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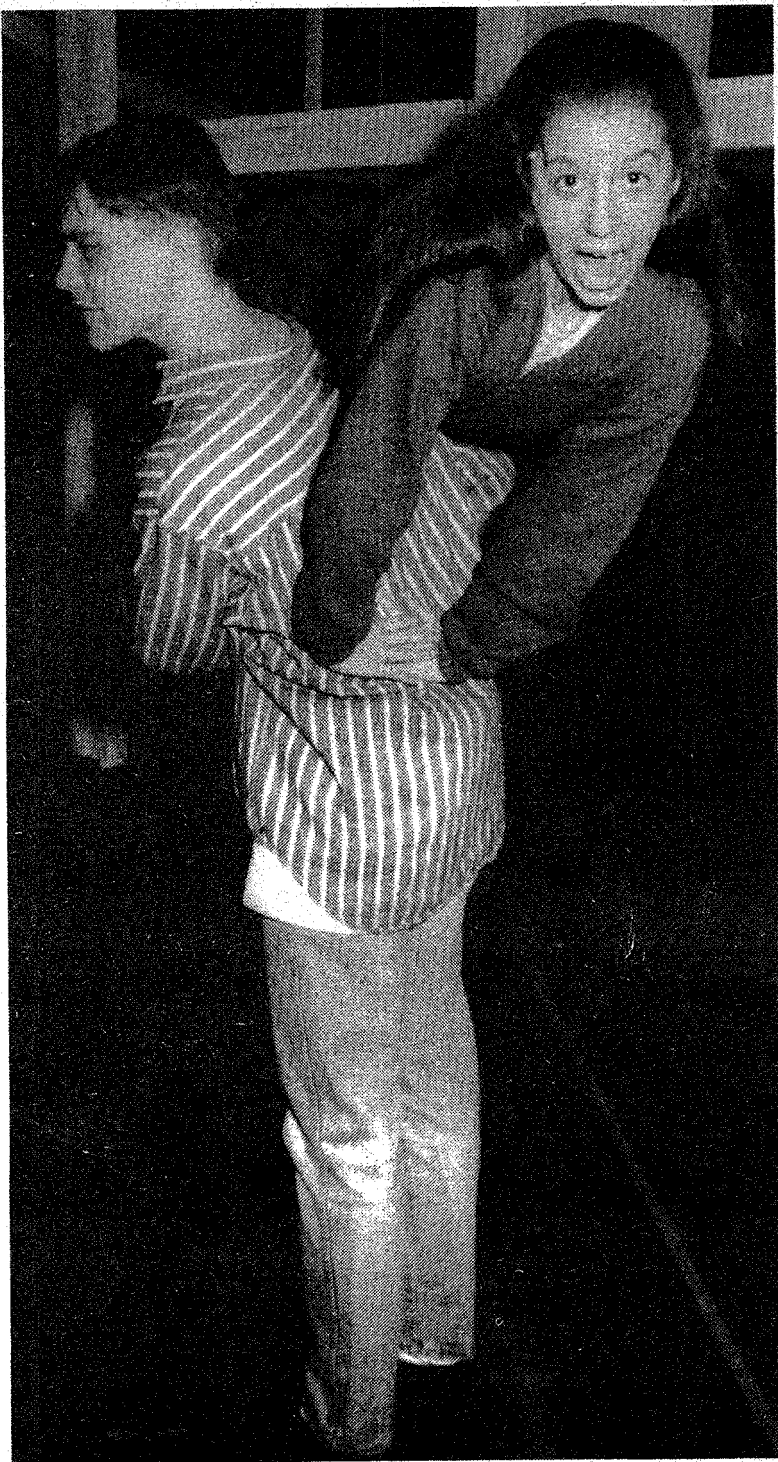


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Perfect play



Laura Dysarczyk is hoisted over the shoulder of Bill Chapin as the pair prepare for their roles as Terry Tompson and Gus Field in the Park Players production of "Babes in Arms." See Friends & Neighbors for more! (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Teachers, students: Proficiency tests easier than expected

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The scores of the first-ever proficiency tests given to high school juniors across the state this month won't be known for weeks. But teachers, administrators and students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park already know some of the results.

According to majority opinion, the tests were easier than expected, and were presented and administered successfully. But the administrative process has been time consuming, and students questioned the tests' importance in preparing them for college.

Four tests were spread out over four days, three hours each day. Each test was given in classroom-size groups divided into alphabetical order. The proficiency tests also included a significant increase in writing and discussion as supporting evidence for an answer. In contrast, MEAP tests were given on scantron sheets typi-

cally in an auditorium, every other seat examination atmosphere that provided little or no chance for interaction between students and teachers for discussion and/or instruction. "The students took it very seriously," said Salem teacher MaryBeth Carroll. "I was very pleased with that. The administrators knocked themselves out. Do you know what it takes to reschedule all these kids? The time and organization they put into this was just phenomenal."

Eleventh-graders, who were given the option of not taking the test, will receive an endorsement sticker on their diploma for successful proficiency. But Canton's Michelle Smith said the tests did little to add to her high school education. "No, it didn't," she said. "It was too easy."

Canton's Katy Grainger agreed. "It was easy," she said, "but it did test you in a different way."

Several students said they disliked the amount

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Cops nab men suspected in more than 12 local heists

Pair allegedly robbed Canton gas station, other sites around community

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

Two men charged with robbing a gas station in Canton earlier this month may have been responsible for about 12 more robberies in The Plymouth-Canton Community, police said.

Albert Dubenko of Detroit and Brian Whitehead of Plymouth are accused of robbing a Sunoco gas station at Joy and Lilley roads at 10:10 p.m. on March 3, Canton Police Community Relations Officer Lew Stevens said.

But police contend the two men began their crime spree at least a month earlier and hit several other area communities.

"They did them all over the place," Stevens said.

In the Canton robbery, Dubenko, 43, reportedly entered the gas station and demanded cash register money after he pulled out a semi-automatic

handgun, police said. He stole \$299 and then jumped into the car Whitehead, 39, was driving, police said.

The two men were arraigned last Thursday in 35th District Court on two counts each of armed robbery and the use of a firearm in commission of a felony. They are each being held on a \$50,000 bond in the Wayne County Jail.

Within the last four to six weeks, the pair allegedly committed 12 robberies in neighboring communities, including Livonia, Plymouth Township, and Westland, police said.

"Since they have pulled so many (robberies) in the area, a couple of officers from different departments got together and drew up a list of suspects," Stevens said.

Westland police arrested Dubenko and Whitehead on March 11 in Detroit. Sgt. Scott Fetner of the Westland Police Department said the investigation ended up at the In and Out party store on Fenkell, where the suspects were said to be frequent visitors.

Police said both men were unemployed and committed the crimes to support a drug habit of heroin and crack cocaine.

Copper coin

Twp. collector turns lowly penny into small fortune

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Creating

Local firm takes engineering expertise to new level

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Tough loss

Canton falls to Pershing for second year in basketball

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PCAC arts center gets \$42,000 boost from state

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

The City received a \$42,000 state grant to complete renovations at the Plymouth Community Arts Center.

The center, which is housed in a former church on Sheldon Road, was bought by the City in 1992, but renovations just started in December.

The latest money comes from the state Commerce Department based on recommendations from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The funds will pay for a small building addition to be used for storage space, City Manager Steve Walters said.

The City requested \$50,000 in its original grant application. Last year, Plymouth applied for a \$100,000 state equity grant to complete the arts center renovations, but only received half that, Walters said.

That state grant, along with some local funding, converted the main worship area of the church into a multi-pur-

pose room, some classrooms and office space.

"State grants have become very competitive, therefore I would like to congratulate the City of Plymouth for submitting a very thorough application, which helped get the grant approved," said State Sen. Bob Geake. Geake wrote a letter in support of Plymouth's applica-

tion, Walters said.

He expects most of the renovations to be completed by the end of September because that's the deadline imposed by the grant money.

Only two other Wayne County communities, Detroit and Redford, also received some state grant money.

Teachers, students review proficiency tests

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of time spent writing and constructing responses, especially in the math portion of the test. "I didn't like that at all," said

Canton's Tara Griffith.

Teacher and administrators, meanwhile, appreciated the tests' attention to writing. "It's different," said Salem Area Coordinator Joan Claeys. "There was a lot of writing. The MEAP was scantron, all bubbling. In the proficiency test they had to respond in writing in every test. It was constructive responses, instead of selection."

"I think this is an excellent test," said Carroll. "It tests what is important for kids to know."

Carroll and her coworkers did fine job giving tests, students said, even though confusion between the staff and administrators was common. "They made this big deal about having this sticker on your writing portfolio to verify you wrote it," said Smith, "and then you got there and you didn't even need it."

"The good thing was they brought extra calculators and pens," said Canton's Patrick Kearney.

If anything, teachers should have been

given authority, said Kearney. "They read instructions over the PA," he said, "that took too long. They should've let the teachers do it."

Students said the length of the tests should be taken into consideration next year. "We didn't get any breaks," said Canton's Kevin Clarke.

Said Grainger: "It needs to be run more smoothly. Nobody knew what they were doing."

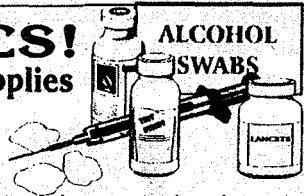
As office staff was still sorting through the tests yesterday, Claeys acknowledged the proficiency tests required a lot of administrative manpower. "The administrative portion is very, very cumbersome," she said. "We have 9,000 booklets, and we have to return everything in numerical order. Security is very tight, which it should be. But it's a great deal of manpower time; that my only concern."

Curriculum Coordinator Sheila Alles said, "There's always room for improvement."

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Ground has been broken on the Temple Baptist church on N. Territorial Road in Plymouth Township. The controversial project began recently. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Parents, kids protest end of Canton Cricket program

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Crickets have stopped chirping in Canton, much to the chagrin of residents who took advantage of the popular preschool program.

The Canton Board of Trustees voted March 6 to eliminate the program following months spent looking for a new location to house the program. Unfortunately for the 18-year-old Cricket program, the efforts of the Preschool Committee were unsuccessful.

More than 100 supporters of the Canton Cricket program, including many children who will be affected by the cut, filled the meeting room of Canton Township Hall last Tuesday, expressing their concern and anger over the cancellation of the program.

Patti Mundy, who currently runs the Canton Cricket program and is the daughter of Trustee Bob Shefferly, said she is disappointed that the members of the Canton Board of Trustees would cancel a program that helped more than 1,000 kids over the years. Trustees John Burdziak, Phil LaJoy and Shefferly voted to keep the program while Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, Clerk Terry Bennett and Trustee Melissa McLaughlin voted against the Cricket program.

Connie Flynn, who started the Canton Cricket preschool program, said that although she is no longer directly involved with the Crickets, she has not abandoned them.

"This hurts very deeply," she said. "This program is very, very much needed. Three and four year olds don't vote, but they do need our support."

"This is a slap in the face to education."

Jill Jones said as elected officials, the Canton Trustees should be more responsive to the needs of the community.

"You are elected officials," she said. "We want this program and you're not hearing that. We are a growing community with young families and you're cutting one preschool program when there is few out there."

McLaughlin said an effort was made to accommodate the

Cricket program, but after a year of searching, a location could not be found.

"I am not disagreeing that it was a good program," she said. "It was all we (Canton, as a community) had to offer at the time. Now we have a lot to offer (with private programs)."

"We looked and looked and looked to find alternatives, but nothing worked. I don't think we neglected our responsibility."

Many at the meeting said they felt the Canton Cricket program was a draw for the community.

"One of the reasons we moved to Canton was the schools program," said Kathy Rodriguez. "I'm very disappointed. Three and four year olds don't vote, but their parents do."

Yack said the Summit on the Park community center, one of the spaces looked at to house the Crickets, was not designed to serve as a preschool. "One difference with preschool space is that it requires a defined location," he said. "A preschool should be designed as a preschool."

Robin Maslyk said with 68 children currently enrolled in the Cricket program, finding space should be a priority.

"Cost should not be a factor," she said. "This is definitely the type of program we need to keep. After all, this is the beginning of a school program."

Bennett said even though the Cricket program did not work out, other opportunities are available for the kids in Canton. "As we continue to grow as a community," she said, "we still have the opportunity to develop exceptional programming for the little folks."

Parents urged the Canton Board of Trustees to reconsider the program — a move Yack, Bennett and McLaughlin said they had no intention of doing at this point. Kirchgatter was absent from last Tuesday's meeting.

"The next time you hear from us will be in the voting booth," said Mundy.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their annual State of the Community breakfast this morning at 7:15 a.m. at the Mayflower Hotel. The public is invited.
- The Canton Chamber of Commerce is holding their Third Thursday Update tomorrow from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet. Guest speakers include 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, Ypsilanti City Manager Bob Sloan, Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tony Caparese and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

THE WEEKEND

- It's time for a little spring cleaning in Canton. Canton Clean-Up weekend is scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the CWR site. Call (313) 397-5801 for more information.

NEXT WEEK

- The Canton Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall meeting room. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting.

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Cox named to Wayne County Circuit Court

Gov. John Engler appointed Canton resident Sean Cox to fill a vacancy on the Wayne County Circuit Court recently.

Cox will be assuming the seat previously held by Judge Richard Kaufman, who resigned to become the director of SMART.

Cox said assuming the judgeship will be a challenge — one he's looking forward to. "I am very grateful to Gov. Engler for giving me the opportunity to

serve the people of Wayne County," he said. "I look forward to the challenges of serving on the bench of Michigan's largest judicial circuit."

Cox is a partner in the Livonia-based law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, P.C. A long-time resident of western Wayne County, he is a graduate of Catholic Central High School, the University of Michigan, and the Detroit College of Law.

He was admitted to the bar in 1983. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Judicial Qualifications Committee and former president and director of the Livonia Bar Association. He is the former chairman of the Livonia Bar Association Judicial Qualifications Committee. He has served on the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Character and Fitness and currently serves on the Attorney Discipline Board as a panelist, including having served as chairperson and has written opinions on disciplinary and ethics issues for lawyers. He is a member of the board of directors of the



SEAN COX

Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, serving on the scholarship committee. Cox has also served as chairperson of Law Day for the Livonia Bar Association in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Cox said his roots in western Wayne County will serve the people well. "I'm pleased that Gov. Engler saw the need to appoint a judge from western Wayne County," he said. "Out of 35 circuit court judges, only four, including myself, live in western Wayne County. This is the first gubernatorial appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court from western Wayne County in 13 years."

Cox, 38, and his wife, Janine, have four children and are members of St. Edith's Parish in Livonia.

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Addenda & errata

The vote to approve a "departure agreement" for Bill Graham at the March 4 Plymouth City Commission was 5-1. The one no vote came from Commissioner John Vos. Commissioner Don Dismuke was absent from the meeting.

Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1996

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 27, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all with Ms. Arnold abstaining due to her absence.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding Item J.3 Penski Truck Leasing Company requesting approval to tie into the Livonia Sanitary Sewer System. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the amended agenda for the March 13, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy read the following proclamation:

"HELP THE MENTALLY RETARDED WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Plymouth deems it appropriate to recognize the Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud, Council, No. 3292 and for its continued efforts to aid the mentally retarded in special ways; and

WHEREAS, the Plymouth Council of the Knights of Columbus undertakes many activities to support charities within our community; and

WHEREAS, to date, they have been able to raise approximately \$109,000 to help the mentally retarded; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN KEEN-MCCARTHY, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Plymouth, do herein proclaim the week of March 24-31, 1996 as "HELP THE MENTALLY RETARDED WEEK" in the Charter Township of Plymouth and urge all the citizens of our community to support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in raising funds for this worthwhile charity.

Mrs. Mueller moved that April 9, 1996, be established for Public Hearing for a proposed Industrial Development District on the following properties with tax I.D. numbers 010-99-0007-000; 010-99-0020-001; 010-99-0006-000, as requested by Compuware Sports Arena, LLC. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the request from Compuware Sports Arena to be considered "above all others" for the last remaining open Liquor License available in Plymouth Township. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to postpone Item J.3 Penski Truck Leasing Company's request to tie into the Livonia Sanitary Sewer System, to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy updated the Board regarding the current dispute between Sencog and the State regarding funding for road improvements.

A resident asked if any complaints were received regarding the condition of the railroad crossing located on Beck Road.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy recognized the Treasurer's Office for their letter of appreciation.

Mr. Griffith moved to receive and file Reports and Resolutions as listed. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Mrs. Mueller at 8:38 p.m. that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

RE: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH VS TEAMSTER LOCAL 372
(Detroit Newspaper Strike)

PLACE VS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
(Proposed Consent Judgment)

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This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1976, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph e. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Ms. Arnold to return to open session at 9:46 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on March 12, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 26, 1996.

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CAP faces 'March Madness'

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was 1993, and a millage vote had failed in the Plymouth-Canton School District.

Sue Feiten and Judy Mardigian had just left Salem High School Auditorium, which was packed to the rafters for a school board meeting. They decided enough was enough. "We wanted to see academics come to the forefront," said Feiten. "We wanted the academics in our schools to be excellent."

"And when we decided that," said Mardigian, "we said we were going to be in for the long haul."

Three years and a long haul later the Class-Size Action Partnership (CAP), founded by Feiten and Mardigian to make class size a priority in the school district, is in the midst of one of the most important months of the year.

"You might call it our own form of March Madness," said Mardigian. "Several events take place this month that are important. One of which is the report we've just received from the good work of the Housing Committee. The other is we're going to be introduced to the 1996-1997 budget, and PCEA teacher negotiations begin, really in earnest, this month. All these events impact class size. CAP will watch these events with great interest in the coming months. You will see us review the 1996-1997 budget, and make suggestions as we have in other years for areas we might find more money to buy more teachers. And we'll continue to monitor current class size situations and inform parents and teachers through our visits to the Parent Teacher Organization meetings around the district. And we'll provide input to upcoming PCEA negotiations."

Comprised of parents and educators, CAP has undoubtedly affected the school board's position on class size by regularly participating in the school district's

Early Childhood, Finance and Short Range Goals committees. "Anytime parents are involved the school district appreciates their input," said P-C School Community Relations Judy Evola. "It's very important to be involved. They are their child's advocate. The schools listen very closely to CAP's reports."

Elementary class size has dropped from an average of 29.5 to about 27 students per class, and approximately 70 additional teachers have been hired. "But you know what?" said Feiten. "Even though we've worked really hard at these problems, we've barely put a dent in it."

The lower elementary class size is still higher than neighboring Northville, at 24.4, and even Ann Arbor at 24.3 students per class. P-C Schools also lack an adequate number of textbooks and software, Feiten said. To eradicate these "hot spots" — classes of 27 or more — CAP will continue to meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the school board office, 454 S.

State of Community set for today, Twp., City, County leaders to speak

Business and community leaders, and interested citizens will gather this morning for The State of the Community Breakfast, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the Colony Room of the Mayflower Hotel.

Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy and Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter are scheduled to speak.

New development projects in the Township, including the ice rink and Temple Baptist Church, are expected to be among the many topics of conversation. News from

Harvey. But in order for the reduction of class size to continue, Mardigian and Feiten said, CAP must work cooperatively with the school board, administrators and teachers.

"The only way this is going to happen," said Feiten, "is if we do it as a team effort."

And it has to happen, according to Mardigian and Feiten. While CAP, which is also headed by Lucy French and Don Kronig, acknowledges its goals are not the only challenges that confront the school district, studies have shown students in smaller classes have higher levels of achievement, interruptions are reduced, individual attention is increased and hands-on activities are more effective. "I am pleading with the board, the administrators, and the teachers," said Feiten, "especially the bargaining team, when they sit down at that table I want you to make it a priority for our kids, because we owe it to them."

the City and Wayne County also will be discussed, said Fran Toney, the executive director of The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and breakfast will be served 15 minutes later. Speeches and discussion will begin at 8 a.m.

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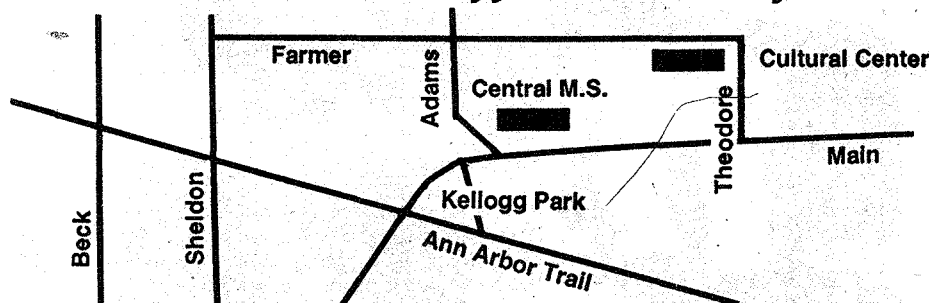
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

A second-grade teacher at Miller Elementary School in Canton was given the Extra Miler award by the Board of Education at its March 11 meeting. **Jon Childs**, the recipient, was cited for his commitment to lower class size and his enthusiasm for teaching. He impersonates historical figures to teach history and, each year, is a force behind the Young Authors Extravaganza in the school media center. Childs was given a certificate of recognition, a Flag of Liberty and Learning pin and a gift certificate from the Roman Forum.

Steven Decker of Plymouth received the Presidential Scholarship for Excellence at Iowa State University for the next school year. The scholarships are based on academic excellence, extracurricular achievements and leadership potential. Decker must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to receive the \$2,500 annual scholarship.

Richard T. Arlen, a Plymouth resident, recently was honored with emeritus status from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He joined the Schoolcraft faculty in 1969 as an accounting professor. Besides his teaching duties, he has written an accounting textbook.

Plymouth resident **LaTonya Wheeler** won a \$150 Afro-American scholarship from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, MO. Recipients of the scholarship, awarded by the Lincoln University Foundation, must be African-American and maintain a 2.5 grade point average.

Mary Horrigan of Canton was one of 13 Eastern Michigan University students who participated in an oral history service project at the school. The students visited an Ypsilanti nursing home on Martin Luther King Day, interviewing residents about their civil rights experiences. The collection of stories eventually will be compiled into a book and presented to the nursing home participants. Horrigan is a senior at the university, where she is majoring in education for the hearing impaired. She also is an Americorps member.

Penny saved, penny earned

Tregembo finds out what a million really looks like

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

John Tregembo and a group of co-workers sitting around a lunch table at Detroit Diesel were talking about this and that.

The talk soon turned to superlatives: "I've got a million of this, I've got a million of that."

"I saw a million grains of sand on the beach."

"There were a million bricks in the wall."

Tregembo was skeptical.

"Everybody throws that million number around so loosely," he said nearly 20 years later, during a recent morning in his Plymouth Township home.

He tried visualizing what a million of something was and couldn't. He decided to find out.

His object of study was the penny. It's affordable, accessible, and easy to amass, he said.

And for more than 17 years, he did.

Some people told him to go to a bank if he really wanted to see what a million pennies looked like. But he resisted an easy route.

"My answer was, 'If you were an avid fisherman, would you go to a stocked fish pond or go to a lake or stream where there would be more of a challenge?'"

said Tregembo, who is 69.

Most evenings and weekends, he huddled in the basement of his home stacking, sorting and listing coins. "Sometimes I'd listen to the hockey games or the baseball games as I was doing it," he said.

By 1988, he'd collected hundreds of thousands of pennies and stacked them on a wooden shelf. On Dec. 7 of that year, his wife told him she heard a faint, continuous, rustling noise coming from downstairs. It reminded her of the domino effect.

"That's what it sounded like — just like when the dominoes go down," Betty Tregembo said. In this case, the dominoes were small, round, and copper in color.

It was a race to find something to do with all the coins. Betty and John were shoveling pennies into anything they could find: trash cans, buckets and baskets of all sizes.

As Tregembo started the long process of re-stacking and numbering the pennies, he began to take an interest in each individual coin. Inside a notebook, he'd mark the pennies by the year they were made. He'd also stack them according to year. His penny collection eventually gained more importance than just its

visual meaning. Even his wife didn't mind his all-encompassing hobby.

"Let's put it this way," Betty said, "I knew where he was at night."

The penny gets a bad rap among coins today. Some people do anything to get rid of their pennies, or don't bother to accept them at all.

"I have seen teenagers come out of a store and throw them in a parking lot," Tregembo said. "After they leave I would pick them up."

Tregembo, to no one's surprise, says the penny is an integral part of our currency. For example, every state has a different sales tax rate, which requires pennies, he said.

By early this year, Tregembo had collected more than 1 million pennies. He rolled them in paper, then placed them in 400 -\$25 boxes for the bank. The total weight: about 6,975 pounds.

Unfortunately, the bank wouldn't accept them. A teller gave Tregembo a bunch of burlap money bags. He's spending the next few weeks converting the pennies from boxes to bags.

But the coins aren't going to just sit in his savings account or take up room in a safety deposit box; he's buying a \$24,000 GMC Sierra pickup truck and offering the down payment in pennies.

Babes in Arms

(left to right) Lindsay Barra, Chris Blossom, John Donahue and Janine Grady take a rest between scenes as The Park Players prepare for the production of *Babes in Arms* March 22-23 and 29, 30 at 8 p.m. Performances will be held at the Salem High School Auditorium. Ticket are \$6 reserved and \$5 for general seating in the balcony. The music for the performance includes such well-known pieces as "My Funny Valentine," "The Lady is a Tramp," "Where or When," and "Johnny One Note." (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Cold shoulder

Twp. trustees give sports arena tax abatement proposal cold reception

BY LIZ SEYMOUR

A public hearing will be held on April 9 to hear Compuware Sports Arena's request for an industrial development district.

The district is the first step in securing a tax abatement for Compuware, which is building a 150,000-square-foot sports arena in Plymouth Township on Beck Road, between Five Mile Road and M-14. The facility will be home to the Detroit Junior Whalers.

Compuware plans to request tax breaks for 12 years.

The Township Board of Trustees set the hearing date at its meeting last Tuesday. Some trustees already expressed reservations about creating such a district for the sports complex.

"I'd be surprised if this gets approved," said Trustee Charles Curmi. "The boundaries maybe, but not the use."

Compuware will apply for a tax abatement by claiming the facility will be a theme and recreation park, which qualifies for tax breaks under state law.

If the industrial development district is approved, Compuware will file a request for tax abatement to the Township, which makes a recommendation to the state,

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said.

At the meeting, she said state officials she spoke to have questioned the company's eligibility.

"They're telling me that this would not qualify for a tax abatement," she said. "I'd just as soon not create the district if they're not going to get the tax abatement."

Later, she said she didn't like tax abatements.


"I don't think it's fair to the citizens," Massengill said. "But there are two sides to it. Some people think they're good because they encourage industry and that means jobs."

Township Trustee K.C. Mueller was the only board member who said she favored the tax proposal.

"I'd like to see them try," she said. "I'd like to encourage this kind of facility in Plymouth Township."

All of the industrial parks in the western portion of the Township are in industrial development districts, Massengill said.

Compuware already has applied for a liquor license for the restaurant and concession stands planned for the sports complex.



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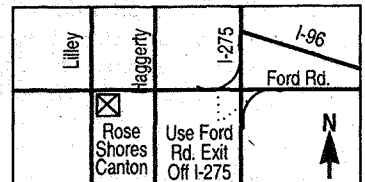
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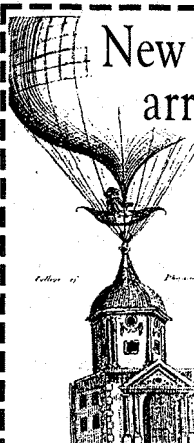
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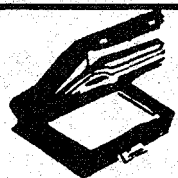
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Robertson Brothers Group, a builder of homes in Michigan for more than 50 years, has announced plans for 218 single family condominiums at **The Links in Canton** hugging Pheasant Run Golf Course. Models and a sales office will be open this month.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's **Third Thursday Update** is scheduled for March 21 at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, 5849 Sheldon Rd. Ypsilanti City Manager Bob Sloan and chamber Executive Director Tony Caparese will speak. For more information, call 453-4040.

Northville resident **Douglas Teubert, FIC**, ranked first among more than 1,600 Lutheran Brotherhood district representatives nationwide in the amount of life insurance issued in February. He also ranked fifth in the combination of life and health insurance, annuities, variable annuities and mutual funds issued throughout last month.

Canton resident **Mark Chapo**, senior management engineer, William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, has advanced to diplomate status in the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society representing more than 30,000 healthcare executives. The announcement was made March 10 in Chicago during the 62 annual Convocation ceremony. Presently, there are only 7,000 healthcare executives in the nation who hold the status of "Diplomate."

Salem Township Clerk Marcia T. Van Fossen, CMC, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks for achieving its educational, experience and service requirements. Van Fossen, who has been Salem Township clerk since 1992, also lectures in pediatric nursing at the University of Michigan.

Entelechy focuses on engineering, business support from Twp. base

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Maybe first instinct isn't always the best.

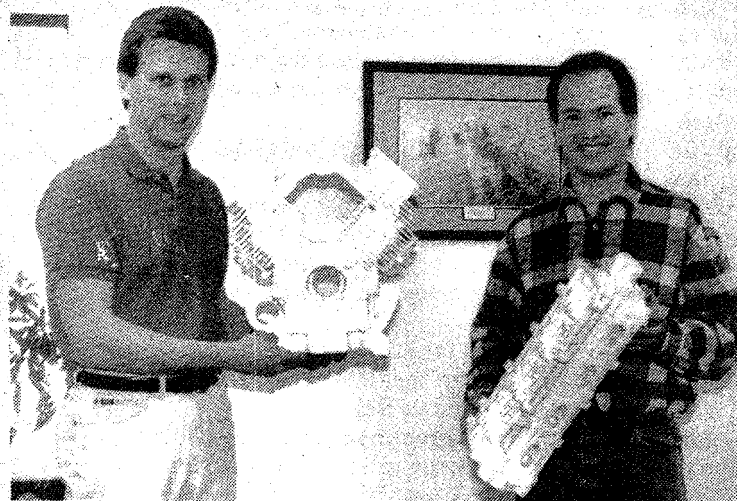
"We originally wanted Strategic Solutions registered," said Scott Cichon, director of business analysis for Entelechy, a provider of engineering and business support services, "but it was already used by somebody else. We wanted Creative Solutions."

"There were so many of them," said Entelechy Director of Engineering Greg Sanders.

"So we went home and looked in a dictionary," said Cichon, "and Greg looked in some philosophical books, and we came up with Entelechy. It means a vital force urging one toward self fulfillment, and that's what we hope to be: a vital force urging on small businesses towards self fulfillment.

Entelechy was founded by Sanders and Cichon, who have been friends since their days as classmates at Lawrence Institute of Technology, after they had grown weary of their positions at General Motors and Ford. "You always say you want to work for a big company," said Sanders. "Well, I've worked for a big business and a small business, and there's nothing like working for yourself."

So Sanders and Cichon put together their engineering and business administration degrees to work by operating out of their basements in Canton for two years. Office space was soon needed. "I had some customers from the Far East who asked how we could work out of our basement," said Sanders. "We



Greg Sanders and Scott Cichon hope to turn their experience into a successful engineering and business support company. (Crier photo by Brian Corbett)

needed office space to grow to the next level."

The two-man team Entelechy, located 42325 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 220, is growing fast because it is a groundbreaking business, according to Sanders and Cichon, who can be reached at 453-9204. "I am probably the only person in the world," said Sanders, "who knows the whole process of lost foam, from what you see on the desk to pouring the molds."

The foam molds Entelechy designs are used by General Motors, Teksid, Outboard Marine and other companies for parts such as cylinder and block heads and crank shafts. The technique of using foam and sand to mold aluminum and iron parts — in place of welding — has only been in place for 15 years. It is used widely in Europe, where Entelechy has some clients, but it is just gaining notoriety in this country. "The

foam literally evaporates after the aluminum is poured into it," said Sanders. "It's used a lot in Europe because this is biodegradable to non-harmful chemical components, and the sand we use is 100 percent reclaimable."

While Sanders and Cichon bounce all over the globe for their engineering services, Entelechy's business consultations will keep them close to home. Currently, Entelechy is working with community colleges and a casting company on turnaround management, business/growth planning, financial and operational optimization, assets and cash flow management, crisis management and goal setting. "I like working with

small companies," said Cichon. "They're more personable. You get to work one on one with the owner. So that's where we're going to take the business side of things. We're going to improve small business operations...They've really never developed their business's fundamentals that would make them really competitive. I see a lot of room for improvement in these small companies. There's a lot of opportunities in small business to improve their performance.

Both Cichon and Sanders think the future is bright for small businesses as larger companies search for lower labor costs. But don't expect Entelechy to grow too much beyond Sanders and Cichon, who want to keep a close-knit office atmosphere. "That's why we have portable computers," said Cichon, laughing.

Boaz joins Vermeulen Funeral Home

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Tom Boaz spends two hours each commuting to and from Plymouth Township.

But he doesn't mind, his new job as prearrangement counselor/manager for Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. is worth it. "I'm very happy here," said Boaz, who began working last week. "I'm kind of surprised that I'm so comfortable, and it's my first week. I've jumped right in."

Boaz left a similar position at a funeral home in Mt. Morris, where he still resides until he can find a home in Plymouth. "I was referred to Vermeulen by one of their insurance reps they do business with," Boaz said, "that also did business with the funeral home I was at in Mt. Morris. So, basically, it was word of mouth."

The scenery has changed, and so have the responsibilities. "I do the same work," said Boaz, "but not in the same role. It was a one-man operation. I did everything, as far as advanced preplanning and so forth. There are other people doing that here."

As prearrangement counselor/manager for Vermeulen Funeral Home, Boaz will continue to host seminars and workshops on funeral preplanning, burial and cremation options and memorial designing. Discussing such topics, Boaz said, isn't always easy. "It's difficult at times," he said. "One of the things is, with preplanning you're really not at a time when death occurs. However, when you work with a family in preplanning for a long time, speaking with them, and getting

to know them, and then death occurs, then it's difficult."

Boaz and Vermeulen's preplanning will hopefully provide solution to painful situations. Boaz, who is also state coordinator for Choice in Dying, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the rights of terminally ill patients and their families, said the Designated Patient's Advocate form is an essential document to preplanning. "I don't know if you're aware of this," he said, "but a living will is not registered as a legal document in Michigan. This form allows me to appoint somebody to make those decisions for me."

Boaz said it is common practice to appoint a patient's advocate. "If you went to a physician," said Boaz, "and he said, 'You're going to have surgery tomorrow.' He's going to recommend filling out a Patient's Advocate form."

Even if preplanning isn't in your future, an Boaz encounter with Boaz isn't out the question. "I do a lot of public service," he said. "I do marketing, so I don't just do the funeral home thing. I do motivational speaking to civic groups, so I'm out and about."

He may be out of the office a lot, but it was the working atmosphere that brought Boaz to Vermeulen.

"I like the atmosphere," he said, "and that's one of the things I look for. I had offers from other funeral homes that I didn't take because I wasn't comfortable with the service they provide to families. If I'm out working on preplanning with families and marketing a funeral home, I have to believe in them, and I believe in them."



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

MARY PEARL BURROWS

Mary Pearl Burrows, a Westland resident, died March 9, 1996 at the age of 81.

Ms. Burrows was born April 13, 1914 in Clementsville, KY. During her life, she lived in Wayne, Roscommon and Canton. Ms. Burrows worked as a restaurant hostess and a receptionist at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

Ms. Burrows is survived by her daughters, Jean Robertson of Westland, Cindy Briggs of Hamburg and Pam Burrows of Houston, TX; sister, Margaret McPeak of Lebanon, IN; 10 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Services were held at Kirk of Our Savior in Westland with Rev. Neil Cowling presiding. Inhumation of cremains was at Kirk of Our Savior Memorial Garden in Westland. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to Community Hospice Services, 32932 Warren Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

RODRIGO CRUZ MARCELO

Rodrigo Cruz Marcelo, a Canton resident, died March 11, 1996 at the age of 61.

Mr. Marcelo was born in the Philippines on July 29, 1934. He came to Canton in 1993. Mr. Marcelo was a salesman for the Poultry Feed Company.

Mr. Marcelo is survived by his daughter, Mary Rose Marcelo of Orange County, CA; son, Eric Marcelo of Bellflower, CA; sisters, Cayetana Lazaro of Canton and Policarpio Marcelo of the Philippines; and brother, Amancia Naquita of the Philippines. He is preceded in death by his sister, Castor Marcelo.

Local services for Mr. Marcelo were held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Burial will take place at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, Philippines.

MARY LOUISE NAGY

Mary Louise Nagy, a Superior Township resident, died March 12, 1996 at the age of 64.

Mrs. Nagy was born March 26, 1931 in Detroit. She worked as a homemaker.

Mrs. Nagy is survived by her husband, Laurence; daughters, Laura L. (John) DeSmit of Garden City, Lisa A. (Ted) Braboy of Canton and Lynette M. (Aaron) Durkee of Dallas, TX; sons, Lance (Pamala), Larry R. and Lamar K. (Sandy), all of Plymouth; sister, Rebecca Stitt of Riverview; brothers, Anthony D'Angelo of Phoenix, AZ, Daniel D'Angelo of Flat Rock and Eugene D'Angelo of Lincoln Park; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at and arrangements made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Otis T. Buchan of the Northville Christian Assembly officiating. Burial was at the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072 or Assembly of God Missions, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

Ilah M. Walters, 76, homemaker

Ilah M. Walters, a Canton resident, died March 11, 1996.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lester. She is survived by her sons, Brian and Orren (Johanne); daughter, Mary Beth Troxell; one brother; three sisters; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Irene M. Zawlocki, 72, homemaker

Irene M. Zawlocki, a Canton resident, died March 14, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; daughter, Dianne L. Nay; son, Ronald T. (Jeri); one brother; one sister; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Church with Fr. George Charnley presiding. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton.

Norma K. Bilby, 77, homemaker

Norma K. Bilby, a Canton resident, died March 15, 1996.

She is preceded in death by her husband Raymond. She is survived by her daughters, Elaine Bilby and Jeannette M. Wertman; son, Raymond; sisters, Doris (Verle) Gudgell, Katherine (Audley) Graves and Ester Mahaday; brothers, Mel (Gloria) Hynes and Howard (Mary) Hynes; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held and arrangements made by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Fr. George Charnley presiding. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Josephine A. German, 79, homemaker

Josephine A. German, a Canton resident, died March 16, 1996.

She is preceded in death by her husband George. German is survived by her son, Dennis G. (Jolette) of Canton; two sisters; one brother; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at and arranged by the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with Fr. Leonard Partensky officiating. She was buried at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.



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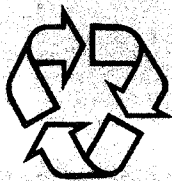
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BREASTFEEDING CLASS

Learn the basics at the U of M Plymouth Health Center, 9398 Lilley Rd., today from 7-9 p.m. \$15. M-C members receive discount. For more information, call 459-0820.

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Lunch hour open skate at the Culture Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fee Mondays: 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 City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rent For more information, call 455-6623.

AEROBICS CLASS

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold low/high aerobics classes. \$40-one day 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 second and third Fridays of each month. For an appointment, call 455-7526.

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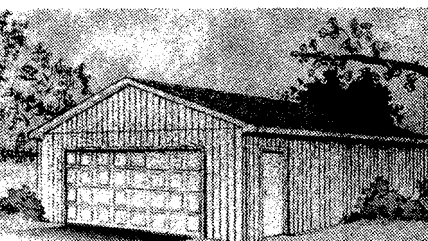
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Schools

P-C SCHOOLS ELECTION PETITIONS

Nominating petitions are now available for any resident of the school district who is registered to vote. Petition forms are now available at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey St., in downtown Plymouth. Nominating petitions must be filed by April 8 at 4 p.m. April 11 is the last day a candidate can withdraw from the ballot. The school election is June 10, and two four-year terms, will be filled. For more information, call 416-3095.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 1996/97 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration will be held at all Plymouth-Canton elementary school next week, beginning Monday. To register the child must be five-years-old by Dec. 1. Also needed for registration: child's birth certificate (call Michigan Dept. of Public Health at (517) 335-8655); proof of residency (ex. property tax bill — driver's license is acceptable); child's social security number; child's record of immunization (call Wayne County Health Dept 467-3319).

STUDENTS INVITE PARENTS TO LUNCH

In recognition of March as National Nutrition Month, Allen, Bird, Farrand, Fiegel, Hoben, Hulsing, Isbister Smith elementary schools are inviting parents to lunch with their students. Monday: first graders. Tuesday: second graders. March 27: third graders. March 28: fourth graders. March 29: fifth graders. At Fiegel Elementary School only, parent visit days for third and fourth graders will be reversed.

PLYMOUTH'S CHILDREN NURSERY

Located at 5825 N. Sheldon Rd, applications are being accepted for fall registration. For more information, call 459-3111.

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. Businesses are urged to donate. Parents are urged to volunteer. Call Stee Committee members Pam Capaldi at 455-3869 or Andi Schmiedel at 397-6936.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL AUCTION

New Morning will hold an auction Saturday at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The \$50 ticket includes hors d'oeuvre dinner, open bar, silent and live auction and late-night snack. For more information, call 420-3331.

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 M Smith at (810) 486-6060 or (810) 437-8517.

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 46 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 Bernar Harris Publishing Company, Inc. ATTN: Richard Bradley, 313 E. Anderson Ln., Ste. 300 Austin TX 78752.

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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) 468-6879

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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.

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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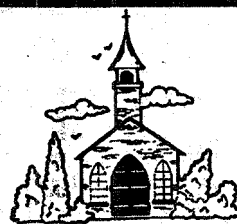
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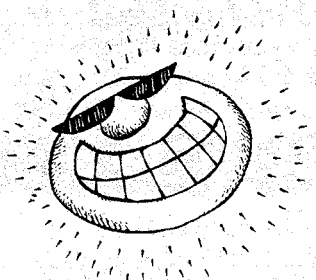
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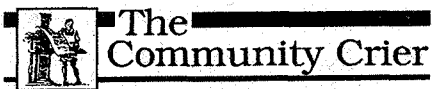
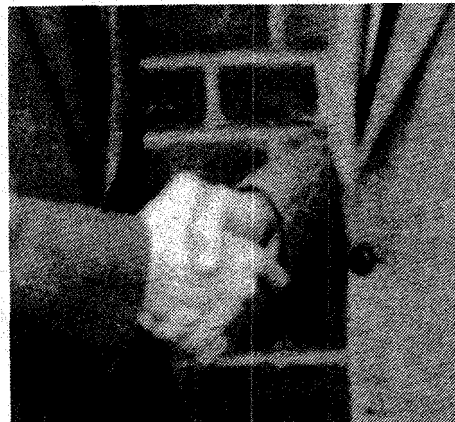
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Biz boom

Edward's Catering comes to town; Animation Station prepares to expand

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Spring is often associated with rebirth — this seems especially true this year in downtown Plymouth.

The expansion of one Plymouth business and the addition of a new tenant is expected to boost the downtown retail base.

The Animation Station is expanding once again and Edward's Catering, a popular Northville business, is moving their pastry shop to downtown Plymouth.

The Animation Station will occupy the space vacated by the Sipapu Company on the corner of Main Street and Penniman Avenue, while Edward's Catering is moving into the former site of the Breadwinner on Forest Avenue.

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile said both businesses will add to the City's retail base.

"I think these are two first-rate businesses," he said. "I'm looking forward to having them downtown."

This is the second expansion for the Animation Station in downtown Plymouth. Shortly after opening two years ago, Animation Station more than doubled its retail space in Westchester Square Mall. Animation Station owner Vern Mitchell said he and his partner Chuck Eveleth also opened another location in Livonia Mall.

"We're excited about the potential," said Mitchell. "This will give us a lot more possibilities."

He said the first floor of the building will be used for collectables and small gifts, while the second floor will hold the main gallery collection. "The second floor will give us a lot more flexibility," Mitchell said. "We will hold ongoing exhibits, use the area for educational programs and have more studios involved with on-site shows and demonstrations."

Guile said Animation Station will hold one of the prime downtown retail spots in the City following the move. "They are really going to expand the gallery area," he said. "Their presence on Main Street will make them very visible. The result will be added stability to that corner."

Mitchell said the move will begin April 1, with the business up and running by May 1. An April move is also planned for the addition to Edward's Catering.

Edward's Catering owner Ed Postif said his move to Plymouth will strengthen the company overall.

"Plymouth was the natural choice," he said. "We have a lot of customers from Plymouth visit our Northville location."

The Plymouth expansion of Edward's Catering will be called Edward's Bake Shop and will handle all of the company's pastry and bakery business. Although they will serve coffee, pastries and soft drinks, Edward's Bake Shop will not serve the variety of deli fare customers who visit the Northville location are accustomed to.

According to Postif, fans of the Breadwinner will enjoy Edward's Bake Shop. "In addition to what we offer now," he said, "we will be adding on a few lines of health related bread."

Postif said the expansion is planned for the first week of April.



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Wheels

'Alternative' vehicles top local auto sales

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

What's more difficult than even the toughest "Jeopardy" question?

Answer: driving on any street, road or expressway without seeing a minivan or recreational vehicle nearby.

Some would say that these vehicles have become the station wagon of the '90s, only more stylish, according to Dave Galdes, sales manager at Fox Hills Chrysler-Plymouth-Jeep-Eagle.

"People don't want a station wagon anymore," he said. "They want something a little more stylish."

According to Galdes, the Plymouth Voyager and the Grand Cherokee are two of the dealership's best sellers.

"They make up more than half of all our sales," said Galdes. "That's a big chunk."

Fox Hills is not alone when it comes to the booming business of these type of vehicles.

"It's just amazing to me (the rise in sales of Ford Windstar minivans)," said Doug Mitchell, Blackwell Ford's truck manager. "We've seen a phenomenal boom."

"We are very enthused about it."

Minivans are not the only good seller for Ford, according to McDonald Ford New Car and Truck Sales Manager Tim Flanigan.

"Our biggest sales increase has been from the Explorer," said Flanigan.

That doesn't mean that the Windstar isn't important to



Sales of minivans and recreational vehicles have skyrocketed at Fox Hills Chrysler-Plymouth-Jeep-Eagle. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

McDonald though, Flanigan said.

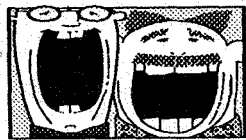
"It is definitely a bread-and-butter vehicle for us," he added.

According to Flanigan, both the Explorer and the Windstar are favorites with consumers for a couple of different reasons. "They are just such versatile vehicles," he said. "They are very dependable; they're put together to last. We don't see a lot of service calls on them."

Flanigan added that these type of vehicles are apparently here to stay. "Ford is definitely behind them a hundred percent," he said.

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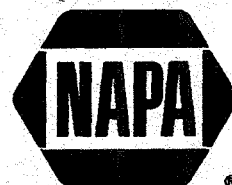
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Leasing rises in popularity among new car shoppers

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

They used to bark at you from the television set about all the great sales at their respective car dealerships. Recently though the salesmen have been singing a different tune — lease, lease, lease.

According to Steve McGowan of Red Holman Pontiac-Toyota-GMC Trucks, leasing automobiles is big business right now.

"We lease 45 percent of our domestic models and 70 percent of our imported," explained McGowan. "You get more car for the money."

People are deciding to lease as opposed to purchasing for many reasons, said McGowan.

"There is no marginal down payment as opposed to purchasing," he said. "Sales tax is no longer deductible.

"And with a lease, you only pay for what you use."

McGowan said that leasing makes a lot of sense for dealerships as well as just the customers.

"Manufacturers realize that leasing makes for a shorter trading session. Cars turn over every 24 to 36 months," he said. "It also creates a fair amount of low mileage used cars.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone, especially the customer."

Some of the other benefits of leasing, according to McGowan are:

- Driving a new vehicle every two to three years.
- Not having to use a huge amount of money for a down payment.
- Savings on maintenance costs, which according to McGowan, can really add up.

According to Chuck Canvasser, vice president of lending at the Community Federal Credit Union, people haven't given up completely on purchasing.

"We're still seeing a lot of purchases as well as a lot of leases," said Canvasser. "It really comes down to a personal choice.

"If you drive a lot of miles, leasing may not be a good option for you. It's really something you have to look at."

Canvasser did agree with McGowan that there has been a big upswing in people leasing in recent years.

"Ten years ago leasing was a lot less common, so people were more hesitant," said Canvasser. "People have become more familiar with it, so you're seeing a lot more of it.

"It's really a personal decision."

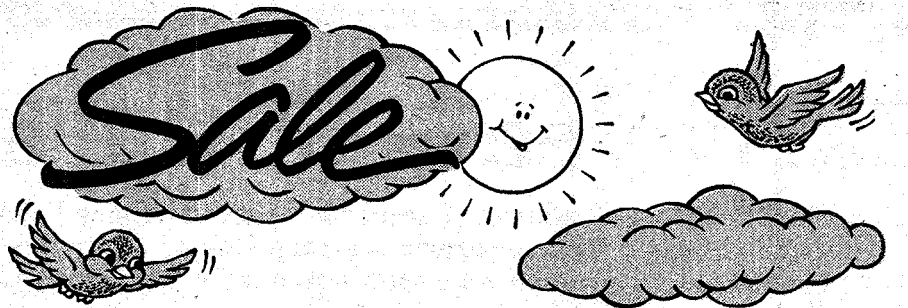
McGowan said he believes leasing is just the ticket for most consumers.

"It's a nice way to have a nice, new car with affordable payments," he said.

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Scott Phelps takes apart a Ford Model T

pickup truck, once used on Bordine's Farm in Canton. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



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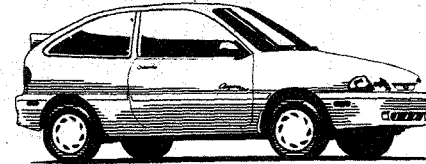
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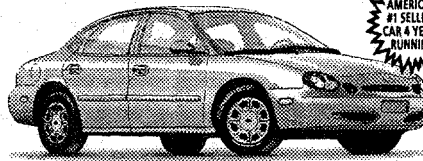
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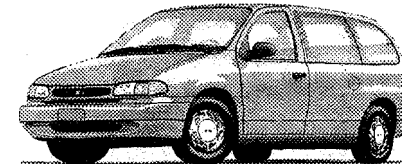
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Early years of the automobile industry

Historian Bob Casey, curator of transportation at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, draws a strong line of distinction between the centennial of the American automobile industry and automobile history in general.

"Self-propelled vehicles had been a dream of innovators since Roman times and first appeared in Europe in the late 18th century," Casey said.

"Throughout the mid-19th century, steam engines proved their usefulness for ship and rail travel, and it wasn't long before inventors began adapting the technology for smaller vehicles that led to the development of the car as we know it today."

Steam engineer Oliver Evans led the pack in the United States, demonstrating a land-roving harbor dredge on the shores of Philadelphia as early as 1805. And Sylvester Roper's horseless carriage was steaming along the roads shortly after the American Civil War.

"By the late 1800s, men like Henry Ford and Ransom Olds were tinkering in sheds and barns all around the country," Casey said. "Each had a different approach to existing technology, and each was intent on building one vehicle that he himself would drive."

But in Springfield, MA, Charles E. and J. Frank Duryea had another idea. Having succeeded with two different automobiles in 1893 and 1895, they set out to build the Duryea Motor Wagon in multiple, based upon the design of their 1895 model.

"That first production run of 13 vehicles was clearly the start of the automobile industry," Casey said.

While innovators around the country continued to explore the technical possibilities of automobiles, other factors would come into play that would shape the incipient industry.

"The discovery of vast quantities of oil at Spindletop near

Beaumont, TX in 1901 is every bit as significant to the industry as the automotive pioneers' endeavors," Casey said. "The availability of domestic petroleum products complemented the developing automobile industry. Without a supply of cheap, abundant fuel, the car culture as we know it would not have evolved."

While the issue of inexpensive fuel was being resolved, fuel of a different sort was still an issue. "It didn't take much capital to build one vehicle, but to get a foot in the door of an automobile business required financing," Casey said.

The auto pioneers sought to capture investors' interest by staging racing events and endurance runs that would prove their vehicles a worthwhile venture.

In 1903, two automobiles (a Winton and a Packard) made separate coast-to-coast trips across the United States, demonstrating the potential abilities of the automobile.

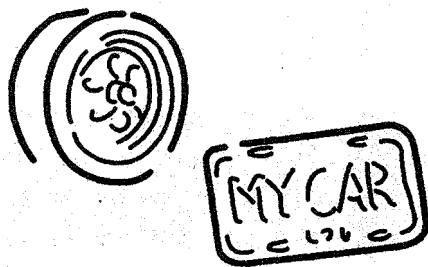
"That same year, an enterprising Detroitier who had staged automobile tests on a frozen lake in Michigan convinced a group of investors to back a company that would bear his name: Ford Motor Co.

"People like the Duryeas were way ahead of Ford in the 1890s, but it was Ford who ended up putting the world on wheels," Casey said. "He introduced the Model T in 1908, followed by the moving assembly line in 1913 and the \$5 day in 1914.

"I think these three milestones go together as one continuous event that cemented the auto industry into the base of the American economy for most of the 20th century," Casey said. "The introduction of the moving assembly line also brought an end to the pioneer era. It turned the auto industry into a big business that relied more on managers and investors than the heroic efforts of the talented mechanic with a vision."

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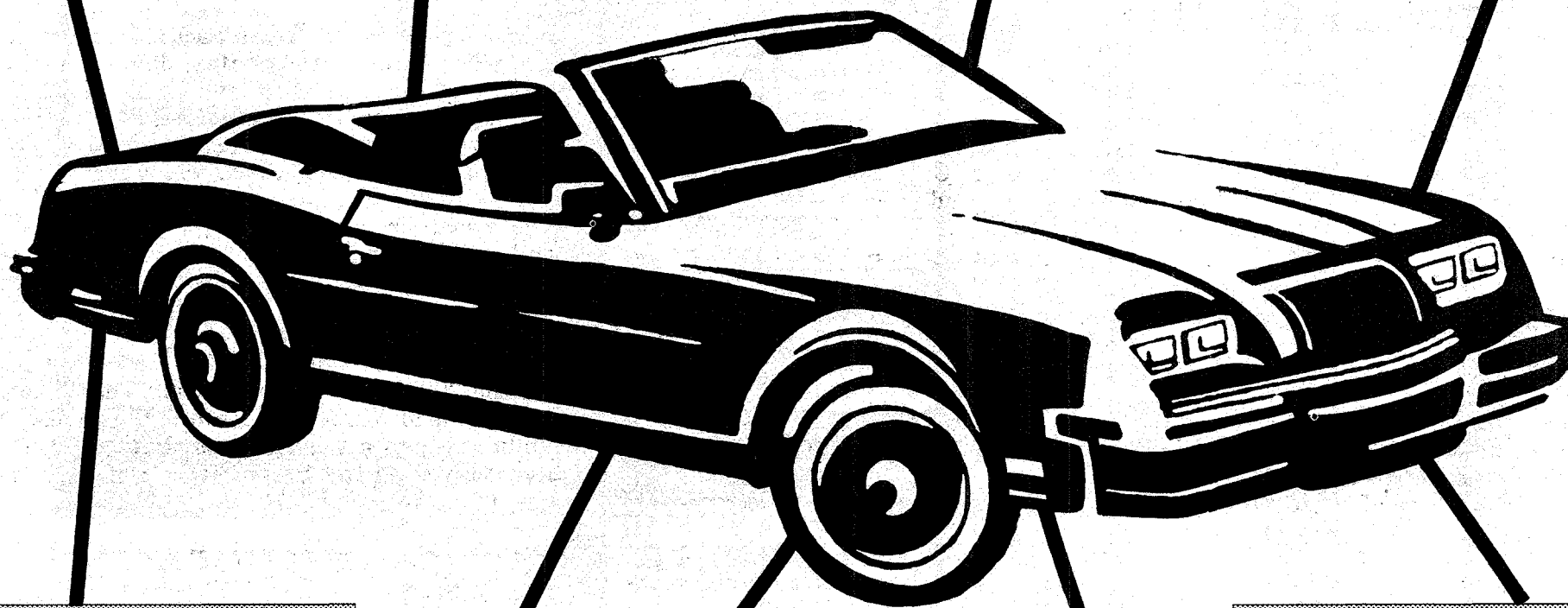
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Sports

Sports shorts

These are the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association scores for the week of March 16. **BOYS "AA" LEAGUE** Tournament finals: Knicks 82 - Kings 82. **GIRLS "AA" LEAGUE** Tournament finals: Bulls 56 - Lakers 39. **BOYS "B" LEAGUE** Quarter-finals: Pistons 52 - Hawks 47; Knicks 59 - Sonics 55; Spurs 61 - Bulls 33; Jazz 76 - Nets 59. **GIRLS "B" LEAGUE** Semi-finals: Kings 30 - Celtics 21; Magic 39 - Bulls 29.

Canton, in conjunction with the Skatin' Station II, is sponsoring a series of Roller/Inline programs for all ages. **Intermediate inline blade class** starts April 27 with a registration deadline of April 25 for ages 15 years and under. **Beginner children** starts April 6 with a deadline of April 4 for 15 and under. **Beginner adults** starts April 14 with a deadline of April 12 for 18 and over for blades or conventional skates, and April 3 with a deadline of April 1 for only conventional skates. **Rollerblade hockey league** starts April 14 with a deadline of April 12 for 7 and under, 8-10, and 11-14 year olds.

The cost is \$40 including skates for each class and \$95 for Roller Hockey League. All registration began Monday.

Chiefs fall to Pershing

BY MATT HUCAL

They had a chance.

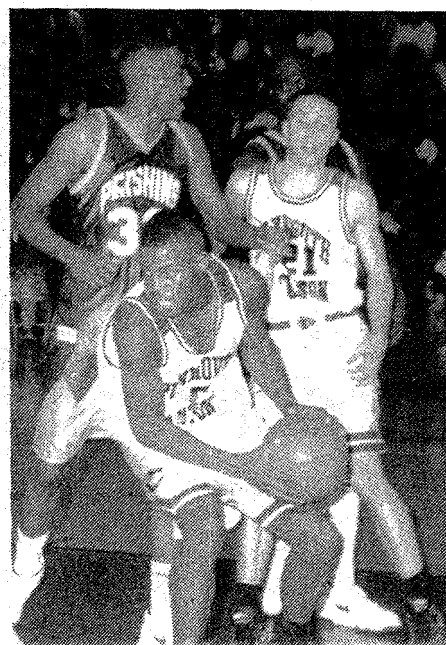
The Canton basketball team knew going into last Wednesday's regional game against the top ranked team in the state — the Detroit Pershing Doughboys — that they'd have to step up every level of how they play. They did that and nearly pulled off an upset before losing 73-57 in a packed gymnasium at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

Canton coach Dan Young came away from the game proud of his team not only for that game, but for posting the best record in school history — 22-2.

"I'm proud that we never gave up. That's really what this team was about," Young said.

Nick Hurley of Canton finished the first quarter off with a three point field goal that made the score 20-13.

The Doughboys outscored the Chiefs by six points in the second quarter with the help of their tall guys roaming inside the free throw lane. One of the nation's best and Michigan's Mr. Basketball — 6'9" Winfred Walton — used his size in bumping Canton down low. But with the Chiefs' Rob Johnson on him most of the game, he was held to 5-20 shooting and 21 points.



Pershing was too much for Ron Hunter and the rest of the Canton team. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Pershing also had another 6'9" player and a 6'6" player that gave the Chiefs some problems rebounding, but shooting wasn't as easy for the Doughboys as Canton seemed to always double and triple team them.

"Whenever we play a team with a good scorer down low, we double them up," Young said. "We did a nice job doing that against those guys (Pershing).

After closing the first half with a 39-26 lead, Pershing opened the second half with four points in the first 48 seconds.

The same thing kept happening all game long as Canton's top rebounder, Johnson, would force Walton into a tough shot but wouldn't be in position to rebound against the other Doughboys. Then on offense the Chiefs would work the ball around nicely as they have all year, then once it got down

low, the ball would be highly contested or blocked.

As the third quarter wound down, Canton's Ron Hunter began to tear up the Doughboys with some spectacular plays. With 55.7 seconds left in the third, Hunter made a three-point shot and was fouled in the process. He made the foul shot and ended the third with Pershing leading 60-44.

Hunter then had the first four points of the fourth quarter and cut the lead to 12 points. That 12-point margin was the same for the next few minutes as Walton began feeling the pressure of Canton's defense. Then in a sequence of three plays he air-balled a shot, missed catching an alley-oop altogether, and then as he went up for a layup he let go of the ball and turned it over again.

With 2:54 left in the fourth quarter Hurley made a three-pointer to cut the lead to 64-55, the closest the Chiefs would get. Canton then began trying to get closer by shooting three-pointers as Walton helped finish off the Chiefs with two slam dunks in the closing minutes — one dunk that was done in the same motion as a rebound.

Hunter led all scorers with 30 points. Young said that Hunter will be on the all-state second or third team to go along with his and teammate Mark Bray's all-conference award. Hurley made the all-Western division team.

Young's team improved from its 19-5 record last year but was dealt the same fate by Pershing in the same round of the play-offs as last season.

"Our hard work during the preseason set the tone for this season," Young said. "I couldn't be more happy with the effort and ability to stay in every game these guys displayed."

Young also felt that his senior players "made the season." Those players are Hunter, Bray and Brandon Hartke and will be the only guys gone next year.

Perfect season



The '84 Plymouth Kicks Premier Soccer Team was tops in the A Division. They are: Front row (left to right) Jeff Bennett, James Bauslaugh, Jon Gordon, John Kaczmarek, Dan Gill, Ryan Williams, Shane Smith. Back row (left to right) Peter Dzubay, Kevin Nuttall, Mat Stafford, Michael Davis, Keith Lukasik, Jon Rucinski, Kevin Strucel, Bradley Kreger and Ryan Koet.

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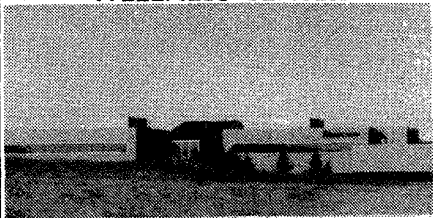
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Hockey, hold the ice *In-line leagues offered at Skatin' Station*

BY MATT HUCAL

A roller skating rink with an in-line skate hockey league?

It's pretty hard to find that around Michigan, but Plymouth and Canton residents have one right in the middle of their community. Located in Canton off Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty roads, the Skatin Station II is in their second year of providing the league and has watched it grow enormously.

The Skatin' Station II has been around for 14 years, but two years ago it changed management and has improved its look and its programs. It added in-line hockey to fill up the free time it had, and in its first year there were about 75 to 100 people participating. This year — with players ranging from the ages of four years old to over 30-year-olds — there are about 44 teams and about 450 people involved in the league for all ages and for boys, girls, men, and women.

"In line skating was a big reason why we we're doing well, so we added the (rollerblade) hockey leagues into our open time slots," Dave Jackson, hockey director for the Skatin Station, said.

With the new management came some new additions that have made the Skatin' Station into what Jackson likes to call

"the Las Vegas of roller rinks." Those additions include movie screens all around the rink (three big screens), neon signs and neon message boards, arcade games and pool tables.

Along with the hockey leagues the Skatin' Station also offers classes for conventional skating and in-line skating

for all ages. These classes use step by step teachings of skating by using drills and one on one help from all the instructors. There are camps in the summer, such as what the Motor City Mustangs professional roller blade team provided last summer.

With all the changes that have taken

place at the Skatin' Station and all of the compliments given by other rink owners, Jackson says, "This is more of a family entertainment center than an actual roller rink."

See the Sports Shorts to find out about the new leagues and classes beginning soon.

Salem swimmers hold their own at state meet, finish undefeated in league

400 freestyle relay takes 10th, Buchanan 8th in 100 butterfly at state meet; team finishes another fine season in the pool

BY MATT HUCAL

The Salem swimming team had many swimmers qualified for the state finals on March 9, with two events placing.

The 400-yard freestyle relay with Tim Buchanan, Nick Corden, Mark Dettling, and Kyle Petroskey placed 10th with a time of 3:18.12.

Buchanan also placed eighth in the 100-yard butterfly with a

time of 53.27.

The others competing that didn't place was the 200-yard medley relay with John McLenaghan, Petroskey, Buchanan, and Pat Morgan who finished with a time of 1:41.96.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Corden finished with a 22.62 and McLenaghan finished with a 22.69. While diving Otto Geiseman was out after five dives.

In the 500-yard, Petroskey finished in 15th with a time of 4:54.65. Corden, McLenaghan, Dettling, and Buchanan finished 14th in the 200 free-style relay with a time of 1:30.31.

"We were faster in all the events, just not fast enough," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "It's always nice to get qualified for the state meet, and we swam pretty good."

The Rocks ended the season undefeated in league meets (5-0) and were WLAA conference champions.

Plymouth Family YMCA 17th Annual Run

Sunday, June 16, 1996, Plymouth, Michigan

START TIMES

7:30 a.m.	Tot Trot (ages 2-3)
7:45 a.m.	Junior Jog (ages 4-6)
8:00 a.m.	1 Mile Fun Run/Fitness Walk
8:15 a.m.	5K Run/Fitness Walk
8:45 a.m.	10K Run
10:00 a.m.	Diaper Dash (ages 1 & under)

ENTRY FEES

\$ 8	Junior Jog & Tot Trot
\$14	1 Mile Fun Run/Fitness Walk & 5K Fitness Walk
\$16	5K Run & 10K Run
\$18	Triple Race
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24 to 30	66 to 70
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Community opinions

Who's running in 1996?

It's election year.

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Actually, 1996 will be comparatively calm when viewed from 1998. In two years, with the new township boards safely positioned in the middle of a four-year term, comes the big fight.

Term limitations in Michigan kick in for the first time in 1998.

That means the first wave of politicians retiring (as envisioned by the voters who approved term limits in 1992) will be overshadowed by those hoping to stay in power by elevating themselves or seeking other posts.

Enough about 1998 later — except that the impact of term limitations kicking in will mean some hopefuls and political parties will say, "We'll just wait," until the 1996 elections.

Nonetheless, there will be major slugfests this fall.

For the first time in the history of the 35th District Court, a sitting judge may well face opposition. John MacDonald's re-election year won't be a donnybrook like the open seat two years ago that Ron Lowe eventually won.

But it's likely that the 35th Judge will face a challenger this time.

Open judicial seats are generally free advertising for lawyers. Thus, Steve Boak, Mike Gerou, Carol Levitte, Maria Petito, Kevin Simkowski, Ed Zelmanski, Jacqueline George, Victoria Hariri, Dennis Shrewsbury and Karen Woodside joined Lowe in going for the retiring Jim Garber's seat.

Will any of them challenge a sitting judge two years later?

Possibly.

The most likely discomfort MacDonald might face is Woodside, who along with Gerou, distinguished herself as a credible, surprise runner two years ago.

Since gender fights have squeezed out sitting judges on other local benches, it could happen here.

Barring a challenge in the 35th court, the big race here will be U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers (a Democrat) against GOP challenger Joe Fitzsimmons.

Although either could face a primary challenge, only Fitzsimmons may be seriously attacked in the August primary because of his pro-choice position. His and Rivers' campaign war chests make

them the likely square off in November. And The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is the center of their war for western Wayne and Washtenaw.

Don't forget the usual group of minor party candidates who will show up on the 13th Congressional District stump.

Watch for many visible baby-kissings here.

On the third-tier battlefield, the 20th District State House could feature a rematch of Gerald Law and Jerry Vorva.

Vorva would love to vindicate his defeat by Law and the MEA — but will he do it?

The Democrats may throw someone in

pleasant surprise), Liz Givens, Judy Mardigian, Sue Feiten, Deborah Nesbit, Barb Van Pelt, Del Templeton, Lucy French or Bill Joyner.

How about retired Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent John M. Hoben?

Would Vorva take out his MEA feelings by going for school board?

This is not to mention other past hopefuls or current PTA-PTO, band, or gymnastic leaders-parents.

The Plymouth-Canton Schools race is but a warmup generally. Petitions are due April 8 — not much time to add to the list.

In the local races for the township

or she would take on the powerful women's group (a.k.a. "Friends of Mary") there. In Marilyn Massengill's place as clerk, all seems unchallenged.

Canton's Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter may be unopposed and newly-elected Terry Bennett (she won a special election to grab her husband's seat when he moved to State Senate) doesn't see major campaigns building to contest her.

The two township boards best begin by taking stock of who's running, who's retiring and who might be waiting in the wings.

In Plymouth Township, Trustee K.C. Mueller seems like she won't re-run. Arnold will. But will Ron Griffith go again? Curmi might quietly go away or run for something else — supervisor?

Canton has a different problem. By paying its trustees more and more every year, it's created a highly-paid (for a part time trustee) position.

That makes it hard for someone like Bob Shefferly, whose time to retire is at hand, to quit and simply play with the grandkids. (He may be swayed by the most recent charges of conflicts of interest). He contributed much in his time, but those days are gone and getting fewer.

Other board types like Melissa McLaughlin (a possible state rep in the future?), Phil LaJoy and John Burdziak look poised to go again.

What about Ralph Shufeldt? Jim Gillig? Joan Palmer? Tom Jones?

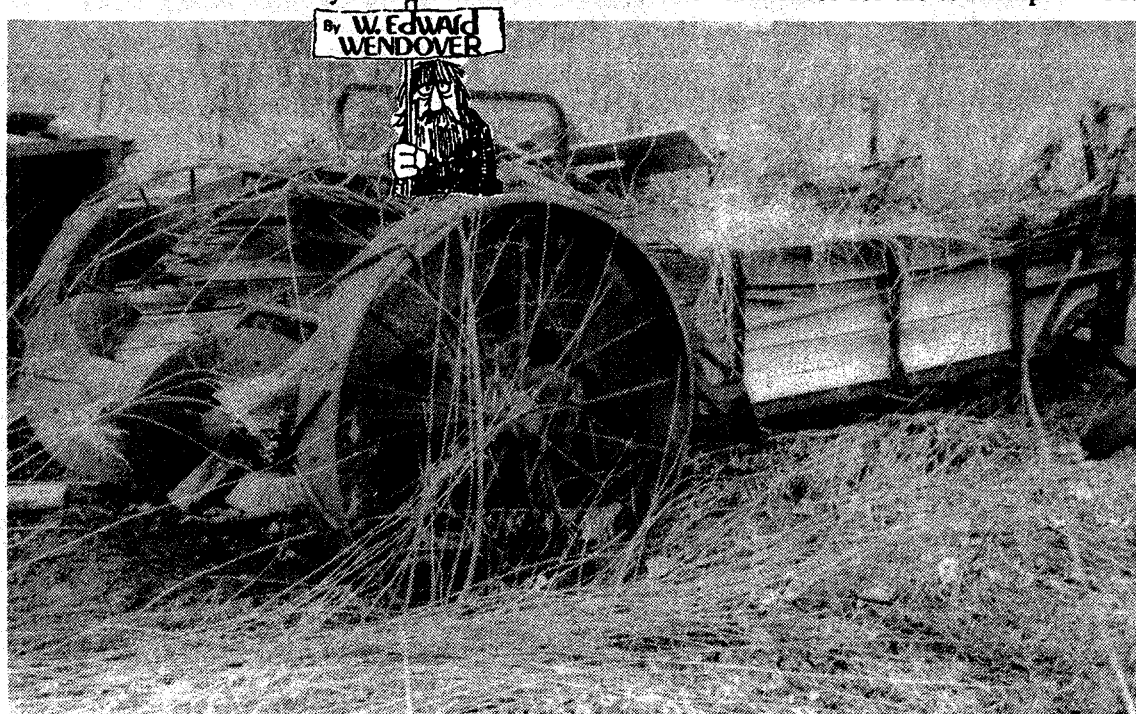
Some of those are also potential candidates to run against State Rep. Deb Whyman. She is so busy fighting lunatic right-fringe issues and preparing to go for State Sen. Bob Geake's seat in two years, that she may be vulnerable in her district.

And speaking of Geake, he'll just be sitting happily by — like Canton's State Sen. Loren Bennett — this election series. But will Livonia State Rep. Lyn Bankes go for Geake's Senate seat when her term limitation kicks in two years?

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, whose district includes a sliver of northeast Canton, will face someone this time no doubt...but who? Would Westland Mayor Bob Thomas try a free shot?

Law is back as a rarely seen local State Rep after he quit the post to be appointed Plymouth Township Supervisor (former Supervisor Maurice Breen's biggest mistake.), then gave up on that and headed back to Lansing.

He defeated Vorva who had defeated Georgina Goss. Both those two seem to be enjoying watching from the sidelines, but could they be convinced to enter



Welcome to election season, 1996! Although 1998 may bring the hot races of the future, this year looks to be politically exciting. (Picture taken by manure spreader expert photographer Rob Kirkbride)

too for good measure (Si Nahra, Dennis Shrewsbury or Carolyn Blanchard?), but would any other Republican challengers come forth? How about Kay Arnold? How about Lee Harrison?

Those three races hold some excitement value. The elective process could use that after yesterday's yawner U.S. Presidential "primary." (At least this year they let everybody vote without party designation).

Before those three well-watched contests begin though, the Plymouth-Canton School Board race will officially kick off the election season.

With Barbara Graham announcing that she'll throw it in, an open seat attracts a crowd.

Incumbent Jack Farrow says he'll seek another term, but with an open seat attracting a field, he may need to campaign harder than he thinks.

Running could be: former City Mayor Bob Jones, Paul Schrauben (a last-year

board seats in both Canton and Plymouth Townships, there are no surprises...yet.

Will anyone (Chuck Curmi or Gerou) challenge Kathleen Keen-McCarthy in Plymouth Township? How about Roland or Mary Thomas, Charlie McIlhargey, Boak, Carl Berry or former Canton Supervisor Harold Stein?

Laugh at the Berry suggestion. But with Sean Cox's appointment as Wayne County Circuit Judge, Berry will probably become chairperson of the 13th Congressional District Republicans. Maybe he's setting his sight on a higher job than supervisor?

And who'll run against Canton's Tom Yack? Maybe P-C School Prez Dave Artley. Former State Rep. Jim Kosteva or his neighbor Duane Bordine? Vic Gustafson could do it, Phyllis Redfern might.

Although Plymouth Township Treasurer Mary Brooks heard talk of competition, no one has definitely said he



Community opinions

Preschool education important for entire community

Residents of Canton are upset about the cancellation of the popular Cricket preschool program — rightfully so.

The 18-year-old program has graduated more than 1,000 kids. The vast majority of these kids have gone on to succeed during later schooling, a fact that most parents attribute to the Cricket program.

The fact remains that until recently, the Cricket program was a money-maker for Canton. Parents and program administrators agree that the Cricket program could once again be profitable for Canton.

Canton Board of Trustee members argue that there is no space for the Crickets. Supervisor Tom Yack said the Summit was not designed to handle a preschool program.

Arguments against the Cricket program are empty when the importance of the preschool are taken into account. Politicians often point to children as the future of the community. If the Canton Cricket program is dropped, the future of Canton is bleak.

The parents make a strong point when they argue that preschool programs are in short supply. The growth in Canton has outpaced the growth of the preschool industry. Although there are many more preschools in the community than there were 18 years ago when the Cricket program began, there is still a need for more. Parents told the Canton Trustees horror stories of standing in line at 2 a.m. to get a spot in one of the scarce preschool programs.

The lack of preschools is not a problem limited to Canton. Throughout The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community parents are having a hard time finding a spot for their kids.

The logical choice would be to expand P-C Schools services to cover younger children. Unfortunately, financial constraints make this solution nearly impossible to implement. The same is true for the individual communities — a preschool program would be too expensive to run.

On the other hand, a community-wide preschool program would benefit everyone.

The P-C Schools, along with Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township should work together to build a preschool program.

Not only would the kids benefit, the community would benefit as well. The Cricket program was a draw for the Canton community. A community-wide preschool program would be a draw for everyone.

It would not be easy to build or fund, but it is possible.

Children are the future. Instead of taking a step back with the elimination of the Canton Crickets program, the community should take a step forward and respond to the needs of all.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Shefferly ignored conflict during Cricket vote

EDITOR:

(An open letter to Robert Shefferly, Canton Trustee)

I was so very disappointed in you when you voted on the proposal for the Crickets program. I had thought that sitting on a board for so many years with my husband, Richard Palmer, that some of his integrity would have rubbed off on you.

You should never have allowed yourself to vote on that issue.

The conflict of interest was so great that I still can't believe you would involve yourself in that vote.

The fact that your daughter, Patti Mundy, is so deeply involved and directly benefited from the Crickets program is more than enough reason for you to have abstained from the vote. I really am disappointed with your principles.

JOAN PALMER

Reporters need to recognize story

EDITOR:

I had heard good things about City Manager Steve Walters, but I had not realized what an excellent job he was doing until I read W. Edward Wendover's denunciation of him in his column of March 13.

Mr. Walters is to be congratulated upon incurring the enmity of a man who has criticized some of Plymouth's most valuable citizens. (And me).

Regarding Wendover's description of Bill Graham as a "hometown boy" who knows all

the "old timers" — I believe the term he was groping for is "good old boy," and am sorry he is losing one of his playmates.

On the subject of The Community Crier's coverage of the school board meeting of March 11, your reporter neglected to cover the issues of class size raised by the Class Size Action Partnership.

If you need a lesson in how to cover an important issue, see the Plymouth Observer article on the issues raised by CAP.

SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY

Election '96 should be exciting

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politics again? Either could run against Law, or Vorva for schools, Goss for Northville Township Supervisor.

In Plymouth Township, things are remarkably quiet. Once Temple Baptist quieted down, no rabble rousing can be found. Possibly the best voice of reason on Temple was Linda Demmer — but she comes up with a long list of excuses why she won't run.

Would soon-to-cross-the-line-as-a-new-Township resident Jim Jabara run (He's a former mayor of Plymouth)? Mary Childs, another former mayor, misses the politics and is now a Township resident. Any of those potential supervisor candidates listed above might simply try for a board seat.

What about Dennis Campbell, Carol Davis, Nancy White or Jim McKeon for Plymouth Township Board?

In Northville Township, circle the wagons! Expect a united front behind a candidate to run against Karen Baja for supervisor. (Goss?) That could open things up there.

Last, and certainly least (in terms of "thanks" for partisan office) are the Wayne County Commissioners. Canton's Bruce Patterson had the most amusing race to watch two years ago, but it seems like he'll look hard for a candidate to oppose him this time. The same is true of Plymouth-Northville-Livonia Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter.

A race shaping up as an interesting one for The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community isn't nearby. "Favorite Daughter" Susy Heintz served as Northville Supervisor then Wayne

County Commissioner here. She became the governor's point person in southeast Michigan and is now State GOP Chair.

Heintz has just announced she'll run against David Bonior for Congress. Although the Republicans would like to whip that whip (Bonior is the Democratic whip in Congress and a constant thorn to Newt Gingrich), can she dodge the carpetbagging bullet? She'll need to tap all her old friends for funds for this high-spending race.

Locally, this could be a sit and wait election year.

Why "knock yourself out" with term limits up next time for many elected types?

But that may play the other way too. This would be the year to position for a better leg up next year.

It's not too late to take out petitions or to encourage someone else to run. Climb up on the manure spreader with the rest of them (us?).

Write a letter to the editor

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Community opinions

Newspaper strike column shows little regard to demographics of community

EDITOR:

To Liz Seymour: Welcome to the Plymouth Community! Have I missed your prior work for The Crier or did you jump right in with the whiny "Striking back" missive?

There's more Republican management types here than strikers at GM...course, you probably don't know about Republicans and management what with that New Jersey background and all.

But you should be a little more cognizant of demographics if you're new to the area. You see, with us Republicans, when the police chief tells you something is illegal, you can pretty much take that to the bank. You don't have to tell us, "...he was probably right." And violence is quite similar to pregnancy. You either is or you ain't. Frustration and lack of power: are those brand names of starnails?

So, by now, you can see where I'm coming from, right? Your big mistake was not having the courage of your convictions (and

not supporting the strike you didn't believe in). Crossing the picket line can taint you as one who doesn't blindly follow or vote for something one doesn't believe is for the good of the whole. And as you write as a reporter, do you see that your reader expects the facts, the truth and the background to be as objective as you can make it? And to do that, sometimes you get a sullied moniker — but if you believe, it won't bother you.

And the truth of the matter is — What newspaper strike? I get home delivery every day; read and shop the ads and sales, enjoy the columns and swear at the editorials, just as I always have. Nope, it's just the union who hasn't got the message; well, unless you count The Crier, still speaking Democrat in a Republican world!

So Liz, check on the demographics so you'll be writing what we read. You'll love this town and it will help your paycheck.

DENNIS CAMPBELL

Seymour helped bring museum to life

EDITOR:

Thank you so much for the recent article and publicity you have given the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Liz Seymour did an excellent job bringing the museum to life in her article about our 20th anniversary. You are fortunate to have her on your staff! Come over and visit our new exhibit; "Made in Plymouth" and see your newspaper highlighted in the Print Shop. Thanks again for your support. We really appreciate it.

BETH STEWART
MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Whyman should keep nose out of bedroom, stick to important local issues

EDITOR:

I read with interest that lawmaker Deborah Whyman from Canton wants to introduce legislation that would ban gay or lesbian weddings in Michigan and furthermore wants to enforce a boycott of Hawaii tourism. She wants this boycott because the Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled that to deny gay couples the right to wed is unconstitutional.

Although Rep. Whyman represents only a part of Canton (also represents Belleville, Sumpter and VanBuren Townships), she lives in this community and should be aware of all its problems.

I find it very disturbing that she is using her time to regulate gay and lesbian weddings. In recent articles in both of the local papers, it was stated that crime has risen in the area. Other articles report that gangs are rampant in the area, weapons are being confiscated at high schools and middle schools, we have had drive-by shootings, destruction of car windows,

burning down of buildings, etc. If you talk to local residents and business owners, you will discover that many more break-ins and burglaries have happened, which have not been reported in the local newspaper. And Whyman is concerned with boycotting Hawaii!

Alternative lifestyles are a choice that people make. (Some research indicates that homosexuality may not even be a choice).

A lifestyle does not kill, does not destroy property, does not harm or maim the public.

What we need are lawmakers that stress tolerance, lawmakers that guide us into accepting beliefs that are different from ours, lawmakers that demonstrate by their example that we can all live together without blowing each other away, or suing everyone that disagrees with us.

Let's get to the issues, Whyman.
LINDA WILLIAMS

New Scott prison towers unnecessary

EDITOR:

On March 6, I received a letter from Sen. R. Robert Geake thanking me for telephoning him regarding the guard towers going up at the Scott Correctional Facility at the intersection of Five Mile and Beck roads.

He has not been successful in his negotiations with Deputy Bolden and Richard M. McKeon, the executive assistant to the Department of Corrections in Wayne County. He has stated that he cannot support Geake's request not to build the towers at the Scott Correctional Facility.

MDO Director Fred Parks said they would oppose any attempt to stop the building of these towers. Also, McKeon says that Warden Yakins and Warden Robinson will work

closely with the Community Liaison Committee. Well, I myself want to be a part of this Liaison Committee.

I object to these prison towers being constructed at the intersection of Five Mile and Beck roads. They are not wanted here in Wayne County or Plymouth.

Bolden has prepared documents that show Scott ranked third in 1995 for some statistics I'd rather not discuss. But they ranked last on prisoner on prisoner assaults.

Do we really want to keep on building more and more and more towers and prison towers and making more prisoner guard occupations? Let's think about more peace, more prevention.

SYLVIA SMAIZYS

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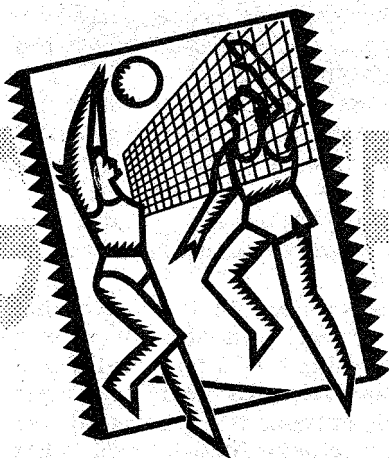
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