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Ypsilanti man killed in Canton hit-and-run

Police pursue leads from debris at scene

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A 28-year old Ypsilanti man was killed by a hit-and-run driver late Saturday, according to Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske.

Schemanske said Ronald Glen Cowans had apparently been riding a bicycle east-bound on Michigan Avenue near Beck Road when he was struck by an unknown vehicle that fled the scene without reporting the crash.

Cowans was thrown about 100 feet from his silver mountain bike.

"We believe it happened Saturday night. He was employed at a security firm and was scheduled to work at Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road at

11 p.m.," said Canton Police Det. Bill Keppen. "His manager said that he was always right on time, so we placed the accident at shortly before 11 p.m."

Cowans was discovered at about 9:30 Sunday morning by a passing motorist, who called Canton Police from a nearby Burger King restaurant, according to Keppen, who is the head of Canton Public Safety's Accident Reconstruction Team

(ART).

"It's unlikely that somebody would have seen him during the night," he said. "He was about six feet away from the road, and someone would have to be looking very closely to see him."

Keppen said he did not know the exact time of Cowan's death, or how fast the vehicle was travelling when it struck Cowan.

'It's unlikely that somebody would have seen him during the night. (They) would have to be looking very closely.'

**Det. Bill Keppen
Canton Police**

"These are things that we will only know after an extended investigation," he said.

After investigating the scene, the ART determined that the suspect vehicle is a 1989 Ford Aerostar van of unknown color.

"We know that from the debris at

the scene," he said.

Keppen said the vehicle is likely to have damage to the grill area and windshield, as well as damage to the passenger side mirror and windshield wiper.

Police are following leads in the investigation, and asked that anyone with any information about the suspect vehicle or driver to call the Canton Public Safety Department at 397-5316.



It was early in the day and early in the carving process when Japanese sculptor Eiji Suezawa leaned in with his chainsaw at last year's International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Some of the competitors at this year's spectacular, which begins next Wednesday, will head to Japan for Olympic ice carving events. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

16th Plymouth International Ice Spectacular beings next week

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

An eerie glow will be lighting up Kellogg Park at night in downtown Plymouth. Strange sawing and scraping noises may make you wonder if the next 'Scream' sequel is being filmed right here in town.

The 16th Annual Plymouth International Ice Spectacular begins next Wednesday. Ice carvers from all over the world will be in town to compete with their frosty designs.

"Our biggest excitement is that some of the carvers that have been with us in years

past will be heading to the 1998 Olympics in Nagano, Japan," said Mike Watt, Ice Spectacular Chairperson.

Other highlights include the Farmer Jack's "Walk on the wild side" Fantasyland and the Bud Ice "24-Hour Light Show," which will keep sculptures colorfully lit.

A warming room at the Masonic Lodge will provide a selection of treats catered by Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts. Hot soups, drinks and more will help visitors warm up.

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Rev. Rod Reinhart sets AIDS awareness agenda for '98

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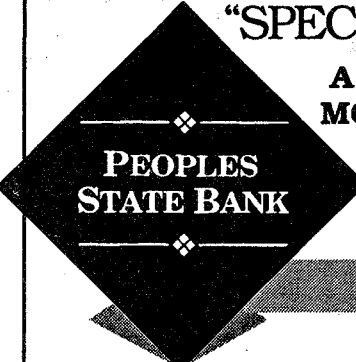
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Canton Gymnastics wins quad meet, Salem takes third

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Plymouth Twp. Police:

New Chief arrives

BY BRYON MARTIN

It was a day for getting acquainted, and also for getting down to business.

Monday was the first day on the job for Lawrence Carey, Plymouth Township's new chief of police.

Going from meeting to meeting, Carey spent the day not only meeting and greeting those he will work with, but getting to the issues he'll address as the township's top cop.

"They've done a commendable job here," Carey said of his department predecessors. "My goal is to improve on that excellence."

Carey joins the township force after a 28-year career with the City of Troy's police department.

"He brings a wealth of knowledge to the community," said Lt. Robert Smith of the PTPD. Smith was among the candidates considered for the position as chief, which former chief Carl Berry left last spring. Plymouth Township's Board of Trustees approved Carey for the job Nov. 18.

Smith, who headed the department as acting chief until Carey's arrival, said his role has shifted to one of support. "My job now is to act as a resource."

Learning the department's policies and procedures history are part of Carey's acclimation; learning the political ropes that tie the department to the township board and community will be, too.

Carey said his experiences at Troy will help as he settles into his new spot.

"Troy had the same operating philosophy," he said, "a similar method of police work." It's an approach to community service focused on problem solving.

"But there's a difference between having the attitude that you want to help solve problems, and having the resources to do so," he said.

The township department now has about 20 officers on duty; Troy's department had about 135.

While Troy's population exceeds Plymouth Township's by about 57,000 (Troy at 80,000; the Township at 23,000), the town-



LAWRENCE CAREY

ship's growth is "glaring," he said.

During the nearly three decades that Carey policed Troy, the city's growth was reflected in the police: a roughly 30-officer department became a 135-officer force.

"A growing period for the township should be a growing time for the township police, too," he said.

How he manages the departmental expansion that could come to the township would reflect not only the resources trustees give him, but the wishes of the community, he said.

And as he sat in his new office amid boxes not yet unpacked, a member of the community was already calling to express one of those wishes: former chief Berry phoned in his support.

With the new job on his mind, as well as the coming marriage of one of his two sons, and an imminent relocation — Carey and his wife Betty have bid on a house in the Township — a little support just might come in handy.

Roberta Orr, 'Queen of Old Village' dies at 81

Roberta Orr, at one time hailed as the "Queen of Old Village," has died.

Along with her husband, Milton, Mrs. Orr co-owned Bill's Market on Starkweather during the time that Lower Town was renamed Old Village and businesses and residents there began promoting the historic district.

"They were always very supportive," remembered Fran Hennings, the retired Crier advertising consultant who also helped promote the fledgling Old Village. One of the first projects for the "new" Old Village was beautification. "Roberta and Milton had that mural painted on the wall of Bill's to add to the beauty of Old Village," Hennings said.

Mrs. Orr died Dec. 31 at the age of 81.

She came to the Plymouth Community in 1937, and operated Bill's from 1954 to 1986. She was a member of the Nomads Flying Group, a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge 780 and a former member of the Eastern Star Northville Chapter.

Mrs. Orr is survived by her sister, Barbara (Harry) Morgan of Livonia; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Arrangments were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Klump officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland. Memorial Contributions can be given to Angela Hospice.

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The Community Crier staff will choose an outstanding act of kindness and present a \$50 reward to the kind person, and \$25 each to the runners-up. So if you know somebody who deserves a reward, let us know, who knows, maybe together we can help start new habits. We need to receive your nominations by January 21st to be considered for the January page.

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Schedule of Repairs

proposed for
The City of
Plymouth's
1998 street
repaving project

Lines correspond to those on the map, and indicate divisions of the repair project. Pairs of dates listed are for the projected start and end of work on each division.

START:

April 27

COMPLETE:

June 27

STREETS:

N. Main St.
Church to N. Mill
S. Main St.
Ann Arbor Rd. to Wing St.

START:

July 13 - Aug. 13

COMPLETE:

Sept. 26 - Oct 17

STREETS:

Starkweather
N. Main to Wilcox

Dunn

Pearl
Starkweather to N. Mill

Spring
Starkweather to N. Mill

Liberty
Amelia to N. Mill

Church
Penniman to S. Main

Harvey
Wing to Penniman

Wing
S. Harvey to Deer

START:

April 20 - Aug. 3

COMPLETE:

June 19 - Oct. 2

STREET:

Blanche
Sheldon to Adams

START:

April 20 - Aug. 17

COMPLETE:

June 19 - Oct. 16

STREETS:

Goldsmith

Junction

N. Evergreen

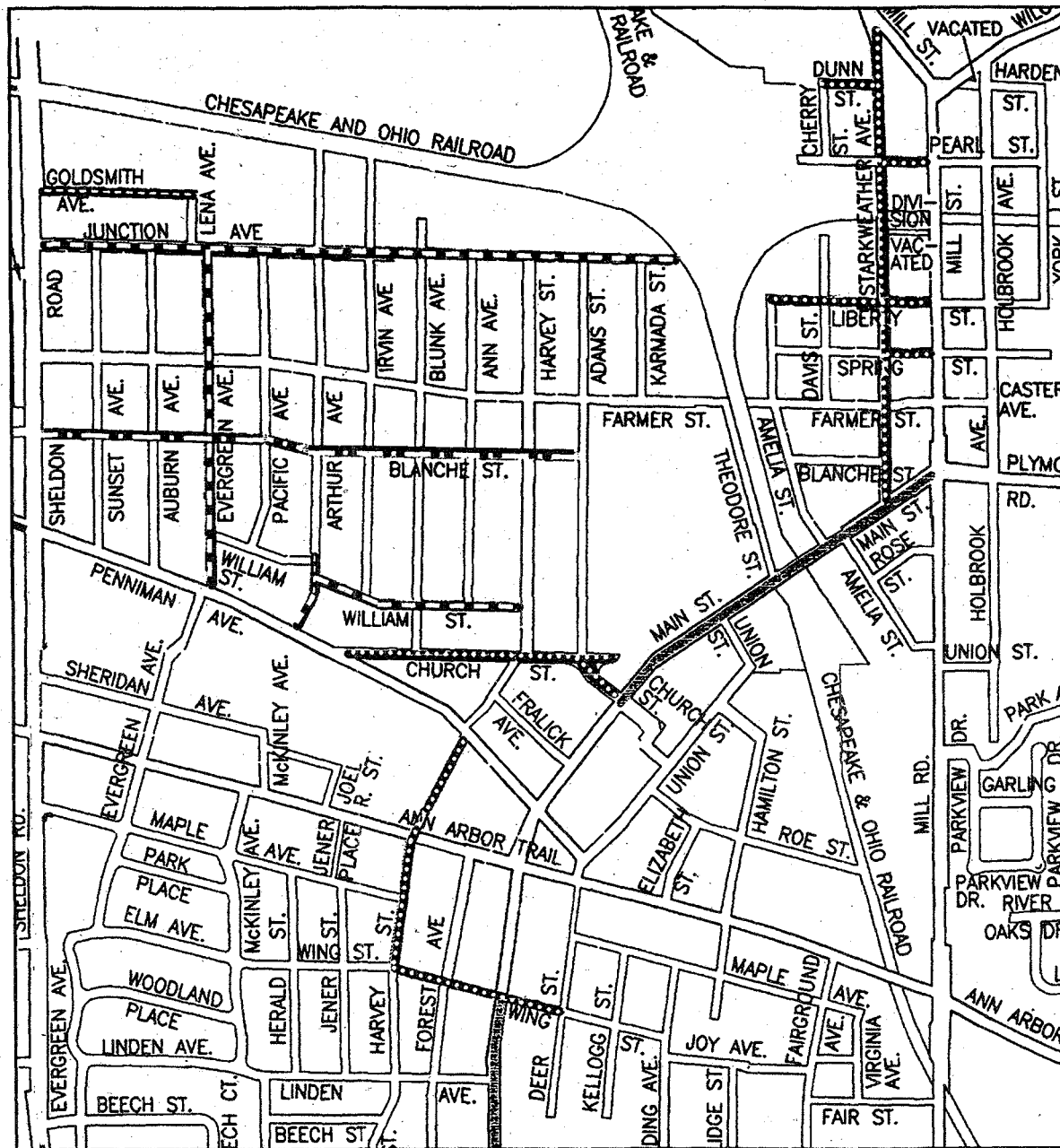
Penniman to Junction

Arthur

Penniman to William

William

Arthur to N. Harvey



Map shows streets in The City of Plymouth where a 20-year repaving project is scheduled to continue this summer. Work along Main Street continues south to Ann Arbor Road.

The City of Plymouth:

Back to the streets

Schedule, changes proposed for next round of repairs

BY BRYON MARTIN

Following near-60 degree temperatures, it's no wonder that spring was on the minds of Plymouth's City Commission at their meeting Monday night.

Their inspiration was not the balmy weather, however, but another phenomenon associated with warmer months — road repairs.

The Commission announced a tentative schedule for year two of its 20-year paving project, which will resurface all of the streets in The City of Plymouth.

And while this may be a springtime inspiration for the commission, it's also a source of public perspiration, according to Commissioner David McDonald.

"Many people in The City of Plymouth have sweaty palms about road construction," he said, referring to the first year of the project, which began last year.

A busy construction season and numerous complications plagued the project, most explicitly illustrated by the work done to Ann Arbor Trail, between Main and Mill streets. Traffic was rerouted as work was done, which lasted from late May until September.

Water mains were broken and other utility lines were struck during the rebuilding of the Trail's road

bed. Saxtons, O&D Bush Jewlers and other businesses along that stretch of the Trail said they lost money during the project, due to both water damage and limited access from the road to their stores. Public criticism of the City centered for months on the Trail repairs.

McDonald said he wanted assurances that such a quagmire could be avoided in the project's next phase. "I need to be educated on lessons learned going into the second round."

This year's schedule of repairs is broken into four divisions:

Division 1: North and South Main Street

Division 2: Starkweather, Dunn, Pearl, Spring, Liberty, Church, Harvey and Wing.

Division 3: Blanche.

Division 4: Goldsmith, Junction, N. Evergreen, Arthur and William.

According to the proposed schedule, work on the first division would run from April 27 — June 27; Division 2, July 13 — Aug. 3.; Division 3, April 20 — Aug. 3; Division 4, April 20 — Aug. 17.

Repair costs are estimated at about \$485,000 to \$638,000 each, with a total of about \$2.3 million for

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Plymouth Canton schools Adult Education will begin registration for second semester classes for new credit students. Paid students can begin registration Jan. 12. All registration will take place at Starkweather Education Center, 550 N. Holbrook. Classes will begin Jan. 26.
- Wednesday, the Northville Senior Citizens Center begins its Body Workout exercise class. The class will run through Saturday, Feb. 6, 10 - 11 a.m. Cost is \$18, or \$3 per session for drop-ins. Pre-registration is required. Call (248) 349-4140.
- Thursday, the Plymouth Historical Museum begins its first in a special series of Civil War presentations, "A Day in the Life of a Civil War Soldier." Rob Webb of 17th Michigan Infantry will speak. Call for show time.

NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday, Plymouth's International Ice Sculpture Spectacular begins in Kellogg Park. Ice sculptures, competitively carved by artisans from around the state, the country and the world, will be on display downtown until Jan. 19.

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Plymouth's International Ice Sculpture Spectacular kicks off next Wednesday; for a map, schedule and list of what's new, pull out The Crier's event GUIDE in week's paper.

Canton Public Safety closer to ALS services

Department could begin charging for ambulance services to pay for costly ALS training

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Public Safety is one step closer to implementing a proposed Advanced Life Support program (ALS), according to Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

The program, proposed earlier this year, could provide additional training for interested fire personnel, Rorabacher said.

Canton's Public Safety Department has been gathering information, such as the cost and length of training and sources of funding, as well as determining how many firefighters would be interested in the training, Rorabacher said.

"We're right on schedule," he said. "Now we need to evaluate the information we've received and prepare proposals."

Public Safety will solicit bids from area schools that provide ALS training, such as Schoolcraft College, Huron Valley

Ambulance Service and Emergency Education, Inc. (EEI) in Detroit, Rorabacher said.

The training will enable firefighters to provide additional life support services before victims are transported — or while they are en route — to hospitals, he said.

"We have two firefighters who have received ALS training and another 15 interested in the program," Rorabacher said.

The cost of the intensive, 600-hour program ranges from \$1,300 - \$2,000 per person, a sum that will come mainly from Public Safety's budget.

The range in prices depends on the expertise certain schools offer, Rorabacher said.

"If one school offers better instruction in some areas than another school it may justify spending an additional \$200," he said. "That's just one of the things we'll have to find out.

It's a substantial investment."

Public Safety is also seeking additional sources of funding, such as a grant offered through Annapolis Hospital which would pay for up to \$5,000 of the training, Rorabacher said. St. Joseph Mercy and Annapolis Hospital have also volunteered to provide free cardiac training, a state requirement not included in basic ALS courses, Rorabacher said.

"We're looking for all kinds of help from various parts of the community," he said. "The hospitals are willing to do their share as well."

Another way Public Safety is looking for support from the community is by beginning to charge for ambulance trips.

Now the only community in Wayne county that does not charge patients for ambulance runs, Canton could begin to charge within a

month, according to Tony Minghine, Canton Finance Director.

The runs, which will cost \$200 for residents and \$300 for non-residents, will be paid primarily by insurance companies, and will provide extra funding for ALS services and other services within the Public Safety Department, Minghine said.

Residents without insurance will be able to pay a smaller fee, depending on their financial circumstances, Minghine said.

Rorabacher said that after gathering all the information and selecting the school that best accommodates Public Safety's needs for training, he hopes to have additional ALS personnel on staff by late 1998 or earlier 1999.

"The course itself takes about nine months to complete," he said. "We want to make sure we take this process nice and slow, so we get the best possible quality out of it."

Canton Trustees to discuss roads takeover

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Board of Trustees will meet this month to discuss taking over jurisdiction of the township's roads, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

Yack said that Finance Director Tony Minghine is scheduled to meet with Cameron Priebe, Wayne County director of roads in early January to discuss questions

such as where road funds come from, where they are used and how they are allocated.

"We're still gathering information," he said.

All are questions Canton has asked of the county on several occasions, including Freedom of Information Act requests that the county ignored, Yack said.

"They weren't willing to answer the questions before, but now it appears they are," he said. "They're sincere about wanting us to take over, and we're sincere about wanting to."

Gaining jurisdiction of the township's roads would require the township to take responsibility for all facets of road development and maintenance, Yack said. The township would be responsible for paving

and maintaining roads as well as services such as snow removal.

Plante-Moran, the firm that completed the township's mid-decade census, is gathering information from surrounding communities about the cost of snow removal, Yack said.

"We need to know how much it costs to remove snow from every street, from primary streets and from secondary streets," Yack said. "We want to know exactly what we're getting into."

Yack said that even if Canton gains jurisdiction over its roads, the county will still be responsible for several projects that should have been completed already, he said.

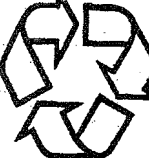
Improvements along Canton Center Roads, the development of Morton Taylor

Road from Ford to Warren, and the widening of the Cherry Hill-Lilley intersection are all projects that the county will retain responsibility for, Yack said.

"They said they are willing to continue those projects," he said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

Although Yack expected some response by the end of 1997, he said the process was slowed by the holidays and both sides wanting to ensure they knew what they were getting into.

"It's a big decision, and the board will make the final decision," he said. "We want to provide as much information as possible so we're going a little slow. We want to be sure it's a good deal, or at least make sure both sides know what the deal is."



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Those are the breaks

Four City water mains rupture in one month

BY LINDA KOCHANEK

Four water main breaks in the City of Plymouth have raised anxieties over water loss, but according to Paul Sincock, Director of Municipal Services, there isn't need for concern.

"It's not that unusual," Sincock said. "Weather, water pressure and age of the system are all factors. Compared to cities like Westland, who have almost 300 breaks a year, we do rather well."

Prevention of such incidents requires regular maintenance on the system, he said.

"We'll have it happen no matter when we do it, because of the age of the system."

Ann Arbor Trail's 12" inch line burst last Friday leaving residents and businesses without water for seven hours.

"It obviously was a pretty substantial

flow," he said. "We had to close the street for several hours while crews made repairs and installed a three-foot replacement section."

If you see the streets fill with water, Sincock said, "The best thing to do is give us a call. Either the Municipal Services (In the

City of Plymouth) or the Department of Public Works (In the Township) depending on where you live."

After a break is discovered you may end up without water for awhile.

"Generally we let people know in

advance that we are going to be turning it off," said Sincock. "We try to keep any inconvenience to a minimum."

EDITOR'S NOTE: See Community Opinions, pages 22-23, for Tired of the tide, a letter to the editor with a business person's perspective on The City of Plymouth's recent rash of busted water mains.

'It's not that unusual. Weather, water pressure and age of the system are all factors.'

Paul Sincock
 Municipal Service Director

Planners OK medical building

Haggerty Road facility would replace smaller Ford Road center

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Despite traffic and parking concerns, the Canton Township Planning Commission voted unanimously Monday to approve special land use for a new medical office building on Haggerty Road, just north of Ford Road.

The building, proposed by the Henry Ford Health System (HFHS), would be located within the I-275 Commerce Park Condominium, an office park that includes other office-type buildings such as Yazaki North American.

Bert Koseck, construction consultant with Neumann/Smith & Associates, said the building would replace the medical facility on Ford just west of Lilley.

"We began looking for land to expand about five years ago," said Gwen Green, administrative manager for Henry Ford Health Center's Ford Road location. "We see an average of 26,000 patients per year and its very cramped."

The new building, with more than 17,000 square feet, would be triple the size of the existing facility, Green said. It would also meet other important qualifications.

"It's in direct response to growth in Canton and the needs of our patients," she said. "They wanted something close to where they live, shop and do business. We also wanted to stay close to I-275 for our patients who don't live in the area."

Koseck added that there was enough land at the new location to double the size of the building if the need should arise.

"It's one of the many factors we looked at."

The land is currently zoned for light industrial, according to Angela Wolosiewicz, Canton planner. A special land use would be required to ensure the building was consistent with adjacent uses.

Neighboring buildings include a Yazaki office and an Allstate Insurance building, Wolosiewicz said.

"They are both low-intensity offices similar to the proposed Henry Ford Health Center," she said.

The Planning Commission approved the request in spite of parking and traffic concerns. The plan contains about 40 less parking spots than the ordinance requires, and the commission requested that the developer add them if they are necessary.

The commission also asked that all traffic be directed through existing curb cuts to cut down on traffic impact along Haggerty Road.

"With traffic from Yazaki and other buildings, there certainly isn't a need for another curb cut," said Jeff Goulet,

Canton Community Planner.

HFHS will continue to use its Ford Road building, according to Green.

"We currently have some alternative uses for it," she said. "We are considering it for a Home-Health building or a behavioral service center. We're going to retain the property but with a different use."

'It's in direct response to growth in Canton and the needs of our patients.'

Gwen Green
Henry Ford Health Center

Fire leads Canton Police to youths, arrest

Pair charged with unlawful entry of house under construction; no fire damage

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Two Canton residents were arrested for unlawful entry of a house under construction Saturday, according to Canton Police reports.

When Canton Police Detective Rick Pomorski first responded to the scene, reports said he noticed three suspects running away from the house, which

was located at 46030 Warren Road.

Pomorski entered the house when he noticed smoke coming from the basement and saw 18-year old William Meredith and another, 17-year old Canton resident.

The two were feeding paper into a smoldering fire, according to reports. Pomorski arrested the two for unlawful

entry. They weren't charged with attempted arson because the fire appeared to be made for warmth: it was situated in the center of the room, with nothing flammable nearby, according to reports.

The two suspects will be arraigned in 35th District Court at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 2 1998.

Amateur, pro and Olympic ice carvers coming to City

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A celebrity competition starts Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and will include local celebrity teams like defending champions Judge Ron Lowe and Tom Morris of Morris Dental group.

Past winner Judy Coy, from the WJR radio Weather Center, will return along with John Blackwell, Ron Polland and Gary Bonelle. All of them will be compete to win a donation to their favorite charity.

Professionals and amateurs will compete in 20-hour, two-man teams beginning Friday, sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

A few miles from the action downtown, Compuware Arena will host a skate with the Plymouth Whalers party from 7:30-9 p.m. Donations of \$5 per person or \$15 per family will be given to the Plymouth Community United Way. Skate rentals will be available.

"Last year it was very successful," said Watt. "The arena is a new amenity for the community and it's nice to have people get familiar with it."

The Plymouth Historical Museum is getting into the spirit with a special exhibit called "Childhood Memories" that will run throughout the Ice Fest.

And the professional, individual and student ice sculptures located in the central parking deck structure are a must see, too.

"We needed a large, well protected area for this part of the show," said Watt. "It also helps to spread out the festival because it was getting too congested in town."

The Ice Fest is expanding it's boundaries to Old Village this year. Cannon Park will host a number of sculptures, Watt said.

"We want people to see the rest of Plymouth," he said. "We are hoping to see businesses in that area purchase sculptures to make the event a bigger attraction."

The Ice Fest will run through Sunday. Be sure to grab next Wednesday's issue of The Crier. Inside you'll find a pull out Guide to the event.

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Neighbors in the news

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey J. Schwinn, son of Marilyn Schwinn of Plymouth, has completed a six-month deployment with Battalion Landing Team 1/2, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

During the deployment, Schwinn participated in the evacuation of more than 2,500 American citizens from Sierra Leone, conducted jointly with French, Nigerian, and Sierra Leone Surface combatants. Schwinn's ship was also involved in several multinational exercises designed to challenge communications, increase task force and unit readiness.

Tom Ward, of Plymouth, has been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a six-day leadership development conference in Washington D.C. where high school students interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government.



Hoyt D Mills and Carol (Salmonson) Mills of Plymouth celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary in August, 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills were married August 23, 1947 at the First Methodist Church of Dearborn. Hoyt opened and operated the Hoyt D. Mills Construction Company, and Carol was a teacher in an adult reading program in Plymouth. They are very active with the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The couple's children are Ann (Tom) Fahlstrom of Ypsilanti, Maribeth Mills of Afton VA, Jane (Mike) Brewer of Palm Springs, CA, Susan (Michael) Gabler of San Jose, CA, Don (Sue) Mills of Brendon, MS and Paul (Maribeth Ann) Mills of Duncansville, PA. They also have eight grandchildren.

Hope for healing

Plymouth's Rev. Rod Reinhart is using his experiences to raise AIDS awareness and offer hope for those afflicted.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Rev. Rod Reinhart is making a New Year's Resolution to begin 1998 where he left off in '97 — raising AIDS awareness.

Reinhart helped round out the holidays with the 13th Annual Christmas Celebration for People Who Care About People with AIDS.

The People Who Care Celebration (PWCC), a special healing service held this year at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Royal Oak, united more than 600 people and 40 clergy members from various faiths in the Detroit area.

"This is something that affects everyone, regardless of their faith," Reinhart said. "It's not just Christians or Catholics."

Reinhart, a Plymouth resident, started PWCC with the help of his friend Richard Kelch and the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Detroit, where Reinhart preaches.

The focus of the program is not only on helping people suffering from the virus, but to let them know the church can be a place of solace for them.

"We want to put the church on record in a positive way," Reinhart said. "We need to show our love and care for those most in need."



The Rev. Rod Reinhart (left) exchanges greetings with Rand Frew, head of AIDS action international at the recent People Who Care About People With AIDS Christmas celebration.

In addition to spiritual support, PWCC provides Christmas presents for people suffering with AIDS, Reinhart said.

Last year more than 1500 gifts were provided from various organizations, as well as friends and people who have lost people to the virus, according to Reinhart.

"A lot of people decided to show their love and support by making sure people suffering from AIDS had a good Christmas," he said. "It was very successful in making people more supportive of people with the disease and helping people suffering from all different kinds of needs."

The celebration is part of Reinhart's ongoing efforts by Reinhart to raise AIDS awareness and help those afflicted

by the disease, either directly or peripherally through acquaintances.

Reinhart said he hopes to bring God's healing love to people with AIDS, offer support for their loved ones and families as well as tackle tougher topics such as equality in health care for people with AIDS.

Part of this will be accomplished with the Richard Kelch AIDS fund, which was established with part of Kelch's estate. Monies from the fund will go to continue PWCC programs in the community.

"It's been a great source of joy for me," he said. "The people have been incredibly supportive for a long time. It just goes to show what a local parish can do when it sets itself to real ministry."

Odd Fellows celebrate 150 years

Christians weren't the only one celebrating their beginnings last month. The Plymouth Odd Fellows celebrated their 150th anniversary.

The Tonquish Odd Fellow Lodge No. 32 was chartered Dec. 10, 1947 according to Donald Prince, a resident of Plymouth Township and current lodge secretary.

Charter members of the organization included such noted Plymouth names as George Starkweather, William Bears and Alfred Parker, as well as W. Anthony Washer and J. Scattergood, according to Prince.

The lodge has had almost as many homes as members, according to Prince. They originally met on the third floor on a building they owned on Main Street. In 1893, one of Plymouth's great fires in 1893 razed most of downtown and took the lodge with it. The Odd Fellows met in a house nearby until 1925, when they moved into the present day Mayflower Meeting House, according to Prince.

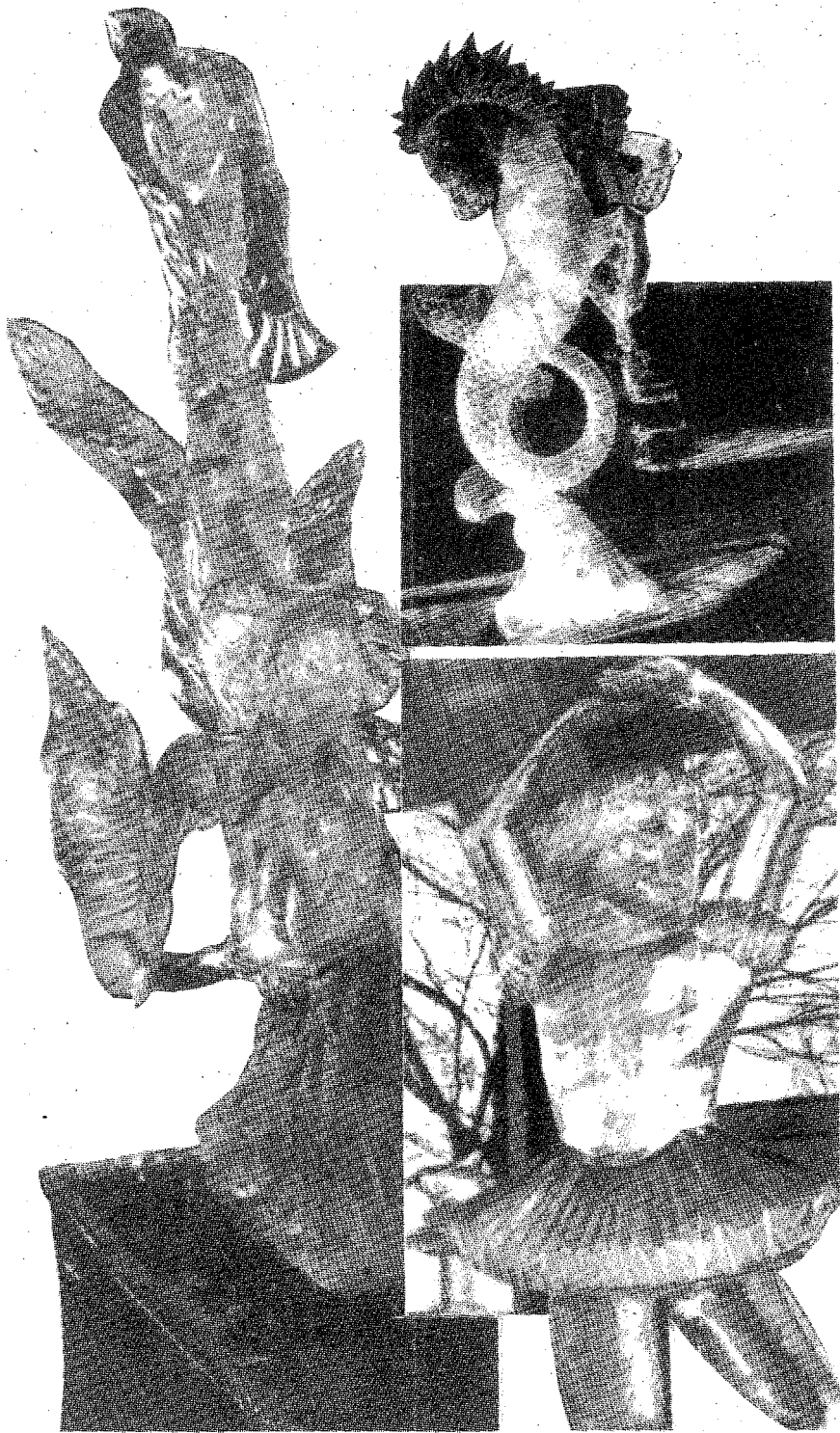
That was lost in the Great Depression. The Odd Fellows met at several different locations after that, finally settling in their present building at Elizabeth and

Ann Arbor Trail.

The Odd Fellows were originally masons who worked in marble instead of stone, Prince said. Their main goal is charity, and they have several charities they contribute to regularly, including the Arthritis Foundation and visual research.

They also send several children to the Odd Fellow camps at Big Star Lake in Baldwin, MI.

A list of Odd fellow members reads like a who's who., with names such as Dunbar Davis, Earl Gray, and Roswel Tanager.



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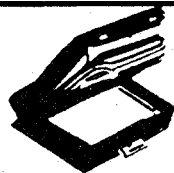
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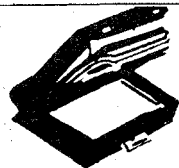
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Laura M. Napiewocki, a Plymouth resident, has been named corporate counsel in Corporate Legal Affairs at Henry Ford Health System.

Prior to earning her law degree at University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law, Napiewocki worked for six years for Henry Ford Health System in the Center for Health System Studies. She holds a bachelor of arts degree and a master of health services administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Attorney **Tamara A. White** has joined the law office of Michael J. Gerou at 164 N. Main Street in Plymouth.

Willie Walker has joined MEDHEALTH Wellness Centers, a division of MEDHEALTH Systems Corporation as Medical Biller.

Located at 47659 Halyard Drive in Plymouth, specializes in orthopedics, cardiology, physical therapy, sports medicine and rehabilitation.

Walker brings more than 14 years of experience in billing and accounts receivables to his position. He is 1988 graduate of Detroit's Cooley High School and a 1994 graduate of Southgate-based Hospitality Institute.

E & E Manufacturing Company, Inc has received the Certificate of Registration for QS-9000.

Established in Plymouth in 1962, E & E Manufacturing produces and supplies stamped metal fasteners. The firm's Plymouth and Farmington Hills facilities total more than 110,000 square feet, employ more than 200 people and supply more than 200 million female fasteners per year.

Americast to offer HBO in '98

The end of Media One's exclusive HBO contract may mean increased, fairer competition between cable companies

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Americast subscribers have another reason to celebrate the new year — HBO.

The premium channel previously was unavailable for people who subscribed to cable television through Ameritech, due to an exclusive contract HBO had with Media One.

Outlawed in 1992, the contract expired Dec. 31, 1997, ending Media One's local monopoly of HBO.

According to Geoff Potter, spokesperson for Ameritech New Media, the Federal Communications Committee (FCC) banned such exclusive contracts under the Cable Act of 1992. A clause in the bill allowed Media One to keep its exclusive contract with HBO until it expired at the end of last year.

The end of the monopoly pleased Americast, and is better for consumers as a whole, according to Potter.

"It's our opinion that subscribers should have a choice based on quality of service, not the channels they provide. We don't think that's fair," he said.

Americast has signed 63 franchises throughout Metro Detroit and northern

Ohio. With more than 100,000 subscribers in 39 communities, it is one of the fastest growing cable companies in the Midwest.

Potter said offering the premium channels such as HBO should help increase Americast's share of the market.

"We're very excited. We feel this is long overdue," he said. "We feel a lot of people have been waiting a long time for this."

Potter said Americast will begin to let its customers know about the availability of the channels, and may offer incentives or promotions.

"We'll be offering various packages that include HBO that make it even more attractive," he said. "We may offer all three HBO channels for one low price, for example."

Pierce Leahy opens Canton facility

Haggerty building is Pierce Leahy's second Michigan off-site storage facility

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Think of it as a gigantic filing cabinet.

Pierce Leahy, one of the world's foremost records management companies, has expanded into Canton.

Located in the Ford Motor Company Warranty Parts Return Center on Haggerty and Koppernick roads, the company would replace old parts with old documents.

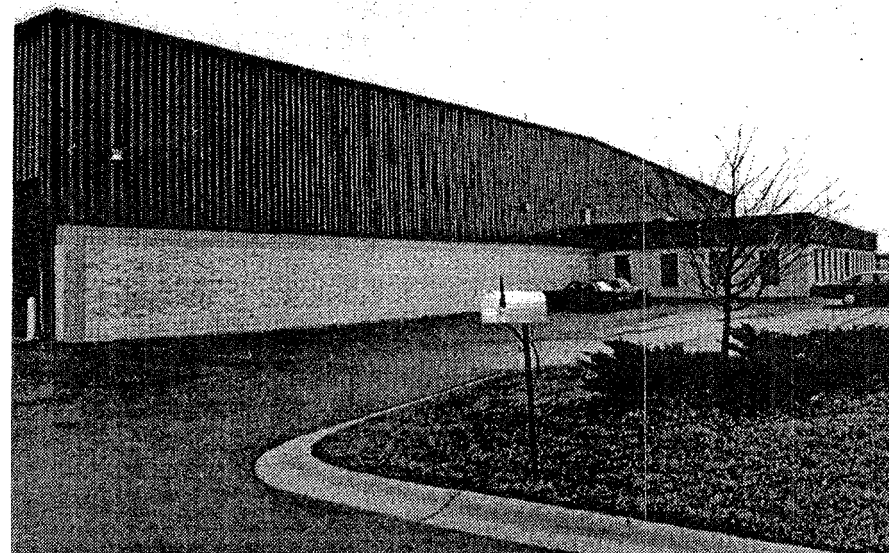
Pierce Leahy specializes in off-site document storage and records management, according to Cheryl Carey, account manager.

"We store records for banks, hospitals, insurance companies and accounting firms," she said.

Pierce Leahy is the largest record management company in the U.S., with more than 58 million cubic feet of records in 180 facilities throughout the country.

Off site document storage is advantageous to many corporations, especially those with small office space, according to Carey.

"The space is a lot cheaper," she said. "If you compare the cost of office space



Pierce Leahy's Canton facility is an unremarkable building recently vacated by Ford Motor Company Warranty Parts Return Center. But maybe that's the point. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

against the cost of outside storage, it's a sound investment."

Pierce Leahy does more than just store the documents, Carey said. They also offer organizational services and a specially-designed Pierce Leahy User Systems (PLUS) software.

PLUS stores all documents on a centralized database, which would allow clients access to documents in other states, Carey said.

PLUS also builds a record retention system, which automatically keeps track of the legal limits certain documents must be kept.

"We notify the client every month of what records are eligible for destruction,"

she said. "We also offer a document destruction service."

"Keeping records off-site is not only cheaper, it's safer," Carey said. With Pierce Leahy's strict security and advanced fire-prevention system, documents are safer in the warehouse than they would be in a typical office, according to Carey.

Pierce Leahy is pursuing accounts with Standard Federal Bank and Ameritech, which would fill the 50,000-square foot Canton facility within a year, according to Carey.

"It's really filling up fast," she said. "There's an additional 50,000-square feet in the building, and we may have to lease that, as well."

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'Heroes on Hand...' Standing in front of the Hometown Heroes wall at the newly opened Applebees restaurant in Northville Township, are (left to right) Liz Punsalan, Jarrod Swallow, Northville Township Supervisor Karen Woodside, Applebees General Manager Kim Mosier and D.A.R.E. Officer Matt Mayes. The restaurant's grand opening was used to bring attention to the township's drug resistance education program, which public and private schools in Northville adopted recently. Swallow and Punsalan, a husband-and-wife figure skating team who will compete in the 1998 Winter Olympics in Japan, donated their time to promote the event, and a pair of skates to the Hometown Heroes Wall. Swallow is a graduate of Northville High School.

Better plan for '98 repairs

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the year, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

Breaking the year's work into four divisions was part of the original plan, and could help bring in lower bids for construction contracts, according to Walters. While not a 'lesson learned,' it is a different approach than was taken in last year's project, he said.

"Having two or more contractors could be a good thing during a busy construction season," he said, explaining that "the lowest bottom line" retained priority in the project.

What the City has learned from last year's woes, he said, is that they cannot prepare too much.

"Obviously we're making extra evaluations of every street to make sure there aren't utilities that are going to surprise us," he said. These evaluations include an extensive televised inspection of sewers, the results of which the Department of Municipal Services will report to the Commission by January's end, Walters said.

Depending on the sewer report results, some changes may be made to the road repair schedule to avoid tearing into new asphalt.

Walters said that most of the '98 repairs are just that — milling off old, broken asphalt and replacing it with a new layer.

Except for sections of Junction Street, the deep digging to rebuild road beds, as was done on Ann Arbor Trail, should be nearly unnecessary — another difference from 1997's confounded repairs.

And unlike Ann Arbor Trail, which was reduced to one lane of travel, Walters said North and South Main Street will maintain two-way traffic.

"Ann Arbor Trail was unique because there are no parallel streets to replace it," he said. Side streets will have access from parallel streets as work is done.

The City will begin to solicit bids for the work by late February or early March. The project should be completed by the end of October, according to the proposed schedule.

City taxpayers approved a bond in November, 1996 which will pay to repave the City's streets, a twenty-year effort.

The project was split into two 10-year cycles: three years of construction followed by a seven year bond-retirement period.

Under the plan, City residents will pay no more than 1.88 mills annually for the repairs, with a total project cost of no more than \$12 million over the entire 20-year project.

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Steve Walters
Plymouth City Manager

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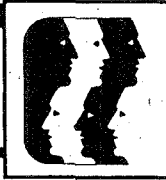
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PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING

"How and why to have more fun" will be presented by Karen LaMoria of Family Nurse Care. On Monday, Jan. 12, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Street, Plymouth. For more information call 453-1234.

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY CHOIR AUDITIONS

Experienced singers are invited to audition for the Schoolcraft Community Choir on Tuesdays, Jan. 13 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27457 Five Mile Road in Livonia. To schedule an audition call Shari Clason at 248-349-8175 or 734-462-4435.

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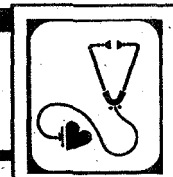
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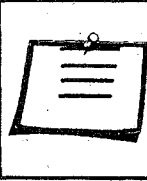
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US REPRESENTATIVE HOSTS TOWN MEETING

Lynn Rivers is hosting a town hall meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21, 1998 from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm at Canton High School. The program will consist of a brief overview of activities of the 105th Congress, followed by a question and answer period. This is a chance for the community to voice opinions, questions, and concerns directly to the Representative. For more information call Chip Silvis at (313) 741-4210 or (313) 722-1411.



ICE FEST RETURNS! Oakland Community College students and instructors will return for this year's Ice Festival, in downtown Plymouth. The Festival will run Jan. 14-19. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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We are looking for girls ages between 17 & 23 of Irish descent for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held Feb. 28 at the Gaelic League. For further details call Bridie Flynn at 313-464-8556 or Peggie Bolland at 313-255-5677.

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Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 1998 Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College March 7. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$90; 10' by 10' costs \$55; 8' by 9' space costs \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. For additional information call (734) 462-4417

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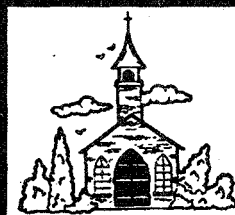
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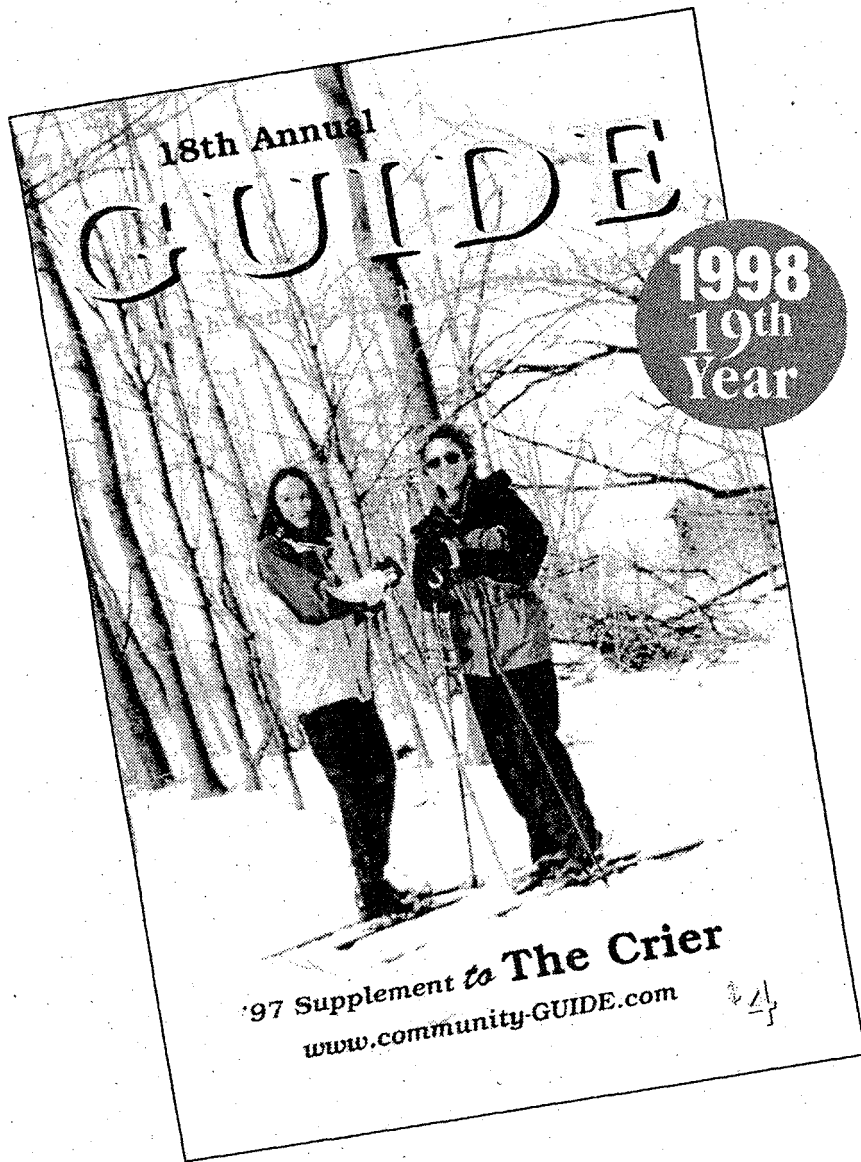
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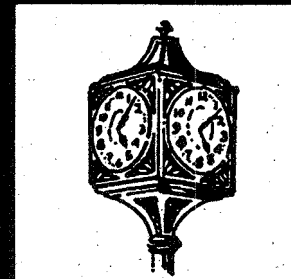
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OMAR DeBEAUDRY

Omar DeBeaudry, a Canton resident, died Dec. 31, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mr. DeBeaudry was born Jan. 19, 1927 in Detroit. He was a general manager at Nicholson Terminal & Dock, and retired after 50 years of service. He was past president of the Propeller Club of Detroit and a member of Motor City Traffic Club.

He is survived by his wife, Crystal M. DeBeaudry of Canton; daughters, Diane (Vincent) Forbes of Jackson, MI, Carol (David) Proffett of Canton; son, Thomas (Sofia) DeBeaudry of Dallas, TX; brothers, Enos DeBeaudry of San Diego, CA, Lambert DeBeaudry of Wyandotte; eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. C. Richard Kelly officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to St. Vincent De Paul Society.

MAUREEN THERESE STOCKER

Maureen Therese Stocker, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 29, 1997 at the age of 62.

Mrs. Stocker was born April 28, 1935 in Alpena, MI. She was an Associate Broker for Better Homes and gardens, and also worked for Robert Bake Real Estate for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert S. Stocker of Plymouth; sons, Michael R. Stocker of Plymouth, Mark K. (Kathleen) Stocker of Southgate, MI, John M. (Laurie) Stocker of Naperville, IL; daughters, Mary Jo (Leslie) Peck of Plymouth, Patti A. Stocker of Plymouth, Margaret M. (Greg) Michalek of Novi, Monica N. (Steve) Jarrett of Northville; four grandchildren; sisters, Mary Frances Dumsch, Marguerite O'Callaghan, Kathrine Schmanski; and brothers, Patrick O'Callaghan, Paul O'Callaghan, John O'Callaghan.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

PAUL R. NOEL, SR

Paul R. Noel Sr, a former Plymouth resident, died Dec. 29, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mr. Noel was born July 23, 1917 in Pennsylvania. He worked for the Reading Railroad for 30 years. He was a member of the Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 112 F & A.M., and a past worshipful master of the Zulu Lodge in Chino, CA.

He is survived by his son, Paul (Sandra) Noel of Oakford, PA; daughters, Lillian (Robert) Wahl of Chino, CA, Dona (Richard) Daniels of Bristol, PA, Linda (Gary) MacDermaid of Fenton, Kathleen (Wayne) Hornback of Fenton; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral in Plymouth with the Rev. Kathleen A. Groff officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

VINCENT P. GEOFFREY

Vincent P. Geoffrey, a Livonia resident, died Dec. 27, 1997 at the age of 87.

Mr. Geoffrey was born Feb. 8, 1919 in St. Joseph, Ontario, Canada. He was a tool maker.

He is survived by his sons, Stephen P. (Mary Ann) Geoffrey of Plymouth, David C. (Rita) Geoffrey of Flushing, MI, Mark W. (Sonia) Geoffrey of West Bloomfield Township, MI; brothers, Alphonse (Yvonne) Jeffrey, Gereard (Colleen) Geoffreci; sisters, Cherie Jeffrey, Doris (Robert) Mernovage; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Agnes Geoffrey; and his son, James E. Geoffrey.

Services were held at St. Martin DePorres Catholic Church with the Rev. Timothy Mazur officiating. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, MI. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212 Southfield, MI 48075.

EDWIN C. BECK

Edwin C. Beck, a Canton resident, died Dec. 27, 1997 at the age of 82.

Mr. Beck was born April 2, 1915 in Detroit. He was a tool & die marker.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Anna Beck of Canton; daughter, Barbara (Bill) Barrel of Novi; son, Ronald (Joan) Barrel of Canton; brother, Clarence (La Verne) Beck of Detroit; grandson, Ryan Beck; and granddaughter, Stacey Beck.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. John C. Streit officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Risen Christ Church-Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

ANNA HUDAK

Anna Hudak, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 2, 1998 at the age of 83.

Mrs. Hudak was born Dec. 9, 1914 in Detroit. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. She loved sewing.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Stanley A. of Plymouth; and son, Michael (Catherine) Hudak of Northville.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Joseph Mallia officiating.



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VIRGINIA A. PICHITINO

Virginia A. Pichitino, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 24, 1997 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Pichitino was born Aug. 20, 1913 in Leed, SD. She was a secretary at General Motors for 40 years. She was a member of the Volunteers of World Medical Association in Detroit.

She is survived by her sister, Mary McNeely of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Father John Sullivan officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the OLG Building Fund.

BERNARD McKEOWN

Bernard McKeown, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 18, 1997 at the age of 62.

Mr. McKeown was born March 26, 1935 in Alva, Scotland.

He is survived by his wife, May McKeown of Plymouth; daughters, Kathleen (David) Keck of Clinton Township, Elaine McKeown, Maureen (Ron) Eisbrenner of Shelby Township; brothers, William McKeown, Frank McKeown, Thomas McKeown; sister, Margaret McKeown of Chicago, IL; grandsons, Jack Wilson, David Keck IV, Sean Keck, Bernard Eisbrenner; and granddaughter, Allison Eisbrenner.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel with the Rev. Stan Tokarski officiating. Burial was at Bannockburn Cemetery in Bannockburn. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to American Diabetes Association, 10600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255 Bingham Farms, MI.

JUNE M. HAMMOND

June M. Hammond, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 4, 1998 at the age of 72.

Mrs. Hammond was born June 28, 1925 in Superior, WY. She was a homemaker and a nurse at Garden City Hospital. She came to the Plymouth Community 28 years ago. She loved genealogy.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandra Nairn of Windsor, Ontario, Jill Kelly of Lafayette, CA; grandchildren, Lisa Gibb of Barrow, Ontario, Canada, Carson and Elliott Fields of Eugene, OR; and great-grandchildren, Allison and Joshua Gibb of Barrow, Ontario, Canada. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Walter Hammond, David Nairn; and daughters, Judy Nairn and Sue Fields.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Father Andrew J., Forish officiating. Memorial contributions can

be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

IRENE H. TURK

Irene H. Turk, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 4, 1998 at the age of 82.

Mrs. Turk was born May 8, 1915 in Detroit. She was a clerical worker at Unitax Service in Plymouth. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, the Plymouth Elks, and the Vivians Auxiliary of the Elks. She was also a member of the National Farm and Garden Club of Plymouth. She loved doing crafts and art work and enjoyed gardening and cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Stephan "Steve" of Plymouth; sons, Stephan (Lynn) of Milford; daughter, Deborah (James) Brennan of Northville; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Father Stanley Tokarski officiating. Burial was at Detroit Memorial Park in Redford Township. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Washtenaw.

ROBERT J. ANTHONY

Robert J. Anthony, a Northville resident, died Jan. 3, 1998 at the age of 88.

Mr. Anthony was born May 4, 1909 in Petersburg Virginia. He retired in 1969 from Ford Motor Company Rouge Plant, where he had been a machine operator for 44 years. He came to the Plymouth Community in the 1930's. He was a member of the Riverside Park Church of God, and loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife, Alberta of Northville; step-children, Bertha (William) Whitely of Plymouth, Stella (Donald) Beaver of Livonia, William (Carol) Brown of Plymouth; grandsons, Timothy Anthony of Galesburg, MI, Mark Anthony of North Carolina; one great-grandson; step-grandchildren, Kim Baker of Westland, Clyde Beaver of Livonia, Laurie Kowalski of Canton, Pamela Sudz of Plymouth; and five step-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sons, Robert and Raymond Anthony.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Dunn officiating. Burial will be in Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Riverside Park Church of God.

Ralph E. Phillips, 66, owner/operator of Grow Computer, Inc. in Plymouth

Ralph E. Phillips, a Plymouth resident, died Dec. 31, 1997.

He is survived by three sons; seven grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Wally Lesowyk, 78, retired from the City of Detroit after 37 years of service

Wally Lesowyk, a Harsens Island, MI, resident, died Dec. 29, 1997.

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how much they enjoy the letters to you
because they can keep track of you. No
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member of their congregation, they would
choose you. To me you epitomize by your
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the eye and by your warmth and
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off on the size of congregations, (too big)
and as a consequence their huge and
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gation in my opinion should have over 500
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Sports

Sports shorts

The Salem boys wrestling team finished second and Canton took ninth in the **Salem 21-team Junior Varsity Tournament**.

John Pocock (130 pounds), and **Jim Shelton** (145 pounds) took first place and **Jared Chapman** (215 pounds) finished second for Canton. "The whole junior varsity wrestled up to their potential. We're very proud of all them," said Canton coach John Demsick.

"Our three place winners should see some varsity time as well."

The Salem boys wrestling team placed second and Canton was 16th in the **Salem 18-team Varsity Invitational Saturday at Salem**.

Canton's **Kevin Stone** (140 pounds) took sixth place. "We were disappointed with our finish; only scoring ahead of two other teams (John Glenn and North Farmington), but it was somewhat expected with three of our team leaders injured. Kevin's finish wasn't that high, but he wrestled excellently, as did all of our first-year wrestlers," said Demsick. "We can't expect to be too high up unless we can present a full and healthy line up. We gave a good effort."

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its Winter Session of **Mens Racquetball** at Body Rocks Racquetball in Livonia.

The 14-week has no residency requirements and is held on Wednesday evenings.

Court times are 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The fee is \$100 per person. Players will be divided into divisions based upon ability level.

For registration information, call 397-5110.

New **Soccer Referee training** will be held at the Canton Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, on Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

You must attend all four sessions.

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To register send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made out to the Michigan Referee Committee to: P.O. Box 700260, Plymouth, MI 48170-0945. If you have questions, please call 454-7335.

Class size is limited.

Three for the price of one

Canton wins quad meet; Salem takes 3rd

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton girls gymnastics team took care of three opponents in one day, defeating Salem, Ann Arbor Huron, and Ann Arbor Pioneer in a quad meet Dec. 18.

Canton took first place with 132.65 points. Pioneer placed second with 123.55 points. Salem came in third with 118.9 points, and Huron placed fourth with 109.85 points.

In the vault, Canton's scores ranged from 7.1 to 8.9. Marcie Emerick had the high score of 8.9; she also placed highest on beam with a score of 8.45. Liz Fitzgerald dominated the bars with 8.35 points.

Canton's scores on the bars ranged from 7.0 to 8.35.

Amy Driscoll was the high scorer in the floor routine. She scored 9.15 points. Fitzgerald was close behind with 8.95 points. The Chiefs' scores ranged from 7.4 to 9.15.

Salem had a difficult time matching Canton's scores. The Rocks vault scores ranged from 6.05 to 8.8; Alison Bracht recorded the high score. Lindsay Hawraney and Janine Schmedding were second, both scoring 8.15 points.

Bracht also had the high score in the bars with 8.3. In this event, Salem's scores ranged from 3.0 to 8.3.

Happy Holidays: Salem wins tourney

BASKETBALL

BY TIM DAVIS

The Salem boys basketball team has finally hit their stride.

The Rocks (3-2) won the Grosse Ile Tournament last week with wins over Allen Park Cabrini and the host Red Devils.

In the tournament opener, the Rocks overcame a slow start to defeat Cabrini, 66-40. "We went out an took care of business," said coach Bob Brodie.

Jeff McKian (15 points) and Andy Power (13 points) were the leading scorers for Salem. The Rocks crushed Grosse Ile in the tournament championship game, 75-51. Salem led, 20-13, at the end of the first quarter and took an 18-point lead into halftime. Power was outstanding with 19 points. Junior forward Aaron Rypkowski also was in double digits with 11 points.

GYMNASTICS

Hawraney won the beam competition with a high score of 7.75. Schmedding was close behind with 7.25. The Rocks' scores ranged from 4.15 to 7.75.

Salem excelled in the floor routine. The highest score was made by Beth Steinhelper, who finished with 8.85 points. Hawraney was next, with 8.65

points.

Ann Arbor Huron's highest score was made by Ari Aycook in the floor routine. She scored 8.5 points. For the entire meet, Huron's scores ranged from 3.65 to 8.5.

Ann Arbor Pioneer's highest score was also on the floor. Michelle Gras scored 9.3 in this event. Pioneer's scores ranged from 4.3 to 9.3.

A Whale of a fan



By day, he may be Gerry Trumpka of the Plymouth Community United Way, but by night (only at Whaler games, mind you) he becomes Capt. Harpoon, one of the most diehard Plymouth Whalers' fans. Trumpka, who's rarely missed a game since the Whalers arrival in Plymouth in 1996, put on his raincoat, grew(?) his beard, pulled the S.S. Harpoon out of dry dock, and assumed his new identity earlier this season, becoming an "official unofficial" team mascot. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Whalers can't buy goal in 4-0 loss to London

BY BRIAN CORBETT

A recent commercial for a popular credit card goes something like this: There's some things you just can't buy, for everything else — there's Mastercard.

The Whalers could've used an extended credit line Saturday night to buy a few goals and a couple extra players in their 4-0 loss to the West Division-leading London Knights at Compuware Sports Arena.

Goalie Gene Chiarello made 27 saves and Jay Legault had two goals and one assist for the Knights (24-11-2), who extended their lead to five points over

second-place Plymouth (21-12-3). It was the Whalers' second consecutive shutout loss at home, and their third loss in a row.

Plymouth clearly was exhausted after playing several weeks with a short-handed roster. Five players and Head Coach Peter DeBoer have been gone since mid-December while competing in the World Junior Championships in Finland. They return tonight for a game in Erie.

The Whalers' line up Saturday included four defenseman and one goalie, Brandon Sacco, who made 28 saves in his OHL debut.

"It finally caught up to us," said Associate Coach Greg Stefan. "We've got six guys out. Steve Wasylo is hurt; he's not playing even though he was on the bench (for Saturday's game). I've got to give our guys credit. We gave all the effort we could."

Sacco, who started the season as the Whalers' fourth goaltender, was pressed into service Saturday because Scott Holsinger was suspended for a stick-swinging incident in Friday's 8-5 loss in Sault Ste. Marie.

Sacco showed no signs of nervousness, turning aside 13 of 14 first period shots. He didn't have a chance on three of the four London goals.

"I've been waiting for this," said Sacco, a seventh round draft pick last

summer. "This is my break, and I'm just trying to make the most of it."

After establishing an early physical presence, exhaustion got the better part of Plymouth, and the Knights took over. A blistering shot from the left circle by Max Spiridonov 6:24 into the opening period put London up, 1-0.

Second period goals by Legault and defenseman Jason Metcalfe completed the scoring for London. Plymouth's best offensive pressure came in the third period, but Chiarello was impenetrable.

Hold the line

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Plymouth had just beaten the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on a Sunday night in November, and most of the Whaler players had fallen asleep during the long bus ride home, exhausted from a day of travel and a three-hour hockey game against one of their most bitter rivals.

But the work wasn't done for Kevin Holdridge. The 17-year-old defenseman from Novi stayed up through the night studying for a test Monday at Catholic Central High School.

A Greyhound player had dumped Holdridge hard into the boards during the game; he didn't appreciate the gesture, but

Sault Ste. Marie 8, Plymouth 5 — The Whalers fall to 1-1-1 this season against the fourth-place Greyhounds in a Friday night game at Sault Ste. Marie.

Whaler forwards Harold Druken and Yuri Babenko scored two goals a piece and left wing Randy Fitzgerald recorded three assists.

Chatter:

They probably expected to return with more than the experience and honor of

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The number of wins Peter DeBoer needs to set the franchise coaching record for regular season wins.

Since 1995-96, DeBoer has compiled a regular season record of 82-64-13. He is 92-76-13 overall.

DeBoer is chasing his predecessor and current Carolina Hurricanes Coach Paul Maurice, who was 86-38-8 in two regular seasons and 113-49-8 overall.

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ERIE	16	21	1	1-8-1	34
S.S.MARIE	12	21	5	5-4-1	29
WINDSOR	11	28	1	4-6-0	23
EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
BELLEVILLE	24	14	2	6-3-1	50
OTTAWA	21	11	7	5-2-3	49
KINGSTON	22	15	3	5-5-0	47
PETERBOROUGH	15	19	4	3-6-1	34
OSHAWA	14	22	4	6-0-4	32
TORONTO	10	21	8	2-5-3	28
CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
GUELPH	27	9	3	8-2-0	51
BARRIE	27	10	2	8-1-1	47
SUDBURY	15	21	4	4-6-0	32
OWEN SOUND	15	19	2	5-5-0	31
KITCHENER	13	20	5	3-7-0	30
NORTH BAY	10	27	4	0-9-1	24

WHALER STATISTICS

Leading Goal Scorers:

- D. Legwand (36)
- H. Druken (20)
- A. Taylor (18)
- Y. Babenko (13)

CATCH OF THE DAY

Rookie forward Dave Legwand was selected Monday to compete in the Bell All-Star Cup in North Bay on Tuesday. Legwand, the OHL's leading rookie scorer, edged out teammate Harold Druken in fan voting to earn honors as Plymouth's All-Star representative.

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Spartans steal relays from Salem, Canton

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Both the Canton and Salem boys swimming team had the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Relays on Dec. 20. The relays were hosted by Salem, who was expected to come out on top, but had to settle for second due to a disqualification. Canton placed third.

Salem's disappointing disqualification came in the first relay, the 400-medley.

The Rocks had taken first in the event, but they were omitted from the race because of a jump start. From then on, the meet favored Livonia Stevenson,

SWIMMING

which finished first.

Salem won four of the 10 relays, along with Stevenson. Canton was able to win one, along with Livonia Franklin.

Salem's victorious swims included the 400-freestyle relay, which included swimmers Dan Kelly, Dan Jones, Mike Kilgore, and Brian Mertens; the 200-backstroke relay with Aaron Shelton, Brent Mellis, Matt Casillas, and captain Nick Corden; and the 200-freestyle relay with Corden, Tim Buchanan, Jones, and

Andrew Locke.

The 200-freestyle relay was perhaps the Rocks' most successful event, since they were able to break the previous record of 1:31.81 with their 1:29.70.

The Rocks' final score was 224.

Canton did capture the 400-individual medley relay with swimmers Aaron Reeder, Kurtis Hornick, John Cook, and Mike Dempsey. The Chiefs' final score was 212. This is the third year in a row Salem, who has held the WLAA league title for the last five years, has lost the conference title.

Defenseman hits groove in 2nd season

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season ago.

Holdridge, who should be a late first or early second round NHL draft pick in 1998, is among the team's plus-minus leader with +19, and he regularly plays against the opposing team's top line. In 31 games this season, Holdridge has 14 points, five more than all of last year.

If it wasn't for the sensational year that rookie forward Dave Legwand is having, it might be Holdridge who is full-filling constant media requests and being plastered across every sports section this side of the Mason-Dixon line.

"No doubt he would," said Whaler Associate Coach Greg Stefan. "He's one of the big stories this year. Obviously, we have a few great stories here, but Legwand has really taken over. But Kevin is having a great year. For a 17-year-old, he's getting a lot of ice time. He's playing on our No. 1 penalty-killing unit with... Troy Smith.

"There's no doubt he's taken on a lot more responsibility for us, but he hasn't really got all the attention, with Legwand possibly being the No. 1 (NHL) draft pick (in 1998)."

Ah, the plight of the unappreciated defenseman. "Especially a defensive defenseman," said Stefan, laughing.

While the humble Holdridge might find it difficult, like Legwand, to constantly talk about his talents, he ironically had his hockey beginnings at the same position as his teammate.

He started out at forward, learning the game as a five-year-old by pushing a chair around on the ice and watching his older brother, Mark, play for various teams while living in Syracuse, NY and New Jersey.

When his family moved to Michigan, Holdridge played hockey with Little Caesars before switching over to Compuware.

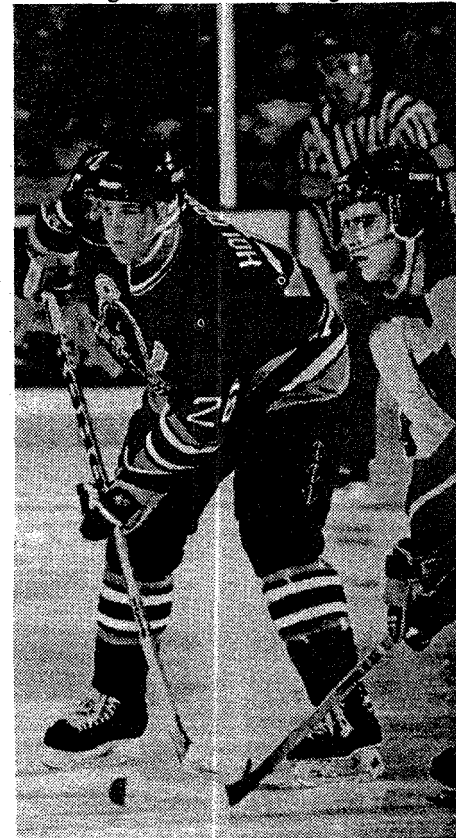
He was planning on following in his brother's footsteps and playing college hockey, until the Whalers called prior to the 1996 OHL Draft and expressed an interest in selecting the budding young defenseman.

"When (the Whalers called) I wasn't home, and my mom answered the phone and told them I was going to go to college. When I got home and found out what had happened, I said, 'Mom, that a big deal, being able to stay at home and play junior hockey,'" Holdridge said. "So I sat down

with my family and weighed out my options. And we decided that the OHL offered better competition and the best opportunity for me to further develop my playing ability."

The next day, the Whalers made Holdridge their third round draft pick.

To say his rookie season was a learning experience is understatement. Holdridge didn't score a goal in 55



After a quiet rookie year, Whaler defenseman Kevin Holdridge has become one of the most consistent players on the team this season, putting himself in the position to be a first round pick in this summer's NHL Entry Draft. (Photo courtesy of the Plymouth Whalers)

games; he finished the season with a minus-29 plus/minus ranking and just 49 penalty minutes. "I thought I could've played better. I was too tentative," he said.

The team struggled too, finishing below .500 for the first time since 1992.

Holdridge knew he had to demand more of himself in 1997-98, his first draft-eligible season.

But no one expected this much. At 6-foot-2 and 208 pounds, Holdridge contin-

ues to be a physical presence on the ice. But it's his hockey sense and on-ice vision that has remarkably improved. He is a regular in the weight room, and also is taking a leadership role in the locker room.

"He's got a good sense of humor. He definitely was quiet last year, but most kids would be coming out of Bantam to play at this level. This year, he's certainly taken a leadership role. He even came up to us and said, 'If any of the guys go down, I wouldn't mind wearing the 'A' (for alternate captain),' " Stefan said. "You like to see that."

The Whalers also would like to see Holdridge and Legwand side by side as first round draft picks. "I'm definitely excited, but if you think about it too much, it'll effect your game," said Holdridge. "I just want to see our team do well. That'll make the NHL draft that much better."

Rough returns for Whalers

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playing and coaching for their countries at the World Junior Championships in Finland.

But slow starts by the U.S. and Canadian National teams in the holiday tournament left the countries out of the medal race.

Team USA, which includes Whalers Robert Esche, Jesse Boulerice, Dave Legwand, Nikos Tselios and Paul Mara, finished in fifth place with a 3-3 record.

The Americans' final victory was a 3-0 win Friday over Team Canada (2-4), which finished in seventh place, the country's worst showing at the tournament since 1981.

It ended a streak of five straight Gold Medals for Canada, which includes Whalers Head Coach Peter DeBoer on its coaching staff.

Boulerice finished the tournament with two goals, Mara had one goal and one assist, Tselios recorded one assist, and Legwand was pointless with limited ice time in six games.

Esche went 1-2 in three games, finishing with a 3.37 goals against average and an .898 save percentage.

...Stefan would not rule out a trade prior to Friday's trade deadline.

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus Franklin. JV begins at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

Tomorrow at home versus Novi at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ann Arbor Huron at 7 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

Tomorrow at Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wyandotte Invitational at 10:30 a.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Saturday at home for the Salem Festival Invitational at 8 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Today at Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at home for the Salem Invitational at 9 a.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at John Glenn. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Jan 15 at home versus Salem at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

Tomorrow at Northville at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Royal Oak Invitational.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

Today at home versus Hartland at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Rockford Invitational at 9 a.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

JV at the Brighton Invitational Saturday at 9 a.m. At home for the Salem Varsity Invitational Jan. 17 at 8 a.m.



Community opinions

Praise for court employes

At end of traumatic year, writer takes time to recognize those who helped keep court cool

EDITOR,

As we end what has been a traumatic year for the staff of the 35th District Court, it is appropriate to take the time to thank some terrific people. First and foremost I personally thank the management and staff at Unisys for opening their doors to our homeless court. The maintenance and security staffs offered their total support in providing a facility for us to begin our recovery. Special thanks must also be given to all the staff who treated us so warmly and generously shared their parking spaces and wonderful building.

Workers were overwhelmingly positive. Clerks brought in their own typewriters, equipment, coffee pots and homemade goodies appeared in spite of working overtime.

While the judges and their staffs were the most visible to the public, the "workers in the trenches" should not be forgotten. Everyone lost pictures, memorabilia and all the personal touches that make an office feel like home. The loss was further exacerbated when the insurance didn't exist or when the worker had to cover the expense of the deductible. But despite the problems, the attitude of the workers was overwhelmingly positive. Clerks brought in their own typewriters, equipment, coffee pots and homemade goodies appeared in spite of working overtime.

Imagine trying to function without a fax machine, postage meter, copier, computers or filing cabinets. The staff did it! They overcame problems like phones that couldn't transfer calls, computers that had to be shared, eight-foot banquet tables that were desks and chairs that had an annoying habit of tipping backwards. The noise level in our big office was overwhelming and privacy was a forgotten luxury. But the staff patiently dealt with calls and managed to schedule defendants for court hearings that were held in a different spot every week.

Hopefully no one would ever have to live through the disaster of a fire, but if it happens, I hope they have generous friends like Unisys and a wonderful staff like the



By now they're getting good at this: Jean Lee (at bottom right) begins putting together 35th District Court offices at the Trailer Court as it opens Dec. 15; Gail Respondek and Brunda Cramer (above) hunker down to put court files in order. At different times since it burned down July 2, the court has been spread out in locations across the 35th district. (Crier photos by R. Alwood, Jr.).

employees of the 35th District Court.
CAROLE GOODFELLOW
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Bring in the band

Winning PCEP Marching Band omitted in *Year in Review* issue

EDITOR,

I read with great interest the Dec. 31 issue of *The Community Crier*; it's fun to be reminded of the year's highlights. However, I was disappointed that neither the *Friend & Neighbors* section on page 4, nor the *Sports* highlights on page 35 was the PCEP Marching Band recognized. Like the sports teams, the band members practice 20 hours per week during their season and they earn a letter.

These students deserve to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments on behalf of our community. They won every one of the seven competitions they participated in, including nearly every one of the four caption awards given at each competition.

The Color Guard won their caption award at every competition. They won the prestigious Governor's trophy at the Michigan Invitational competition in Flint, the State championship at the Pontiac Silverdome and fifth place at the Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, in November.

But it isn't just about winning. It was truly heart warming to watch them cheered on by other bands at the Grand Nationals and to listen tearfully at their banquet as the students praised their "coaches," each other and the importance of the relationships they have built.

You can tell the PCEP Marching Band was one of the highlights of 1997 for me!

CAMILLE B. SHY
Plymouth



Community opinions

City-Township unification study:

Angels on right, devils on left

This side of the column is written by the little guy perched on the right shoulder of the author:

Great!

The City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are going to study sharing services.

This makes the 117th time that leaders of two of the tiniest fiefdoms in Southeast Michigan pretend that they shouldn't just tear down the walls and become the One Community they really are.

Forget that the kids of both communities recreate together, the police cars crisscross each other's territory to get to various points in their own jurisdictions, the sewer lines are intermingled (though the Gloom and Doom Society has been heard to say they can tell which are which by the smell), and that more and more former City mayors have moved to the township (as residents or as high-placed building officials).

By, once again, studying how to work together, the new Mayor Don Dismuke and Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy are only perpetuating the myth that these two communities are distinct.

But, no doubt, this committee's

studies will produce yet another report, good news indeed for parents in need of booster seats for young children at the dining table. That's all the past reports are used for now.

It's fine that Dismuke is smitten by the excitement of the charge. He's just like former Mayor Doug Miller who, upon being crowned, demanded "Quit being so negative; give us a chance to solve the parking problem." Before the end of Miller's two years he was tired of the fight and bogged down in an impossible dream of the City buying much more parking.

And so the new regime will study what's been studied.

It's been this way since May 17, 1932 — one day after the City of Plymouth became the City. Since that day, leaders of both the City and the Township have promoted the love-hate relationship that defies common sense.

But, heck, if the politicians spend time studying how to get along, it keeps them occupied and from getting into greater mischief.

Go for it!

With malice toward none

By W. Edward WENDOVER



This side of the column is written by the little guy perched on the left shoulder of the author:

Great!

With a new Mayor in the City of Plymouth, it looks like we'll soon see a renewed effort between Plymouth Township and the City.

Mayor Don Dismuke and Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy will soon put together a joint committee to study all services between the communities.

Add to the mix that the township just hired its new police chief, Lawrence Carey, who told the board during his interview that he preferred to "solve crime regionally." That means that talk of a combined police force, dispatch and lockup will soon make the agenda of the relocated Gloom and Doom Society, from

whence all community decisions flow (at least society members think).

And look at how long community recreation has languished waiting for City and Township leadership to pick up the ball and run.

Also coming soon to joint discussions will be the City's crumbling infrastructure and the township's almost complete lack of sewer maintenance in its growing subdivisions.

At any rate, it's time to renew cooperation talks between the City and Township. The combined fire department has worked well.

Look at how the five communities rose up out of the July 2 ashes to open a Hall of Temporary Justice... er make that a Temporary Hall of Justice at Haggerty and Plymouth Road.

Cooperation pays off.

Tired of the tide

EDITOR,

Since the power seems to be with the press, I'm writing this letter on behalf of the cozy cafe.

We've had to close down four times this year due to water main breaks or whatever the excuses have been. It always happens before lunch or dinner.

It has cost us *thousands* of dollars in lost revenue as well as wages.

Why were thousands of dollars spent on the streetscape when down below in Plymouth is truly shot to hell.

Is there such a thing as a tax abatement for City interruption over and over again? It's killing the retailers, also.

Our customers said, "We should be like Venice," and rent gondolas for the shoppers to get around.

I had one woman convince her husband to come to Plymouth to shop and eat at the Cozy Cafe.

Needless to say, we couldn't serve them once they were seated. Believe it or not they were here the last time we had to close because of the same problem. His comment was "You have a nice looking restaurant but I'll *never* be back to try the food."

It would almost be funny if it wasn't so pathetic.

How many times can we say "It's an act of god"?

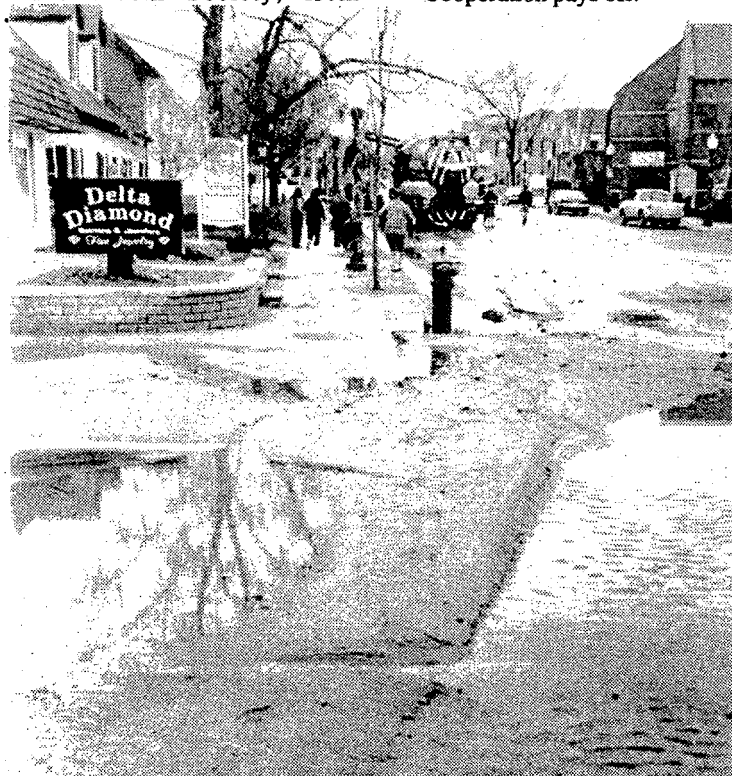
Maybe it's time to have a public and retail meeting with The City.

I'm more than willing to donate The Plymouth Manor for just such a meeting. God help me if it ever happens on the weekend with one of our brides.

NICK RISTICH

The Cozy Cafe

and The Plymouth Manor.



New Bar on the Trail... A broken water main under Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth flooded the street, affected businesses and residences in the area and left a sand bar across the street. It was the fourth such flooding in the last month. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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