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## Twp. First of America robbed at gunpoint *Police baffled over second heist this year along Ann Arbor Road corridor*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

First of America Bank, located on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, was robbed at approximately 10 a.m. Monday, according to Plymouth Township Police.

Sgt. Steve Rapson said the suspects made off with an undetermined amount of money. "They were two men wearing masks," Rapson said. "One was possibly a Ronald Reagan mask."

He said one suspect was approximately 6' tall, while his accomplice was under 6', probably about 5'8", with a stocky build.

According to Rapson and Chief Carl Berry, the suspects entered the bank and brandished either a rifle or a shotgun. "It was a long gun," Rapson said. "I'm not sure what type of gun it was. Then the suspect with the gun stood at the door while the other suspect jumped the counter and took cash from the four tellers."

Customers and employees were forced to lay on the floor as the robbery transpired, police said. "They threatened to kill people," said Rapson, "if they didn't cooperate, though they didn't use that exact language."

The robbery took no more than a couple minutes, Rapson said. According to Berry, the suspects fled in a yellow Cadillac, which was found approximately 15

minutes later a block east in Livonia. "Livonia Police brought a canine in," said Rapson, "to track the suspects. And it led them through a yard and over a couple fences, across Ann Arbor Road. They lost the scent around the Red Roof Inn."

The Red Roof Inn is located in the Township at 39700 Ann Arbor Rd. Where the suspects went from there is a mystery; Rapson did not rule out the possibility the suspects stole another car. "It could've been," he said.

The FBI is working with police to collect crime scene evidence and attain a quick solution, Berry said.

Monday's bank robbery marks the second bank holdup in the Township in as many months. Rapson said he did not believe the Township was being targeted by bank robbers, but admitted two within such a short period of time was "not usual for us."

Said Sgt. Jim Jarvis: "If we have one in a year, we're pushing it."

Last month, Standard Federal Savings and Loan was allegedly robbed by Elijah Washington, Jr., who was arrested just three days later, police said. Asked whether this case would be closed as quickly, Rapson said, "We hope."

## City postpones York rail crossing decision

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Residents and business owners affected by the possible closing of the York Street rail road crossing will have one more chance to be heard.

The Plymouth City Commission is expected to decide on whether to close the crossing or keep it open at Monday's regular meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Commissioners decided to postpone the vote at the Feb. 20 meeting to allow for more public input on the controversial subject. The City Commission is faced with the decision to close the crossing, as proposed by the State of Michigan, or keep it open and install crossing gates at a cost of more than \$60,000 to the City. If the Commission decides to close the crossing, the cost will be covered by the state and CSX. CSX would also sweeten the deal by including a rubberized crossing at another City railroad crossing site — a \$20,000 value.

Commissioners held a public hearing on the closing of the crossing at the Feb. 5 meeting. With few exceptions, residents and business owners said the crossing should remain as it is, but if that is not possible, to keep the crossing open and

install the crossing gates.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury said the cost of installing gates is prohibitive. "I can't in good conscience vote to spend \$60,000 on something it seems the state wants closed anyway," he said. "Fiscally, it would be irresponsible to throw away that money."

Commissioner John Vos said the citizens spoke and the City should listen. "We need to hear the voice of our citizens," he said. "They indicated that they wanted it to be kept open. It's true, the City would have to pay some of the cost, but that's just something that happens. It's a cost of doing business. It's a cost we're going to have to eat."

Commissioner Doug Miller said the City should listen to what the residents and business owners think. "I don't like it when government comes in and thinks they know better than the residents," he said. "The majority of the residents felt it shouldn't be closed."

Commissioner Joe Koch said all the information on the subject has not been collected. Motion was made by Koch to postpone the vote on closing the crossing until the next meeting.

## Paw power



Chris Gies, an employee at E & E Manufacturing in Plymouth takes her dogs Kaysha and Nikki for a run in Hines Park. See picture story on pg. 10. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

### Golden Rule

*Plymouth resident is honored for volunteer efforts*

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*Guernsey to open doors to public on St. Patrick's Day*

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### Great season

*First-year basketball team has eye on future victories*

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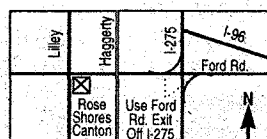
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# Smoking ticket problems resolved for P-C Schools

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The smoke has cleared.

Representatives from the Wayne County Probate Court, Juvenile Division met with Canton Police officials and members of the Plymouth-Canton School Board Thursday to resolve the confusion over minor in possession of tobacco tickets issued to students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (PCEP).

"We called this meeting," said Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro. "We led people to believe that the tickets were being dismissed when in fact they were dismissed with prejudice with a fine attached. There's a big difference."

Juvenile Court Register Alexander Luvall said he did not know how the misinformation occurred.

The school board, at the Feb. 19 meeting, sent a memo to Judge Freddie G. Burton stating their displeasure over what they perceived as court dismissals of tickets issued by Canton Police to students caught smoking at the PCEP. Court Traffic and Ordinance and Referee Derrick Glass disputed that claim. He said 25 of the 29 tickets included a court appearance and costs. Glass said the Juvenile Court, one of the busiest in the state, had extended itself to hear the minor in possession of tobacco tickets.

Apparently, the meeting has cleared the air. It was determined that 23 of the 29 tickets written by Canton Police since December included a fine as part of the

judgment. "We appreciate what the court is doing," said Santomauro, "but it's important for us to emphasize to youths the consequences of their actions. We all realized that a fine is not going to emphasize consequences."

Luvall said, "Canton is very fortunate to have John Santomauro as its public safety director, and I think Michael Maloney and Sue Davis are very good school board members. We had a very productive meeting."

Santomauro said he apologized to the court officials during the meeting over the inaccurate information, and sought to resolve general communication problems between the organizations.

"Our intent all along," said Santomauro, "with this issue of smoking was to meet with the Probate Court and discuss our concerns. Unfortunately, that did not occur first before we put out inaccurate information."

The two sides agreed to:

- have an individual act as a liaison between the court and the school board and Canton Police;

- to emphasize the consequences of the students' actions, not necessarily the seriousness of smoking or the violation of the law;

- and form a task force to look into issues involving public safety at schools.

"We're going to keep working together," said Luvall.

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# The Good Life



Romeo and Richard Hesano, owners of Pilgrim Party Store on Ann Arbor Road, sold the winning Michigan Lotto ticket to a Canton resident recently. The 50-year-old teacher who wishes to remain anonymous, is the second Michigan Lotto jackpot winner in the last two months. Joe and Carol Wegrzyn were the sole winners of a \$10.2 million jackpot just over a month ago. The teacher plans to retire early on his money. He will receive \$111,800 (before taxes) each year for the next 20 years. He purchased the winning lotto ticket "easy pick." (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## For good or evil?

*Police search for Twp. man who is allegedly hiding his children*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth Township Police would like to know where Henry Tyszka is.

Tyszka, a Township resident has not been seen since Feb. 18, police said, and it is believe he has his two children with him.

Tyszka has a visitation agreement with his ex-wife who lives outside Paris for his seven-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter, Sgt. Steve Rapson said. "The mom lives just outside Paris and has full custody," said Rapson. "(Tyszka) lives here and has parental visitation, summer, holidays. The kids were visiting here for the Christmas holiday and (Tyszka) did not put them on the plane to go back."

According to Rapson, Tyszka maintains the children are being abused by their mother. Tyszka filed a stay of execution with Detroit Circuit Court, police said, in an response to the mother's legal action demanding the children be returned to Paris. After the Circuit Court ruled insufficient evidence, Rapson said, Tyszka took the case to the Michigan Court of Appeals, which reviewed and denied the case.

It was after these setbacks, according to police, that Tyszka announced on a local Detroit TV station he was going into hiding. Five days later, on Feb. 23,

police obtained a warrant to search Tyszka's residence at 9138 Lilley Rd. "We couldn't find anything," Rapson said.

## Canton post office still on 'to do' list for government

Members of the United States Postal Service Detroit District met with Canton officials recently to exchange demographic information and provide an update on the status of constructing a full-service post office.

The Detroit postal representatives reaffirmed their commitment to helping Canton secure its own post office and that Canton was indeed seen as a high priority project. The officials said that while the post office remained high on the priority list, it was still working through the system, including final funding and approvals from the Great Lakes Area office in Chicago. Both postal representatives and Canton officials said they will continue to work together to ensure that a facility is not only constructed in Canton, but that it meets the needs of all parties involved.

An internal application prepared by the local district was originally sent to the regional office about two years ago. Since that time, Canton has been told a new post

The FBI has not been called into the investigation because police believe Tyszka, who grew up in Detroit and is a Garden City teacher, is still in the area.

office was on a funding priority list slated for 1997. During the meeting this week, the postal representatives told Canton officials that the application packet was being re-evaluated for possible movement up the priority schedule. In the postal system's priority scoring process, Canton rates at the highest levels, they said.

The community has pushed for a full-service post office for more than a decade, but a citizens group formed in 1993 and led by Canton Trustee Bob Shefferly re-energized the effort, organizing a petition drive, a letter campaign and meetings with postal officials.

The petition drive has netted nearly 5,000 signatures from residents in support of the effort.

Canton is currently served by a small finance station in the Harvard Square shopping center. All other postal services, including mail routes, come out of either the Wayne Post Office or the Westland Post Office.

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- P-C School students are off this week for mid-winter break.

### THE WEEKEND

- Plymouth Theatre Guild's performance of "Oklahoma!" continues this weekend with shows on Friday and Saturday. Performances begin at 6 p.m. at the Watertower Theatre. Tickets are \$10 at the door.
- Saturday is Ballroom Dance Night at the Summit on the Park in Canton from 7-10:30 p.m.
- The Plymouth Historical Museum presents "Minatures of Many Sizes," and "Collection of Doll Houses" this weekend.
- In Canton Saturday, the Senior Singles Club meets at the Summit on the Park. Call the senior center for more information.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth City Commission will meet Monday at 7 p.m.
- The Canton Newcomers Club meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 6. The meeting will be held at the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse. Call 981-3274 for more information on this event or other Newcomers Club information.

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# Slamming on the brakes

## State kills plan to add a Cherry Hill-I-275 interchange in Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Although Canton's growth has resembled "life in the fast lane," the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) put the brakes on a plan to add a new interchange at I-275 and Cherry Hill Road.

In a letter to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Louis Lambert, deputy director of the bureau of transportation planning, said an interchange at the location is not feasible.

Yack said the letter is a "bureaucratic response" to a situation that deserves much more attention.

"I'm very disappointed," he said. "The big issue appears to be that they (MDOT) want to keep traffic moving right along I-275. Exits do not seem to be their problem."

Lambert's letter states two reasons

the interchange is not feasible. The first is physical and financial constraints. The second is space limitations.

"Over the past 20 years," Lambert said, "traffic volumes on I-275 have increased to over 100,000 vehicles per day. As traffic increases, it becomes even more critical that additional access is not added to the freeway."

"The I-275 freeway was designed to handle long-distance trips, adding ramps at Cherry Hill or any other location in western Wayne County would only increase shorter distance trips, which in turn increases traffic volumes and further degrades the freeway's operation."

"This simply means that it is not prudent from a traffic operations, safety, ethical or financial posture to create a new problem where one does not

exist."

Yack said the problem is much larger than a single interchange on Cherry Hill Road.

"Neither I-275 nor Ford Road are equipped to handle the traffic volume they are seeing," he said. "I don't think they adequately planned for Canton Township."

Yack said that although Livonia is the same geographic size as Canton, the community has four exits along I-275 while Canton only has two. He said the same situation exists with Northville and Plymouth.

"From a design standpoint," Yack said, "it doesn't fit the situation."

In his letter, Lambert said one key to improve traffic flow is to enhance the local road system.

"I realize that traffic growth in Canton has been tremendous," Lambert said. "Unfortunately, the problems occurring today at several crossroad locations along the I-275 corridor are caused primarily by rapid development and a local road system that cannot disperse traffic from the interchanges."

"...The Wayne County Road Commission is currently working on several projects in your community to upgrade the local road system. I would

recommend that you contact them and the Metropolitan Planning Organization, SEMCOG to determine what improvements to those roads in your area would provide better traffic flow."

One local road project that is desperately needed, according to Yack, is the paving of Haggerty Road from Palmer to Michigan.

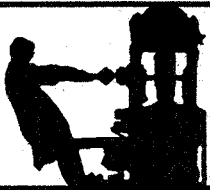
"We're working with residents on that project right now," he said. "I'm holding out hope that the paving will be done in '96."

Yack said industrial development is still strong along the I-275 corridor in Canton, despite the shortage of interchanges.

"Businesses make due with the road system we have," he said. "Residents will be the ones who lose the most. The traffic is frustrating when you're just trying to get home."

Yack said some Canton residents will be happy the Cherry Hill interchange project has been scrapped. "I can understand that," he said, "but we're just looking for the best for the overall community."

"Two exits are not going to serve us long term."



## Public notices

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

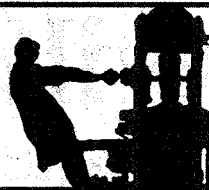
The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools cordially invites all interested and qualified companies to submit proposals for the management of our Food Service Program. All interested parties must attend a Mandatory pre-bid meeting on Friday, March 8, 1996 at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Bid Specification will only be distributed at the pre-bid meeting

Sealed bid proposals are due on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 1996. Bids will be opened and read publicly at that time. Thereafter, proposals will be referred to the administrative selection committee for evaluation and recommendation to the Board of Education.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Susan E. Davis, Secretary

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## Public notices

### NOTICE 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:

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

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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Tuesday, March 5	9:00 a.m.-Noon	Organization meeting
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Monday, March 11	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Hearings by Appointment
	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Tuesday, March 12	2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 16	9:00 a.m. - Noon open	
	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 open	

Other Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required.

The Board of Review will be held in the Township Hall Board meeting room of the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ass Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170

Please come prepared, as a 10 minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

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# Suspects arraigned in BB gun shooting spree

Two suspects in the BB gun barrages of Canton car windows were arraigned yesterday at 35th District Court.

Canton residents Arthur Bellingham, 22, and Kenneth Compton, 20, were charged with malicious destruction of property over \$100, a five-year felony,

according to Canton Police Officer Lew Stevens.

Bond for Bellingham and Compton was set at \$5,000. Stevens said the two men are accused of breaking more than 200 car windows during two BB gun rampages on Jan. 9 and Feb. 23.

# Paving projects set

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Just when you thought it was safe to return to the streets of Plymouth follow-

## Safety rails purchased for Canton gym

The Plymouth-Canton School Board unanimously approved the purchase and installation of safety rails for the Canton High School gymnasium bleachers recently.

H & H Enterprises was the highest bidder at \$18,500, but was chosen over H & J Engineering's bid of \$15,900 because of safety concerns, said Executive Director of Business and Operations John Birchler. "The quality of the 30 inch rail is better," he said, "that the welded 20 inch rail."

The new rails will remain on the bleachers at all times — even when the bleachers are pushed back into the wall. The current rails are removed when the bleachers are pushed out of the way.

ing the Streetscape...City engineers Dietrich, Bailey and Associates announced plans for the 10-year paving program recently. Construction will begin this summer.

The streets that will be repaired in 1996 include: Garling and Parkview, total reconstruction of the pavement, curb and gutter, \$330,000; Main Street — Church to Amelia, mill and resurface, \$80,000; and Farmer — Sheldon to Blunk, concrete repair and resurface, \$200,000.

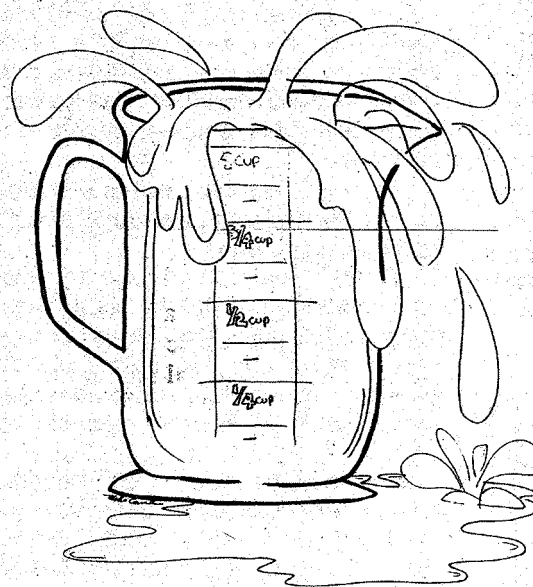
According to City Manager Steve Walters, the next step is to go out for bids on the project.

1996 is the first year of a decade-long City repaving and resurfacing project.

In 1997, the project will include: Ann Arbor Trail — Deer to Hamilton, total reconstruction of pavement, curb and gutter, \$320,000; Farmer — Blunk to N. Mill, concrete repair and resurface, \$200,000; Blanch — Sheldon to Adams, patch, repair and resurface, \$80,000; and Harvey — Penniman to William, mill and resurface, \$30,000.

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Canton High School senior **Monica Synowiec** was awarded first place in the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) High School/College award competition. She placed first in the promotional announcement category.

The **Marquis Theatre** in Northville will open "Pinocchio" March 9. Tickets are \$6.50 and can be purchased by calling (810) 349-8110.

Army Pvt. **Richard N. Hyatt** has entered basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK. Hyatt is the son of Debra A. VanCamp of Canton.

Army Pvt. **Casey Swanson** has graduated from the light wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Swanson is the son of Christine and stepson of James A. Nouecky of Canton. He is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.

Air Force Staff Sgt. **Steven D. Lowell** has graduated from the Air Force Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) Academy at Kapaun Air Station, Germany. His parents are Marvin and Phylis Lowell of Canton. He is a 1981 graduate of Canton High School.

Marine Cpl. **Jason A. Bryan**, son of Robert and Ruth Bryan of Canton, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, AZ. He is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School.

**Calvary Baptist Church** will hold a concert featuring "Spiritbound" March 17 at 11 a.m.

**Barb Weir**, a parent volunteer at Gallimore Elementary School for 17 years, was presented with the P-C School District's "Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) Award."

**Shannon L. Green**, daughter of Larry and Pauline Green of Plymouth, was named to the fall dean's list in the Lyman Briggs Program at Michigan State University. She is also a member of the Honors College.

## Following the

# Golden Rule

## *Merrifield nominated for Governor's Community Service Award*

Plymouth resident **Cindy Merrifield** was recently nominated for a 1995 Governor's Community Service Award, a statewide awards program administered by the Michigan Community Service Commission.

Merrifield was nominated in the category of "Exemplary Community Service" by the Salvation Army.

"Cindy's direct involvement in the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army has had a tremendous impact on the success of that Corps," said Lt. Colonel William J. Speck, divisional commander for the Eastern Michigan Division of The Salvation Army.

Merrifield has served The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community through the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army, serving on its advisory board since 1980 and chairing its program committee and Christmas kettle campaign. During and preceding the 1995 Christmas season, Merrifield volunteered as a full-time office secretary for the Plymouth Corps.



CINDY MERRIFIELD

In her tenure as chairperson of the kettle and bell-ringing campaign, Merrifield helped to increase revenues from the kettle campaign to \$100,000 annually, and to serve more than 3,000 needy people in the community.

Merrifield has also served the Plymouth-Canton School District as a

volunteer, serving more than 25 years at the elementary, middle and high school levels in both the educational environment and in various sports programs as well.

In supporting her nomination, retired P-C Schools Superintendent John Hoben said, "Cindy has been a tremendous booster of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and has been a positive influence, encouraging others to volunteer along with herself."

Merrifield also serves on the Board of Directors for Educational Excellence Foundation and has volunteered in various capacities for Growth Works, Michigan Cancer Foundation, Wilmot House, Plymouth Symphony League, Plymouth Community Arts Council and First United Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Merrifield resides in Plymouth with her husband, John. She has two daughters, Phoebe Schoenheer and Jacqueline Young.

## West Middle School students shine in America & Me essay contest

There are many reasons to be proud of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community, but three students from West Middle School turned that pride into an essay — essays that took the top prize in the 27th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first second and third place awards for their school are Courtney Hutchings, first; Michael Belvitch, second; and Jennifer Wrobel, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Hutchings's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Hutchings's first place essay now advances to the state-level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in May, will receive plaques and U.S. Savings Bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders and be the featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges that includes top governmental leaders will determine the top statewide winners.

Several thousand eighth grade students from almost 400 Michigan schools participated in the 1995-96 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with

the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 1995-96 contest was "Why I am Proud to be a Part of My Community."

## Twp. cops face lion all-stars in benefit basketball game

Will the Lions roar or will the Plymouth Township Police "All Stars" shine?

The Plymouth Township Police "All Stars" have accepted a challenge to play the Detroit Lions in a fundraiser basketball game on May 2 in the Central Middle School Gym.

Proceeds from the event allows the Plymouth Township Police Officers Association to support many local charities such as the United Way, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts of America, Growth Works and many more.

The association also has a fund that assists in emergency relief efforts and other worthwhile causes that surface in the community.

The celebrities participating in the

event will autograph program books at halftime. Game tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

The team going up against the Plymouth Township Police "All Stars" will come from a pool of touring off-season players including: Thomas Beer, Willie Clay, Scott Conover, Luther Elliss, Jason Hanson, Scott Kowalkowski, Antonio London, Eric Lynch, Van Malone, Scott Mitchell, Derrick Moore, Herman Moore, Eddie Murray, Dan Owens, Ron Rice, Tony Semple and Allen Williams.

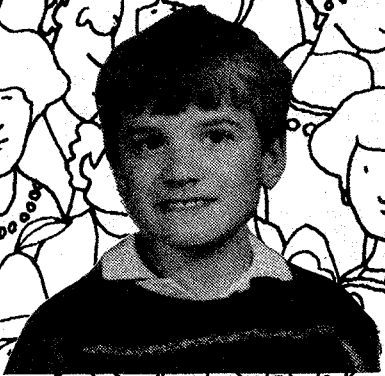
Kids participating in Special Olympics will be invited to attend the game as honored guests. Family tickets are \$45, couples \$25 and singles \$15. They can be purchased by calling the ticket office at (313) 453-1049.

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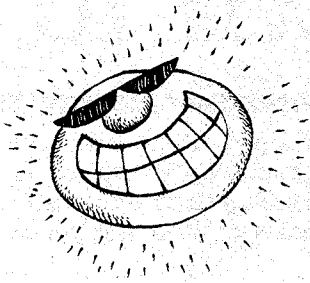
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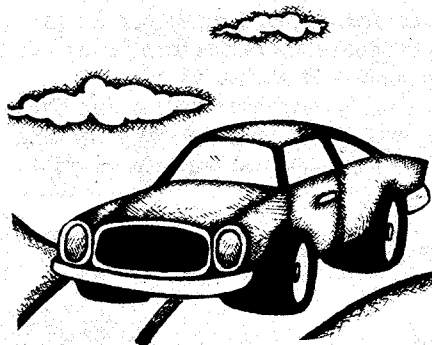
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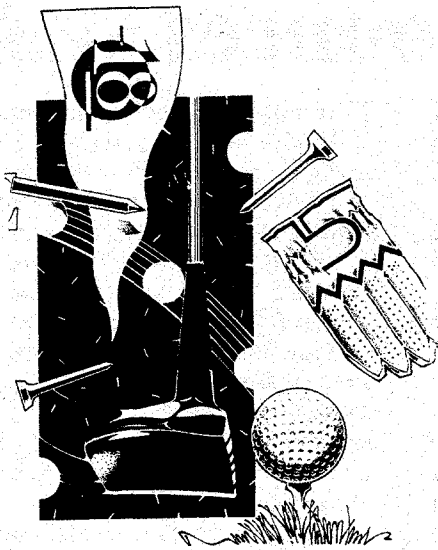
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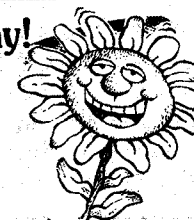
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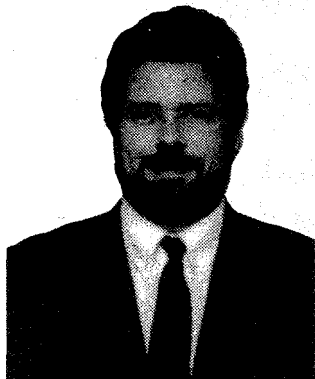
## Neighbors in business

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Auction Dinner Dance will be March 16 at the Summit on the Park community center, 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call 453-4040.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursday Update will be held March 21 at the Old Country Buffet, 5849 Sheldon Rd., at 7:30 a.m. with Ypsilanti City Manager Bob Sloan, Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tony Caprese and a representative from the Better Business Bureau scheduled to speak.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's March Luncheon will be held March 6 at noon at the Summit on the Park community center, featuring representatives from the various service groups in the Canton area. Learn what the Kiwanis, Civitans, etc., are all about. Reservations required. \$10 for members. \$12 for non-members. For more information, call 453-4040.

Louisville Manufacturing, 729 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, will be hosting an open house March 7 from 4-7 p.m. The company develops sales and promotional items.



WILLIAM ANSELL, JR.

ToITest recently announced that William Ansell, Jr. has accepted the position of technical manager of air testing services.

Sir Speedy Printing, is holding a national promotional contest entitled, "Olympic Games Sweepstakes." 20 trips for two to this summer's games in Atlanta will be awarded. Deadline for entries is April 12. Winners will be selected from random drawings May 3.

## Erin go moo

*Guernsey Farms to hold open house on St. Patrick's Day*

On March 17, Guernsey Farms Dairy will open the doors to their dairy plant in Northville where the fresh Guernsey products have been processed since 1940 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

This event is a special opportunity for people living in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community who have made Guernsey Farms Dairy a favorite over the years.

Guernsey Farms is one of the few independent dairies left in the area and it receives many requests for tours throughout the year.

Therefore, the McGuire family decided to once again open their doors for this open house during one of this Irish family's favorite holidays — St. Patrick's Day.

Family members will guide the tours through the state-of-the-art dairy plant and answer questions on how milk and ice cream

are processed. Free Guernsey products and ice cream samples will be available and there will be a Irish singer taking requests.

In the restaurant, corned beef and cabbage will be served.

John McGuire founded Guernsey Farms Dairy and said he is looking forward to meeting people and answering questions at the upcoming open house.

"Every year we open our doors for a tour," he said, "more and more people come to see just how we are able to make their favorite products. This is a real family event — our whole family will be here and we promise all who come down will have a special St. Patrick's Day with us.

"And if they're wearing green, they'll get a little something extra."

Guernsey Dairy is located at 21300 Novi Rd. between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads in Northville.

## Crier bolsters marketing efforts

For The Community Crier and COMMA, experience is the key to success.

The two companies recently announced changes to its marketing staffs.

Lisa McVeigh was named Crier marketing Director. McVeigh, the former Crier advertising director, brings years of experience back to The Crier. Previously, McVeigh worked for Adistra in their marketing division.

Karen Ochman was named assistant Crier advertising director. Ochman is a veteran of the Crier's advertising staff. In her position as assistant advertising director, Ochman will be helping Crier Advertising Director Jack Armstrong.

Gerry Vendittelli will continue to lead COMMA, as marketing director.



Lisa McVeigh returns to The Community Crier as marketing director. She brings years of marketing experience to the position.



Karen Ochman will help lead the advertising department of The Community Crier as assistant advertising director.

## CFCU announces staffing changes

Plymouth-headquartered Community Federal Credit Union announced several changes to its management system.

Charles A. Canvasser has joined the \$120 million credit union as vice president, lending and collections.

Canvasser, formerly with First Federal of Michigan, brings his 25 years of lending experience to the credit union and will oversee its consumer lending, mortgage and collection departments. He will coordinate the automation of the credit union's loan application process and assist in the development of a new loan by phone product.

Michael J. Haggerty was hired as the new assistant vice president and manager of its downtown Northville branch. Haggerty comes from Credit Union One and will be responsible for new account development in the

Northville and Novi communities. He will also act as a liaison to each township chamber of commerce.

In two internal moves, Assistant Vice President Mary Gyorke has moved to Community Federal's one-year-old Canton office, 6355 Canton Center Rd. Gyorke will use 13 years of credit union management experience to help cultivate Community Federal's largest market. In its first year, the Canton branch has grown 50 percent and in 1996 will continue to lead the credit union in deposit growth.

Canton's previous branch manager Cathy Meyers, has accepted the newly created position of assistant to the vice president of human resources and will work out of the credit union's Plymouth headquarters.

Meyers will be responsible for interviewing candidates and training new employees.



MARY GYORKE



# Twp. police search for pizza pilferer

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Was it worth it?

An individual who made off with \$22 worth of Hungry Howie's pizza Saturday night, will face a charge of armed robbery when apprehended, according to Plymouth Township Police Detective David Hayes.

The suspect, who is described as a white male wearing a hooded sweatshirt, is accused of stealing pizzas while holding the 51-year-old woman deliverer at bay with piece of wood, Hayes said.

"Hungry Howie's received a call for a pizza delivery on Oregon Trail," Hayes said.

"They make the run, knock on the door, and there's no one home. As (the pizza deliverer) is returning to her car, she's approached by a white male carrying a stick. The individual said he was going to steal her pizzas, which he succeeded in doing. Then he took off on foot through the neighborhood."

Oregon Trail is located at Sheldon and Joy roads.

# Board member upset over picks for planning commission

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth Township Trustee Charles Curmi expressed his displeasure over the planning commission appointments — most of which were reappointments — by voting against the motion recently.

The motion passed, 6-1.

"We had previously said we were going to rotate (positions)" said Curmi, who was board liaison. "I don't see that here, and I'm concerned."


Curmi said he asked to be removed in order to continue rotating members on the planning commission. With the exception of Curmi being replaced as board liaison by Trustee Kay Arnold (term ending

6/30/97) and new appointee Carol Davis (6/30/97), the board of trustees reappointed Don Skinner (6/30/97), Nancy White (6/30/98), Don Sprogell (6/30/98) and Marcia Sayles (6/30/98).

Curmi suggested a strong recruiting effort be waged for new planning commission members to fill the three appointments to be made in June. He agreed with Trustee K.C. Mueller who said the next three planning commission members should come from the professional fields of architecture, construction and real estate.

The planning commission meets the third Wednesday of every month.

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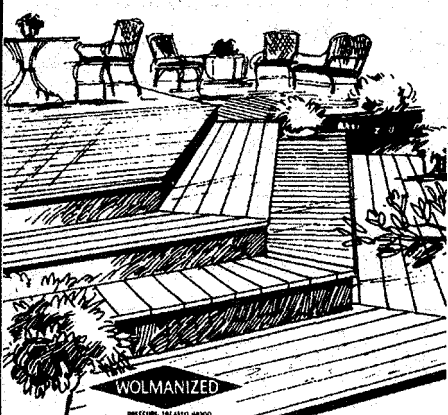


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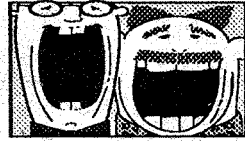


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# Powerful paws



Chris Gies and her dogs Kaysha and Nikki can be seen on cold, snowy days in Hines Park. Gies trained the sled dogs since they were puppies and is hoping to buy another dog so she can compete in sled dog races. As winter turns to summer, Gies uses her power pooches for another type of transportation — rollerblading behind her dogs. (Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.)



## Baby!

# A n n o u n c i n g !

The Crier will print basic information about local births. (Street addresses will not be published, but we would like them for our records). Sorry, photos will not be returned. *Polaroid or Xerox photos will not be accepted.* If you need additional room, attach a piece of paper.

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**Community deaths**

**Obituaries**

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**LOLA ALICE VENTOLA**

Lola Alice Ventola, a Dearborn resident, died Jan. 20, 1996 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Ventola was homemaker. She was born in Cedarville, MI and came to the Dearborn community 53 years ago. Mrs. Ventola attended the University of Michigan, and loved sports and politics.

Mrs. Ventola is survived by her son, William M. (Carol) of Plymouth; grandson, Michael (Bonita) of New Jersey; and granddaughter, Tracey of Canton. Mrs. Ventola was preceded in death by her husband, Nicoangelo.

Mrs. Ventola's body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial may be given to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation.

**RONALD MACDONALD**

Ronald MacDonald, a Canton resident, died Feb. 15, 1996.

Mr. MacDonald was born March 10, 1907 in Inverness, Scotland. He moved to Detroit at age 19. Mr. MacDonald was a professional golfer. He played the Pro Tour and was club pro at Gowanie, Birmingham and Hillcrest Country clubs in Metro Detroit. Mr. MacDonald later moved to Texas where he continued his golf career and worked as an insurance salesman for Western & Southern Insurance Company. He retired to Canton in 1985.

Mr. MacDonald is survived by his daughters, Ginger (Ronald) Springer and Kathleen Angell both of Canton; sons, Jeff (Pam) MacDonald of College Station, TX and Ronald MacDonald of Sparks, NV; 11 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. Mr. MacDonald was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen.

A memorial service for Mr. MacDonald, who was cremated, will be held in Texas. Local arrangements were made by the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. Memorial tributes may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010 or to the Canton Senior Kitchen Band, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188.

**LOUISA M. (DOHERTY) WRIGHT**

Louis M. (Doherty) Wright, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 23, 1996 at the age of 82.

Ms. Wright was born July 28, 1913 in Detroit. Ms. Wright was an accountant, working for many years at Lou La Riche Chevrolet.

Ms. Wright is survived by her nieces, Joan M. (Joseph) Santoro of Old Hickory, TN, and Barbara Perry of Stanton, CA; and nephews Ronnie C. Lorenzen of Chelsea, Frank Taft of Plymouth and Tony (Judy) Lorenzen of Hendersonville, TN.

Services for Ms. Wright were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes to Individualized Home Hospices, 3003 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor MI 48104

**Jane Gregory, 92**

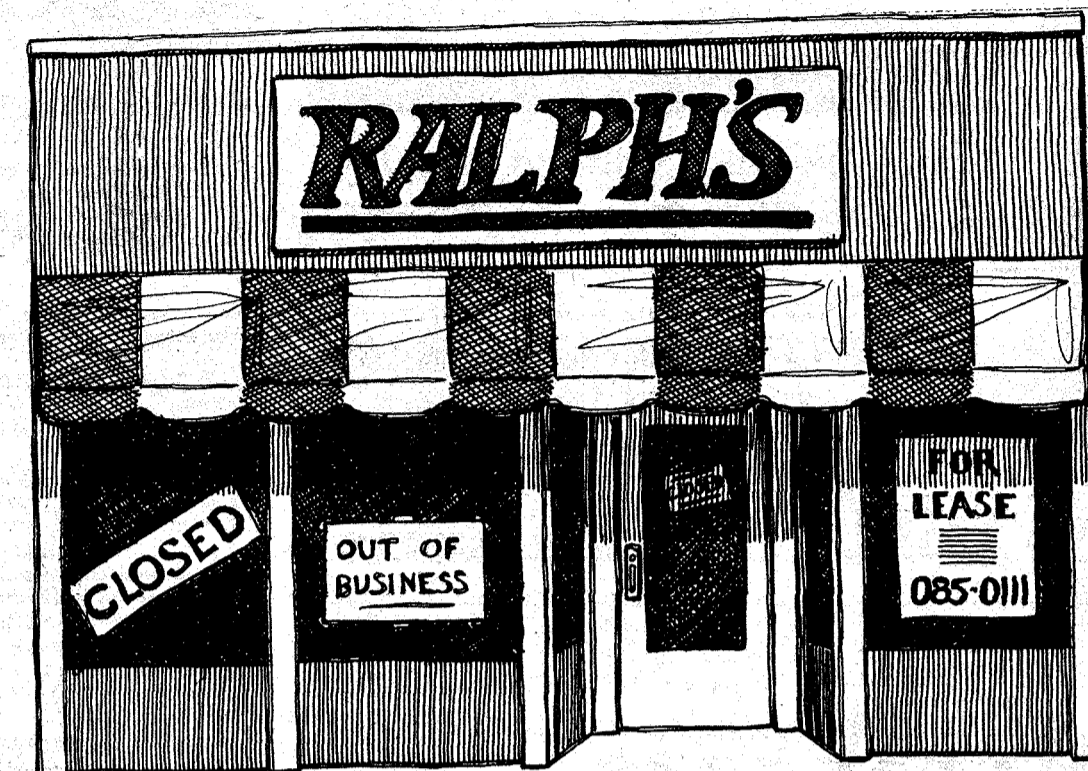
Jane Gregory, a Canton resident, died Feb. 20, 1996. She is survived by her husband, A.R. Gregory; daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Galazin of Canton; one sister; one grandchild; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit.

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| #4 I'm going through a divorce and my wife is suing me.    | #59 My customers don't read.   | #113 I'm waiting for a check from my last customer.                         |
| #5 I'm going through a divorce and my husband is suing me. | #68 My competitors advertise.  | #121 The newspaper ran a story on my business.                              |
| #8 I spent all my money on stocking the shop.              | #69 My competitors will know my prices.  | #122 The newspaper hasn't run a story on my business.                       |
| #12 I've never had to advertise.                           | #76 I'm saving all my money for a buying trip to Toronto.  | #123 The newspaper ran a story on one of my competitors.                    |
| #17 The newspaper makes too much money.                    | #82 My brother-in-law is taking a marketing course in night school and he says advertising doesn't work. | #124 Your newspaper ran a story when I crashed my car into the hotel lobby. |
| #25 I don't have anything to advertise.                    | #84 My cousin's next-door-neighbor's kids are putting flyers on windshields downtown - I think.          | #137 The newspaper prints "negative" letters.                               |
| #31 I have to paint the outside of my store.               | #88 I advertise on our matchbook covers.   | #140 The newspaper favors Canton High School.                               |
| #38 My accountant says I can't spend any money.            | #89 I mail to our customer list.   | #141 The newspaper favors Salem High School.                                |
| #39 My lawyer says I can't spend any money.                | #93 I don't get any advertising allotment from the home office/parent company.                           | #142 The newspaper favors the Rotary Club.                                  |
| #40 My husband says I can't spend any money.               | #98 I don't have any co-op dollars.  | #143 The newspaper favors the Lions Club.                                   |
| #41 My wife says I can't spend any money.                  | #101 My ad budget's set until 1997.  | #144 The newspaper favors the Kiwanis Club.                                 |
| #42 My partner says I can't spend any money.               | #106 The road in front is under construction.  | #148 The newspaper prints too much Plymouth news.                           |
| #47 We're not trying to make any more money right now.     | #110 My name is well known in town.  | #149 The newspaper prints too much Canton news.                             |
| #48 We have enough business.                               |  | #155 The newspaper is in league with Township Hall.                         |
|  |  | #156 The newspaper is always picking on Township Hall.                      |

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## Groups...

**WOMAN'S CLUB OF PLYMOUTH**  
The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. The program is "Culinary Delights."

**FELLOWSHIP GROUPS 60+ CLUB**  
The next meeting will be held at noon Monday at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH NURSES CLUB**  
Thomas Renkes, BSN, M.S., RN will speak on Teen Alcohol and Substance Abuse March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at 44800 Warren Rd.

**CANTON SENIOR SINGLES CLUB**  
Meeting Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue. Irish Night with live entertainment. Bring a small dish to pass, also something green. All Canton residents age 55 and older are welcome.

**PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS**  
March 7 from 9-11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 N. Church St. Plymouth Nursery representative will offer gardening tips and answer questions R.S.V.P. by Monday. Babysitting is available. \$8.50, includes continental breakfast. For more information, call Lori at 416-9001.

**AARP-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.

**COMMUNITY HOSPICE SERVICES GROUP COUNSELING**  
A free six-week grief counseling program for children from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday nights at the Westland office, 32932 Warren Rd., at the corner of Venoy Road. For more information, call Yvonne Strand at 522-4244.

**THE SENIOR ALLIANCE AREA AGENCY ON AGING**  
Current entry level positions available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Positions are currently available in non-profit and governmental agencies. Individuals must meet some guidelines. For more information, call 1-800-815-1112.

**CODEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS**  
A new CODA group is now meeting Friday at 10 a.m. downstairs in the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. CODA is a 12-step program.

**THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASEBALL LEAGUE**  
Register March 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the Canton High School cafeteria, ages seven to 15 for boys and ages seven to 16 for girls. Fees vary from \$55 to \$65 per player. Family plan available for \$140. Birth certificate required. Playing age as of July 31, 1996. Adult help is needed. Call 453-2040 or 455-1402 for baseball and 455-3422 for softball.

**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.

**CANTON PARKS AND REC**  
The Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road will be available for community group and individual rental through April. Canton groups and residents only. For more information, call 397-5110.

**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. For more information, call 454-4061.

**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. The Optimist Club will sell entertainment books for \$40 until Monday. For more information, call 453-8253 or 728-7619.

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The club is offering two scholarships for women who live in the City or Township, are a single head of household; have financial need, high school or GED diploma; and be accepted to or attending school. Apply throughout the year. Awards based need. For more information, call 453-4845.

**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB**  
The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418.

**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.

**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 Patie 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.

## Upcoming...

**COMMUNITY MID-DAY LENTEN SERVICES**  
"Journeying Through The Cross" sponsored by the Plymouth Ministerial Association. Everyone is welcome. Noon services on Wednesdays of Lent will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. in Plymouth, followed by luncheon of bread and soup. Donation to cover lunch and Plymouth Salvation Army. Worship today through March 27. First Presbyterian, Our Lady of Good Counsel, New Life Lutheran, Salvation Army, First United Methodist and St. John's Episcopal.

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE/DETROIT LIONS FUNDRAISER**  
The Plymouth Township Police have accepted a challenge to play the Detroit Lions in a fundraiser basketball game May 2 at the Central Middle School Gym, 650 W. Church. The game will benefit many local charities such as the United Way, Salvation Army and the Boy Scouts. Kids participating in Special Olympics will attend as honored guests. Family, \$45; couples, \$25; singles, \$15. For more information, call 453-1049.

**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.

**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.

**POLICE COLLECTORS SWAP MEET AND EXHIBIT**  
March 9 at Madonna University, 33150 Schoolcraft Rd. Open 9 a.m. For more information, call Frank at 596-1922 or Tom at 591-6252.

**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. The group will meet Wednesdays, today through March 27 at 7 p.m. at the library. For more information, call 453-0750.

## Schools...

**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 AUCTION**  
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, tomorrow and Saturday (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 (810) 416-7732.

**P-C HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI DIRECTORY**  
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**PLYMOUTH CHILDREN'S NURSERY OPENINGS**  
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**WILLOW CREEK PRESCHOOL**  
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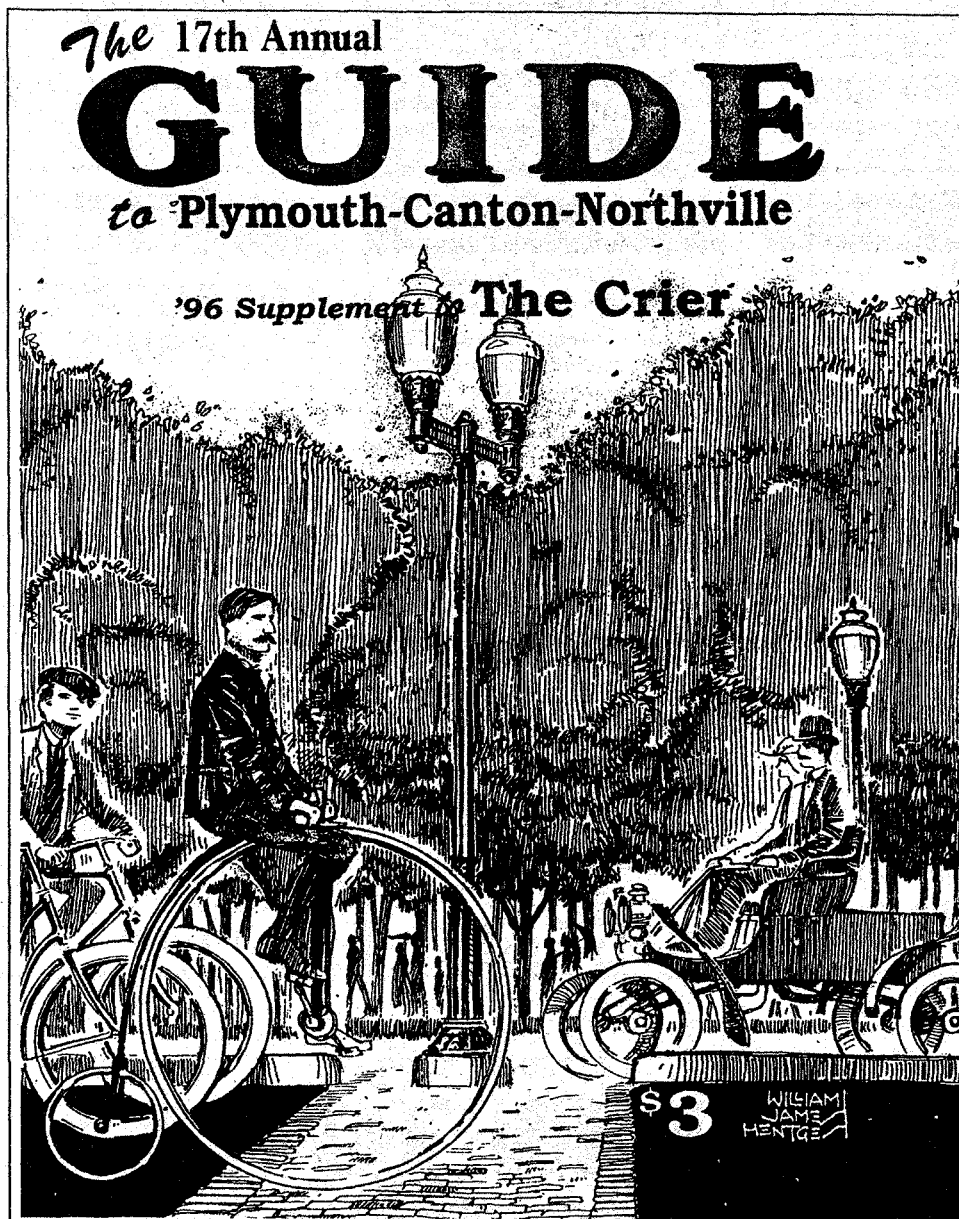
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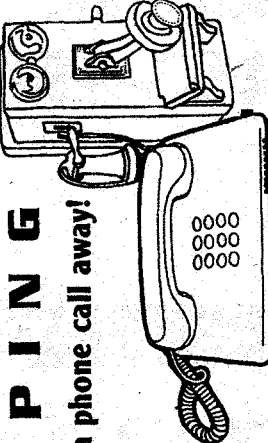
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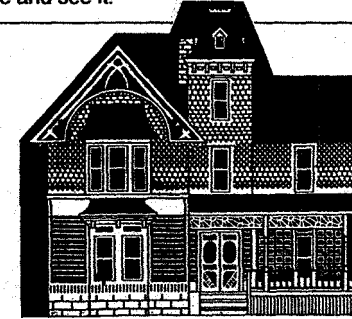
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#1 NATURALLY, IS EMMA ROSE

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Gerry—I'm not your secretary!

JOE MERRITT is one striker with a lot of bread

Jim Manzo can't be turning 50, he doesn't wear SANS-A-BELT pants yet!

Josh, glow little glow worm, glimmer, glimmer!!

Rich, where are the shamrocks?

Sam and Angela, thanks for visiting this week and brightening up the place! Lisa

Sally, heard a big birthday is just around the corner--it's all downhill from here.

Dave Varga  
50??

You are living proof  
that like wine, things get  
better with age!  
Lisa and Bob

Bob, its been nice having you home this week.—L

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is accepting **adult softball team registrations** for men's, women's, and coed leagues.

Men's returning teams will register between Feb. 27 and March 8. Men's new teams register between March 11 and 22.

Women's teams register between March 1 and April 4.

Coed returning teams register between Feb. 27 and March 8. Coed new teams register between March 11 and 29.

Registration is at the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. For more information call 397-5110.

Canton's Parks and Recreation Services is offering a group trip to "Beauty and the Beast," which is appearing at the Masonic Temple, April 11. Registration for Canton residents began Feb. 5 and will be open until the trip is full. Non-residents can register for the trip after April 1.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, in cooperation with Bianco Tours, is offering a trip to the Windsor Casino tomorrow. The \$26 cost includes round trip transportation, lunch at a local Windsor restaurant, \$10 of Canadian tokens, and plenty of time at the casino.

The City of Plymouth is now taking **spring soccer registration** during business hours, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$40.

The City of Plymouth is now taking **registration for its fall classes**. They offer programs to ages ranging from tots to seniors. The classes include art, dance, self-defense, martial arts, trips, gymnastics, cheerleading, crafts, roller skating and more.

**Slow pitch softball registration** for the City of Plymouth will begin Friday. The entry fee is \$435 for the men's teams, \$360 for the women's teams and \$320 for the coed teams.

Call the City of Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 for information on any of these events.

# Young Guns

BY BRIAN CORBETT

After spending the 1995-96 season getting pounded by the Salem freshman basketball team, the rest of the Western Lakes Activities Association can take solace in this: it could have been worse.

Freshmen prodigies Tony Jancevski and Mike Korduba were snatched up by varsity coach Bob Brodie before the season began, but the Rocks went 19-0 this year, punishing their foes by an average score of 63-39 — a perfect example of the unselfish work ethic that the team embraced.

"They're the best team as far as sharing the basketball," said Williams. "You're always hoping in your career of coaching you get a team like this. You're lucky if you get one. It's really very special."

Williams, who has been coaching basketball 20 years, has never taken a boys team through a schedule without a loss. "I've gone undefeated with the girls," Williams said, "but never with the boys. There are some good teams on the schedule. You think you can go undefeated in the league, maybe, but with Southfield, Ypsilanti, Riverview all on the schedule, it would be very difficult."

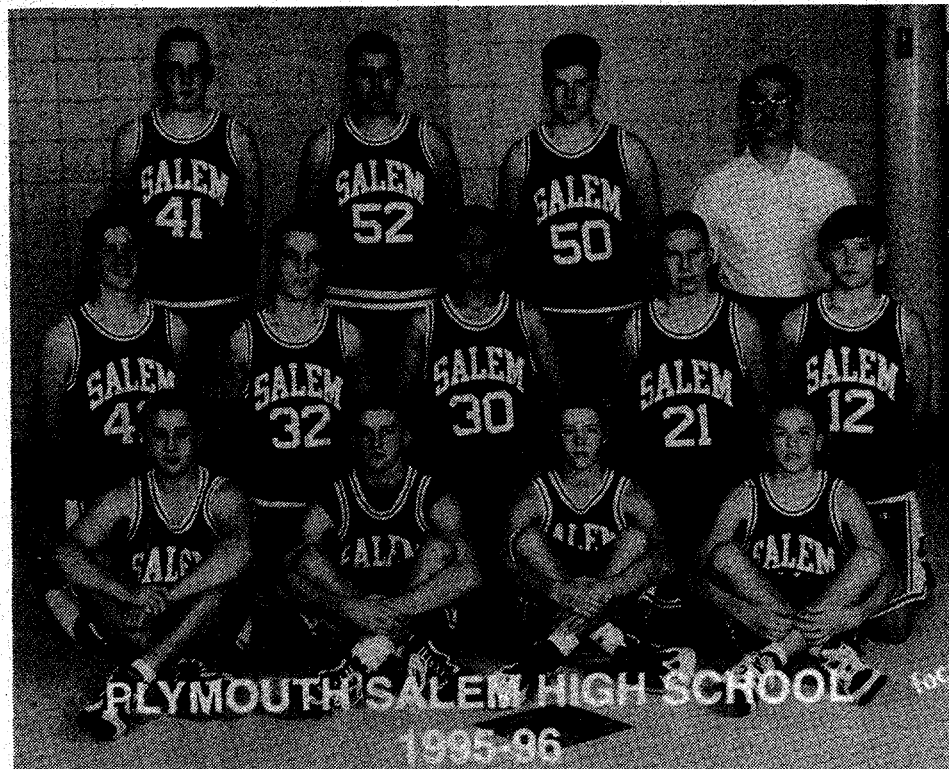
But Salem had plenty of talent and teamwork, two traits that came in handy during their season, bookended with victories against cross campus rival Canton. "They came into that game real tight," Williams said of the season opener versus the Chiefs. "It was the first time for many of them to play in front of a crowd that size. There were a lot of people at that game...and for them to win that game in overtime, I think that showed them you can't just show up."

The streak had started. Next were big victories against Southfield and Ypsilanti. "I had never beaten (Southfield) there," Williams said. "That's a tough place to play."

There were many challenges to come, but Salem's stalwart defense, steady perimeter shooting and dominating presence in the paint would overcome every opponent. "We had some real fine kids inside," said Williams, "who could take care of the basketball. We had some real fine shooters. They could really stroke the basketball, and they were probably the best defensive basketball team I've ever coached."

Through the schedule they went. Centers Andy Brandt and Justin Carls pounded the boards, while forward Rob

*If Salem's freshmen boys basketball team is a gauge for success to come, Rock fans will have a lot to cheer about*



The 1995-96 Salem boys basketball team finished the season with a perfect 19-0 record. They are: (back row, left to right) Andy Brandt, Richie Cieslak, Eric Peterson, coach Tom Williams (middle row, left to right) Justin Carls, Sean Galuin, Mike Spencer, Rob Jones, Aaron Rypkowski (front row, left to right) Chris Longpre, Chris Mason, Adam Wilson and Jacob Gray.

Jones led the team in scoring, and guard Aaron Rypkowski hit nothing but the bottom of the net. "He's probably the purest shooter I've ever coached," Williams said of Rypkowski.

But it was an entire team effort that nurtured the winning streak against, especially in a come-from-behind, midseason victory against Walled Lake Western. "That's when I knew we really had something special," Williams said.

The victories mounted, while the digit in the loss column remained stationary. But Williams resisted mentioning the record. "I never brought it up — an undefeated, perfect season," he said, "until that last game. I didn't want the added pressures. I didn't want to jinx them. We were just trying to improve each an every game."

The season ended the same way it started. Salem had no losses going into a game with Canton. So when Brodie asked

if Williams wanted to borrow Jancevski and Korduba for the game, Williams declined. These 12 guys — Carls, Brandt, Jones, Rypkowski, Adam Wilson, Jacob Gray, Chris Mason, Mike Spencer, Sean Galvin, Chris Longpre, Eric Peterson and Richie Cieslak — had started it, and they were going to finish it, Williams said. "All the time this season," he said, "if one kid wasn't having a great game, the others were there to step it up."

When the final second of the season had ticked off the clock, the Rocks still hadn't tasted defeat in their high school careers. The pressure of going undefeated finally rolled off their young, broad shoulders. "There was some talk in the locker room," Williams said, "someone said, 'I wonder if we can continue the streak next year.' Then, another kid jumped in and said, 'Let's just enjoy the moment. Let's just let this sink in.'"

The WLAA is safe for now.

### District basketball matchups at Novi:

Monday: Northville (A) vs. Churchill (B), 6 p.m.; Novi (C) vs. Canton (D), 8 p.m. Thursday: Salem vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.; Franklin vs. C-D winner, 8:30 p.m. Friday: final at 7 p.m. (Winner faces Ferndale district champion)



# Sports

## Chief's dominate Walled Lake in playoff opener

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Canton boy's basketball squad held Walled Lake Western to just three third quarter points in their convincing first-round playoff win over the Warriors at home Friday.

The Chiefs, who were seeded number one in the district playoffs, counted on solid defense in their 64-39 romp of Western, according to Canton coach Dan Young.

"Our key all season long has been to play together, to play tough and to play great defense," said the second-year head coach. "We've been doing that pretty well."

Ron Hunter, Mark Bray and Nick Hurley led the Chiefs scoring efforts with 15, 12 and 10 points respectively.

It's not the scoring that led Canton to their first-round playoff win, according to Young.

## Rock swim team rolls in conference meet

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Salem boys swim team capped off their regular season with a decisive win in the conference meet Saturday.

The Rocks, who finished the regular season undefeated with a 9-0 record, finished the meet with a total of 441 points, finishing ahead of Livonia Stevenson (391) and North Farmington (390).

According to Salem coach Chuck Olson, the team's win came down to team depth.

"We only had one first place finish," said Olson. "It came in the 100-yard butterfly (Mark Dettling with a time of 55.84), but we had a lot of very good swims."

In addition to being crowned the conference champions, Salem qualified several swimmers for the state meet coming up in two weeks. The swimmers and relay teams qualifying for the state meet were:

The 200-yard Medley Relay team of John McLenaghan, Kyle Petroskey, Tim Buchanan and Pat Morgan, who finished fourth at the meet with a time of 1:42.40.

McLenaghan captured third-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.64. Petroskey earned a time of 4:57.83 and a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle for the Rocks.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Morgan, McLenaghan, Nick Corden and Dettling combined for a second-place finish with a time of 1:31.73.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Buchanan, Dettling, Corden and Petroskey took third place in the meet with a time of 3:21.01.

"We had a lot of guys out there doing their part," Olson said of the conference win and state qualifying efforts.

"We don't have a lot of size, but we've out-rebounded every one of our opponents except one this season."

—DAN YOUNG

"We don't have a lot of size," he said. "But we've out-rebounded every one of our opponents except one this season."

"We out-rebounded Western, 35-12."

That, according to Young, was important to the

Chiefs' win.

"That played a significant role in the win," he said. "We were able to do a little running with the ball and convert it at the other end."

One of the strongest Canton players on the night was Matt Ammons with eight points, six rebounds and four assists, said Young.

"He has been very solid for us defensively, which has been key," said Young.

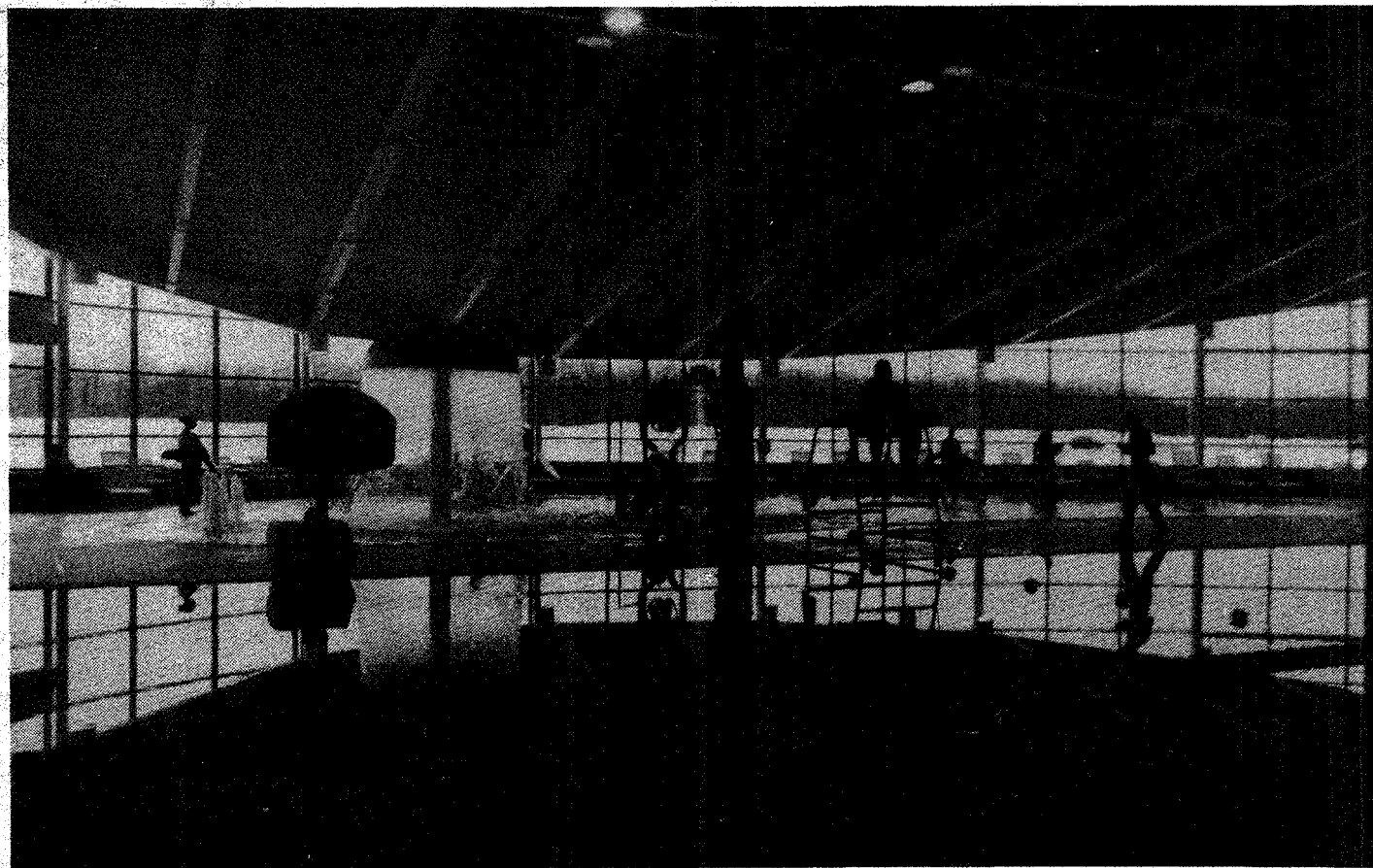
Young said the key to keeping the team in the playoff run is to keep them focused on one game at a time.

"We've got to prepare for each game as it comes," said Young. "They did that pretty well against Western."

The Chiefs' next challenge came in the form of Walled Lake Central on Tuesday at Central's gym.

Game results were not in by press time.

## Placid pools



The aquatic center at the Summit on the Park in Canton is not often this quiet. Since the facility opened, attendance has been incredible. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Landefeld named new Rock girls soccer coach

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem Athletic Department recently hired a new girls soccer coach to take over for retired coach Ken Johnson.

Doug Landefeld was chosen out of the many coaches who applied for the prestigious job. He began working with the girls last week after a long, tedious process of interviews.

Landefeld was weeded out of a large group of applicants by a committee of parents and the athletic administration. That brought the group down to three people vying for the spot. Interviewing those three were Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin, Athletic Director Brian Wolcott and the rest of the athletic administration.

"Doug was with a group of outstanding finalists," said Wolcott. "There were many reasons why we chose him."

Landefeld has previous varsity high school soccer coaching experience at Mason and Ann Arbor Huron. He is currently the director of coaching for the Michigan Hawks and Wolves and a main player for the Detroit Rockers professional soccer team.

The process of choosing a new coach for the team took longer than expected because Johnson did not officially hand in his resignation until after the boys were finished in mid-November. The athletic department posted the position for a month, which coincided with Christmas break. They were swamped with applicants.

With all of his experience and knowledge in the sport, Wolcott thought of Landefeld as the best choice possible.

"We just came away with the feeling that he would be the best choice to run our great soccer program," said Wolcott.



# Community opinions

## York Street rail crossing should remain open

The train is leaving the station. The Plymouth City Commission should stay off the tracks.

Outside forces such as the State of Michigan and CSX are attempting to force the City to choose between closing the railroad crossing at York Street or keeping it open — with a price tag of more than \$60,000.

The residents and business owners who are affected by the project have spoken. They want the crossing kept open.

The Plymouth City Commission should stand united against the "big brother" tactics of the state and CSX by paying the \$60,000 to install the crossing gates. In the long run, \$60,000 may be a small price to pay.

The state said the crossing must be closed or crossing arms installed for safety reasons, but there has never been a car-train accident at that crossing, said City officials. Instead of helping the City make the proper decision, the state and CSX are attempting to "guide" the City to its decision by financially helping to close the crossing, but giving little support to install crossing arms.

CSX, who is responsible for part of the cost of either closing or keeping the crossing open, said they would install a rubberized crossing at another location if the City decides to close the York crossing — a decision that would benefit CSX financially — and with no guarantee that a rubberized crossing elsewhere would be built or be more enduring than CSX crossing work undertaken in the past.

It's time for the City Commission to take a stand. It's clear the citizens of Plymouth want the crossing kept open.

The City needs to bite the bullet and install the costly crossing gates. It's not just a matter of following the wishes of the people affected by the closing of the crossing — it's a matter of principle.

Keep the York Street crossing open.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## Road extension necessary

EDITOR:

I think it's about time that the Canton road officials faced up to the fact that north Canton needs the Morton Taylor extension from Ford to Warren roads to help alleviate heavy traffic on Sheldon Road.

The Canton road officials seem to buckle under at every turn just to appease the special interest groups that live in the subs east and west of the Morton Taylor Road extension. The people in these subs moved into their homes knowing that one day a road would go through that area.

But over the years, they have gotten used to the nice woodsy area that unites their subs and they would like to keep it that way.

Sometimes progress hurts, but we have to

consider the majority rather than small special interest groups.

I would suggest to the people living in the affected subs that if they are truly serious about an expensive boulevard; as opposed to a two-lane road, they should be assessed a special tax to make up the difference in cost between the two roads. I would imagine that once the dollar signs come up in front of those residents that want their special road, the people of north Canton would get the extension and the very needed relief of traffic on Sheldon Road. Could it be that because of all the building activity south of Ford and around the Summit that all the people of north Canton are getting the proverbial rush?

RICHARD GILES

## Essay winner feels Plymouth is wonderful place to live, learn

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the winning essay from the Farm Bureau Insurance Company's annual contest. It was written by a student at West Middle School describing life in Plymouth. The essay moves on to be judged at the state level.*

EDITOR:

Am I fortunate? I awaken to the same environment every day of my life. My community has provided me with safety, an education and friends. I have never had to experience stepping outside of my home and seeing in front of me abandoned houses or drug dealers soliciting small children. I never think twice about being shot while walking home from school. However, I am aware that kids my age face poverty, crime and isolation everyday. So although I don't know what it is like living through those tragedies, I do know why my community, Plymouth, makes me proud and grateful to live here.

I am especially proud to be living in Plymouth because both of my parents grew up here. They shopped at some of the places I shop at, ate at restaurants that I eat at, and attended the same schools that I now attend. There is a lot of familiarity here and it is a part of my history. Plymouth is a small community and I know many of the people who live here.

My friends and I walk all around the city. We often walk downtown where Kellogg Park is located in the town square. This is where the annual festivities are held. Many people from Plymouth, as well as other communities, gather here to share laughter and stories with old friends and family.

The Plymouth Fall Festival and the Ice Sculpture Festival are two of the best known events of our community. The Fall Festival offers fun, games, rides and great food. Neighbors of all ages have a wonderful time and forget work and personal problems. The Ice Sculpture Festival takes place in the dead of winter, but no matter how cold it is, families from near and far come together to gaze at the magnificent ice art.

My education became very important to me in middle school. Plymouth schools are preparing me for the future. The teachers take their work personally. My teachers have helped me not only with work, but with family and personal problems too. Some of my teachers have enlightened me and convinced me to really enjoy a certain subject. Without some of the teachers in my past who have inspired me to do my best, I probably would not be writing this essay.

My feelings are very strong about my community, as you can see. There may never be words to express them.

I am definitely grateful to be in Plymouth instead of an unfamiliar place that could be dangerous and frightening. I believe that few of us that live in safe, healthy communities will ever be able to understand what people, surrounded by poverty and isolation, have to go through day to day.

Neighborhoods, schools, activities and businesses set Plymouth apart from most American towns.

I am truly fortunate.

COURTNEY HUTCHINGS



# Community opinions

## Toughen up

*P-C School drug policy should reflect seriousness of crime*

Where there's smoke, there's fire.

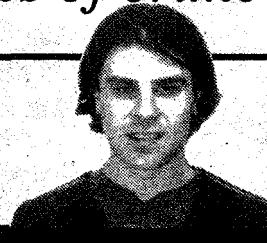
And after the Plymouth-Canton School Board turned their sights on minor in possession of tobacco tickets at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, what should be burning is the school district's drug policy.

Why? Because currently students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are more severely punished throwing snowballs inside school than they are for being caught with drugs, alcohol or medication for illicit purpose.

According to the 1995-96 student handbook, the former brings a three-day out of school suspension, while the latter (first offense) involves a two-day out of school suspension and a one-day in-school suspension with a student intervention program

### Truth is tough

By Brian Corbett



assigned.

Fortunately, School Board Secretary Sue Davis is on to it. "I think we're breaking the law by giving people three chances," she said.

Davis also questioned how the amount of drugs a student was caught with was not included to determine levels of punishment in the student handbook.

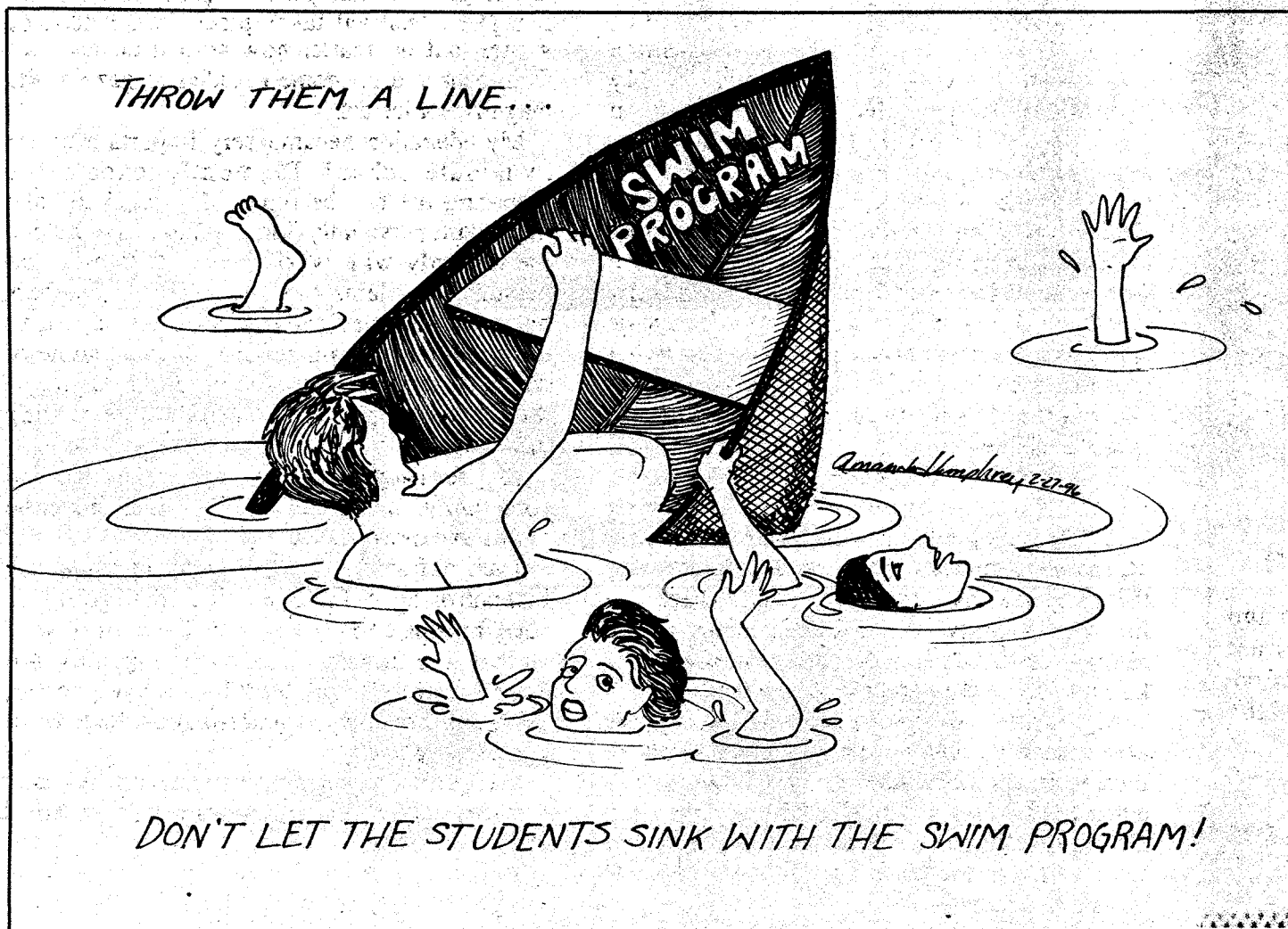
Administrative response to a first offense should be increased, while including an intensive drug awareness program. Also, an amount should be specifically named in the student handbook to differentiate between possession

for use and possession with intent to deliver — a much more serious crime.

Other preventative methods need to be developed to combat drug use before it begins, and it's beginning earlier than ever. The National Household Survey on Drug Abuse last September found that 15 percent of 13-year-olds had tried marijuana. For seniors in high school, that percentage had reached 37 percent.

Other more dangerous substances have also reentered the drug culture.

It's time for a change in the high school drug policy.



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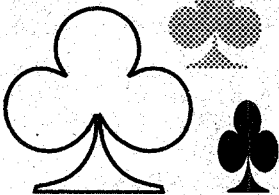


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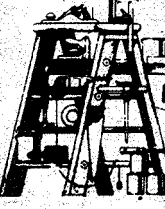
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