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*Inside today's
Community Crier*

The first week of March can mean only one thing: The GUIDE has arrived in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem-Superior Community. Home delivery and mail subscribers to The Community Crier will find the 1997 edition of The GUIDE inserted in today's edition of the newspaper. The

GUIDE will also be available at vending outlets throughout the community, and at The Community Crier office, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth.

The GUIDE, in its 18th year of production, is a community resource book that provides general and detailed information on a

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City might extend streetscape along Main Street

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth City Commission and Plymouth Downtown Development Authority are examining plans to extend the streetscape project along north and south Main Street with a possible price tag of more than \$1 million.

DDA Director Steve Guile presented the City Commission with four possible versions of an extended streetscape.

The first includes: brick paving along the curbs; decorative street lights; street trees in half-circle grates with brick trim at the back of the sidewalk; and new sidewalks and curbs. The improvements would match the downtown streetscape, except for the decorative furniture and planting boxes. The cost for this project is estimated at \$1,011,514.

The second option would be a less intensive version of concept one. It would feature: no brick pavers along curbs or around tree grates; decorative double-head street lights at intersection corners only; street trees in full-circle grates along the curbs; and new sidewalks and curbs. Estimated construction cost for concept two is \$813,320.

The third option would feature: no brick pavers along curbs or around tree grates; decorative street lights along the curbs; no street trees; and new sidewalks and curbs. The estimated cost would be \$757,505.

The fourth option would feature: new sidewalks and curbs; no brick pavers along curbs or around tree grates; no decorative street lights along the curbs or at corners; and no street trees. The estimated cost for this concept is \$480,443.

Although the extended streetscape plans are in the early conceptual stage, City Commissioner Doug Miller said it is important to involve the residents and

business owners along Main Street.

"The designs that are provided are very nice...but obviously anything we do on Main Street will have an effect on property owners in the area," he said. "It may be wise to form a north Main Street group and a south Main Street group to see what designs they prefer and what

input they have."

The DDA and City are looking into ways of funding the project, including grants and possible matching funds from the City itself. If the project is funded through a special assessment district, assessments could range from \$93.69 to \$197.25 per front foot of property,

depending on the construction concept used.

Miller said the project would help improve the entrances to the downtown area.

"This would have a dramatic increase on the property values along there," he said.

Canton fire station underway



Canton officials broke ground on the 15,000-square-foot, \$4.2 million fire station one and fire headquarters. The building will be located next to the Canton Administration Building. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Beautiful

*Canton woman helped beautify
community with flowers, friends*

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*Plymouth Red Roof Inn wins
important hospitality award*

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Champs

*Salem volleyball team works
hard and wins district title*

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Canton liquor licenses run dry...for now

Successful mid-decade census would help community attract more restaurants

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN
Chili's Grill and Bar was approved for
Canton's last available Class C Liquor

License last week, making it the last
liquor serving restaurant that can begin
building until Canton receives the results

of the mid-decade census, which will
begin this month.
Chili's Grill and Bar is will be located

on Ford Road between Haggerty and
Lilley Roads, in front of the Super Kmart
site. It will be a stand-alone new con-
struction project, and requires the site
plan approval process.

Although it was the last liquor license
available, Canton could still get another
restaurant, which could be a Cooker Bar
and Grill, according to Township Clerk
Terry Bennet.

"The Olive Garden restaurant has a
liquor license," Bennett said, "the restau-
rant that buys the store could transfer it."

Otherwise restaurateurs would have
to wait for the results of the mid-decade
census, which should be completed in
June, Bennett said. In addition to an
increased portion of state shared revenue,
Canton would gain an extra liquor license
for every 1500 people counted over the
1990 census count, provided the town-
ship has achieved a 15 percent growth.

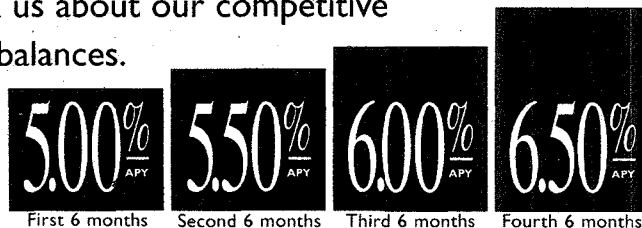
Canton could gain five additional
liquor licenses, according to Bennett.

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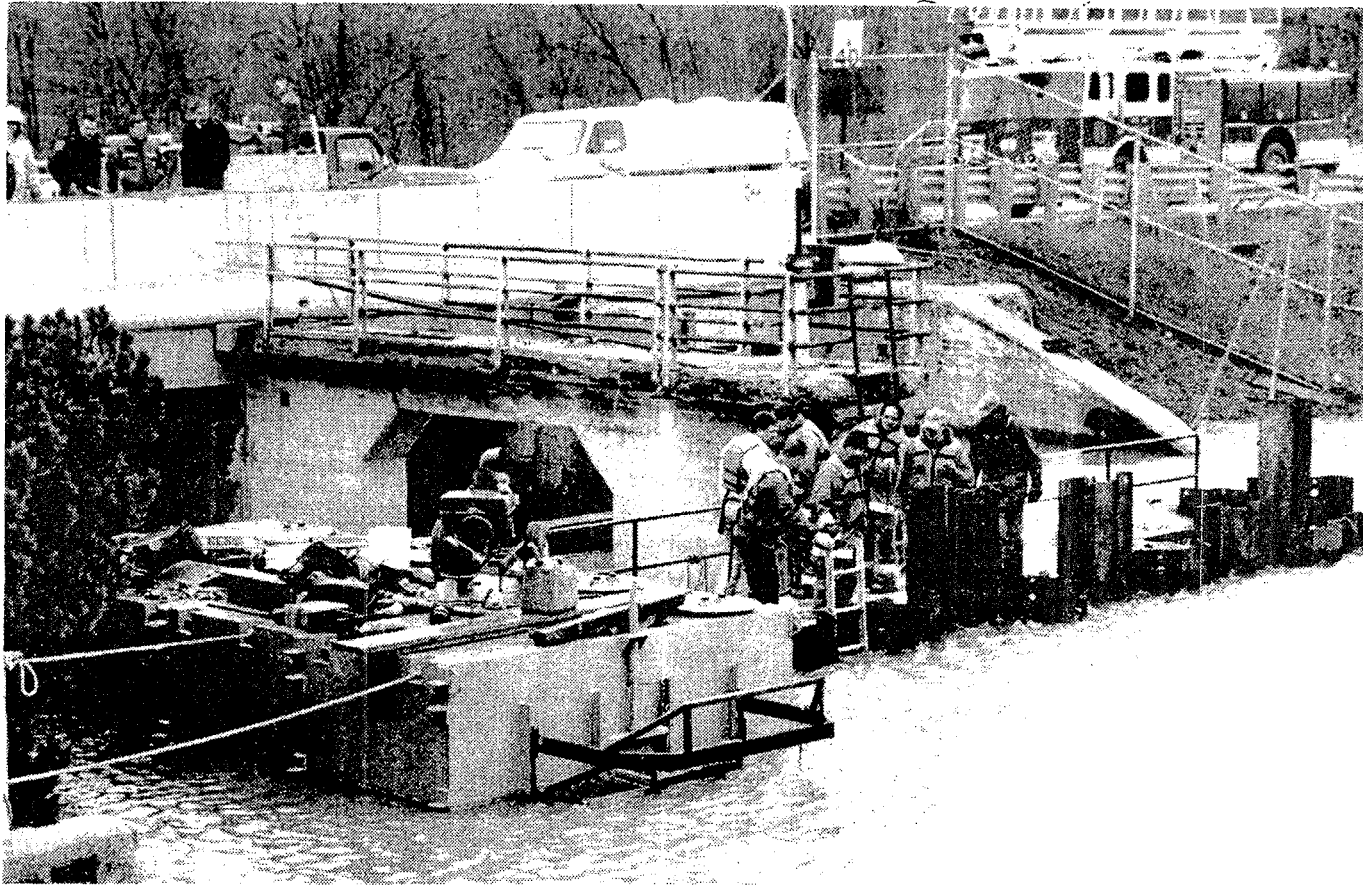
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Rescue workers from throughout the community struggled to save a diver trapped at the Newburgh Lake dam. The diver's body was found late Monday approximately 120 feet down river from the dam. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Diver's body found Monday near Newburgh Dam

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 48-year-old Romulus man drowned Thursday after being trapped under Newburgh Lake Dam. His body was found Monday by rescue workers.

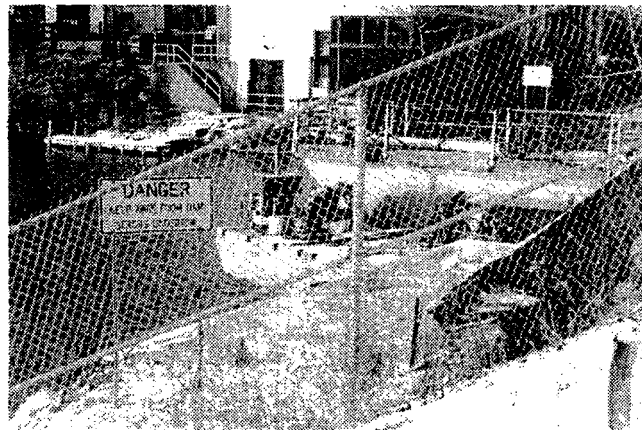
Frank Zimmerman, owner of Divtech Corp., a Romulus-based firm doing contractual work for the city of Livonia, had been clearing debris from a sluice gate 12 feet under water when he got caught in the dam's strong undertow, according to police.

Zimmerman maintained voice contact for about 30 minutes after he was trapped, probably through a radio in his dive helmet, according to Livonia Police Sergeant Houghton. Co-workers lost voice contact when they started closing the gate in an attempt to reduce the current and free Zimmerman.

Rescue workers had attached an air hose and were circulating warm water around Zimmerman during the early rescue efforts, in an attempt to stave off the effects of hypothermia, according to Houghton.

Other divers were not used earlier because of the possibility of getting themselves trapped, according to Houghton.

The rescue efforts were hindered by heavy rainfall earlier in the week, and the dark, silty water offered no visibility, Houghton said. The dam work was supposed to be finished Friday, and the lake was scheduled to be drained Monday, the first phase of the



When work began in the fall, waters were low and the experienced divers could disregard the "Strong Undertow" signs. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Newburgh Lake restoration, which includes draining the lake, removing contaminated soil, refilling it and stocking it with game fish.

Field Elementary School repairs cause headaches...in more ways than one

BY BRYON MARTIN

Teachers and students at Field Elementary School learned just how fast the district could respond to building emergencies.

They also learned that sometimes, it's better to wait.

Holes in Field's roof let water seep in, and invade kindergarten classrooms the morning of Feb. 17, Principal David Farquharson said. As a temporary fix, buckets were placed beneath the leaks to catch the water.

In a 24-hour period, however, the situation was exacerbated by changes in the weather; melting snow and heavy precipitation meant water, water everywhere.

"The leaks were quite severe," Farquharson said. "By Tuesday morning we were filling up large barrels in the kindergarten rooms. We had to call main-

tenance."

Farquharson alerted the district Tuesday; contractors were sent to re-tar the leaking roof.

"The good news is they responded immediately," Farquharson said. "The contractors were at the school first thing Wednesday morning."

According to Farquharson, though, their immediate response was the bad news, too: repairs were being made while class was in session and smells and noise from the re-tarring of the roof distracted and irritated some inside the school.

Air filtration units, part of Field's climate control system, pulled in outside air and left portions of the school smelling like hot tar.

One teacher, worried about a previous health condition and upon a physician's recommendation, went home early; about

ten students with similar concerns — asthma, recent respiratory infections — stayed home as the repairs were completed Thursday.

"They took precautions," Farquharson said. "Some people are more sensitive to things like that than others."

The repairs have held Farquharson said, and things are pleasant again at Field. Outside doors were left open to air out the building. Filters were replaced in the climate control system — no tar stink, no water.

Given a similar situation in the future, an immediate fix might not be answer, Farquharson said. The inconveniences of a leaky roof would be easier to bear than those of mid-week repairs.

"It would be worth it to just wait for the weekend," Farquharson said. "We've learned our lesson."

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce Member luncheon is today at the Summit on the Park at noon.

WEEKEND

- Canton Project Arts is presenting "An Evening of Broadway Music" featuring artists of the Michigan Opera Theatre. The event will take place Saturday at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. with the program beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at Arnoldt Williams Music, Dearborn Music and the Canton Administration Building, or by calling 397-6450. Tickets are \$20 each.

UPCOMING

- Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47, F.&A.M. will have their annual Charity Dinner for the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank on March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman Ave. The public is invited to join in supporting this worthwhile organization. The cost is \$10 per person. Call in reservations to 453-1242 by March 17.

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Ready for the GUIDE? It is in your Community Crier this week, full of updated information about the community.

Canton toughens drunken driving ordinance

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Stiffer fines, more community service and relaxed arrest provisions are some of the ways Canton hopes to crack down on drunk driving, according to amendments in the community's drunken driving ordinance.

The proposed amendments, published for the first time at the Township Board meeting on March 6, and scheduled to be adopted next week, adopts recent changes in state law, according to John Santomauro, Director of Public Safety.

Many of the new provisions of the ordinance go toward recouping the cost of arresting and prosecuting drunken drivers, according to Santomauro.

For instance, under the new ordinances offenders would no longer receive compensation for community service. Instead, they would be required to re-imburse the township for the cost of supervision incurred while performing community service.

The township will also be able to fine offending drunken drivers for their processing and prosecution costs, according to Santomauro.

"It's something that makes sense," Santomauro said. "A lot of people don't realize that prosecuting drunk drivers is really expensive."

Another provision in the ordinance eliminates the possibility of a suspended sentence in the case of repeat offenders convicted and sentenced to serve time in prison.

The amendment also makes it a misdemeanor to allow an intoxicated person to drive your car, and is punishable by imprisonment of up to 90 days, and a fine of \$100-\$500. It allows a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the person is found in the driver's seat of a commercial motor vehicle parked or stopped on a highway or street in Canton, if the police officer has reasonable cause to believe the person was operating the vehicle under the influence of alcohol or another controlled substance.

Police are also deciding on whether or not to confiscate the cars of repeat offenders, according to Santomauro, which is a new provision under the new ordinance.

"It's something we'll look at for the future," Santomauro said. "If more people realized the cost, both in dollars and the potential for loss in life, they'd think more before doing it (driving under the influence)."

The forfeiture law has drawn some controversy because some people claim it's too costly and punitive for a family, but Santomauro defended it, saying that having someone prosecuted for driving under the influence was even more costly and punitive.

Under the forfeiture law, the offender's car would be confiscated, title and all, by the police department, according to Santomauro. The owner could buy it back at a reduced rate, and the money would go to recoup some of the costs of prosecution.

Santomauro hopes the new ordinance will help reduce instances of drunk driving.

"We've been too willing to accept the tragic results of drinking and driving," he said, "but the public and the government hears it loud and clear that we're no longer willing to do that."

Northville Township begins mid-decade census

Northville Township is beginning its official mid-decade census, which is expected to conclude in early June, 1997.

The purpose of the census is to update the 1990 Federal Census of Northville Township which reported a population of 17,313. It is estimated that the population has increased by at least 20% since 1990. The advantage of conducting a census at this time is to receive additional funds through the Michigan State Shared Revenue Program which distributes revenues raised by the state sales tax back to the local communities. It is estimated that about \$300,000 in additional revenue will be received annually by Northville Township by certifying at least a 15 percent increase. A Federal Census will be conducted in the year 2000 and the groundwork performed for the Mid-Decade Census will assist in the 2000 census as well.



Public notices

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the February 11, 1997. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing Item J.4. Open Window Retirement Program and adding J.4 Appoint Board of Review Members for 1997/98 and J.5 Consider a Single Benefit Special Assessment for Temple Baptist Church. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the February 25, 1997, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the revised RUD Contract as proposed by Country Club Village of Plymouth incorporating the revisions dated February 25, 1997. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to re-establish the Public Hearing date for an Industrial Development District for 16 acres along Five Mile Road and adjacent to Metro West Industrial Park to the March 28, 1997, regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to re-establish the Public Hearing date for an Industrial Development District for 24 acres located on the west side of Beck Road, north of the Post Office and adjacent to Metro West/Beck Road Industrial Park to the March 28, 1997, regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Mueller moved to adopt Resolution No. 97-02-25-10 authorizing the Township Supervisor sign Wayne county Permit No. C-23774 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with developer of Country Acres of Plymouth Subdivision No. 1 and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 97-02-25-11 consenting to the request of Creative Automation to transfer 13 jobs from Plymouth Township to Pittsfield Township. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Mueller, Edwards, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy

Nays: none

Resolution declared adopted.

Mr. Curmi moved that March 25, 1997 be established for Public Hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Tokai Rika Co., Ltd., located at 47200 Port Street, Plymouth Corporate Park.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the following appointments for the 1997/98 Board of Review: Larry Pulkownik, Maryann Carey and Robert Samoray with terms ending December 31, 1998. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to postpone the request from Temple Baptist Church for a Single Benefit Special Assessment District to a Special Meeting to be held, Thursday, February 27, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy stated WTUA reported the storm drain system functioned well during the recent rain storm.

Trustee Curmi asked for an update regarding the Recreation Survey.

Trustee Arnold requested that the Plymouth Township information on Cable TV be updated.

Trustee Curmi asked for the status of the Valve Maintenance Project.

Mrs. Mueller moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 25, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 11, 1997.

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Community deaths

Obituaries

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MARIETTE GOODALE

Mariette Goodale, a Westland resident, died Feb. 24, 1997 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Goodale was born Aug. 4, 1907 in Plymouth. She worked for the Red Cross in Plymouth for several years. She was a life-long Plymouth resident, and lived in the Mayflower Hotel later in her life. She loved to paint with oils and travel.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Ruth Secord of Clearwater, FL; nieces, Sheryll Secord of St. Clair, Janet Obara of Florida, Patricia Trefla of Arkansas, Doris Sunholm of Florida; nephews, Arthur Secord of Plymouth and Harold A. Secord, Jr. of Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

ROY FEATHERSTONE KINCADE

Roy Featherstone Kincade, a Livonia resident, died Feb. 25, 1997 at the age of 82.

Mr. Kincade was born May 4, 1914 in Highland Park. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 40 years of service as a machine operator. He received five Bronze Stars for valor during WW II.

He is survived by sisters, Viola Smith of Mayville, Mary Timcoe of Plymouth, LaVerne (Dwight) Paddock of Livonia, Tessa Roy of Belleville; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his wife, Helen L.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Arthur Magnuson officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to charity of choice.

DALE FREDERICK HOUGHTON

Dale Frederick Houghton, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 26, 1997 at the age of 58.

Mr. Houghton was born October 20, 1938 in Plymouth. He was an accountant and a notary public. He was a life-long Plymouth resident, and graduated from Plymouth High school in 1956.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Plymouth; sons, Jeffery (Tammy) of Westland, Jonathon (Fiance Lisa Campbell) of Westland; sister Marilyn (John) Parmenter of Hartland; and grandchild Bradley.

Services were held at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Peter Berg officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Cemetery in Canton. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MI.

ROBERT VERN HENRY

Robert Vern Henry, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 26, 1997 at the age of 51.

Mr. Henry was born May 21, 1945 in Detroit. He was a composer and a poet. He was a Vietnam veteran, and belonged to the Disabled American Veterans. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1964.

He is survived by his son, Troy Wayne of Westland; daughter Mattie A. of West Virginia; mother Ann, of Plymouth; sisters, Susan Wooley of Canton, Janet Baron of Tennessee, Nancy Snow of Canton, Joann (Frank) Garzarella of New Jersey; brothers, David (Carolyn) of Pinckney, Daniel (Marla) of Virginia, and Fred of Plymouth.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, MI. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made, or

memorial tributes can be given to The Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 148, Garden City, 48136.

SYLVAN DIAMOND

Sylvan Diamond, a Plymouth resident, died Feb 26, 1997 at the age of 84.

Mr. Diamond was born Aug. 21, 1912 in Pottsville, PA. He was a salesman for steel products.

He is survived by his wife, Rita M. of Plymouth; daughters, Kathryn (John) Johnson of Capitola, CA; sons, Thomas J. (Marilyn) of San Jose, CA; sisters, Bertha Wruble and Hazel Krop, both of FL; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private services were held by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Plymouth Region, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, and East San Jose Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, c/o Citibank, 2830 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose, CA, 95127.

GRACE G. GOLDSBORO

Grace G. Goldsboro, a Westland resident, died March 3, 1997 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Goldsboro was born Aug. 29, 1908 in Detroit. She was a Secretary for a real estate company.

She is survived by her sister, Julia Fennelly of Livonia; brother, Edward Hall of FL; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held at St. Richard Catholic Church in Westland with Rev. John F. Hall officiating. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Memorial tributes can be given to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1760 Mt. Elliot Ave., Detroit MI, 48207.



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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation awarded **Matthew Burrows**, a senior at Michigan State University, the Robert Hancock Scholarship.

Matthew Burrows is the son of **Walter and Delores Burrows** of Plymouth.

Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. will have their annual Charity dinner for the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank on Friday March 21st at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman Ave. The public is invited to join in supporting this worthwhile organization. The cost is \$10 each. Call in reservations to 453-1242 by March 17th.

Women who are single heads of households and students at Schoocraft College may apply for two scholarships offered by the Plymouth Business & Professional Women's club. Both awards require applicants to have a high school diploma or equivalent, be accepted at Schoolcraft and identify financial need.

The career development scholarship is available only to women living in Plymouth or Plymouth Township. The deadline for the 1997-1998 school year applications is May 2, 1997. Awards vary.

The **Elizabeth J. Szilagyi** Scholarship was established in honor of a Plymouth-Canton Community schools teacher. The minimum award is \$500 and applications must be received by March 15, 1997.

To apply for either scholarship send a stamped, self-addressed stamp envelope to: Scholarship, Plymouth BPW, P.O. Box 5338, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include a self-addressed envelope with the application.

Degree candidates for U of M this winter: from Canton: **Adem Arslani, Anne Bartalucci, Samir A. Bhavsar, Douglas L. Bray, Danette A. Domagala, Russ B. Ernst, Stephen C. Freeze, Nancy Jo Kaatz, Davis B. Kahng, Robert L. Kohl, Michael T. Koziol, Frederick Lane III, Michael J. Libbing, Terri M. Lynch-Caris, Christopher H. Morgan, Dennis J. O'Flynn, Michael O. Perez, Michael J. Pixley, Michael J. Presley, Katherine J. Raston, Margaret B. Safford, Steven G. Salhaney, Julie M. Smith, Michael C. Smith, Gregory J. Tamas, Matthew S. Walters, Kurt C. Wunderlich.**

From Plymouth: **Joseph M. Binder, Brian T. Botwinski, James P. Buda, Christopher P. Burns, Ryan C. Burt, Christine A. Chatas, Jin-ho Chung, Michael K. Evine, Scott D. Fohey, Maria N. Kovac, Krista L. Kuczewski, Matthew D. Miller, Kristin N. Moretto, Monique M. Olfield, Phillip A. Przybylo, Daniel A. Schaupner, Cindy A. Smith, Colleen M. Sullivan.**

Hardesty promoted to Canton Police sergeant

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack presented newly promoted Patrol Sergeant Jerry Hardesty with his sergeant's badge last Tuesday.

Hardesty, 39, has been with the Canton Police Department as a patrol officer for 7 1/2 years. He's spent times in many different areas of law enforcement, including overlapping time as a department investigator, 6 1/2 years with the Special Operations Team, which is Canton's equivalent of SWAT, and 7 years as an evidence technician.

Hardesty was instrumental in starting the Evidence Technician program in Canton.

"Evidence Technicians are called to the crime scene to process information, to look through and define evidence," he said. He helped start the program about a year after he started with the department. Before then, police officers would rely on their basic training or detectives.

Another program Hardesty helped found, and remains as one of his favorites duties, was the Police Bike Patrol.

"Seven officers started out in the unit," he said, "We rode in front of and outside shopping malls and apartment complexes. It goes

towards the whole community policing concept that we're working towards."

Hardesty earned his promotion by competing against 16 other candidates while undergoing an intense internal evaluation process designed to identify officers with leadership potential.

"Our administration does not hand-pick people," Public Safety Director John Santomauro said. "If we're trying to promote a patrol sergeant, he'll be evaluate by other patrol sergeants."

"Sergeant Hardesty is a good police officer," Santomauro said, "I think he'll make a good sergeant."

Hardesty is looking forward to all the different challenges he'll meet as a patrol sergeant, he said.

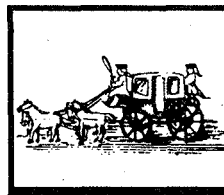
"But first I'll have to learn what I'm doing," he said, "It's a lot different."

Indeed, the training for his new position will last eight months, and be followed by a one-year probationary period.

Hardesty holds an associates degree in law enforcement from Washtenaw Community College, and has been a patrol officer for South Lyon and Green Oak Township.

What's wrong?

What's wrong with this historic advertisement for the Mayflower Hotel? Once again, The Crier will pick a winner from entries for a \$25 gift certificate to the Water Club Bar and Grill. David L. Curtis of Canton correctly identified the hippopotamus at the Hillside Inn as part of the menu. He wrote: "The hippopotamus was unloaded...because from around 1966 to 1969 the Hillside Inn would serve wild game. On New Year's Eve, 1967, they served roast lion. I remember this because my wife and I went there for dinner that evening. Nine months later we had twins. We have often joked this is why we had the twins. I have not eaten lion since and we did not have any more children. Must have been the lion." The historic photo and this ad are courtesy of Kalik Antiques in Plymouth.



Glimpse at yesterday

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Canton woman has 'rosey' view of community

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Without her, Canton wouldn't be as beautiful.

Geri Wojcik, a long-time Canton resident, was recognized by the Canton Board of Trustees for her many years of work on the Township Beautification Committee.

"She's an inspiration for anyone," said Pam Swiderak, a friend and long time member of the Beautification Committee. "She's contributed a lot over the years — brought it to its current state. I don't know what we'd do without her."

Wojcik started with the Beautification Committee more than twelve year ago, when it was just her and two other people planting trees.

"We worked with the Recreation Department back then," she said.

Since then she has worked on numerous beautifications in the community, including the several "Welcome to Canton" signs, as

well as the flowers planted in front of them, and several streetscapes, like the Bradford trees planted along Sheldon Center Road.

"She'll help any time," Swiderak said. "She can find a place that needs work and do it. She's the stimulus that gets the group going, and the adhesive that keeps it together."

This isn't the first time Wojcik has been recognized for her volunteer beautification work. She has earned the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan award for Individual Service, as well as the Volunteer of the Year Award.

"She's been in the area for 13-15 years," Swiderak said, "and probably done more than most life-long residents. She makes sure others gets involved."

Wojcik, a professional clown named Heartso in her rare spare time, says she loves the Canton community.

"It's a well-knit community of caring

people," she said, "everyone is community oriented."

Wojcik, who arranged the yellow ribbons along Ford Road during Operation Desert Storm, is most proud of the Bradford trees she helped plant along Sheldon Center Road, which she says should be renamed as Bradford Parkway.

"It's the Northern entrance to Canton," she said, "and it should be a beautiful streetscaping."

Wojcik and her husband will soon be leaving the area for the warmer climes of Florida, where they are having a house built. But first they're taking an 8 month tour of the U.S. "It's going to be out great adventure," she said with a chuckle.

Wojcik said she'll miss the community, an all of the people she's grown to know who have made it a special place."

"I think it's the community," she said, "and the community reflects that."

Spring clean up

Canton company offers free household waste dumping

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Clean out your garages, tear down your decks, re-shingle your roof, and get rid of all the refuse for free.

For the fifth consecutive year, Canton Waste recycling opens selected Saturdays for free household waste dumping.

Residents are quick to take advantage of the program, especially in the summer months, according to Paul Denski Jr., owner and president of Canton Waste Recycling.

"It's about a mess," Denski said, "it's a service I provide for the community of Canton. I open up the shop, and open up the dumpsters."

Until 1992 Canton Waste Recycling offered a similar program once a year, as spring clean up.

"The problem with that is that people are waiting 11 months to store this stuff," Denski said. "If I open it up on selected weekends throughout the year, people don't have to do that."

The year-round program solves a lot of problems, Denski said. "It cuts down on the congestion and lines that formed under the spring clean up program — things that no one like to deal with."

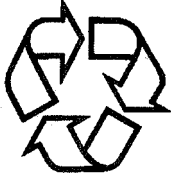
For Denski, providing the service to the community outweighs the cost involved.

"It's just something that I feel needs to be done," he said. "It gives people a free out. It helps keep the highways and the byways clean, and gives people a free place to dump."

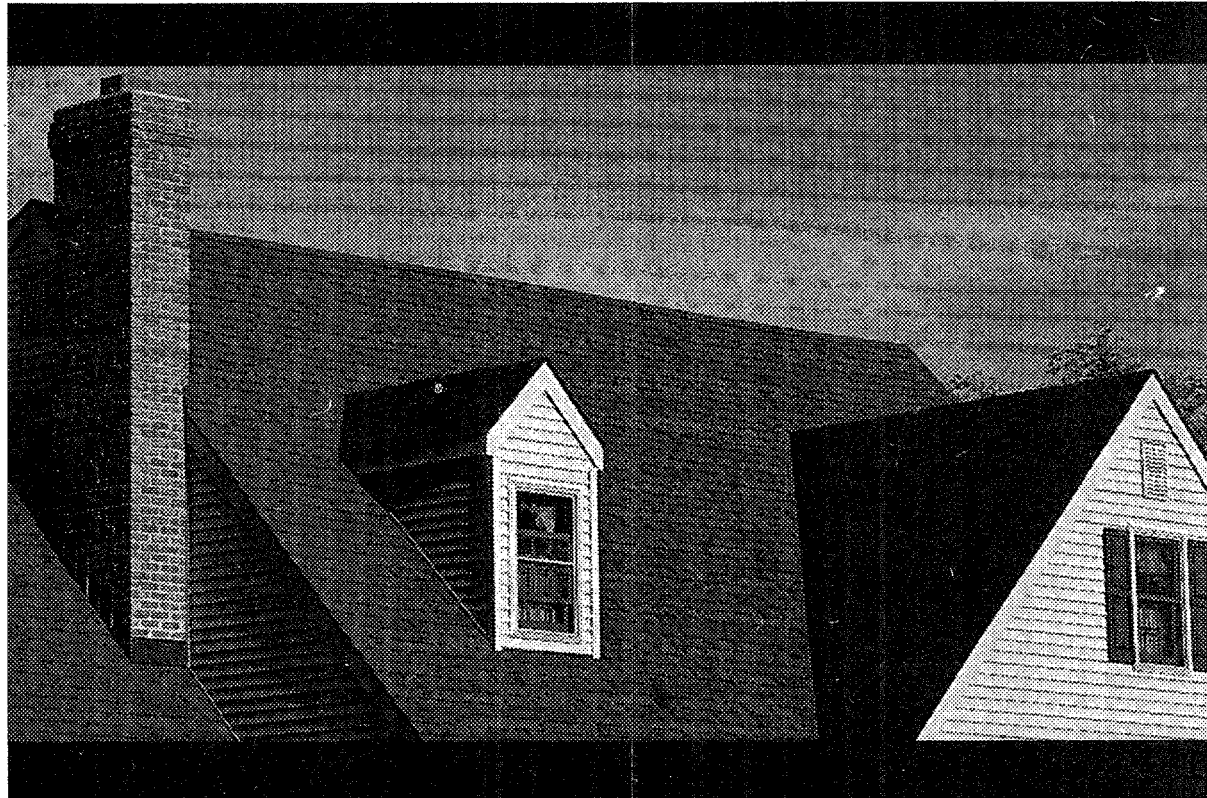
Last year 3,521 residents took advantage of the service, dumping 4,432 yards of waste, some of which would have ended up somewhere else, like along the road, according to Denski.

"I do know that people do like it," Denski said. "We anticipate continuing it for as long as we can."

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A trip to the Capital:



(left to right) Shelley Priebe, Kristin Lyman, Kelly Tabaka, Christina Lomibao, Sen. Carl Levin, Christine Broda and PCEP teacher Ben McMurray stop for a break in the halls of Congress.



Carli Megasko, Megan Moore and Teri Hanson and Close Up students from California pose on a statue of Albert Einstein.

(front to back) Kristin Lyman, Kelly Tabaka, Amy Seale, Leah Parks, Christine Broda, Shelly Priebe and Jason Wayatt enjoy the sights around Washington, D.C.

Canton, Salem students focus on different levels of U.S. political landscape

BY BRYON MARTIN

Tell them they were on a power trip, and they'll agree.

Sophomores at Canton and Salem high schools recently returned from a week-long stint in Washington D.C., the extended field-trip component of the government class, Close Up.

Through the course of a year, Close Up focuses on different levels of the U.S. political landscape — from a wide-angle view of democratic doctrine, to a zoom-in on the subtleties of committee work and policy development.

The goal, according to Canton teacher Arlene Paquette, is to empower students with a broad but detailed understanding of the country's complex governmental systems.

Apparently P-C schools believe that goal is reached; they've made Close Up a required class for all students at PCEP this year, in order to prepare them for State-mandated tests.

"We added economics to the Close Up curriculum this year so that the kids are prepared for the State's 11th grade proficiency test." Paquette

said. Economics tends to be a challenging subject for sophomore-level students, she added. Combining them with Close Up is like a mixing spoonful of sugar with medicine.

"They know it's important stuff, but it gets boring. So the trip to D.C. helps make it seem more exciting," Paquette said.

Paquette and fellow teachers Bill Gretzinger, Ben McMurray, Bill Boyd and Darin Silvester took 150 students to the nation's capitol from Feb. 9 - 15. Another group of about 50 students will go with Stephen Williams, Jim Salczynski and Alex Sudia from March 16 - 22.

It's a full week: students begin their days at 7:15 with lectures over breakfast; by 8:15 or so they're out the door, on a bus and en route to Lafayette Park, the Capitol, the Mall and meetings with legislators and luminaries in the political sphere. It's a week of go, see and do.

"They get to watch how decisions are made and see that they do have a part in the process," Paquette said. "It's not just a bunch of gray wool suits to them, not a faceless, nameless group. They see it happening."

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P-C Students visit capital



PCEP student Christine Broda learns that a democracy includes more people than those in the Republican and Democratic parties.

Protesters camp out in Lafayette Park in Washington, D.C., across from the White House — a place where their voices are heard.

The trip wasn't all about learning. The students had time to enjoy themselves in Washington, D.C. — a trip and learning experience they won't soon forget.



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Gretzinger agrees. A chaperone on every trip since the Close Up program came to P-C schools in 1978, Gretzinger still finds it a "marvelous experience. I learn something every year."

That's because teachers are on the move, too. The Oval Office, Monticello, Pentagon briefings — teachers and chaperones get their own dose of exposure to behind-the-scenes Washington. "We really get to do some cool stuff," Paquette said.

According to Gretzinger, for students there are life lessons to learn, too:

"They've got to be able to get from point A to point B within certain times, and make all of their meetings. It's a part of growing up, a part of maturing."

Students also spend the week with kids from different states participating in Close Up; it's a week of broadened experience.

To Paquette, the trip and class together can empower students. "It makes what they read much more real to them.

"When they can see it all working together, government and economics and society, they can understand it and don't have to go through life feeling like a victim."



Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Booths are available for local dealers to display their wares at The City of Plymouth's Sports Card & Memorabilia show. The event will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Saturday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., in conjunction with the AA Bantam Hockey State Championships, also held at the center. For info, call the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

Plymouth resident **Patrick Van Tiem** planned and held a private signing session with President George Bush March 3. Bush signed limited edition and commemorative items for purchase by the public.

The session was the second such event executed by Van Tiem, honoring Bush. All honorarium for the President was donated to charity.



Young is known state-wide for her portraits of dogs and other animals.

Plymouth photographer and business woman **Jill Andra Young** will be on-hand at the 79th Annual Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show, March 9 at Detroit's Cobo Center, to answer questions about pet pics.

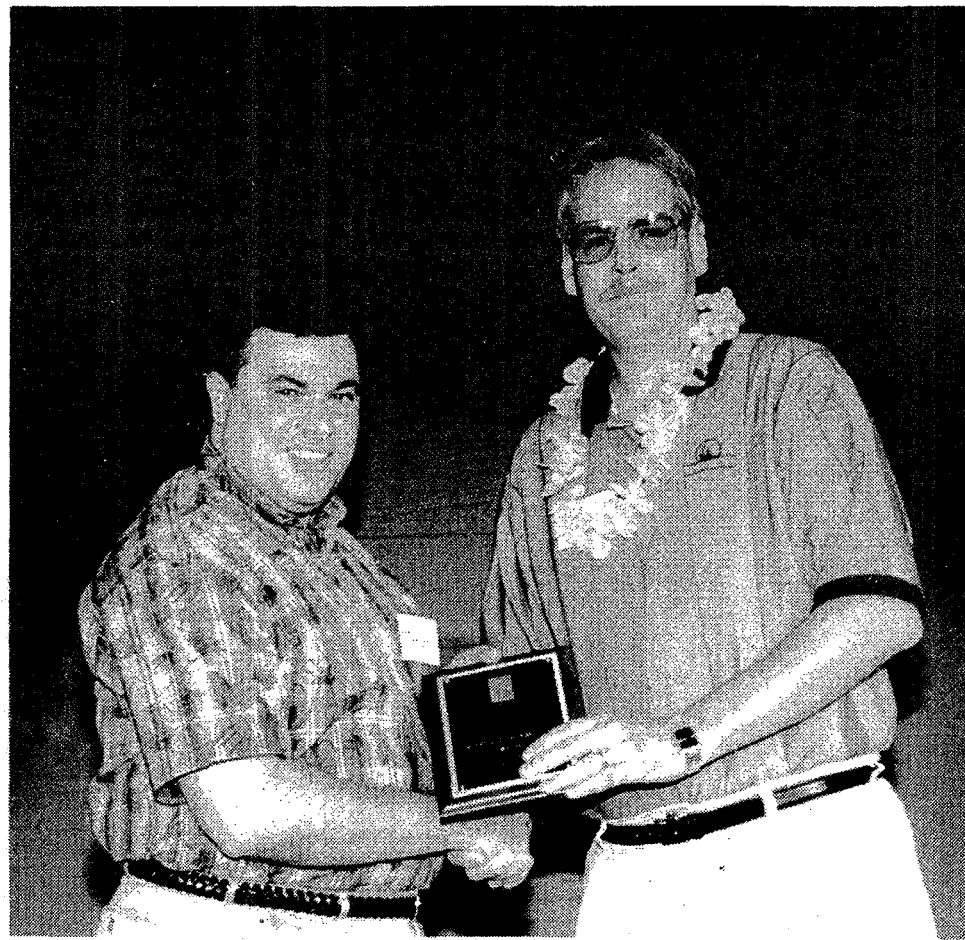
Admission to the show is \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors and kids under 12. Those booking photo sessions with Young at the show will receive a 25 percent discount. For info, phone Jill Andra Young Photography in Plymouth.

Progressive Printing, owned and operated by Plymouth residents **Kim and Bruce Price**, recently doubled its printing capabilities with the addition of two printers.

Progressive specializes in short-run, four-color printing, and longer-run half-color work, typically serving walk-in retail shops, marketing and communications firms in the five-county area. Progressive posts annual sales in excess of \$1 million.

Top service award

Plymouth Township's Red Roof Inn, located near the I-275, Ann Arbor Road exit, was honored by its parent company with the Hospitality Star Award for outstanding hospitality. The award was presented Feb. 2 at the company's 1997 Managers' Conference, "We Make It Right Under The Roof" on Marco Island, FL. One inn from each of the Red Roof Inns districts was chosen for the Hospitality Star Award. Vice President of Operations for District 14 **John Collins** presented the Hospitality Star Inn Award to Plymouth Red Roof Inn General Manager **Brian T. Martin**.



Twp. company earns PACE Award

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls' Prince Automotive Systems Division was honored at the Ernst & Young / Automotive News PACE Awards, held Feb. 23 at Henry Ford Museum in Detroit.

The PACE awards and program is intended to highlight contributions made by members of the automotive supply chain to the value of the auto industry as a whole.

Innovative products and processes introduced by automotive suppliers — such as Delco Electronics, Tenneco Automotive and Johnson Controls — are typical recipients of the PACE award.

Prince was recognized for its factory-installed HomeLink transmitter, which allows drivers to control garage doors, lighting and home alarm systems from inside their cars.

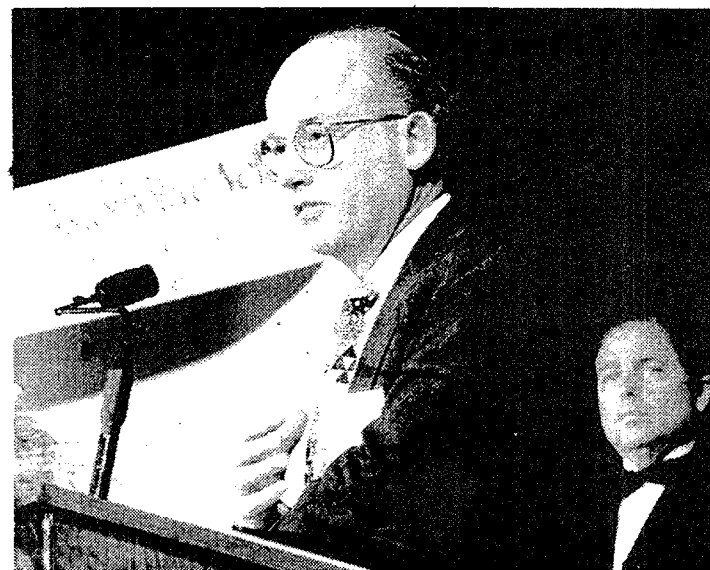
HomeLink is a radio transceiver with controls integrated into the visor or overhead console. It was designed so that only two buttons are visible, in an effort to be less attractive to would-be thieves.

Its patent-protected technologies allow it to send and receive a broad range of radio signals with application beyond opening doors and activating lights.

According to Lee Sage, Ernst & Young's national director of Automotive Industry Services, HomeLink is noteworthy for two reasons.

"What makes this product revolutionary is that an automotive interior manufacturer, based on its own proprietary consumer research, aggressively leaped into an overlapping consumer electronics segment to anticipate and successfully meet an unfulfilled and important consumer need," Lee said.

In addition to representing Prince's cross-market savvy, HomeLink is also valuable to consumers: "It protects car owners from being victimized by stolen remote controls, or during the time they have to stop and leave a vehicle to activate or



Lou Kincaid of Johnson Controls' Prince Automotive Systems Division accepted the Ernst & Young, Automotive News "PACE Award" for their work as an important automotive supplier.

deactivate a home security or other device," Lee said.

The PACE — Premier Automotive suppliers Contributions to Excellence — awards ceremony was attended by about 200, and held on "Automotive Suppliers Day," as declared by Governor John Engler.

Johnson Controls won the Large Supplier category with HomeLink, and also received an individual citation from Engler, along with the 14 other PACE finalists.

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This survey gives you a chance to rate a number of community services you frequently read about in your newspaper. We'll publish the results once they've been tabulated. Those findings will be used to help our editors better serve your needs by focusing on the issues most affecting

you. While this survey won't produce a scientific sampling, it's still one way you can register your opinions. Of course, The Community Crier is always willing to hear your opinions - either by phone, (313)453-6900, or by mail, (821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170-1624), but you can start by completing the survey. To add some friendly

encouragement, all completed surveys will be entered in a drawing for four "dinners for two" at four different restaurants in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BOARDS

City of Plymouth Commission	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Board	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth-Canton Schools Board	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Elementary Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Middle Schools	A	B	C	D	E
High Schools	A	B	C	D	E
Community Continuing Education	A	B	C	D	E
School Superintendent	A	B	C	D	E
Central Administration	A	B	C	D	E
Building Principals	A	B	C	D	E
Teachers	A	B	C	D	E
Parent-Teacher Groups	A	B	C	D	E
Schoolcraft College	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Library	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Recreation & Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Parks	A	B	C	D	E
Huron-Clinton Metroparks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Rink	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
City of Plymouth (overall)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth City Manager	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Supervisor	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Supervisor	A	B	C	D	E

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Plymouth Community Fire & Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Fire & Rescue	A	B	C	D	E
Have you ever called the police?	A	B	C	D	E
Have you ever called fire-rescue?	yes/no				
Do you feel safe here?	yes/no				
Continental Cablevision	A	B	C	D	E
Americast	A	B	C	D	E
WSDP	A	B	C	D	E
The Community Crier	A	B	C	D	E
The GUIDE to P-C-N	A	B	C	D	E
Oakwood Hospital (Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
McAuley/Arbor Health (P-C)	A	B	C	D	E
St. Mary's Hospital (Livonia)	A	B	C	D	E
Henry Ford (Plymouth, Canton)	A	B	C	D	E
M-Care (Plymouth, Northville)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community United Way	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Foundation	A	B	C	D	E
GrowthWorks	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Family Services	A	B	C	D	E
First Step	A	B	C	D	E
Salvation Army	A	B	C	D	E
Goodfellows	A	B	C	D	E
Service Clubs	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Senior Citizen programs	A	B	C	D	E
D.A.R.E.	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Chamber of Commerce	A	B	C	D	E
YMCA	A	B	C	D	E
Close-up	A	B	C	D	E
Community Literacy Council	A	B	C	D	E
Secretary of State (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
M.E.S.C. (Canton office)	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Post Office/ Delivery	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Post Office/ Delivery	A	B	C	D	E

PUBLIC SAFETY

City of Plymouth Police	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Township Police	A	B	C	D	E
35th District Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Circuit Court	A	B	C	D	E
Wayne County Sheriff	A	B	C	D	E
State Police	A	B	C	D	E

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IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY... readers nominate the **BEST.**

- Best coffee spot—dine in..... _____
- Best cup of coffee-to go..... _____
- Best Burger _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best meal..... _____
- Best store to shop at..... _____
- Best barber/stylist _____
- Best police officer..... _____
- Best waiter/waitress _____
- Best Bartender _____
- Best Doughnut/Bagel/Muffin _____
- Best breakfast spot..... _____
- Best lunch spot..... _____
- Best dinner spot _____
- Best bar/pub _____
- Best car repair..... _____
- Best U.S. mail carrier/postal worker _____
- Best delivery person..... _____
- Best School bus driver..... _____
- Best event _____
- Best spot to spend two hours _____
- Best community volunteer..... _____
- Best elected official _____
- Best store clerk..... _____
- Best tradesperson _____
- Best City/ Twp worker..... _____
- Best local website..... _____
- Best vegetarian meal _____
- Best ice cream shop..... _____

The **BEST** of what we missed



Aside from those items mentioned before, what are the other "bests" of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville community?

Category	Nominee (Who?What?Where?)
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Add comments to any nominations or to your rating or answers on issues.

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EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Liberty Fest	A	B	C	D	E
Ice Sculpture Spectacular	A	B	C	D	E
Art-in-the-Park	A	B	C	D	E
July 4th Parade-Fireworks	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Small Businessperson of Year	A	B	C	D	E
Santa Comes to Canton	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Christmas Kickoff	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Chamber Auction/Dinner Dance	A	B	C	D	E
Chili Cook-Off	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Scarecrow Festival	A	B	C	D	E

CULTURAL

Plymouth Community Arts Council	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Historical Society	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Symphony	A	B	C	D	E
Canton Senior's Kitchen Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Theatre Guild	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Band	A	B	C	D	E
Plymouth Community Chorus	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Park Players	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Marching Band	A	B	C	D	E
CEP Symphony	A	B	C	D	E
Detroit Whalers	A	B	C	D	E

YOUR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THESE OR OTHER ISSUES: EDITOR'S NOTE:
 These may be quoted with the tabulated report on this survey.)

- Should Plymouth Township develop a recreation program? Y/N _____
- Should Canton build a community theatre on school site? Y/N _____
- Should Canton build an ice arena? Y/N _____
- Should Plymouth Township build a Township Hall? Y/N _____
- Is Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville growing too fast? Y/N _____
- Has Canton Senior program improved since moving to the Summit?
 Y/N _____
- Is Hilltop a satisfying golf course compared to other local courses?
 Y/N _____
- Should Plymouth and Plymouth Township combine police, dispatch,
 and lock-up? Y/N _____
- Should downtown Plymouth change its parking requirements? Y/N _____
- Should Plymouth City and Plymouth Township unify into one? Y/N _____
- Should local governments share
 police services Y/N _____
 fire services Y/N _____
 dispatch services Y/N _____
 recreation Y/N _____
 public works services Y/N _____
- Do you get your money's worth for local governmental taxes in:
 City of Plymouth? Y/N _____
 Canton? Y/N _____
 Plymouth Township? Y/N _____
- Do you get your money's worth for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxes?
 Y/N _____
- If one road/intersection were to be improved in 1996, it should
 be _____?
- Favorite Potholes? _____

RATE YOUR COMMUNITY CRIER: (circle one) What would you change in The Crier?

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Canton coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Plymouth coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plymouth Township coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police-Court coverage	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Places to be/ What's Happening	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local History	A	B	C	D	E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170-1624. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

Meetings...

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

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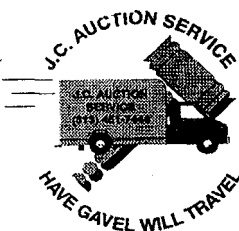
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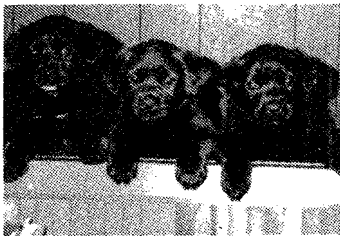
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BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

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The City accepted the low bid of 4.72 percent from Roney & Co. for the street paving project, which will begin this summer.

The City initially tried to finance the project late last year. The bond plan was red-flagged by the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission when a City loan to help cap the Salem Landfill was discovered. Although the Municipal Finance Commission did not find a conflict with the loan and the bond, the project was held up.

Although the City did not know it at the time, the delay would save Plymouth an incredible amount of money in interest.

Interest rates dropped in the bond market over the past few months. At the time the City initially wanted to sell the bonds, rates were approximately 5.5 percent. Even though the bid of 4.72 percent does not seem dramatically lower, the City is expected to save nearly \$100,000 in interest savings on the \$5 million project.

Kari McDonald-Blanchett of Stauder & Barch, who help the City with the bond, said the City's solid financial standing also helped. The City received an A+ rating.

"The A+ rating reflects the good credit rating and financial stability of the City," she said. "It's something you should be proud of."

The Plymouth City Commission vote 6-0 to accept the low bid from Roney & Co. Commissioner Joe Koch, who is principal at Roney & Co. abstained from the vote.

Ship shape



Mayflower Food and Beverage Director Avia Powell and Mayflower owner Matt Karmo recently discovered a historic renovation sign. Fitting, since the hotel is ready to undergo renovation once again. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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American Division — Team 6, 56 points; Over the Hill Gang, 52 points; Toe Jams, 41 points; We Dig, 37 points; Back Again, 32 points; Spike Force, 19 points; Single Spirit I, 15 points; Canton Road Running Club, 0.

National Division — Abrasives Afterhours, 50 points; Maslund Industries, 45 points; Neighbors, 42 points; Stud Puppies, 32 points; Buddy's, 30 points; Single Spirit II, 20 points; Single Spirit III, 17 points; Mr. B's Stingers, 16 points.

City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department 1996-97 Basketball Standings:

Women's Division — T-Rex, 8-1; Happies Hoopsters, 6-3; All For One (Team 5), 5-4; Cutting Edge Computer, 5-4; Birch Construction, 2-7; Laurel Manor/Mr. B's of Plymouth, 0-9.

Men's Division — Ludwig & Karas, 9-0; Midnight Mauraders, 8-0; Uptempo, 7-2; McAuley Pharmacy, 5-3; Trading Post, 5-3; Dick Scott Dodge, 4-5; B.J. Cramer Co., 4-4; American Pie, 3-6; Johnson Controls, 3-5; R.C. Products, 2-6; Green Hornets, 1-8; Current Electric, 0-9.

Salem, Canton gymnasts spring from regionals to state finals

Exciting meet features second tie in state history

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The slightest technical mishap would've made a difference in the regional gymnastics competition at Canton High School Saturday.

Salem and Canton qualified for the state finals in Rochester this weekend by placing second and third respectively out of the 15-team field, won by Northville-Novi with 146.175.

The Rocks (134.075) finished one point ahead of their cross-campus rival, Canton (133.075), who recorded only the second tie in state history with fellow conference member John Glenn. As a result, four teams from the region will advance to the state finals instead of three. "It's always fun to see," said Salem coach Pam Yockey. "I had to get a picture of (Canton coach) John (Cunningham) when he found out he had made it."

"It was an exciting day," said Cunningham. "It was a little hectic there at the end...when you're talking about a 1000th of a point for a position, it's more than a little disturbing."

Ann Arbor Pioneer nearly pushed its way in too, finishing fifth with 133.000.

In addition to Canton and Salem's team success, gymnasts from both squads qualified for the individual state finals.

Salem senior Kristin Kosik was the top performer from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. She placed fifth in the division-one all around with 35.575. "She deserves it," said Yockey. "She's finishing out her career, so she's kind of excited."

Salem freshman Allison Bracht didn't want to wait until the twilight of her high school career for a chance at a state championship, qualifying on the vault.

In division two, Salem's Brooke Kilby took eighth (8.2) on the vault and sixth (8.5) on the bars, and eighth in the all around. Teammate Lindsay Hawraney was 13th in the all around, taking ninth in the floor exercise and the bars.



Every routine counted Saturday in one of the closest regional competitions in recent memory. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On the Canton side, Marcie Emerick and Liz Fitzgerald were the Chiefs' top division-one gymnasts. They placed ninth and 10th in the all around respectively. Fitzgerald was fourth (8.9), one place ahead of Kosik, on the bars. "She shocked me with her bar routine," said Cunningham.

Emerick was ninth (8.65) on the balance beam. Nicole Vaagenes scored 32.25 in the division-two all around, and placed sixth (8.5) on the bars. Also in division two, Beth Mulyaert, just days out of a leg

cast, tied for ninth (8.150) on the vault, and Holly Graham was 10th (8.5) on the balance beam. Sandy Mulder scored 8.4 on the floor.

With strong performances from several different Chiefs, Cunningham said it will be difficult to choose which five gymnasts will compete in the four events for the state team title — a nice problem to have considering the Chiefs were 2-10 in dual meets this season. "It took me a lot of weeks to convince the girls we could do it," Cunningham said.

Chief netters bucked by Mustangs

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Canton had accomplished too much this season to let the first-round district loss to Northville spoil their memories.

The Chiefs (35-10-2) own the school's only Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball division title, and set records in every statistical category, including best winning percentage. "Hey, I'll take that," said Canton coach Steve Anderson.

But the numbers don't play the games, the players do, and Canton couldn't have picked a worse time to coast on their credentials. "Essentially, we played one of our worst matches of the season, and Northville played one of their best," said Anderson. "And in high school sports, that's all it takes."

Northville ruined the much anticipated Canton-Salem district final showdown, upending the Chiefs, 15-6, 15-12. The

Chiefs were hampered by injuries to Stephanie Chefan and Amy Plagens, but Anderson refused to look for excuses. "Those weren't the reasons we lost," he said. "We lost because we didn't play like we have."

The Mustangs exploited the Chiefs' tremendous defense with impressive outside hitting. "Oh man, they had to have hit at least hit .500 from there. They didn't try the middle like most teams do because of our blocking," Anderson said.

Meanwhile, Canton's serve/receive struggled. As a result, Canton played catch-up through the first game. "For every point we scored, they'd get three," said Anderson.

The Chiefs held a 12-10 advantage in the second game, but the Mustangs went on five-point run. "Essentially, we lost to a team we should've beat," Anderson said.

Sports

Greyhounds 'old-time hockey' takes care of Detroit

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Maybe Detroit Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer should've played the Hanson Brothers.

The stars from the 1970s hockey movie "Slapshot" signed autographs and watched along with a cable-television audience as the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds dominated the Whalers physically on the way to a 5-1 victory at Compuware Sports Arena.

A power play goal by Trevor Tokarczyk early in the second period broke a 1-1 deadlock, and foiled Detroit's chance to finish .500 against the West Division leaders this season.

Perrott added another goal late in the second to give the Soo a two-goal lead entering the third period. Joe Seroski and Richard Uniacke added goals in the game's final 10 minutes to complete the scoring.

Four of the Greyhound's five goals came on the power play.

It was the first win in Detroit this season for the Soo, who outchecked the Whalers in every period. "When a team comes in and does that to us, we're not going to win, especially against a more talented team like the Soo," said DeBoer.

"It was a nationally televised game, the guys were really up for it. But we didn't play our game, that's what hurt us," said defenseman Troy Smith. "I don't think we played physically enough."

Whalers captain Mike Morrone wasted no words in his post-game assessment. "They worked hard," he said. "They took it to us, plain and simple."

The standing room only crowd and TSN cameras seemed to have the Whalers' attention more than



Mark Cadotte (24) and Julian Smith (10) clear the crease for goalie Robert Esche during Saturday's 5-1 loss to Sault Ste. Marie. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Greyhounds' body checks in the first half of the opening period. "There was a little bit of a special feeling," said DeBoer of the game, which was broadcast throughout Canada as the OHL Game of the Week.

"I think the guys were a little nervous, especially the 16 and 17-year-olds, you could really tell the first 10 minutes of the game."

Detroit recovered to outshoot the Greyhounds, 15-9 that period, and tie the game on Druken's short-handed tally. But the Soo took a lead it would not surrender when Tokarczyk banged in his own rebound at 1:53 of the second period.

Perrott's second goal came on the

power play from a hard angle in the right circle at 19:48. Seroski used a slapshot from the left circle to beat Detroit goalie Robert Esche at 11:17 of the third period to give the Soo a 4-1 lead. Chad Spurr set up the game's final goal by Uniacke at 17:45.

Detroit was given a lesson in the Soo's depth by shutting out center Joe Thornton, who will likely be the first pick in this summer's NHL draft, only to have the Greyhounds' second and third point leaders — Seroski and Uniacke — score. "That's why they're a nationally-ranked team and a contender for the championship, guys like Nathan Perrott, Joe Seroski sting you. That's a quality of a deep team," said DeBoer.

That didn't make the day a complete washout, however. The Whalers experienced all the amenities of professional hockey — television timeouts and intermission interviews — and met their movie idols.

Plymouth — On Sunday night, the Whalers lost their fourth straight game to the Soo and second straight at home, 7-3. Detroit didn't record a shot on net until midway through the period, after the Greyhounds had taken a 1-0 lead. With four skaters aside, Seroski won a faceoff in the left circle of Detroit's end. Uniacke took the loose puck, moved to his right and fired a slap shot from between the circles that beat Esche high at 5:42.

The Whalers missed a chance to tie the game when Julian Smith slipped behind the Soo defense and picked up the puck in the slot, but he fanned on the shot.

Detroit hopes to stop the two-game losing streak during its final regular season home games Saturday and Sunday against Windsor. Detroit is six points behind the third-place Spitfires, but play Windsor three games in their last four games. The Whalers are 4-2-1 against their border rivals this season, including 3-0 at home. "This is what we've been meaning to do," said DeBoer.

"We would've hated to go into these games, and not have them mean anything."

Detroit's final regular season game is March 14 at London, who's in fifth place with 26 points. While they have been secured in a playoff spot for weeks, the Whalers still don't know who their opponent will be. The Greyhounds (36-17-9) hold a four-point lead over Sarnia (35-20-6) after the weekend's action.



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Oshawa	38	16	6	6-3-1	82
Peterborough	36	23	2	7-3-0	74
Kingston	23	32	6	4-6-0	52
Belleville	20	33	7	5-5-0	47
North Bay	14	43	7	3-6-1	35
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Kitchener	33	20	8	3-5-2	74
Barrie	31	22	9	7-2-1	71
Guelph	31	25	5	4-5-1	67
Owen Sound	27	33	1	2-8-0	55
Erie	22	34	7	4-4-2	51
Sudbury	18	35	7	1-7-2	43
West Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
Sarnia	36	17	9	8-1-1	81
S.S.M.	35	20	6	6-3-1	76
Windsor	26	28	8	5-5-0	60
DETROIT	24	32	6	3-6-1	54
London	12	49	2	2-8-0	26

WHALERS STATISTICS		
Season leaders:		
Goals-Taylor (29)		
Points-Cadotte, Cadotte (64)		
Penalty Minutes-Vodrazka (219)		
Power Play Goals-Taylor (13)		
Shorthanded Goals-three players (2)		
Game Winning Goals-Taylor (4)		
Plus/minus-Gooldy, Rioux (+5)		
Team stats:		
Home record: 16-12-3		
Away record: 8-20-3		
CATCH OF THE DAY:		
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Windsor	Sun. 6:00	home
Windsor	3-13 7:30	away
London	3-14 7:30	away

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Chiefs win 4th straight WLAA tourney

Rocks blast Rockets in consolation game

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If tournament time is the Big Dance, then Canton knows all the moves in the Western Lakes Activities Association's ballroom.

Canton capped an incredible week Friday by defeating the Harrison Hawks, 43-30, and winning its fourth consecutive WLAA tournament crown.

The victory came three days after the Chiefs had pounded WLAA regular-season champion, Walled Lake Central, 60-32, in the semi-finals.

In a parity-filled season, perennial powers Salem and John Glenn watched from the consolation bracket as Canton, who entered the WLAA portion of its schedule at 2-2, avenged losses earlier this year to Harrison and Central. "We're playing better defense, that's the key," said Canton coach Dan Young. "And that's a credit to the guys' work ethic and preparation this time of the year."

Playing without forward Matt Ammons in the championship game, the Chiefs held the Hawks leading scorer, Matt Derocher, scoreless from the field.

Senior Donte Scott led Canton with staunch defense, 21 points and seven rebounds. Nick Hurley pitched in 13 points and 10 rebounds. The game's defensive script was played early and often. The Hawks didn't score from the field until late in the first quarter, and more than half of the Chiefs' first half points came courtesy of Scott. "We didn't shoot very well," said Young, whose team finished 16 of 39 from the field. "Both teams are very good defensively."

Canton led by eight at half, and extended its lead to 32-19 at the end of three quarters. Harrison mounted an eight-point run that closed the gap to four points in the final quarter, but the

Chiefs responded with seven consecutive points, including a critical three-point shot by Scott with less than one minute remaining, to post an insurmountable 39-28 lead.

If it seemed like Canton's defense couldn't have been any better, it was in the semi-final game last Tuesday versus Central.

The Vikings, who scored 50 points in a three-point win versus Canton earlier this season, managed just 32 points, and 13 came in the first quarter. Also, the Vikings' top-scoring threat Todd Negoshian was held to single digits. Scott (16 points, 10 rebounds) and Ammons (13 points, 12 rebounds) had a double-doubles; Hurley added 18 points. The only tense moments in this contest came in the first quarter when the Chiefs held a 17-13 lead. "Then we really got rolling on them," said Young.

Canton dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Vikings, 51-26, on the way to a 28-point win.

The game's only disappointment was Ammon's injury. The senior forward aggravated a back injury sustained in soccer this fall. He didn't play in the championship game Friday, was doubtful for Monday's first-round district match up with Northville. "That's a big blow to our team," said Young. "This is a guy that probably plays 30 of 32 minutes every night. So somebody else is going to have to step up."

Salem:

The Rocks (15-5) routed the John Glenn Rockets (8-12), 76-55 to win the WLAA's tournament consolation game. Salem had five players in double figures. Andy Power led the Rocks with 15 points. Matt Mair had 12 points, Andres Lopez had 11, and Mike Korduba and Tony Bernhardt each scored 10 for Salem, who jumped out to a 29-13 first quarter lead and never relinquished control of the game.

Salem held a 45-23 lead at half.

Rock volleyball district champs — again

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The only upset Salem endured at the volleyball district competition at Novi Saturday was Canton's loss at the hands of Northville.

The Rocks moved methodically through the five-team field beating Churchill, Novi and Northville to claim their fifth consecutive district title.

Jenny Trott had 31 digs on the day. Amanda Abraham had 27 kills and 15 solo blocks, and Angie Sillmon recorded 21 kills, nine solo blocks and eight block backs. Andrea Pruett and Jenny Storm were also key contributors. But the individual performances were as important as the team's outstanding effort. "Throughout the day, somebody stepped up and played great," said Suffety.

The Rocks defeated Churchill in the first match of the tournament, 15-17, 15-9, 15-6. But the surprise wasn't that the Chargers won the first game despite six erred serves, it was Northville's shocking defeat of Western Division champion Canton one court over. "I really believed it was going to be us and Canton in the finals," said Salem co-coach Allie Suffety. "And then, honestly, I looked over during our first match, because we were right next to each other, and that was a completely different Northville team than I saw two weeks ago."

Wanting no part of an upset themselves, the heavily-favored Rocks knocked host Novi out of the tournament in the second match, 15-9, 9-15, 15-9. "Novi did nothing wrong in the second game, almost every transition, they got a swing. They played hard," said Suffety.

The win over the Wildcats advanced

Salem to the district finals versus Northville. The Mustangs won the first game, 11-15. "After we lost, I actually thought we were going to go home, and we were going home without anything," said Suffety.

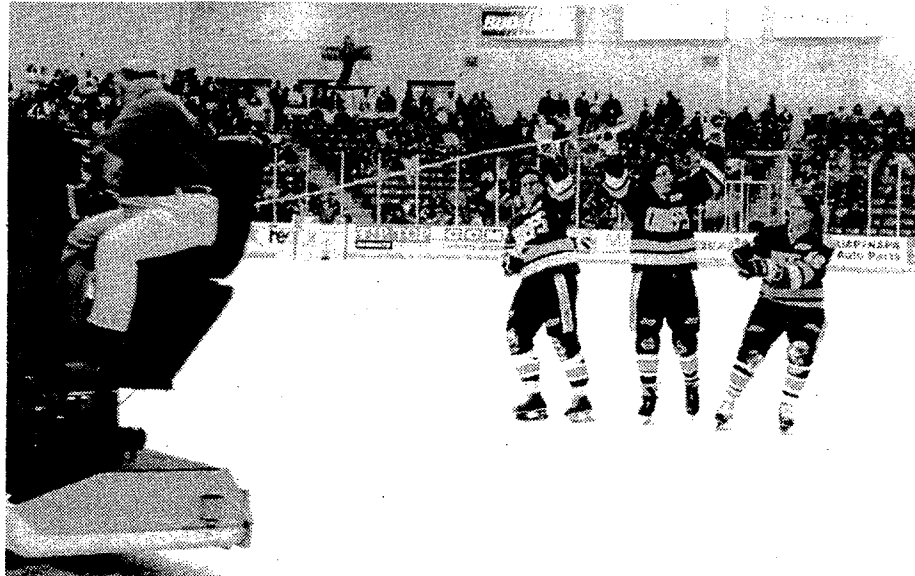
The turning point came in the second game when Northville called a timeout with the Rocks leading. "Our kids came in, and they were motivated. They were jazzed up. (Salem co-coach) Brian (Gilles)

and I, we could tell they were ready to play," said Suffety.

Northville had six points at the time — they lost the second and third games, 15-6, 15-0. "After that timeout, they didn't score a point," said Suffety.

Salem advances to regionals this weekend for a date with perennial state powerhouse, Ladywood. The Rocks have never won a regional title, and are considered underdogs versus Ladywood.

Zamboni Skiing



After a little "old-time hockey" The Hanson Brothers went Zamboni Skiing during the first intermission of the Detroit Whalers' game Saturday afternoon. Steve Carlson, Jeff Carlson and Dave Hanson, featured in the 1970s hockey comedy "Slapshot", signed autographs after entertaining the standing room only crowd. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On deck

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chiefs play tonight at Northville against Franklin at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

State finals Friday and Saturday.

CANTON WRESTLING

Season over.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

State finals Friday and Saturday at Rochester.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Season over.

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Rocks play tonight at Northville against Novi at 6 p.m.

SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

State finals Friday and Saturday.

SALEM WRESTLING
Four wrestlers head to states in Battle Creek this weekend.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

State finals Friday and Saturday at Rochester.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Regional match versus Livonia Ladywood Saturday.



Community opinions

P-C Schools deserves high school hockey

Very rarely does one have the opportunity to correct past mistakes.

The Plymouth-Canton School District has the opportunity to correct a mistake they made by not supporting high school hockey twice in the past.

For years, groups have tried to organize a high school program at Canton and Salem, and at Plymouth High School before them.

The best opportunity the schools had to realize this goal came with the arrival of the Detroit Whalers in Plymouth Township.

The Whalers offered ice time to support the creation of a team or teams from the PCEP in exchange for allowing six to eight out-of-town students to attend the high schools.

P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little denied the team access to the district, refusing to bend the rules for out-of-district students, even though allowing the Whalers to attend P-C Schools is not much different than allowing foreign exchange students. By granting exchange student status for the Whalers, local students could share in the new hockey excitement here. The young Whalers are living with local families.

Little's narrow-minded approach cost the schools a great chance for a hockey team. It also strained relations between the school district and the Whalers, who have repeatedly shown their commitment to this community, by supporting local charities, encouraging junior hockey programs and providing a great new form of entertainment.

In the past, the P-C School District has bent the rules to help the community. The school district leased the land for the Plymouth Cultural Center to the City for \$1 per year.

Now is the time to correct the errors of the past. The P-C Schools district has the opportunity to create much-needed high school hockey teams for our area.

A group called the Canton/Salem High School Ice Hockey Boosters is circulating petitions, hoping to have two teams on the ice by next year.

The P-C Community should have its own high school hockey program. Even a combined team — like the PCEP Marching Band — would be a start.

The boosters say the teams will not cost the district anything financially. The teams would be funded through the local support of individuals and businesses, they say.

The petitions will be brought to the P-C School Board in the near future. The group should be supported by the district.

After all, parents have been known to line up at 2 a.m. just to have their kids' name in the lottery to play on one of the community's junior hockey teams. Hockey support is obviously here.

With the construction of Compuware Sports Arena, Plymouth Cultural Center and talk of an arena in Canton, ice is also plentiful.

All in all, the benefits are great, while the risks are few. The community deserves high school hockey.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Beauty is only skin deep

...especially for Plymouth Township houses

This is the tale of "The Four Little Pigs."

It used to be a tale about "The Three Little Pigs" but then they gained a friend and all decided to move to Plymouth Township where each would build a new house.

One pig would build his house of straw.

One pig would build her house of sticks.

One pig would build his house of brick.

The fourth pig would build her house of aluminum siding.

Just as the plans for these houses were submitted to the Plymouth Township Building Department, along came the Big Bad Wolf.

The Wolf was a known holier-than-thou grouch with seven schizophrenic personalities. But, it was responsible for setting policy for the Township's building department.

What did the Wolf do?

It huffed, it puffed, it huffed and it puffed.

With malice
toward none

By W. Edward
WENDOVER



And the Big Bad Holier-than-thou Wolf decided to ban aluminum siding on houses in the Township. (Nevermind that some of the Wolf's seven personalities live in aluminum siding houses.)

After all the huffing and puffing, the Big Bad Wolf was reminded that this Ordinance to Amend Plymouth Township Ordinance No. 83 Article XXIII, addition of Section 23.41 may be not only huff-puffery-snobbery, but unConstitutional as well.

P.S. All four pigs decided to move to a community with less governmental and community snobbery.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stay tuned next week for a photographic tour of the Big Bad Wolf's seven faces' homes. It will show that maybe aluminum siding isn't so bad after all — unless it's for some "newcomer's" house who isn't a voter-taxpayer here yet.

Don't forget Julien's giving spirit

EDITOR:

A lot has been said about saying goodbye to an era with the demolishing of Juliens Grocery Store.

Oh, we will miss that funny little building that sticks out like a sore thumb from the modern buildings near by, but no one has mentioned the big heart of the man who is the father of Bob Julien, the previous proprietor of Juliens.

I wonder how many of the residents remember the generosity of Jim. I think in years gone by every PTA, every club, and every church in the community approached Jim for some sort of donation, which they got with a big smile and an extra puff on his cigar. If anyone passed away, Jim was right there with the flower donation, and he was on hand to console the family.

But I remember most, in the fifties, we had a depression, recession or what-ever, but a lot of people in Canton were having a rough time. Guess who came through with help? Jim. We were one family he carried on his books, and he never hassled us about payment. In fact, his wife Ann told me one day that she felt if anyone needed the store more than Jim felt he did he would give it to them.

The other day — once again — I approached Juliens for something. A sign off of the old store for our historical society, I knew I would get it before asking — I did. Bob and I were rehashing old times, you see. I knew Bob and his sister Betty since they were little children.

Bob said his dad loved to have a garden, he always planted too much and got great joy from sharing with his friends and neighbors. In fact, Bob said Jim is already planning a garden for this year. Bob said "Dad with the store closing who will you share your garden with?" Bob said it wouldn't surprise him to see a sign this summer in front of his dad's house saying "FREE TOMATOES".

Sure, we'll miss that funny little building on Ford and Canton Center, and I'll bet anyone the owner of that big fancy store will not have a big generous heart like the owner of the now obsolete building. We will miss Jim and Bob Julien, but I'll bet there are a lot of us old timers that won't forget them.

THE SPRENGEL FAMILY

Community editorials



Community opinions

Good schools help kids reach full potential

EDITOR:

Vote "yes" for our schools on Saturday, March 22, 1997. Here's why:

Good public schools that can educate all of our youth to their fullest potential are the mark of a vibrant community. They are a must in the largest democracy in the world where we depend on an educated, informed electorate to vote wisely. The founding fathers of our country, from the very first, established public schools for their children. Granted they were pretty rudimentary by our current standards, but they were started. New Englanders who comprised most of the early settlers in Michigan were the first to do so and brought with them to our area an enthusiasm for the three R's. We can all be proud that Michigan was the first state to establish free public high schools over a hundred years ago.

Second only to education itself in our increasingly diverse country we must help our children learn to live together respecting each other's diversity. We want all of them also to learn the why and how we do things to make our democracy work. They have to learn from each other and understanding teachers. We must make them cognizant of the highly competitive world they will be living in as we hurtle into the communication age.

Good schools don't just happen. It takes the combined effort of well-trained teachers, supportive parents and a community that cares about young people and their future. Public education has been taking its lumps recently. Much of the criticism springs from the failure of one or another of the necessary components to be responsible. All of us are responsible.

Schools in our Plymouth-Canton Community School District don't have to fall into low regard if all of us assume the responsible roles of good citizens to educate all of our children. We've done a pretty good job so far in educating. We can continue to provide the good education we know is

Twp. supervisor should make residents priority

EDITOR:

I would like to express my disappointment in Plymouth Township Supervisor, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy. Feb. 10 I attended the monthly Council on Aging Meeting at the Cultural Center. The topic of joint recreation services was brought up, so on my way home I thought I'd stop at Township Hall and ask to see my Township Supervisor. I was hoping to see her and let her know as a Township resident I approved of joint recreation services.

After standing at the counter at Township Hall for several minutes, a woman finally approached me and asked if I needed help. I explained to her that I'd like to talk to the Supervisor about the recreation issue. She left to see if Kathleen would see me. After awhile she came back and informed me that the Supervisor only sees citizens on Fridays between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and that she was unavailable the next two Fridays. If I wanted, I could make an appointment for February 28.

I left a little confused and disappointed. Doesn't our Township Supervisor work for Township residents? I'm not sure if I was put off because it was the recreation, garbage pick-up, or another concern. Shouldn't our Township Supervisor be more accessible to the citizens and taxpayers who appointed her?

STELLA SMITH

needed.

Concerned parents working on volunteer committees and holding public forums are putting us on notice that the growth that has characterized our community since the 1940's is continuing unabated. Anyone who drives throughout our community, particularly the western portion, is well aware of the subdivisions spreading up like weeds where formerly corn was growing or they saw only vacant land. After consulting with persons at the state level and from their own observations the school study committee proposed a bond issue of almost 80 million dollars to cover another high school in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the purchase of land for building of a new elementary school in Canton, needed remodeling to the older schools, replacement furniture where needed, money for additional computers in the computer labs and two in each classroom and necessary replacement of buses for our aging fleet.

When I was on the school board helping plan for our current high schools, Canton and Salem, we — after much debate — concluded the direction we should take to keep our high schools manageable size and maintain and offer an equal educational opportunity to all our high school students, would be to establish a high school campus on a fairly central location in the district. There we would eventually build four paired high schools, two of each on the ends of the property. Then as the need developed we would build another, rather than developing four free-standing high schools scattered across the 56 square miles with all the academic, vocational and athletic facilities associated with a fully equipped high school. On that premise we bought 305 acres on the south side of Joy Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads. Work was started on Salem High School after careful planning and two years later, Canton High School followed.

It was stipulated that the paired high schools were to be within a short walking distance of each other with easy access. A solid academic core curriculum would be established in both. Special classes at one or the other would be provided but not necessarily duplicated, e.g. only one of the high schools would have complete facilities for specific vocational training. Advanced academic classes in math, science and literature could be provided and justified as they drew from a school population of almost 4,000 rather than 2,000. Instrumental and vocal music and art could be offered jointly or in both of the buildings depending on the needs. Football and soccer fields could be shared as could tennis courts. Thus the academic need of each of our students could be met on a more efficient and economical basis rather than four high schools attempting to do it all on their own.

Studies have been conducted that indicate that students really do learn better in high schools of 1,600 to 1,700 students. As school populations grew past that number the chance of individuals falling through the cracks grew. We could provide the best of two educational worlds for our children in smaller housing units, but providing a more varied curriculum in a reasonable and economic manner that would better meet their varying needs. We would be getting the biggest bang for our educational bucks.

I hope you will ask questions of knowledgeable people or, if possible, attend one of the many public meetings including the open forum on the bond, Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, or any of the others scheduled between now and March 22.

ESTHER HULSING

The Community Crier



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