

Rocks capture state soccer title

BY MIKE HUCAL AND
ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Salem soccer team was crowned state champions last night following a tight victory over Portage Northern, 1-0.

The single goal was scored by Brett Konley with three minutes left in the first half. Konley collected the ball at the 18 yard line, dribbled past several defenders, and struck quickly with a powerful shot

past the Portage Northern goalie. One goal was all the Rocks would need.

Throughout the year, Salem has relied on their potent offense. The stars of the night for the state finals would be the defense.

The goaltending of Brian Bazyinski — along with the defense of Matt Hucal, Chris Jaskolski, Chris Curry and Josh Fair — shut down the Portage offense.

Although they were outmatched on the field, the Portage Northern goaltender, Matt Keeler, kept the team in the game, stopping numerous Rock scoring drives.

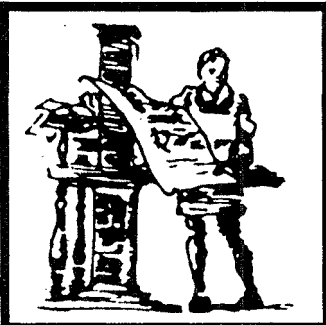
The Rocks were not affected by the two-day state final delay — the game was scheduled to be played Saturday at Bloomfield Andover High School, but was called because of the inclement weather and horrible field conditions.

Although the footing was treacherous, the Andover field proved to be in good condition — good enough for the Rocks to bring the title back to The Plymouth-Canton Community.

The state championship is the second in two years for a Plymouth-Canton school. The Canton Chiefs defeated state powerhouse Warren DeLasalle last year 1-0 in double overtime to win their first title.

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Blaze rips through Summit

Fire at new Canton community center injures two

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A fire at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton Monday is believed to have started after a spark from a welder working ignited a tarp, according to Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

The welder was working on top of a 20-30 foot scaffold that was set up in the tower/atrium area of the Summit. The tarp, where the fire started, was being used to protect the glass from sparks during the welding process.

There were two minor injuries reported from the fire, said Rorabacher.

"The welder singed his hair but refused transport," he said. "And one of the fire-fighters hurt his hand but also refused transport."

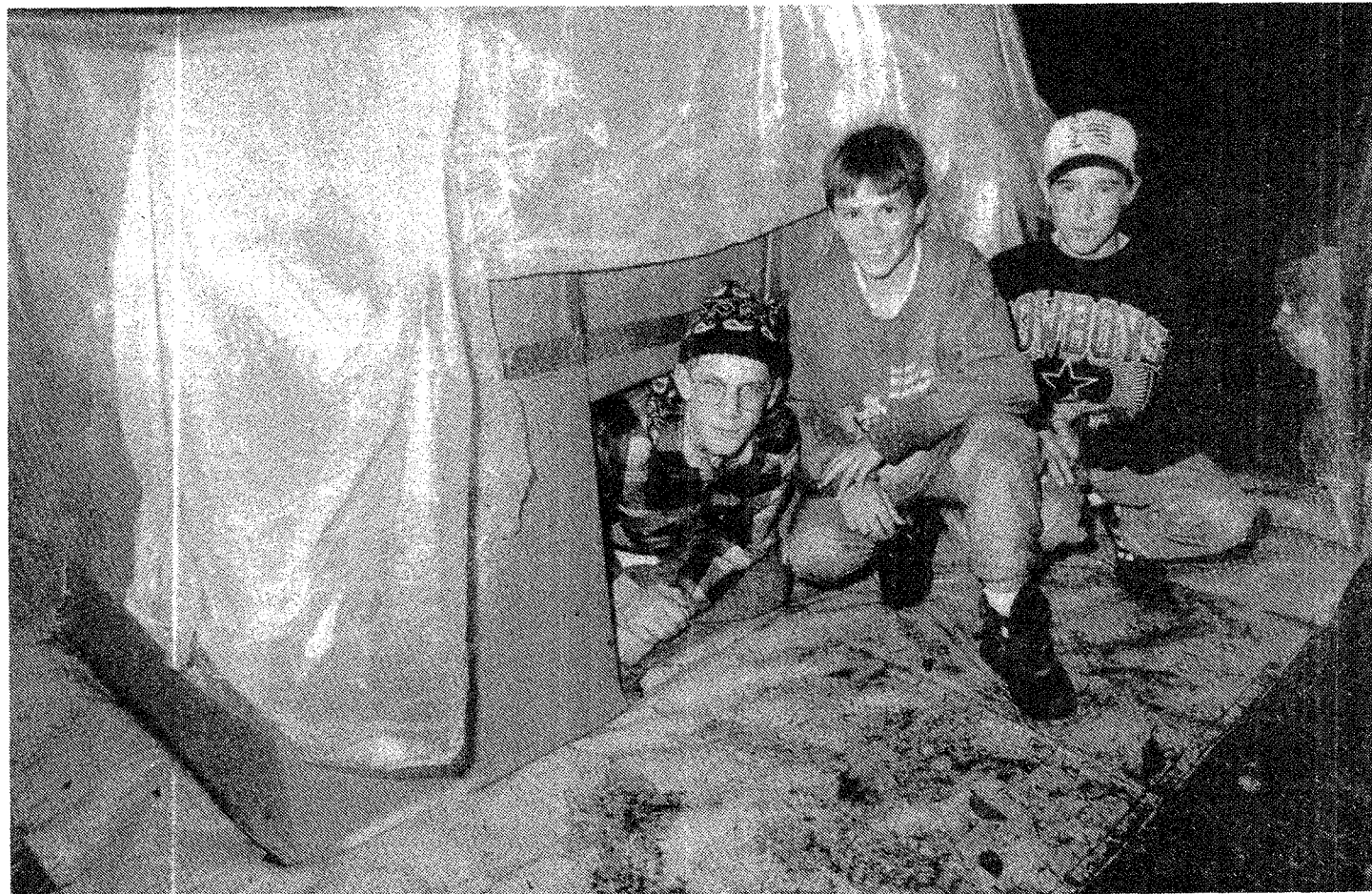
Rorabacher said that there was some superficial flame and heat damage to the structural components and some water damage to parts of the drywall.

"The damage was not terribly bad," he said. "There were about 10 panes of broken glass and the paint on the steel framing blistered."

"They're going to have a damage assessment done and should know in the next couple of days how much damage was done."

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Cold hands-warm hearts



(left to right) Josh Nelson, Bret Stinar and Jeff Gaigneau looked comfortable, even though the weather was miserable. The three spent Friday night in cardboard boxes along with other members of the junior and senior high youth groups from First United Methodist Church in Plymouth Township. They slept in the boxes to raise money and awareness of the homeless plight in and around the Detroit area. All donations collected will be divided up and sent to the Plymouth Salvation Army, Pontiac's Baldwin Soup Kitchen and Detroit's Cass United Methodist Church and Soup Kitchen. The kids also found out what it is like to be homeless. They were served a soup kitchen-type meal and were required to sleep outside all night. They were not allowed to bring anything with them except for blankets or sleeping bags. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Growth

Growth Works earns national rating, expands services

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Underground

New Plymouth store focuses on skating, snowboarding

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Men of Steel

Plymouth-Canton Steelers bring home super bowl title

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Canton nurse honored by university

Janice Nowacki-Tobin, a Canton resident and MedFlight nurse who was killed in a Dec. 1994 helicopter crash, was honored recently with Madonna University's Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award. Tobin is a 1989 graduate of Madonna University. She, Dr. Terry Racicot and pilot

Richard Elliott were on their way to pick up a patient when their helicopter crashed in Ann Arbor, minutes after takeoff. All were killed. She is survived by her husband Michael and children Philip and Jennifer. She is remembered by her family as a dedicated wife, mother and nurse.

Streetscape dedication set for Sunday

Event takes place at 3:30 p.m.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will have a Streetscape dedication Nov. 19 at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail.

The dedication will take place from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

The purpose of the dedication, according to DDA Director Steve Guile is to celebrate the completion of streetscape.

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Loiselle elected mayor, Vos protem

Political battle overshadows swearing in ceremony

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

What was billed to be a simple, straightforward special meeting of the Plymouth City Commission to swear in newly elected commissioners and choose a new mayor, turned into a political battle. The political lines of the new commission may have been drawn last night.

During the past four years, the commission has prided itself on its ability to reach decisions without much argument or division — will the same be said about the new commission?

The first vote of the new commission was to choose the new mayor of Plymouth. Outgoing mayor Doug Miller's term was up.

John Vos III nominated Mayor Protem Ron Loiselle to become the new mayor, while Stella Greene nominated Doug Miller for the position. Miller declined the nomination.

Both Greene and Dennis Shrewsbury voted against Loiselle in his bid for the mayor's seat, but new commissioners Don Dismuke and Joe Koch, and commissioner's Miller and Vos voted with Loiselle to carry the vote 5-2 and elect Loiselle.

Koch then nominated Vos to become the next mayor protem. He was elected unanimously to the seat.

At the special meeting, which was called so that former City

attorney and current 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe could swear in Greene, Shrewsbury, Koch and Dismuke, retiring commissioners Bob Jones and Bill McAninch were honored for their work on the commission.

"There have been a few tense moments in the last four years," said Jones.

"But there were so many more good moments, it's been gratifying. I enjoyed serving the citizens of this City."

McAninch said that being a commissioner has been a good experience — something more people should try. "It was a great four years — extremely rewarding," he said, adding that citizens should encourage more people to take part in the City government.

Miller was also honored for his two years of work as the mayor.

"These have been two of the busiest, two of the most rewarding years of my life," said Miller. "I'm very proud of what we've accomplished."

Miller highlighted the commission's work on the Plymouth Community Fire Department merger, the streetscape and the creation of the Old Village Development Authority among others.

Ford Sheldon Road Plant certified as Corporate Wildlife Habitat

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Furry critters and buzzing bumblebees have a new home on Sheldon Road in Plymouth Township.

The Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant site was certified as a Corporate Wildlife Habitat recently at the awards banquet for the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) Seventh Annual Symposium: "Wildlife, Environment & Business." The two-day event was held at the Washington Marriot Hotel.

Dave Klotz, who works at the plant and organizes the Ford Sheldon Road Wildlife Committee, said making the property "wildlife friendly" has been achieved through hard work and cooperation.

"The work has been pretty extensive," he said. "The work was completed through a joint effort between hourly and salary employees."

Klotz said a core group of 18 to 20 employees works with representatives from the Wildlife Habitat Council to ecologically develop the Sheldon Road property. The group has received help from as many as 60 volunteers to work on wildlife projects at the plant.

"Ford has really helped us get this project going," he said. "The United Auto Workers has also given us substantial help."

With the assistance from WHC, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Soil Conservation Service and other agencies, the Ford Sheldon Road Wildlife Committee embarked upon such ambitious projects as establishing a 600 tree nursery and a 13-acre wildflower garden. Species found in the nursery include green ash, black walnut, white pine and red oak, and plant species found in the wildflower garden include ox-eye daisy, coreopsis and lupine.

The committee at the Sheldon Road Plant has dedicated its efforts to the diversification of plant and animal



(left to right, seated) Earl McNaughton, Susan Lindquist, Deborah Aho, Freda Robbins, Mark Crosby (left to right, standing) Mike Mandilk, Bobby Cowan, Bruce Barnes, David Klotz, Russ Atassi, Dan LeBlond and Jeff Mayer are just a few of the Ford employees who helped make the Sheldon Road Plant property "wildlife friendly."

species. The site's nesting program has provided for the creation and placement of 39 nest boxes for bluebirds, kestrels, purple martins and bats. A hawk nesting platform was also created.

Klotz said the public interest in and support of the project has been incredible. In the future, classes may be taught at the site. "One of our targets is to involve the Plymouth-Canton Schools and other community groups," he said.

Virtually every unused piece of property on the site has received attention from the group, which impressed representatives from the WHC.

"In joining with the Wildlife Habitat Council," said WHC President Joyce M. Kelly, "Ford Motor Company has become a part of a seminal movement to bring about the convergence of two historically disparate sectors: the business community and the conservation community. By providing leadership in the area

of wildlife habitat management, Ford has begun the process of building relationships of trust and vision. This company has not only invested in the well-being of its employees, their families and the community they live in, but they have invested in the quality and diversity of life for future generations.

"We applaud the Ford Motor Company and look forward to a long and productive partnership in our shared goals and efforts toward responsible environmental stewardship."

The Ford Motor Company's Sheldon Road Plant site is one of 29 sites newly certified this year. Habitat enhancement programs must be established a minimum of one year to qualify for WHC certification. Biologists at WHC review applications and verify and guide enhancement efforts through a site visit during the certification process.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is taking reservations for the annual Kellogg Park Christmas Trees. The cost for the trees is \$40, which includes 200 white lights. Trees will be decorated Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3. Dedication of the trees will be Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., at which time a candlelight sing-a-long will be held. Call the chamber at 453-1540 to reserve your Kellogg Park Tree.

THE WEEKEND

- Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a special Thanksgiving party and magic show featuring Phillip Leja from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at the Canton Recreation Center at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road. The event is free to kids 12 and under.
- As part of an international "Marian Hour of Prayer" program, the Plymouth Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a public prayer service Saturday at the Our Lady of Providence Chapel located on Beck Road between Five Mile and Six Mile roads beginning at 4 p.m. The service will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas.



NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

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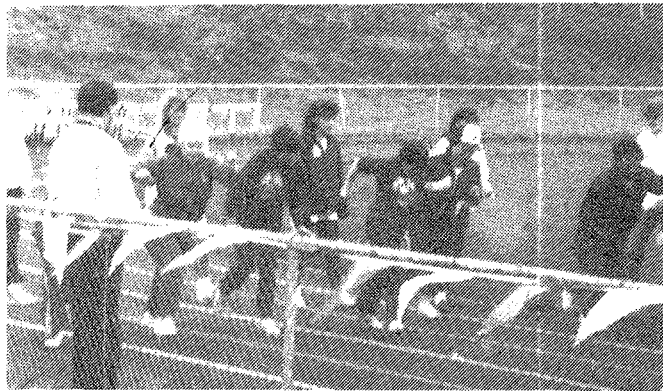
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Celebrate National Education Week!

EDITOR'S NOTE: As the country celebrates National Education Week, The Crier looks at some of the "good news" coming from area schools.

Meier begins second decade as 'leader' at St. Peter's

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Teacher Jerold Meier works at St. Peter's Lutheran Day School. So does Principal Jerold Meier — and coach Jerold Meier.

No, there is not three people by the same name — one person does it all.

Meier is in his 20th year at St. Peter's. "I'm a product of our church's training system," Meier said. "I accepted a job here after teaching in Toledo for four years."

The year was 1975. "I came here as a fifth and sixth grade teacher," Meier said. "After two years here, I was offered the principal's position."

Meier would also add coaching to his duties. "In our systems you have to fill out a couple areas to make it work," Meier said of his small school with 151 students enrolled in preschool through eighth grade.

"I think of it as a small country school in the city."

Holding three positions can make for busy schedules and hectic days. Meier said he spends about 80 percent of his day teaching social studies, physical education and math. In his homeroom math class, as well the school's reading classes, Meier uses the ungraded levels program. "So that those who want to accelerate can," Meier said.

Numerous students have been able to take advantage of this, including an eighth grader who is currently working at a third-year high school math level. To ensure the program curriculum is successful, St. Peter's keeps track of its students as they attend Canton, Salem, Huron Valley Lutheran, Northville or whichever high school they enroll. Meier said that the Plymouth-Canton Schools have always been helpful in providing support systems. "Working with the Plymouth-Canton School System, the Board of Ed has just been great," Meier said.

When he is not teaching, Meier steps next door into his office and takes care of the principal's chores, which sometimes can set off his whole schedule. "If there's emergencies with the principalship," Meier said, "that's the variables."

After the school day is done, Meier heads down the hall and into the gym to coach the Eagles' soccer, basketball, and track and field teams. "I pretty much coach throughout the year," Meier said.

The various positions and the small enrollment allows Meier to fulfill another aspect of a small country school: He greets the students in the morning and knows them all personally.

The burden of so many duties may be too much for some people — not Meier. He cites many reasons for why he has



Jerold Meier has welcomed many children through the doors of St. Peter's Lutheran Day School — as of now, he has no plans to stop. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

stayed at St. Peter's, which opened its doors in 1947. "My commitment to the Christian education offered," Meier said, "and as many teachers will tell you, the love of children. The congregation has been pretty supportive of the ideas I've had too."

Spelling champs advance to state

Miller Elementary School student Susan Merenda was the winner of the third annual Fr. Victor J. Renaud Council of the Knights of Columbus spelling bee held on Saturday in Plymouth.

Sarah Greene of Our Lady of Good Counsel finished second. Jeremy Nguyen of Bird Elementary School placed third and Laura Huddas of Our Lady of Good Counsel was fourth. They were all presented with trophies and dictionaries by Past Grand Knight Chuck Dobry.

The contest was open to fourth-sixth grade students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Our Lady of Good Counsel and Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

Merenda, Greene, Nguyen and Huddas will compete on the Diocesan level on Dec. 2 at the Holy Cross Council in Detroit. The winners of the Diocesan level will proceed to the state level on Feb. 3 at the Mason Council.

Last year, Greene placed third in the state competition.

The other students who participated in the spelling bee were Elizabeth Bahra, John Talarczyk, Joe Karasin, Maria Psilis, Stephanie Birch, Alicia Sundquist, Colin Miranda, Jeff Stobbe, Kris Seneabaugh, Matthew Timir, Patrick Shaw, Katherine Boyde, Heidi Galbraith, Shannon Adducci, Michael West and Sheena Joychan.

On the way to Plymouth, we made some pretty exciting discoveries.



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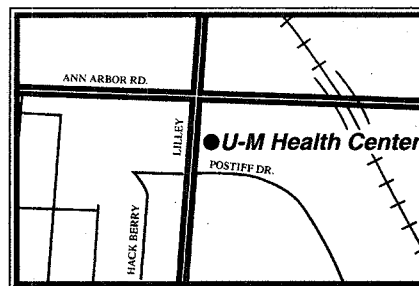
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Air Force Airman Kenneth S. Paquin, the son of Scot M. Paquin of Canton, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

Paquin is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Coast Guard Seaman Recruit Jason M. Young, the son of William and Sandy L. Young of Plymouth, recently graduated from recruit training at Cap May, NJ.

Young is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Eric J. Feldkamp, the son of Robert Feldkamp and Diane Cook, of Canton, has entered basic training at Fort Jackson, SC.

Feldkamp is a 1995 graduate of Salem High School.

The following students were named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring/summer term at U of M Dearborn: **Christine Kesselring**, **Robert Evans**, **Faisal Hussain**, **Rachael Johnson** and **Kathleen Simmerer** from Canton; and **Ryan Miller** from Plymouth.

U.S. Rep. **Lynn Rivers** is inviting all interested seniors and senior citizen advocates to become members of her Senior Citizens Advisory Council that represents the concerns of seniors throughout the 13th district.

The first meeting will be Nov. 20 from 9-10 a.m. at the Senior Health Center located in the St. Joseph's Hospital/Mission Health complex in Ann Arbor. For more information call Faith Paroski at (313) 722-1411 or (313) 741-4210.

Alma College has recognized several local students with scholarships. Those students include: **Jennifer Grutza**, of Plymouth, who was awarded the Presidential Scholarship and the Performance Award in theatre; **Nicole Hamerink**, from Plymouth, was awarded the Performance Award in theatre; **Melissa King**, of Plymouth, received a Presidential Scholarship and a Performance Award in instrumental music; and **Tamara Watson**, of Plymouth received the Tartan Award.

Plymouth-based Growth Works earns JCAHO accreditation

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Plymouth-based Growth Works Incorporated has received the highest level of accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

A part of The Plymouth-Canton Community since 1971, Growth Works is an adolescent outpatient treatment center focusing on treating youths who are chemically dependent.

Dale F. Yagiela, the executive director for Growth Works, said that the organization has been growing since its inception.

"The program has evolved and changed since the beginning, as the needs of young people have changed," said Yagiela.

Yagiela said that the 16 staff members of Growth Works treat about 500 young people a year, adding, the number grows to 1,400 with the parents involved in the treatment process.

According to Yagiela, the program has a good success rate.

"75 percent of the young people that enter the program leave sober and stay sober for one month to 12 months," he said.

Yagiela said the accreditation with commendation by the JCAHO means a lot to the program and to the staff.

"Only 19 percent of accredited mental health facilities have earned this commendation," he said. "We have a reasonably small staff so this is a pretty major thing for us to pull off."

How major of a thing? Accreditation is awarded for periods of three years, after an extensive on-site inspection or survey. During the survey, the Joint Commission staff examine patient records, administrative documentation, program policy and pro-

cedure as well as staff credentials and training, according to Yagiela.

"There are 300 standards that we were judged on, covering all aspects of our operations," said Yagiela.

Although Growth Works has been accredited by the Joint Commission since 1989, this is the first time they have received accreditation with commendation.

"Receiving accreditation with commendation is a significant achievement, one that recognizes exemplary performance by Growth Works," said Dennis S. O'Leary, president of the Joint Commission. "The organization should be commended for its commitment to providing quality care to the people in its community."

Although Yagiela is excited about the accreditation, he said their work is far from over in this community.

"Drug and alcohol use is growing again," he said. "We have to get people to recognize that this isn't a passing thing."

Yagiela said there are signs that can tip off parents, teachers and friends that a young person is using drugs and alcohol.

"You'll see a change in friends and drops in class work. They begin building their life more and more around the drugs and alcohol," he said. "The sad part is it limits people's ability to pursue the things they may want to pursue."

If you would like more information on the programs offered by Growth Works you can call 455-4902.

Open up!

The Canton Fire Department practiced opening vehicles with the Jaws of Life — a procedure they hope they never have to use. The equipment is used to free passengers stuck in vehicles following an accident. The emergency medical technicians — who are usually first at any accident scene — practice on empty cars to sharpen their skills — and save lives. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)



Guild to perform 'Death of a Salesman'

Salesman Willy Loman has lived his life knowing that the "American dream" is just beyond his finger tips.

No, it's not the story of a depressed, Plymouth insurance salesman, it's the story of the lead character in the Arthur Miller play "Death of a Salesman."

The Plymouth Theatre Guild is presenting the award-winning play to The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community

Nov. 17-18, 24-26 and Dec. 1-2.

The guild's players, many of them residents of Plymouth, Canton and Northville, will bring Loman, his wife, sons and business associates to the stage at the Water Tower Theatre located on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital.

"Death of a Salesman" marks the groups second production of the season

and they're hoping it's as successful as "Nonsense" was.

The showtimes are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets prices are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale at the Piccadilly Petaler in Canton or at Sir Speedy Printing in Plymouth.

For more information or to make reservations call (810) 349-7110.

P-C School District continues to grow

Present and future student population in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District was discussed at length at Monday night's School board meeting.

David Rodwell, associate director for research and technology, made a presentation on enrollment and facilities, which was followed by a group known as the Class-Size Action Partnership (CAP) submitting its third annual report on class size.

And both parties agreed the school district is growing and will continue to grow. "I think it's going to be very important that we look at the data as a community," Rodwell said, "and start making some decisions on how we are going to accommodate the growth."

Rodwell's presentation included a list of criteria for district attendance boundaries and an overview of the data items such as membership, average class size, enrollment summary, building capacity and utilization, and grade level totals for 1995-2001. "The proposal tonight is essentially a set of guidelines to make those recommendations," Rodwell said.

As part of his report, Rodwell drove around the school district's boundaries, and obtained maps from governmental offices

Summit fire contained to roof area

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Rorabacher said that everything worked like clock work on this call.

"Art Winkel (the fire marshal) was at the site, he had just completed a hydrostatic test on the sprinkler system and was starting another facet of the test when they lost pressure," he said. "Someone came over to them and told them one of the sprinkler heads was activated and that there was a fire. Art is the one who called the fire alarm in.

"Someone was definitely watching over this one."

Rorabacher added that the sprinkler extinguished the majority of the fire and that firefighters then removed the smoke from the building.

He added that the sprinkler system that was installed was a huge help.

"I know it costs a few more dollars to install," said Rorabacher, "but sprinklers are worth their weight in gold."

Canton officials have said that the repair work will begin as soon as the damage assessment is completed and that the Summit grand opening scheduled for Jan. 6, 1996 shouldn't be delayed.

Addenda & errata

In last week's edition of The Community Crier, dated Nov. 8, 1995, an article entitled "Family Speaks Out On Pool Incident" should have stated that Kathy Byrum spoke with Gerald Ostoin, not Ken Jacobs.

to see where subdivisions were either being built or were scheduled for development.

It painted a pressing problem for the School board. "I'm telling you when I saw this my heart stopped," Rodwell said while holding a map of Canton full of developments.

Currently, Bentley, Isbister, Ericksson elementary schools and Lowell Middle School all have new homes being built in their attendance areas.

Rodwell said in his report that the Tonda, Isbister and Allen Elementary schools are currently at capacity.

"We want to make sure what we our doing is maximizing the number of students

who can walk to a building," Rodwell said, "and minimize the number of students who need transportation."

Rodwell said a community committee should begin work immediately reviewing the data and making both long range (beyond two years) and short range recommendations to the School board by March, 1996.

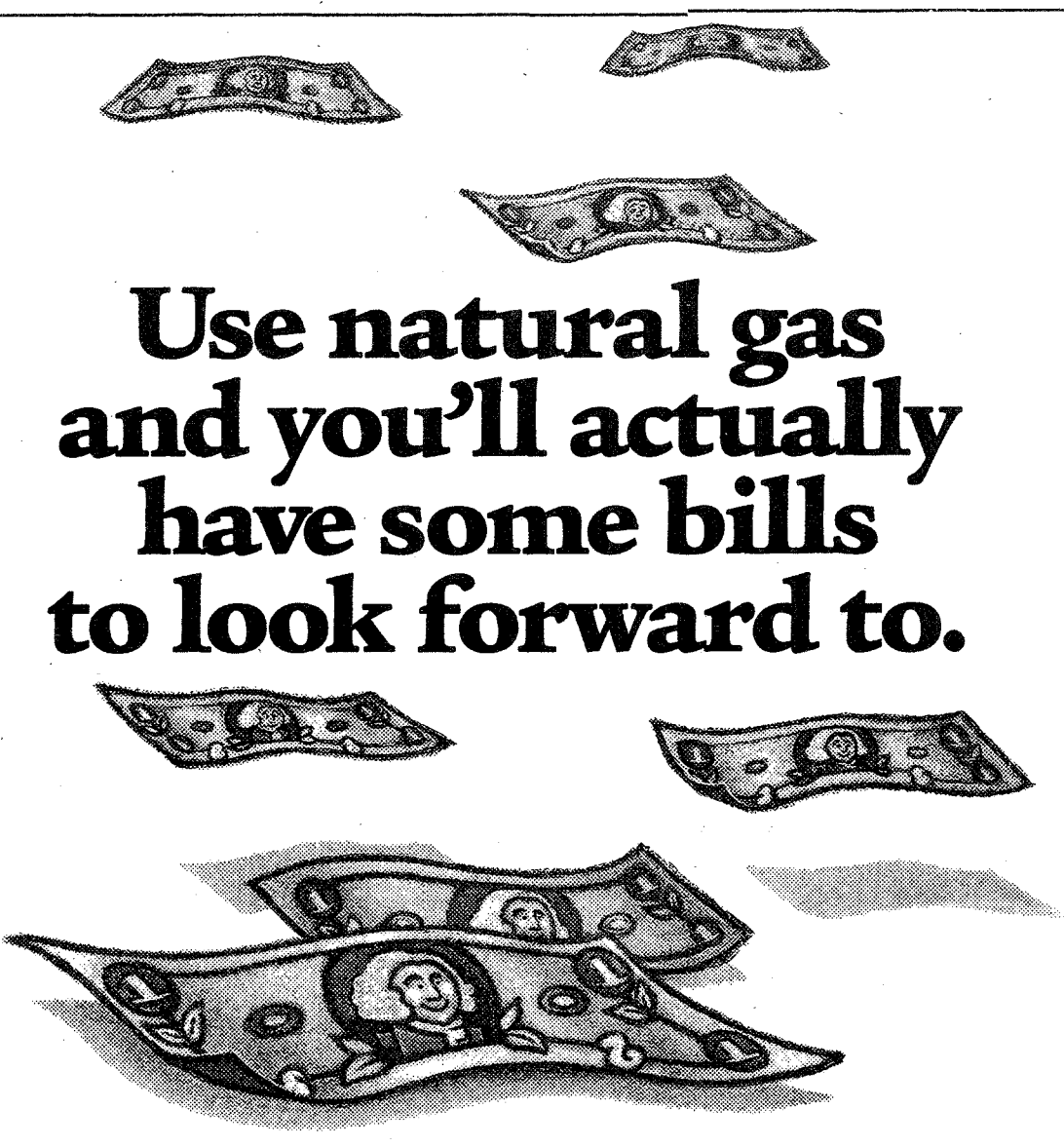
"What we really need to do," Rodwell said, "is ask ourselves: 'How are we going to accommodate those new developments?'"

The CAP praised the School board for lowering average class levels from a high of 30 in grades 1-5 in 1992-93 to this year's

unofficial count of 27. But the group warned that the district is growing at such a fast rate, adding 239 students this year, that work still needs to be done. "Even though we've made a lot of progress, we've added a lot of students," said Judy Mardigan, "and we still have a lot of problems."

Mardigan said, "When we look around to surrounding districts, to those we want to compare ourselves with, we are still relatively high."

CAP surveyed Novi, Northville, Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor and Livonia and discovered Livonia only had a higher class size average.



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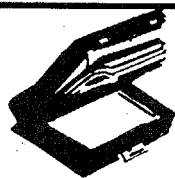
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Century 21 Suburban, 188 N. Main St., was recently recognized for their outstanding sales performance.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual **Holiday Party** on Dec. 1 at Fellow Creek Golf Club. There will be a variety of decorated Christmas trees, donated by florists and stores, that will be available for silent auction, and all the proceeds go to the Goodfellows. Tickets are \$30. Reservations may be made by calling 453-4040.

The Holiday Party will also include a **1996 Ford Escort GT Raffle**. Tickets are \$20 and only 1,500 will be sold. You must be 18 to enter, but you need not be present to win. The winner is responsible for all applicable taxes, license and delivery charges. To register mail name, address, credit card number and expiration date, signature and phone number to the chamber at 5820 Canton Center Rd., #105, Canton, MI 48187. Make checks payable to the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Fax in orders at (313) 453-4503 or call in orders at (313) 453-4040.

State Sen. Loren Bennett and **State Sen. Bob Geake** will speak at the chamber's Third Thursday Update tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, 5849 N. Sheldon Rd.

Native West Art Gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, will be the only store in Michigan to offer Native American ornaments that will benefit Native Americans. All residuals for the sale of these ornaments is returned to the organization "Futures For Children," which will help perpetuate three community key programs affecting the lifeways of 80,000 Native Americans. In the fields of education, leadership, and community action inroads can be realized through the sale of these ornaments. The programs have been achieved without state or federal funds.

Two ornaments will be available this year. A turtle ornament, which is a very important figure in Native American culture, and a vase-shaped ornament created by artist Anthony Lovato. On the ornament is the "Futures For Children" logo and an ear of corn, symbolizing life and survival.

Street+Snow=Underground

New Plymouth business specializes in hottest trends

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A new business has skated into town. Underground, a skateboard and snowboard store at 829 Penniman, will celebrate its arrival with a grand opening Saturday complete with music and giveaways.

Owner Brian Hickman, who has similar stores in Rochester, decided to open an outlet in Plymouth when he

Ground broken on The Links at Pheasant Run

Ground was broken recently on The Links at Pheasant Run, a 218 unit luxury condominium complex on the former site of the Ira Wilson Dairy at Summit Boulevard and Canton Center Road.

More than 35 Canton officials, friends and contractors attended the festivities including Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "The Links will provide the Canton community with an exciting alternative to traditional single family home ownership," Yack said. "The Links positively responds to residents looking for maintenance free living in an architecturally controlled golf course community. Canton is very pleased to welcome one of southeastern Michigan's most respected condominium builders — Robertson Brothers."

Paul Robertson, Jr., president of Robertson Brothers Group, said, "We are proud to have been selected to develop the homes on this piece of land owned by such a forward thinking community such as Canton Township."

visited downtown during Fall Festival. "There was a lot going on down here," Hickman said, "and I didn't see any shops like ours."

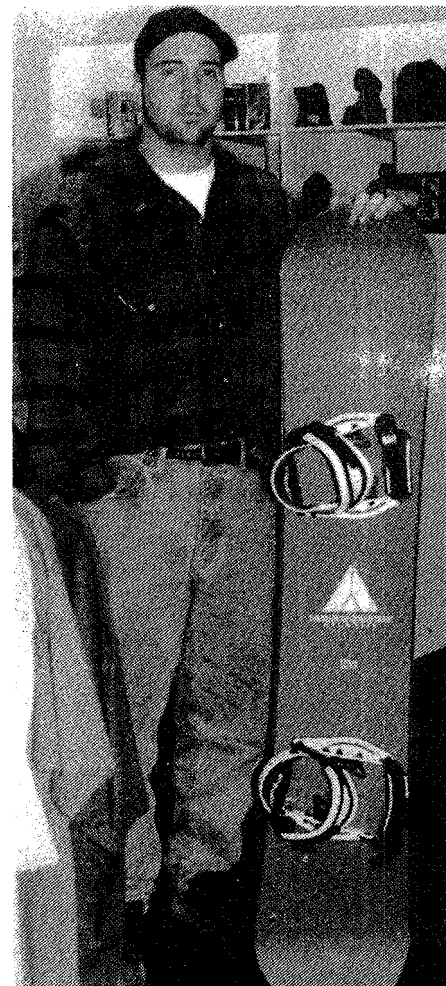
Underground is a combination of Hickman's two other stores, stocking snowboard and skateboard equipment, as well as clothing, jewelry and incense. "I don't want it to be just skate and snowboarders," Hickman said. "I want to attract a whole different kind of crowd."

As it stands now, Hickman will just be selling Stereo and Solid — two of the many types of skateboards and snowboards Underground offers — service may be instituted later. "We won't be doing service in this store, maybe later," Hickman said. "Not this season I should say. A lot of kids wax their boards anyway, it's easy to do."

What is not easy to do, Hickman said, is become a professional boarder, which is why Underground will sponsor some local skaters whose quest it is to reach that level. "We offer them discounts on hardware," he said. "I mean skateboards aren't cheap."

Hickman, an MSU graduate with a degree in Finance, found out starting a business was not cheap either. "The funny part is I actually started the store on a credit card, cash advanced it; that's financing for you," Hickman said.

He spent six months working two jobs, but now he is witnessing the dividends. Hickman hopes skateboarding will shake the bad image it has in many cities, and that it, and snowboarding, continue to grow in popularity. "You can't deny it's an up-and-coming sport," Hickman said.



Brian Hickman, owner of Underground, started his skateboarding-snowboarding business small, but continues to expand. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

Johnson Controls posts record sales

Fiscal year 1995 was one of the most successful ever for Johnson Controls, Inc., which has an Automotive Systems Group division outlet located at 49200 Halyard Dr. in Plymouth.

The company achieved record sales of \$3.8 billion — up 21 percent from 1994 — while launching new complete seat sets for 18 vehicles and adding 13 manufacturing plants worldwide.

"This year's automotive seating results — and the division's consistent pattern of success and growth — reflect the great strengths we have in engineering, manufacturing and program execution," said John Barth, executive vice president for the Milwaukee-headquartered company. "Automakers around the world are expanding their outsourcing of seating and other interior systems, and many rely on Johnson Controls as their strategic business partner of choice."

It was also the second consecutive year that all 10 of the top-selling cars in the U.S., and all 10 of the nation's top-selling light trucks have Johnson Controls seat systems or other components on board. In addition, Europe's five most popular vehicles for 1995 all have Johnson Controls content. Jeff Steiner of Plymouth Johnson Controls said the company's success can be attributed to many factors, such as understanding the projection of growth and good advance planning by the management. "From the plant people to management, it's a good group of people that

understands the market," Steiner said.

Steiner said Chrysler Jeep vehicles, General Motors' Dodge Intrepid and Saturn, Ford Explorer and Nissan's Ultima are just some of the cars and trucks Johnson Controls has contracts with. "We're the market leader in North America and Europe," Steiner said.

Johnson Controls currently makes 34 percent of all automotive seats on this continent and 25 percent of all seats manufactured for the European market. And things may get even better next year, Steiner said. "We're looking for growth in the emerging markets of South America and the Pacific rim," he said.

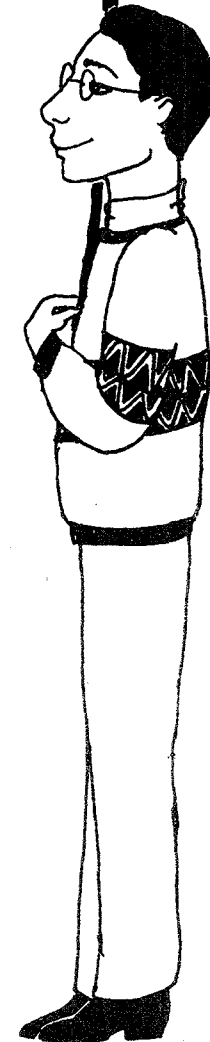
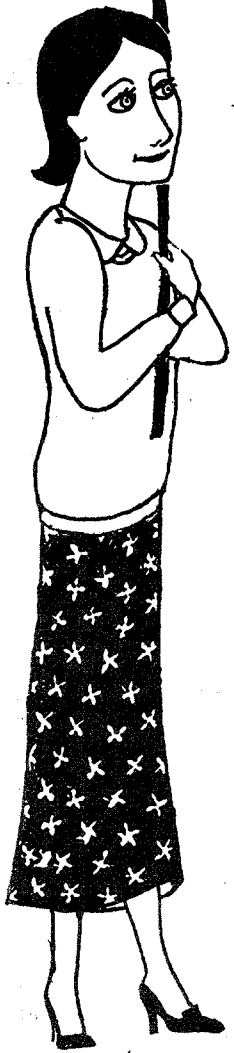
Johnson Controls has already initiated that by opening development offices in Toyko and Brazil, and securing contracts with Ford and Toyota in South America.

Steiner said Johnson Controls anticipates 10 to 15 percent growth in 1996. "All of our contracts are done three to four years in advance," Steiner said, "so we have a pretty good vision of what the future looks like."

The Automotive Systems Group is the largest of four divisions of Johnson Controls. The group employs 22,000 people, 1,250 in Plymouth, at 92 facilities worldwide. In 1995, the company's worldwide operations manufactured seats for more than 8.5 million vehicles.

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Dear Santa:

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Children of the landscape

Art Durow's classroom teaches us we are part of nature, nature should be preserved



Dr. Randy Houdek teaches Central Middle School student Melissa Stump the importance of insects in the natural world during a presentation last Thursday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

"We are the children of our landscape" — Lawrence Durrell

Salem High School science teacher Art Durow has one heck of a classroom.

It has trees. It has a swamp. It even has a herd of deer, more than 30 species of birds, fox dens, raccoons, field mice and woodchucks. It is hot in the summer, and cold in the winter. Oh yeah, it stretches over 150 acres.

I told you it was a heck of a classroom.

Unfortunately, people abuse this classroom. They build tree houses (and not even good ones at that). They drive their dirt bikes and off road vehicles through it, disturbing its state. They dump their old bath tubs there, and then, they carve their name in something to mark where they've visited — as if we could not tell.

Worst part is Durow's classroom might get bulldozed in favor of another subdivision, or another school, or another soccer field.

Now before you jump out of your seat and run over to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to see this extraordinary classroom that the P-C School board somehow slipped into the budget without you knowing, let me first tell you: When you park at Salem, open the doors and run upstairs, you will find Durow in the very traditional classroom setting of seats and a chalkboard. There is a twist to it. "I've

Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



got an indoor classroom and an outdoor classroom," Durow said.

For the past 25 years, Durow has led his students in the woods about once a week as part of regular classroom activities. "We kind of monitor what's going on out there," he said.

Sadly, no one else has.

Recently, Durow led — and I do mean led, he's a fast walker — myself, and, more importantly, Superintendent Charles Little, School Board President David Artley, Vice President Mark Horvath and Trustee Carrie Blamer around the woods and fields.

"Walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do" — Stockholm Conference

Durow showed us piles of dirt and refuse spotting the landscape. Nobody knew where these eyesores originated from. "It's not always been clear to me who's in charge of the outdoor area," Durow.

There were large tires strewn all over the ground and heaped in piles behind the old

barn on the PCEP property. There was an answer for those. The tires had been used for playground equipment and had been removed and dumped here. The tires have since been thrown away, "but I'm still worried about the dumping going on out there" Durow said.

I would be too. What Durow has there is unique; his students get to see what is happening, an uncontrolled experiment if you will. "I can teach succession by showing it in progress rather than showing slides," Durow said. "I view it as a very important part of the educational process at the Park," Durow said.

When I was in high school, I had a teacher much like Durow who used the outdoors just as actively; I can not tell you how much it increased my interest in a class I really did not have very much interest in. So before urban sprawl claims another victim, stop and think P-C schools: what may appear to be unused, is always being used by somebody or something. "I would like it left as natural as possible for future generations," Durow said.



Your Guide to Worship

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43065 Joy Road, Canton
455-0022

Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am
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Wednesday
Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm
Plymouth Christian Academy

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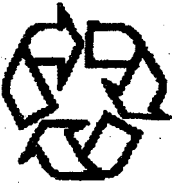


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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50.00 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know. Who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by November 22.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
 The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 starting Sept. 7 and ending Jan. 15. Call 453-8253 or 728-7619 for more information.

"SATURDAY KIDS CLUB"
 The Salvation Army is taking reservations for Saturday Kids Club, which runs Sept. 16 to May 18, 1996. Games, field trips, and arts and crafts. Call 453-5464 for more information.

PCC FUNDRAISER/ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
 The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling Entertainment books to help the chorus' charitable and educational activities. The \$40 books offer a wide variety of savings. Call Stan at 459-6829.

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLER STORYTIMES
 The Plymouth District Library offers storytime for ages 2 to 3 1/2 and 3 1/2 to 5. There are daytime and evening sessions and other family members are welcome. Call 453-0750 for more information.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN
 The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Call (313) 291-9700.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE
 The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

MEALS ON WHEELS
 The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor. A donation is requested for the meal, but not required. Call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for more information.

DISABILITY FITNESS CLASSES
 The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park is looking for used fitness equipment (steppers, fitness tapes, stationary bikes, treadmills) for a new fitness program for students with disabilities. For more information and to make a donation, call David Gerlach at 416-7708.

EMERGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM
 Qualified Plymouth seniors can receive a month's supply of medication, available at the township hall the second and third Fridays of each month. Call 455-7526 to for an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE
 Horizon Counseling Centre and Associates will be hosting a series of free seminars on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information about the series, call the Horizon Counseling at 451-7577.

TINY TOTS PRESCHOOL
 The Salvation Army's Tiny Tots preschool program is currently taking applications for the 1995-96 school year. Children who will be four by Dec. 1, 1995 or three by Sept. 1, 1995 are eligible for the classes. For more information, call Peggy at 453-5464.

FITNESS FACTORY
 The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department will hold aerobics classes weekly. There are low-impact and body sculpting classes offered. For more information and fee information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

CLOTHING BANK
 The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION
 The Michigan Cancer Foundation - West Region - is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
 The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB
 The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Melissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES
 The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees hold monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING
 The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS
 Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING
 People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Denny's. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES
 The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

SMOKE STOPPERS
 The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

CHURCH RURAL OVERSEAS PROGRAM
 Plymouth-Canton churches are looking for residents to become CROP walkers and seek financial pledges to help alleviate hunger. Call 459-8181.

PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPENINGS
 Plymouth Children's Nursery still has openings for three-year-olds, Wednesday a.m.'s, and four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday, Friday p.m.'s. Please call 459-3111 for more information.

U-W ALUMNI CLUB FUNDRAISER
 The University of Wisconsin Alumni Club is raising scholarship funds for Michigan students attending U-W by selling Entertainment books, which contain hundreds of two-for-one and 50 per cent discounts to a variety of activities. Call Chuck at 454-5749.



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PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BANDS CONCERT

The free season opener is tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the school's main auditorium at 43065 Joy Rd. Pop, Broadway, Thanksgiving songs. Call 459-3505.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS COFFEE

Tomorrow at 7 p.m. All Plymouth residents welcome. Call 455-8336.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST THANKSGIVING

This year's service will take place Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Passages will be read, testimonies will be given, no collection will be taken.

SEN. BENNETT PAGE POSITIONS

Four page positions are open for a one-year term. Applicants must full-time college students. Duties include attending Senate sessions, pick-up and delivery of documents and messages, and general staff assistance. Positions must be filled by mid-December and start in January. Call (517) 373-7350.

PLYMOUTH KIWANIS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Club is holding its third annual \$1000 a month raffle. Tickets are \$100, and entitle the holder a chance for \$1000 each month of 1996. Winning tickets are placed back in drawings. Call 453-7091.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S NURSES CLUB

Douglas Cuthcer, D.P.M. speak on foot health and care tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 44800 Canton Center Rd.

CHILDREN'S THANKSGIVING/MAGIC SHOW

Saturday, 10-11 a.m. at the Canton Recreation Center at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road. No fee. Ages 12 and under. Canton resident only.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTMAS WALK

Sunday from noon-5 p.m. At 1 p.m. the Northville High School Band and Christmas Elves escort Santa Claus into town. Free horse and carriage rides with Santa Claus. Chocolate chip cookie contest. Holiday treats, Christmas carols and special activities. Call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (810) 349-7640.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Donate blood this Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran School's gym, 201 Elm St., in Northville from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For appointments call (810) 349-7404. Nov. 27 at St. John's Episcopal Church's Gathering Hall, 574 S. Sheldon, in Plymouth from 2-8 p.m. For Appointments call 981-2265.

GED TESTING

GED Testing will be offered through the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department. Testing will take place today and tomorrow from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m. The test will be held at Starkweather Center, 550 N. Holbrook. \$25 fee. Register in advance. Call 416-4901 for more information.

ESTROGEN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Tonight, 7-8:30 p.m. at the U of M Health Center-Northville. Kate Maddox will focus on estrogen in life change. \$5. To register call (810) 344-1777.

CHEST PAIN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Tomorrow, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Northville Educational Senior Citizens Center, 215 W. Cady. Heartburn, hiatal hernia and other causes of chest pain will be discussed. To register call 810-349-4140. \$5, \$1 for senior citizens. Transportation is available for \$1.

"A CANTON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS"

Presented by the Canton Historical Society. A tour of five historic homes, two one-room schoolhouses and a church decorated for Christmas. Dec. 2 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets available starting Nov. 2 at Canton area florists, Willow Brook Inn B & B and the Canton Historical Museum. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 for senior citizens. Refreshments included, and craft show at museum.

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. Call 454-4061 for more information.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Tom Hickey at 455-7110.

PLYMOUTH GOODFELLOWS CRIER NEWSPAPER EDITION

The Goodfellows will soon begin activities for the Christmas season. The Goodfellows Edition of The Community Crier will be sold Dec. 2. Community contributions to help attain "No Kiddie Without A Christmas."

LIFESAVERS

Dec. 14. 6-10 p.m. Free. At the clerk's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. RSVP by Dec. 1. Call 453-8407. CPR certification, emphasis on young children.

JUNIOR WHALER TICKETS

Dr. Dennis McCormack, the Detroit Junior Whalers' chiropractor, would like to invite area youth groups to attend the team's home games. For more information call his office at 459-4458.

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Every Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #6695, 1426 S. Mill St. Call 459-6700 or 459-2394 for more information.

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Travels to Mt. Brighton every Friday and Saturday evenings (except holidays). Register Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria. Fee is \$77, \$97 after Nov. 14, which includes transportation, chaperones, tow tickets and lessons. Information is available after Nov. 1, call 416-2937.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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RAYMOND H. PIKULA

Raymond H. Pikula, a Canton resident, died Nov. 4, 1995, at the age of 61.

Mr. Pikula was a supervisor at Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Pikula is survived by his wife, Deanna; daughters, Debra (Brian) Hackett, Carolyn and Renee; grandchildren, Ian and Aerial Gallagher and Kyle Hackett.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Rev. John J. Sullivan officiating. Entombment was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial tributes to mass offerings and the American Heart Association of Michigan, PO Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072 are requested.

YVONNE BLAKE THOMAS

Yvonne Blake Thomas, an Ann Arbor resident, died Nov. 4, 1995, at the age 90.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Toledo, IL on Dec. 11, 1904. She attended the University of Illinois and graduated from the Chicago School of Fine Arts, where she studied ballet. Mrs. Thomas married her husband H. Blake in 1926, and they moved to England where they lived for several years. Thereafter, they resided in San Francisco, London, Illinois and Minnesota.

Mrs. Thomas and her husband traveled the world extensively, including two trips around the world. They spent W.W. II in London. Mrs. Thomas and her son, David, were crossing the Atlantic Ocean when England declared war on Germany, they would return to England later on a Canadian troop ship, which narrowly averted an attacking German submarine sunk by the British Navy. Mrs. Thomas' second son, Hugh, was born in an air-raid shelter during the Battle of Britain.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by her sons, Hugh and David; and four grandsons, David, Blake, Hugh and Clay.

Services for Mrs. Thomas were held at Johnson's Funeral Home and at Oakridge Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Church of Effingham, England.

SALUD G. DIAZ

Salud G. Diaz, a Canton resident, died Nov. 7, 1995, at the age of 78.

Mrs. Diaz was born in Enrile, Cagayan, Philipines. She was employed in retail sales.

Mrs. Diaz is survived by her daughters, Mila (Danny) Sarsozo, Grace (Willie) Dela Cruz and Margaret (Raphael); sisters, Carmen Tabangcura, Beling Cumigad and Lydia Zaratan; grandchildren, Jennifer, Patrick, Jessica, Rachael and Sascha.

Services for Mrs. Diaz were held at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial tributes to masses are requested.

VIRGINIA L. BENCKS

Virginia L. Bencks, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 8, 1995, at the age of 84.

Mrs. Bencks was a secretary with General Tire and Rubber Company in Detroit for 20 years, retiring in 1976. She moved to

Plymouth from Detroit in 1976 and was an active member of her church, First Church of Christ, Scientist. Mrs. Bencks was the Christian Service Room Librarian for 18 years and also served as Sunday School superintendent and reader. She enjoyed working as a volunteer with the Plymouth District Library for about 10 years and was an avid reader.

Mrs. Bencks is survived by her daughters, Brenda (Richard) Krachenberg and Beverly (George) Krusz; and grandchildren, Toni and Rolfe Krachenberg.

Services for Mrs. Bencks were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Douglas Mason officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, or the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

MARY JUNE FRITZ

Mary June Fritz, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 8, 1995, at the age of 73.

Mrs. Fritz came to the Plymouth community six months ago from Northville, where she resided since 1989. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church and loved her family.

Services for Mrs. Fritz were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Fr. William Pettit officiating. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association are appreciated.

JEANNE FRANCES CASSIDY

Jeanne Frances Cassidy, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 12, 1995, at the age of 76.

Mrs. Cassidy is survived by her daughter, Sheila Barnes; son, William (Faye); sisters, Ann Marie Dalton and Kathleen Bresnahan; brothers, Rev. Thomas Bresnahan, Daniel Bresnahan; many nieces and nephews; and grandchildren, Ryan, William and Daniel Cassidy, and Jennifer Barnes.

Services were held at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church with arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Rev. Thomas J. Bresnahan officiated. Memorial contributions to mass offerings are requested.

Verna I. Wright, 97, homemaker

Verna I. Wright, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 5, 1995.

She is survived by one daughter; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at the Exeter Cemetery in Ontario.

Veronica M. Evans, 88, homemaker

Veronica M. Evans, a Canton resident, died Nov. 8, 1995.

She is survived by one grandson; one granddaughter; two great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law; one sister; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Rev. Chris Maus officiating. Local arrangements were made the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was at Parkview Cemetery.

Julia A. Kalifey, 83

Julia A. Kalifey, a Westland resident, died Nov. 8, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter, Dinnie (Jim) Gilmore and one other daughter; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Mary's Orthodox Church with Rev. George Shalhoub officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home. Entombment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Robert J. Lucchetti, 68, teacher

Robert J. Lucchetti, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 10, 1995.

He is survived by his former wife, Janice; two sons; three grandsons; two brothers; one sister; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. Jim Livingston officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

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Sports

Steelers win super bowl in triple O.T.

The JV Pride of Plymouth-Canton defeat Ypsilanti despite cold, snow

Fittingly, the two best junior varsity teams got to meet for the second time in the Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl.

In their regular season meeting the Ypsilanti Braves and the Plymouth/Canton Steelers fought a 40-minute war that ended in a 0-0 tie. This game marked the only game this year in which both teams did not record a win.

Sunday, with identical records of 8-0-1, these two foes teed it up at John Glenn High School. Again defense prevailed. The Steelers held the Braves to zero first downs and minus 21 yards in total offense. The Steelers threatened often, but were unable to penetrate the Braves defense enough to score. So, after another four quarters had elapsed the score again read 0-0.

So, as in high school rules, the teams resorted to overtime and each took their chances from their opponent's ten yard line.

In the first O.T. period the Braves had little success...and stalled as the Steelers Greg Wood fell on an Ypsilanti fumble.

In the Steelers half of the first overtime they were able to advance the ball to the one yard line on runs by Chris Trott and Chris Hardy. With third down and a foot the Braves stiffened and did not allow the ball to advance on two consecutive quarterback sneaks.

In the second overtime, Ypsilanti again was unsuccessful. The Steelers moved the ball down to the two yard line but were unable to get in for a score.

In the third overtime, the Steelers again were unyielding, but on fourth down and six, the Braves threw a pass on a quick slant into the end zone for a touchdown and a six point lead. The extra point attempt was no good. The Steelers were left to reciprocate or lose.

On second down and six, quarterback

Hardy threw to Charlie Haeger in the front of the end zone for a Steelers TD and so after eight quarters and almost three overtimes the two teams were still even.

On the Steelers try for the point after touchdown, Haeger again slipped off the line and into the end zone and caught a pass from Hardy for the decisive extra point making the final score Plymouth/Canton Steelers 7 Ypsilanti Braves 6.

Coach Phil LaVallee was quick to point out that until that third overtime touchdown, this Steelers' defense was unscored upon through 10 games.

Defensive standouts include: Wood with a blocked punt and a fumble recovery, Trott and Marshall Tucker with five solo tackles each and Kevin Entsminger with an interception.

Hardy, Entsminger and Jerry Gaines allowed Ypsi passers to complete just one of eight attempts. This cause was greatly helped by the constant pressure from Brad LaVallee, Michael Tolhurst and Jordan Robertson.

The Plymouth/Canton Steelers junior varsity members are as follows: Paul Aschmetat, James Bechdol, James Brzuch, Justin Carson, Robert Dean, Jonathan DeBono, John Early, Kevin Entsminger, Danny Falk, John Flynn, Jerry Gaines, Chris Gentry, Charlie Haeger, Chris Hardy, Timothy Kowaleski, Bobby Ladell, Brad LaVallee, Ben Mellis, Larry Mitchell, Michael Micoloff, Chris Pisani, Jordan Robertson, John Theodore, Michael Tolhurst, Mike Tomasaitis, Chris Trott, Marshall Tucker, and Greg Wood; Head Coach: Phil LaVallee; Coaches: Jim Mellis, Kevin Swartzentover, Mitch Tucker; Assistant Unit Director: Lori McDonald; Team mom: Debbie Nicoloff; Steelers Unit Director: Jim Hardy.



Brad LaVallee hands off to Marshall Tucker during the Steelers win over Ypsilanti. The Steelers beat the Braves in three overtimes. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

PCEP Marching Band takes 5th in nation

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth Centennial Education Park (PCEP) Marching Band proved itself as one of the best bands in the Nation again.

The band, performing "Prophecy of the Earth", placed fifth out of 75 bands competing for the national title in the Marching Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis Saturday.

"To be placed in the top five is really quite an honor," said first-year band director David McGrath. "All the top bands from all over the nation were there."

Although the high school from Center Grove, Indiana walked away with the title, McGrath said the competition was fierce among the top six.

"Once you get into the top five or six bands the show designs are pretty equal, it (the competition) comes down to who has the best performance that evening," he said.

The bands finishing in the top five were: Center Grove, champion; Westfield, TX, second place; Chicago Heights, Illinois, third place; Lake Park, Illinois, fourth place; and of course the PCEP band, who was the only band from Michigan to reach the finals.

McGrath said his first experience with the PCEP band, who has placed in the top six each year since 1989, at the nationals was a good one.

"Every aspect of the weekend was great," he said. "They're (the band members) tremendous students."

McGrath said that his first year has been very reward-

ing.

"This has been a great first year," he said. "The students really feel that they are on an upward swing."

He added that the only downfall to the season ending is the seniors the band will be losing to graduation.

"Their leadership is really going to be missed," said McGrath. "They stuck it out through the bad and good."

"They're really a special group of people."

McGrath said those band members returning next year are not living in the past, instead they're already planning for the future.

"They're already talking optimistically about next year," he said.



Sports

Sports shorts

PASS Sports will exclusively televise eight Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) championship events.

The Class A boys soccer final played yesterday featuring Salem versus Portage Northern will be telecast on Sunday at 1 p.m. and will be unscrambled.

Other events also include girls basketball, boys football, girls competitive cheer, boys ice hockey, girls volleyball, girls soccer, and boys basketball.

The U11 boys Plymouth Wildcats won their division for the fourth straight season with a 7-0-1 record. On the team from Canton are Tony Bolton and Jeremy Erskine. From Plymouth are Jeremy Buentello, Steven Cooper, Jon-Eric Cornellier, Daniel Dwenger, Blake Heidenreich, Andrew Miller, Alex Parent, Michael Prew, Andy Ray, Matthew Showalter, Jimmy Stevens, Clay Welton, Kevin Whipple, and Daniel Wong. They're coached by Gordon Wong and Dan Welton.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Annual Used Sports Equipment Sale on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the New Towne Plaza Shopping Center on the corner of Ford and Sheldon Roads. The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment.

Sellers can bring their equipment to the location on Nov. 29 between 6-9 p.m. or Dec. 1 between 2-4 p.m. to be priced and tagged for the sale. You set the prices and get the money (Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent). Volunteers will do the selling. Sellers collect their money or pick up their unsold items after the sale from 1-2 p.m.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation have began a Lunch Hour Open Skate at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The times are Mondays from noon-1:20 p.m., Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:20 p.m., and Fridays from 11:50 a.m.-12:50 p.m. Skate fees are \$2 for a city resident and if you work full time in the City of Plymouth, \$2.50 for a non-city resident, and \$0.50 for a skate rental.

Cloud 9

Salem soccer player reflects on team, tournament, coach

How can one describe how it feels to achieve greatness and reach a plateau like playing in the state championship game in high school boys soccer?

Being asked that is like asking Michael Jordan how he jumps so high, or asking Cecil Fielder how he hits the baseball so far. It's nearly impossible to describe to someone who hasn't had the chance to experience it themselves.

My Salem teammates and I are a still a little bit in the clouds since reaching the title game against Portage Northern yesterday (At the time I was writing this, the outcome was unknown). The game was supposed to be played on Saturday but was postponed because of the severe weather conditions.

The thrill and overall feeling of coming this far in a sport as competitive as soccer can't be compared to anything. Thinking of all the high schools in the state with soccer programs and knowing we are at the top is one of the best feelings. And ending mine and all my other senior teammates careers this way is even better.

Although most teams work hard before and during their seasons, I think our team had an added incentive to go far since this was our coach Ken Johnson's last year. He went to the title game twice in his 14-year career before this year — in 1989 and 1992 — only to lose by one goal in both.

On the road to most championships, there is usually a turning point, either being early in the season or later on in the season. During Canton's championship season last year, their turning point was early — their second game of the season when they lost to us, 5-1. After that they didn't lose another game.

Our turning point was not because of one specific game, but because of the fact that we lost to a team we should have killed. It was our third and final loss of the year. We let Troy Athens beat us, 2-0. From then on, it seemed as though we were angry every game — and it showed.

We eventually beat Churchill — a team we had previously lost to, 2-1, early in the season — by the score of 4-0 and we were

Sure Shot

By Matt Hucal



on our way. Our first game of districts could have ended badly. We were losing to Northville until near the end of the game when we tied it up, then we won in overtime to move on.

We easily won our next three games to face our biggest rival — Stevenson (a team we had earlier lost to 3-0). Although they were cocky and the favorite to win, we beat them 1-0 at our home field.

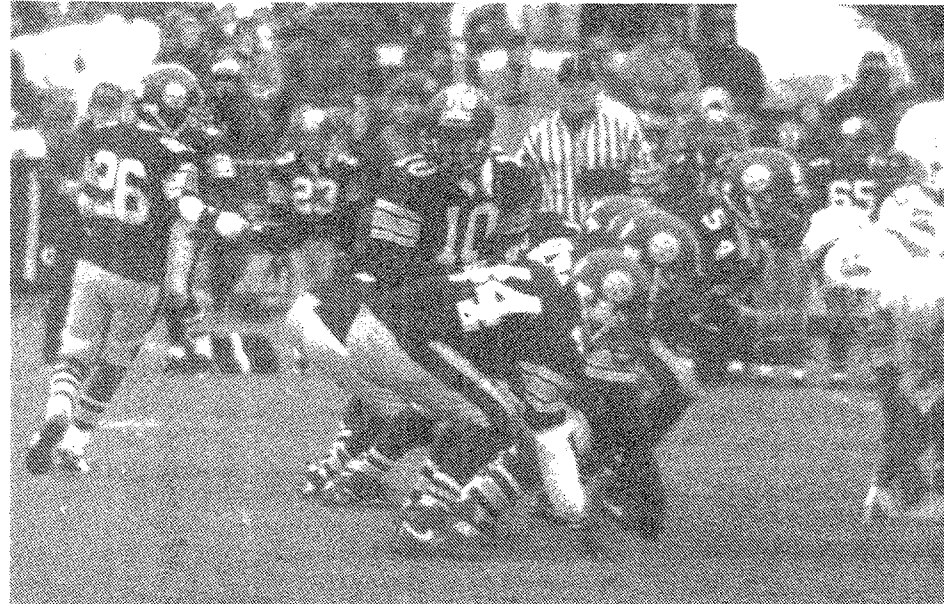
We beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-1, in the quarterfinal and moved on to face Troy Athens again in the semifinal last Thursday.

Played in cold conditions — where I couldn't hardly feel my toes — and on a snow covered field, we were victorious, 5-2.

The Athens game was exactly like every game in the playoffs for us. We scored first and got a lead; the defense was able to hold the lead. That win meant we beat every team we had lost to earlier in the year.

Reflection on this 1995 season and on this Salem team can be said with two descriptions — camaraderie and heart. We showed both of those this whole season and that is what I personally will miss the most.

Steel curtain



Chris Hardy calls the play that sends Chris Pisani in motion during the Plymouth-Canton JV Steelers super bowl game Sunday. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Road to soccer finals was not easy for Rocks

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem boys soccer team made the leap into the state final game that was held yesterday by defeating the third-ranked team in the state, Troy Athens, last Thursday by the score of 5-2.

The semifinal game, held at Rochester High School, was delayed about 20 minutes so the lines could be uncovered because of snowy conditions.

Once it was underway, Salem took control. The pressure put on by the Rocks was finally turned into a goal when seven minutes into the first half, Drew Drummond took a 20-yard shot that sailed past the goalie. About 25 minutes later, Mike Mezgec lengthened Salem's lead by hustling to knock a shot into the corner of the net.

Usually, when the Rocks gain a two goal lead, it's a given that they will hold it. Against Athens, a rarity occurred when Salem allowed them to score two goals, six minutes apart. Both goals

were scored when the ball was loose inside the penalty box.

The 2-2 score held throughout most of the second half. Salem allowed few shots and were strong in the back while the offense kept plugging away. Salem was finally able to find the back of the net with 12 minutes to go in the game when Ronny Mashni took the ball at the 40 yard line, dribbled in, beat a defender and beat the goalie with a low shot.

The last two goals were scored late in the game and secured the win for the Rocks. Brett Konley put in a rebound off his brother Ryan's 30-yard rocket of a shot. Matt Sarkesian got the fifth goal from Mashni to close out the scoring.

The win brought Salem's record to 22-3 and gave them a chance to win the state title in Ken Johnson's final year as coach.

The state championship game was held yesterday with Salem competing against Portage Northern at Bloomfield Andover High School. See the complete state final story on pg. 1.



Community Opinions

McNamara dogma comes across clearly in letter, good of community left behind

EDITOR:

I just finished reading my Nov. 8 edition of The Community Crier and felt compelled to write you. Specifically, the Letter to the Editor entitled, "Crier article unfairly slammed County" is what prompts my action.

As the Wayne County Commissioner who represents part of The Crier community of readership (Canton), I am going to provide yet another perspective of what Russell Gronevelt has written in response to your earlier article. You wrote the initial article from the perspective of an independent, investigative reporter; Gronevelt has written as a party with a vested interest; and, I will write from the position of a Wayne County Commissioner who resides in the western Wayne County area and has for the last 20 years.

As a Wayne County Commissioner, I am a legislator and, consequently, have no direct control over the work of county employees. Gronevelt on the other hand is directly responsible and should be accountable. Gronevelt is a top "honcho" in the McNamara Administration. He is a decision-maker. He is the person who decides on what public services this area receives, or doesn't receive. For instance, he tells the road crews what projects to work on, when and how to do the work. The entire Wayne County Department of Roads reports to him, and he then reports to Edward H. McNamara, period.

As a consequence of my knowing his role in county government, I find his "letter of complaint" to be amusing, but contemptible; timely and predictable;

"informative," but deceitful.

In defense of the chronic lack of service provided to this area by Gronevelt and the McNamara Administration for the millions of tax dollars collected, he tries to hide behind the ordinary men and women who work for the county. How contemptible.

Quote: "But I fear that people may have lost sight of the fact that the government isn't just politicians; it's people. Wayne County's government is made up of ordinary men and women, many of who (sic) work, live and pay taxes in the P-C-N area, and who were probably offended by your article, as I was."

What courage for Gronevelt to hide behind his employees who only do what he tells them. Why doesn't he stand up like a man and accept responsibility? Instead, he perpetrates another outrage. He plays games with the figures and tries to persuade the reader with misinformation. How predictable.

As the Vice-Chair of the Ways and Means Committee (Appropriations and Budget) for the Wayne County Commission and a member of the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Service, I have ready access to information that most people seeking the truth don't have. So let's talk some facts.

Gronevelt complains that the "county" is wrongly accused of not doing roads in Canton. Then he points out the miles of roads that have been resurfaced, and the significant improvements to intersections, and the rebuilding and reconstruction projects. By his account, the county is the savior of Canton Township. What a credit hog. How deceitful.

Only by telling half-truths and "cooking the books"

can he make his case. If Gronevelt sticks to the facts, facts well known to himself, the reader would be left with only one conclusion: that this area has been pillaged and then ignored by the McNamara Administration and its minions. The Community Crier was absolutely correct.

Specifically, if we look at Gronevelt's list of road projects, I can detail example after example where he has attempted to misrepresent the truth. Contact Canton Township's administration for corroboration. But the facts are that if Canton Township had not been willing to pay 75 percent for the road projects Gronevelt identifies, there wouldn't have been a list.

Out of a total cost for the projects detailed by Gronevelt, the County of Wayne has paid a little more than \$60,000. Canton Township on the other hand, has paid well over \$6 million!

Who deserves the credit now, Gronevelt?

Moreover, the Canton Township Administration, unlike the McNamara Administration which is always crying for more tax dollars from our community, tries innovative techniques like convincing developers to do more private road construction and initiating Special Assessment Districts rather than wait for the County of Wayne to get around to doing something.

In conclusion, I think it would be fair to say that if the McNamara Administration spread asphalt and concrete like it does B.S., the roads would be as "smooth as a baby's bottom." Thanks for doing the article you did; stick with it. The people need to know what's going on.

BRUCE PATTERSON

Temple Baptist hopes to join community, boost property value, become valuable neighbor

EDITOR:

In the aftermath of our project's recent approval, I felt that it was important to communicate our heart and intentions to the citizens of Plymouth Township.

Unfortunately, as with any new or big project, a division was created between people who were favorable toward our proposed project and those who were opposed. We understand that the vast majority of the opposition was not the result of ill will toward our church, but rather the result of sincere concerns about the impact our ministry could potentially have on the community. While we strongly believe that our ministry's impact will be a positive one and that we will quickly become a treasured and indispensable part of the community, we do understand, given the size and uniqueness of our ministry, some citizens remain concerned.

In light of these lingering concerns, we want to assure you that we have

every intention of adhering to the consent judgment worked out between the township leaders and ourselves. Along with this, as the result of a recent meeting with Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, we intend to pursue the building of positive relationships with our new neighbors. At the supervisors recommendation, we will meet with and establish ongoing lines of communication between the

surrounding housing association presidents and ourselves. This will enable us to better understand and address the on-going concerns, keep the community fully aware of our plans and progress, and secure the win/win that we have desired since the beginning of this arduous approval process.

It is our prayer that this plan will be met with approval and will help to build a bridge of understanding

between our church ministry and our new neighbors.

Above all else, please know that the Temple Baptist Church family desires only to add value to and enhance Plymouth's already desirable and much respected community and that we are willing to work with your community leaders in order to see this happen.

BRAD POWELL—SENIOR PASTOR
TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Attorney should show better judgment

EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to draw your attention to the close minded, near sighted justice taking place in the City Prosecutor's Office.

This one instance in particular is a perfect example.

Cam Miller went against Judge John MacDonald's recommendation to dismiss the fine and court cost on a code violation where four other businesses were ticketed for the same code violation.

All four of the other cases were dismissed prior to going to court — except my case. Miller admitted it was a mistake on his part. Then, rather than agree with MacDonald, Miller decided to

prosecute me for the violation — even though the violation was corrected prior to the court date.

In the end, it was left up to me to go to trial or pay the "ransom" of \$100 court cost. This, my fellow citizens, is Cameron Miller justice in which we pay his salary!

I suggest the next time we pick an attorney to represent our fine City, we pick someone with more maturity and sense of fairness!

FRANK KUSZAK

EDITOR'S NOTE: Cameron Miller of Cameron Miller & Associates prosecutes cases for the City of Plymouth along with City Attorney Donald Morgan.



Community opinions

County waste must end

It's time for the people of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community to stand up to the excessive waste at the county level.

The Wayne County Commission passed its 1995-96 budget on Oct. 27. The budget totaled more than \$1.8 billion. On top of this, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara pushed for an \$80 million bond issue. He got \$44.1 million.

This money would go to pay for: Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, \$27 million; Wayne North Yard, \$4.4 million; Taylor Public Health Clinic, \$1.1 million; Elevator replacement at the Murphy Hall of Justice, \$1.6 million; Park Capital Improvement program, \$4 million; Nutrition program kitchen, \$1 million; Contingency fund, \$5 million.

Your Wayne County Commissioners did their part to try and stop this blatant waste of money. Unfortunately, four "no" votes were not enough to stop the bond issue. Commissioners Bruce Patterson, whose district includes all of Canton, and Thaddeus McCotter, who represents the Plymouths and Northvilles, both voted "no" on the issue, as did Bill O'Neil of Allen Park and Andrew Richner of Grosse Pointe.

At an interest rate of 8 percent, the \$44.1 million could cost tax payers more than \$100 million.

It's time for the residents of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community to stand along side our elected county representatives and demand that Wayne County live within its budget. It is unfair that the McNamara Administration continues to fund its "pet" projects while placing the tax burden on us and our

children — especially when we get little or nothing in return.

Obviously, the McNamara Administration does not understand simple economics — or if they do, they choose to ignore its principles.

Senate Bill 722 deserves support, would level technological playing field

EDITOR:

Senate Bill 722 should be supported. The current revision of the Michigan Telecommunications Act will ensure a level playing field, promote competition so that consumers will be given the best possible service at the best prices, and introduce new technologies to the market faster.

I am also concerned about a portion of the bill that gives non-Ameritech companies entry into the market before Ameritech is able to compete on this level playing field.

First, we must ensure a level playing field for all competitors. Our country has lost key industries because our Federal government did not ensure our nation's businesses were given this level playing field. Instead, they chose to sit by and pile regulation upon regulation on businesses in our country and then let products into the country that could be produced much cheaper. Senate Bill 722, in Michigan would provide that level

They should look to Patterson and McCotter — and the people of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community for a bit of advice: Stop wasting our tax money!

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playing field. It's unfair to have regulated Ameritech for all these years and not give them a fair amount of time to get to the plate to bat.

Second, this bill will spur the communication companies to provide the best customer service at the lowest rates. If consumers can pick from numerous competitors on a level playing field, each player will have to give good customer service to retain/increase market share.

Thirdly, competition will give customers new technologies faster because all companies will want to do something more to gain customers. I believe that regulation has hurt all consumers by allowing communication industries to remain in a protected cocoon.

Finally, I would encourage lawmakers to ensure that the consumers will not have to subsidize non-Ameritech companies by giving them access all below Ameritech costs. Vote yes on SB 722.

DAVID PIFER

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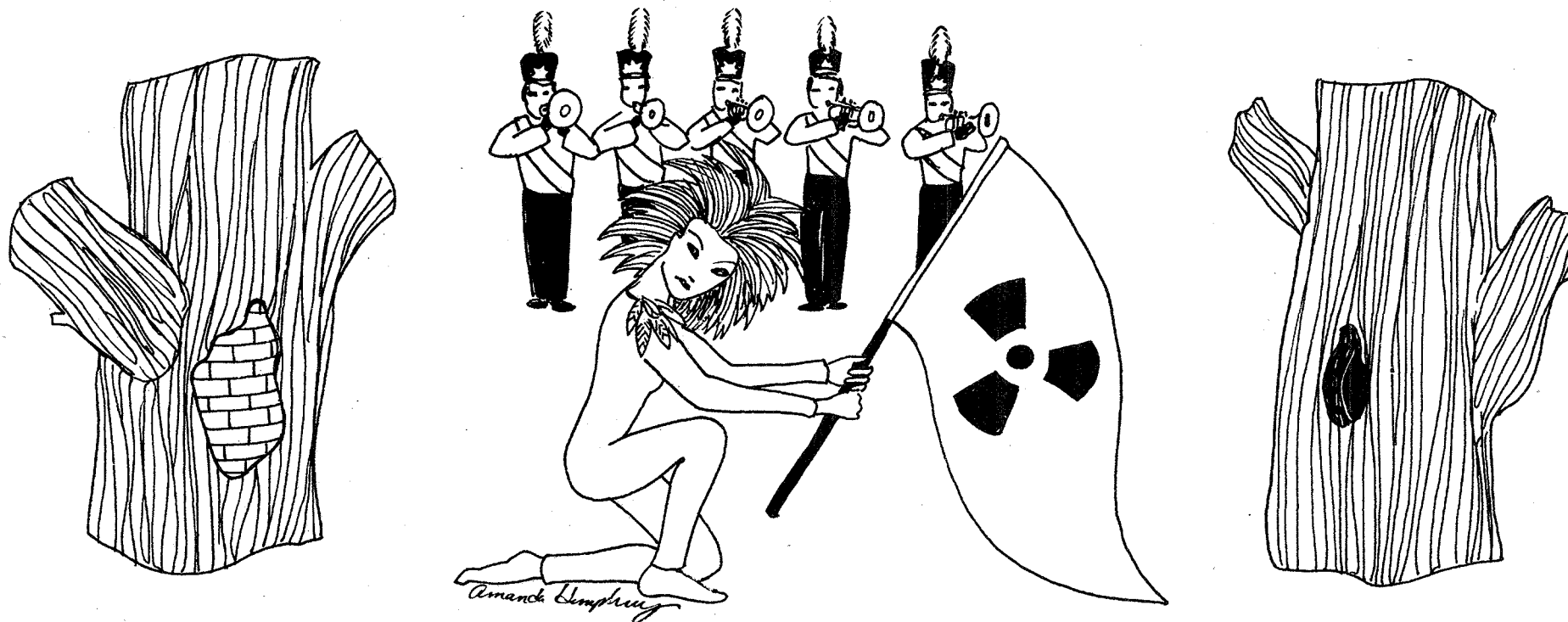
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Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took 5th at Grand Nationals



Every year the marching band chooses a new show theme. The theme from last year's show, for example, was *The Kiss of the Spider Woman*. This year's theme presented equally as many unique costuming and choreographical challenges. The show this year was based on *Don Hills Prophecy of the Earth*. Shown above is an illustrative interpretation of the color guard costume.

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