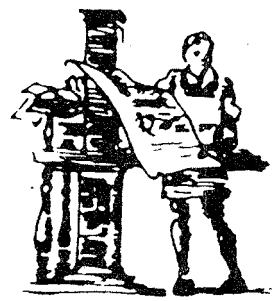


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## Berry to retire

*Twp. police chief will 'head out on the highway' to run Motown Harley-Davidson*

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

Carl Berry is hanging up his badge.

The longest-serving policeman in the City and Township of Plymouth is retiring after 35 years of pounding the beat, leading both the City and Township forces — the latter of which he started from scratch.

Berry will become president and general manager of Motown Harley-Davidson, a new dealership to be located in Taylor on Telegraph Road at Eureka. Riding motorcycles has always been a passion of Berry's, and now he's decided that "35 years is long enough."

So the long-time policeman will become a biker.

This of a motorcycle enthusiast who was once thrown from his motorcycle at Five Mile and Schoolcraft when a motorist crossed the centerline and broad-sided him. (The driver was too drunk at the time to realize he'd run down the local police chief.)

Joining Berry in the new endeavor is another prominent local man — Bob DeMattia, president of R. A. DeMattia Company — who will become a "part-time biker" and partner at Motown while continuing his community developer role.

The two men, and four others, just completed a 3,000-mile motorcycle trip

— "it wasn't a trip, it was an adventure" —through the Andes Mountains in Chile and Argentina. Berry, as well as Canton Public Safety Director John Santamauro and Northville Township Police Chief Chip Snyder, often join other "biker-cops" on an annual springtime-tour of the Smoky Mountains.

"This community has given me a whole lot," said Berry, who joined the Plymouth Police Department in the Fall of 1962. "I've watched it grow from basically a rural farming community into an industrial and leadership base for the State of Michigan.

"We saw a large change in all those years. It impacted local communities like it never had or probably will ever again," the retiring chief said. "I resisted some of that, like anybody, but we've changed a lot and grown well."

Berry's retirement date is not yet set exactly. Nor is the process to replace him.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy recommended to the Plymouth Township Board last night that a search firm be hired to help find a new chief. She said this would help "evaluate equally.

"This way internal candidates have as much a shot as external. We know the

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## WSDP turns 25



*Student radio station celebrates silver anniversary*

Current WSDP staffers (above) and former students (right) are ready to celebrate the student-run radio station's 25th anniversary. The award-winning station took to the airwaves Feb. 14, 1972. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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## Talks stall in Twp. Johnson Controls strike

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Officials from Johnson Controls and the UAW met Monday night for negotiations that lasted into the early morning hours, but they are no closer to ending the two-week-old strike against the Plymouth Township automotive seating supplier.

Despite UAW protests, Johnson Controls moved production of rear seating for the popular Ford Expedition from the Township site to Southfield-based Lear, Inc. Front seats will be manufactured at Ford's Chesterfield Township trim plant.

According to Johnson Controls spokesperson Jeff Steiner, the two sides have no plans for continued negotiations.

"Since the beginning," he said, "we've hoped for a quick end to this."

UAW spokespeople refused to comment on the negotia-

tions or strike.

Steiner said rumors of the plant closing are unfounded. "We've never said the plant will close," he said. "Those are just rumors other people in the industry have speculated on."

The strike has gained national attention. It could become the litmus test for other strikes targeted against automotive suppliers.

The strike has stalled production of Ford's popular Expedition. Ford has reportedly lost more than \$40 million since the strike began.

Nearly 500 members of the newly formed UAW went on strike against Johnson Controls Jan. 28. Another Johnson Controls plant in Oberlin, OH also went out on strike.

UAW officials said the strike began because workers at Johnson Controls are making less money per hour than those at other parts suppliers.



Strikers temporarily blocked trucks used by the company to move seating production to another location. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.) See related photos, pg. 22.

### Cool cars

*P-C residents show hot wheels at Autorama in Detroit*

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### Helping out

*Canton, Northville Meijer stores raise \$34,000 for United Way*

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### Champs

*Canton volleyball team secures share of first WLAA title*

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## Canton parks planned for Barchester, 2 other locations

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Board of Trustees was expected to approve plans for Barchester Park last night.

The site plan for Barchester Park, the first of three new parks proposed this year in Canton, went before the Canton Board of Trustees with a few modifications after the Township Planning Commission recommended approval last week.

The site plans include a small parking lot, an in-line skating area intended for rollerblade hockey, a soccer field and walking paths. The parking lot has been moved to a more central location in the park, according to Michael J. Gouin, Parks and Service Superintendent. "It was moved to a spot (offsetting) two houses," Gouin said. "That was the primary concern. Everyone else was very happy."

The revised site plan also calls for more landscaping around the parking lot, according to Gouin. More trees, including evergreens and other indigenous species, were added to the plan to help screen the parking lot.

"The Township has been working closely with the surrounding residents," Judy Bocklage, a township planner, said, "and the new site plan addresses all of their concerns."

The in-line skating area will be moved to a more central location within the site, and more landscaping will be provided for screening, according to Gouin.

The Township bought the 9.5-acre site from the school district a few years ago. It was proposed to be sold to a developer and the Township purchased it to set aside for park land.

After the site plan is approved, Gouin said, the project goes out for an open bid for construction.

"I think the Barchester Park site is a great thing," Bocklage said. "It's a nice public park, and will serve the community quite well."

Two other new Canton parks — one at Palmer and Sheldon and one at Denton and Becker, which will include a new soccer complex — will go to the board in March, Gouin said.

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CHARLES J. GUIDEAU

## 'Uncle Chuck' remembered as scouting leader

Charles J. "Uncle Chuck" Guideau, a Plymouth resident and long-time scouting leader, died Feb. 8, 1997 at the age of 86.

Mr. Guideau worked as a painter. He was very active in the Boy Scouts, and a long time Scoutmaster.

He is survived by his wife, Juliet (Judy); daughters Charlene C. (Edward) Maxwell of Wayne, Donna L. (Michael) Schneider of Plymouth, Gayle B. (James) Jamieson of Westland; sons Charles J. (Shawn) of Adrian, Donald M. of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Scot A. (Carrie) of Pittsfield, and Curt J. (April) of Howell.

Services were held at Divine Savior Catholic Church with Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiating. Cremation at a later date. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

## Yack: 'We've had another outstanding year'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack praised Canton's vitality and growth and addressed quality of life concerns during last week's State of the Township address.

"We've had another outstanding year," Yack said, in pointing out that Canton was ahead of neighboring communities in many important areas like public safety, education, and growth.

"The quality of life in our community is what everyone is looking for," Yack said.

"1996 accomplishments really focused in upon innovation, leadership, an efficiency," Yack said.

Canton's police department has one of the highest efficiency ratings in the area, according to Yack.

"A lot of departments have a lot of officers that never see the road," Yack said, "Canton has over 80 percent of the Canton police work force on the street at any given time."

"1996 saw an expansion of community policing," he added "not necessarily more districts, but certainly a greater commitment on the part of officers to learn and to become involved in their part of Canton."

Officers are initiating an after-school program at Walker elementary, a new bicycle patrol, and a crime-free multi-housing program designed for apartment complexes to train apartment managers,

## 'Northville Tunnel' case heads to circuit court

BY BRYON MARTIN

Joel Couch forewent examination of the involuntary manslaughter charges against him at his Feb. 7 appearance before Judge John MacDonald at the 35th District Court.

Instead, examination of the case will take place in Wayne County Circuit Court, Feb. 21.

At the advice of court-appointed attorney John Courtright, Couch chose to not testify before MacDonald, opting to wait for his appearance in circuit court where the felony case would eventually be heard.

The objective of the exam, according to Det. Sgt. Gary Gray of Michigan State Police (MSP), chief investigator in the case, is to determine whether a crime was committed, and to establish probable cause that Joel Couch was involved in that crime.

After establishing probable cause, the accused can be bound over, or, in some instances, charges can be increased, according to Courtright.

"We waived the exam because we didn't want to take the chance that Joel could say something that might change the charges against him," Margaret Couch, Joel's mother, said.

The charges against Couch originate with the Jan. 12 death of 19-year-old Livonia resident Scott Brown. Brown died after falling 56 feet from the roof of the Fairweather Center, an abandoned State-owned building in Northville Township.

Part of a series of vacant structures known as the "Northville Tunnels," Couch, Brown and friend Jeremy Galazka drove out to the derelict building where they drank alcohol and smoked marijuana the night of Brown's death, according to MSP reports.

Those reports also allege Couch and Brown were in an argument involving physical contact immediately prior to Brown's fall. Couch claims his memories of the night's events are foggy, but that any argument took place before the threesome reached the building's roof. No charges are pending against Galazka.

Negligent homicide is punishable with up to 15 years in prison, and/or a \$7,500 fine.



Joel Couch (right) appeared before 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald last week. His case will move to Wayne County Circuit Court. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



(left to right) Judge John MacDonald discusses Canton's future with Supervisor Tom Yack. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

according to Yack.

"That's the kind of commitment, the kind of understanding you're looking for on the part of police officers," Yack said.

Yack also said Canton had one of the largest increases in State Equalized Value (SEV) in the entire county in 1996, except for the city of Detroit, experiencing a 115 percent increase, from the 1985 SEV of \$585 million to 1996's \$1.355 billion. Last year's increase was 12 percent alone.

Yack attributes Canton's popularity with new businesses to its location and streamlined approval process, and gives credit to major companies like American Yazaki that locate and expand in Canton, for the township's low 1.7 percent unemployment rate.

"If you need a job, want a job, you got a job," Yack said.

Canton is also expanding the quality

of its environment in 1997, with three new parks planned, including a brand new soccer complex at Denton and Beck roads, according to Yack.

Roads remain a problem, and several projects are planned, but Yack is careful to not be too optimistic.

"Until the shovels are turned, I won't be a believer," he said. "I've been stung too many times."

Yack said the five-year plan to prioritize road improvements will involve residents and will work with the county and other funding sources. Several projects are planned such as aligning Canton Center Road at Michigan Avenue, and paving Koppernick Road,

Another concern Yack listed is education. "Everything revolves around the school," he said.

"Nothing is more important to a community than the strength of its educational system," he added, as he offered his support for the March bond proposal to raise money for two new schools.

"It makes sense," Yack said, "and it's the right solution for the current situation."

Paying attention to issues like education and public safety is what makes Canton such a successful community, according to Yack.

"A community that pays attention to its quality of life," Yack said, "is a community that will grow and prosper."

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Historical Museum will present "The History of China Painting" tomorrow with China expert Bill Garrison as the speaker.

### WEEKEND

- A tornado spotters class will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Plymouth Township Hall. Anyone interested in helping the community by acting as a tornado spotter can call 453-3840 to sign up for the class.

### NEXT WEEK

- The Plymouth Community Arts Council will present "Blues at the Botsford" at its sixth annual dinner theater to be held next Saturday at the Botsford Inn in Farmington. Featured soloist will be Chicago blues and jazz artist, Eden Atwood. An art auction and cocktails will begin at 7 p.m. with a gourmet dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing following the performance. All proceeds will benefit PCAC programs. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the council office at 774 N. Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. Call 416-4278 for more information.

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Are wedding bells in your future? If so, check The Crier's Bridal Guide next week. It will be full of news and information.

# Twp. police chief to retire following 35 years of service

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internal candidate's weak point," the supervisor said.

A month ago, the Plymouth Township Police Department created its first lieutenant position — Robert Smith was promoted from sergeant. Smith joked at that time that the promotion was happening just after his well-publicized accident when he totalled a township no-lights-or-siren police car by broadsiding a student-less Plymouth-Canton School bus during a chase. "We all have our dog stories," Smith said then.

He was referring to the most humorous story in Berry's career that has fol-

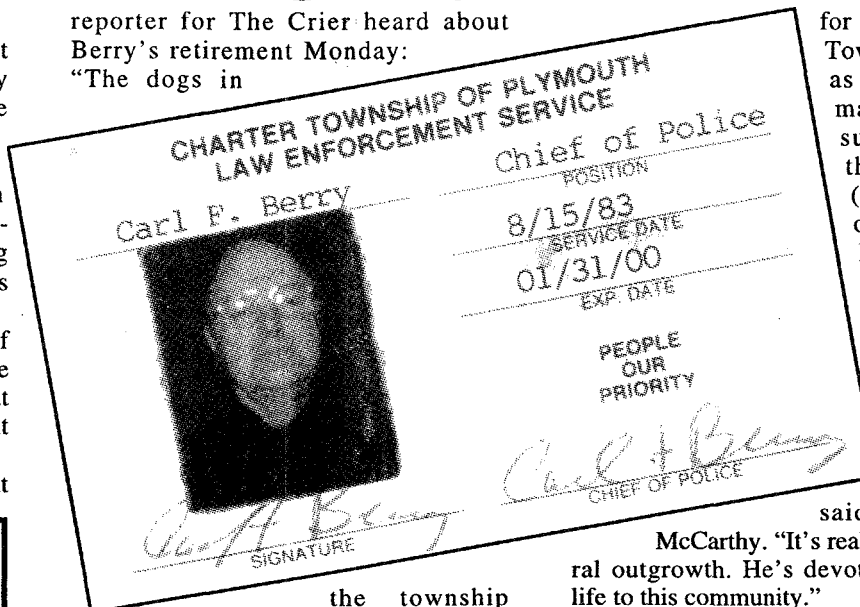
lowed the chief — doggedly.

Years ago, a rabid dog was seen at Plymouth Hills Mobile Home Park. Berry went to shoot the dog, but missed. He wounded two mobile homes. The resulting uproar drew more letters to the editor of The Crier than any other issue in 24 years — including a bar napkin "cartoon to the editor" of Berry in a shooting gallery with little dogs and mobile homes running across.

The sense of humor has been one of Berry's long-term traits (even though he admits it took a little while to laugh about the incident, he chuckles heartily about it now).

Janet Armstrong, a former cop beat

reporter for The Crier heard about Berry's retirement Monday: "The dogs in



for the Plymouth Township Board as a trustee or maybe even as supervisor in the future. (Berry served on the Plymouth-Canton School Board in 1971-75.) "His critics said he was too political,"

said Keen-

McCarthy. "It's really just a natural outgrowth. He's devoted his whole life to this community."

The chief admitted, "I've been attacked for my politics, but I've never let my politics tell them what to do."

Berry cautioned that his leaving the department might lead to talks of combining the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township police departments. "I've got mixed feelings about merging."

"If the community understands how a (combined) police department ought to run, then, yeah, combine the two," he said. "But politicians haven't got a clue sometimes. The politicians better take a hard look at it."

Curtis Hill, the senior ranking officer on the Plymouth Police Department said, "I've enjoyed working with Carl."

Ron "R.B." Bowling said it was Berry who first pulled him over. "He treated me fairly."



**Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry showed his sense of humor when he posed with the elephant at the Lions' Club circus, giving away his political stance. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)**

the township will be happy," she laughed.

Actually, the Berry stories are many.

One of the most exciting was when as a young city cop, he was driving by the First Federal office at Penniman Avenue and Main Street when a holdup alarm came in. "I had a 10-second response time," he smiled. While the teller was still piling cash on the counter, Berry laid a shotgun against the back of the robber's head.

"His pants fell down," Berry laughed. "He didn't even have a gun, he had a pipe in his pocket."

As he recalled his 35 years of policing here, Berry reflected on the murders, plane crashes, car crashes and fires he's seen. "You don't forget about them, but you put it behind you. Maybe that's how I kept my sanity all these years."

But because of those many events, "the community should rest assured. Whenever there's a crisis, the officers have always displayed professionalism."

Berry noticed that the good thoughts rise to the top after 35 years. "This community has given me a whole lot," he repeated several times during his recollections.

The retiring chief said he won't be moving away. "I'm still going to be involved," he promised. "I have every intent in being very active."

Berry, who is 56 (until this Sunday), is the chair of the 13th District Republican Party. He said he would consider a run

## Public notices

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the MICHIGAN ELKS ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE GRANT FUND, a non-profit corporation, or charitable trust or association designed as a foundation under Section 509 of the Internal Revenue code of 1964, as amended, and pursuant to Section 6104(d), is available for inspection at the principal office of the foundation located at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170-0947, during regular business hours, by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication hereof. The resident agent of the foundation is Franz A. Brenner.

This notice is given in compliance with and pursuant to Section 6104(d), Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Dated: February 12, 1997  
S/Franz A. Brenner

## Public notices

### 1997 CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARINGS ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997

12:15 TO 6:00 P.M.  
3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1997 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the first floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 5, 1997 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 17, 1997.

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

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

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

CITY OF PLYMOUTH  
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## School bond vote March 22

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members unanimously called a Saturday, March 22 special election for a school bond vote, at their Feb. 11 meeting.

Approval of the election comes after months spent trying to shape the bond, while entertaining internal criticisms and requests, as well as those from the community.

Board members used the moments before the vote to call the election to express their support of the bond, and their appreciation of the collaboration that produced it.

"The community has needs and it has wants," P-C School Board President Mark Horvath said. "Does this proposal meet the needs of the community? It absolutely does.

Does it meet the expectations of 60 to 70 thousand voters? Maybe not."

Most internal and community criticisms centered on the location of the proposed third high school and the purchase of land for building the proposed elementary school.

Now, informing voters about the bond has become the board's mission. The election date is set; the board has five weeks to complete its "public education."

After the vote, Horvath issued a challenge to all voters.

"If you see your friend on the street on election day and they haven't voted, put them in your car and drive them to the polls," he said. "You can't be on the fence with this issue — either support it or fight it."

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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

Canton resident **Keith Kotimko** was among Michigan Technological University's 367 degree candidates this fall.

Kotimko graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community were listed among Ferris State University's Dean's List for the fall semester.

From Canton: **Martha Bielecki, Andrew Ealovega, Melissa Moeser, Douglas Mouch** and **Rosemary Music.**

From Northville: **Chartier Aimone.**

From Plymouth: **Matthew Mosley.**

The Columbus College of Art and Design recently recognized **Jeffrey Williams**, of Plymouth, for outstanding academic achievement and inclusion in the President's List for the fall semester.

**Alexander Bain**, son of Donald and Elaine Bain of Plymouth, recently completed the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning, GA.

Bain's training included completion of a ground school and five successful parachute jumps.

A member of the Spartan Battalion, Army ROTC, he is an accounting and criminal justice sophomore at Michigan State University.

**Brian Vogan**, son of **William and April Czerniawski** of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program, Feb. 6.

Upon graduation from the six-week basic training course in San Antonio, TX, he is scheduled to receive technical training in mechanics.

**Daniel Hershberger**, of Plymouth, has been re-elected President of the Society for Commercial Archeology.

Hershberger is also a member of the SCA Board of Directors, and is an Associate Professor at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

## Princely players perform 'Sleeping Beauty'



(left picture) Lauracindy and Parker Plague of Canton and (right picture) Andrea and Jilissa Hoglen of Plymouth perform Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Players Guild of Dearborn production of "Sleeping Beauty — The Musical" at the Guild Playhouse. Call 561-TKTS for information.

## P-C residents participate in Autorama

BY LINDA KOCHANNEK

It's that time of the year to start up your engines and attend the 1997 Autorama at Cobo Center. The event will be Friday through Sunday. The Detroit Autorama is the oldest, and one of the biggest custom car shows in the country.

There are over 800 exhibits of the hottest hot rods and wildest custom cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles of the past and present. Even the actual "Little Deuce Coupe" made famous by the Beach Boys and featured on their album cover will be there.

Motorcycle fans won't be disappointed. There's the "Hot Bike Magazine All Harley Revue" of 100 custom Harleys and other motorcycles. The latest craze of radically customized and hydraulically powered low-rider trucks and cars will also be center stage at Autorama.

This year's entries include many participants from Plymouth and Canton. One of the Plymouth entries is 25-year-old Derek Jezewski. He is entering his 1994 Pontiac Firehawk. Derek has won second place in almost every event he has entered, but that's only because his father

Chris Jezewski always wins first in their category.

"This is Derek's time to shine," said proud Dad Chris Jezewski, "I'll just help him polish." Derek's father wasn't chosen to be in this year's Autorama so that other new entries could have a chance at competing. Derek acquired his passion

for hot rods from his dad.

General Admission at the gate is \$10.50 and children under 12 yrs. are \$3.50, children under 3 are free. (Advanced tickets are also available \$8.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children.) For more information call 1-810-650-5560.

## Family Fantasia concert Sunday

Get ready for a magical music celebration with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Sunday, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will be pulling some rabbits out of their hats for the Family Fantasia concert.

Before the concert begins, the Detroit Whalers Hockey team will sign autographs for concert guests from 2-3:00 p.m.

The first 250 people to purchase a ticket to the February concert will receive, free of charge, a ticket to the Whaler's Thursday, February 20th game against the Erie Otters at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth. (There is a limit of four free tickets.)

Sorcerer William Heine will join the Plymouth Symphony. Heine will be performing his special magic act to the music of "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas. Heine has been performing magic since he was 8 yrs. old and is quoted as being one of the best magicians in the area.

This will be an exciting concert for families. "We are trying to reach a larger audience," said Bonnie Holyoak, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony. Holyoak also said there will be a special appearance by Mickey Mouse.

The Family Fantasia concert will be held Sunday at Novi High School Auditorium at 24062 Taft Road at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children K-12. For more information call (313) 451-2112.

# Key chain could contain flammables

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It looks harmless enough, a key chain with a small plastic frog floating on a lily pad in a plastic bubble.

In fact it's just the sort of cute little trinket that many parents buy for their children.

And that's just what local and state fire marshals are afraid of.

The key chain, labeled as a Frog Keepsake Key Chain and distributed by Novelty Inc. of Cincinnati, was found by the Michigan State Police Crime lab to contain a "medium to heavy petroleum product which is flammable."

A local woman bought one of the keychains from a party store in Canton and noticed an unusual odor after it was dropped. She brought the key chain to the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

"We think it is definitely a petroleum-based product," said Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, "probably paint thinner or kerosene."

The exact nature of the chemical is uncertain, because of the inability of the tests to pinpoint the exact chemical compound.

"The only thing the instruments will tell you," said Lt. Det. Larry Thompson, a Michigan State Police Fire Marshal, "is what the properties (of the chemical) are similar too."

The key chain, which had only been on the shelves for 10 to 14 days, has been pulled from the shelves of all area businesses, according to Groth.

"Our goal now is to make everyone fully aware of it," Groth said, "because we're afraid it's been distributed nationwide."

Novelty Inc. is pulling the product, which was manufactured in Taiwan, from distribution and notifying all the stores that it has been sent to, according to Thompson.

It is unlikely that the distribution company knew of the nature of the chemicals inside the key chain, Thompson said, because of the large number of products routinely imported into the U.S.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department advises that the key chain should not be placed in the hands of children, or near an open flame.

Anyone who has purchased a Frog Keepsake Keychain can dispose of it at a local police or fire station.

"Definitely don't just throw it in the garbage," Thompson said, "because then you have a problem with other people or animals going through the trash."

## Plymouth's highest paid employees (1996, 1986)

### 1996 compensation:

Name, Title	Total compensation
Steven Walters, <i>City Manager</i> .....	\$96,575
Robert Scoggins, <i>Police Chief</i> .....	\$96,201
Wayne Carroll, <i>Police Lieutenant</i> .....	\$83,754
Stephen Guile, <i>DDA Director</i> .....	\$80,954
Michael Gardner, <i>Police Lieutenant</i> .....	\$78,401
Edward Ochal, <i>Police Sergeant</i> .....	\$75,780
Paul Sincock, <i>Municipal Services Director</i> .....	\$73,710
Steven Hundersmark, <i>Police Sergeant</i> .....	\$72,378
Mark Christiansen, <i>Finance Director</i> .....	\$68,921
Thomas Willette, <i>Recreation Director</i> .....	\$68,709
Thomas Bowling, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,383
Curtis Hill, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,383
Joseph Kahanec, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,383
Ronald Kaminski, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,383
Richard Webster, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,383
Mel Meck, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,283
David Bultman, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,083
Kevin Chumney, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$68,083
Ronald Bianchi, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$67,933
Linda Langmesser, <i>City Clerk</i> .....	\$63,133

### 1986 compensation:

Name, Title	Total compensation
Henry Graper, Jr., <i>City Manager</i> .....	\$49,677
Robert Henry, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$44,640
Kenneth West, <i>City Engineer</i> .....	\$40,908
Kenneth Vogras, <i>Public Works Director</i> .....	\$39,536
Charles Skene, <i>Recreation Director</i> .....	\$39,406
Daniel Carpenter, <i>Police Lieutenant</i> .....	\$39,400
Robert Scoggins, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$37,557
Alan Matthews, <i>Acting Fire Chief</i> .....	\$37,538
Michael Gardner, <i>Police Commander</i> .....	\$37,433
Thomas Bowling, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$36,950
Kenneth Way, <i>City Treasurer/Assessor</i> .....	\$36,729
Robert Degen, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$36,643
Thomas Lenaghan, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$36,369
Gordon Limburg, <i>City Clerk/Director of Finance</i> .....	\$36,036
Joseph Kahanec, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$36,014
Wayne Carroll, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$35,992
Jerry Vorva, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$35,786
Melvin Meck, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$35,126
John Morrissey, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$34,832
Curtis Hill, <i>Police Officer</i> .....	\$34,561

In addition to the base wage, compensation includes longevity pay, holiday pay, sick time pay, uniform allowance, car allowance, health insurance, life/LTD insurance and retirement.

## Plymouth Township's highest paid employees (1996, 1986)

### 1996 compensation:

Name, Title	Total compensation
James Anulewicz, <i>Director of Public Services</i> .....	\$86,723
Carl Berry, <i>Police Chief</i> .....	\$82,568
Larry Groth, <i>Fire Chief</i> .....	\$80,634
Rosemary Harvey, <i>Finance Director</i> .....	\$76,878
Kathleen Keen McCarthy, <i>Twp. Supervisor</i> .....	\$76,160
Randolph Maycock, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$73,560
James Jury, <i>Fire Lieutenant</i> .....	\$69,384
Mark Wendel, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$68,532
Gregory Westfall, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$67,719
Donald Hahn, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$67,022
Chuck Russo, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$65,868
Charles McIlhargey, <i>Chief Building Official</i> .....	\$65,835
Steve Rapson, <i>Police Sergeant</i> .....	\$65,120
Doug Eldridge, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$64,320
Robert Antal, <i>Police Sergeant</i> .....	\$63,879
Jim Valensky, <i>Fire Lieutenant</i> .....	\$62,425
Martin King, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$61,989
Frederick Honke, <i>Fire Captain</i> .....	\$61,045

### 1986 compensation:

Name, Title	Total compensation
Gregory Westfall, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$38,841
Clayton Miller, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$38,690
Paul Rainey, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$38,160
Frederick Honke, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$38,131
Maurice Breen, <i>Twp. Supervisor</i> .....	\$37,748
Carl Berry, <i>Police Chief</i> .....	\$37,433
Randolph Maycock, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$36,710
Fred Knupp, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$36,595
Carlas Maas, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$35,902
James Anulewicz, <i>Planning Director</i> .....	\$35,736
Mark Wendel, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$35,618
Donald Hahn, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$35,033
Larry Groth, <i>Fire Chief</i> .....	\$34,978
James Haar, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$34,953
Martin King, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$34,950
Donald McDurmon, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$33,206
Charles vanVleck, <i>Firefighter</i> .....	\$32,618
Joseph Attard, <i>Planning Official</i> .....	\$32,504
Mary Brooks, <i>Treasurer</i> .....	\$32,264
Thomas Hollis, <i>DPW Superintendent</i> .....	\$32,226

All full time employees receive medical, dental, vision, life and long-term disability insurance coverage. Premium costs vary depending upon the medical plan that is chosen and the type of coverage that is required (single, couple, family). Non-union employees may not choose Traditional Blue Cross, but must select from managed care plans.

# City, Twp. wages rise 100% in 10 years

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

City and Township wages have increased by more than 100 percent in the last 10 years.

Administrators said they cannot pinpoint any one reason for the increases that drove Plymouth Township Planning Director Jim Anulewicz's salary from \$35,736 to \$86,723 and Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins' salary from \$37,557 to \$96,575.

Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters said salaries are in the mid- to low-range for similar communities in southeast Michigan.

"We all have a little book where all the salaries are listed," Walters said of the Conference of Western Wayne salary survey.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said salary increases are in line with cost of living

increases.

She said the Township looks at what other communities are paying their employees as well. "We like to stay at or above the middle range of comparable communities," McCarthy said. "It's hard to compare. It's hard to get apples and apples."

Walters said employee reviews are generally held in the spring when the City is examining its budget. Certain criteria are looked at during the review, including: any changes or added responsibilities within the existing job; performance; inflation rate; and market changes for workers who are in high demand.

Both McCarthy and Walters said they look at comparable private sector wages as well.

For union employees, wages are determined through negotiated contracts.

## Local churches celebrate Lenten season together

Several churches in The Plymouth-Canton Community are joining to celebrate the Lenten season.

"Lift High the Cross of Christ" is a series of ecumenical Lenten gatherings that will be held every Wednesday at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St., Plymouth.

The noon service will be followed by

a luncheon of bread and soup.

First Baptist Church will be the worship leader today with First Presbyterian Church providing lunch. Our Lady of Good Counsel will be worship leader next Wednesday with First United Methodist providing lunch. Feb. 26, New Life Lutheran will lead worship, while St. John's Episcopal will

provide lunch. The Salvation Army will serve as worship leader March 5 and St. Kenneth will provide lunch. March 12 First United Methodist will serve as worship leader and Our Lady of Good Counsel will provide lunch. St. John's Episcopal will be worship leader March 19. The Salvation Army will provide lunch.

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# Meetings...

**PLYMOUTH POETS WINTER WRITER SERIES**

Presents "Night of the Women Poets: Love that went right and love that went wrong," Feb. 13 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company. Featured poets include Reba Devine, Monica Pope and Heather Sweeny. Call Ann Horvath at (313) 728-5734, or Rod Reinhart at 459-7319.

**CANTON PROJECT ARTS**

The project is interested in keeping in touch with residents expressing an interest in Arts and cultural activities in the Canton community. Next meeting, Feb. 13 in the Treasurer's conference room, Canton Township Hall. Call 397-6450.

**YMCA CLASSES**

The Plymouth YMCA is accepting registration for a variety of classes, ranging from Adults' line dancing, to kid's French classes, drivers' ed. and assorted sports leagues. Call the YMCA at 453-2904 for info.

**PLYMOUTH YMCA "Y" KIDS**

For children ages 3-5. Openings for afternoon sessions of Y Kids. Age 3 meets on Tuesday and Thursday, and ages 4-5 meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call the Plymouth YMCA at 453-2904.

**PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY**

The society invites all interested singers to join in this year's performances, including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and the Durufle Requiem. Practices are held weekly. No audition necessary. For info, phone Clark or Karen Chapin at 453-4765.

**CANTON COMMUNITY CABLEVISION TALENT SEARCH**

Canton is beginning a search for talented residents who are interested in helping with the creation and production of its expanding television network. Residents who would like to offer their services for cable television work should call the Communications office at 397-5472 or Scott Zuchlewski at 397-5360. Residents can also send a resume to Zuchlewski at 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton MI 48188. Interested residents will be interviewed and auditioned for various programs. Voice-overs, narration, writing, producing, on-camera, etc.

**SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING**

Every third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

**PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS**

First and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mayflower Hotel. Includes dinner and a speaker. For more information, call Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

**60+ CLUB**

Meets every first Monday at noon at First United Methodist Church located at 45201 N. Territorial Rd. Everyone is welcome. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. For more information, call Lola Schueder at 453-7999.

**3 CITIES ART CLUB**

Meetings will be on the first Monday of the month. November meetings will be announced. For more information, call S. Argiroff at (313) 422-8106.

**SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN**

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through third grade. Dates are March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY WRITER'S CLUB**

The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. For more information, call 416-0418

**SUNDAY TOASTMASTERS PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB**

A new Sunday night Toastmasters meeting at the Plymouth Township meeting room from 7-9 p.m. Experience the public speaking training. Become a better listener, a better thinker. For more information, call Marc Sullivan at 455-1635.

**MEET OTHER MOTHERS**

Meet Other Mothers invites you to join them for guest speakers and discussion. Meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. Babysitting is provided. For more information, Mardi at 453-4970.

**GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS**

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

**CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB**

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

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING**

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

**STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.; third Tuesday of the month; second floor Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 453-3840, ext. 223.

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# Health...

### HEALTH AT THE SUMMIT

In Feb. and March, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a series of health programs at Canton's Summit on the Park. Topics include exercise, cardiac screening, stress management, nutrition for children and adults, parenting skills and cessation of smoking. A separate, Women's-health-oriented series is also planned. Registration required. For info, phone (313) 712-4106.

### OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001.

### PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of every month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth. For information, call 313 712-5367.

### SENIOR VAN

The Plymouth Community Seniors van is available for transport to any destination in the city or township five days a week, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The van will also assist Plymouth seniors in getting to medical, dental and other appointments, and makes planned trips to Westland, Livonia and Laurel Park Malls. Phone 459-8888 for info on this free service.

### WARM CLOTHING FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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

### RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 2-3 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

### PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

### SMOKE STOPPERS

In combination with the "patch," or by itself, this program can help win the battle against smoking. Group and individual sessions available at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth and Ann Arbor. Call 313 712-4141.

### KIDS' HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS

Children attending Michigan child care facilities must be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus. Oakwood Healthcare System will be offering vaccinations at several Healthcare centers in the area. Phone 1-800-543-WELL for locations, dates and appointments. Cost, \$10 per person.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

A 40-page handbook containing current domestic violence laws, women's rights, a list of community resources and other information is now available in Arabic. Copies can be found at the Arab-American and Chaldean Council, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, the Wayne County Department of Public Health clinic in Dearborn and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. English and Spanish versions are also available. Call (313) 224-6994.

### NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss because of death or divorce is welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-7630.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor; activities, such as bingo and movies will take place after the lunch in the manor's redecorated community room. A \$1.50 donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

# Schools...

### TUTOR TRAINING

The Community Literacy Council, Inc., will be conducting tutor training seminars for its reading program. Two four-hours sessions must be completed in order to become a reading tutor. Call Jean Calabrese at 416-4906.

### TOEFL TESTING

A preparation class for those intending to take the Test of English Fluency will be presented for six weeks at Canton High School, Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning Feb. 20. To register, call the Plymouth Canton Continuing Education Department at 416-2937. Cost, \$85, plus a \$35 book fee.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1997-98 school year be held in all elementary schools the week of Feb. 24, for children five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1997. Parents should bring: Child's birth certificate; proof of residency (current utility or property tax bill with name and address); child's social security number; child's immunization record. If child's attendance area is unknown, or for other questions, call Ginie Murdoch, at 416-4842.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Plymouth Community Chorus offers vocal scholarships to aspiring young singers: \$800 to a graduating senior; \$400 to a high school student; \$400 to a junior high student (6th - 11th grade). Scholarships go toward studies in vocal music, an applied career in the field of vocal music, and academic voice studies. For info, write to: Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: Scholarship Committee.



## LIVING TRUST SEMINAR

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### PLYMOUTH/NORTHVILLE

Tuesday, February 18th  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER  
525 Farmer Plymouth

### CANTON

Wednesday, February 19th  
1 p.m.-3 p.m.

SUMMIT ON THE PARK  
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Summit Parkway  
(at Canton Center)

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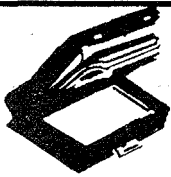
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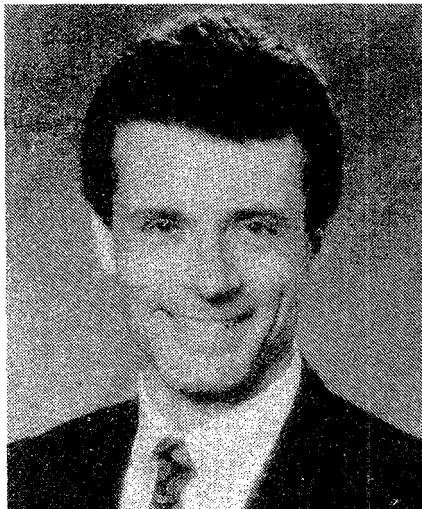
## Neighbors in business

**Carlson Wagonlit Travel** in Plymouth is hosting two education vacations. The first will visit Fatima, Portugal, Lourdes, Paris and Lisieux, April 14-25. The second is a trip to Italy in May that will emphasize the art, architecture, geography and cuisine of Rome, Tuscany, Venice and the Lake Region. For more information, call 455-5810 or (800) 874-6470.

**The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce** members are invited to a membership mixer and business card exchange at Skatin' Station II, Feb. 18 from 5-6:30 p.m. Those interested in attending must RSVP the chamber at 453-1540.

**RE/MAX Detroit Metro** added nine independently owned and operated offices in 1996, including an office in Canton.

**The Pen & Ink Print Shoppe**, in Plymouth is celebrating its one year anniversary. The print shop is located at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street. The shop recently added full-color copying service.



**TONY WELSH**

**Tony Welsh** of AAA Michigan was elected president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Other officers elected for 1997 are: **Bob Seestadt**, NBD Bank, president-elect; **Carl Schultz**, Sealant Equipment & Engineering, vice president; **Bill Pratt**, General Business Services, vice president; **Michele Ruppall**, DiversyLever, vice president; and **Michael Kolb**, Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury, ex-officio. **David Siegrist** of Royal Alliance Financial Planners and **John Thomas** of Sempliner, Thomas & Boak were elected to the board.

## Local Meijer stores raise \$34,000 for United Way

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The United Way Campaign received a two million dollar boost in 1996 thanks to Meijer, Inc., including nearly \$15,000 raised by the store in Canton, and nearly \$19,000 by the Northville store.

"It's all a part of being part of the community," Jack Woods, manager of the Canton store, said.

The funds were raised through employee contributions, according to Woods.

Employees are all required to watch a video as part of a United Way kickoff, which tells a little bit about the United Way and what they do.

"It's part of the education process," Woods said.

Employees are not required to make a donation, Woods says, but it's a safe bet that some of them will.

"With a store of over 700 associates, one of them will probably use the United Way during their lives," Woods said, "and we want them to know that we're a big supporter."

The United Way raises and distributes funds to agencies who help people with various problems, including domestic violence, child abuse, illiteracy, homelessness, as well as care for the elderly and services for the handicapped.

Contributions are varied and largely anonymous.

"Some employees contribute half an hour's pay per week," Woods said, "while others make a one-time

contribution."

Each employee makes their own decision and sends whatever contribution they make in a sealed envelope to corporate headquarters.

The Canton store received two awards

of recognition for their efforts in 1996: an Outstanding Award for Excellence, and an award for the biggest increase in contributions of any merchant last year.

"It's a very good store for that," Woods said. "It's a tight-knit group."

## Cutting concrete



Businesses along Fleet Street in downtown Plymouth got a surprise Monday when utility crews began digging a ditch down the middle of the street. Although the shops face Ann Arbor Trail, most deliveries come through their Fleet Street entrances. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Twp.-based Quantum Controls achieves \$11 million in sales, announces Quantum Solutions subsidiary

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The recently relocated company Quantum Controls is expanding again, with Quantum Solutions, a new subsidiary that began operating last month.

The company relocated to Plymouth Township in June of 1996 from Livonia.

"Our facility there was about half the size," Prafulla C. Pande, President of Quantum Controls, and one of those responsible for buying the company under its former name, Daykin Systems, said.

"We needed more space and we wanted to create a better image for the business," Pande said. "It's a high-tech field and image is important. This is the best location we could think of."

Quantum Controls began in 1992 as a design and manufacturer of control systems, such as control panels, and hardware and software that performs specific functions on assembly lines.

The company quickly diversified from there.

"In 1992, it was a very crowded, competitive field," Pande said. "We wanted to stand out from the field."

With a brand new, larger facility, Quantum Controls took a more direct approach than some of its competitors. Before they had primarily been a second tier company, providing parts and services to companies that provided them to companies such as the Big Three automakers, the company began supplying directly to the Big Three.

Also with the bigger facility came the ability to provide a more complete package to customers. "From the ground floor to a whole operation," said Dan McClung, Vice President of Operations for Quantum Controls, as well as VP and General

Manager of Quantum Solutions.

Keeping within a primarily industrial-based customer pool, the company used teams of engineers, electricians, pipe-fitters and programmers to supply finished hardware to assembly lines, the software to run it, and the technical support to back it up.

Offering a more complete, "cradle to grave" service, Quantum Controls began edging away from its competitors.

And growing. From 24 employees in 1992 to 70 last year, the company also saw an increase in revenue, growing from \$2.5 million in 1992 to a projected \$11 million in 1997.

Quantum Solutions grew out of the customer-service based philosophy, but attempts to reach a broader customer base.

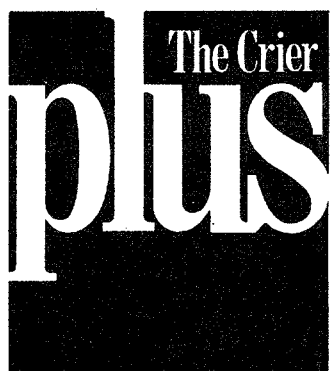
"While Quantum Controls focuses on the industrial market, Quantum Solutions uses applied technologies to solve problems in other kinds of companies," McClung said, doing everything from "marrying" PC's to the internet, to filling software lapses to make systems that don't work well together more efficient.

"We try to make companies more productive through technology," he said.

One of the emerging fields that Quantum Solutions hopes to corner is electronic commerce, or buying goods through your computer. "It's a natural fit for mail ordering systems," said Charles Marshall, a manager at Quantum Solutions. He envisions a day when almost anything can be bought and delivered to your door via computer.

McClung attributes much of the company's success to its team based approach, which won them the recognition of the Q1 Award from Ford Motor Company.

"If you run your company like this," McClung said, "you will be successful."



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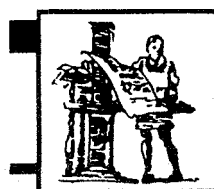
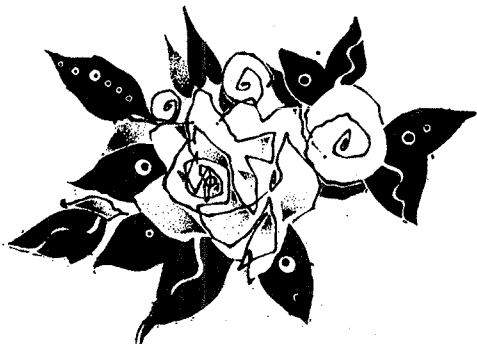
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# WSDP celebrates 25 years of excellence

BY BILL KEITH

Everybody loves a birthday party; especially when it's their own.

WSDP celebrates its 25th birthday Friday.

A little over 25 years ago, former Superintendent John Hoben began to dream about the possibilities of a radio station at the district's educational park. The station would offer students an opportunity to learn first-hand about broadcasting and serve the community.

25 years later, WSDP continues to accomplish its original goal. Many students have gone on to careers in broadcasting; at small market stations, here in Detroit, and at larger venues like CNN.

WSDP has also strived to offer diverse programming that couldn't be found elsewhere on the radio dial. Music, local news, and high school sports have become major parts of our program schedule.

I'm often asked about the students that don't pursue broadcasting careers. The majority of our students leave WSDP to pursue careers in other fields, but the skills they learned working at WSDP stay with them for life.

I received a letter from a student last month that attested to the importance of WSDP.

Gary Sandel isn't working in broadcasting but his words clearly tell the value of the station.

"At WSDP," he said, "I learned about responsibility and respect: for the school, for the community, for the next person that is on-the-air right before you. I learned current events here and abroad. I learned that people, though different from myself, are relatively the same, and we can all work together." As a former staffer I can echo Gary's words. WSDP helped me become a more confident communicator and person.

Thanks to all the people who made WSDP possible: The Crier (for printing this section and generous support over the years), John Hoben, all the school board members (especially those who helped save the station during the thin times), Superintendent Charles Little,

former station managers (Dave Snyder, Andy Melin, Jeff Cardinal, Mary Phil Godfroy, and Bonnie Dore) former station advisor John Seidelman, assistant managers (Michelle Edwards, Lisa Cioffi, Matt Rye, Miles Edick, Kathryn Schirmohammad, Mary Martin, and Twila Graller-Smith), generous business supporters throughout Plymouth and Canton, and most importantly the student staff. Thanks for the time and dedication all of you have shown.

25 years is a long time, but I'm eagerly looking forward to the 50th Anniversary in 2022. I'm sure we'll have many more great stories to tell.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Bill Keith is the station manager of WSDP.*

## Hello, Plymouth-Canton



From humble beginnings, WSDP has turned into one of the premiere student radio stations in the State.



It wasn't always this hard. Former WSDP student Geoff Bankowski was dumbfounded by the "modern" equipment. The WSDP auction helps the station raise money to replace outdated radio gear.

## Auction set for May 10

WSDP's annual fundraising auction is May 10 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. This is the ninth station auction.

The auction was started to help the station raise additional money for equipment updates and operating costs. The auction has become a regular community event that many residents look forward to.

WSDP's auction is unique because it takes place over the airwaves. Listeners bid on items donated by area businesses. Each half hour, a new group of items is placed up for bid. A "Dream Board" of special items is available for bid all day long. Last year's Dream Board included jewelry, autographed sports memorabilia, furniture and a prom package.

Last year's auction helped WSDP raise more than \$5,000. For the first time, WSDP set aside \$500 for a donation back to the community.

"The students wanted to tangibly give back to The Plymouth-Canton Community because of the generosity shown to us through auction donations," said WSDP Station Manager Bill Keith.

This year, the students have decided to continue to give the donation to Community Hospice Services. If the station raises \$5,000, then \$500 will be donated to the hospice. If the station raises \$8,000, the staff will donate \$1,000.

Auction volunteers will visit area businesses through mid-April. They will explain the benefits of the auction and how businesses can participate. Questions regarding the auction can be directed to Keith at 416-7732.



# Staffers speak: What WSDP means to them today

Memories of my years at WSDP? They're liabilities! Being a WSDP alumnus has ruined job interviews, friendships, you name it. Try explaining to prospective employers that being a director at a high school radio station didn't just mean playing Bell Biv DeVoe and announcing the nominees for Prom Queen over the P.A. system. "No! No! You don't understand. We were licensed! And put together formal news reports! And reported to journals! And had state of the art equipment! And and...and no, I'm not the unprofessional, overly excitable type! Why do you ask?" Talk to the friends of alumni - ask how many times they've nearly pushed us out of moving vehicles; as a former Music Director I had snapped, "Why are you talking during this part? Shut up!" when friends start talking during the crucial transition from one song to the next, that I was obsessed with scrutinizing and perfecting. People think I'm nuts, thanks to WSDP: Leaning back in my chair, reminiscing, I tell how Eric, a fellow staff member, accidentally sucked a fly out of the air in the staff room on a stressful newsday. Or how I thought my life was over simply because I locked myself out of the on-air studio during my 8:00 p.m. shift right in the middle of a song. At work, two times this week already, clients who phoned earlier in the day have showed up and refused to talk with me; they insist on talking with the woman on the phone, "She was definitely older than you-she had a very professional-sounding voice." Yes, WSDP had been a liability. I might as well have a third eye: I can't hide it- and people end up thinking I'm some sort of freak. But it's a part of me- I wouldn't be who I am without it.

And I wouldn't change it for the world.

**Merrill Hodnefield, Salem '92**

"There were so many memories I have of the station that were emotional and fun. At our staff banquet they gave out awards and I was the first recipient of the John Seidelman Scholarship. John was a very inspirational teacher. That's a very fond memory."

**Ken Coral, Salem '87**

"Without WSDP I don't think I would have felt any real connection to PCEP. I don't like sports or many of the other organization. WSDP was the only interesting club to me. Belonging makes me have a sense of school spirit."

**Nereida Ortiz, Canton '97**

"WSDP is not only learning how to use radio equipment, it teaches you about the whole broadcasting business."

**Erin Walterscheid, Canton '97**

"I have never felt more accepted into a group of people than from the staff here at the station."

**Ryan Roe, Canton '99**

"One of the most important things I learned is that it takes a team of people to make an excellent product. Its not just the voice, but the whole team behind it."

**Suzanne DeVenny, Salem '75**

"Everything I did was a lot of fun. You get experience with communicating, interviewing and technical skills."

**Twila Graller-Smith, Salem '84**

"I remember the people and the music. It's something that will always stay with me."

**Matt Rye, Canton '93**

"I remember when I got to do my first solo

show, a retrospective of Simon and Garfunkel. I also remember doing shows with Bob Delano and we made up fantastically elaborate pseudo-scientific nonsense."

**Greg Merriman, Salem '74**

"The best story involved my friend April. When she first started on staff, she didn't know anything. There was an EBS test with the beep that went for 29 seconds, and everyone had her convinced she had to beep herself, and they pretended she was on-air while she beeped, but they really played the EBS test."

**Patty Williamson, Salem '88**

"During one of his Sports Weekly shows in 1996, John Kreger was playing some really boring reports. Denny Kapp and I, who were engineering the show, turned a song on in the studio and cranked it up all the way, but didn't put it on air. We hit the talkback button so we could talk into John's headphones, put the music up to the speaker, and John thought we were blasting the music on air. When his show was over, John blew up at Denny and me, and it took a little while for him to realize the humor in our trickery."

**Mike La Masse, Salem '98**

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# Setting WSDP's strong broadcasting foundation

BY JEFFREY L. CARDINAL

It has been 25 years — amazing! WSDP is passing a milestone, celebrating its silver anniversary this year. There was a time when making it from one year to the next was a momentous effort.

For 10 years I was able to play a part in developing and shaping the initial form of this unique broadcast facility. Being asked to dig back and reminisce about the early years and share memories and brief anecdotes and history of WSDP is almost too daunting.

The genesis of the station started when the school district was planning to build a new high school. As the plans for the Salem High School building were underway, with the aid of John Hoben, the idea of having an over-the-air broadcast station was formulated.

At the time, there were fewer than six such facilities in the state owned by school districts. However, the feasibility was complicated by cramped spectrum space, making it difficult to find a place on the FM dial.

When WSDP took to the air on Feb. 14, 1972, it was only a 10-watt station, reaching a 30-mile radius, classified as a noncommercial broadcast facility. Overseeing the construction of the station was an English teacher, Bonny Dore, tapped as the station's first general manager.

Between teaching duties and construction delays, the station was not ready when the new high school opened. Even on the first day of operation, many technical elements were still being installed.

At first, WSDP had only one control room to function as two separate units — one for the daily operations and the other for production work. The main studio and an annex room for a music library were all there was to the physical layout of the station.

When the station signed on at noon, it was uneventful. The national anthem was played and for nearly an hour, only music could be heard with no greeting from the new inhabitants.

For two years, the station floundered to establish a format and acclimate to quick turnover in management. After the first year, Dore left to seek fame and fortune in the glitter of commercial television. Then, Mary Phil Godfroy, a first-year English teacher took over, leaving a year later.

I had joined the staff as assistant general manager/educational aid a month to the day after WSDP signed on. At first, John Seidelman was tapped as the next general manager. Then, with his help, the P-C School Board decided to hire me solely to take over the day-to-day operations of WSDP as administrative coordinator/general manager. I would hold this position for the next eight years.

What is generally forgotten is that at first, WSDP could be found at 89.3 on the FM dial. It was not until several years later that it made a move to its present location, 88.1 FM. The initial struggles for the station were in establishing a real and separate budget and warding off attempts to close down operations because of monetary problems within the district.

It was extremely hard to convince the school board and administration that WSDP was a public trust, not an extra-curricular activity. Novelty has charm, but the goal was to serve The Plymouth-Canton Community in the public interest, not just to train students in broadcasting.

The idea of trying to compete with 30 other commercial stations was not a reality. Initially, the hours of the station were from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. By 1975 the hours were increased from noon to 10 p.m.

The aim was then, and I am sure it is now, to offer students a real-life experience and chance to learn something new. Many times, the most difficult initial problem was to get everyone to understand they were not entertaining and informing themselves, but the community. The life blood of WSDP has always been the students working for the station.



In the early days of WSDP, equipment was arcaic by modern standards, but students were eager to learn. Times have changed. Computer editing equipment is used by WSDP staffers.

Each year a new group of students comes in and starts the process of filling the shoes of graduating classmates, showing they can grow and come up with new ideas their predecessors had not. No matter the external factors affecting the station, the young high school students were the heart and soul of WSDP. Like all young people, they were willing to take on new ideas.

Around 1976, a major shift in the station's frequency and power occurred. Because of federal laws that were being contemplated and a frequency shift with WEMU in Ypsilanti, WSDP moved to 88.1 and increased its broadcast power to 200 watts.

At that time, the days of operation also changed, to include being on during the summer months and during school breaks.

At the time of these changes, the station was also trying to expand its ability to do more remote broadcasting without reliance on the telephone company. A new system and additional antennas were mounted on the tower to enable greater coverage of high school sports and community events. No longer were we tied to wires and the capricious fates the telephone company sprang on us.

WSDP was rapidly becoming a model and standard for other stations to emulate. The programming, with its diversified format and coverage of community events was envied. School board meetings were covered gavel-to-gavel, bringing the community an additional outlet for up-to-date information.

The broadcasts of high school football and boy's basketball were highlights the community desired. Shortly after girl's basketball started at the high schools, WSDP was the first station in the state to cover an entire season, making it part of its regular schedule. The station covered all of the teams through tournament play all over the state to bring the excitement to the fans. When Canton High School was built, the dilemma became how much of each school's athletics could be covered fairly. Eventually, hard decisions as to which games to cover were met, with

flexibility for changes when required.

WSDP was one of the founding members of the Michigan Association of Educational Broadcasters, established to further the needs of low-power broadcasting. A highlight for many years was the WSDP auction, which helped to raise funds for additional equipment for the station. This event created excitement within the community and amazed the staff by the community's involvement and the commitment it made. WSDP was also one of the first stations that was owned and operated by a school district to establish a community advisory group.

Many of the accomplishments over those early years could not have been done without Seidelman. He became an advisor to the staff and my right hand man, enabling many projects to go ahead, putting in many long hours after a full day of teaching.

The stories of the staff could fill a book, for they grew up in so many ways, each making ready for life after high school. Numerous student staff members went off to college to make a career in communications, while many others went on to diverse professions and occupations.

The first 10 years were marked by growth, developing and establishing a radio station for the entire community. It was a period of time when young people were able to be more than high school students.

Today, any person taking part in this endeavor is giving back to their community. For 15 years after my departure, WSDP has flourished and stayed an integral part of the schools and its community, all the time creating and recording history as these young people take on adult tasks.

Hundreds of students have been heard, informing and entertaining over the air waves of WSDP. Congratulations to the school district and the hard working staff member who have kept it alive.



# 88.1 FM

## Programming: from rockers to soccer games

BY JOHN KREGER

Since signing on the air on February 14, 1972, WSDP radio has informed and entertained the Plymouth and Canton communities above and beyond all expectations. In the course of its 25-year career, the little radio station operating out of Salem High School has earned a reputation of being one of the premier high school stations in Michigan.

The way WSDP has kept our community entertained and abreast of local and national events has, however, not remained the same. WSDP's format, and even hours of operation have changed many times since its first day. Let's explore just what exactly "Hit the Airwaves" on 88.1FM.

### WSDP is on the air...

WSDP has not always maintained its current broadcast schedule of 7AM to 11:00 P.M. daily. In fact, during the early 1970s, PCEP's radio source was only on the air six hours a day. The station could not survive on a five-hour schedule forever, and the increased interests in student-run radio in the mid-70's brought about an extension of the station's broadcast day, from six to eight hours. In 1980, the broadcast day was again expanded, this time to include morning operation. 88.1 FM now signed on the air at 8:30 A.M. and stayed on until 10:00 at night. In 1993, WSDP changed for the last time, extending its schedule one hour in the morning, and an extra hour at night to reach its current time slot.

### This just in...

Newscasts have always been a big part of the programming lineup on 88.1FM. The role the news plays at the escape has, however, taken a reduced role. When WSDP first hit the air, news was aired four times daily. WSDP updated the headlines at noon, 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The copy was handwritten by students and consisted of local and national news taken from the pages of that day's Detroit paper, as well as The Crier, and other local papers. The main newscast was at 5:30 p.m. and lasted 30 minutes. In addition, a news-type feature aired at 12:05 P.M. on Mondays.

This was the predecessor of the current WSDP interview show *Community Focus*. In the later '70s, the news was limited to its current slot at 5:30 P.M.. Two students each day were assigned to come in and write a 15 minute broadcast encompassing news, sports, and a community feature.

This basic format continues today, with the two major differences being that the news is now all-local, and individual stories are written by calling sources and taping interviews for sound bytes. The only variation from this was during the early- to mid-1980s when the station used the UPI wire service. Lack of school funds put an end to that.

### Your sports source

WSDP has always included sports in its programming lineup. When 89.3FM first hit the air, sports consisted of two recaps a



Sarah Kuhaneck, Scott Wilson and Jim Morrison anchored a WSDP Plymouth Fall Festival show in 1990.

day featuring scores, previews, and prep information. This was the early root of the current show "SportsDaily. Thursdays from 5:30-6 p.m., WSDP aired the predecessor of today's "Sportswweekly," a weekly show that brought, and still brings its listeners all the information they could possibly want on the world of PCEP sports.

In the early 1980's WSDP began airing live sports broadcasts. Today we offer a full lineup of sports programming. We bring you football and girls and boy's basketball, soccer, baseball and softball. Highlight broadcasts include games from MHSAA basketball finals, and games from the Pontiac Silverdome. WSDP sports, we bring PCEP action home to you.

### Lost in time...

WSDP has had some very interesting shows in the past that have gone by the wayside. Here are some former WSDP high (and low lights):

- A call-in show to help students with homework
- A comedy hour
- listeners' forum to voice opinions on school issues
- A call-in interview show
- board meeting highlights

### Music, Music, Music

The center of WSDP's programming has always been music. The format of today, a kind of Alternative-Alternative rock is relatively new. WSDP originally featured contemporary hits, jazz hours, oldies, and blues.

This was in addition to shows that would do nothing but play one record by a certain artist from beginning to end, and a classical music hour.

These shows aired every day, with only the host changing. The shows were done in one, and one-and-one-half hour shifts, and there were five to seven shifts daily. The

shift time was increased in the early Eighties to three hours, and the format was narrowed to easy listening/contemporary during the school day, and alternative at night.

Today, WSDP features alternative/underground-style music throughout the day. This lineup is punctuated by "Specialty Shows" — once a week programs hosted by regular DJs that highlight certain kinds of music. WSDP has aired hit shows that featured blues, jazz, and punk rock, as well as a classical show.

This year's new lineup includes *Anonymous Was a Woman*: A show highlighting women artists; *The Freak Show*: A Christian rock program, *The Sanctuary*: WSDP's hit metal show, and *By Popular Demand*: A Top-40 modern rock program, as well as others. WSDP continues to offer music to fit all listening tastes.

WSDP has done it all and more in 25 years. From six hours a day in 1972, to Best in State awards. From Michael Bolton to Mettatica, and everything inbetween. With the gambit 88.1 has run in 25 years, I can't wait to read the Crier Special Section at 50.

Happy Birthday WSDP and thanks for 25 Great Years.

EDITOR'S NOTE: John Kreger is a senior at Canton High School and the sports director at WSDP. His show, "By Popular Demand" airs Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m.

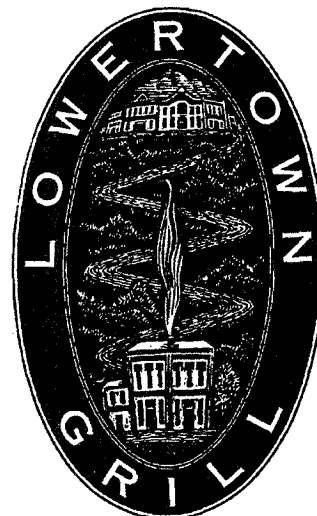
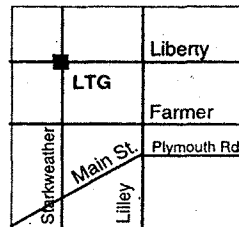
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## WSDP training leads to careers in communications

BY MIKE LA MASSE

When students first join WSDP, they join for typical high school reasons: they have friends on staff, want to have fun, or think it will be a good thing to put on a college application. However, by the time they leave, the student has done a lot more than have fun. They have learned the skills necessary to pursue a career in broadcasting.

Glenn Bar can certainly attest to that. Bar is currently the news producer for the five o'clock news at WXYZ TV 7. From 1980 to 1982, Bar had numerous jobs at WSDP, including program director in his senior year. He then went on to Michigan State before landing a job in broadcasting. Bar says that WSDP helped him immensely in his quest for a career.

"I was always interested in broadcasting," he said. "Being a program director from '81 to '82, that leadership experience has helped me in my job as a producer. You have to have good organizational skills to assign different people to stories and such."

Bar also says that WSDP gave him an extra boost when he became involved in broadcasting at Michigan State University.

"Working at the campus radio station was a snap, knowing all the stuff," he said. "I knew how to run a board. The experience (at WSDP) was invaluable. Anyone who worked at WSDP going into college has a big advantage."

Bar is not the only WSDP staff member to land a job in the television industry. Past WSDP students now work at Channel 2, Ford Motor Company Corporate TV, and CNN. Presumably, their training at WSDP helped vault them to their current positions.

Not all former WSDP staff members go into television, though. Patty Williamson, music director for WLDR radio in Traverse City, stuck with the job she was taught at WSDP. Williamson said the time she spent at WSDP gave her an incredible advantage over others vying for a career in the field.

"The best thing is that it gave me a head start because I knew the equipment...I had a basic knowledge of productions, promotions, news, and on-air jockeying," he said.

Williamson also said she feels that WSDP was a great experience for her to have at such an early age. Most colleges don't even have an on-air radio station. At WSDP, the facilities were just as good, if not better, than at Central Michigan."

Another former WSDP member who used his great high school experience was Dave Wellington, current music director at WRIF, 101.1 FM. Wellington, who went to Specs



WSDP's class of 1980 was (front row, left to right) Anna Trepanier, Joy Gretjohn, Mary Ellen Gray, Lisa Page, Debi Johnson (back row, left to right) Bob Stratton, Mike Radwick, Jim Toomey, Steve Ryan, Mark Sampson, Mike Henshaw, Mike Papenfuse, John Matthews, Walter Ickes, Dave Meador, Bill Latka and Bruce Ruttenberg. Chances are their training at WSDP helped them further their educations.

Howard after his stint at WSDP, felt that he probably could've gone to a professional station right after high school. For Wellington, WSDP was a great overall experience.

"At WSDP, we did it all. From productions to news to the on-air shifts. We weren't a commercial station, but we had PSAs (Public Service Announcements) and stuff. At WSDP, you learned how to do everything."

Wellington also feels that his time on WSDP's staff gave him an advantage over some of the other students attending Specs Howard School of Broadcasting. "Most of the kids who go there have never even spoken into a mic, never done an on-air show, never learned productions, don't even know what a cart is. They had to be trained in everything."

WSDP has also sent students on the path to work for MCA Records of Nashville and various radio stations throughout the country.

In celebrating WSDP's silver anniversary in the community, we must not look beyond the fact that WSDP is not only a great place to have fun; it is also a great place to train for a career. Without the experience at WSDP, many people would not be as successful as they are in the field of broadcasting.

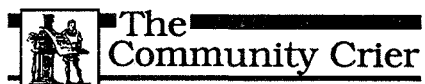
Glenn Bar, Dave Wellington, and Patty Williamson are all making a career of doing what they love. The training they received at WSDP led them to their current positions. Even current station manager Bill Keith could not be there without his high school experience. No other program in the school is as successful in this light. WSDP is a great experience to have.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike LaMasse is a junior at Salem High School. He is a WSDP staffer.*

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## WSDP Reunion Nov. 1

That's right. All former WSDP staffers are invited to the WSDP 25th Anniversary Reunion Nov. 1, 1997 at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton. Call Station Manager Bill Keith to RSVP or for more information at (313) 416-7732

# 88.1FM

## Seidelman helped shape WSDP's early years

BY BRYON MARTIN

John Seidelman never got his big break in radio, never became a professional broadcaster.

Lucky thing for the fans, studios and staff of WSDP.

If Seidelman had broken into radio he wouldn't have become a teacher in Plymouth-Canton Schools, wouldn't have been WSDP's first station advisor. If he'd become a radio star, Seidelman never would have brought his love of broadcasting to the district, or the sense of pride and self that persists today at WSDP.

It was 1971 and Seidelman was Sports Director at WEMU, "trying to figure out what I wanted to do with my life," he said. Recently married, he needed a job with more security than could be found in beginning radio work.

Through the grapevine, Seidelman heard about the new Plymouth High School being built; rumour had it that a student radio station was included in the plans. He checked it out.

The rumour turned out to be, and that same year he took a job with the district. Valentines Day, 1972 the station first signed on, and soon after Seidelman was station advisor.

"It was an opportunity to work in two worlds at once," he said. "I could teach, and still keep my fingers in radio."

## Visit to WSDP brings back flood of great memories

One word.

One word can bring back memories of WSDP, will begin the reminding; it's a process of association that leads from one memory to another, to another.

Like a coiled rope, at the center there is one word that begins the spiral outward, one memory leading me to the next. One word — Sportzilla...

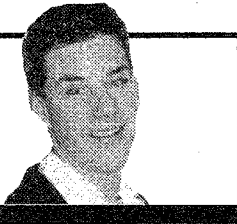
...my alter ego. My administrative mask. Sportzilla was all the tyranny I needed as sports director to ensure that people on my staff did the things they had to. With fiery coffee breath, a roar, "Where's your sports weekly report? We go on in three minutes!" A monstrous managerial lizard tromping up and down WSDP's narrow halls...

...crammed into the hot heart of Salem High: the center of the middle floor, right above the furnaces. The block walls were painted yellow, and soaked with fluorescent light, and too close to walk side-by-side. It was cramped and too warm but even when we didn't have to work we hung out there, usually in the staff room...

...on that couch. That old, funky, brown and orange, garage-sale reject, been-around-since-Nixon couch. With the

### Some Might Say

By Bryon Martin



foam-filled cushions and fake wood arms. The fabric was some sick wool-yarn blend. Year after year warm, teenage bodies plopped down and sank into that thing. You tried to not let your bare skin touch it, but always fought for a space on it. It was between the two studios, so we'd be there all afternoon, talking about music, the station manager, our classes, other staffers...

...the people at WSDP were unique. I've only stayed in touch with one or two, but unlike other friends from high school, I never feel awkward bumping into them: at The Coffee Bean, The Sidestreet Pub, at MSU. The staff wasn't large, but it was distinct, and in the years since I left WSDP I've come to realize just how much my association with them influenced me.

Talking on the couch, spending time at the station, Sportzilla: experiences, memories that are a part of me today.

And on its 25th birthday, I've got one word for WSDP...

Thanks.



(left to right, top row) Bryon Martin, Jim Morrison, Chris Townley (left to right, front row) Jennifer Eaton, Salone Janveja and Paul Thomas were MAB award winners.

In truth, though, part of Seidelman would've liked to have his entire person in radio. "I've always been kind of a frustrated media guy."

Reporting sports and news held a special fascination for him: working a big station; speaking to audiences across miles with information that would impact their lives; and the steel of a live mic humming with 40,000 watts of power.

WSDP's mic ran on about ten. On a windy day, a kid with a ten-speed bike and a sugar buzz could deliver the news farther than the station's transmitter.

Nevertheless, Seidelman always charged his students with the same responsibilities as broadcasters at commercial stations. He strove to hold the staff and station to professional standards. "Educational, public radio should provide the news and information that commercial radio doesn't," he said.

Much of his time was spent, "in the trenches," arming students with the skills to provide that information: he taught them to conduct interviews, write stories, operate equipment and speak on a live mic.

"Over the years detractors would say, 'Why should we pay x amount of dollars every year for kids playing radio?' But it was never like that," he said.

The staff was treated with dignity and respect. The effect, according to Seidelman, was visible.

"It was exciting because it was an opportunity for kids to find a niche who might not have otherwise been successful," he said. "WSDP was an identity and a home for a variety of kids."

Many WSDP alums' lives were affected by their time on staff: improved grades; strengthened leadership ability; greater self confidence; even careers in media.

A few former-staffers came back to WSDP as station managers after Seidelman left in 1986: Andy Melin, Dave Snyder and Bill Keith all returned to give something back to the studios that had given to them.

To their students, they gave the professional standards and love for broadcasting Seidelman had instilled in them.

He never got his big break in radio, never became a professional broadcaster. But what John Seidelman did get was a chance to help shape WSDP, to start traditions that have contributed to the success of the many who've worked at the station.

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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### HAROLD EDWARD HODGDON

Harold Edward Hodgdon, a Westland resident, died Feb. First, 1997 at the age of 84.

Mr. Hodgdon was born March 13, 1912 in Detroit. He worked as an installer for a telephone company.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude; daughter Barbara Metz of Westland, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with Rev. H Thomas Kuehnemund officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made.

### CLAYTON GOTTS

Clayton Gotts, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 3, 1997 at the age of 88.

Mr. Gotts was born May 20, 1908 in Bad Axe. He worked as a tool and die grinder, and served in the U.S. army.

He is survived by his son, Earl J. of Plymouth; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Interment of cremains at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made, or memorial tributes given to American Diabetes Association, Suite 2255, 30600 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

### ANGELA A. SKRZYCKI

Angela A. Skrzycki, a Canton Resident, died Feb. 7 1997 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Skrzycki was born Oct. 20, 1911 in Detroit. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart Convent, and earned an associate degree from Manhattanville College in New York, New York.

Mrs. Skrzycki is survived by Peter W. (Mary) Jacques of Westland and John (Nina) Jacques of Allen Park, nephews; and Roberta Jacques of Canton, niece.

Services were held at Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made.

### CHAD T. BERGMANN

Chad T. Bergmann, a Plymouth resident, died January 31, 1997 at the age of 26.

Mr. Bergmann was born Feb. 2, 1970 in Flint. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan—Dearborn, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternities.

He is survived by his father, Ed F. (Patricia) Bergmann of Belleville; mother, Jean R. Hamill of Plymouth; sister, Susan Bergmann of Laughlin, NV; step-sister, Shonie (Tad) Pelham of Onsted; brother, Todd (Linda) Bergmann of Canton; step brother, John Kring of Belleville; and grandmother, Dorothy (John) Selbmann of Florida.

Services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in

Plymouth with Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to University of Michigan (for Cancer Research) Attn: Anita Goldstein, University of Michigan Cancer Center, Rm 5109 MPB, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

### MARION EDITH GRAVES

Marion Edith Graves, a Canton resident, died Feb. 8, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Graves was born July 12, 1916 in Sandusky, OH. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, James of Sandusky; sons Robert (Ellen) Graves of Brooklyn, Mi., Roger (Diane) Graves of Marshall; sisters Belva Smith of Dearborn, Connie Kruger of Sandusky, Geraldine Laming of Cass City, Gertrude English of Sandusky, and Aileen Mater of Westland; and brother, Leroy Sweet of Dryden.

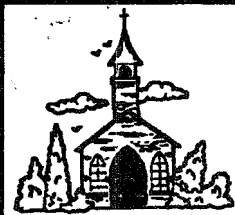
Services were held at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be given to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072.

### STANFORD W. BLOCK

Stanford W. Block, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 10, 1997 at the age of 90.

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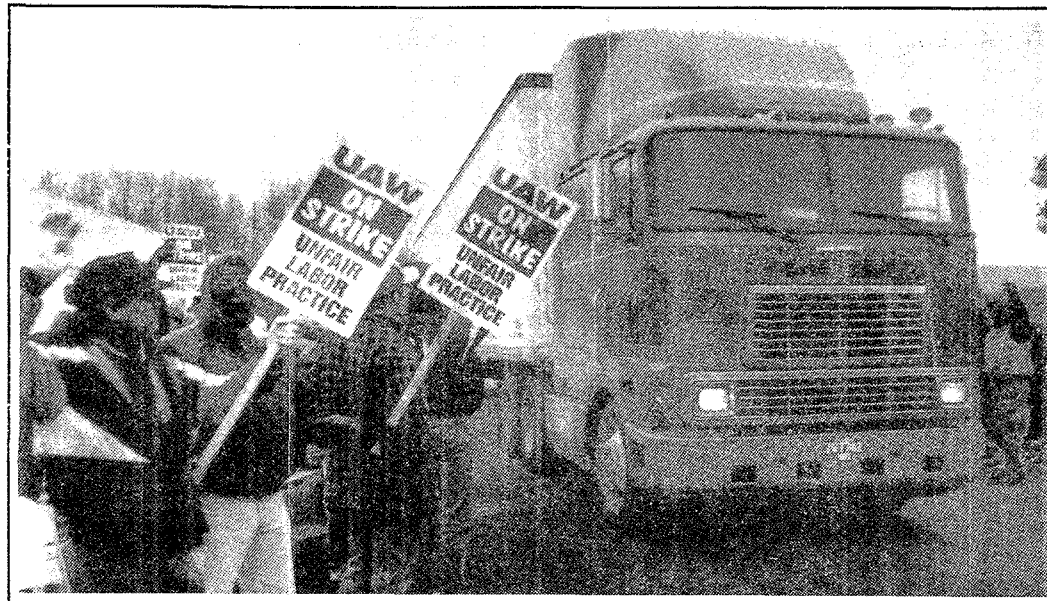
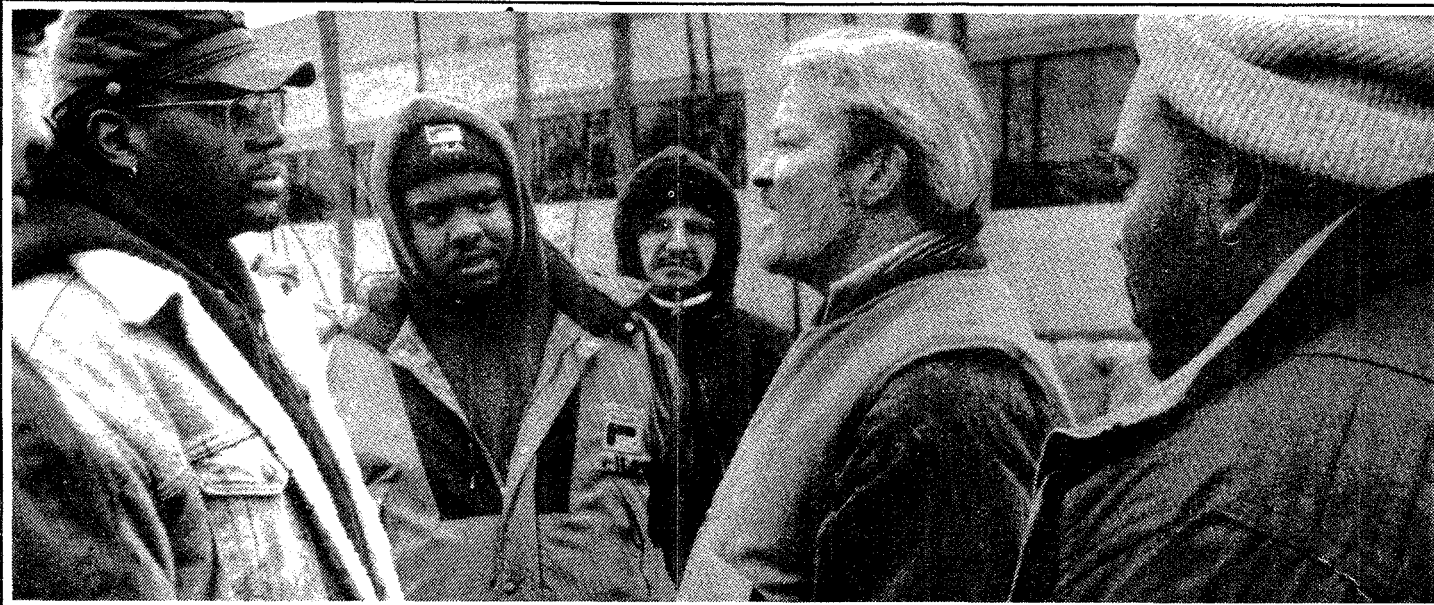
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(right) The UAW's Roger Caldwell thanks workers for supporting the strike. (bottom right and bottom left) UAW members protest Johnson Controls trucks moving seat manufacturing equipment. (below) Police from around the community made sure demonstrations were peaceful.





## Community deaths

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the Plymouth Community in 1973. Mr. Block worked at Ford Motor Company as a Plant Engineering Manager for 43 years. He was a member of The United Assemblies of God Church, and was affiliated with Operation Blessing, and the church's 700 Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Joan (Edwin) Owen of Brownstown Township; son Stanford W. Jr., of Plymouth; three sisters, seven grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren.

Services were held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Hubbar officiating. Burial is at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to Operation Blessing, 700 Club.

### DIANA M. RICH

Diana M. Rich, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 8, 1997 at the age of 61.

Mrs. Rich was born Nov. 3, 1935 in Plymouth. She was a manager of a school cafeteria in the Plymouth School System and was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth and St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, Mi.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth M. of Plymouth; daughters, Deborah Johnson of Plymouth, Angela (John) Bentley of California; sons, John Rich of South Lyon, Douglas (Julie) Rich of Plymouth; sisters, Lorain Mahon of Howell, Sunni Wilkewitz of

New Hampshire, Connie Boruff of Romulus, Sue Ford of Lincoln Park; brothers, Rob McKay of Hillsdale, Bill McKay of Missouri, Dennis Tennison of Pennsylvania; sisters-in-law Mary Bagnasco of Plymouth, Elaine McIntyre of Pickney; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Fr. William Petit officiating. Burial at Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to Arbor Hospice or the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

### CARLA A. BONDCH GALL

Clara A. Bondch Gall died Feb. 5, 1997, at the age of 84. She was known as one of downriver's noted restaurateurs.

With her husband and son, she operated the famed Scotty's Fish and Chips at several locations. "She made the best fish and chips this side of the ocean," said Mark Ferraiuolo, her nephew. "She cooked all the time and welcomed all the kids from the neighborhood and family in."

She is survived by sisters, Irene, Helen, and Jenny Ferraiuolo; brother, Leo; grandchildren, Fred, Cheryl, Kathy, Keith; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. Mrs. Gall is preceded in death by her husband, Archie (Scotty), and son, Fred.

Arrangements were made and services were held at Martenson Funeral Home in Trenton. Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery.



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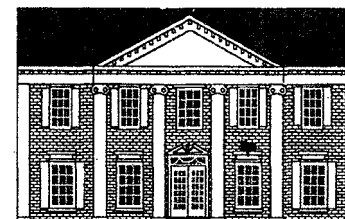
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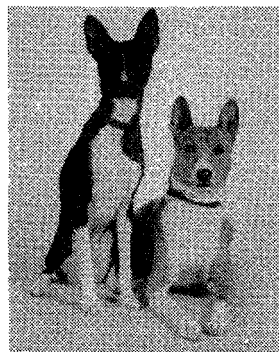
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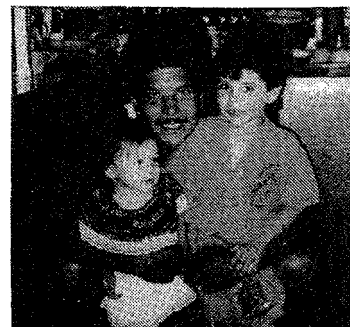


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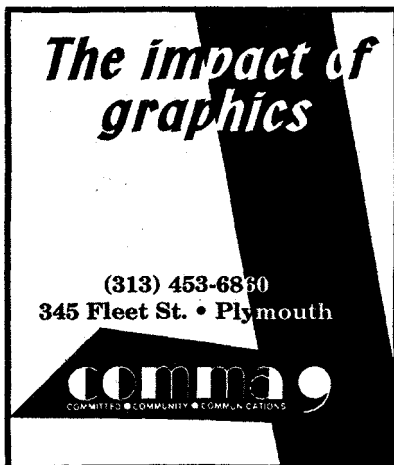
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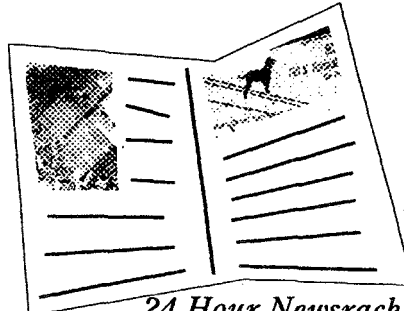
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# Sports

## Sports shorts

### The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Standings:

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Boys B League National — Pistons lead the way with a 7-1 record. The Lakers and Sonics are close behind at 5-3. The Bulls, Pacers and Celtics are 4-4. The Bucks are 3-5 and the Knicks are 1-7.

Boys B League American — The Hawks are in first at 7-1. The Magic, Spurs and the Rockets are 5-3. The Jazz are 4-4, and the Nets and 76ers are deadlocked at 2-6. The Kings are 1-7.

**Northville Downs** fans and horse racing enthusiasts in general can now check out their favorite tracks, courtesy of a new section on the Michigan Department of Agriculture World Wide Web site. The section, accessible from MDA's home page at <http://www.mda.state.mi.us>, contains race updates for Michigan's eight race tracks.

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## 3rd place a charm for Salem

*Salem wrestling program returns to conference elite at WLAA tourney*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Salem's third-place finish Saturday at the Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling championship was no surprise. The way they got there was.

Despite outstanding efforts from freshmen John Mervin and Josh Henderson, the Rocks finished behind Stevenson and Walled Lake Central, two teams that have narrowly defeated Salem in previous meetings this season.

"We did pretty good," said Salem coach Ron Krueger, "but we weren't able to do much more than what we've done already. The same two teams that had beat us before, finished ahead of us again."

Stevenson captured the title with 208.5 points. Walled Lake Central was close behind with 199, and Salem had 181. John Glenn (158) and Northville (155.5) rounded out the top five. Franklin was possibly the biggest surprise of the tourney, taking sixth with 129.5. Canton was 10th out of the 12-team field.

Out of the 14 weight classes, Salem placed in 11, sending five wrestlers to the finals. Teono Wilson (189 lbs.) and Anwar Crutchfield (152 lbs.) were the Rocks two tournament champions.

Eric Coburn (119 lbs.), James Greene (135 lbs.) and Dan Hamblin (140 lbs.) finished second in their respective weight classes and just missed catapulting the Rocks to the title. It continued a frustrating season-long trend of second and third-place finishes for the Rocks. "Always the bridesmaid and never the bride, I guess," said Krueger.

If it was a wedding, there would have been more than one best man. Several underclassmen and seniors overcame seeding considerations and injuries to return the Salem program to the conference elite, just three seasons after it was pushed to the brink of extinction by a pay-to-play clause.

Mervin, whose 25 wins may have broke a freshmen school record, finished third on the day. "For a little freshman to go out and get 25 wins in a season in our

conference — we wrestled some pretty tough competition — well, I just can't say enough about him," said Krueger.

Another freshman, Henderson, wasn't seeded, but placed sixth. "He gets no respect, no seeding consideration, and he battled through it all," said Krueger.

The team's more seasoned wrestlers, meanwhile, dominated their opponents. "Wilson went right through the tournament," said Krueger.

Crutchfield steamrolled the competition as well. "He'd be my pick for the wrestler of the tournament," Krueger said.

Hamblin, who has had an injury-laden season, was seeded fifth and placed third.

Dan Morgan (112 lbs.) had excellent success versus conventional wrestlers this year, but ran into a problem against Canton's Vince St. Louis, who employs Judo techniques on the mat. "(Morgan) did a pretty good job. He lost to the kid from Canton. He (St. Louis) knows

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## Streaking Salem slams Stevenson

*Rocks need help from Walled Lake Central to claim conference hoops title*

The Rocks have picked the right time to start rolling.

Following a stunning loss to rival Canton two weeks ago, the Salem basketball team has put together a three-game winning streak.

The late season push has put Salem (11-3, 6-2) in position to win the regular season conference title.

"We need a little help," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Walled Lake Central needs to lose."

The Friday night 51-49 victory at Stevenson was key to Salem's title hopes.

With the way Stevenson has played this season, it was hard to predict whether the Spartans would live up to their moniker's reputation and battle Salem, or reward their visitors with an easy victory.

The Spartans' intentions were clear quite early. Their tight, aggressive defense matched up well with Salem. Stevenson led 22-20 at half, but the Rocks had a one-point lead entering the fourth quarter.

The play of Andy Power (13 points) secured the win for Salem.

Brodie said his team's continuous work on controlling the game tempo, and a mid-season slump, have inspired

the Rocks' level of play.

"After coming off those losses, we knew we had to finish strong," said

Brodie.

Just how strong will be determined in the coming weeks.

## Mr. Hockey



Gordie Howe, aka "Mr. Hockey," was in Plymouth Friday for a game at Compuware Sports Arena versus the Canton Police and Fire union team. The game benefitted the Child Life Program and the Canton Firefighters' charity foundation. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Sports

## Detroit Whalers battle for the border

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit River is ours, and the St. Claire River is theirs.

If national boundaries were shaped by hockey game results that's how the Michigan-Ontario border would look following Detroit's Saturday 5-3 loss to Sarnia and Sunday's 5-2 win over Windsor.

Detroit will try to lay claim to both rivers tonight in a game versus Sarnia at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena.

The victory against Windsor was important for the Whalers — not only did it pull Detroit (22-27-5) within one point of third-place Windsor (21-24-8), but it also halted a three-game losing streak.

The battle with the Spitfires for third place will be the focal point for the rest of the season, with fifth-place London too far behind to threaten, and division leaders Sarnia and Sault Ste. Marie unlikely to falter.

That situation suits Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer and his coaching staff.

The Windsor rivalry will provide the inspiration needed near the end of a grueling 66-game schedule. "It means that there is something to play for in every game for the rest of the season," DeBoer said. "We're in a race to end. Every game counts."

"It's like the battle of the border," said forward Mark Cadotte.

So far, Detroit is 3-2-1 against Windsor and is undefeated at home against the Spitfires.

The teams' three remaining games against each other will be played in five days in March. To say emotions will be running high is an understatement. "I

don't know about having their number," DeBoer said of the Whalers' record versus Windsor. "For obvious reasons this is a great rivalry. We're close in the division and geographically as well. And a lot of these guys know each other off the ice."

On Sunday, it appeared that flawless record might be in jeopardy. The Spitfires took a 1-0 lead midway through the first period on a goal by Nelson Mando.

"I thought we played well the first 10 minutes (of the game) then they came down and got a power play goal that kind of deflated us," said DeBoer. "When we came in (for intermission) I told the guys all we have to do is play like we did the first 10 minutes. We can win this game."

Detroit responded, silencing the Spitfires' guns in the second period — scoring three goals and outshooting Windsor, 20-4. Captain Mike Morrone scored first at 13:45, followed by forward Andrew Taylor less than one minute later. Then, Harold Druken scored on a breakaway to give Detroit a 3-1 lead.

With Detroit on the power play, Sergei Fedotov blasted a shot from the left point that beat Windsor goalie Scott Roche on his stick side. Detroit was up, 4-1.

Left wing Ryan Pawluk brought the Spitfires within two when he beat Robert Esche at 15:23 of the third period. But defenseman Jan Vodrazka sealed the win with an empty-net goal shot from just inside the Spitfires' side of the center line.

Morrone was named the game's number one star with a goal and an assist. It

was a clutch performance by the veteran at a time when his team needed it the most. That's precisely his role, Morrone said, who is recovering from back surgery earlier this season. "That's when veteran players come into effect. This is my fourth year doing this; I'm used to it. This is usually where the younger players may start to falter, and the older guys have to pick it up," he said.

One rookie is following Morrone's lead. Druken is a highly-touted rookie who has started living up to expectations. "I had a bad first half," said Druken, who scored a goal Sunday night. "I didn't know what to expect here. I think the Christmas break really helped out a lot."

## Canton nets share of 1st WLAA volleyball title

The Canton volleyball team traveled to Churchill on a frosty Wednesday last week, but came out steaming hot against the Chargers.

With a convincing win versus Churchill (15-12, 15-7, 15-5) in three straight games, the Chiefs clinched at least a share of the Western Division title.

A win tonight versus Walled Lake Western will give Canton the outright title.

The division title is the first in 18 years for the Chiefs, and the first-ever in the existence of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The win over Churchill placed Canton's record at 31-5-2.

Serving and defense was the key for the Chiefs. In the first game of the match,

Morrone was in similar form in Saturday's 5-3 loss to Windsor. He attempted to stir game emotions early in the first period with a couple of solid body checks, but the contest turned out relatively tame.

"It wasn't really physical like in the past, but I thought it was a pretty good game," said DeBoer.

"I liked the effort we put forth. I thought we worked hard."

Julian Smith put the Whalers in the lead 26 seconds into the second period on an assist from Mark Cadotte. Goals by Sarnia's Wes Mason and Jon Sim, and Detroit's Bryan McKinney left the score

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Churchill took a 5-0 lead and later lead 12-9. At 12-9, Canton's Nikki Kovachevich ran a streak of six straight serves (three aces) to close out the game for the Chiefs.

The second and third games were a total team effort, according to coach Steve Anderson.

An aggressive serving game and stone wall defense didn't allow the Chargers to mount any type of consistent offense. As a team, Canton came up with 58 digs in the match and 14 aces.

Courtney Wells led in assists with 14. Donna Logsdon had 13 digs, and Jessica Orleman had 11 digs and 13 kills. Kovachevich finished with eight assists, four aces and eight digs. Stephanie Chefan had 12 kills and two blocks.



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Kingston	19	26	6	2-6-2	44
Bellefonte	16	29	7	2-6-2	39
North Bay	12	39	6	3-5-2	30
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Kitchener	30	15	6	4-3-3	60
Guelph	27	22	4	3-7-0	58
Barrie	25	21	8	2-4-4	58
Owen Sound	25	25	1	2-8-0	51
Erie	18	31	5	4-5-1	41
Sudbury	17	28	4	3-7-0	38
West Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
S.S.Marie	29	16	8	4-6-0	66
Sarnia	30	17	5	7-2-1	65
Windsor	21	24	8	3-5-2	50
DETROIT	22	27	5	7-2-1	49
London	10	41	2	1-9-0	22

WHALERS STATISTICS		
<b>Season leaders:</b>		
Goals-Taylor (27)		
Points-Taylor (57)		
Penalty Minutes-Boulerice (209)		
Power Play Goals-Taylor (11)		
Shorthanded Goals-Taylor, Cadotte (2)		
Game Winning Goals-Taylor (4)		
Plus/minus-Druken (+6)		
<b>Team stats:</b>		
Power play-48 for 254, 20.9%, 12th OHL		
Penalty killing-48 for 278, 84.2%, 2nd OHL		
<b>CATCH OF THE DAY:</b>		
<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>Where?</b>
Sarnia	Wed. 7:30	home
SSM	Fri. 7:30	away
SSM	Sat. 7:30	away
Erie	2-20 7:30	home

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# A Chief concern

## Canton cagers struggle through week without Scott

Canton came tumbling down off Dante's peak last week.

The Chiefs, who had managed a victory over Salem one week earlier without star Dante Scott, were knocked out of conference title contention with two losses last week.

The first loss to North Farmington was particularly upsetting because the

Falcons never scored more than nine points in any of the first three quarters. Then, an 18-point offensive explosion lifted North Farmington past visiting Canton, who was leading by six points with 50 seconds left in the game. The Falcons' comeback included five three-pointers.

Friday's game versus Harrison also

came down to the wire. Canton was up by seven at half, but the Hawks returned from the halftime break, and tied the game two minutes into the third quarter. "We let them right back in it," said Canton coach Dan Young. "It was anybody's game from there on in."

Despite 21 points from sophomore Joe Cortellini and 15 from Rob Johnson, Harrison (11-3) went on to win, 55-52. "On Friday, we played OK, but not well enough to win. Defensively, we were softer than we've been...It was a disappointing week. Hopefully, we'll learn from this," Young said.

The defeats put Canton two games behind division-leader Walled Lake Central with only two games left. The focus now shifts to the post-season, which Canton will enter in an unfamiliar position. "We're going to take it from an underdog standpoint," said Young, whose teams have captured two consecutive state playoff district titles. "We're looking forward to the league tournament, which we can win. I think we can be a good team; I know we can be a good team."

They should be even better once Scott returns. He began practicing recently with a knee brace. Scott's return would provide the leadership and scoring needed to maintain the leads in games such as last week's loss to North Farmington. The contribution from the bench would improve too, since Jason Meagrow is currently starting.

showing," said Krumm.

Derek Rumrill (125 lbs.) continued his late season surge. "He's doing really well right now. It'll be interesting to see next week in districts who he gets matched up with," he said.

Jim Shelton (145 lbs.) was the Chiefs' fourth and final top-five finisher.

## Border battle

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tied at 2-2 entering the third period.

Luc Rioux scored off a deflection from the left point at 10:32, with assists from Randy Fitzgerald and Druken.

But the one-goal lead lasted only 11 seconds. That's when Darren Mortier scored for Sarnia, beginning a string of three unanswered goals.

The loss dropped Detroit to 1-6 against Sarnia, a possible first-round opponent in the playoffs.

DeBoer said Detroit's game plan is the same for second-place Sarnia as it is for first-place Sault Ste. Marie, who is 3-3 versus Detroit this year.

"It's just one of those cases where we do a pretty good job of taking the Soo off their game. It's our game strategy to play a tight checking, defensive hockey game. We just have to do a better job of that against Sarnia," he said.

## Horse(snow)shoes



Horseshoes became horsesnow as members of the Knights of Columbus braved the cold weather and gathered last weekend for a winter edition of the typically summertime game. The Knights gather every year for the Frostbite Snowshoe Tournament to raise money for charity. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## Canton grapplers 10th in WLAA tourney

BY BRIAN CORBETT

This 10th place finish was far from perfect, but Canton wrestling coach Ernie Krumm will take it.

The Chiefs, who didn't have wrestlers for two weight classes because of mid-winter break vacation, finished 10th out of 12 teams at the Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling tournament held Saturday at Walled Lake Central.

"I can't complain about the effort," said Krumm. "I am pleased. I had hoped,

as a team, to get a little higher, but we didn't get into the finals, and that's where you really pick up the points."

The Chiefs finished with 77 points, one-half point behind ninth-place Harrison. Stevenson won with 208.5, host Central was second and cross-campus rival Salem was third.

Vince St. Louis (112 lbs.) and Brent Buttermore (130 lbs.) were the Chiefs' top finishers, both placing eighth.

St. Louis beat Salem's Dan Morgan before bowing out. "He had a really good

## Salem 3rd in WLAA; gears up for district competition

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judo, which we were worried about, and he threw Dan. He's a pretty good thrower, and you've got to watch out for those throwers, they come out of nowhere," said Krueger.

At 119 lbs., Coburn took second. Sam Boyd (130 lbs) wasn't seeded, but placed eighth, leaving his coach to ponder his potential. "He's going to be good," said Krueger.

Despite having a cold that made him sluggish, 135-lbs.-Greene took second.

At 145 lbs., Jeremy Wolschlager placed third. "That's about the best he

could do. The two kids ahead of him are state championship-caliber wrestlers," said Krueger.

The Rocks didn't place at 160 lbs., 171 lbs. and 215 lbs., effectively knocking Salem out of championship contention.

"We had five kids get to the finals, that gets you big points; I would've liked to have seven in. I think that would've done it. But who would've thought — those freshmen."

They'll need a repeat performances if Salem plans on advancing in district competition this week.

## On deck

**CANTON BASKETBALL**  
Friday at Franklin. Varsity game begins at 7:15 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at Walled Lake at 7p.m. Saturday at the MISCA Meet at EMU.

**CANTON WRESTLING**  
Team districts today and tomorrow, and Individual Districts Saturday.

**CANTON GYMNASTICS**  
Tomorrow at Hartland at 6 p.m., and Saturday at Traverse City at noon. Tuesday at John Glenn at 7 p.m.

**CANTON VOLLEYBALL**  
Tonight at home versus Walled Lake Western. Saturday at the U of M Invitational, and Monday at Walled Lake Central at 5:30 p.m. Varsity follows immediately after listed JV times.

**SALEM BASKETBALL**  
Friday at home versus Farmington at 7:15 p.m.

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Saturday at the MISCA Meet at EMU.

**SALEM WRESTLING**  
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**SALEM GYMNASTICS**  
Monday at Brighton at 7 p.m.

**CANTON VOLLEYBALL**  
Tonight at Walled Lake Central; JV begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Creston Classic in Grand Rapids at 8 a.m. Monday at home versus Northville; JV begins at 6 p.m.



# Community opinions

## Time is right to combine City, Twp. government

It's time, once again.

The leaders of Plymouth and Plymouth Township should step up to the fact that having two separate governments for a combined community half the size of Canton is wasteful.

It's time to consolidate Plymouth City and Plymouth Township.

With the Township now seeking a police chief to replace the retiring Carl Berry and the City wondering about its police chief Bob Scoggins, a merger of those two departments will now be reviewed again. (Berry's leaving to ride Harley-Davidsons and Scoggins is eyeing a gospel-singing career.)

But combining the police department — after the successful merger of the fire department — is only another partial step.

The real forward-thinking path is complete consolidation.

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## Extra effort by all keeps UAW strike peaceful

Every cloud has a silver lining. Although there are no winners in the UAW's strike against Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls, the manner in which all parties involved have handled themselves is admirable.

Everyone involved in this strike has lost money, lost pride and lost production time. By definition, strikes are difficult.

But things could be worse.

Thus far, every possible confrontation has ended peacefully.

The UAW has worked with the Plymouth Township Police Department to get their message out without resorting to violence.

The police have acted as mediators, helping company officials and strikers to the negotiating table.

Johnson Controls has been as open as possible about negotiations.

Each side is working for a different end result. But thanks to cool heads on every side, the strike has remained peaceful.

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Community editorials

## Fasching must be German for fun

Yesterday was Fat Tuesday, the day of revelry for Mardi Gras partiers. It's the traditional day of gluttony before the beginning of Lent, which begins today.

Most people associate the Mardi Gras tradition with New Orleans, with mobs of people partying on Bourbon Street.

Few know Plymouth has its own Mardi Gras-type tradition.

The German-American Club of Plymouth held their own party Feb. 1. Fasching is the German version of Mardi Gras and the German-American Club of Plymouth celebrated the costume ball at the Plymouth Cultural Center with great food, fantastic music and lots of fun.

I was the guest of my friends, Bob and Connie Fitzner. I sat with Karl and Darlene Little and their son and his wife, Leonard and Dorothy Little.

Fasching is a time of fun. While Lent is a time for serious reflection, Fasching gives everyone one last chance to blow off steam.

Fasching is another piece of the "Plymouth Puzzle" I've tried to put

### No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



together over the past three years that I've lived in the community.

There are so many events like this that make the community a great place to live. Each individual event might not mean a lot to everyone, but when they're all put together, they bind the community together.

Fasching meant a lot to the hundred or so people who were there. It meant a lot for those who cooked the knockworst, made the sauerkraut and mixed the potato salad. It meant a lot for the men who tapped the Dortmunder Union beer.

And because of the hospitality of my hosts and new friendships I made while I was there, it meant a lot to me.

I recently read an article in Crain's about refurbished downtowns. It said these upgraded downtowns draw people to the different communities.

That's probably true. But I've found it's the unique groups and outstanding people who make Plymouth a great place to live.



The Fasching Party is an annual costume ball held at the Plymouth Cultural Center. It is a celebration similar to Mardi Gras. The party is organized by the German-American Club of Plymouth. Prizes were given to those with the best costumes. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



# Community opinions

## School trust needs building, not concrete

EDITOR:

I have been a resident of this school district for almost 22 years. I have been an active participant as a school volunteer on various committees, both for my children's schools and district-wide. My two children had very successful academic careers in P-C Schools and well beyond those years.

I have never failed to vote in favor of any school millage of bonding proposal. In fact, I believe that I have voted in every single school election in these 22 years except one. (I could kick myself for missing that one). I believe in education and although there have been differences between my opinions and that of district administration and/or faculty, I always came down on the side of making things better for our children. I still believe that's what should be done, but not with concrete and glass. What needs building is trust, not concrete.

This time I will not assist the administration of the district while they play material games and neglect the real educational needs of the children.

Increasingly, this administration has shown itself to be unconcerned about children, citizens and staff. Its arrogance is appalling. At the present time, it is playing its own games, making children and parents upset about school boundaries and busing so as to

create a sense that the bonds are needed and only in the form suggested by those insiders.

The nice man who was hired as superintendent has insufficient skills to manage a district of this size, of this complexity and in a metropolitan environment. His dependence on the non-educators on his staff is foolish at best. His answer to all concerns is, "We'll have a look into that," or else he gives in to the concern without considering all the possible outcomes. That's not management, that's avoidance.

It was suggested that the district should pay for the services of an outside consultant to find out why "relations" are so poor and morale is so low. It doesn't take a consultant at many tens of thousands of dollars to tell good management that what is needed is respect, trust and honesty. The assistant for employee relations is adversarial at every opportunity, clearly trusting none of "them," and assuming that their intentions are self-serving. The style of this management is reminiscent of Henry Ford and Harry Bennett (Little & Co.). They treat all dissenters as little children — first pat them on the head and when that doesn't work, spank them. Perhaps they could use some coaching from modern management in our auto companies. Use respect,

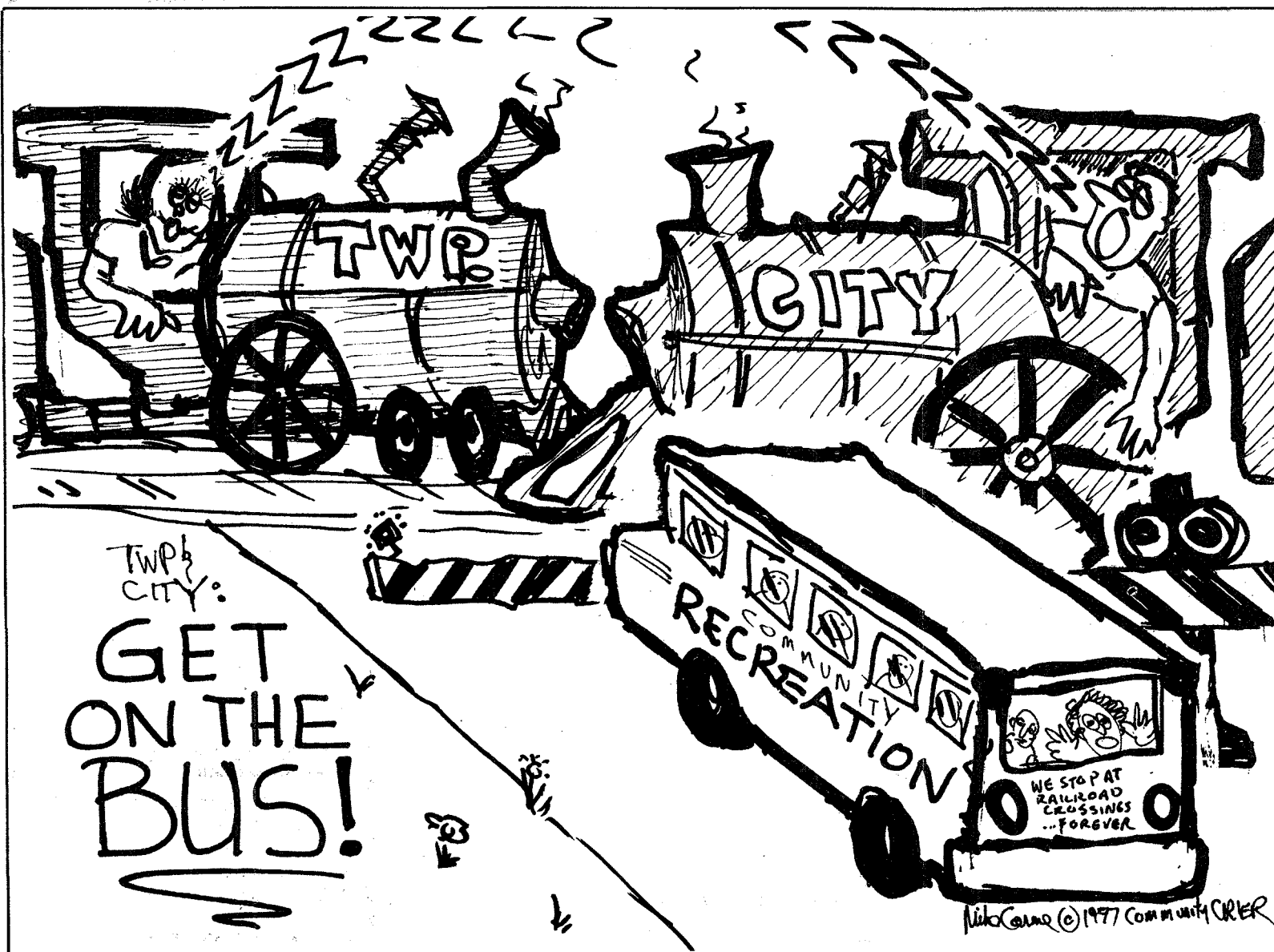
not clubs. It's not a war; it's trying to do the best for all with everyone a real part of the process.

Any intelligent modern manager will tell you that employees (faculty and staff) and customers (parents, children and taxpayers) expect openness, not half-truths, full participation, not lip service with phony committees, and trust, not suspicion and patronizing behavior.

In my 22 years (actually almost 25 because I helped out before living in the district) I have never seen such low morale and negative attitudes among those of us who care — parents and teachers. We should be among the best districts in the state, not slipping down towards mediocrity.

My regret at this point is that I don't see a real solution, although I am certain that giving in to the administration on this bond issue will mean that they will ignore most of us until they want our votes again. In my case, it's not the money. I can well afford a few dollars to improve the schools, but that's not what we'll get. I don't think we'll receive meaningful improvement. All we'll have with this money is new buildings, but a continued deterioration of what actually matters inside the walls and inside the minds of our children.

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# Community opinions

## Canton needs its own school district

EDITOR:

Canton is currently the fastest-growing community in the State with all the increased construction of new subdivisions. Naturally, the schools most overcrowded in the Plymouth-Canton School District are in southern Canton. Canton's population of 66,100 is large enough to manage its own school district, separate from Plymouth. The population of Plymouth Township and City is only 33,200 combined.

Would it be possible to divide the P-C School District at the Joy Road boundary? Eleven school district buildings are actually in Canton already. Canton High School could be used by Canton students and Salem High School could be used by Plymouth students.

To deal with overcrowded schools in general, each

district could redistribute student population to best suit its own needs. The high schools could accommodate 10th, 11th and 12th grades. The other schools could be divided into seventh, eighth and ninth for middle school and kindergarten through sixth at the elementary level.

And for transportation, give Canton its fair share of school buses. Help them with building and ground maintenance during the transition period and then permanently end the connection between the two communities.

I think in the long run, two separate school districts could be managed better than the current system with a 15,000 student population. Maybe there wouldn't be a need for new buildings.

LISA STEVENS

## Put politics aside, solve recreation problems

EDITOR:

Thank you for your editorial defending the real need for recreation in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. I am particularly unhappy with the city commissioners seeking

my vote and assuring me that City supported recreation activities were very important to them.

Personally, I have enjoyed the following programs or activities offered at the Plymouth Cultural

Center for over 20 years:

Wedding receptions; luncheons; parties and showers; classes; teaching classes; watching my granddaughter learn to twirl a baton; judging costumes at a children's Halloween party; Senior trips, including a tour of Europe; Senior picnics; watching my sons play both softball and basketball; smiling proudly as my grandson tottered around the ice rink; attending every Arts and Crafts show since their inception in 1975; attending the annual ice skating show; getting flu shots and having my blood pressure checked; enjoyed my first auction; playing bridge (I might also mention that many of my non-Plymouth bridge playing friends also patronize our shops, grocery stores, restaurants, and bars while in town).

Each year I thank the volunteers who assist senior citizens with income tax reports, hoping they will be on hand when I need help. Last summer, following my spouse's surgery, I was able to get our grass cut (I made donations to help support that program although if one has no resources they are taken care of anyway). Now more hospitalization looms, and it's comforting to know I'll be able to do the same with shoveling snow.

I adore Plymouth and its environs. I've lived here almost 30 years and don't want my letter to sound bitter, but if the Cultural Center and City supported recreation programs are ended, what do we have left? I'm ashamed of our city commissioners and the township group as well. Can't we put politics aside and keep our youngsters, their parents, and our seniors busy, active and let them know we care?

M.J. WILLETTE

## WSDP donation helps hospice

EDITOR:

Community Hospice Services has been very fortunate to have the support of the students and staff at WSDP 88.1 FM. The student-run radio station at the high school is something the Plymouth-Canton community can very proud of! I would very much appreciate it if you would print the following *Letter to the Editor* as our way of showing our support and gratitude to WSDP.

On behalf of everyone at Community Hospice Services, but most of all our patients and their families, we would like to publicly express our sincere gratitude to the staff and student crew at the WSDP 88.1 student radio station at PCEP.

Last year the station contributed part of their auction proceeds to help CHS expand their bereavement offerings to young people in the community who have lost a loved one. Again this year, Mr. Bill Keith, the Station Manager has announced plans to donate a percentage of the auction's proceeds to benefit the work of CHS. The date is Saturday, May 10 and students and family members are currently in the process of soliciting items for their auction from the community's business leaders. We ask our community to be generous in supporting their requests.

As the hometown Hospice in the Plymouth area, we are very honored to have the talented young people at WSDP 88.1 recognize and validate the work we do caring for the incurably ill and their families. Our hats off to everyone associated with WSDP 88.1 FM!

MAUREEN K. KARBY

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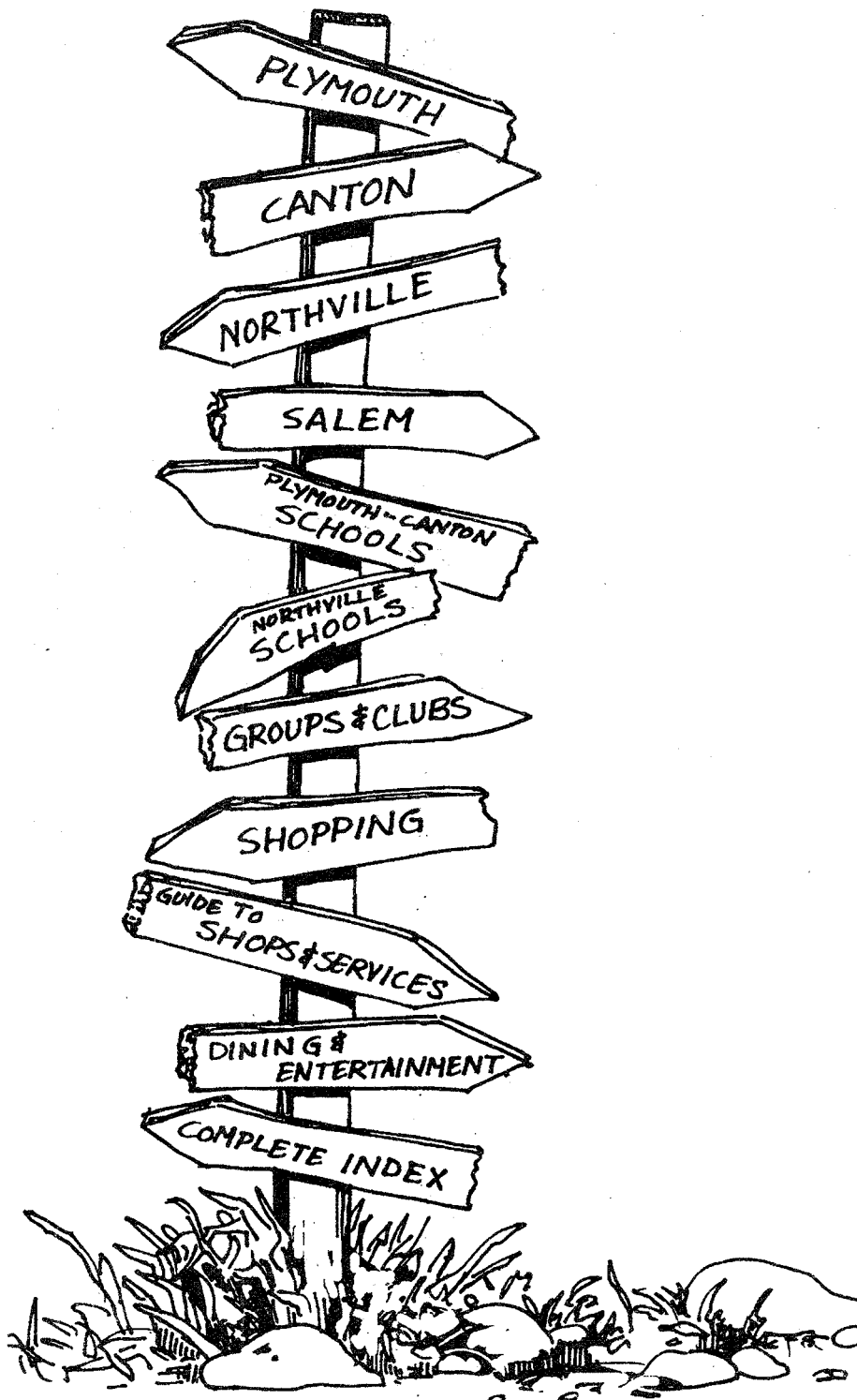
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