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Aria



Amy Ley was just one of the many performers to take part in the Blackwell Ford Midwinter Blues concert Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Money raised from the concert will go to scholarships for Canton and Salem high school students involved in the music program. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Plan in pipeline for new Catholic elementary school

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton is the only third of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community that doesn't have a Catholic grade school.

That may change.

Fr. Bill Pettit of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth said the Archdiocese of Detroit is in the process of determining if there is enough interest to build its first new school in approximately 30 years. The school would be located at Resurrection Parish in Canton.

Pettit said meetings will be held March 11-13 throughout the community to inform residents of the school's operation and tuition and to determine if there is an adequate amount of support for the project.

"The size will be determined by interest," said Pettit. "The plan is to have four classrooms in each grade, hopefully K through eight."

Pettit stressed no decision to build has been rendered. "It hasn't been handed down yet," he said. "That's what we're waiting for. That's why we're having the meetings: to see if there's enough interest. We'll find out."

It would appear there is — a resur-

gence of interest in Catholic education has swept Metro Detroit. He said the idea to build the first Catholic school in three decades came from parents who have tried, but failed, to enroll their children in local Catholic schools, including Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

Pettit, who has been working on the project for one year, said Resurrection Parish was chosen because of the amount of land it owns. "They are the most feasible," he said, "because of the property."

Pettit said a tentative ground breaking date of September 1997 had been set and that he didn't know what construction costs would be.

However, in a column written by Fr. Dick Perfetto in Resurrection's parish newsletter "Sonrise," Perfetto presented a framework for financing.

Perfetto said \$300,000 in funds would come from the Archdiocese, \$250,000 each from St. John Neumann of Canton, St. Kenneth, St. Thomas A'Becket of Canton and Resurrection, which will donate the land in lieu of a monetary donation and the assistance of the parents and/or families.

Canton resident killed in industrial accident

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Family, friends and co-workers are in shock following the death of a Canton man last Thursday at E & E Manufacturing Company, Inc. in Plymouth.

Tadeusz Szymoniak, 51, was killed while working on a stamping press at the progressive die/metal stamping plant located on Industrial Drive.

Wes Smith, president of E & E Manufacturing Company, said employees and management are devastated follow-

ing the accident.

"We are a close knit family business," he said, "and all of us feel a deep, personal loss."

Smith said Szymoniak worked for the company since October and was thoroughly trained on the press equipment. "The presses are equipped with state-of-the-art safety devices, including infrared beams and die protection interlocks," he said. "This is a small, family operation. We take safety very personally."

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Plymouth Theatre Guild set for classic musical ya'll

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MedHealth plans for second expansion in as many years

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Pistons top boys 'AA' group in PCJBA basketball action

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Jaguar dealership eyes former Twp. Buick location

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A cat may soon be on the prowl in Plymouth.

General Sales Manager Brian English of Jaguar/Saab of Troy said the dealership is interested in the building at 200 W. Ann Arbor Rd., vacated in August

when Bob Jeannotte Buick, Inc. moved to its new location on Sheldon Road. "Nothing's been finalized," English said. "We have been looking."

Dick Scott, who owns the building and Dick Scott Dodge did not return phone calls Monday. However, last

month Scott acknowledged he was entertaining offers. "We've got some things on the table," Scott said, "whether they'll materialize or not, I can't say."

At the time, Scott said he was not under a self-imposed deadline to find a tenant, but he did say he did not want the

building's inactivity to continue too far into the future. "I'm actively looking," he said. "I don't want it to sit empty for the next 10 years."

English said he didn't know if Jaguar/Saab was attempting to buy or rent the building.

English said if a Plymouth location did come to fruition, it would be an expansion of services and the Troy dealership would remain open.

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Having a ball



Ginie Hauck, one of the many organizers and volunteers who help put together the Canton Chamber of Commerce annual dinner dance/auction shows off some of the items that will be available at the auction — set for March 16 at the Summit on the Park. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling the chamber at (313) 453-4040. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On the move

Temple Baptist Church prepares for construction in Twp.

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Temple Baptist Church Pastor Brad Powell has prayed in the empty field at North Territorial and Ridge roads.

It won't be empty too much longer.

"The construction trailers will roll into the site in the next week or two," said Powell.

"The excavation will begin. The foundation will be poured and onward ho."

It is the moment Powell has been anticipating since 1991, when Temple Baptist purchased the property. "I've been waiting with baited breath," Powell said. "We've had to work out the specifics, but now it's time to go."

It is also the moment hundreds of township residents fervently opposed during a year of legal negotiations that concluded with a consent agreement last fall, permitting the church to be built in the residential area with some restrictions.

Those feelings boiled over soon after the consent agreement was reached when police were called to the property by residents upset with hundreds of members of Temple Baptist who had gathered to celebrate.

Powell called that incident an "unfortunate misunderstanding" and says a friendly relationship with township residents and officials has blossomed since then. "I've had meetings with township residents," said Powell, "who've had legitimate concerns

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P-C Schools scrap swim requirement

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board voted, 6-1, at Monday night's meeting to eliminate the Swim Fit class as a graduation requirement, beginning with the class of 2000.

The class will still be offered.

No students currently at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are affected by the decision.

Secretary Sue Davis was the lone dissenting vote. "I believe it's a healthy thing for kids to do," she said.

Davis called the swim fit class a "valuable piece of education," and said she believed students need physical activity during the school day to expend energy.

The remaining members of the school board supported the motion because it leaves the decision to enroll in the swim fit class up to the students and their parents. "It's just a waste of time and money to have children in a pool who already know what they're doing," said Trustee Barbara Graham.

Trustee Carrie Blamer said before the motion was passed, "How ever I vote on

this, I do believe swimming is a life skill, and we all need to know how to swim."

The elimination of the swim fit class as a requirement brings an end to a year

Canton man killed in industrial accident at Plymouth plant

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The company, which has been in operation since 1963, has been closed since the accident. "All work has stopped at the plant in order to provide grief counseling to all employees, support Mr. Szymoniak's family and double-check all safety equipment as a precautionary measure before resuming operations," said Smith.

According to Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins, police and rescue crews were called to the scene at 2:05 p.m. "The medical examiner did go to the site and scene, along with MIOSHA," he said. "As far as were concerned, it was an accident."

Eva Hatt, assistant chief of the general

of squabbling. In the 1994-95 school year, an opt out examination for the swim fit was instituted in an attempt to allow

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce third Thursday update will be held tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet. Call 453-4040 for information.
- The Plymouth Poets are hosting a reading tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company. The event is called "The Voice of Women Poets" and will feature several well known writers, including Sharon Smith Knight, Kathy Koja, Heather Bottorff and Gail Waldstein.

THE WEEKEND

- Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a teen ski trip to Alpine Valley Friday. The cost of the program includes transportation and lift ticket. Call 397-5110 for more information.
- In recognition of Heart Month, the Western Wayne County Division of the American Heart Association is sponsoring a free CPR class on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Call 459-0013 for registration information.

NEXT WEEK

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

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Yack outlines State of Township

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack stressed the need for positive change during his State of the Township Address last week.

The event, sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is designed to spotlight the community's achievements over the past year and focus on upcoming issues of importance.

Yack said changes in the way local government communicates, changes in Canton's quality of life and changes to the community's recreational and artistic focus will guide Canton's path for the next year.

"I think 1995 is the greatest year we've ever had here in Canton," he said.

According to Yack, much of that greatness comes from the completion of Pheasant Run Golf Club and the Summit on the Park community center. "Pheasant Run and the Summit have far exceeded our expectations," he said. "The Summit has delivered the knockout punch. It has become the social and cultural center of Canton."

Yack said recreational and cultural growth in Canton will continue as plans for a community performing arts center progress. He said a business plan is being developed and residents are being unofficially polled to see if the need is there, decide how the project will be funded and make sure the project will be self-sufficient.

In addition to the performing arts cen-

ter, Yack said plans are in the works for an indoor, multi-sport athletic facility. Again, public input will be used to decide the scale and feasibility of the project.

Public input is the goal of Canton's new "Community Focus Government," unveiled during the address.

"The idea is to get government services as close to the people as possible," said Yack.

The Community Focus Government plan is based on Canton's Community Policing program, which was implemented last year.

Yack also stressed the need for a reawakening of community morals. "We've had a group meeting for the last year," he said. "The project is called the 'Canton Youth Initiative'.

"It's a way for us to convey our con-

cern over what's happening to our kids. We want to change the way we live and deal with one another."

Yack said all of the topics discussed in the speech would determine the future of the community.

"We need to think about what we can do to make sure we are growing old gracefully," he said.

Downs simulcasting underway

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Simulcasting is off and running at Northville Downs.

"The harness racing part has been terrific," said Director of Operations Lou Carlo. "The thoroughbred part has been a little slow. They must be going to (Ladbroke) DRC. We've never had thoroughbred racing here before, but we'll get that turned around."

"We've very pleased with the simulcasting," said Executive Manager Margaret Zayti.

Approximately 500 attended opening day last Wednesday. With no live racing, Northville Downs handled \$132,000.

The importance of simulcasting to Northville Downs was magnified when spring-like temperatures forced the cancellation of live racing Friday and Saturday. "If this had been last year," said Office of the Racing Commissioner Executive Secretary Kenn Christopher, "they would have had to go home."

Instead, visitors to Northville Downs stayed around Saturday afternoon for the simulcast of a race from the Gulf Stream Track in Florida. Northville Downs handled \$130,000 for the race. One live card Saturday evening pushed the day's handle to more than

Handle up in first week of simulcast betting

\$600,000. That figure represents an increase of nearly \$140,000 compared to the \$462,000 average handle for 1995. "That ain't a bad leap," said Christopher.

Also, Saturday's simulcasting and one live card total topped \$520,000 handled Saturday, Feb. 3 when two live cards were held.

"Simulcasting and one live card beat the two live cards," said Christopher. "If they would have had another race, they would've been pushing \$1 million."

The closure of the track did dampen spirits, Zayti said. And Carlo said there are still some building modifications and improvements to the gambling process that have to be completed. "We're still making a lot of mistakes," he said, "and we're hearing from them."

But Carlo and Christopher are optimistic Northville Downs will attract an increasing amount of customers. "I'd look for bigger things at Northville," said Christopher.

Northville Downs, which is currently the only track in Michigan to offer both live and simulcast racing, will have a grand opening when all the building modifications are complete in three weeks, Carlo said.



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Public notices

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1996 CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARINGS
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 1996 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1996</u>	<u>12:15 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1996</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1996</u>	<u>12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>
<u>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1996</u>	<u>12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.</u>
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1996</u>	<u>3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.</u>

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1995 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 6, 1996 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 18, 1996.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (313) 453-1234 x 223.

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School network manager given layoff notice

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth-Canton School Board voted, 4-3, to give Network Manager Karen Kearns a 90-day layoff notice.

President David Artley, Trustee Jack Farrow and Trustee Barbara Graham voted against the motion. The motion will give the school board more time to decide to continue or terminate the position for the 1996-97 school year.

Farrow pressed hard for the continuation of the position, which teaches and assists the school district's 850 plus teachers in computer technology. He said if the school thinks it can eliminate the position without effecting the program "we've got rocks in our heads guys. It's just not going to happen by throwing the computers out there and saying, 'Here'."

The wavering by some members of the school board on the position of network manager is nothing new. At the Aug. 14 meeting, when the position was introduced, the school board tabled approval until concerns over the responsibilities and salary of the position were cleared up. The school board

approved the appointment at the Aug. 28 meeting of Kearns as network manager, 5-2, with the stipulation that the position be reviewed on a yearly basis. Vice President Mark Horvath and Trustee Carrie Blamer voted against the motion. At the time, Secretary Sue Davis said she would like to see some measurable outcome from the position, while Farrow said it was hard to find someone like Kearns, who knows computers and can communicate with people.

It was this personality trait that Central Middle School computer teacher Earl Harrington also recognized Monday night. "I've been part of the process," he said, "and Karen is a great teacher."

Eriksson Elementary School Principal and Coordinator of Elementary School Media specialists Judith Ireson also voiced her support for Kearns and the position of network manager. "The unique thing about Karen is she's a natural teacher," Ireson said... "without this network manager, we'd be taking steps backward, instead of forward."

Treasurer Michael Maloney said the school board should remain committed to its decision to review the position. But with that position, Farrow said, Kearns might leave the school district since her job future is uncertain. "If you were in the same situation as Mrs. Kearns," Farrow asked Maloney, "wouldn't you look around for another job?"

Maloney said, "I don't know."

Said Farrow: "I can tell you, personally, I certainly would." Horvath said the discussion over the network manager is about setting budget priorities — not about Kearns. He also said it was a moot point that Kearns may look for another position since job searching is a common practice with individuals in the business world. "I would expect them to be constantly looking to upgrade their skills," said Horvath, who agreed with Maloney that the school board should follow through with what they said they were going to do.

The network manager's position will be discussed at the March 25 school board meeting.

Temple Baptist prepares for move to Twp. site

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on what they've been told, or what they've heard. But they come to realize we're going to help this community. It's been a lot of fun to build those relationships. The community does need to know who we are, and how we're different."

"It's a fact," said Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill, "they're there. What reason would there be to have animosity? I would like to see us cooperate, and have an impact on the construction so that everything goes smoothly in agreement with what we approved."

Powell said he is extremely pleased with the consent agreement, and that it will not compromise the church's final appearance "(Director of Public Services) Jim Anulewicz has worked very well with our construction teams," Powell said, "just to make sure we enhance the community the

way we want."

And Temple Baptist's contribution to the township will be more than a well designed church, Powell said. "We're going to be an important, intricate part of the community," he said.

Powell said he will accomplish that by getting to know community groups and keeping them informed on the construction process. "So that they know what's coming next," Powell said. "So that there's no surprises."

One surprise Powell wouldn't mind dealing with: Christmas mass in the new church. "We'd love to move in by late December '96," he said. "The realistic time is the end of January '97."

P-C Schools end swim requirement

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students who were competent in swimming, more of a selection in their curriculum. But the opt out examination was met with disdain from parents and students, who claimed it was too difficult for even the most advanced swimmers. An attempt to revise the opt out examination's grading standards was submitted by a committee including Athletic Director Brian Wolcott, and rejected by the school board.

At Monday's meeting, residents, students and teachers in attendance were split over the motion. Wolcott, who has been a swimming instructor in a very athletic career, said, "I recognize historically we've had some problems with the swim test out. I was on the committee. I believe if we perfected it, the opt out would be the way to go."

Wolcott was joined by co-chair's of the Curriculum Coordinating Committee Sharon Streat and Curt Perry and Area

Coordinator for the Physical Education Joan Claeys.

"Those electing not to take swimming are the ones who need it," said Claeys.

Perry and Streat, who meet with every department, said a presentation by the physical education department had convinced teachers in other subjects the swim fit class should stay. "We felt strongly," said Streat, "that it should stay in the curriculum."

But Pioneer eighth grader Kelly Drinkhahn doesn't think so. "High school's a very important time to learn what you want to do," she said.

That sentiment was supported by several other people in attendance, including Plymouth resident Jeff Phillips, who said he wants his children to have a choice because physical education makes no impact on students' lifestyles.

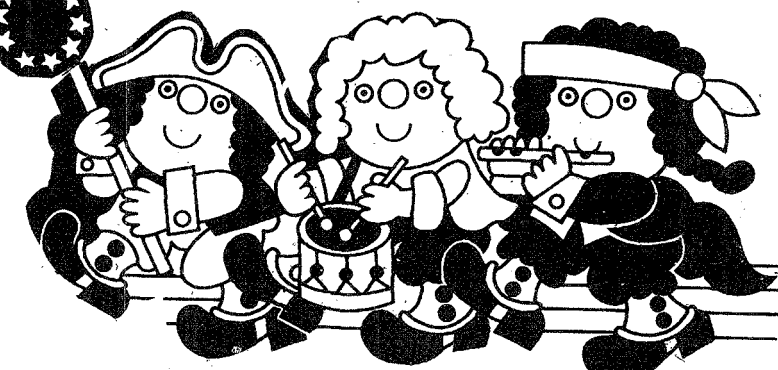
He suggested eliminating physical education as a graduation requirement all together. "I want them to take a real class," Phillips said, "not physical educa-

tion because that's a blow off class."

Michigan's model code of education requires physical education be offered, but it is not required for graduation.

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Matthew Myhrum, a senior at the University of Evansville, was named scene designer for the production of "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Myhrum is a Plymouth resident and son of Carvel and Bonnie Myhrum.

Lindsay Johnson and Stephen Sedore of Plymouth were recently named to the dean's list at Albion College. Johnson is a sophomore majoring in history and a graduate of Mercy High School. She is the daughter of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth. Sedore is a senior majoring in computational mathematics and German and is a graduate of Canton High School. He is the son of Robert and Alyce Sedore of Plymouth.

Jennifer Grutza and Tamara Watson of Plymouth were named to the dean's list at Alma College for the 1995 fall term.

Schoolcraft College is accepting applications for the Excalibur Foundation Scholarship. Sponsored by Round Table International, a service organization chartered in 1922, the Excalibur Foundation promotes charitable, benevolent and educational activities.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of one semester in the fields of special education, occupational therapy or psychology. Application forms are available from Schoolcraft's Financial Aid Office, located in the McDowell Center. The application deadline is noon, March 29.

Central Michigan University announced the dean's list for fall semester. From Canton are: Christina Bish, Tina Felt, Coleman Flaskamp, Jennifer Gibson, Tracy Huth, Ryan Kramer, Lynn MacLeod, Amy Madsen, Sara Madsen, Cheryl Montgomery, Blaine Schaefer, Jeanine Swanson and Rebecca Uhlmann. From Plymouth are: Scott Johnson, Lisa Nicastrì, Lynn Nordstrom and Kurt Singleton.

Lisa Bares of Salem High School and Patricia Martin of Canton High School, earned Kalamazoo College's Honors Scholarship. Nominees for the scholarships were selected from new students admitted to Kalamazoo College. Selection criteria for the awards included academic accomplishments, as well as extra-curricular achievements.

Oklahoma!

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will perform the musical Oklahoma! Feb. 16-18, 23-25 and March 1-2 at the Watertower Theatre. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday's show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are available from Sir Speedy Printing Center in Plymouth, Piccadilly Petal'er in Canton and by writing to: PTG Tickets, P.O. Box 700451, Plymouth, MI 48170. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$9 in advance. Season tickets are available. The stars of the show are (left to right) Kamryn Wolf (Laurie) Jason Corney (Curley) and William Maculley (Jud).



The

Band

plays on...

Musically, the East Middle School Band is hard to beat. The band, which participated in a Solo & Ensemble Festival on Feb. 3, earned 31 first division ratings and 15 second division ratings out of 46 events.

Soloists earning a first division medal include: Leslie Babich, piano and flute; Jason Branham, trumpet; Galen Elias, trumpet; Liz Fitzgerald, trumpet; Joe Fournier, trumpet; Steve Graham, trumpet; David Harvey, trumpet; Aimee Jachym, trumpet and piano; Dan Jaeger, piano; Kelly Mack, piano; Brian Miedlar, piano and alto sax; Brittany Farling, trumpet; Alan Poon, piano; Julie Scott, French horn; Claudia Sell, piano and clarinet; Kristi Soash, flute; Stephanie Watson, clarinet; and Luke Williams, bassoon and alto sax.

Duets earning a first division medal include: Mark Bolger and Matthew Jones, trumpet; Rachel Brown and Aimee Jachym, trumpet; Dan Cronin and Evan Currie, trumpet; Mike Haddad and Claudia Sell, clarinet;

Liz Fitzgerald and Katie Zelmanski, trumpet; Neal Koenig and Adam Davis, trumpet; Christina Koshizawa and Kristi Soash, flute; and Amanda Rollinger and Jessie Sigworth, flute.

Soloists earning a second division medal include: Rachel Brown, trumpet; Jordan Chapman, alto sax; Mina Fung, flute; Brian Hoffmeister, trumpet; Becky Kilgore, trumpet; Allison Kruesser, alto sax; Kevin Pilkievicz, trumpet; Cindy Rich, piano; Liz Richards, flute; and Steven Sarten, alto sax.

Duets earning a second division medal include: Joe Fournier and Steve Graham, trumpet; David Harvey and Brian Hoffmeister, trumpet; Rusha Patel and Jennifer Wagner, flute; Brian Shoepfle and Rob Showalter, clarinet.

Trios earning a second division medal include: Julie Scott, French horn; Leslie Babich, flute; and Kristen Marantis, clarinet.

Playplaces and artists' palettes

PCAC teams up with McDonald's to teach culture, fun

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is teaming up with McDonald's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth to help celebrate the grand opening of Ronald's Playplace.

The PCAC is sponsoring a dinner-time art and craft and story telling event every day this week from 5-7 p.m. A different theme will highlight each evening.

The PCAC's theme evenings are the beginning of a month-long event to promote Ronald's playscape. The updated two-story structure will provide climbing apparatus including tubes, platforms and slides for children's enjoyment.

McDonald's kicked off the opening week with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday. At that time, McDonald's presented the PCAC with \$500 for its new Center for the Arts on Sheldon

Today: Valentine's Day. A caricaturist from the PCAC will do pictures of the children and heart-shaped balloon people will be made.

Tomorrow: Beach Party. Rainbow Fish will be the theme with a fish art decoration project and the singing of beach tunes.

Friday: Mardi Gras. Masks will be made by the children, followed by a parade in the restaurant.

Road, which is undergoing extensive remodeling.

The organizers of the theme evenings are: Kim Mizzi, Marybeth Yanik, Ann Houska, Sheila Nittman, Denise Varner, Stephanie Saià, Kathy McKinstry, Stacey Stagner, Susan Allen, Linda Jenner, Lisa Benages and Ron Lowe.



Community deaths

Obituaries

For more information on listing a paid obituary notice in The Crier, contact your funeral director or call (313) 453-6900

AGNES KNOERL

Agnes Knoerl, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 30, 1996.

Mrs. Knoerl was born in Negaunee, MI on April 6, 1901. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Knoerl is survived by her daughters, Beverly (Robert) Holderith of Redford, Norma (Ray) McCann of Livonia and Joan (John) Parent of Maple City; sons, John B. (Joan) of Plymouth, Donald (JoAnn) of Livonia, Bernard (Laurie) of Ionia; sister, Pearl Giese of San Diego; 29 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. Mrs. Knoerl was preceded in death in 1962 by her husband, Henry.

Services for Mrs. Knoerl were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorial tributes to mass offerings are appreciated.

YVONNE UNDERWOOD

Yvonne Underwood, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 8, 1996 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Underwood was born March 23, 1904 in Rose Township. She came to the Plymouth community in 1926. Mrs. Underwood was a homemaker and a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She loved to garden and was an avid photographer.

Mrs. Underwood is survived by her son, Richard A. (Sandra) of Clemson, SC; nephews, Fred (June) Hadley of Plymouth, Robert Hadley of Texas; nieces, Jean Cover and Marge Williams both of Grass Valley, CA; and several grand nieces and grand nephews. Mrs. Underwood was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and grandson, Eric.

Services for Mrs. Underwood were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Marjorie H. Munger officiating. Burial was at Rose Center Cemetery in Rose Township. Memorial tributes to the Eric Underwood Memorial Fund, 106 Blue Ridge Dr., Clemson, SC 29631 are appreciated.

LOUIS J. POTOCKI

Loius J. Potocki, a Canton resident, died Feb. 10, 1996 at the age of 77.

Mr. Potocki was born in Randolph Township, MO Sept. 6, 1918. He served as a staff sergeant during W.W. II. Mr. Potocki worked for 38 years at the Ford Motor Company Utica Plant before retiring in 1975. Mr. Potocki was a member of the Knight's of Columbus Holy Cross Council #2739.

Mr. Potocki is survived by his wife of 48 years, Dorothy (Sieszputowski) of Canton; daughter, Cindy (Joseph) Randazzo of Canton; son, Larry L. (Maureen) of Oxford; and four grandchildren.

Services for Mr. Potocki were held at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church with Rev. Richard C. Kelly, Jr. officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Entombment was St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial tributes to mass offerings are appreciated.

WARREN H. DEDOW

Warren H. Dedow, a Plymouth and Springhill, FL resident, died Feb. 9, 1996 at the age of 68.

Mr. Dedow attended the University of Michigan and graduated in 1955 from Wayne State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed as an engineer with both Ford Motor Company and the Caron Co. Mr. Dedow moved to Plymouth in 1987

after spending a two-year assignment with Ford Motor Company in Australia. He loved playing golf and bridge.

Mr. Dedow is survived by his wife, Norma; son, Warren R. (Carol) of Portage; daughter, Marla (Gregory) Koslowky of Canton; grandchildren, Christopher and Jessica, and Laura and Cynthia Koslowky; sister, Helen Flaherty of Bowling Green, OH; and brother, Howard (Helen) of Birmingham. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nikoleta.

Services and burial were held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit with Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad officiating. Local arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pasco and Hernando Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd, Hudson FL 34667.

ROBERT GASAWAY

Robert Gasaway, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 5, 1996.

Mr. Gasaway was born June 14, 1927 in Kalaupapa, HI. He was the first non-Hawaiian born on the Molokai. Mr. Gasaway's father was a lighthouse keeper. Mr. Gasaway moved to the mainland after Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the Navy at age 17, then returned to Detroit to finish high school. Mr. Gasaway viewed the A-Bomb test at Bikini Atoll. He was an insurance claims adjuster since 1950. Mr. Gasaway later established his own company, Interstate Adjustment Co. He was formerly of Livonia, and he was a past member of the Blue Goose.

Mr. Gasaway is survived by his daughters, Leslie D. (Donald) Levin; Julie (Anthony) Furguele and Kimberly (Kenneth) Ross; and son, David (Stacey) Gasaway.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Peter Moore officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mary Katherine Chase Penhale, 89, teacher

Mary Katherine Chase Penhale, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 5, 1996.

She is survived by one sister; one nephew; and one niece.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Pamela Kersten, 52, accountant

Pamela Kersten, a Canton resident, died Feb. 2, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, John C.; sons, Daniel J., David L. and Mark C. all of Canton, and one other son; daughter, Joelen E. of Canton and two other daughters; one mother; one sister; one brother; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home. Burial was at Pendleton.

Lora L. Stage, 75, manufacturing

Lora L. Stage, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 8, 1996.

She is survived by her daughter; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were handled privately at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.



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Upcoming...

TURKEY HUNTING SEMINAR
 Detroit Parks of Rec of Canton is holding a turkey hunting seminar featuring Rod Bensen. Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 39453 Ford Rd. in the hunting department. Free turkey call while supplies last. For more information, call 981-0813.

PSO CONCERT
 The PSO will perform a family concert at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Salem High School Auditorium. The PSO's "A Carnival of Animals" concert will feature guest narrator Jerry Hodak, TV-2 news anchor. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. For reservations, call 455-8940.

ST. PATRICK'S BENEFIT DINNER/DANCE
 A benefit for Community Hospice Services. March 9 at the Msgr. Alex J. Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. For more information, call Maureen or Lori at 522-4244.

VALENTINE U.S.O STYLE DANCE
 Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Loval #735 Union Hall, 48055 Michigan Ave., Canton. Dinner at 7:30 p.m. \$25 per person. Music by Dale Williams. For more information, call 483-4030. Proceeds go toward C-47 incident repair fund.

TEDDY BEAR TEA
 At the Plymouth Historical Museum Saturday from 12-2 p.m., featuring Teddy Bear author, Cynthia Holt Cummings, who has written "The Christmas Bears." Tea sandwiches, fruit, sweet and other surprises will be served. \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. For reservations, call 455-8940.

SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW
 Hosted by the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., March 22-23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 24 from 12-5 p.m. 65 crafters. Free admission and parking. For more information, call 455-6620.

BABYSITTING CLASS
 The Plymouth District Library is offering a seven-week program of training for ages 11 to 15. A certificate will be awarded to those meeting attendance requirements, but CPR is not included. Registration begins today at 9:30 a.m. The group will meet Wednesdays, today through March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS
 The tax aide program sponsored by AARP is entirely free until April 15 at the Summit on the Park, the Cultural Center and the Northville Senior Center. Home visits are available. Appointments are a must. In Canton, call 397-5444; In Plymouth, call 455-6620; In Northville, call (810) 349-4140.

Volunteer...

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 The Arbor Hospice needs volunteers to assist patients and families. Certified Volunteer Course meets from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning March 9 and ending May 11. The classes will be held in Plymouth. For more information, call 677-0500.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
 Tuesday at the Geneva United Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon Rd., from 2-8 p.m. For appointments, call 981-4205. Feb. 21 at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Rd., Room 108, from 3-9 p.m. For appointments, call 453-1525.

CHORE WORKERS NEEDED
 The Chore Referral Program links seniors with workers who can mow lawns, shovel snow, wash windows, and do minor repairs. Workers are asked to charge seniors no more than \$6 an hour and must provide three references. For more information, call 722-2830.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN
 The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 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.


PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER
 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.

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. and 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.

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

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 **Your Guide to Worship**

Calvary Baptist Church
 43065 Joy Road, Canton
 (313)455-0022
 Sunday School for All Ages 9:45 am
 Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
 Wednesday
 Bible Study & Clubs 7:00 pm
 Plymouth Christian Academy
 (313) 459-3505

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
 (Missouri Synod)
 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth
 (one mile west of Sheldon)
 (313) 453-5252
 Sunday worship
 8:30 & 11:00 am
 Family Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Rev. K.M. Mehrl, Pastor
 Hugh McMartin, Lay minister

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Health...

FITNESS CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Aerobics, Step, Weight and Intro to Weight classes offered by Aerobic Fitness Co. Morning, evening and Saturday classes. Childcare available mornings. classes ongoing, join anytime. Six-week sessions \$33-75. For more information, call (810) 348-1280.

LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12 noon to 1:20 p.m.; Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Fridays: 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

AEROBICS CLASS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes weekly beginning Tuesday. \$40-one day a week, \$54-two days a week, \$69 unlimited, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Kathi at (810) 349-7928.

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. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

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.

Schools...

SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Friday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at 1298 McKinley St. in Plymouth. The experiments are designed and presented by volunteer Smith School families. Everyone attending receives a copy of each experiment so they can try them at home.

CANTON/SALEM SENIOR CLASS PARTY

Committees need help in preplanning stages to provide a festive atmosphere on graduation night for students in a safe and controlled environment. Business are urged to donate. Parents are urged to volunteer. Call Steering Committee members Pam Capaldi at 455-3869 or Andi Schmiedel at 397-6936.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL CLASSES/AUCTION

Registrations are being accepted for the winter sessions of Me & My Shadow classes, an introductory preschool class. Ages two to four. Music, activities, art, snack and story time. For more information, call 420-3331. New Morning will hold an auction March 23 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The \$50 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, open bar, silent and live auction and late-night snack. For more information, call 420-3331.

GREENHILLS SCHOOL BENEFIT AUCTION

At Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth Township, Feb. 29 and March 2 (main auction.) \$80 per person, includes dinner. Fifteen students from The Plymouth-Canton Community attend Greenhills. The auction will benefit the school's financial aid and enrichment programs. For more information, call 995-5172.

SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL/ CLASS OF 1956 CLASS REUNION

Any lost souls out there? Fortieth class reunion, 1956, Scott High School, Toledo, OH. At the Toledo Ramada Inn Sept. 28. For more information, call Joyce Arnold at 981-1218.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL/CLASS OF 1971 REUNION

The 25th class reunion will be held at the Summit in Canton Aug. 31. For more information, call Marilyn Miller Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

VOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chorus; one \$800 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior, and two \$400 scholarships to sixth-11 graders. The deadline to apply is March 1. For more information, call 533-4796.

WSDP RADIO CONTEST

Open to all ages. The theme is "Radio." Writing may be in story, essay, or poem form, fiction, non-fiction. Entries will be judged on originality and creativity. The winner will receive an alarm clock and will be invited to help produce and broadcast their entry on WSDP. Writers should include name, address and phone number and send entry to: Radio Writing Contest, WSDP Radio, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187, no later than today.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.

P-C HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Will include names of current alumni all over the country, from Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools. Current names and addresses needed. To update, call 1-800-659-7995, fax 1-800-238-8332, mail Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. ATTN: Richard Bradley, 313 E. Anderson Ln., Ste. 300 Austin TX 78752.

CLASS OF 1976/SALEM HIGH SCHOOL

Aug. 10 at the Novi Hilton. Class Reunions Plus, P.O. Box 806010, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080-6010. Call 886-0770.

OVERSEAS STUDY

Youths ages 16-18 have an opportunity to spend a year abroad learning culture and language of another country. No application fee. Travel Aug. 1996 to July 1997. 22 foreign countries. For more information, call (313) 453-6879

PCEP NEEDS FITNESS EQUIPMENT

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.

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. For more information, call 459-3111.

WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL

Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool will offer classes for three and four-year-olds on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call Kayelynn at 981-1305.

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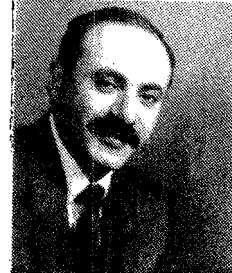
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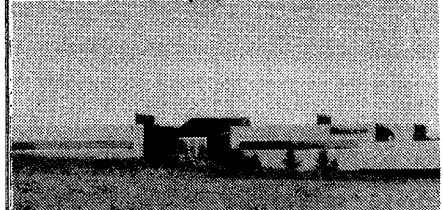
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Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League & Girls Softball

1996 Registration

Sat. February 10, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sat. February 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wed. March 13, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Open to all Plymouth-Canton

boys ages 7 to 15 years and

girls ages 7 to 16 years.

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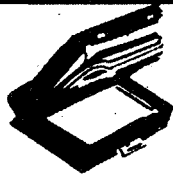
Family Plan: \$140.00

Birth certificates are required
Playing age is age as of July 31, 1996

Adult help is needed, umpires are also
needed and should register at the
registration dates and times above.



For more information call
Milt Thackaberry (313) 453-2040



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Plymouth resident **Thomas A. McNish**, vice president and corporate secretary for CMS Energy Corp. and its subsidiaries, has been named the new chairman of the St. Mary Hospital Board of Trustees.

McNish has been with CMS since 1977. He oversees corporate department operations and is responsible for Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, administration and investment management of employee benefit plans.

Northville resident **Donald Brock**, M.D. serves as vice chairman of the St. Mary Board of Trustees. He joined the hospital staff in 1961. He was chief of staff in 1964 and 1979, and has served as chairman of the Department of Pathology since 1980.

Also, Plymouth resident **William Huppenbauer** was one of two newly elected board members. He is president and CEO of American Community Mutual Insurance Co. in Livonia.

Tammy M. Liverance, manager at the Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township McDonald's, has been awarded a Bachelor of Hamburgerology from the McDonald's Hamburger University for graduating from the advanced operations course.

All McDonald's restaurants managers, franchisees, mid-management and company executives are required to complete this course.

Loiselle & Herriman, a Plymouth-based firm specializing in condominium management and accounting services, has named Plymouth Township resident **Beverly A. Ellis** to a newly created position of operations manager. Prior to joining Loiselle & Herriman, 875 S. Main St., in June 1995, Ellis was executive assistant of Michigan Association of Community Bankers in East Lansing and vice president of regional operations of Michigan National Bank.

She is an active member of the Plymouth Newcomers.

Fox Hills Country Club Superintendent **Robert Mateja** has been notified by the Golf Course Superintendents Association that he is the recipient of an Environmental Steward Reward. The annual recognition is for outstanding contributions to and efforts toward environmental excellence.

Growing...stronger

MedHealth plans second expansion in as many years

BY BRIAN CORBETT

There is a reason MedHealth Fitness and Wellness Center is planning its second expansion in two years.

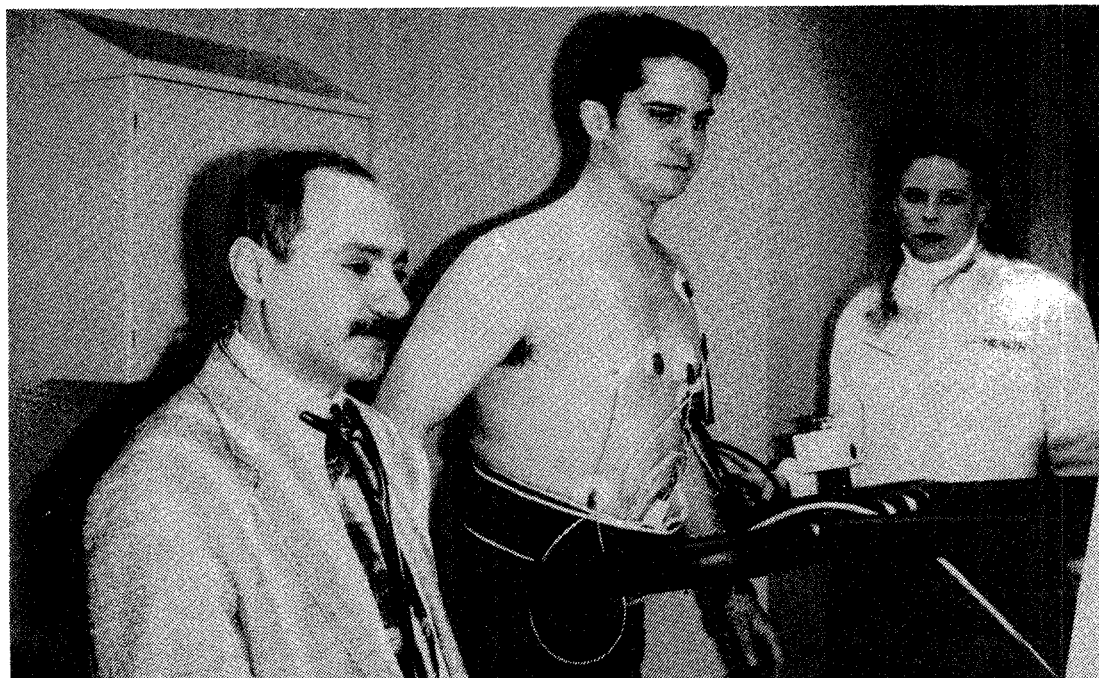
The construction groundbreaking is just keeping up with the groundbreaking services at the multi-disciplined outpatient facility. "We're ahead of our time," said MedHealth Systems Corporation President and CEO Jack Moores. "There's no one else doing this."

After just completing an expansion last fall that added several features, including a 25-meter pool, MedHealth will soon begin construction that will increase the facility by 14,000 square feet. "We're going to break ground as soon as it thaws," Moores said. "We'll be at 50,000 square feet. That's a very big outpatient facility."

The additional space will be used for a multi-purpose gymnasium, a running track, a spine and back institute, and increased room for physical training. The result, according to Moores, will be an enhancement of the three areas of service that MedHealth offers.

Outpatient care will continue in what are typically hospital based assistance programs, such as, physical therapy. Also, MedHealth's dominant presence in athletics will keep growing, Moores said. "We are the number one supplier of athletic training services," he said, "in the State of Michigan. We provide physician and athletic trainers on a full time basis."

Even though MedHealth has worked with professional and collegiate athletes in the past, Moores said the focus is on high schools, who often don't have adequate funding for the appropriate treatment. Currently, MedHealth serves schools in Redford and Livonia.



(left to right) MedHealth Cardiologist Dr. Ibrahim Jawad, conducts a exercise stress test on Masland employee and Wellness Member Dana Letarte as Med Health Exercise Physiologist Kari Gesell looks on.

But, perhaps, the most impressive feature of MedHealth, the one that emits pride in Moores' mannerisms as he speaks about it, is the preventative/wellness program. MedHealth is different from health centers, Moores said, because MedHealth goes beyond simple classroom education to include cardiology, orthopedics and physical medicine. "That is the unique part about us," Moores said. "We identify potential risks, show those people how to get it under control, and live a healthy lifestyle."

A staff of 25 medical professionals make that possible, including noted cardiologist Dr. Ibrahim A. Jawad, who is regularly published in medical journals. The preventative methods will pay its dividends in savings in insurance costs and lost business. "Employees will be more productive longer," Moores said. "They'll live a healthier lifestyle. The business will get more out of their employees. There is a direct correlation

between health and the amount of time spent at work and the quality of work."

If you don't believe that, Moores said, just ask some of MedHealth's clients, **Freundenberg-NOK** or **Maslund Industries**. "They have the resources to know these things work," he said.

Moores said companies spend too much money searching for executives not consider an applicant's health. "For a \$650 initiation fee," he said, "we can take an executive and run them through a bombardment of tests, and we'll tell them what exactly is happening."

MedHealth's preventative/wellness programs will expand to better network with its company clients, but that doesn't mean the general public isn't invited, Moores said.

Senior citizens can buy a membership for a fraction of the cost paid by companies, and there are aerobics and child care available for families. "Our main focus is for the community," said Moores.

AVL breaks ground in Twp.

The world's largest privately held engine research and development organization will soon have an office in Plymouth Township.

AVL North American, Inc. recently broke ground on a building in Metro West Technology Park, 47519 Halyard Dr. AVL Salesperson **Mark Schilawski** said, "We growing pretty well. We're in three buildings in Novi. This is basically a consolidation."

Schilawski said he expects AVL will move into the new

facility no earlier than October. In addition to bringing three offices together, AVL Marketing Representative **Lisa Girardin** said the move will move the company closer to its major customers — the Big Three — and Metro Airport.

AVL works on combustion and emission control technology, noise reduction techniques, and develops alternative fuel techniques. "We're a supplier to the automotive field," said Schilawski. "This business is competitive. It's always changing because of emission regulations. But it is growing."



The Crier
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Great flowers can make wedding

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

With traditions like throwing the wedding bouquet and the flower girl throwing flower pedals, flowers are sure to play an important role in any wedding.

According to Ray Mierzejewski, the owner of Piccadilly Petal'er in Canton, finding the best florist for your wedding may be as easy as talking to friends and family.

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Custom wedding bands last lifetime

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Long after the guests have left, the flowers have died and the wedding album has been stashed away, two items from your wedding remain visible — the wedding bands.

While future grooms have always spent a lot of time deciding on just the right engagement ring, the decision on what type of wedding band was usually a simple one — a plain gold band.

That, according to Frank Kuszak, owner of Francis Jewelry in Plymouth, is not the case anymore.

"People are tired of mall stores," said Kuszak. "They want to get something totally different."

According to Kuszak, couples are custom designing their own rings.

The reason for custom design is two-fold according to Debbie McDonald, the owner of Northville Diamond Jewelers in Northville.

"It's partly style — with the new styles of engagement rings, it makes it easy to find a ring to match the engagement ring," said McDonald. "The other reason is I think people just want to make a different band."

Both Kuszak and McDonald agree that while custom rings can make the wedding day even more special — a good reason to custom design is the price.

"They'd (customers) be surprised by the cost," said Kuszak. "They would probably spend less with a custom-made ring."

"We (independent jewelers) don't have the mark-up that the mall stores do."

McDonald said jewelers are one of the few independent businesses that can offer lower prices.

"I think the jewelry business is one of the few types of businesses where you can go into an independent and pay less than a franchise," she said. "The battle for us is getting the message out to our customers."

McDonald has a few tips for couples interested in custom-designed rings.

"They can go to the mall and hit all the jewelry stores and get a feel for what's out there and what they are looking for," said McDonald. "The other thing they can do is look in magazines for designs they like and then bring the picture to us."

Once they've worked out the design for the ring, the jeweler will make a wax setting of the ring to give the customers a chance to see it and make any changes they want, said McDonald.

McDonald added that there is a way to keep the couple's costs down even further.

"Sometimes you see a ring that you really like except for one little thing about it," said McDonald. "We can fix that thing — it's called customizing a ring and it's even more inexpensive than designing one."

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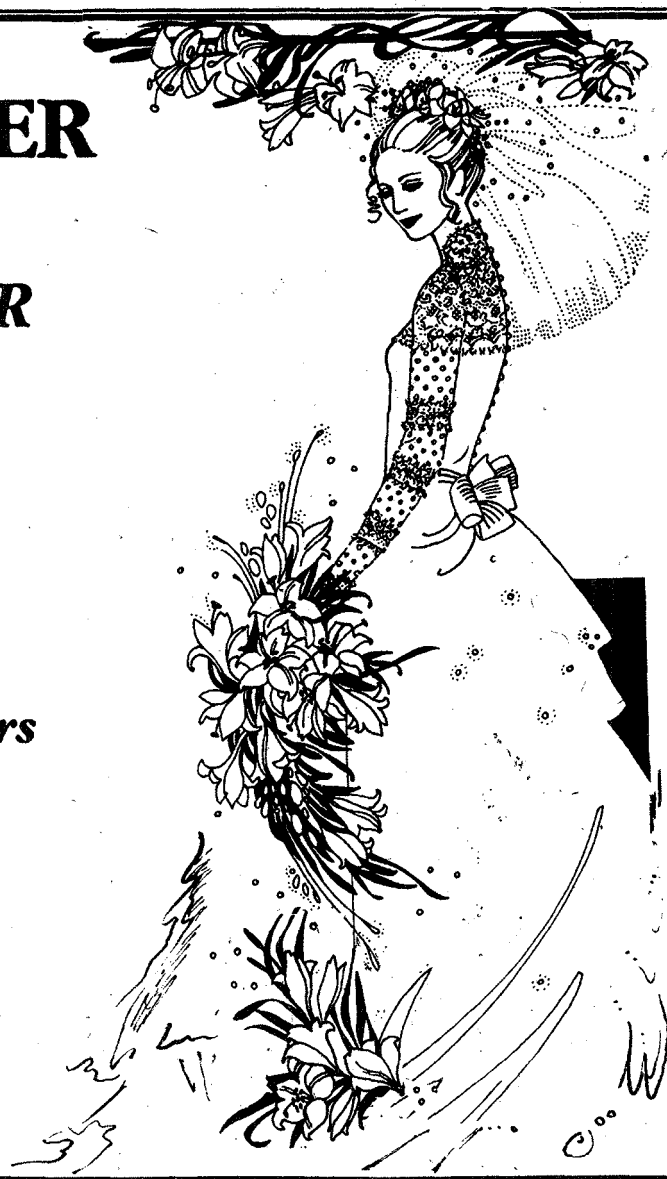
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Great flowers can make wedding special

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"The best tip we could give on finding a good florist is to check with friends and family who have recently gotten married and see how they felt about their florist," said Mierzejewski. "If they were pleased, there's no reason to look any further.

"The key to it all is word of mouth."

If you're not lucky enough to have anyone close to you who has married recently, Mierzejewski said you should do some detective work.

"Look at the florists who will work within your budget, instead of working with packages," he said. "Too often those packages offer stuff that you don't want or need.

"You also need to spend time going to individual florists and taking notes."

When pricing each of the florists, Mierzejewski said to be careful and make sure that each quote is for the same flowers so you don't end up spending more than you wanted or can afford.

Beth Jones, the owner of Friendly Persuasions in Plymouth, said that it's also important to have certain things done before you go to see the florist.

"You want to have your dress picked out so you know your colors and it's helpful if you already have the hall and church scheduled," said Jones. "We like to try to pick a theme and

stay with it from the ceremony through the reception."

Jones added that having pictures of what you want will also make the process easier.

"Sometimes a bride knows what they want but can't verbalize it to us," said Jones. "A picture is worth a thousand words."

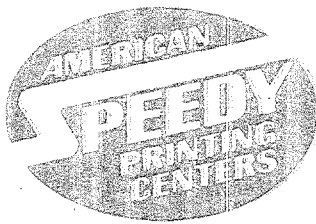
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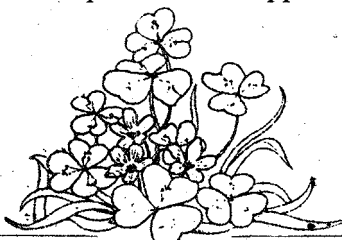
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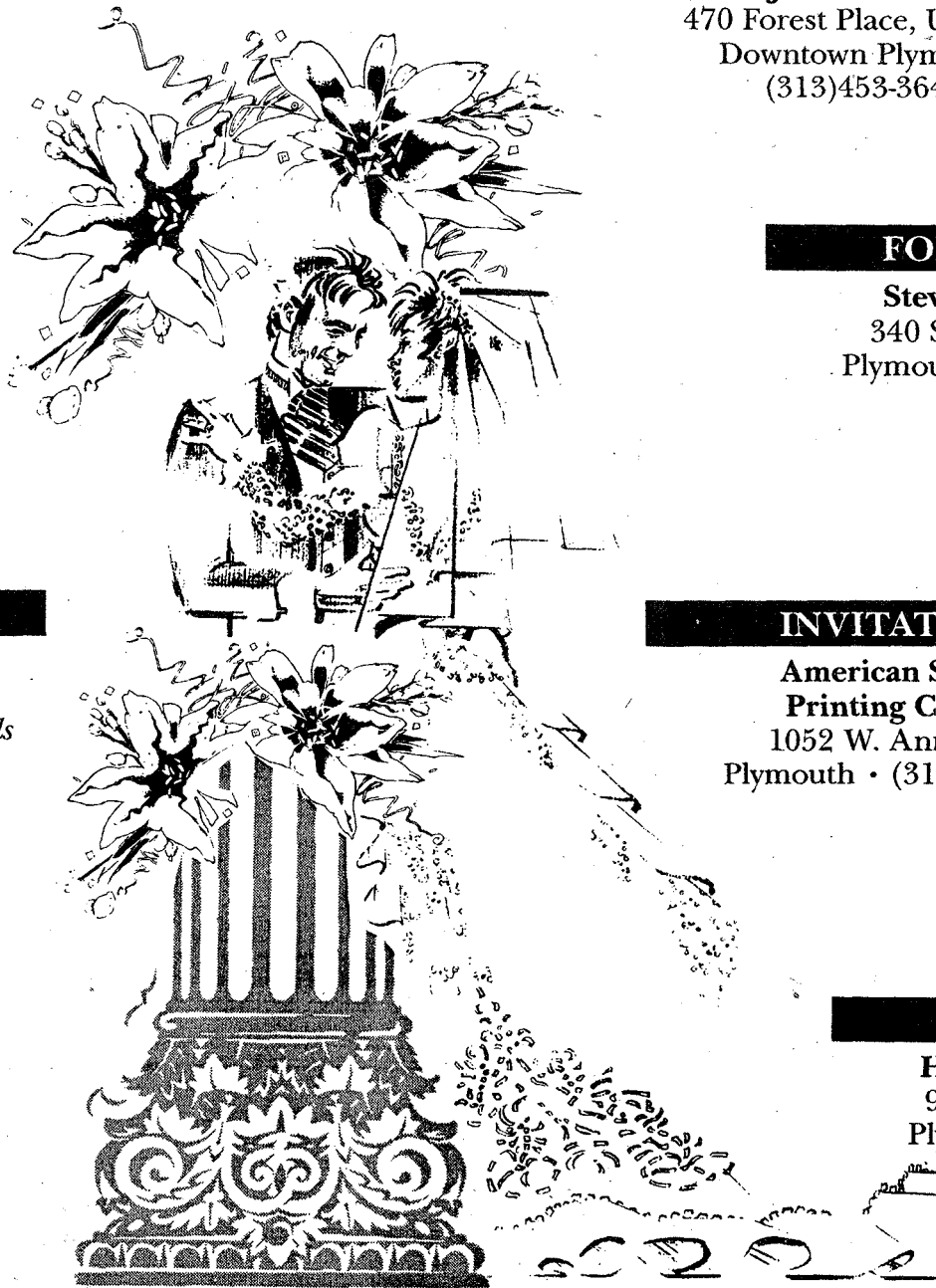
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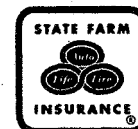
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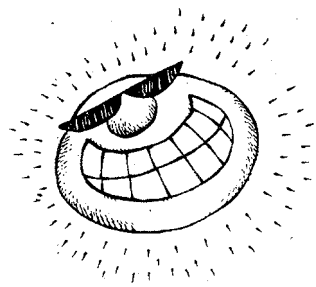
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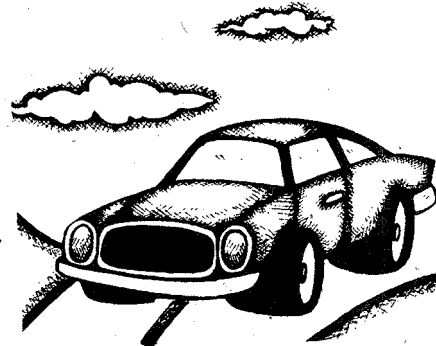
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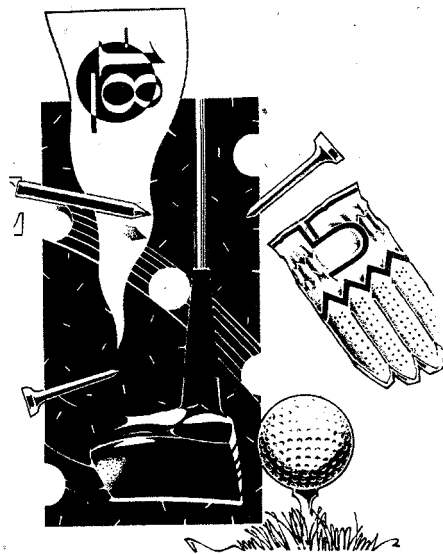
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Sports

Sports shorts

The community high schools were well represented this past sports season in applicants for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MSHAA) Scholar-Athlete Award. Possibly winning a \$1,000 scholarship are 24 of 2,456 applicants in the state who are eligible by having a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and have previously won a varsity letter in the sport in which they're applying. One athlete per sport are eligible.

Applying from Canton are Anne Alioto, volleyball; Scott Belisle, golf; Chris Binsky, track and field; Xinning Li, tennis; Don Miller, swimming and diving; Rupa Patel, tennis; Erica Pendergrass, swimming and diving; Jeremy Stillings, soccer; Rebecca Vachow, soccer; Sarah Warnke, basketball.

From Salem are Jennifer Chriss, softball; Mike Hjelmstad, golf; Ronald Mashni, soccer; Patrick Morgan, swimming and diving; Erin Reid, tennis; Leah Rutherford, cross country; Kelly Simpson, basketball; Meredith Whalen, swimming and diving; Zoe Yockey, gymnastics; Ashraf Youssef, football.

From Plymouth Christian are Jill Barnett, track and field; Lisa Erickson, softball and basketball; Daniel Gullede, baseball; Daniel Marlow, cross country and track and field; James Neil, basketball and soccer.

Former Canton gymnast and current Illinois freshman Kim Berres recently set career highs last Thursday in a 192.7 to 190.525 dual meet win against Northern Illinois. She won the balance beam with a 9.875 — the third best score in Illinois history — and was tied for second in the floor exercise with a 9.75.

The Plymouth YMCA is taking registration for the popular Y basketball travel league. The league is for grades 3-4, 5-6, and 7-11. Practices begin this Monday. Call 453-2904 for more info.

Canton Parks and Recreation will be holding softball informational meetings for men at 10 a.m., co-ed at 10:30 a.m., and women at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Summit Center. Call 397 for more information.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be holding an organization meeting for its Men's Summer Slow Pitch League this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Teams should have a representative present. Call 455-6620 for more information.

Salem rocks Canton

BY MATT HUCAL

They met.

Finally, the Salem and Canton volleyball players got the chance to play head to head last Wednesday, and Salem kept alive their streak of 31 league match wins in a row.

The scores the Rocks won by (15-6, 15-12, 15-5), were pretty indicative of how the match went. The first and third games were won without much trouble, but in the second game they had to withstand a strong Canton rally in order to win.

Canton was down 8-0 in that second game. They finally awoke and brought it to a 12-12 tie. But on the 12-12 service, the Chiefs turned it over to Salem for one of their six service errors on the day, and it was a lost cause from then on.

"Salem played well in the first and third games and we just fell behind in each one," Canton coach Steve Anderson said. "We had a strong run in that second game but couldn't pull it off."

Salem's size advantage over the Chiefs was a main ingredient in their win. With two girls at 6-foot and two at 5-foot, 10-inches, they depend on a strong hitting game. Whereas Canton — who are not as big but do have a couple hitters — Anderson says, "live and die", on strong defense, serving and serve receive.

The win kept the Rocks undefeated in the league at 8-0, and 29-6-2 overall, and it also kept their league win streak alive at 31. Canton dropped to 17-9-6 overall and 6-2 in the league.

Salem co-coach Allie Suffety just thinks the different

Chiefs give Rocks a game in volleyball's classic rivalry

approaches each team brings to the game and the size differences were the elements that led to his team's victory.

"We went in confident with an improved passing game," Suffety said. "Canton just plays with a different style than us. They rely on their digging while our key is to get the ball to our big people."

The Rocks were led by Karissa Socia with 17 kills and five digs and Shellye Sills with nine kills, five solo blocks and six assist blocks. Also contributing were Jenny Trott with six kills and six digs, Karen Springsteen with 15 assists and four aces, and Karie Flynn with 10 assists and 14 service points.

Canton kept the game as close as it was with their digging as Kristie Drinkhahn had 20 digs, Anne Alioto had 10, Jessica Orleman had seven and Jessica Bradley had six. Leading the team in digs was Beth Ostach with nine, Orleman with six, and Drinkhahn with four. Amber Welles had 15 assists and Alioto had six.

Anderson is going to have to work with his squad on the mental lapses that have plagued them recently and to utilize their strengths like their serve receive. "It's hard to run our offense without our serve receive working," Anderson said.

Depending on the outcome of this week's games, Canton could finish as high as second in the league while returning champion Salem played Walled Lake Central last Monday for the league championship.

Pistons top PCJBA 'AA' league field

These are the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association (PCJBA) standings for the week of Feb. 10.

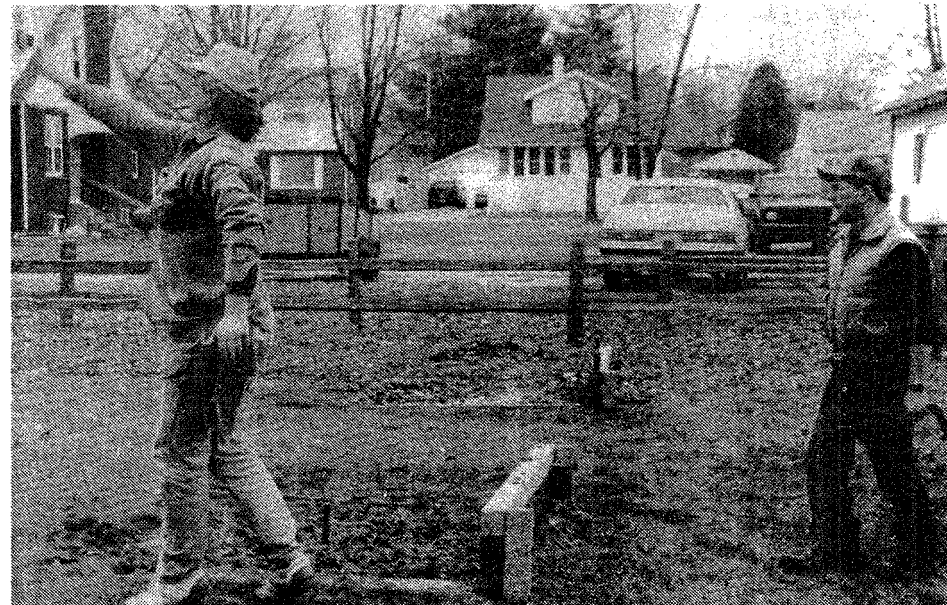
Girls "B" League. Magic 8-0; Celtics 6-2; Kings 3-5; Pistons 3-5; Bulls 3-5; Lakers 1-7. SCORES: Magic 50 - Lakers 28; Bulls 24 - Kings 22; Celtics 26 - Pistons 21.

Boys "B" League. American: Pistons 7-1; Bulls 6-2; Sonics 5-3; Nets 3-5; Hawks 3-5; Magic 2-6; Bucks 2-6; Kings 1-7. National: Knicks 8-0; Jazz 8-0; Spurs 6-2; Pacers 4-4; Lakers 3-5; Rockets 3-5; 76ers 2-6; Celtics 1-7. SCORES: Knicks 48 - Celtics 39; Sonics 60 - Hawks 56; Pistons 44 - Kings 35; Bulls 58 - Magic 35; Bucks 40 - Nets 37; Jazz 65 - Rockets 45; Spurs 67 - 76ers 47; Pacers 48 - Lakers 39.

Boys "AA" League. American: Pistons 6-1; Knicks 5-2; 76ers 4-3; Magic 3-4; Lakers 3-4; Jazz 3-4; Bulls 3-4; Nets 1-6. National: Kings 7-0; Pacers 4-3; Rockets 4-3; Sonics 4-3; Celtics 3-4; Hawks 3-4; Spurs 1-6. SCORES: Rockets 107 - Bucks 102; Kings 102 - Knicks 68; Pistons 83 - Celtics 81; Jazz 100 - Hawks 94; Lakers 77 - Bulls 74; Pacers 77 - Magic 70; Sonics 93 - 76ers 89; Nets 79 - Spurs 61.

Girls "AA" League. Bulls 3-0; Pistons 1-1; Lakers 0-3. SCORES: Bulls 41 - Lakers 40; Bulls 71 - Pistons 38.

Not quite Olympic athletic competition



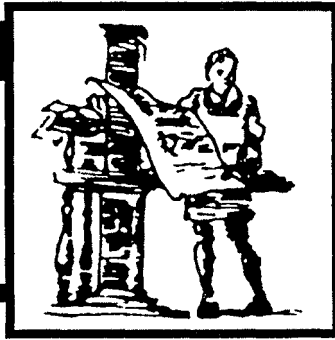
(left to right) Steve Zdan and Joe Gallagher take part in the annual Knights of Columbus Frostbite Snowshoe Tournament last Saturday. Although the frostbite was nowhere to be found, fun was had by all. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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Fire guts Plymouth apartment building

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

An apartment house on Penniman Avenue was completely destroyed as flames ripped through the building early this morning.

All five adults in the building at the time of the fire, which broke out at approximately 4:51 a.m., escaped with their lives — but with little else.

Darin Bosak, who moved into the building on 870 Penniman Ave. just three weeks ago, said everything he owned was in the apartment.

"Besides the few handfuls of clothes I could grab, all I had was in that apartment," he said. "I don't know what I'm going to do now."

Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth said the fire was spotted by a Plymouth Police officer making regular patrols down Harvey Street. "The officer spotted smoke coming out of the peak of the house," he said. "I think those people (in the building) are very lucky he did."

Groth said the fire started in the attic area of the house — a house believed to be built in the 1860s. Since the fire was above the living area, he said the fire detectors would not have caught the smoke.

By the time the fire department arrived — just a few minutes after the fire started — the roof of the house was fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters battled the 30-foot flames, along with frigid temperatures for more than an hour with ground hoses and aerial equipment before the fire was under control.

"This fire is what we call an 'all call general alarm'." Groth said. "We had the entire fire department out here — all full time and part time."

Groth said the exact cause of the fire is unknown, but an investigation would begin when all the "hot spots" were extinguished.

The Salvation Army was at the scene soon after the fire began and according to Salvation Army Disaster Services Team Director Ross Meyers, food, clothing and shelter will be provided to the residents of the building.

"We want to get them settled and see if they need food or clothing right away," Meyers said. "We will also provide accommodations for any of the residents that need it at a local motel."

"Tragedies like this are never easy. We've seen tornadoes, fire, floods — it's never easy."

By the time the fire department arrived at the scene, the apartment on Penniman Avenue was engulfed in flames. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr. and Rob Kirkbride)



Chutes and ladders

*Can Salem stop their streaky play to end their slide?
Will Canton continue to climb the ladder to the top?*

BY MATT HUCAL

CANTON

What can the Canton basketball team not do? They lose one of their key players early in the season when Rob Johnson hurt his knee, they lose their best player in Ron Hunter for two and a half games, but they still keep rolling with only one loss under their belts. Now looking ahead, only good things seem to be in store for the Chiefs.

Hunter is nearly recovered from his foot injury, Johnson is expected back late next week, and their 14-1 overall record, 8-1 league record, and state ranking have been built from strong performances by different players each game.

A good example is the career game Mark Bray had last Tuesday against undefeated John Glenn. Bray finished with 29 points, seven rebounds, six assists, five steals and one turnover while playing the whole game.

The Chiefs beat Glenn, 71-57, in a game Canton coach Dan Young called, "a big, big win." The big win was helped by the great 61 percent shooting from the field and the 80 percent free throw shooting Canton had — compared to the 38 percent shooting from the field Glenn had.

In his first game back from the injury Hunter had nine points and seven rebounds after playing only half of the game. Nick Hurley also threw down 20 points as he continues his high scoring.

Last Friday, the Chiefs handed Franklin a 52-38 bouncing led by Hurley with 16 points, Hunter with 13 points and seven rebounds, and Dante Scott with two points and 12 rebounds.

It was a relatively close game up until the fourth quarter when Canton pulled away. Franklin's Matt Bauman was a problem for Canton as he scored 23 points, but good defense down the stretch kept him from scoring late in the game.

With next week deciding who plays who for conferences, Young just hopes his team keeps it up and they receive a high seed for the conference playoffs.

"Hopefully we'll get Johnson back soon," Young said. "We'll have to keep playing great ball down the stretch."

Canton plays at Churchill this Friday.

SALEM

The Rocks have been streaky all year. Winning a few games here, then having a five-game losing streak. What Salem (7-8 overall, 4-5 league) is hoping for now is that their two wins in a row —

before yesterday's game — continues to be built upon as crunch time nears.

Against Franklin last Tuesday the Rocks put in a good team effort as all 12 players scored in their 70-56 victory. Andres Lopez led the way with 21 points and Andy Power had 15. A 30-12 scoring advantage in the third quarter was the key to the win.

Last Friday Salem once again pulled away in third quarter during their 70-56 beating of Farmington. It is hard to tell what Salem coach Bob Brodie says to his players at halftime, but he should record it and play it every game. In this game Brodie's squad outscored Farmington 23-4 in the third quarter.

Freshman Mike Corduba led the Salem scorers with 15 points, Lopez had 14 points, and Power had 13 points.

"We're becoming more of a team," Brodie said, "and we feel good going into the playoffs."

To make absolutely sure that they'll have a playoff spot for conferences, the Rocks have to win one of their final two regular season games.

Salem plays North Farmington at home this Friday.

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

At Churchill on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON SWIMMING

At home versus Harrison tomorrow at 7 p.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

At home versus Salem today at 7 p.m. At Traverse City on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. At home for the Canton/Salem "B" Meet on Tuesday.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

At home versus Walled Lake Central today at 6 p.m. At Dearborn for the U of M Junior Varsity Invitational on Saturday. At Stevenson on Monday at 6 p.m.

SALEM BASKETBALL

At home versus North Farmington on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

At John Glenn tomorrow at 7 p.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

At Canton today at 7 p.m. At home for the Canton/Salem "B" Meet on Tuesday.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

At Northville today at 5:30 p.m. At Grand Rapids for the Creston Classic on Saturday at 8 a.m. At home versus John Glenn on Monday at 6 p.m.



The Salem swim team will be well represented in the state meet March 8. Three individuals and two relay teams will hit the water for the Rocks. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Rock swimmers head for state tournament March 8

BY MATT HUCAL

Giving their swimmers the chance to qualify for the state meet on March 8, the Salem swim team participated in the Michigan Inter-Scholastic Coaches Association (MISCA) meet last Saturday at Eastern Michigan University. They were among 71 other teams from around the state and from Class B.

Three individuals and two relays ended up qualifying for the state meet for Salem. The relays qualifying were the 200 free style with Pat Morgan, Jim

McLenaghan, Tim Buchanan and Nick Corden as they finished fourth at 1:31.20, and the 400 free style relay with Buchanan, Corden, Mark Detling and Kyle Petrosky as they were third at 3:20.24.

Individually qualifying was Petrosky in the 500 free style as he was ninth at 4:57.57, and McLenaghan and Corden in the 50 free style as McLenaghan was 12th at 22.56 and Corden was 15th at 22.67.

The Salem swimming team travels to John Glenn tomorrow.

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Community opinions

Power outages cause problems in Twp.

EDITOR:

Greetings from a frozen-out, fed-up region of Plymouth Township. The reason we are frozen out is that since November, we have had three power outages lasting six hours or more.

The latest incident occurred on Jan. 29. The power was lost at 2:30 p.m. and did not return until after 10 p.m.

The reason we are fed up is that Detroit Edison does not appear to be very interested in our problems.

We have been told each time that the problem was downed lines. Has my memory failed me or did Edison scalp every tree in sight last year to prevent downed

lines from happening again?

Whatever the excuse (equipment or manpower), it seems apparent that changes must be made. For instance, take Nov. 11. We lost our electricity for seven hours. The next day, our cable was intermittent. A neighbor informed me that after pressuring Omnicom for several minutes, she was told that Detroit Edison was unable to fix the power problem the day before and was using Omnicom's lines for power. Our cable was being sent through a backup generator.

If Edison's equipment needs to be upgraded, I wish they would get on with it!

My apartment complex is particularly hard-hit every time this happens. Our apartments are all electrical, so that means no heat, lights or food. Those restaurant bills add up. I have spoken with several people who intend to send their restaurant receipts to Edison and demand a credit on their bills.

I have filed a complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission. I asked my landlord for permission to ask my neighbors to sign the complaint.

With her help, two hours later, I had 30 signatures. It is clear that everyone has had enough of Edison and their ineptitude. I strongly encourage anyone else affected by these power losses to contact the Michigan Public Service Commission at: 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, MI 48911.

The more voices heard, the better the chance Detroit Edison will be encouraged to correct the problem.

MICHELLE PLUMB

Watch for deer in Canton

EDITOR:

Neighborhood watch notice.

Warning to vehicles traveling the northwest end of Canton Township.

The area is Beck, Ridge, Gyde, Warren and other roads close to the area.

There has been three deer running around the area and they do not seem to care if they run into your vehicle. During January on Gyde, we saw one go in front of us. We were only going 20 miles per hour. The second one ran into

the left fender with his chest. He got back up and ran away.

The fender was not as lucky. This small bump is going to cost \$800 to repair. The speed limit in the area is 25 miles per hour and the deer are enforcing the limit.

You risk your life, and the deer, when going faster. Remember the old saying that when away from home, be careful out there.

When in the area remember the deer do not look twice before crossing the road.

CHARLENE A. MILLER

Swimming skills important for total education

Swimming is a basic skill that should be taught in our schools.

The P-C School Board's decision Monday to eliminate the Swim Fit Class is a mistake.

Board members voted to eliminate the 1/2 credit swimming program after a group of parents and students complained that the class was unnecessary and the time could be better used learning in other areas.

Under the new plan approved last night, students at Canton and Salem high schools will be required to take one full credit of physical education, instead of 1/2 physical education and 1/2 swimming. This plan takes effect for the class of 2000.

Unfortunately, when students are given the choice, swimming will not float to the top of their class list — especially if they aren't strong swimmers to begin with. The strong swimmers will continue to take the class, while the students who truly need to take the swimming course will choose something else.

It's not too late for the board to change their minds. The decision should be changed.

But board members should not go back to the old swim program. A new plan should be developed that stresses swimming as a life lesson instead of a school subject. Students who can show their ability to complete basic swimming skills such as treading water and swimming a short distance could choose another physical education class. Those who cannot swim should be required to take the class until they can — even if it means taking the course over and over again.

A grade for the class should not be given. It's simply a life skill that's important to learn.

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What's up with Doug?

Maybe he's suffering from 'Former Mayor Syndrome'

What's up with Plymouth City Commissioner Doug Miller?

Gone is the happy-go-lucky mayor.

It seems Miller is still bitter about the voting machine fiasco — as well he should be. But it doesn't end there.

Miller seems cynical about everything. Although I am not a psychiatrist, it's easy to see there's been a change in his general attitude.

Don't get me wrong. I think it's a change for the better (at least for the people of Plymouth). Nothing has gotten by Miller these days.

When DPW Director Paul Sincock suggested leasing a

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



machine to video tape the City's sewers, Miller was there to question the move.

When administration proposed using the old voting machines from the P-C Schools, Miller asked what the benefit would be to use the old stuff instead of just buying new equipment (which was already in the budget).

He's definitely changed.

Maybe it's the ghost of former City Commissioner Bill

McAninch.

According to one City political insider, it's the "Former Mayor Syndrome" — an ailment brought on by the end of a mayoral stint. Apparently it's pretty tough to give up those reigns of power and sit by watching as a commissioner.

Regardless of the cause, keep up the good work Doug. The City needs someone to look out for the residents and watch Plymouth's pocketbook.

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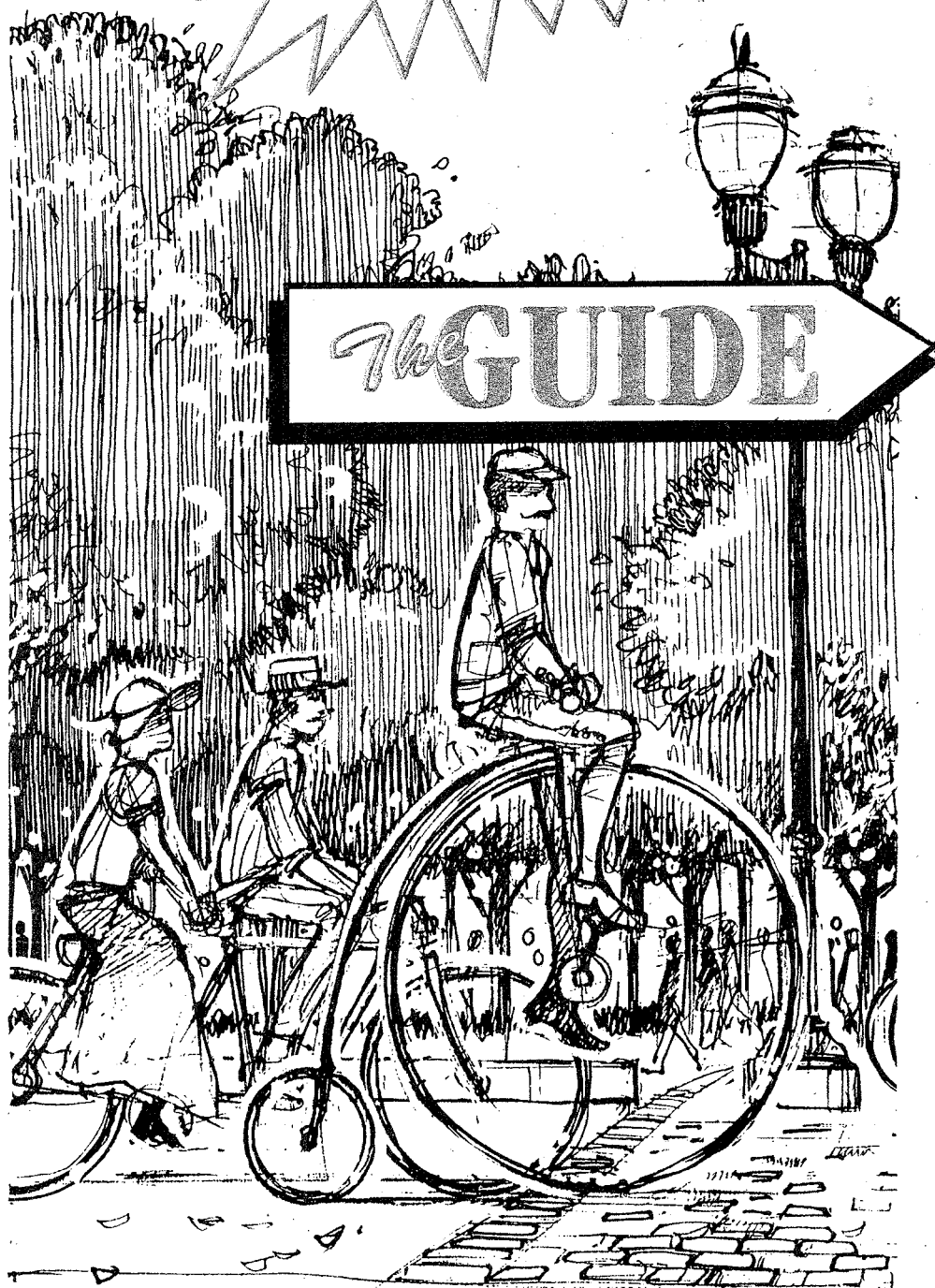
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