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Judges pick 35th District Court administrator

Redford court administrator will replace Belding

BRYON MARTIN

After 10 years, she's moving on.

Weeks spent searching for a new court administrator have concluded and Marion Belding, who has held the position at the 35th District Court since 1987, will be leaving it April 7. She is being replaced by Kerry Erdman, the court administrator at the 17th District Court in Redford.

In a decade of service, Belding saw her share of change — judges, technology, court structure. The 35th District Court has been a dynamic place, and Belding has rolled with the changes.

"It takes an amount of creative management to keep up with the changes the legislature makes each year," Belding said. "We don't like to hear, 'That's the way we've always done it.' We like to try new ways of doing things."

Coworkers said Belding has a gift for productively tinkering with the status quo. This intrepidity has been the hallmark of the 35th District Court.

Judges Jim Garber and Dunbar Davis engineered the agglomeration of the 35th

District Court, which used to include courthouses in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. After Garber and Davis' work with the court advisory board, the court was centralized at its present location on Plymouth Road.

Soon thereafter, Belding was hired. And while things may have been stable at the court, they were not static.

During her tenure, Belding said she saw Michigan's courts, "brought out of the dark ages." At the 35th District Court, this meant a complete overhaul of their computer systems. A new, in-house network replaced the older, clunky one run by the state. Despite an increase from 23,000 to about 40,000 cases annually, those computer modifications allowed for a reduction in staff.

Even long-time employees unfamiliar with computers made the jump to digital, Belding said. "Now, they're giving us suggestions on what we're doing, and how we could do it better. It's been a success."

But Belding has helped the staff with more than merely technological transitions.

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Lee resigns as PCAC director

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

It's a changing of the guard at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Following an exciting and turbulent three years working for the PCAC, Executive Director Randy Lee is stepping down and is being replaced in the interim by Jennifer Tobin.

Tobin, who lead the growth of the PCAC's children's theater program, said it will be difficult to replace Lee.

"I hope to help the PCAC to continue to grow and flourish," she said.

Lee is resigning to pursue other career interests.

Tobin said she will lead the arts group through the fiscal year — approximately three months. "At that point, I'll sit down with the board of directors and decide if this is what we all want," she said.

The executive director position is considered a part-time position, but Tobin said it takes a full-time commitment.

"We're really at a transition point right now," she said. "There is so much happening."

The PCAC is just finishing a remodeling project at its Sheldon Road facility. The group is also growing rapidly, with incredible demands on its resources.



JENNIFER TOBIN

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Salem slips by Canton



The Salem basketball team advanced in post-season play by beating arch-rival Canton Friday. (Crier photo by Ryan Nuñez)



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Salem basketball beats Canton;
prepares for tougher games

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Canton theater feasibility study expected this summer

Theater committee looking at funding methods, community support for project

A committee of residents, representatives of various community cultural groups and Canton administrative staff members continues to study the potential

for the construction of a community performing arts theater.

The committee, which began meeting shortly after Supervisor Tom Yack

unveiled the idea last spring, is expected to present a report on the feasibility of a performing arts theater to the Canton Board of Trustees this summer

One of the group's sub-committees is reviewing the costs of a theater in conjunction with the accounting firm of Plante & Moran. That cost study is still being finalized.

Committee members have looked at a number of potential uses for state arts grants and corporate support to fund the construction of a theater.

Yack has also said Canton would review the idea of providing some "seed" funding for construction of the theater.

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Parents' Day held at East Middle

BY BRYON MARTIN

More than 300 attended Parents' Day at East Middle School Saturday, a community event sponsored and organized by area business people and Plymouth-Canton Schools employees.

According to Betty Bloch, chairperson of Plymouth-Canton Business-Education Partnership, it was a day of seminars intended to help parents give their kids, "attributes they need to grow into quality citizens."

Parents began the day at 9 a.m. with a keynote address by nationally renowned Indiana social worker Janice Gabe. Her speech, "Raising responsible kids in the '90s," set the theme for the event.

Parents then had a choice of attending two 45-minute seminars from a list of 25. Topics included, "Creating Traditions of Family Fun," "Single Parenting Issues," "Effective Discipline Techniques" and "12 Steps to Healthy Nutrition."

Similar to events held in other districts, this was Plymouth-Canton's first. And according to Bloch, participants' reaction to the event was clear and unified — give us more!

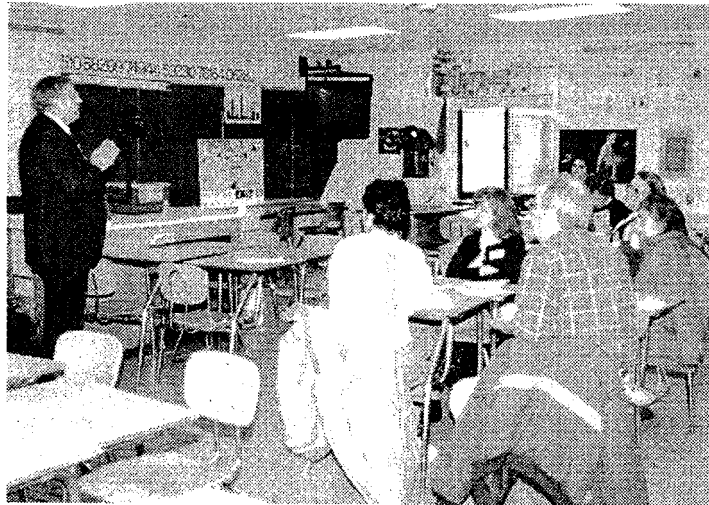
"Parents said they wanted longer sessions, or possibly an additional day," Bloch said. "It was definitely well received."

This success might be due, in part, to good planning.

"We began back in August," Bloch said. "Interest came from a recommendation by the Elementary Parents Awareness Committee."

Seminar topics were chosen from lists made by PTO groups. "They told us which subjects they wanted us to cover, then Connie Moore found the speakers," Bloch said.

Moore, Prevention Specialist with Hegira Prevention Programs, applied her experience with other parent days and 16



Parents' Day, held Saturday at East Middle School, was designed to help parents give their children, "attributes they need to grow into quality citizens."

years worth of social-work contacts in finding speakers.

It worked.

"We really scored with this one," Moore said. "I'm going through the evaluations and I can't stop smiling. Parents loved it. Our only mistake was that it wasn't long enough."

March is national Parents' Awareness month, so Bloch said, "We'll hold one next year, absolutely."

Only one difference, said Moore: "We'll just do it bigger and better."

High-tech crime fighting

'City Watch' will help Canton police notify public in times of emergency

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Department of Public Safety's community policing concept is about to take another high-tech step forward with its new City Watch system.

The Canton Board of Trustees recently approved the purchase of City Watch, a computerized messaging system designed to enhance community policing efforts as well as provide the entire municipal government with an effective way to communicate via phone to residents and groups of residents.

"I really see some utility for just about every part of government," said Captain Alex Wilson, who is overseeing the project. "It has a lot of uses."

The computer system is designed to help the Canton Public Safety Department communicate with area groups such as businesses, schools and neighborhood watch groups.

"We can use it in many different ways," Wilson said. "We can put a voice message on the system and direct the system to call several numbers and deliver the message."

Wilson said the City Watch program could be programmed in a number of different ways, whether by type of group, like banks or schools, for example, or by area.

"It comes with a mapping solution," he said. "We can identify an area on a map and have the system call every business or residence in the area."

"For example, if a building catches fire and we learn that it has hazardous chemicals inside it, we can use the system's mapping solution to call all the numbers in the area and inform them of the situation," Wilson said.

The City Watch system can also be used as a high-tech voice mail system, according to Wilson. "Public safety can put a message on the system and then people can call in from any phone and get the message," he said.

In addition to letting the public know about potentially dangerous situations, the City Watch can also be use as a survey system to give the Canton Public Safety Department feedback about public concerns.

"Say we have a particular area that's concerned about crime," Wilson explained, "we can put the area into the computer and it will call all residents in the area and take a survey of their concerns."

But the system's uses don't stop there, according to Wilson. "We can use it to notify a neighborhood about a missing child," he said, "or put out business alerts

if people are passing bad checks in the area.

People who write bad checks tend to come into an area and write several throughout the area, and this could help protect local businesses against that."

The system was purchased in part with a grant under the federal Cops Ahead program, according to Wilson. The total cost of the hardware and software for the system is \$17,350, with Canton's portion amounting to \$1,736. The system can be updated at an additional cost to provide for fax capabilities.

Wilson did not have an exact date on when the system would be fully operational.

"We're still waiting for them to deliver it, and then there will be some training provided," he said, "but I'm going to be optimistic and say we will have some utilization of it within the next 60 days."

Tobin replaces Lee as PCAC director

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"I really think there is a great appreciation of the arts in the community," Tobin said. "There is a rich historical support for the arts here."

She said she will focus on quality arts programs, not quantity.

"Anyone who comes in to this type of position has new ideas," she said. "There is a whole group of people coming back to the arts council who also have all kinds of wonderful new ideas."

In addition to her work with the Whistle Stop Players, the PCAC's children's theater program, Tobin directed and taught for the Maryville College Learning Center and the Blount County Jr. Playhouse in Maryville, TN. She also spent five years with a full-service advertising agency and seven years with Oglebay Institute as a performing arts administrator in Wheeling, WV.

Tobin said she follows a simple, yet effective, philosophy when it comes to the arts — and life — a philosophy she'll bring with her to the job.

"Schools nurture us mentally," she said, "sports physically, churches spiritually and the arts nurture our emotional needs."

Tobin's husband, Tom, is an engineer with AP Technoglass. The couple has three sons and live in Plymouth Township.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth Historical Museum is presenting "The History of the J.L. Hudson Store" tomorrow.

WEEKEND

- The Canton Chamber of Commerce's Dinner-Auction is Friday at Laurel Manor. The pre-view party begins at 6 p.m. The dinner-auction at 7 p.m.

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 Monday.
- 1997 Plymouth Fall Festival applications are now available. All interested groups can pick up an application at the PCFF Board Meeting, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (Friendly's). New groups and last year's participants are encouraged to attend.

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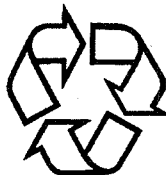
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Judges choose new court administrator

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"Marion has been a teacher and a mentor," Judge Ron Lowe said. Lowe was elected to the 35th District Court in 1994, and said Belding helped him adapt to the court's particularities.

"She's been great. She's never hesitated to show me a better way, without compromising the judge-administrator relationship," Lowe said.

That professional respect maintained while processing criminals, however, was sometimes exchanged for a mutual confusion while discussing children at the end of the day.

"We both have kids," Lowe explained. "As we closed down the court, we would use one another as a sounding board for tips on parenting."

Building this kind of familiarity takes time, and a special person Lowe said. Combine that with her competence and, "She won't be easy to replace," he said.

But this is just the combination Belding said she found in Erdman.

Chief Judge John MacDonald and Judge Lowe chose Erdman to replace Belding. Erdman was recommended to the judges by an interview panel staffed by Belding, Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters and Circuit Court Administrator Kent Batty.

"It was kind of a personal choice," Belding said. She explained that along with satisfying explicit requirements, Erdman had personal qualities important to the job.

"He's got enthusiasm. And he did a lot at the 17th District in Redford," Belding

said.

There, Erdman lead an office overhaul similar to the 35th District Court's, including a complete network reconfiguration.

"He's not afraid to experiment, to be a pilot," Belding said. "He's got a technical attitude compatible with this court."

Lowe agrees: "He has come up with creative answers in the past, like those innovative approaches we've taken here. And his talent is coupled with energy. He won't get bogged down."

That may be a challenge at the 35th District.

Erdman will have an opportunity to demonstrate his, "ability to take on problems and find new solutions," according to Lowe. "Every year there are changes made to the courts by the legislature."

This year, however, the most notable change at the 35th District may be Belding's absence.

"I've really enjoyed working here," she said. "People should know that they've got good judges here. They run things efficiently. They don't mess around."

As for Belding, a little messing around is in order. Time up north with her son and her horses, and maybe a little environmental work are loosely scheduled once she leaves the court.

"There are some directions I've wanted to take. Some things I've wanted to do," Belding said. "This might be a time to change."

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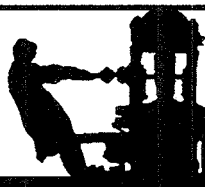
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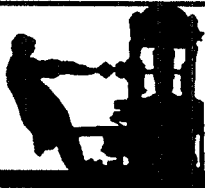
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Community opinions

Facts confused in school board candidate article

EDITOR:

I would like to correct a few points made in your introduction to the school board candidates article (April 10, 1996).

First, I was not "almost a candidate last year," I was a candidate last year. The 986 other people that voted for me would be dismayed to think that they had wasted their votes on a non-candidate.

Second, I was not "indecisive about running for the board," at all. I do not consider it indecisive to ensure that my priorities can be rearranged, when necessary, in order to

be an effective board member. I carefully considered all factors and did not lightly enter this race.

Third, my "busy schedule" already includes attending school board meetings, as I have regularly attended almost all of the meetings since December 1994 and occasionally before then.

The only adjustment to my schedule, if I am elected, would be to stay at each board meeting a while longer for the (closed-to-the-public) executive session that normally occurs at the end of each meeting.

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Neighbors in the news

Over 85 creative craft persons from throughout Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, including many from the Plymouth area, will travel to the Homespun Creations Craft Show. The craft show will be from 4-9 p.m. Friday, March 14th, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 15th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds at 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

Admission is \$2. A food concession run by a local youth group will be available for snacks and lunch throughout the show. For more information call (313) 429-5922.

Susan Heitman, a Plymouth artist, recently won third place in the Ann Arbor Women Painter's Winter Exhibition.

The exhibit will continue at the Morris Lawrence Building on the Washtenaw Community College campus through March 31. Gallery hours are 12-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and additional hours 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees held their annual Recognition Dinner at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Among the people honored: **Bryan Smith**, Pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, for Outstanding Religious Leader of the Year; **Officer Kevin Lauterwasser**, Plymouth Township, for Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer; **Dan Phillips**, Plymouth Community Fire Department, for Outstanding Young Fire Fighter; **James Jabara**, of Plymouth, was awarded the Mary Child's Memorial Award.

Loyola University in Chicago named **Monica Morse**, a graduate of Canton High School to the College of Arts and Science's Dean's List.

Morse is a junior at Loyola, majoring in political science and minoring in peace studies.

Schoolcraft College students majoring in electrical or mechanical engineering may apply for a renewable two-year scholarship worth up to \$2000 a year with on-the-job training.

Applications must be submitted by June 1, 1997. For more information call (313) 462-4433.

The Canton Community Foundation is sponsoring the Canton Community Education Grant Program. The scholarships are available to all Canton students.

Applications can be picked up at the Canton Community Foundation, Salem and Canton High School counseling offices, Canton Public Library, and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is April 30, 1997. For more information call 981-3002.

Great speakers

The Plymouth Optimist Club recently held its annual oratorical contest for girls at the Water Club Bar and Grill. There were 10 young ladies from various junior high schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District who participated in the event. Each one of them spoke to the topic, "My Vision for Tomorrow's World." The three winners are: (right) First place, **Jessica Pondell**, Lowell Middle School; (below, left) Second place, **Smanatha Serafin**, Pioneer Middle School; (below, right) Third place, **Jessica Krueger**, Pioneer Middle School. Each young lady researched, wrote and prepared her own speech under the guidance of her English teacher, and presented it before an audience of about 65 people. The winner advances to the regional contest to be held April 12. The winner of the district contest will advance to the regional contest to be held in May. The winner of the regional contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship toward the college of her choice. The contest for the boys will be held on Monday.



Plymouth Poets sponsor night of Poetry, Prose

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Plymouth's burgeoning five-year-old literary society, Plymouth Poets, is sponsoring its second Irish Writers Night at the Box Bar on Thursday, March 13.

"Last year we had a good turn out," said Annie Horvath, a Plymouth Poet and co-host of The Poet and the Power, the Plymouth Poet's cable television show. "We had eighty people show up, and it was our first year."

The Irish Writers Night features performers Gerald P. Maloney, Tony Johnson, Kim Webb, Monica Pope, Bill Joyner, and Rev. Rod Reinhart, director of the Plymouth Poets. A special surprise guest will be appearing, and an open microphone will be available.

Under the guidance of Rev. Rod Reinhart, who preaches at Trinity Episcopal Church in Monroe and also teaches school in Detroit, The Plymouth Poets have grown since forming five years ago.

"There were maybe 10 of us when we started," Horvath said, "but now we can get 80 -90 people coming to one sitting in the summertime."

Reinhart, Horvath and crew have established many local and state-wide creative writing and performance events, ranging from

the Michigan Christian Poetry Festival to the local Poetry Crawl, where a group of poets go to a store, restaurant or a temporary stage in Plymouth and reads their work.

"I love running poetry programs," Reinhart said, "I really enjoy bringing good writing and music to people everywhere."

The Plymouth Poets are dedicated to helping out younger poets, according to Horvath.

"It's wonderful to see," she said, "Those kid have a place to express themselves. You should see their faces."

Horvath, a poetry editor at Schoolcraft College who uses her position to find and help new talent, stresses that the poets don't just help out younger poets, but budding muses of all ages.

"We try to help everyone," she said. "If they have a talent, we try to do something. I'll go out of my way to help them."

Reinhart agrees.

"It's a great experience to encourage young writers to take their work seriously," he said, "and to help them hone their skills to become highly competent writers."

The Irish Writers Night performance starts at 8 p.m. A \$4 donation is required, to help pay for expenses for the out of town performers.

Canton police officer, motorist injured in Ford Road crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

State Police are still investigating an accident involving a Canton Police officer Thursday morning.

According to police reports, Canton Police Officer Kenneth Winkler was responding to a child abduction in progress when the accident occurred. Officer

Winkler was traveling westbound in the left-hand turn lane on Ford Road, just west of Lilley, with lights and sirens on, when another car entered the lane.

Winkler swerved to avoid the head-on collision and hit another car, according to

Canton Police Officer Lou Stevens. The officer and the driver of the other car were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ypsilanti with minor injuries.

Police were unsure of how fast either car was travelling, according to Stevens.

The case is being investigated by the State Police accident reconstruction team, because Canton doesn't review its own accidents, Stevens said.

The possible child abduction call turned out to be unfounded.

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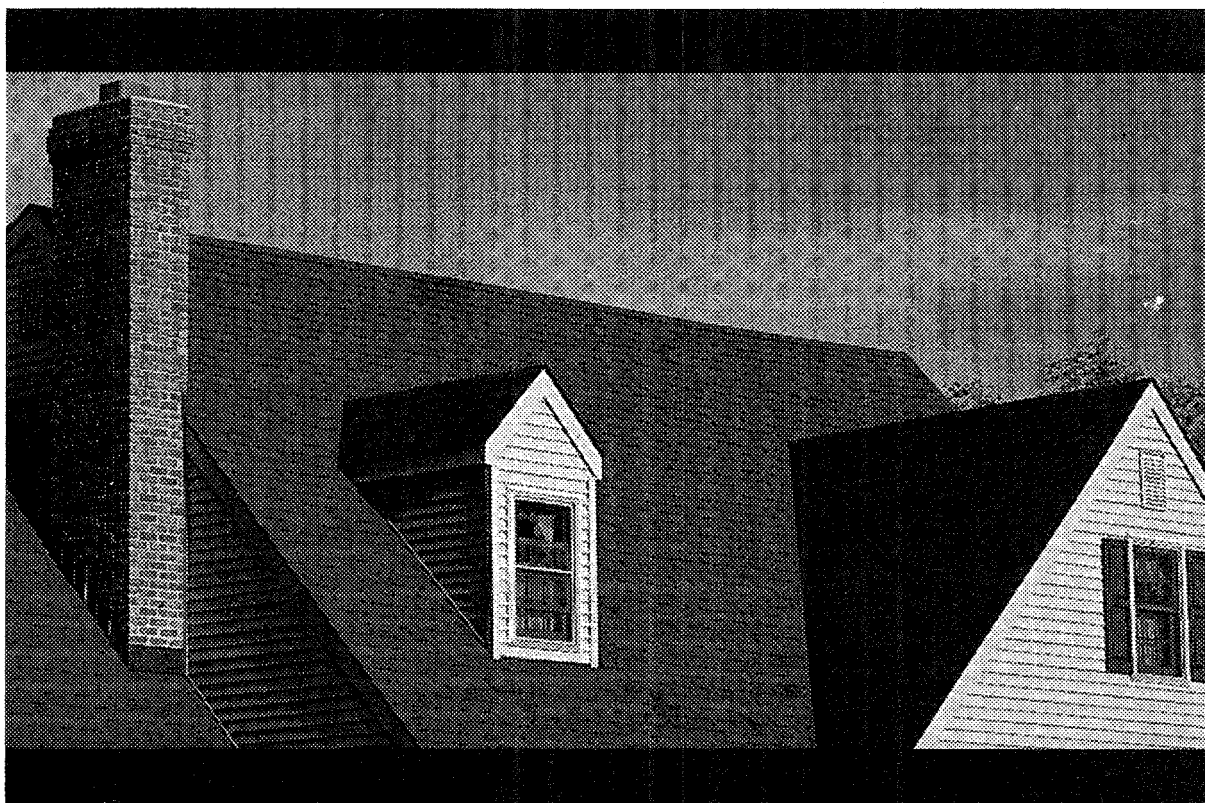
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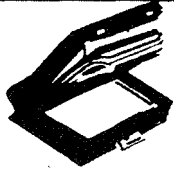
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Plymouth-based **Absopure Water** will be one of nearly 400 exhibitors present at the 97th annual International Builders Home, Flower and Furniture Show, March 15 - 23 at Detroit's Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center.

Highlights for those attending will include seminars on kitchen refinishing, brick sculpting, a pool and spa show and cut-flower arrangement demonstrations. For info, call (810) 737-4478.

Canton Public Library will add to its 38-volume special collection on bereavement, thanks to a donation from **McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel**. McCabe gave \$500 for a purchase to supplement the collection it established in 1993.



BARTLEY PATTERSON

Bartley Patterson has joined RE/MAX Classic Realty in Canton as a Sales Associate. Bartley has lived in Canton for 10 years, and prior to his position with RE/MAX, was Senior National Account Manager for Zenith Data Systems.

CENTURY 21 Real Estate Corporation conferred its Quality Service Award on the Plymouth **Town & Country** office.

The award, based on service surveys sent to nearly every client at the close of transactions, was given this year to 1,200 out of 5,000 offices nationwide in recognition of achievements in customer service.

Lutheran Brotherhood's 1996 Leadership Club recently welcomed new member **Cary Varblow**, of Plymouth. Lutheran Brotherhood offers financial products and services to Lutherans nationwide; The Leaders Club is a sales honor, based on the sale of those products and services.

Life-shattering experience

Dolly rebuilds hair styling business after unforgettable year

Dolly Marzka's life was shattered Nov. 19, 1996. It's a day she'll never forget.

Dolly's the owner of Ye Olde Barber Shoppe in Plymouth. She's also a community leader.

Nov. 19 began as most other days for Dolly. She made her way to her Main Street styling salon, a place where everyone feels welcome when they come in the door.

The Christmas Spirit was growing in the community. Like always, Dolly decided to decorate her shop for the holidays.

As she carried her holiday decorations down the stairs, she slipped. She tumbled down the stairway, loaded down with Christmas decorations and a storm window.

In a blur, Dolly hit the bottom of the stairs. Glass flew everywhere and in an instant, the popular hair stylist knew she was hurt. Little did she realize the accident might cost her her career as well.

She broke her shoulder, severely cut her hand and tore the ligaments in her knee. She sat at the bottom of those stairs, helpless, unable to move.

There wouldn't be any hair cuts in Dolly's future for more than two months — what most would consider a death-blow in the extremely competitive hair styling business.

Add to that the loss of her father and the stress and joy of helping plan her daughter's wedding. It was a busy and trying year for Dolly.

But Dolly's not the kind of person to give up easily. Dolly stands up to a challenge, shrugging off adversity.

She served as Plymouth Fall Festival

No curves

By Rob Kirkbride



president during a time of incredible change for the event. She was instrumental in helping get the Fall Festival Car Show off the ground. She was also the first-ever woman inducted into the Plymouth Lions' Club.

A successful business woman, Dolly has been a part of the community for 17 years.

It was a hard two-and-a-half months for Dolly after she fell. The worst part was not working. "It was horrible sitting around," she said.

Always looking on the bright side of life, Dolly has picked herself up by the boot straps and is trying to rebuild her business. "This is going to be a better year, I know it is," she said.

It's going to take a while for Dolly's clientele to realize she's back in business, but she'll be ready.

She knows the community she's given nearly two decades to will return the favor and head back to Ye Olde Barber Shoppe. They'll come back for her familiar face

and happy smile, for the friendship and for a great haircut.

And come next Christmas, Dolly will haul down her dusty holiday decorations, doing her part to beautify the community.

It'll take more than broken bones, a cut hand and a bum knee to keep Dolly down.



Dolly Marzka has served the business community for 17 years. She also volunteered as Fall Festival president and was the first woman inducted into the Plymouth Lions Club.

10,000 customers

Plymouth Furniture & Refinishing reaches huge milestone

BY BRYON MARTIN

After 20 years in business, Plymouth Furniture & Refinishing reached a benchmark — literally.

PF&R awarded an unfinished oak Deacon's Bench to Ruth Waugh, their 10,000th customer, when she brought in antique chairs for repair Monday, March 6, according to Jay Densmore, owner of PF&R.

"We'd been publicizing the giveaway for a month or so," Densmore said. Spring sale flyers mailed to frequent customers announced the approaching milestone and contest.

Despite being a long-time customer, Waugh said she had not received one of the flyers. She had heard that PF&R was approaching the 10,000 marker, but didn't know when.

"I waited for six months to bring those chairs in," she said. "I guess I just got lucky."

For Densmore, it's about more than luck.

PF&R's business is based on its reputation as a specialist in antiques refurbishment, Densmore said.

Waugh agrees. "That's why I brought my chairs here, why I'm such a faithful customer," she said.

Densmore said he was glad a loyal patron won the \$225 bench. "That's what we like," he said.

Other customers had been coming back repeatedly with small items, trying to be the lucky 10,000th transaction, Densmore explained. "They were kind of cheating," he said. "So we were glad when Ruth came in. We've had her business for a while."

And according to Waugh, PF&R will continue to be her choice for refinishing in the future — at least the near future.

"The bench comes naked," Densmore said. "So we'll Finnish it in Ruth's choice of colors, depending on what she wants to do with it."

"I don't know," Waugh said. "I haven't picked a spot for it yet. When I came in today, I wasn't expecting to have to make that kind of decision. It was just a nice surprise, a nice thank you."

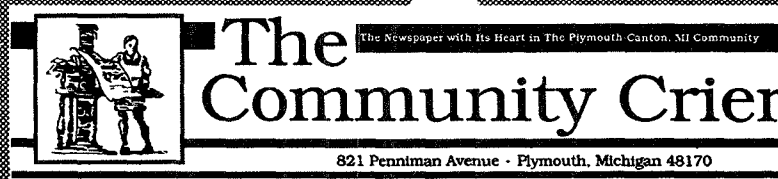
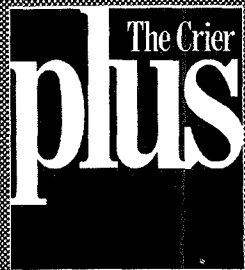
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Upcoming...

BOND ISSUE INFORMATION MEETING
 Citizens and district administrators will explain all aspects of the bond project, and answer questions. All are welcome. Next meeting: today, 1 p.m., Canton Summit on the Park. Call 416-2755 for info.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING
 The American Legion Post 232 will present a Vegas Night Saturday. For more information, call 459-7890.

"HOSANNA TO HALLELUJAH"
 Sunday, First Methodist Church will present "From Hosanna to Hallelujah," the Lenten/Easter story using orchestra, handbells, liturgical dance, children and adult choirs. Phone 453-5280 for details.

SARAH ANN COCHRANE — DAR
 The Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter DAR will meet Monday, at 6:30 p.m. Chapter officers and committee chairs will give their yearly reports. Dessert will be served. For more information, call 348-1718.

STATE OF THE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
 March 19, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce will host a continental breakfast at Ernesto's, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Come hear what's planned for the community in 1997. Cost, \$8. Call the chamber for details.

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE
 Free income tax assistance for seniors is available in Plymouth, Canton and Northville through April 15th, courtesy of the AARP Tax-Aide program. Those seniors interested should call for an appointment: 397-5444 in Canton; 349-4140 in Northville; 455-6620 in Plymouth. Information on home visits are also available at each number.

HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT
 Copies of The U.S. House of Representatives' Ethics Committee report on House Speaker Newt Gingrich have been provided to public libraries by Rep. Lynn Rivers. For information on this, or other matters of federal concern, call Rivers' office at 741-4210 or 722-1411.

Health...

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, and Livonia. Phone 459-8888 for information 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
 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 712-4141.

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.

HEALTH AT THE SUMMIT
 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 information, call 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 712-5367.

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Groups...

CITY WINTER CLASSES

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering more than 20 classes for ages ranging from tots to seniors. For a brochure and other information, call 455-6620.

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

The City of Plymouth is registering for Spring Soccer at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring a birth certificate and registration fee: \$40 for City residents, \$60 for non-residents. For information, call 455-6620.

PURIM CELEBRATION

Congregation Bet Chaverim, an under-five children's group serving Jewish families in western Wayne County, will host a Purim Celebration tomorrow, from 7-8 p.m. Children will learn the story of Esther and do a Purim craft; refreshments will be served. Call 480-8880 for information and details.

Volunteer...

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for volunteers in the Canton area to help children needing tutoring with basic math and reading skills. Training is free. For more information, call Joy Graves at 883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of Plymouth/Canton is always looking for volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who cannot help themselves. If you would like information on being a driver, a "caller," or just running errands, call 261-1011 and leave a message.

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

The Plymouth-Canton Business Education Partnership is looking for individuals to share information about their occupation to students in classroom settings. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

DONATE PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Plymouth District Library is seeking individuals, businesses, and community groups to donate the cost of a subscription to one of the more than 300 periodicals to which the library subscribes. Sponsor's name will appear on the front cover of the periodical. Donation is federal, and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is always in need of volunteers, especially preparing information handout packages. For more information, call 453-1540.

CARRIAGE PARK SENIOR COMMUNITY

Those looking for a rewarding experience can contact Heather at Carriage Park: caring, energetic individuals willing to share their time and talents with residents are needed. Phone 397-8300.

HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The hospice is seeking patient care, patient companion and team support volunteers in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 291-9700.

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

Plymouth Court Nursing Center in Plymouth is looking for volunteers to help with activity programs for residents. For more information, call Maralena Howard at 455-0510.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

The Michigan Cancer Foundation-West Region is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. For more information, call 561-8880 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Schools...

EMU BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Eastern's Board of Regents will meet March 18 in 201 Welch hall. Information is available at 487-2410.

DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Plymouth-Canton Schools will hold registration for its Summer '97 Driver Education program in the Canton High School Cafeteria, March 22 at 8 a.m. This will be the only registration day. Students born before Nov. 14, 1982 are eligible.

TUTOR TRAINING

The Community Literacy Council 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.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

25th anniversary of the P-C Schools' preschool program, June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

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

KIDDIE KAMPUS & KIDDIE CREW REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department announces registration Saturday in the Canton High School cafeteria. Kiddie Kampus fees are \$265 for two-day sessions, \$350 for three days. Kiddie Crew fees are \$265 for two-day sessions. Kiddie Kampus will host an open house for all interested applicants for the Fall '97-'98 program tomorrow, from 9-7 p.m. Call Dee Masteller at 416-2937.

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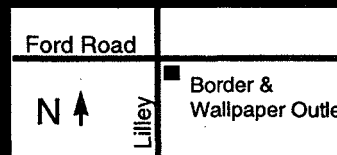
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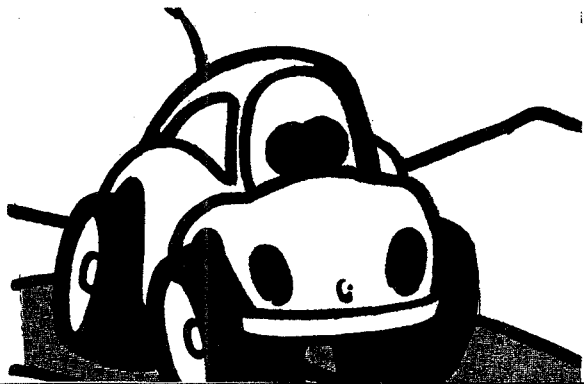
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1997 marks the 75th anniversary of the William M. Perrett Masonic Lodge #524. Plans are underway for their anniversary dinner, open to the public, to be held March 29 at the Plymouth Masonic Temple. It has been an eventful year at the lodge. The leadership of the lodge passed from Albert E. Booth Sr. to Albert E. Booth, Jr. This is the third time in the history of the lodge that leadership has been directly conveyed from a father to his son. The 1997 officers are: (left to right) Robert S. Witt, Charles C. Tisdale, James E. Crain, Jr., Albert E. Booth, Jr., Charles B. Leabu, Albert E. Booth, Sr., and William M. Argo, Sr.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

ROBERT T. SWARTZ

Robert T. Swartz, a Livonia resident, died March 6, 1997 at the age of 76.

Mr. Swartz was born July 16, 1920 in Detroit. He was a teacher in Leland, Mi., and a public relations manager for Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

He is survived by his sisters, Lois (Russell) Vande Bunte of Kalamazoo, Ardythe Leenhouts of Grand Rapids; nephew, Kenneth E. Bol of Canton; niece, Sheryl Bol of Livonia; and many other nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth.

ROSE BOGATINOFF

Rose Bogatinoff, a Plymouth Resident, died March 5, 1997 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Bogatinoff was born Aug. 2, 1911 in Cleveland, OH. She worked as a clerk at Kmart. She was a past president of the Michigan P.T.A. and co-founded the P.T.A. scholarship fund of Michigan.

She is survived by her sons, Peter (Stephanie) of Brentwood,

TN, Richard of Livonia; sister, Mary Ickes of Plymouth; brother, Peter (Demetra) Petroff of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Rosemarie; and sisters Violet Roberts and Lena Gosheff.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Panayot Pamukov, Pastor, officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to the Alzheimer's Disease Association or the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

GRACE L. RIX

Grace L. Rix, a Plymouth resident, died March 10, 1997 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Rix was born Oct. 1, 1914 in Lansing. She was a secretary at Michigan Seamless Tube Company in South Lyon. She was a member and past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Plymouth. She loved to travel and was a member of the Nomads club.

She is survived by her husband, Edward of Plymouth; son, David of Denver, CO; and grandsons, Kenneth (Amy) Carr of Livonia and Larry Carr of Detroit.

Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth with Rev. Dean Klump and Rev. Tonya Arnesen 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 the First United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

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Pam - Pasta Again?? Better get those cookbooks out! L.

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Great Aunt Lisa

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Maura, Maura, Maura!

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Wow, what a great party.

I think I had a good time.

Linda attended the Gala with Twins. I want to know why everyone smiled when they put their heads together. Maybe Linda knows.

Rose says she's ready to dance at the C of C auction Dinner Dance.

Too bad the top was on the spa.

Who was that stud Geneva showed up with?

Brian likes Biscuits!

Everybody is either coming back from the islands or going to them.

Hey Silver Fox!!!

We hear the Easter Bunny is known as "Jackalope" down your way. Hope your Easter is happy.

Native West

Lynn: You are a class act.

Please - no more cutesy landscaping.

Let us relax in our own poor taste. If we're not careful, we are going to look like one of those miniature model towns that Lionel Trains run through? Do we have to be a copy of other communities.

Gerry V. - How wonderful to have you back in good health.

Sometimes it saves a lot of time and money and grief to just open your mouth and let people know.

Curiosities

Allen: The view from Sally and Ed's back porch is interesting, but hardly ecstatically beautiful. That's the parking structure over which you were so enthusiastic.

Mrs. James Jabara - a year ago I thought you were one of the most beautiful brides I had ever seen and now you are even more gorgeous. Happiness will do that.

Dear Martha, all sorry to have missed getting a note to you these past two weeks. Had the "punies" I'm fine now. Even went to a "Cocktail" party, (probably the third in my whole life. How's that for being "square" and a "dull thud" at the same time?) Had a great time.

Love you. - Geneva

Dear J. - Happy Birthday to one of my favorite Jabaras.

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Bless your heart! I love you. - Geneva.

Jack is a dancing fool!



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(mention here)

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Emma can't wait to cook on Grampa's new stove - and she now has her helpers stool.

Boy, is it quiet around here, except the upstairs office of B.B.'s.

Smile Rhonda, you may be on

Candid Camera

Diane wants Ed to put up a step or two so she can see over his deck rail.

Linda, Where's your glass?


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Canton's Alex Rottgers time of 59.86 was good for seventh place in the 100 breaststroke. Canton diver Rob Brooks also qualified for the state.

City of Plymouth and Canton Township Recreation Departments' 1996-97 Co-ed Volleyball Standings:

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

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Men's Division — Midnight Mauraders, 10-0; Ludwig & Karas, 10-1; Uptempo, 9-2; McAuley Pharmacy, 7-3; Trading Post, 5-5; Dick Scott Dodge, 5-6; B.J. Cramer Co., 5-5; American Pie, 4-7; Johnson Controls, 3-7; R.C. Products, 3-7; Green Hornets, 1-9; Current Electric, 1-10.

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Salem beats Canton in district hoops final

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It doesn't get much better than this: a district final featuring The Plymouth-Canton Community's two high school basketball teams, Canton and Salem.

Or does it? It definitely does for Salem, who outplayed the defensive-orientated Chiefs at their own game Friday night at Northville High School and advance to the next round of the state tournament tonight versus Detroit Central with a 49-43 win over the Chiefs.

The regional game against Canton will be played at Southfield Lathrup at 7:30 p.m. "They're a typical (Detroit Public School League) team, they like to pressure. They're fast-paced, up-tempo, but that's our style too," said Salem coach Bob Brodie.

While the Rocks might need to be quick in order to continue on their quest for their first regional title since 1989, it was Salem's dictating defense that ended Canton's two-year reign as district champs. "We did a pretty good job defensively," said Brodie. "The kids stuck to their game plan."

That plan was to guard Canton stars Donte Scott, Nick Hurley and Rob Johnson like Fort Knox. "They did a nice job on Rob Johnson; they did a nice job on Nick Hurley, they wouldn't let him drive," said Canton coach Dan Young. "They held us to 43 points, which is what we've been scoring, but we scored 62 points on them earlier this season. That's a big difference."

As was the case in the teams' regular season meeting two months ago, Salem wasn't an offensive juggernaut, shooting 41 percent from the field. But after Canton scored 18 points — half of which were made by Scott — in the first quarter to take a seven-point lead, the Salem defense took control. "We scored 18 points in the first quarter. We were up 18-11. Then, we couldn't score," said Young.

The Rocks challenged nearly every Canton shot, and Salem guard Andy Power scored nine points in the second period to close the Chiefs' lead to 24-19 at half.

Canton's offense turned from bad to worse in the third quarter, as Salem went on a 15-6 run to take a 34-30 lead entering the final quarter. No team likes to play from a deficit, but the situation is even worse for Canton, a ball control team. "We have trouble playing from behind because we like to take our time," said Young. "When you get behind, you have to go out and start taking a lot of shots, three-pointers, and we're not really good at that."

Canton did close the gap, however. Key baskets by Hurley and Johnson pulled the Chiefs within two, 43-41, with less than two minutes remaining. But Salem's free throw shooting, a strength all season, and several missed scoring opportunities by Canton sealed the game's fate.



Neither team shot the ball effectively in the district final Friday between Canton and Salem. The Rocks' defense was the key in the 49-43 win over the Chiefs. (Crier photo by Ryan Nunez)

"We had a good look at our baskets," said Young, "but we didn't knock them down; Salem knocked theirs down."

Canton's game totals included 15 points by Scott, 12 by Hurley and nine rebounds by Johnson. Canton, who loses six players to graduation, closed out the season at 16-7. "We're very pleased with our year," said Young.

Power's 13 points led Salem, who has an opportunity to add another victory to an 18-5 record.

They are the only winter sports team from the PCEP still playing. "We're going to keep going as fast and as long as we can," said Brodie.

Salem and Central, who upset state powerhouse Detroit Pershing in their district title game, are complete strangers. They both competed in the Nike basketball league last summer.

"I told them, 'It's just like the Nike league in the summer'," said Brodie. "They know."

District wrap up:

In order to make the showdown possible Friday, Canton defeated Northville, 47-36, and Franklin, 41-36 in district competition.

"It was phenomenal," said Young. "We played outstanding defensive basketball late in the season, and we had to

because we weren't scoring many points."

Salem beat Churchill, 76-59, and Novi, 56-46, to qualify for the finals versus Canton.

Canton, Salem gymnasts pleased with finish at state finals

Given the competition at the state gymnastics meet last weekend, Salem and Canton will take their places in their latter half of the 14-team field.

The Rocks took 10th (131.40) and the Chiefs were 11th with 130.15 in the meet won by Holland.

Rochester Adams, Northville-Nov, Troy Athens and Brighton rounded out the top five.

"We had really good floor routines, and we were excellent on the bars and vault, but I think everybody had a fall on the beam," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

Said Salem coach Pam Yockey: "We were really pleased with the finish for the kids. I thought it was a really well run tournament. The girls did absolutely everything they could."

Sports

Spitfires bomb Whalers chance for 3rd place Playoffs begin Sunday versus Soo; 1st home game March 21

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The playoffs don't begin until Sunday, but as far as Detroit was concerned, they had started weeks ago.

The Whalers entered a weekend series

Saturday and Sunday versus Windsor, needing to win their remaining four games to have a chance at bypassing the Spitfires and finishing in third place in the West Division.

But the window of opportunity was slammed shut on Detroit Sunday night in the Spitfires' 4-1 victory, meaning the Whalers' actual OHL post-season begins this weekend against Sault Ste. Marie.

With Sunday's loss and a 7-4 win the night before, Detroit heads into its final two regular season games 25-33-6 and solidified in fourth place.

"The guys really wanted to finish third. We had a meeting after (Sunday's) game, and a lot of the guys were dejected about it. But I think you would've had a lot of trouble finding anybody to put any kind of money on this team to be playing for third place the last week of the season," said Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer.

DeBoer said he will use Thursday's game in Windsor and Friday's game in London to rest regulars and give some much-needed ice time to others while preparing for the Greyhounds, a team they wanted to avoid in the first round by finishing third.

"There's not too much we can do about it now," said DeBoer, who was hoping for an opening round versus Sarnia because of its proximity to Plymouth.

"We've had some pretty good success against the Soo both at home and in their building. We've just got to work hard every night."

The Whalers did that in the 7-5 win Saturday. They controlled the game from beginning to end, a quality that will come in handy next week.

"That's what we've been concentrating on," said DeBoer.

"We need to start playing with that playoff mentality. Teams who think they

can turn on playoff hockey in the first game are kidding themselves."

The only jokes Saturday were wearing the red, white and blue uniforms.

Andrew Taylor scored the game's first two goals before the first period was halfway over, the latter coming on a wrist shot from the slot which beat Windsor goalie Scott Roche. Randy Fitzgerald put Detroit up 3-0 at 12:44.

The Spitfires were trailing 3-2 early in the second period when Steve Wasylo and Jason Lawmaster scored two goals in 19 seconds to give Detroit its second three-goal lead.

Mark Cadotte scored the Whalers' only goal in the third period, which was ended a second premature because of a brawl that resulted in three suspensions, including Detroit's Pat Parthenais.

On Sunday, Detroit took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Sergei Fedotov in the second period, but the Spitfires scored four-unanswered goals to secure third place and ruin the Whalers' 1996-97 regular season home finale.

Chatter: The Whalers may be going to the playoffs, but forward Jesse Boulerice isn't. The bruising forward, who had 10 goals, 24 points and 209 penalty minutes in 33 games, has been out for two months because of an ankle injury.

He was projected to return for the playoff, but DeBoer said Boulerice, a fifth draft pick of the Philadelphia Flyers, is out for the remainder of the year as a precautionary step....

Detroit was 3-7 against the Soo this season; 2-3 at home, and 1-4 away.

Welcome to Canton, Whalers

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Life has changed at Tom and Rose Alberty's house since last summer.

The radio is a little louder, there are two more plates at the dinner table, and a pair of newcomers have the entire family speaking with a strange accent.

But Tom and Rose and their three children aren't gushing with baby talk over a couple of newborn twins. Adoption? Well, sort of.

The latest edition to the Canton family are Detroit Whalers Steve Wasylo and Troy Smith, who are staying with the Albertys during their team's six month season. The two teenage hockey players add even more character to a bustling household that juggles schedules and fixes quick meals to keep pace with the youthful freedom of three children with two working parents. But Tom wouldn't expect anything less. "It's just like when I was a kid, every TV is on, every stereo is on, and every light is on," Tom said.

Tom and Rose and children Angie, Tommy and Andrea, are one of several Plymouth-Canton families hosting players from the Detroit Whalers during the team's first season at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The generous hospitality of the Albertys and others throughout Michigan and Canada allow the Whalers and other junior hockey teams to survive.

Ranging in ages from 15 to 21, OHL players are paid no money and are often hours from home, so living on their own is an impossibility.

But you won't find a player on the Whalers' roster complaining. They've been treated like foreign heads of state on an extended visit to the Plymouth-Canton kingdom. "It's been overwhelming, outstanding," says Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer of the community support. "We're the luckiest team in the league, some of the guys don't want to go home."

Wasylo isn't, even if there are some international sports relations to be ironed out with his adopted family. He joined the Albertys in September after the family decided to grant asylum to the hockey stowaway upon the prodding of Whalers' team doctor John Owens, also a family friend.

After a family interview with the Whalers' education consultant Fred Schvesky and dinner at a local restaurant, the Albertys' opened the gates to their Canton palace to the young Canadian ambassador. "My impression was that some kids needed some help. They're only 18, they get uprooted from home and shipped off to a big city to a family they don't know," said Tom.

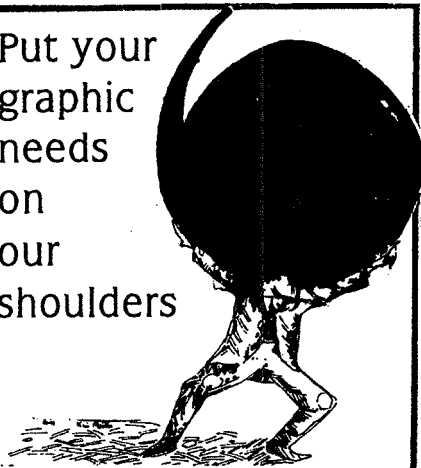
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East Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Ottawa	48	11	6	8-1-1	102
Oshawa	40	18	6	7-3-0	86
Peterborough	38	25	2	5-5-0	78
Kingston	25	34	6	4-6-0	56
Belleville	22	35	7	5-5-0	51
North Bay	14	44	7	3-6-1	35
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Kitchener	34	22	9	2-5-3	77
Barrie	33	22	10	7-1-2	76
Guelph	33	25	5	6-3-1	71
Owen Sound	27	35	2	1-8-1	56
Erie	23	35	7	5-3-2	53
Sudbury	19	37	8	1-8-1	46
West Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
S.S.M.	38	17	10	7-1-2	86
Sarnia	35	23	7	2-6-2	77
Windsor	28	29	8	6-4-0	64
DETROIT	25	33	6	3-6-1	56
London	13	50	2	2-8-0	26

WHALERS STATISTICS

Season leaders:		
Goals-Taylor (30)		
Points-Taylor (68)		
Penalty Minutes-Vodrazka (225)		
Power Play Goals-Taylor (13)		
Shorthanded Goals-three players (2)		
Game Winning Goals-Taylor (4)		
Plus/minus-Gooldy (+5)		
Team stats:		
Home record: 17-13-3		
Away record: 8-20-3		
CATCH OF THE DAY:		
Who?	When?	Where?
Windsor	Thurs. 7:30	away
London	Fri. 7:30	away
S.S.M.	Sun. 7:30	away
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Salem wrestlers shine at state tourney

BY BRIAN CORBETT

None of Salem's state qualifying wrestlers finished higher than fourth at the state finals Saturday in Battle Creek, but in the eyes of coach Ron Krueger they are all winners because of the experience.

"On the whole the kids did an excellent job," he said. "I just hope next year this

continues. Three out of four them will be back. Like I said, it's hard to get there, but a trip to the podium is really something special."

If this year's performance is any indication, underclassmen Teono Wilson, Anwar Crutchfield and Eric Coburn should begin making reservations for a trip to the win-

ner's podium, while Dan Hamblin winds up his wrestling career with a sail into the senior sunset.

Wilson (189 lbs.) was the Rocks' top performer in Battle Creek. He finished fourth by losing to Traverse City's John Szwalek, 7-4, in the match for third place. Wilson was 3-2 in matches on the day; both defeats came at the hands of Szwalek. "In the last match Teono started to identify the Traverse City kid's techniques. If he would've wrestled him again, he could've probably beaten him," said Krueger.

Coburn (119 lbs.) overcame two losses earlier in the day to take fifth place with a 2-1 victory over Mario Bastianelli from Troy Athens. Coburn finished the season with 51 wins, two more than two previous state champions at Salem and setting a school record.

Combined, Coburn and Wilson won 101 matches in 1996-97. "Pretty unbelievable," said Krueger. The two wrestlers, with 50 wins, set a junior record at Salem.

Hamblin (140 lbs.) was seeded fourth, and lost his first match, 7-5, against the number-one seed. He was bumped from contention with another loss in his second match. Crutchfield (152 lbs.) started his day with a victory against the Oakland County champion, but lost his next two matches.

"We really wanted Anwar to place. He had been wrestling well, but it wasn't to be," said Krueger, who hopes the achievements of his four wrestlers will be passed on to the rest of the team next year.

Ladywood blazes past Salem in volleyball regionals

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Another outstanding season for the Salem volleyball team ended with another loss in the first round regional match against Ladywood.

Frustrated? Not Salem co-coaches Allie Suffety and Brian Gilles.

Their young squad should be even better next year, and the 1996-97 team couldn't have finished the season with a better performance in the Blazers' 15-8, 15-5, 15-12 win last weekend.

"The kids played great. It really was one of our best matches in my 12 years of coaching," said Suffety. "We played just about flawless."

So how did the Rocks lose? Bad bounces and the appearance of a game strategy that's taboo come playoff time. "It got to the point where we played not to lose, instead of to win," said Suffety.

Arguably, it was the Rocks best run at Ladywood, who has knocked Salem from the state tournament several years running. After losing the first game, Salem was ferocious in the second.

"We just attacked from everywhere," Suffety said... We basically confused them."

The Rocks held a 13-12 lead in the third game before a questionable non-call by the referees seemed to turn the momentum of in Ladywood's favor.

"It was incredible how much (the Ladywood player) was in the net. Now I'm not going to complain about the officiating, but this one they missed," said Suffety.

The Blazers went on to score the next points to win the match and advance to the next round of the state tournament.

Canton family hosts Whaler hockey players

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A seasoned hockey politician who spent last season with a family in Windsor, Wasylo admitted he was tentative about his first international assignment. But that initial shyness was soon overcome. "He was shy because we didn't know what he liked," said Rose. "So I had Andrea take him to the grocery store so he could get what he likes. And it was like letting a kid loose in a candy store."

The experience would only get sweeter as Wasylo settled in — and more like a family with another teenager. "We had a car sharing problem," said Angie, a senior at Canton High School.

"So we bought him a new car, and it's nicer than mine," she adds, smiling with the opportunistic look that Wasylo's sport utility vehicle may one day be hers.

Tommy, a few years Angie's junior and previously the home's only boy, has taken up the competitiveness brothers so often share. Tommy and Wasylo wear their country's colors while playing video games, pool and ping-pong in the family's basement where their bedrooms are located side by side. As you might expect, the elder has dominated; but after each defeat, Tommy is quick to remind the hockey player which country won the sport is World Cup last summer. A fact that can only be retorted by a diversion to the Atlanta Olympics and the Canadians' upset of the American track team. The boys rubber match is the upcoming race between American runner Michael Johnson and his Canadian opponent Donovan Bailey. "We always have that United States-Canada argument," Tom says.

But the Albertys obviously didn't feel threatened by their visiting nationalist from Munster Hamlet, Ontario, because they soon decided to host Wasylo's teammate, Smith, who moved from South Lyon during midseason in order to be closer to the arena. "He was over all the time anyway," Tom said.

Fortunately, the teammates didn't develop a brotherly bickering about the car. "I like being the passenger, I just sit back and play with the radio," Smith said.

His new family didn't object either, especially Tommy, who now found his gender was now the majority. "I like it a lot better than living with two girls," he says.

There's been other adjustments for the Albertys as well. "We all say, 'eh' now," says Rose, who is in the kitchen more than ever preparing pre-game meals of pasta and malts. "She never used to cook before we came," Wasylo said.

"He's right," Tom said. But there was no turkey in the oven for the Canadian Thanksgiving. "Thanksgiving is a lot bigger deal down here than in Canada. In Canada, everybody just takes the day off," Wasylo said.

So the Albertys are learning the traditions of Canada, and Wasylo and Smith have experienced America, for better or for worse. "This area here is really nice," says Smith, a Hamilton, Ontario native. "But, like, when you go to Detroit, it's just different. In Hamilton, you drive down the street and there are people walking up and down the sidewalks. When you go downtown here, you see bars on the windows, and you start to think, What are we going in to?"

Detroit has treated the Canadians to good times, such as the Alberty's Valentine Day gift of tickets to "Grease" at the Fox Theatre. The Albertys wish they could do more. "When they get time off, it is an autograph signing. The games don't end to 10:30, and they have a 11 o'clock curfew, so we can't even take them to dinner," Tom said.

Game night has become a family event. The Albertys receive two tickets for each player, and Rose watches over the two with the anxiety of three mothers put into one. "You watch constantly. We're always looking for number seven and number 22 on the ice," she says.

They will be able to watch for a little longer than expected. Despite a massive rebuilding project this season, the Whalers have qualified for the OHL playoffs. But the Whalers aren't expected to win the first round, meaning Smith will soon return to homeland while his teammate remains behind for a summer in America.

The Albertys would welcome them back anytime, and it's not because they are hockey fans. Tom and Rose appreciate what Wasylo and Smith have done for them. They're helping Rose at her day care center, and driving Angie to school in the morning. Wasylo and Smith have become so much a part of the Alberty routine, Tom and Rose are including them in a family portrait "They're a good, positive influence on our kids, and they provide the community with good role models... For a bunch of hockey players, they're the nicest bunch of kids, all of them, the whole team. It's hard to believe they're the same guys out the ice," Tom said.

Sports shorts

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Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Standings:

Boys "B" League National Division — Pistons, 9-1; Pacers, 6-4; Celtics, 6-4; Lakers, 5-5; Sonics, 5-5; Bulls, 5-5; Bucks, 4-6; Knicks, 1-9.

Boys "B" League American Division — Hawks, 9-1; Spurs, 6-4; Rockets, 6-4; Magic, 6-4; Jazz, 5-5; 76ers, 3-7; Nets, 3-7; Kings, 1-9.

Girls "B" League — Bulls, 7-3; Magic, 5-5; Kings, 5-5; Pistons, 5-5; Celtics, 4-6; Lakers, 4-6.

The Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth Salem High School Ice Hockey Team Boosters are in the process of obtaining the necessary support to sponsor an interscholastic high school ice hockey team proposal before the Plymouth-Canton School Board. Mail post cards or letters of support to Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth Salem High School Ice Hockey Program, P.O. Box 6091, Plymouth, MI 48170. Website address:

<http://www.rinknet.com/dwhalers/dwhalers.htm>. E-Mail notes of support to: earzno@e.imap.itd.umich.edu.

The City of Plymouth will be running a **Sports Card and Memorabilia show** at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Saturday.

The show is being held in conjunction with the AA Bantam Hockey State Championships. The show will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Any dealers interested in running a booth, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620.

Compuware Sports Arena offers public skating Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:10-11 a.m. and 12:10-2 p.m., and Sunday from 12:40-2 p.m. in the Olympic Arena only. Admission is \$4, and skate rental is \$3.

Drop in hockey is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-8:50 p.m. and noon to 1:50 p.m. Player admission is \$7; goalies are free.



Community opinions

Remember importance of 'community' buildings

If time travel was possible, you could bet that I would be first in line to take advantage of this golden opportunity. For several years, I have had a burning desire to experience the "good old days."

Twinges of such time travel began in the early 1980s when I discovered all of the wonderful architecture — and imagined the way of life — that was only a stone's throw away from the place I was born and raised — Detroit. Although I grew up in Detroit, Rosedale Park to be specific, I never truly appreciated all that was around me. It took a move to Plymouth and the acquisition of a driver's license before I came to discover all that I had missed in my younger days, as well as things that happened before my time.

Nearly 20 years later, whenever I get the opportunity, I leave the streets of Plymouth to drive the streets of Detroit just to admire the splendid, old (and, yet, somewhat sad) buildings of that city. Of course, many will argue that those old buildings are merely structures created with mortar, brick and beams and, therefore, it shouldn't

In The Workshop By Maura Cady



matter what happens to them. If you're of that sentiment, that would make sense. But, I don't fall into that particular category.

Whether in Plymouth, Canton or any other city, buildings are what we make them to be. People add life and emotion to buildings. People's experiences within buildings represent a way of life. But, most importantly, people make buildings what they are today or were in the past. A fine example of this is Julien's Grocery Store in Canton. Although rough around the edges, it is an important piece of our community's history that will soon be lost — but not forgotten.

Similarly, but on a much larger scale, is the J.L. Hudson building on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. It, too, will soon meet its fate. It was, for

many, a magnificent, towering landmark; the jewel in the crown of Detroit. It's the one building that for several decades housed a company that the people from Plymouth and Canton associated with downtown Detroit. It's also the building that, although I have no recollection of, I have grown attached to. And unfortunately, it's the building that all of us will soon have to bid a fond farewell to.

Time travel becoming a reality in my lifetime is improbable. It is comforting to know that we do have alternatives to bring us one step closer to that concept.

In my case, I've chosen to create a book to preserve the memories that people have of the J.L. Hudson Company. The debate over razing this great building inspired me last

November to write this book. Since then, my mission has been to rebuild downtown Hudson's with descriptive pictures and memories that people from all walks of life share.

If you have fond memories of Hudson's or just want to describe this magnificent store, please write to: "Memories," P.O. Box 5315, Plymouth, MI 48170-5315.

And don't ever forget: It's the people that make a building great and give architecture life.

The Plymouth Historical Museum will recognize the effect of the J.L. Hudson Company on our community tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. by presenting Hudson's Human Resource Manager Owen Oakley. He will share stories and answer questions about Hudson's as well as present "The History of the J.L. Hudson Store," a videotape describing Hudson's rise to fame. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 N. Main Street, Downtown Plymouth. For additional information call (313) 455-8940.

Many helped make WSDP immediately successful

EDITOR:

I want to thank you for your recent article celebrating the 25th anniversary of WSDP. As one of the original staff members, I am proud that the station has endured and prospered.

I would, however, like to point out some different recollections of WSDP's early days.

When the station signed on February 14, 1972 we immediately started broadcasting six hours per day. For most startup educational stations this was unheard of.

Our general manager, Bonny Dore, had students in all key positions — another thing that was unheard of

in those days. We worked for two years to be ready to sign the station on the air. Students were rehearsed and well versed in station operations, news writing, sports and music.

Dore assigned me the task of building the station's first music library. My staff and I had to plan out our strategy and implement it. When we left the station at the end of the year, we left with a fully catalogued music library of more than 300 albums.

From the start, Dore had us treat WSDP like a business with students in charge of budgets, personnel and equipment.

Another key person in the beginnings of WSDP

was our principal, Bill Brown. Without his support and trust, WSDP would never have gotten off the ground. To say that WSDP floundered during its first few years is an insult to all of us who worked so hard to make that project an immediate success.

So to Dore, Brown, Richard Kelley, Tim Adler, Dawn Miller, Barb Chlopan, Kathy Swanson, Jeff Howell, Rob Milford, Jesse Dorado and many more "wiz dip" compatriots too numerous to mention, happy 25th!

JOHN DOBEL

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dobel is the General Sales Manager at KADY TV in Los Angeles.

City, Twp. should share recreation

EDITOR:

In regard to having recreational programs at the Plymouth Cultural Center, I believe that the programs should be available to both City and Township residents, and be maintained by both. There are a lot of children and adults enjoying the benefits of a recreation center. Not to be left out, the senior citizens are taking advantage of the Cultural Center and the various programs offered. I have enjoyed the arts and crafts program and have taken advantage of the many tours offered. Living in the City of Plymouth, the Cultural Center is conveniently located.

JO MILLIGAN

Young, old enjoy recreation programs

EDITOR:

I have lived in Plymouth Township for many years and have enjoyed the activities of the Cultural Center.

I am what is called a "rink rat" and watched my son play hockey at the

rink and now watch my grandson.

As I am now a senior, I have spent many an enjoyable hour playing bridge in Old Community Hall. Thank you for making it all possible.

GWENDOLYN McSWEEN

Library presentation was magical

EDITOR:

Thank you for publishing the notice regarding the Friends of the Library program on March 4. We attended an exciting evening!

Bill Morrison and Scott Lurch, amateur magicians, (amateur refers to the fact Bill is the owner of Employers Solutions and Scott is employed by Lurch Chevrolet, and does not reflect on their talent as magicians) gave a wonderful performance of magic and information, plus videos of world famous magicians...everyone from David Copperfield's TV extravaganzas to the original Blackstone performances in black and white. They must have spent hours gleaning these items from the archives for us. They also exposed us to the fascinating "Week of Magic" held in Colon each summer. The slides and videos were magical in themselves. After the program, they stayed and did magic with the children in the audience.

By sharing their skills with the public, these two gentlemen have again shown what makes Plymouth a special community...people who care! Thank you gentlemen, for a terrific evening in our town.

JANET CAMPBELL



Community opinions

Store owner: Alcohol never knowingly sold to minors

EDITOR:

The Julien family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for their support over the last 54 years. We have made many good friends and they truly will be missed.

In regard to the column "With Malice Toward None," we would like to clarify that in the '60s Juliens' Grocery was closed and leased to an outside party for several years while the gas station was run by the Juliens.

We feel your comment that Juliens' was the convenient place for Plymouth High School underagers to buy beer was an offensive, demeaning, unfounded statement that can

be contradicted by any of our customers and past employees.

At no time have alcoholic beverages ever been knowingly sold to a minor by the Juliens. We have prided ourselves in checking identification before ever selling beer and wine to any young person or people who appear very intoxicated when entering the store. As parents of six children, we feel very strongly about alcohol and tobacco consumption by children.

We hope an apology will be made at the soonest possible opportunity.

THE JULIENS

Take time to make reasoned, informed decision on March 22 school bond vote

EDITOR:

There is much discussion out in our community right now about the bond. I am concerned about the misinformation that has been stated as fact. There are two things that I ask the reader to keep in mind. First, schools are about young people and learning. Second, what is the answer to this question: "Who owns the schools?" These two points have served as my compass as a school board member for the last 14 years.

Over the past few years, we have built three elementary schools. Hoben Elementary, which preceded Bentley and Tonda, was less expensive. "Why?" you might ask. Because construction costs have risen dramatically during the same period. Just look at the value of your house and the much higher cost if you were building it today.

It is logical that an elementary school built today would cost more than yesterday. Further, when you look at the numbers of students, it is also logical to build that elementary so that it could be changed into a middle school. That potential for adaptive re-use is just common sense and is good business.

When I look at the number of projected students, I get even more concerned because I think they are too low. I am active in the community and I can see the landscape changing. Go to the intersection of Warren and Ridge or drive south on Lilley (south of Ford) or on Lotz Road or look just north of Field Elementary or west on North Territorial Road just over M-14 (Andover Lakes) or the intersection of Joy and Ann Arbor Road. What will you see? Home construction that is unparalleled. There will be kids in those houses and we owe them an educational opportunity. I know we are short on space today. If you choose to take the driving tour, call me, I'll go with you. I do not believe that one elementary and one high school is too much, I don't think it will be enough.

Should it be a high school or a classroom building? In either case, you are going to need administrative support for the students and the teachers. We have some serious overcrowding at the PCEP. The staff, students and parents have worked heroically and continue to produce bright, articulate graduates. We need the educational learning space provided by a new high school and we need to support it with appropriate, responsible management. Further, a third high school will provide additional participatory growth opportunities for our children.

There seems to be a real concern over the process by which the board reached the conclusion to ask for the high school, elementary school, buses, technology and renovations in the proposed bond, slated for a March 22 vote. For years, citizens have told the P-C School Board, "You don't listen to us."

In the last three years, we have taken major strides to change that. Parents, teachers, principals and other staff select the new teachers by active participation in the interview process. There are several district-wide committees such as housing, finance, food service and long range planning, wherein citizens' voices are solicited and heard. These committees include parents, business, staff, higher education, government and board members. We ask for input. How can we not listen?

For this bond issue, a series of public forums were held. They were highly publicized in the local media and I am most appreciative of that informational support. Any and all members of the community were welcomed. As a board member, I see these committees and the forums as the community speaking loudly. I see them as a partnership in the education of our youth.

Lastly, I would like to focus on the issue of "Defeat this bond, they'll (I presume with reference to the P-C School Board) put up another one later." I take offense at that. I believe that we live in a community with sophisticated and caring individuals. The Bond Committee is waging an all-out, concise, informational campaign based on fact and common sense — not rhetoric or threats. Given that, whatever the result on March 22, it is the will of the people of our community and I will listen. The items on the current bond are what we need as a minimum. To seek less, makes no sworn responsibility as a duly elected representative of the community.

Perhaps you have figured out my answer to the question, "Who owns the schools?" You own the schools and I represent you. Together, we can create a future for our youth. There are many opportunities to get the facts. Please get informed and make a reasoned choice on March 22. We need to invest in our youth today so that they can learn for tomorrow. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our children.

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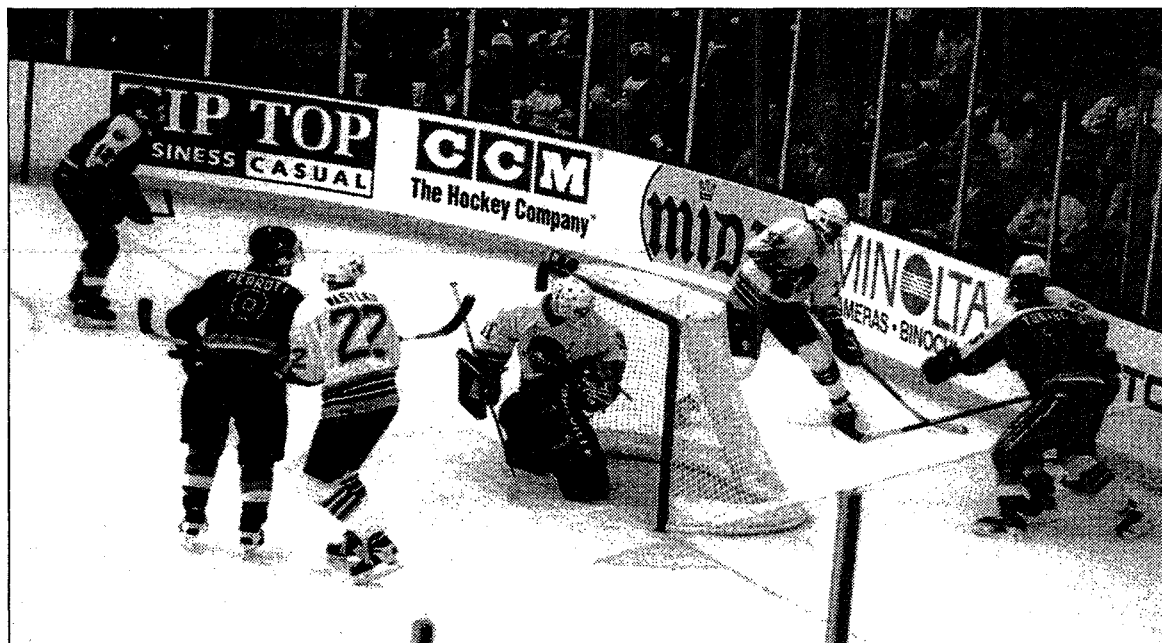
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