultants into the district rather

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## Board solves parents' busdriver problem

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

The speed limit on the two-lane highway is 50 mph.

It took three weeks of wrangling with school officials, but Doug and Gayle Wright no longer are fearing for the safety of their 9- and 10-year-old daughters.

The Wrights told Plymouth-Canton school board members last week that their children's bus driver was forcing the girls to cross North Territorial Road before traffic came to a complete stop.

THE WRIGHTS live on top of a hill near Weed Road and North Territorial, just west of Fox Hills Country Club.

Earlier this year, two neighbor girls were hit waiting on their driveway for their bus off North Territorial.

The accident was serious enough that both students had to be taken to the hospital, said school transporta-

tion officials.

The Wrights have told Tiffany and Kristi to wait for cars to stop before crossing the highway.

The driver insisted that they cross after it appeared that cars were slowing down and under control.

Things deteriorated to the point where "my children were crying, upset and refusing to go to school," Doug Wright told trustees.

The driver has intimidated the girls, yelling at them and making snide remarks, Wright added.

THE THREE weeks the Wrights spent trying to work out a solution

with administrators were to no avail, he said.

The Wrights' requests that the driver pick up the children on their side of the road or that the driver be changed were rejected.

"I don't want one of my kids to be a statistic. It's gotten to the point where my wife is driving the girls to school, and they're ducking in the seat because they're afraid of the bus driver. Now that is ridiculous," Wright said.

The Wrights, school officials and the bus driver reached an agreement after the school board meeting.

"The driver is picking up the chil-

dren on our side of the street," Gayle Wright said.

"I think she's concerned about the kids' safety. I just think she was a victim of her superiors mishandling the whole situation."

The Wrights are relieved but worried about other children for whom policy isn't being changed.

"The squeaky wheel gets oiled. Unfortunately, it's going to take more parents going through the same runaround I did to get any results. That's the bad part," said Gayle Wright.

"We were very nervous and intimidated. It was truly through frustration that we went to the board."

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## Theft protection

### Police: remove thieves' opportunities

Last in a series.

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Theft. That, according to police statistics, is how residents and business people in the Plymouth community are most likely to be victimized by crime. Last year, nearly 900 larcenies or theft attempts were reported in the township and city combined. Frustrated? Crime prevention efforts don't require a lot of money.

Just a little attention and common sense.

"There are all types of things people can do but the primary thing is take away opportunity," said Carl Berry, police chief in the township.

"Take the target away," echoed Richard Myers, police chief in the city.

THE OBVIOUS, it seems, isn't always so obvious. People have locks but don't always use them. Bicycles, toys and tools are left out overnight. Radar detectors are set in plain view on dashboards and sun visors in cars.

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# 3 local residents lauded for special spirit

By Diane Gale  
Staff Writer

**The three were named Canton's 1987 Winners of the Year for proving that no matter how difficult one's life may seem there's no limit to goals and accomplishments.**

Lessons of courage and tenacity are taught in a fairly basic way by three local residents who refuse to let adversity define their physical handicaps.

They are: Betty Fitt, Kitti and Russette. All three were named winners of the 1987 Canton's Year of the Year competition. They were honored at a special dinner at the Plymouth Civic Center on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

They were honored for their contributions to the development of the community.

community. "I'm 74 and this is the nicest thing that has ever happened in my life," Beggs said after the ceremony.

**BEGGS, WHO IS** experiencing profound hearing loss and a degenerative eye disease, founded the Canton Seniors Washboard Band and became the director of the Canton Seniors Washboard Band. Beggs taught herself to play the piano and is the director of the Canton Seniors Kitchen Band. Kitchen Band performances brightening the lives of countless

nursing home residents and people of all ages, in effect becoming Canton's ambassadors of good will. Beggs said a board resolution honoring Beggs helps to stifle negative stereotypes of older adults by her boundless enthusiasm and her optimistic example, it said.

**RUSSETTE** became quadriplegic paralyzed from the neck down in 1968 as a result of an accident on a trampoline. The mother of two sons, ages 6 and 9, is working toward a degree in

social work having attended Schoolcraft College and Eastern Michigan University. Russette, who uses a wheelchair, teaches catechism, provides day care for several neighborhood children and surprised doctors by proving she could drive despite her paralysis.

**KITTI HAD** his leg amputated in 1973 after a work-related accident. He has taught woodcarving to other senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton and Wayne Westland school districts. Fitt expanded his

class to youthful students enrolled in substance abuse rehabilitation clinics. Mr. Kitti has also served his community in capacity as Pioneer Senior Citizen Club treasurer for the past two years, being a true and good friend to fellow club members and an inspiration to all he meets," a board resolution said.

The Winners of the Year each were given a dinner for two, flowers and Canton sweat shirts, as well as framed copies of the board resolutions and poems highlighting their accomplishments.

## Opinions are to be shared

Opinions and ideas are invited for publication in this column. We ask that letters be typewritten or printed, legible and sent to 300 words or less. They must be signed and include the address of the sender.

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## obituaries

### BLANCHE HALES

Funeral services for Mrs. Hales, 92 of Canton Township were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Mrs. Hales, who died Jan. 13 in Canton, was born in Detroit and moved to Canton from Detroit in 1978. She was a homemaker. Survivors include son, Charles of Canton; daughter, Yvonne Barnick of Cairo, Ga.; two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

### GERTRUDE A OSEBOLD

Funeral services for Mrs. Osebold, 75 of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral home with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Joseph Killeen.

Mrs. Osebold, who died Jan. 23 in Livonia, was born in Detroit and moved to Plymouth in 1955 from Ypsilanti. She was a homemaker. Survivors include sons, Charles of Plymouth, Thomas of Livonia, Edward of California and James of Plymouth; daughter, Kathryn Galbraith of Tacoma, Wash.; several nieces and nephews, and four grandchildren.

### HARRY'S FOUNTAIN

Funeral services for Mr. Fountain, 84 of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Maple Grove Cemetery, De Tour Village, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Hanlon Memorial contributions may be made to the community services of the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mr. Fountain, who died Jan. 23 in Livonia, was born in De Tour Village, Mich. and moved to Plymouth from St. Charles, Mich. in 1937. He was a teacher in Plymouth for 20 years, graduated from the University of Michigan and attended Central Michigan Normal College, and was a member of the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include wife, Bernice; son, Harry of Plymouth; brothers, Ezra and Albert, both of De Tour Village; and two grandchildren.

### WILLIAM L. DUNAITIS

Funeral services for Mr. Dunaitis, 66 of Plymouth were held recently in Schrader Funeral Home with burial at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee. Memorial contributions may be made to

the Michigan Heart Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Dunaitis, who died Jan. 21 in Lincoln Park, moved to Plymouth in 1971 from Lincoln Park. A veteran of World War II, he was a shop foreman at Norwood Precision in Melvindale.

Survivors include wife, Marion; son, Randall of Canton; daughter, Linda Shrewsbury of Canton; stepdaughters, Judith Green, Margaret Breneman and Averil Penn, all of Plymouth; stepson, Paul Green of Mount View, Calif.; sisters, Olga Lucas of Allen Park, Frances Murdock of Dearborn Heights; brother, George of Dearborn Heights; and eight grandchildren.

### JOYCE J. STONE

Funeral services for Mrs. Stone, 64 of Plymouth were held recently in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth or to the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Stone, who died Jan. 21 in Plymouth, was born in Adrian. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Survivors include husband, Richard; son, Richard of Wyandotte; daughters, Cathy McIntosh of Concord, Mich., and Carol May of Plymouth; and six grandchildren.

### THOMAS A. RYTLEWSKI

Funeral services for Mr. Rytlewski, 74 of Plymouth were held recently in St. Mary Catholic Church in Bay City with burial at St. Anthony Cemetery, Williams, Mich. Officiating was the Rev. Ben Ludwick with local arrangements made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Mass offerings.

Mr. Rytlewski, who died Jan. 24 in Ann Arbor, was born in Auburn. He was a cost accountant. Survivors include wife, Dorothy; son, Richard of Plymouth; daughters, Diane of Detroit, Nancy Travers of Escondido, Calif., brother, Stanley of Saginaw; sisters, Marilyn Mrozinski of Saginaw, Louise Schaffer and Eleanor Dukarski, both of Bay City; and two grandchildren.

### JOHANNE E. FECHTER

A memorial service for Mrs. Fechter, 50, of Colorado Springs will be held Feb. 6 in the Universalist Unitarian Church with Suzanne Paul

officiating.

Mrs. Fechter, who died Jan. 1 in Colorado Springs, had lived in Plymouth from 1974 to 1984. She was very involved in peace activities, was active with the League of Women Voters, with Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, was founder of the Peace Resource Center of Western Wayne County, and was active with the "Beyond War" group in Colorado Springs.

Survivors include husband, Clay; son, Kurt of Southfield; daughter, Andrea of Livonia; brother, Harry Steinmetz of San Diego.

### JACK G. HOVEY

Funeral services for Mr. Hovey, 66, formerly of Plymouth, were held recently in Springfield, Ore.

Mr. Hovey, who died Jan. 6, was a graduate of Plymouth High School Class of 1939, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later moved his family to California where they lived for almost 30 years before moving to Eugene, Ore., in 1975. They just recently became residents of Springfield. Survivors include wife, Isabelle; six children; two brothers; and 15 grandchildren.

### MARTHA E. FRYE

Funeral services for Mrs. Frye, 90, of Ypsilanti Township were held recently in Moore Memorial Chapel in Ypsilanti with burial at Udell Cemetery. Officiating was the Rev. Robert G. Fish.

Mrs. Frye, who died Jan. 24 in Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti, was a member of the Ypsilanti Assembly of God. Survivors include

husband, John, son, Edward DuBois of Ypsilanti; daughter, Frances Toakam of Plymouth; sister, Mary Schneider of Harrison, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### HELEN E. PHEMISTER

Funeral services for Mrs. Phemister, 83, of Novi were held recently in Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home in Northville with burial at Fairview Cemetery, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Officiating was the Rev. Margaret Silk Young.

Mrs. Phemister, who died Jan. 23 in Henry Ford Hospital, was born in Canada. She was a practical nurse at Henry Ford Hospital for 15 years. Survivors include son, Peter of Toronto; daughters, Joan of Novi and Margot Roach of Plymouth; sister, Harriett Addison of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### MARY E. BIRTLES

Funeral services for Mrs. Birtles, 73, of Marysville, Mich., were held recently in Jowett Funeral Home in Port Huron.

Mrs. Birtles, who died Jan. 25, was born in Port Huron. She was a secretary for many years at Whitman & Barnes Corp., Plymouth, retiring in 1979. Survivors include brother, John Drago of Port Huron; sisters, Edna Gilklett and Helen Woodman, both of Port Huron; stepson, Ronald of Hometown, Ind.; several nieces and nephews; four stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

## brevities

**DEADLINES**  
Announcements for the funeral home should be submitted to the funeral home by 11 a.m. on the day of the funeral. For the Plymouth District Library Board, candidates for a vacancy on the board should be submitted to the board by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15.

**PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD**  
Monday, Feb. 1. The Plymouth District Library Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the District Library for a special meeting to interview candidates for a vacancy on the board. The meeting is open to the public.

**YMCA ANNUAL MEETING**  
Monday, Feb. 8. The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. in the YMCA office at 248 Union, Plymouth. The meeting is open to the public.

**PRE-NEED FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 9. The Plymouth Council on Aging, in conjunction with Plymouth Court health care facility, will present Win Schrader, funeral director for Schrader Funeral Home, speaking on pre-need funeral arrangements beginning at 2 p.m. in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer at Theodore. Schrader also will provide basic information on funeral arrangements and will speak briefly on post-funeral counseling.

**COPING WITH PARENTS**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10. A session entitled "Coping with Parents: Families and Anger" will be presented by Stewart Sternberg from 3-4 p.m. at West Middle School. The free session is sponsored by the West Parent Council.

**VALENTINE PARTY**  
Saturday, Feb. 13. Canton Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Children's Valentine Party for ages 3-12. The party will feature a special magic show, a movie, games and re-

presentations. The party will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. For reservations, call 497-5119. Fee, \$2.00. Open to ages 3-12.

**DINOSAUR DAY**  
Tuesday, Feb. 16. Children in grades 1-6 are invited to relive the days when dinosaurs stalked the earth during Dinosaur Day. Sponsored by the Plymouth District Library, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dinosaur stories, activities and a film will be featured. Registration begins Feb. 8 and ends Feb. 13. To register or for further information, come to the library or call the library at 453-0750.

**READING AND STUDY SKILLS**  
Monday, Feb. 22. City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Improved Reading Centers of Michigan will sponsor an Advanced Reading and Study Skills Program designed to benefit students in the following ways: Achieve more in less study time; increase self-confidence to attain higher academic goals; increase SAT and ACT scores; improve study skills; better preparation for continued education; and maintain scholarship eligibility. The charge of \$195 per person includes 12 hours instruction in four three-hour classes in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The first class will be 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 with the remaining classes at the same time Feb. 29, March 7, 14. Pre-registration is required. For further information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

**CIVITAN ESSAY CONTEST**  
Tuesday, March 15. The theme of this year's Plymouth-Canton Civitan Citizenship Essay Contest is "The Plight of the Homeless." First prize is \$125, second is \$75 and third prize is \$50. The deadline for submission of entries is March 15. For information call May Baxter, 451-6800, Ext. 344.

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# Home, shared home

## Plan offers housing solutions

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

You're tired of living alone and need help making mortgage payments but you don't want to open your doors to a stranger.

Maybe you can't afford rent payments and you want to do house chores to defray costs.

The Home Share program introduces people in both situations and eliminates the problem.

It works like this: Providers are people willing to share their homes. Seekers need a place to live at a reasonable rate.

**COUNSELORS AT** the Information Center Inc., a non-profit private organization, screen providers and seekers to match similar interests, life styles and needs. The service is free. And rent arrangements are agreed upon by the individuals.

An 80-year-old Redford woman was matched with a 20-year-old student doing research work at Sinai Hospital. He moved out recently and a 34-year-old woman referred to by Home Share plans to move in next month, said Audrey Bilski, Home Share counselor.

Another success story Bilski cites is a woman, 74, who is renting to a 23-year-old woman who vacuums in lieu of lower rent payments.

Applicants must pass rigorous personal, business and health checks, said Kay Ikola, executive director of Information Center Inc. The background investigation even includes a written statement from a physician verifying the applicant doesn't have a contagious disease.

"People are more willing to give us information than some stranger they are considering renting from," Ikola said. "We do all the interviewing work by the time we introduce people."

**APPLICANTS MUST** be an adult and emotionally and physically able to live independently.

Home Services counselors don't relate the information collected to the individuals they believe would make a good match. Instead, they contact the parties and say they know of someone with whom they might comfortably live.

Typical providers are widowed, female, senior citizens between ages 70 and 80, Ikola said. Typical seekers are females between ages 35 to 55.

"People who have been matched say the greatest benefit is the companionship," Ikola said. "Initially they may go into it for financial reasons but a real benefit is the companionship and the secure feeling that someone is there. Or that someone knows that you're going out and will wonder if you haven't returned."

Bilski said she recently interviewed a 68-year-old woman, who said she was tired of working. "She feels that she could quit if someone

**'People are more willing to give us information than some stranger they are considering renting from. We do all the interviewing work by the time we introduce people.'**

—Kay Ikola  
executive director  
Information Center Inc.

shares her home.

"Sometimes it's a young mother with a child and they've just gone through a divorce and they'd like to bring someone in who can help. Many people call who are in their 70s and would like companionship and maybe a little financial aid."

For more information about the program call 282-7171.

## Home program faces closing of its doors

The Information Center Inc. serves Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Westland and Garden City, as well as downriver communities.

The program could shut down by September for lack of money, according to Kay Ikola, executive director of The Information Center.

Ikola is appealing to municipal officials for support. She suggests the money come from federal

block grants allocated to local governments.

Ikola is requesting annual payments of \$725 from communities with 10,000 to 25,000 residents, \$975 from communities with 25,000 to 50,000 residents and \$1,225 from communities with more than 50,000 residents.

The goal is to raise \$27,000 annually for the program that costs \$35,000 to run.



## Kids learn to reach out, touch someone for help

Special training on the use of the telephone during an emergency was given to Plymouth-Canton elementary pupils last week.

A team of trainers from AT&T presented the special program, "Teach-a-Child," Thursday at Fiegel Elementary School on Joy east of I-275.

Telephone operators often hear children on the line crying or screaming hysterically, not knowing what to say or do because they are so frightened, explained Paula Wentzel, operators group manager at the AT&T long-distance operators services center on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

"A group of operators felt it was

important to instruct these young children on the proper use of the telephone, especially when there would be a need for an emergency agency," said Wentzel. "Therefore, the 'Teach-a-Child' program came into effect."

**WHEN THE IDEA** of "Teach-a-Child" was first introduced AT&T invited kindergarten and first grade classes to visit its office to observe the operators at work, after which the presentation was made.

"However, after divestiture our format changed," said Anna Gabriel of the public relations office of AT&T. "We now respond only to requests from the schools in the area to visit the classrooms and do our

"Teach-a-Child" program there."

The team generally works in groups of two or three, depending on the size of the class. The operators bring along headsets and telephones. "We try to have a rotary type phone and also touch tone and push button sets to acquaint the youngsters with the different type of telephones they might use," said Wentzel.

"After introducing ourselves to the children and teachers we were ready to start the program."

"We began by asking the children if they knew what an emergency was. To help them understand we related stories of situations that might come up in their day to day activities. We wanted them to be aware of what could happen and how they could help. We instructed them on what information the operator would need such as name, address, street name, type of emergency and so on."

**THE CHILDREN** then role play some emergency situations with the operators.

Each child was asked to come up and dial or press "0" to reach the operator. They then were asked to relate their emergency and the operator responded just as she would in a real situation. "The children were very enthusiastic and imaginative," said Wentzel.

Before ending the program, the operators cautioned the children about the importance of not playing on the phone or reporting false emergencies.

All children were given grab bags containing AT&T promotional items such as coloring books depicting some emergency situations, crayons, pencils, stickers, etc. Also included were some pamphlets supplied by Childrens Hospital Poison Control Center and a newsletter on child protection.



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Valerie Ernst, an operator for AT&T, works with Michelle Anger on how to use the telephone if a real emergency occurred.

### medical briefs/helpline

● **CPR TRAINING**

Learn how to take care of your heart in addition to the signs and symptoms of a heart attack with CPR training 6:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Oakwood Canton Health Center, Warren at Canton Center Road. Practice single-rescuer techniques, including how to help choking victims, and adult CPR.

● **MICHIGAN CUE CLUB**

Cued speech will be practiced at the meeting of the Michigan Cue Club beginning 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in St.

John Neumann Catholic Church on Warren west of Sheldon in Canton. For information, contact Lorraine Zaksek at 459-7030.

● **WELLNESS CLASS**

Learn to stay healthy and fit with this wellness class 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Plymouth M-CARE Health Center, 9396 Lilley, Plymouth. The program will be presented by Dr. Harold H. Hoesvsky, internal medicine and medical director of the Plymouth Health Center. Wellness is more than the absence of

illness but is a way of life aimed at reducing life-style related diseases by identifying health risks, helping to kick bad habits and build new ones. A \$2 registration fee is payable at the door.

● **DAYCARE FOR SENIORS**

Plymouth Family Service is taking referrals for supervised care and a day of planned activities for people 60 and older living in Wayne county. In-home respite care also is available; day or overnight care. For more information, call 483-0800.



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