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Plymouths approve joint zoning for Ann Arbor Rd.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Plymouth City Commission and the Plymouth Township Board voted unanimously Monday to create a special, cross-community zoning district.

The district would provide special zoning ordinance amendments for businesses on the north and south side of the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC).

"This is something we've been working on for a number of years to ensure Ann Arbor Road wasn't going downhill," said Dave Schaff, a Plymouth architect working on the ordinance.

The zoning would provide for uniform buffers, landscape and parking features for businesses on both the city and township sides of the street, Schaff said.

"We wanted a unified look and structure to the corridor," he said. "We want something at the start, in the middle and the end of the ARC to give it its own sense of identity, instead of being just a string of businesses."

"We wanted to create a conceptual plan with physical improvements along the ARC, and ties with the downtown area," said Jim Anulewicz, director of public services for Plymouth Township.

One of the ideas discussed was a large clock tower at the I-275 and Ann Arbor Road junction, according to Anulewicz.

Air Touch Cellular One has preliminary plans for a communications tower for the junction, Anulewicz said. He hopes to work with Air Touch Cellular to make the tower into a clock tower with the communication workings on the inside, he said.

"This is what government needs to do," he said. "We need to look at was of cooperating with business instead of being argumentative and create solutions instead of problems."

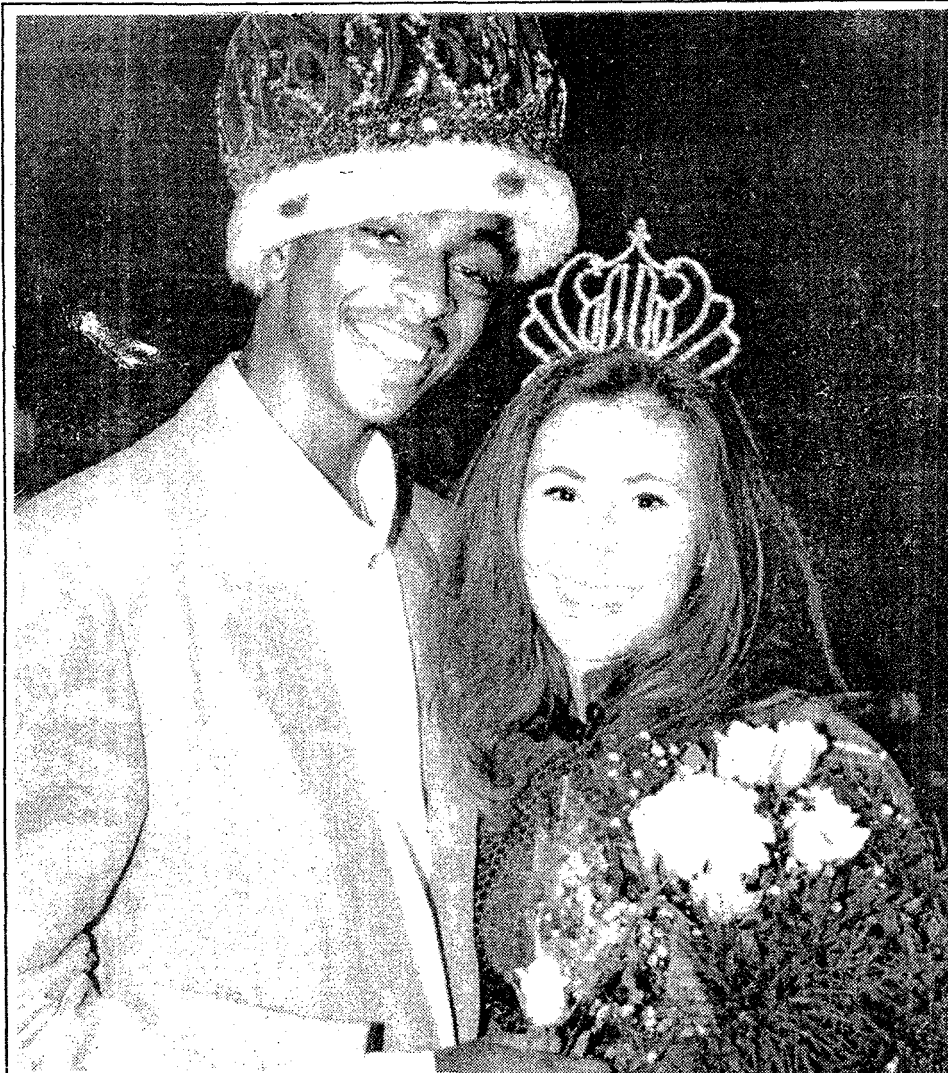
Anulewicz is meeting with the land owner later this week, and if all issues are resolved, the tower could be under construction within 30 days, he said.

A smaller replica of the tower could be built at the junction of Ann Arbor Road and Main Street to add some cohesiveness to the ARC.

The next step for the ARC zoning is to commit some finances to design renova-

tions for features along the ARC, Schaff said.

"As long as enthusiasm lasts and goes forward, that's what we'll do," he said.



Ian Searcy and Kelli Zink were crowned King and Queen at Salem High School's Homecoming game last Friday. This weekend, Canton High School celebrates its own homecoming Friday night (Crier photo, Ryan Nuñez).

You can help the Plymouth United Way meet their 1997 fundraising goal of \$800,000 by giving generously at work. Your employer will have the paperwork to take a donation directly from your paycheck. Or, if your employer doesn't participate in the United Way drive, turn to The Crier's Opinion pages, 22-23 and clip the donation form printed there. Fill it out and send in your donation. You'll be a part of a community-wide effort to help those in need in The Plymouth-Canton Community.



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Vorva to hold public forum

BY BRYON MARTIN

Jerry Vorva will hold a public forum next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the commission chambers at Plymouth City Hall.

To be discussed: the "chronology of errors" in the school bond election, his reasons for appealing the dismissed lawsuit and the possibility of splitting the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Vorva said he hopes citizens will bring a variety of opinions to the forum.

"I hope they come and talk about all their feelings. That's how you gather data. I'm open to all information, but most of all I want to disseminate the chronology of

what went wrong," in the March 22 school bond election, he said.

He also said he wants to see, "if there is any interest in doing a recall election for the school board." He described their management of the troubled election as "deplorable and incompetent. The board has violated their position."

Vorva appealed Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge James Rashid's dismissal of his lawsuit against the schools. He'll explain why at the forum.

Through discussion with the attendees, he said, he will also explore public interest in splitting Plymouth from Canton to form

a separate school district. Canton's growing population, he said, will create a power imbalance and enable it to dominate future school-related elections.

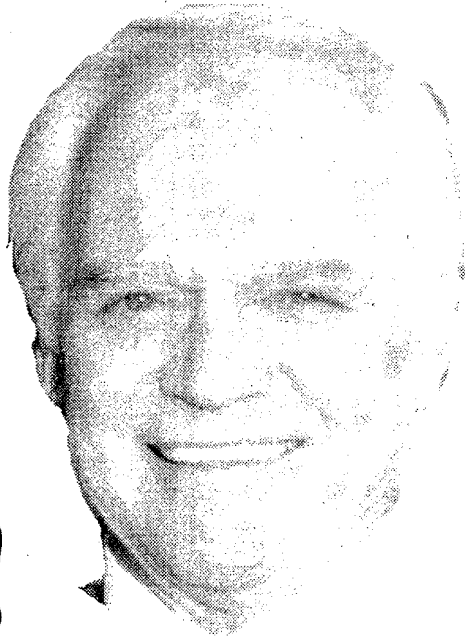
Joining the Plymouth district with Northville's school district may be a possibility, he said.

"Geographically we're so much alike. We both have little downtowns. We're really four parts of one township," he said.

He has not yet spoken with the Northville about such a union, he said.

"This is an open session. I'm just saying let's have a discussion about it."

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Court stays in Plymouth, still

Court committee officially accepts advice to stay in the City

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

It's officially official: the 35th District Court is staying put.

Wednesday, the Court Advisory Committee accepted the court reconstruction committee's advice to rebuild the 35th District Courthouse on its original site in Plymouth Township, according to retired judge Jim Garber, reconstruction committee chair.

"We met several times over the past two months," Garber said. "We viewed demographic studies and met with the judges about the needs of the court for the next 20-25 years. Based on these findings, we recommended the court be built on the same site."

The committee also recommended that the new courthouse be larger than the original: a 30-35,000 square foot, two- or three-story building with four courtrooms, according to Garber.

Made up of representatives from Canton, the Plymouths and the Northvilles, the Court Advisory Board voted unanimously Wednesday to accept the reconstruction committee's recommendations.

The board is now in the process of selecting an architect. They will solicit resumes from architectural firms, particularly those with experience building courthouses.

The board hopes to have information from architects by the end of this month and selection process completed by the end of the year, according to Garber.

"Time is of the essence," said Judge Ron Lowe. "Unisys isn't all that happy with us being on their property because they'll soon be at a point where they can sell it to developers. The sooner we're off, the better."

Chief Judge John MacDonald agreed, but added that the corporation has been helpful

in allowing the court to keep their administrative offices in the building.

"I don't know where we'd be without them," he said. "Unisys really has been outstanding."

The modular building, which will house the 35th District court until the new building is complete, will begin arriving today, according to Court Administrator Kerry Erdman. They should be ready for use by Nov. 1.

"It's going to be real tight," Erdman said. "But they should be ready by then."

Until then, court will be held in the lower level of Canton Township's administration building on Canton Center Road, according to Erdman.

The court's cash and probation departments have moved to the Canton Fire Station on Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads, Erdman said.

Anyone going to the building for payment or probation purposes should enter from the Cherry Hill Road entrance park in the rear of the building.



Mary Roland, of Plymouth, helps to load Entertainment '98 books into her car. Sale of the books, filled with coupons redeemable at a variety of businesses throughout Wayne county, will help raise money for the Plymouth Symphony. (Courtesy photo.)

Cutting for cancer

BY CHIARA CANNELLA

Jan and Jim West have thought about hosting a benefit for a long time. But as the lives of more and more employees at The Cutting Quarters Salon were affected by cancer, the owners decided that this was the year to do it.

Plymouth's first-ever "Cutting for a Cure," will take place Sunday, Oct. 12 at the downtown salon. Salon employees will volunteer their time providing hair cuts for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

The owners of the salon, which has a 20 year history in Plymouth, are optimistic about the effect the event will have. Because this is their first benefit they are not sure what to expect, but are proud to be working on such a project.

"Just the feedback we get from clients who come in," Jan said, "they say it's really great that we're doing it."

"And when you do something for a benefit, I think it makes you feel good."

Several employees have been personally touched by cancer in the past few years, so staff commitment is strong, she said. "Everyone's excited. I put up a sign up asking people to work and everybody signed up."

'There are very few people who don't know of somebody who has cancer, unfortunately. I just hope we have a good turn-out.'

Jan West
Cutting Quarters

The Wests are hoping customers will stop by even if they don't need a haircut. Donations are being accepted but Jan stressed that the money is not the most important aspect of the day, rather "support for our endeavor to do a benefit for the cancer society." The salon will provide not only refreshments, prizes and gifts, but also a chance for people to celebrate and honor a good cause.

So far, the event has received generous support. There will be several drawings for large gifts bags donated by hair care distributors. Speedy Printing has given a discount on copying the flyers. The Wests are also trying to find other area stores willing to offer them a discount on the refreshments. The staff finds these displays of generosity encouraging. Jan said, "I've had clients who come in and they see the flyer so they'll take it and post it at work." And two weeks before the event, donations have already started to come in, she said.

The salon sent out nearly 300 flyers to area schools, newspapers, radio stations and businesses in an effort to reach as many people as possible. "Cancer hits just about everyone now," Jan said. "There are very few people who don't know of somebody who has cancer, unfortunately. Everybody's been really positive. I just hope we have a good turn-out."

"Cutting for a Cure" will take place from 9 a.m. -4 p.m.. Haircuts are \$20 and proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call (313) 459-0640.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Today at noon, the Canton Chamber of Commerce holds its new member luncheon at Summit on the Park. Call 313-453-4040.
- Tonight, Canton Parks & Rec. mens basketball league begins its 10-week season at Field Elementary School. Registration for coed volleyball begins today. League play runs from November - February. Call 313-397-5110 for info.

THIS WEEKEND

- Saturday, the Old Village Craft Fair takes place in Old Village, Plymouth.
- Saturday, the bus for Canton Parks & Rec's family trip to the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus leaves from the Canton Administration building at 10:30 a.m. Returns at 2:30 p.m. Call Canton Parks & Rec for more info.

NEXT WEEK

- Tuesday, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Central Middle School invites Plymouth Businesses and neighbors to use its pool and gymnasium facilities during "Gym & Swim" night. Registered guests, only.

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The Crier's Plus sections take an interesting and informative look at topics in P-C-N. Check out the Auto Care section, which runs Oct. 22.

HUD subsidy renewed for Canton Commons

Official says 'No one even has to think about moving out if they don't want to'

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Residents of Canton Commons have at least a year's worth of breathing room, and probably a lot longer, according to Ken Barnard, public information officer for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD has renewed subsidy contracts with Highland Management, the firm that owns Canton Commons.

"Everything has returned to business as usual," Barnard said. "The subsidy contracts were extended to one year after they had originally expired, which was in June."

Highland Management was originally penalized for improper maintenance of property in Colorado, according to Barnard. HUD was going to revoke all of the firm's subsidy contracts.

Since this summer, however, Barnard said HUD has reconsidered the judgement. "We decided that we would base all decisions on a property-by-property basis," Barnard said. "Canton Commons upholds all HUD standards, so it wouldn't be fair to base the decision on the state of property in Colorado."

Terms of HUD contracts vary, according to Barnard. The one year renewal of the Canton Commons subsidy is not unusual, he said.

"It all depends on the kind of contract that we sign," he said. "We don't anticipate any problems when this contract is up, because Canton Commons has always maintained our standards."

"The bottom line is that no one even has to think about moving out if they don't want to."

\$4.5 million for improvements in Canton budget draft

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Township's preliminary budget calls for more than \$4.5 million in community improvements next year, according to Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The money will go into several projects including road improvements, park improvements and capital projects, he said.

"We plan to spend a lot of money on community improvements," Yack said.

The Township will levy no additional mills for the improvements, according to Yack. The funds will come from additional revenues from licenses, permits and additional state shared-revenues which resulted from Canton's mid-decade census.

Additional funds will come from the sale of Township land, Yack said.

Some of the projects scheduled are the paving of Beck Road between Cherry Hill and Warren roads, the second phase of the Palmer-Sheldon park, the development of

'The bottom line is we'll have \$4.5 million of non-tax payer funds to use for community improvements.'

Tom Yack
Canton Twp. Supervisor

Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Ford roads and land acquisition, Yack said.

Funds for county road improvements have to be allocated whether they happen or not, Yack said.

"We have to come up for a 2C per cent match for

county road projects, like Beck and Morton Taylor," he said. "We're not that happy about it because last year we didn't have to put up that match."

"Sometimes the county will schedule improvements but they don't get around to them," Yack said. That has been especially true in the development of Morton Taylor Road, Yack said. "I'll believe it when I see it."

Match funds set aside for county road improvements that don't happen will be banked for next year, Yack said.

The Township Board went through the budget in a special study session yesterday. The budget will go before the board next week.

Yack said, "The bottom line is we'll have \$4.5 million of non-tax payer funds to use for community improvements."

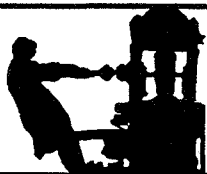
Fire Safety Week kicks off at Plymouth station

The Plymouth Community Fire Department will kick-off National Fire Safety Week, Oct. 6 -11, with an open house and tour of Fire Station #3, 13600 Beck Road, this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Visitors can walk through the fire/safety house, see the trucks and fire gear and meet their community firefighters. Refreshments will be provided by the Ford Motor Company Sheldon Road Plant.

All Plymouth Community Fire Stations will be open to the public from 2 - 8 p.m during Fire Safety Week.

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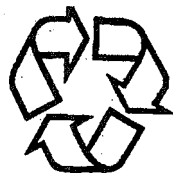
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Qualified electors who are properly registered now with the City Clerk will not have to register or re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements for registering to vote. The telephone number is 453-1234 X234 or 202. The offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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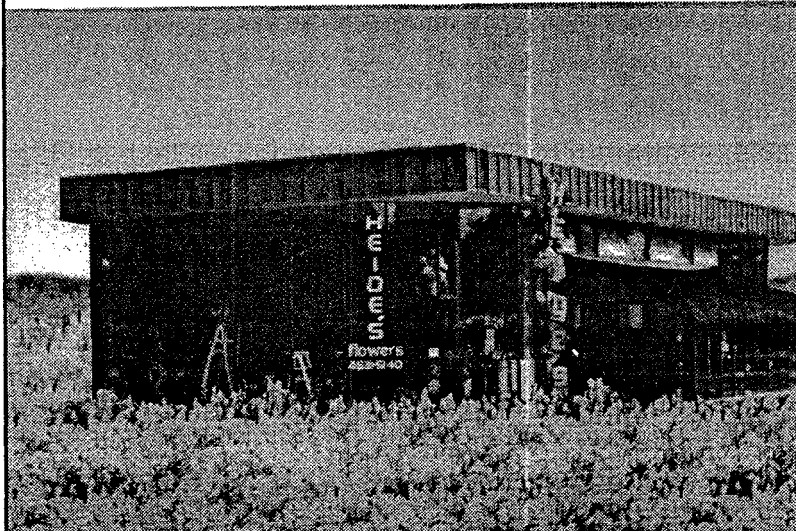
Proceeds from sale of the books help fund field trips, assemblies and other school programs. Each book costs \$12 of which more than 50 per cent goes to Miller Elementary.

Books can be purchased daily at the Miller School office, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton.

Lowell Middle School is also selling the "Schools Now" coupon books.

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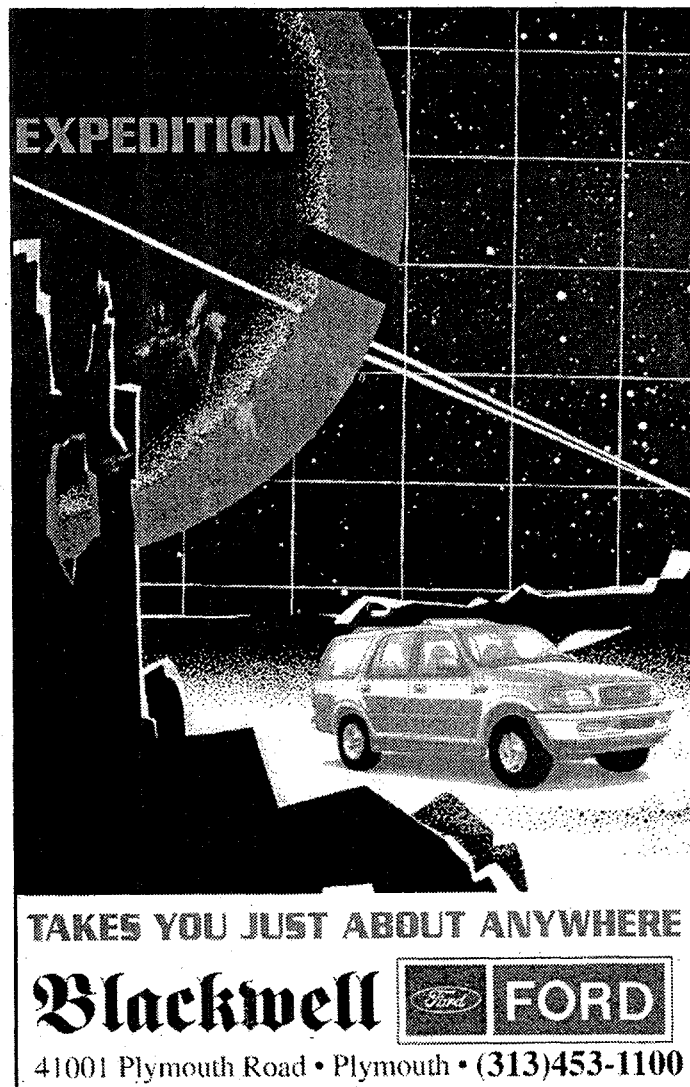
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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Joseph Tate, of Plymouth, Leonard F. Kierszkowski of Northville, James Stewart Brown, of Canton and Douglas W. Cartwright of Canton recently became Founding Sponsors of the Michigan Vietnam Monument. The men participated in the campaign to raise funds to build the monument in Lansing on the State Capitol grounds.

The Vietnam Monument will be the first project to be located in the proposed Michigan All Veterans Park to be located directly behind the State Capitol. The fundraising goal for the monument is \$2.3 million.

Army Sgt. Noelle E. Corley has deployed on a temporary duty assignment as part of Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The joint task force coordinates Operation Southern Watch which plans joint military operations for coalition forces comprised of U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps service members, along with British and French forces.

Corley is an intelligence analyst normally with the 502nd Personnel Service Battalion at Fort Hood, Killeen, TX.

She is a 1991 graduate of Riverview High School in Sarasota, FL and the daughter of Edwin R. and Katherine J. Ortiz of Canton.

Marine Pvt. Joel C. Laderoot, son of Rick L. Laderoot of Canton, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Laderoot acquired the specialty skills and technical ability necessary to operate light and medium tactical-wheeled vehicles during various field and convoy operations. Laderoot spent more than 1,800 hours of classroom instruction and practical application learning how to drive designated courses on and off road.

Laderoot, who joined the Marine Corps in 1997, is a 1996 graduate of the Stark Weather Center in Plymouth.

Army Cpt. Scott R. Swartzwelder of Plymouth is attending the Advanced Officer Engineering course at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and simultaneously completing his M.S. Degree at the University of Missouri Rolla campus for Engineering.

Swartzwelder is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School. He graduated from the Military Academy at West Point in 1993.

All American girl

Canton girl chosen for Miss Teen Michigan All American Pageant

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

At first it was all make believe and magazines.

Katie Clavier, 12, of Canton and her friend Nikki used to dress up in her mother's high-heels and pretend to be models.

Now, thanks to answering an ad in Young Modern Magazine, make believe could become reality. Clavier has been selected for the 1997 Miss Michigan Teen All American Pageant this weekend.

"I've wanted to do this since I was four," she said. "I think it's so cool."

Her mother, Sandy, had a slightly different reaction.

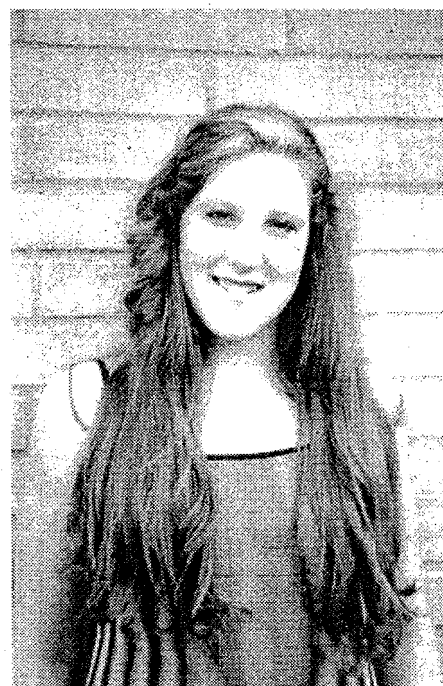
"I was flabbergasted," she said. "I couldn't believe it was my kid."

Katie at first misinterpreted her mother's reaction. "I thought she was having a panic attack," she said.

The surprise was that Clavier was chosen, even though she hadn't turned 13 yet, she said. The pageant doesn't usually accept girls under the age of 13. Clavier was selected on the strength of her personal interview, and because she would turn 13 before August of next year.

Being in the pageant has caused some changes in Clavier's life, she said. She had to practice walking in high heels (for real, this time) and wearing make-up.

"The first time I tried walking in heels I almost fell down," she said. "And the



KATIE CLAVIER

make-up makes my face itch."

Just the same, Clavier is excited to be a part of the pageant, she said.

"It'll give me an opportunity to be with people and make new friends," she said. "And if I happen to win I can go on to do

other things that I've always wanted to do."

And that's a lot, for the home-schooled girl who's known what type of career she's wanted from a very young age.

Clavier, who has been fascinated with sign language since her mother began teaching it to her at the age of four, plans to use the skills as a prosecuting attorney for the hearing impaired.

It is another goal that originated in games with friends.

"My friends and I would play Court TV in the basement," she said. "We would prosecute my sister for eating something she wasn't supposed to. Being a lawyer has always interested me. I like to argue and I don't like bad guys."

Clavier, who attends Canton Calvary Assembly of God church, already has experience with the legal system. She helps her mother with causes like Parents Against Sexual Offenders (PASO). She also helped protest the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) decision to not renew Canton Common's subsidy housing by making signs that read 'HUD spelled backwards is DUH.'

The pageant is in the grand ballroom of the Royce Hotel in Romulus, Saturday and Sunday. If Clavier wins, she will head to the 20th Annual Miss Teen All American Pageant in Florida.

Dean Saxton celebrates 100 years

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Northville seceded from Plymouth Township in the spring of 1898, Dean Saxton was less than a year old.

But 100 years later, Saxton continues to leave his mark on P-C-N business.

Saxton turned 100 years old Aug. 9, and more than 30 relatives joined him in Tucson, AZ to celebrate.

"He's doing great," said son Bill Saxton who manages Saxton's Garden Center on Ann Arbor Trail. "He's doing much better there than he was in the nursing home."

Saxton's has been a fixture in Plymouth for more than 60 years, but the business made a few stops along the way to its present location.

Dean first opened his business in Northville in 1928. In 1934 he purchased land in Plymouth from a family member and opened a store there, where the Mayflower Meeting House stands today, according to Bill.

The business moved to its current location in 1937 and expanded as Saxton purchased surrounding property.

Saxton had three businesses at one time in the late '30s and early '40s. He operated the Northville store until 1942,

and a third store in Redford in 1946, according to Bill, who started working for his father as a teenager in 1939.

Saxton's accomplishments aren't limited to the business world. He served during WW I, and is the last known survivor of the Battery D of the famous 32nd Infantry Division, which was known as the Red Division.

"He caught pneumonia in England and is fortunate to be alive," Bill said. "He was separated from his division for a while, and didn't meet up with them again until towards the end of the war."

During that time, Dean Saxton was a runner for an artillery unit. He would run between the forward observers and batteries of guns and relay information, according to Bill.

"He was running through pretty dicey conditions," he said. "He had a few close encounters."

Saxton also founded the Plymouth V.F.W. Post shortly after he moved to town in 1942 and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a 50-year member of the Kiwanis.

"He is very personable with the public," Bill said. "Everyone enjoyed coming in and talking to him. He is very well-



DEAN SAXTON

liked and respected."

Bill said his father owes his long-life at least in part to healthy eating.

"He found out he had high-blood pressure and became interested in eating healthy," Bill said. "We'd always say it was his own fault for eating all those sunflower seeds, garlic and wheat germ, and he would just laugh."

Bikin' businessfolk of P-C-N

A machinist, an entertainment broker, an insurance salesman and an artist. In the workplace they don't share much in common. But outside, on the road, maybe wearing a little black leather, they are joined in a love of motorcycles.

Honda. BMW. Harley-Davidson. Names that, if it didn't mean bugs in their teeth, would bring smiles to their faces.

This Sunday, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., the Second Annual Great Chili Cookoff's Harley Davidson bike show will fill downtown Plymouth with motor cycle enthusiasts from all over.

This year, before taking a day trip out to Pinkney, a few local business folk with a feel for the road took time to talk about their motorcycles and stories.

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John Folino, Sr.

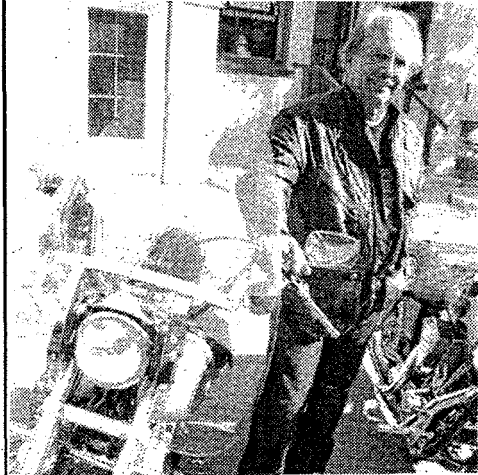
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He's been riding for 35 years, including two cross-country trips, and tours to upstate New York.



John Folino, Jr.

Bike: 1992 Harley

Davidson Heritage Softail Classic

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John Sr.'s company

His dad's hobby inspired junior to start riding Harleys after first riding dirt bikes. "I walked in looking for a dirt bike, saw the Harleys and got sidetracked."



Joe & Donna Napolitano

Bike: 1996 Harley

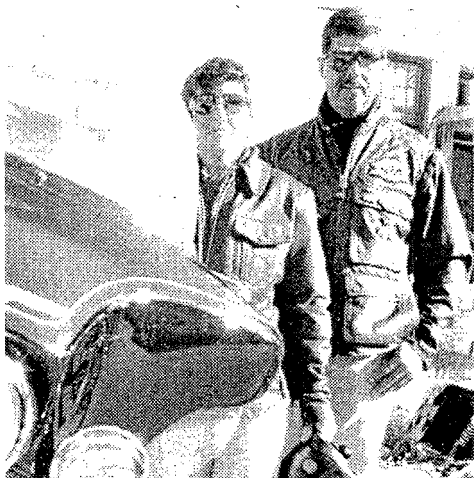
Davidson Ultra Classic

Business: *Mechanical*

Engineering Systems,

Canton.

Riding for two years; made big trip to Stugis, S.D., in August.



John Becker

Bike: *Harley Davidson*

Electraglide

Business: *J.L. Becker,*

variety of ventures, and

property development

Has logged more than 49,000 miles on his bike, which is not his first; earliest ride was a Cushman Eagle.



Michael Tinik

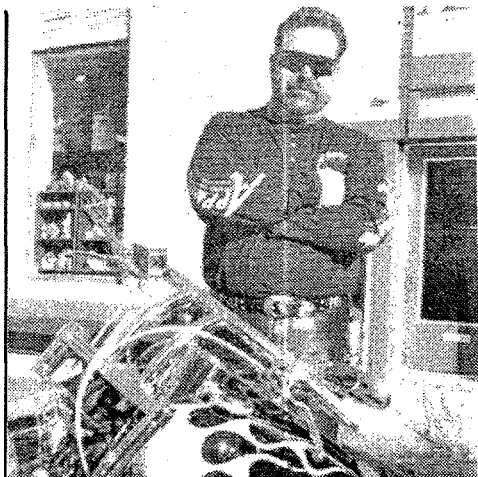
Bike: 1993 Harley

Davidson Dyna Wideglide

Business: *Brass Ring*

Productions

Loves Bike Week, the first week in March in Daytona, FL. "Everybody down there is into it. Everyone wants to talk about their bikes."



Dave Varga

Bike: 1974 BMW 600

Business: *Signs &*

Decorative Art

No biker nicknames he'll admit to. Started riding in 1971 on a customized BSA and has found it hard to be without one since. "Once you get on one, you're hooked."



Bob DeMattia & Carl Berry

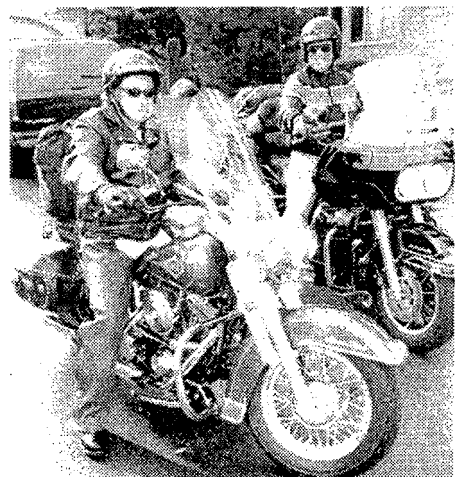
Businesses: *Bob, the*

R.A. DeMattia Group;

Carl, former Plymouth

Twp. Police Chief.

The pair head out on the highway for a trip to Harley Davidson's HQ; they are partners in opening a new Harley dealership in Taylor, MI.



Bruce Mirto

Bike: *Honda Shadow*

Business: *Mirto & Co.,*

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consultants, Plymouth

Bruce couldn't take time to talk about his Honda or the Norton he has in storage; too much the businessman, a call on his cell phone commanded his attention.





Getting down to business

Neighbors in business



Brendan Dunleavy of Plymouth Township was appointed the new Wayne County Commission Auditor General at the Sept. 18 Commission meeting. He was selected from a field of eight finalists after a nationwide search.

Dunleavy spent the last six years in the auditor general's department, working closely with Ramona Person, the auditor general who resigned early this year. A certified public accountant since 1987, Dunleavy holds a master's degree in finance from Walsh College, and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University.

Eastern Michigan University has appointed **Kathleen S. McNulty**, of Plymouth, as an employe and benefits representative.

McNulty earned her bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and is a candidate for a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University. She has worked as a human resources consultant at EMU since 1996. From 1977 to 1996, she served in a variety of management and training specialists positions and as an employment and benefits administrator at Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council named Elizabeth Calhoun as their new office manager. Jennifer Tobin will continue as director of PCAC and Stella Greene was named president at the council's annual meeting on Aug. 11, 1997.

Business in the Spirit

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Sometimes it seems like destiny.

When Ramon and Sarah Miller were first looking for a place to open their Christian oriented bookstore, they thought about Plymouth.

"We'd been looking here since this spring," said co-owner Ramon. "This town has a lot of history and a lot of richness to it. It's beautiful."

The Millers said they had to choose between opening their building in the Detroit area or moving up north.

"We both wanted to come to Plymouth, but couldn't find the right place," Sarah said. "Then this building opened up and it was perfect."

The building is an old-style home located on N. Mill and Liberty in Old Village. Its open three rooms and parking lot made it the ideal location for the Miller's first business, Life in the Spirit Bookstore.

The store offers more than books, however. In addition to Bibles, study guides and youth-oriented fiction, customers will also find a wide array of games, T-shirts, ties and Christian art.

"We wanted to offer more than just Bibles and books," Sarah said. "We hope that people will come in and buy a book for themselves and a gift for a friend or family member."

They'd have plenty to choose from. Life in the Spirit offers many different types of Christian art, including pendants and other jewelry, angel sculptures, music boxes, and a wide selection of faith-oriented ties and T-shirts.

The kids section features an assortment of games, puzzle books, animated videos and even Christian comic books featuring the struggle of Archangels.



Ramon and Sara Miller hope business helps customers find life in the Spirit.

A faith-oriented bookstore had always been in Ramon's mind, he said.

"I've always wanted my own business and I wanted to do something I knew about," he said. "We've been saving money and looking for the right place."

The idea for the store name came from Scripture, according to Ramon.

"The way of being in the spirit is a day-by-day devotion," he said. "The way

of getting to know God is not just going to church at the end of the week and forgetting Him for the rest of the week."

The couple have high hopes for their first business.

"It isn't just a business, its doing God's work," Sarah Miller said. "We want to help enrich people's lives. It's really helping them, and that in turn, helps us."

Filling the wall

Crier ad, graphic arts department add to wall of awards

Crier Advertising Director Jack Armstrong (left) and Blackwell Ford Sales Manager Len Gossman (right) hold up Blackwell Ford's 1997 Guide Ad, which won Best Use of Newspaper Art Service in the annual AdCon Display Advertising Contest.

Other awards The Crier took home were: Best Ad Idea: Color, for Heide's Flowers and Gifts ad in the 1996 Fall Festival edition; 2nd Best Ad Idea: Black & White, The Community Crier www.northvilleMi.com; honorable mention in Best Multi-Color Ad for the Lowertown Grill in the 1996 Fall Festival edition and Honorable Mention in Best Newspaper Promotion for the Guide Supplement.



Fate of Plymouth House topic of meeting tonight

BY BRYON MARTIN

Hank Prebys, of Greenfield Village, will be on hand at the Plymouth Historic District Commission meeting tonight to measure interest in returning the Plymouth house to The Plymouth Community.

"Hank's going to come in and give us the history of the house and explain the specifics of it coming back," commission Chairman Joe Phillips said.

The house was built in Plymouth around 1845 and has sat in a corner of Greenfield Village since being moved there by Henry Ford in 1929.

After years of use by Ford's architect, Henry Cutler, the building has sat vacant and fallen into disrepair, Phillips said.

Greenfield Village has deemed the house unworthy of renovation and is searching for parties interested in buying and relocating it. Prebys said the Village

wants to have the house removed from its grounds by the spring of next year.

Such a move would involve dismantling, moving, reassembling and restoring the house, Phillips said.

"It would cost more than building a new structure," Phillips said. "So it would take someone with an excitement for Plymouth history. If within a week or so there is no interest in moving the house the Village will look elsewhere."

Prebys said an Ypsilanti-based contractor has "expressed a great deal of interest in it, has had movers (at the Village) and done measurements. They're in the process of seeing if they can finance it and put it where they want to put it.

"Ideally, though, we'd like to find a way to get it back to Plymouth."

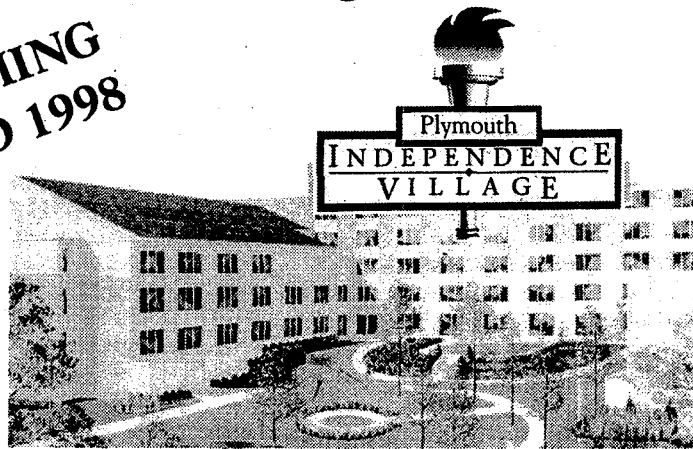
Tonight's meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Plymouth City Hall.

'If within a week or so, there is no interest in moving the house, the Village will look elsewhere. Ideally, though, we'd like to find a way to get it back to Plymouth'

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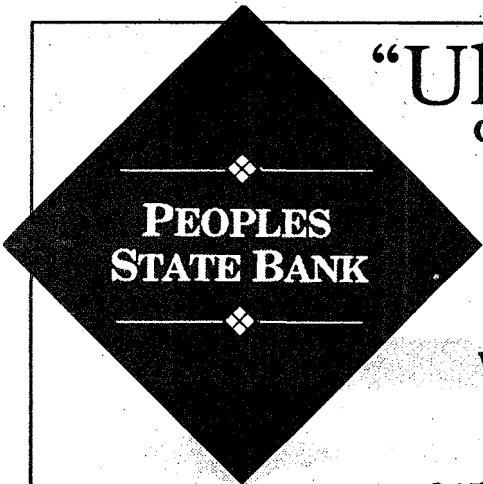
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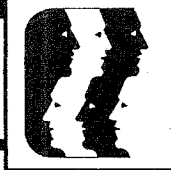
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Groups

PC COUNCIL ON AGING MONTHLY
There will be a meeting on Monday Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Topic of the meeting will be "How to get the good guys for repairs and renovation." Call 453-1234

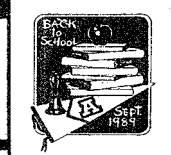
GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB
Canton Republican Club meets on the third Thursday of each month at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. Call Melissa McLaughlin, 495-0304.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING
P-C Civitan Club holds their monthly dinner meeting, third Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Water Club Bar & Grill. Call Margaret, 455-6989.

PLYMOUTH YMCA "Y" KIDS
For children ages 3-5. Openings for afternoon sessions. Age 3 meets Tuesday and Thursday, ages 4-5 meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Call YMCA, 453-2904.


PLYMOUTH ORATORIO SOCIETY
Society invites interested singers to join this year's performances, including Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and the Duruflé Requiem. Practices held weekly. No audition necessary. Call Clark or Karen Chapin, 453-4765.



Schools

HIGHSCHOOLERS INVITED
High School students who are interested in pursuing careers in engineering are invited to GMI College of Engineering on Oct. 9. For more information or to register call 1-800-955-4464, ext. 7865.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
Footaction is offering 100,000 in college scholarships. The company will be accepting applications through Jan. 15, 1998. Write Hooked on Sports, 7880 Bent Branch Dr., #100, Irving Texas 75063.



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NORTHVILLE YOUTH ASSISTANCE
Northville youth assistance is looking for mentors. Training begins Sept. 29. If interested call Ellen (248) 344-1618.

BLOOD DRIVE
There will be a blood drive at the Post Office on Clipper St. (off Beck Rd.) from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 8. Walk-ins are welcome. Call 453 6111.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NIGHT
Representatives from Habitat For Humanity will be speaking at The First Baptist Church of Plymouth on Sunday, October 12, at 6:30. Call 313-432-7700.

STUDENT EXCHANGE
Families needed to host international students from "Academic Year in America," sponsored by American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range from 15-18 years, arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and other countries. Call Amy Mullen, 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423.

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS
P-C Business Education Partnership in need of individuals to share occupation information to students in classroom settings. Call 416-4903.

CHORE PROGRAM
Senior Alliance offers a chore referral program that puts workers in touch with seniors in need of chores and home repairs. Reasonable fee. Call (313) 722-2830.

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- Talks and presentations by request
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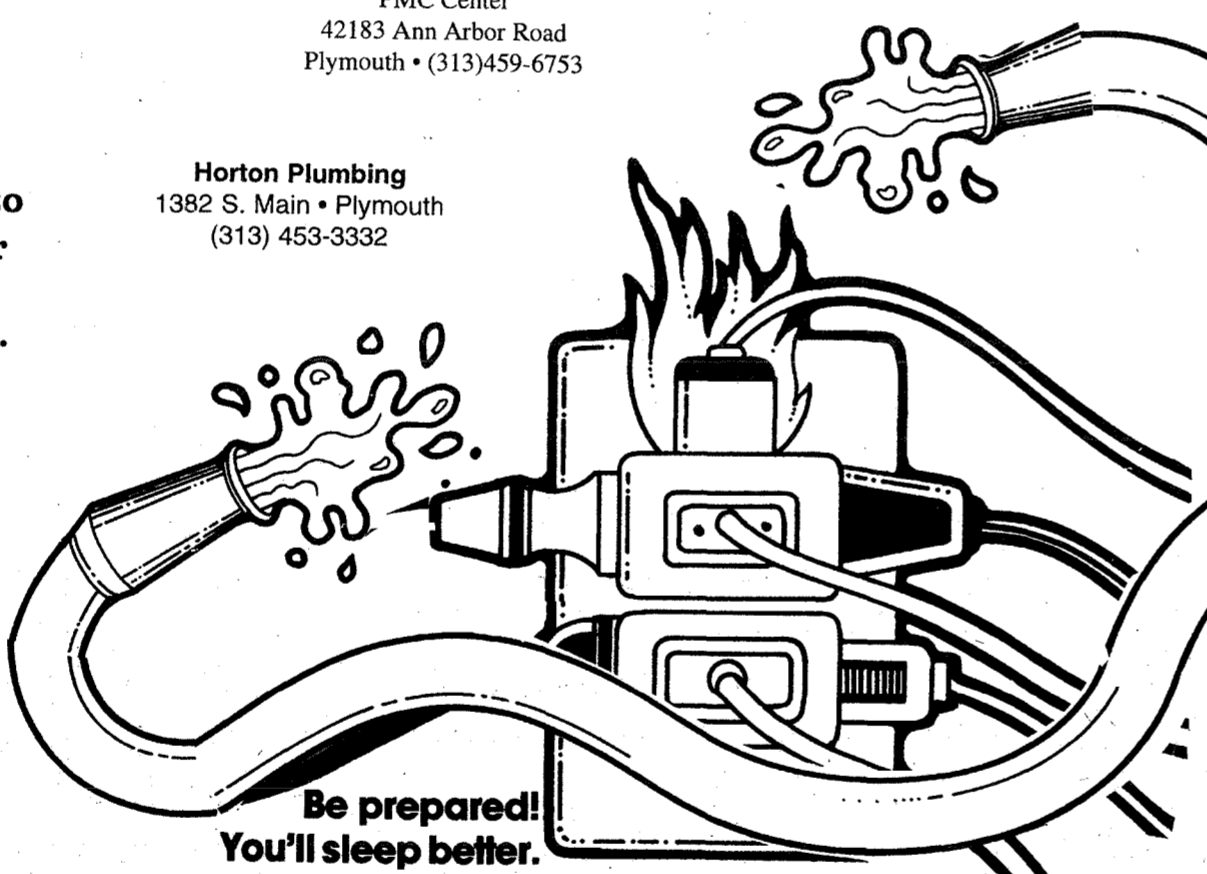
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SENIOR CELEBRATION DAY
The Livonia Plymouth senior celebration day takes pace on Oct. 17 at Burton Manor of Livonia. Cost is \$1. Deadline is Oct. 3. Call Mary Carter 421-4513.

CIRCUS TRIP
Canton Parks and Rec. is sponsoring a family trip to Barnum and Baily Circus Oct. 4. Register at Canton Parks And Rec. Dept. First come, first serve.

GUEST STORY TELLER
The Plymouth District Library will be hosting storyteller Peggy Heiny as she tells stories to children from kindergarten through third grade. Program begins Oct. 4. Call 453-0750.

ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORMS
First Presbyterian Church, Northville sponsoring "Sharing the Gift," fifth annual Juried Fine Art Exhibition. 1997 entry forms now available for the Oct. 4-10 show. Cash awards from \$50-\$300. Call (810) 349-0911 for info.

BAKE SALE
The Bradbury Boutique and Sake Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Clubhouse in Plymouth from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For info call 416-1656.

SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
Harley-Davidson is expecting over 3000 motorcycles this second annual event. Registration will be from 1:30 a.m.-11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. For more info call 762-4333.

YOUTH INTERNET CLASSES
Plymouth District Library is offering internet classes for children in 4th-8th grade. Class will be held Oct. 4 and Oct. 28. For more info call 453-0750.



Health

CHRISTIAN AEROBICS CLASS
Christian Aerobics classes are offered by Aerobic Fitness at St. Johns Church. Free introductory class Friday, Oct. 4 from 6-7p.m. Call 248-348-1280.

SELF DEFESE CLASS
Womens self defense courses are being offered at the Plymouth Salvation Army. The course starts Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. For more info call Martha at 313-453-5464.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS
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Oakwood hospital Anapolis Center-Wayne, on Oct. 8 and Oct. 22. No appointment required. \$5.00 may be covered by medicare. Call 1-800-453-well.

OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING
Oakwood Health Care is hosting Osteoporosis screening at Oakwood Center Canton on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 1-800-543-WELL.

SENIOR HEALTH SCREENINGS
Local senior citizens can get life saving health screenings at the Livonia- Plymouth - Northville Senior Celebration Day, Oct. 17. For more information call Dorothy Tilney at 248-349-0358 or Sandy Nash at 517-373-3998.

LA LECHE LEAGUE
La Leche League, a support group for breastfeeding mothers meets monthly, second and fourth Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call 397-0197.

NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
Free meeting each Mon., 7 p.m. at Ply. Church of Christ, Sheldon Rd., south of Ann Arbor Rd. Those grieving a loss by death attend. Call 453-7630.

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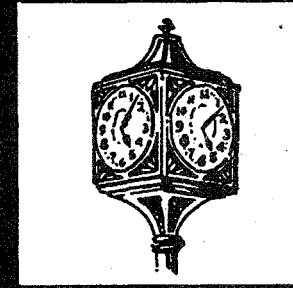
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HALLE MARIE ACERRANO

Halle Marie Acerrano, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 17, 1997. Halle was born in Ann Arbor, MI.

She is survived by her parents, Ronald G. and Sherry Marie Acerrano of Plymouth; sister, Evelyn Marie Acerrano of Plymouth; grandparents, Basil and Sandra DeWitt of Plymouth, Ronald and Laurie Acerrano of Wayne; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held at Riverside Cemetery with Deacon Tony Kendzierski from St. Theodore Catholic Church officiating. Local arrangements by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

MARY J. ROOSE

Mary J. Roose, a Livonia resident, died Sept. 21, 1997 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Roose was born Oct. 16, 1913 in Flint. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Stanley (Elaine) Roose of Farmington Hills, John (Linda) Roose of Plymouth, Caroll (Donna) Roose of Franklin, TN; 12 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held at The Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth with the Rev. Arthur C. Magnuson officiating. Burial was at Glén Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice or Church of the Nazarene of Plymouth.

ROBERT J. COOPERSMITH

Robert J. Coopersmith, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 22, 1997 at the age of 74.

Mr. Coopersmith was born March 9, 1923 in Detroit. He was a retired police officer for the city of Detroit. He came to the Plymouth Community in 1980 from Detroit. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church, the Plymouth V.F.W., Plymouth Elks, Livonia K of C, Detroit Police Officers Association, Retire Detroit Police and Fire Fighters Association, a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and the WWII Submarine Vets Association. He received the Victory Medal in WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Coopersmith of Plymouth; daughters, Karen (Jim) Russell of Livonia, Deborah (Ron) Bass of Phoenix, AZ; sons, Craig (Margaret) Coopersmith of Beaverton, MI; sister, Marion (Carl) Kummer of Holliday, FL; brother, Francis (Donna) Coopersmith of Nebraska; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with the Rev. Father Joseph S. Mallia officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

ALICE HARB

Alice Harb, a West Palm Beach, Fl, resident, died Sept. 21, 1997 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Harb was born Sept. 11, 1911 in Waranshahr, Turkey. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, JoAnne Cimeot of Canton; sons, Joseph (Linda) Harb of Davidsonville, MD, Gerald (Gail) Harb of Toronto, Ontario, James (Julie) Harb of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. Jack Quinlan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions

can be given to Sisters of the Good Shepherd, 20651 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights MI, 48127.

JEAN W. HARRISON

Jean W. Harrison, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 24, 1997 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Harrison was born Dec. 16, 1906 in Stayner, Ontario. She worked for several years for John Haller Manufacturing of Northville and Detroit Gasket as a machine operator. She was a member of Our Lady Of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Her hobbies included reading and needlework.

She is survived by her daughters, Frances (Edwin) Scott of St. Clair Shores, MI; Winifred (Roy) Arnaut of Canton; son, Michael Harrison of Drummond Island, MI; son-in-law Joe Eves of Plymouth, Edwin Scott and Roy Arnaut; nine grandchildren; 15 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward; and children, Ruth Eves, Teddy Harrison and Kathleen Harrison.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

LLOYD A. SULLIVAN

Lloyd A. Sullivan, a Livonia resident, died Sept. 26, 1997 at the age of 75.

Mr. Sullivan was born April 22, 1922 in Milwaukee, WI. He retired after 31 years of service with the City of Detroit Department of Transportation. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre.

He is survived by his sisters, Agnes Krupa of Livonia, Angeline Short of Livonia, Catherine (Martin) Stoskopf of Livonia, Frances Greer of Canton; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Fr. Henry W. Roodbeen officiating. Burial was at Livonia Center Cemetery.

ELLWOOD W. MOREY

Ellwood W. Morey, a Canton resident, died Sept. 26, 1997 at the age of 88.

Mr. Morey was born May 6, 1909 in Detroit. He was a letter carrier.

He is survived by his daughters, Judith M. Morey of Westland, Pamela J. (Kenneth) Collins of Canton; grandchildren, Kari S. Baden and Eric Y. Baden, both of Canton; and sister Reita Eddy of Detroit.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Thomas P. Eggebeen officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Lung Association, 18860 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48075.

Dominic M. Bommarito, 83, journeyman sheet metalman

Dominic M. Bommarito, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 24, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Erma A. of Plymouth; daughter, Mary Ann (Michael) Mountain of Plymouth; three grandchildren; and one sister.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Helen L. Sutuak, 84, caregiver to the elderly

Helen L. Sutuak, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 26, 1997.

She is survived by three daughters; one son; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

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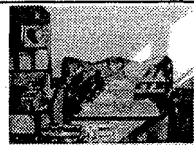
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Beauregard eats Lion's hot dogs and growls at cheese heads.

"BEAT THAT COLD JESS!"
--Love Sally and Dad

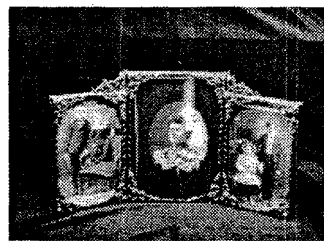
Whatever course you have chosen for yourself, it will not be a chore but an adventure if you bring it to a sense of the glory of surviving...if your sights are set far above merely secure and mediocre -- David Sarnoff

Richie at Roses poses for the Big Boy Statue

Curiosities

Michigan did a nice job of luring MSU into a state of confidence by playing cat & Mouse with Notre Dame (we didn't want them to break their contract with us because of a one sided victory)

The Sandersons are packing--Boo Hoo!



OLD VILLAGE CRAFT FAIR
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A goatee has sprouted on a chin its on a face that's rather thin the wife was excited and tried not to hide it but it was gone before it came in!

Dear Martha et al: Dam! I missed calling you on Sunday! Know you must be enjoying your daughter and granddaughter from Plymouth who have been visiting you. It will make you really homesick when they tell you what wonderful weather we are having. The sun has been shining and the air is just a little crisp. Leaves are beginning to turn and pumpkins are piled outside some of the stores in anticipation of Halloween.

Wish you were here

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The Mc Namaras - You are spoiling us, but we love it. Thank you. Beauragard & Geneva

The family of Beatrice Armstrong would like to thank Everyone for their well wishes & prayers at her passing. It made it much easier to deal with and we will be ever grateful.

Curiosities

Traci Sincock is 40! Ha Ha Ha. Dinner at Bon Homme, earrings: wat will she do for 41?

Rhonda to Mike: "you were right".

David: "it's Bubba's"

Congrats! Rhonda to the new one. J.T.

I didn't see Bryon steal the deal even once during Euchre at Linda's party...

Dorothy Burke - Thinking of you on a late deadline night...

Pattie Carne - Bushels' cafe isn't a secret anymore, now that you've taken "Bigmouth" to lunch there. Thanks, Mike.

Hi, Holly. Love ya. J.T.

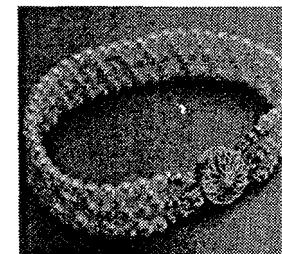
E.K. - you're my baby.

I got the chance to meet Rich's wife and was extremely surprised to find her a lovely & highly intelligent lady- goes to show ya. What is the saying about opposites.

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Sports

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Salem boys golf

The Rocks are 0-4 at Hilltop this season and 4-0 on the road.

The latest defeat to a visiting team came at the hands of Livonia Stevenson, 206-214, on Wednesday. Adam Wilson, Ryan Nimmerguth and Matt Leon each shot 42 for Salem. Matt Runchey and Pat Belvitch shot 44s, and Eric Krueger shot 45. "It was sunny, 70 degrees, just perfect weather. There are no excuses," said Wilson.

Salem rebounded Friday at North Farmington to get a much-needed win over the Raiders, 202-206. Nimmerguth led Salem with a score of 39. Wilson and Runchey shot 41s, and Krueger and Belvitch each recorded a round of 44.

Canton boys soccer

Troy 5, Canton 2 — The game was tied, 2-2, at half. Canton forward Steve Eppley scored both goals for the Chiefs. The Trojans scored early in the second second half, and clung to a one-goal lead before scoring twice within two minutes late in the game. Eppley added another goal, his 10th of the season, for the hat trick. "They were trapping a lot; we had quite a few break-aways, one-on-ones with their keeper, but he stopped them," said Smith.

Canton 9, Westland John Glenn 1 — On Monday (Sept. 22) Eppley recorded his first hat trick of the week, and Scott Wright and Sean Kearny each had two goals.

Canton 9, Farmington Hills Harrison 0 — Ben Davis and Dean Kootz split the shutout and Eppley had two goals.

Canton boys golf

The Chiefs, 7-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division, are still the front-runners in a very competitive conference season.

John Glenn 215, Canton — The score indicates a tie, but it was a loss for the Chiefs. The Rockets won the tiebreaker on the sixth man score. Justin Allen (39) was a medalist for Canton. Ben Tucker and Derek Lineberry shot 43s. Matt Heiss (44) and Brendan Wheeler (46) rounded out Canton's top five.

Canton 219, Farmington Hills Harrison 223 — Lineberry was a medalist for Canton, shooting 41. Tucker shot 43, Erik Arlen 44, Walker 45 and Allen 46.

Canton 227, Walled Lake Western 231 — Lineberry's 44 score was Canton's best. Arlen shot 47 and Tucker shot 48.

Rocks ram Raiders, 21-14

The announcement of the 1997 Homecoming queen wasn't the only drama on the field Friday at the PCEP.

After taking an early 14-0 lead, Salem needed a one-yard run in the fourth quarter by big junior fullback Eric Peterson to win, 21-14, against the previously undefeated North Farmington Raiders.

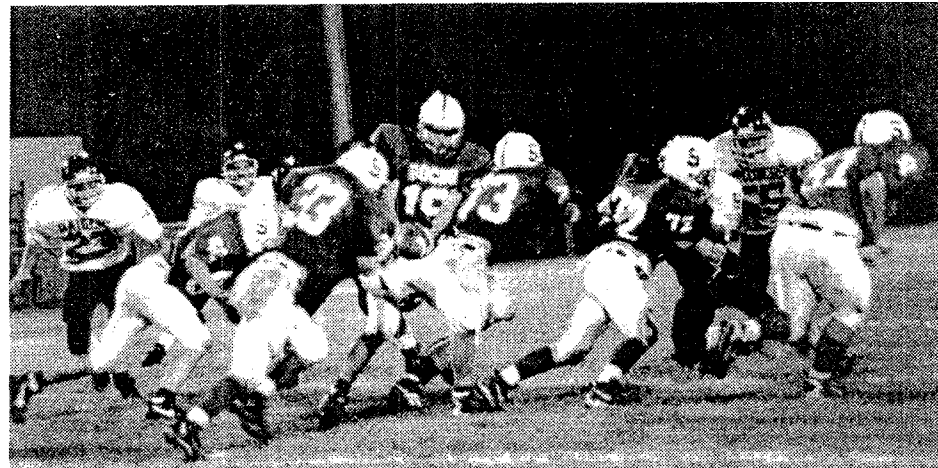
Salem got on the board quick. After taking the opening kickoff to its 27-yard line, quarterback Tony Bernhardt connected on a 75-yard touchdown pass to sophomore running back Jason Lukasik. In order to make the grab, Lukasik had to leap and wrestle the ball away from the Raider defender. "That was a great catch, and a nice pass too; he was covered. It was a great move to catch it," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer.

Salem led, 7-0.

On North Farmington's first possession, the Raiders muffed the snap to the punter, who picked up the ball and was promptly tackled by Salem's Brett Burleson and Anwar Crutchfield.

Three plays later, Peterson scored his first touchdown of the game on a two-yard run. Trailing 14-0, North Farmington fumbled on the second play of its next possession. Salem recovered, and moved the ball inside the Raiders' 10-yard line. That's where the drive stalled, and Salem came away with no points. "If we could've made it 21-0 there, that would've really made it tough on them, not that they couldn't come back, but that's a pretty big deficit," said Moshimer.

The first half ended with Salem still leading, 14-0, but the Raiders returned in the second half with the momentum, seemingly realizing they had escaped cer-



Salem quarterback Tony Bernhardt hands off during the Rocks' 21-14 Homecoming win over North Farmington. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

tain defeat.

After a fine kick return by Kirk Moundros to the 46-yard line, the Raiders moved down the field to score in six plays, capped by Moundros' 17-yard touchdown run. Salem's lead was cut to 14-7.

Salem went three plays and out on its next possession, and punted from deep in its own territory, giving North Farmington excellent field position at Salem's 48-yard line.

The Raiders used nine plays to go 48 yards, ended again with a Moundros scoring run, this time a four-yard scamper with 1:44 left in the third quarter.

But the Rocks quickly broke the 14-14 deadlock. Senior Charlie Schmidt returned the kickoff to Salem's 44-yard line. Then, two plays later, Burleson broke loose for a 44-yard run to the North Farmington 12-yard line.

Peterson's touchdown finished off the

quick scoring drive with a little more than 11 minutes remaining in the game.

Bernhardt finished the game seven for 11 (64 percent) for 110 yards passing and one touchdown. Burleson had 57 yards rushing on nine carries, and Peterson added 29 yards on ground to go with two touchdowns. Salem is 2-2 overall, and 1-1 in conference.

Northville 21, Canton 14 — The Chiefs (0-4) are still looking for their first win of the season following Friday's loss to the Mustangs (2-2).

Northville held at a 7-0 advantage at halftime, and added two more touchdowns in the third quarter to take a commanding 21-0 lead. Canton got on the board compliments of a 65-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Eric Frazer to wide receiver Clinton Harris. Frazer hooked up with Bryon Miller on a 60-yard pass play for Canton's second fourth quarter touchdown.

Salem cagers cruising, improve to 6-1

BY TIM DAVIS

With 25 points, 16 rebounds, and five blocked shots, Amanda Abraham and Andrea Pruett propelled the Salem girls basketball team to a 41-18 victory over Adrian, Saturday.

"We thought we were a little better than them. We did about as well as I thought we

would," coach Fred Thomann said. Entering the third quarter, Salem led, 15-6, and scored 18 points "really locked up the game", he said.

Thursday, Christine Phillips' 16 points and Pruett's excellent rebounding — 13 boards during the game — led the team to a 43-38 victory over Farmington Harrison.

Canton tankers blowout Hawks

BY TIM DAVIS

The Canton girls swimming team made waves in the Western Division with a 104-81 win against Harrison Tuesday.

Excellent times were turned in by Teri Hanson, who finished the 100 meter free style with a time of 55.93 seconds, only two-tenths away from the state record she swam the 200 meter freestyle (2:01.26) which, according to coach Eubanks, is "real close to the state time."

Other first-place times were turned in by the 200 meter freestyle relay team of Jaclyn Bernard, Meagan Dowd, Angie Frost and Teri Hanson, who swam 1:49.69. Dowd matched her best time of last year with 1:08.53 in the 100 meter backstroke.

The girls were swamped by rival Salem Sept. 18, 123.5-62.5. Both first-place times were turned in by Hanson. She scored a state qualifying time (25.58) in the 50 meter freestyle and (1:90) in the 100 meter fly.

The Chiefs' record is 2-2 in dual meets and 1-0 in the Western Division. They are well on their way to coach Sarah Eubanks' goal to repeat as Western Division champs, she says.

"Our greatest strength is depth, but to repeat (as division champs) we need to have every-one step up and swim their hardest," Eubanks said.

This victory over the Hawks, ranked fourth in the league, shows off the hard work that the Rocks have put in this season, Thomann said. The wins on Thursday and Saturday give the Rocks a 6-1 season record and a 2-0 WLAA record, a good start to Thomann's goal of being division and league champs. The greatest strength of the team, according to Thomann, is unity. "The girls have really done a great job working with each other and getting through some hard practices and games," he said.

Thomann was looking to use the team's unity to the Salem's advantage in the match up against Flint Northern Tuesday. Both Flint Northern and Salem have highly skilled players: Salem's Abraham and Flint Northern's Tawana McDonald. Thomann said he expected a tough game and focused strategy on defense. "We're going to pack the defense in and try not to give them room to play," he said.

"My plan is to contain the inside game and hopefully get some scores and a chance to win."

67s do a number on Whaler offense

Ottawa wins, 3-0; Plymouth wins in London Friday, 6-3

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's appropriate the Ottawa 67s wear an "O" on the front of their sweaters. With all the 67s' experience on the blue line, opponents had better get used to seeing a goose egg on the scoreboard, too.

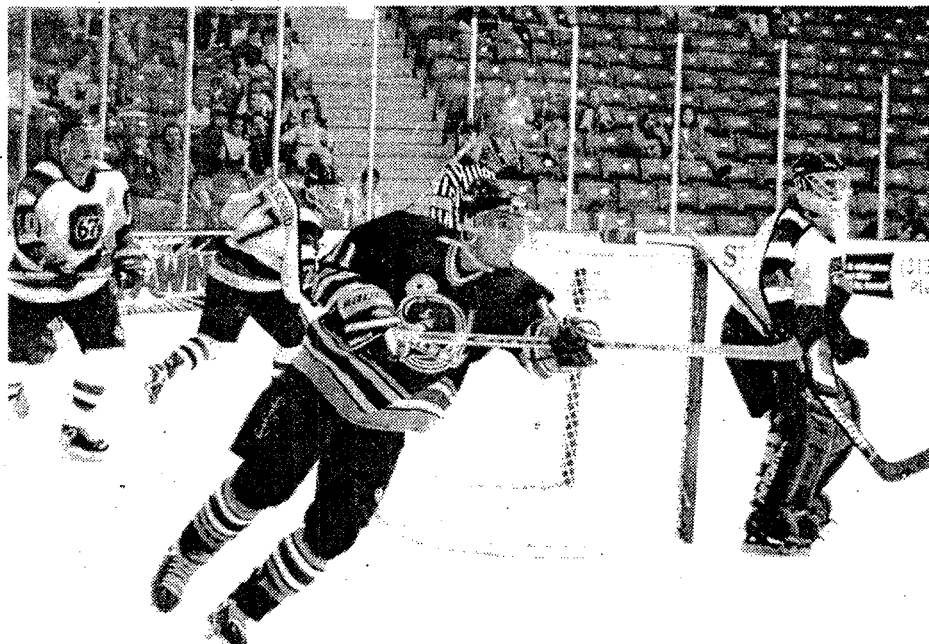
Such was the case for Plymouth Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena. Ottawa gave the Whalers limited scoring chances and backup goaltender Seamus Kotyk stopped all 20 shots he faced on the way to a 3-0 win over Plymouth.

"The first thing you have to say is Ottawa has another great team," said

Whalers Head Coach/General Manager Peter DeBoer. "They returned all of their defenseman from last year, and last year they had the best defense in the league. I don't think we played our best game, but I think you've got to give Ottawa some credit for making us look bad."

The game played before 2,678 marked the return of Whaler goaltender Robert Esche; he spent the last several weeks at the Phoenix Coyotes' training camp. Esche was sharp, making 24 saves.

The game was a scoreless tie until midway through the second period when
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Plymouth rookie forward Daye Legwand rounds the Ottawa net Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Legwand, who had a hat trick the previous night in London, was held scoreless. But so were the rest of his teammates. Ottawa, who posted the best record in the OHL last season, won the game, 3-0. (Crier photo, R. Alwood Jr.)

Cadotte traded to London

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Plymouth Whalers on Monday traded veteran center and leading scorer Mark Cadotte to division rival London for a fourth-round draft pick in 1998.

According to Plymouth Head Coach/General Manager Peter DeBoer, the trade was made to make room for the likely return this week of overagers Andrew Taylor and Joel Trottier from their respective American Hockey League

clubs.

OHL rules stipulate teams can only have two players 20 years or older on the roster. The same rule applies for underagers (16 year olds) and European players. "I think the offer might have rushed things more too," DeBoer said.

The fourth round pick could be used in a trade for a premier OHL defenseman in the coming weeks; the Whalers have only
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BARRIE	1	2	1	1-2-1	3
NORTH BAY	1	3	1	1-3-1	3
SUDBURY	1	4	0	1-4-1	2

WHALERS STATISTICS

Season leaders:
Goals- Mark Cadotte (6)
Assists-Boulerice, Druken (3)
Points- Cadotte (7)
Penalty Minutes-Parthenais (21)
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CATCH OF THE DAY
Forward Mark Cadotte, who was traded Monday to London, had a hat trick in Friday's 6-3 win over the Knights. One of the goals was scored shorthanded.

UPCOMING GAMES:
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Salem, Stevenson soccer battle to 1-1 tie

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was close, just like everyone expected. So close, in fact, that the Salem-Livonia Stevenson soccer showdown didn't produce a winner for the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division crown.

The teams tied, 1-1.

"I'm content with it," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, "because they have a confer-

ence loss and another tie."

Stevenson scored first, eight minutes into the first half.

But Salem started the second half with a bang, and finally cashed in on one of several opportunities when Rob Zdrodowski got a hold of a loose ball and blasted into the back of the Stevenson net.

Salem junior goaltender Jeremy Finley was outstanding in net, especially in the

game's first 10 minutes when he made several key plays fending off a Spartan offensive onslaught. "He played terrific," said McCarthy.

In other action last week, Salem beat Brighton, 3-1, on Saturday and Walled Lake Western, 11-1.

Forward striker Brett Konley had five goals in those two games, to give him a team-leading 18 goals this season.

Cross Country teams up and down

Northville's 27-30 victory over the Canton girls cross country team at Cass Benton Thursday dropped the Chiefs to 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

The loss effectively knocks Canton, one of the conference's perennial powerhouses, out of title contention. It's a peculiar situation for the Chiefs.

"We're certainly not used to being in this position. The girls are faced with a situation they haven't faced before," said Canton coach George Przygodski.

"We've talked about it. I certainly hope we remain focused. Everything's relative. Some years you play for championships, other years you don't."

Senior Jamie Vergari led Canton with a time of 21:21, good for second place. Senior Lori Schmidt came in third at 21:37. Sarah Rucinski was fourth, finishing in 21:39, and Sarah O'Rourke came in 10th

with a time of 23:05. Terra Kolbert took 11th with a time of 23:05, and Nicole Schilk was one place back at 23:10. Canton is 3-2 overall.

CANTON BOYS CC

It just may be Northville's year after all. The Mustangs (3-0, Western Division) beat Canton, 24-32, Thursday, its first win over the Chiefs since 1985.

"Everybody always talks about strategies in cross country, I say it's really simple: you beat your runner," said Canton coach Mike Spitz. "And that's what Northville did to us."

Shaun Moore finished second for Canton in 17:23.

Jerry Reynolds was fifth in 18:07. Brian Boyd placed sixth with a time of 18:33.

Joe Niemiec was 20 second behind in eighth place. Taggart Anderson took 11th for Canton with a time of 19:11.

Canton is 2-3 overall and 2-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

SALEM BOYS CC

Ho-Hum. Another week, two more first-place finishes for the Rocks, who are 5-0 overall and 3-0 in the Lakes Division.

Salem defeated Farmington Thursday, 17-44, at Cass Benton.

Dave Rowe led Canton with a first-place time of 18:27. Trevor Davis took sec-

ond for Salem with a time of 18:39. Adam Barbara was third in 18:40.

Theron Stinar finished in 18:45, good for fifth place. Andy Briggs took sixth with a time of 18:47.

Donnie Warner was seventh with a time of 18:59.

On Saturday, the Rocks won the seven-team Crestwood Invitational with 38 points. Host Crestwood was second with 46.

Salem's Nick Allen took second with a time of 16:43.

Junior Jon Little (16:50) was fourth, Matt Arlen (17:50) ninth, Bobby Cushman (17:53) 11th, Rowe (17:54) 12th, Davis (18:04) 17th and Barbara (18:07) 18th.

Whaler trade

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one player, Troy Smith, with more than one year's experience on the blue line. "Bottom line: it (the trade) addresses a weakness," said DeBoer.

Cadotte, an assistant captain the past two seasons, was a team leader because of his willingness to challenge opponents much bigger than his 5-foot-9, 175-pound frame.

He also is one of the fastest skaters in the OHL, and scored 28 goals in 66 games in 1996-97. Cadotte had seven points in four games this season, including a hat trick against London Friday.

Because he was traded to the Knights, Cadotte, will see his former team six times this season. "Obviously, we would've like to trade him outside of the division, but it's something we've got to live with," DeBoer said.

Players gathered to wish Cadotte farewell Monday night.

"He's been my best friend for over a year now along with (Whaler forward) Jesse Boulerice. It's a big loss. We love him dearly. But Pete DeBoer is our coach, and me and Jesse are behind him 100 percent," said Whaler goaltender Robert Esche.

Cadotte said he enjoyed his time in Plymouth, but he's also looking forward to the opportunities awaiting him in London. "It is sad, but you try to take the positive out of things," Cadotte said.

He was asked if his on-ice aggressiveness would lead to a confrontation with Boulerice, who is considered the OHL's premier fighter. "I won't be looking for Boulerice, I know that," Cadotte said.

"...both of those guys are a few sandwiches short of picnic, so you never know," Esche said.

"But when they step off the ice, they'll still be friends."

ROCK INVITATIONAL RESULTS:

1. Ann Arbor Pioneer — 236
2. Livonia Stevenson — 234.5
3. Salem — 166
4. Birmingham Seaholm — 157.5

Ottawa shutouts Plymouth

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Ottawa center Steve Bell snapped a shot from the left circle which beat Esche high, on the stick side. That's all Ottawa needed. Goals by Dan Tessier and Dan Tudin before the midway mark of the third period put the game on ice for the 67s.

Plymouth's defense rose to the occasion, however. The Whalers' blue line contingent — pegged by some media and league observers as suspect — played its best game of the season, allowing few odd-man rushes or breakaways.

But Plymouth's forwards didn't provide much help. Playing without Yuri Babenko, Steven Wasylo and Andrew Taylor, Plymouth managed five shots on goal in the opening period and eight in the second. The forwards were also lethargic in their backchecking duties. "We just couldn't get anything going offensively," said DeBoer.

Ottawa pressed the Plymouth zone throughout the first period, but came away unrewarded. It wasn't until the second period goal by Bell, set up by defenseman Brian Campbell at 12:15, that Ottawa was able to solve Esche and the Whaler defense. "They're a heck of a hockey team," said DeBoer.

Plymouth 6, London 3 — Whaler net-minder Stevie Lyle (41 saves) earned his first OHL victory and Plymouth evened its

season series with London at 1-1 with a three-goal win Friday at the Ice House.

Mark Cadotte and rookie forward Dave Legwand each had a hat trick for Plymouth, who jumped out to a 4-0 second period lead. The Knights outshot the Whalers, 44-23. Two Plymouth goals came while London was on the power play.

The Whalers' win spoiled London's chance to start 2-0 for the first time since 1993. The game featured a disturbing fight in which Whaler right wing Jesse Boulerice pummeled Knights rookie defenseman Jarl Ygranes. Ygranes, whose eye reportedly was swollen shut from a punch, didn't return after the second period fight.

Whale Tales:

The game at London was the first road trip for the Whale Watchers, the club's official fan club...

Esche, who appeared in one game for Phoenix, a 4-2 loss to Anaheim Sept. 18, reportedly turned down a contract to return to Plymouth...

This Friday from 7:30-9 p.m. the public will be given a chance to "Skate With The Whalers" at CSA. A \$5 donation is asked at the door with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth Community United Way...

Legwand is tied for OHL lead in goal by a rookie with five.

On deck

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All tee times 3 p.m. Today at Franklin. Friday at Hilltop vs. Canton.

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All games at 4 p.m. Today at home vs. Walled Lake Central. Tuesday is the WLAA meet.



Community opinions

P-C-N: banking center of western Wayne

In its hey day, Plymouth served as the market center for trade as far east as Telegraph Road, as far west as New Hudson, as far south as Belleville and as far north as Farmington.

At first, milling was the thrust.

Then the railroad brought new emphasis to serving travelers, handling goods and retailing.

Windmills gave way to BB guns by the turn of the century, and manufacturing became important.

Each of those functions of the economy — agriculture, transportation and manufacturing — spurred related economic growth.

The Daisy Manufacturing Company was selling BB guns so fast, the presses at the Plymouth Mail were humming all night long to print the targets that came with each gun and the Daisy employees started their own credit union. Many businesses thrived from Daisy payday to Daisy payday.

Then, Daisy left for Arkansas in 1957.

The Plymouth-Canton Community was stunned. But soon other manufacturing was to follow — Western Electric, Burroughs (had opened in 1938 and is now Unisys) and Ford Sheldon Road (opened in 1967) stepped up to take advantage of the community's workforce in a growing economy.

Town diversified in the 1950s, the 1960s and the 1970s. By the 1980s, the role of agriculture and the railroads was noticeably diminished.

During all of this, the role of Plymouth as a financial center changed dramatically.

The Daisy employe credit union decided to remain by becoming Community Federal Credit Union. It grew steadily, but slowly until the late 1970s.

In the mid 1970s, the National Bank of Detroit shifted its emphasis to being part of a regional bank. Until then, it had grown by combining other banks here and was a dominant force in lending to Canton farmers and downtown Plymouth businesses.

NBD moved its Plymouth headquarters onto Sheldon Road and gradually emptied its old, "bank looking" offices on Main Street at Penniman. Earlier this year, they announced the branch would close. After an uproar, NBD said it will keep the location but use it other than as a general banking branch. (Details are forthcoming, but original speculation centered around a "private personal banking" use.)

A new upstart — First National Bank of Plymouth — set up shop in 1974 to emphasize local banking. By the 1980s, this bank (as First of America, Plymouth) became the major local banking rival to NBD. Then, as happened with banking generally, its parent, First of America, turned to a regional banking approach. The parent also acquired Wayne Bank and Security Bank, both of which had strong roles in Canton.

Meanwhile, Community Federal Credit Union continued to grow and opened Northville and Canton offices. (It also adopted a credit union in Gaylord with offices in Atlanta, Hillman and Lewiston and is now growing there into a new office in Gaylord for the third time.) It's now a \$150 million financial player.

CFCU's headquarters had moved from Main Street to Harvey Street into the former St. John's Episcopal Church. Enlarging and remodeling there twice could not accommodate the growth and plans were announced last year to begin construction of a 25,000-square-foot, \$3 million headquarters on Harvey Street.

The new building — a major shot in the arm to downtown Plymouth — opened Sept. 22.

Meanwhile, two groups — one in Dearborn and one in Hamtramck — began to revisit the "old" idea of how well community banking had worked in The Plymouth-Canton Community in the past.

Community Bank of Dearborn, led by the 40-year-veteran car dealer chairman Jack Demmer, and president Mike Ross looked at a northwestern banking move from its Dearborn roots. After toying with a Northville location, they settled on a Plymouth Township site — a nickel's throw from the Northville Township border. Denis Nissel, a veteran Northville banker had been manager of Community Bank's second office in Dearborn and has now moved back "home."

Peoples State Bank in Hamtramck had been slowly and quietly expanding into the Macomb County area. As Mike Weaver watched his First of America base turn regional, he talked to his father — a board member at Peoples. Those discussions led Peoples to look at expanding community banking in its home base of Wayne County. Two other FOA veterans — Margaret Slezak and Bill Graham — and a Plymouth Manufacturers Bank-Comerica veteran, Dick Bachman also joined Peoples.

The summer of 1997 will, as a result, be



St. John's Episcopal Church returned to the old CFCU (right) for a final service at the site that served as its home (above, c. 1954). The credit union remains part of the community in a new, \$3 million building. (Photos, Sue O'Connor, and "Pictures of Plymouth Past & Present" by Sam Hudson.)



Note the similarities: Wayne County's Peoples State Bank (above) and Community Bank (below) moved to Plymouth and had grand openings at the same time with dollar banners and well known local bankers (Crier photos, R. Alwood, Jr.)



known as the time when Plymouth was "discovered" as a major financial center.

Last week, both Community Bank of Dearborn (44623 Five Mile Rd. in Sheldon Place Mall), and Peoples State Bank ("temporarily" housed at 245 N. Main St. in Charlestowne Square) completed their grand opening celebrations and Community Federal Credit Union opened for business in its new headquarters (at 500 S. Harvey St.).

Three major financial developments culminated in one week. (Another glimmer also surfaced last week — Republic Bank has discussed opening a general banking center in addition to its mortgage operation

across from Plymouth City Hall.)

Many other financial institutions serving The Plymouth-Canton Community:

Michigan National Bank • Republic Bank Mortgage • Standard Federal • Old Kent • Comerica • Plymouth Council Credit Union • First Federal of Michigan • Tel Com Credit Union • USA Federal Credit Union (Unisys employes)

The Plymouth-Canton Community is definitely gaining prominence as the major financial center of western Wayne County.

It's great news for all businesses here.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER





Community opinions

Memo to the Mayflower, City

MEMO: Oct. 1, 1997

TO: Matt Karmo, Mayflower Hotel Owner
 Ron Loiselle, Mayor of Plymouth
 City Commissioners
 Steve Walters, City Manager

FROM: At least 100 folks who asked this week

TOPIC: WHEN?!?!?!?!!

Nothing — and I mean, nothing — has occurred at the Mayflower Hotel other than stripping the place.

Originally, the exterior work was to be started LAST YEAR.

Here's a quote: "I'm skeptical it (the whole project) will be done by Sept. 30... these kind of jobs always take longer." (That's what Walters said on July 23rd.)

Maybe he meant "STARTED" not "DONE BY"!

Granted, everything takes longer and costs more.

Karmo said yesterday that the original \$2 million price tag is now around \$4 million.

Also on July 23rd, Karmo said he'd be submitting the plans to get under way.

Those plans were approved by the City three weeks ago now, but nobody from the Mayflower has stopped by to pick them up.

Does this sound like a business that's in as much of a hurry as it says it is?

And Mr. Mayor.... the commission stipulated that construction would be completed "ON OR ABOUT SEPT. 30, 1997."

For the edification of the commission and the city manager, that was yesterday.

Well?!?!?!???

With malice
toward none



Construction isn't even starting yet. Get the taxes back. Karmo said yesterday that with re-bidding going on and the length of time it will take, the hotel renovations won't be complete by the 43rd Fall Festival (1998).

But, he continues to maintain, "We are committed to this renovation."

Yeah, so is town.

Not only is the shuttered hotel dining room-saloon-meeting rooms a blow to downtown business, but the hulking PR mess is even worse. (Especially across from the shuttered Amoco station.)

After months-years of hearing that work will start soon, one local political watcher told a city official, "The Fire Department should station a man there full time." Strong and scary humor.

But typical of how comments have gotten harsher as no progress at the Mayflower Hotel is seen. As if the City Commission didn't draw harsh criticism from businesses that paid their taxes and didn't get a tax gift.

Mr. Mayor: please expect this topic to pop up during your re-election campaign. (Don Dismuke too.)

Matt: your approved plans are gathering dust at City Hall.

Steve Walters: WELL?!?!?!?! Is the hotel like paving on Ann Arbor Trail — in time zones unto themselves? When DOES the city call the question?

Everybody who asked: don't ask us, call 453-1620.

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Need a reason to make a contribution to the Plymouth United Way's fund drive this year? How about several: American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter; Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts of America; First Step; Growth Works; Huron Valley Girl Scout Council; Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute; Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Plymouth Community Family YMCA; Plymouth Family Service; Plymouth Opportunity House; Plymouth Salvation Army; Senior Citizens Club of Plymouth; Visiting Nurse Association of Michigan. Other United Way sponsored agencies are: The ARC Michigan; American Lung Association; Autism Society of Michigan; Children's Charter of the Courts; Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan; Citizens for Better Care; Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan; Kenny Foundation; Mental Health Association of Michigan; Michigan Association for the Deaf, Hearing & Speech Services; Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders; Michigan Council on Crime & Delinquency; Michigan League for Human Services; Michigan Legal Services; National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependence; National Kidney Foundation of Michigan; National Multiple Sclerosis Society, MI Chapter; Paws With A Cause; United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan.

Is that reason enough?

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