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Canton ice rink decision soon

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton's Board of Trustees met in a closed session yesterday to discuss the final points of an agreement that would locate an ice rink in Canton Township.

The facility proposed for Haggerty Road north of Michigan Avenue would be a recreation center with two ice rinks and a variety of other uses, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

The board initially was supposed to hear the as-yet unnamed developer's proposal last month, but some of the facets were incomplete Yack said.

"They didn't quite have their act together but they've got a fairly well-developed plan now," He said.

According to Yack, the Township would donate the land for the ice-rinks, while the developer would pay fair market value for the remaining portion of

the land.

This portion would be used for various recreational needs such as soccer fields, Yack said.

"I'm sure there will be some other surprises for the property, as well," Yack said.

The Township bought the land to be donated for about \$50 around 20 years ago, according to Yack.

The Board will meet Feb. 12th in a special Thursday night study session to discuss the merits of the proposed ice-rink, according to Yack.

Representatives from the Soccer Field Association and other recreational groups will be on hand to discuss the plan as well, he said.

"We'll have a lot more answers by then," he said.



'Minerva's done...' Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director (left) and Mary Arbour were among the 160 businesspeople who attended the Downtown Business Association's farewell salute to Minerva Chaiken. Chaiken, who had operated Minerva's-Dunning's clothier for almost 50 years in downtown Plymouth, closed her business and announced her retirement in December. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Patterson enters House race

Rumored since October, County Commissioner announces candidacy, county-oriented agenda

BY BRYON MARTIN

There's been talk since October.

But it wasn't until Monday afternoon, in a conference room in the Canton Public Library, that Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 21st House District.

For some, the announcement has been a long time in coming. With family, political allies and yard signs surrounding him, Patterson threw his hat into the ring.

"Trust me," he said.

It was a reiteration of the political motto and opener he employed during conversations with his constituents in Wayne County.

And as he outlined his campaign agenda, the reference to his county seemed appropriate in that Patterson still

If elected, 'We'll take another approach in Lansing.'

Bruce Patterson
State House candidate

sounded much like a commissioner.

Before a crowd of about 30, mixed with supporters, associates, family, staff and reporters, Patterson introduced his list of "conceptual" goals. At the top, he said, is making Wayne County government more attentive to the needs of

its residents, not "the select, favored special interests," he has encountered in his three years as a commissioner.

"Wayne County government must be made more responsible and accountable actually, not just theoretically," he said.

Wayne County's six officials and 13 of its 15 commissioners are democrats. Patterson and Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter, who will run for the state seat Sen. Bob Geake leaves in November, are the only republicans on the commission.

Together, Patterson and McCotter represent Wayne County's largely republican west. Most of Canton lies within Patterson's district; McCotter's district contains the Plymouths, Northville Township, part of Livonia and the

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Canton Police seek donations to fund gang manual

Book will include tips for parents and neighborhoods on preventing gang activity

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Canton Police Officers Association is beginning a fundraiser next month to raise funds for a 128-page Gang Awareness Manual, according to Canton Police Det. Bill Keppen.

Keppen said that although the Canton Police Officer Association (CPOA) has tried other fundraisers, this one is different because they hired an outside company for assistance.

"We found that fundraisers were very time-consuming, and we didn't necessarily have enough time to give them enough attention," Keppen said. "Based on the recommendation of other police agencies, we decided on trying a reputable fund-raising company."

CPOA called Midwest Publications of Northville, a company that has provided similar services to organizations such as area police departments for 18 years, according to Keppen.

Midwest Publications works with non-profit organizations to coordinate fundraisers, according to Ed Jacques, spokesperson for Midwest.

"Organizations like police departments obviously don't have the time to do this while we have the wherewithal

and the people to devote full-time."

Midwest has produced drug education manuals for the Dearborn and Frazier police departments, as well as safety publications for firefighter organizations, Jacques said. The gang awareness manual was first produced for a police department in Colorado.

'We felt our community needed this type of information.'

Detective Bill Keppen
Canton Police Dept.

"The Colorado Springs Police Department was having a serious problem with gang activity," Jacques said. "We put together a manual of advice and information from police experts from Los Angeles to address specific problems in the area."

With tips for parents and neighborhoods wanting to prevent gang activity, the manual has also been distribut-

ed in Dearborn and Frazier with positive results, Jacques said.

Under the terms of the agreement, Midwest takes on all costs and aspects of the fund-raising. Midwest provides a direct mailing and telemarketing solicitation for funds to offset the cost of the manual's editorial content, according to Jacques.

"We solicit businesses for donations in the form of advertisements for the manual," he said. "We'll list the business and the type of services they provide."

For their part, Midwest gets a percentage of every dollar collected for the manual, according to Jacques.

Midwest will print 1,000 copies of the manual, which CPOA will distribute to churches, schools and other non-profit agencies such as the Canton Public Library. The manuals will be distributed in early fall, according to Jacques. Midwest can print more if need demands it.

Keppen said that the manual is in response to reports of gang activity growing in other parts of western Wayne County.

"We felt our community needed this type of information," Keppen said. "Gang activity in Canton is relatively small."

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Rocking at the crossroads

Soon, there will be a new noise ordinance in town. How is The Lower Town Grill preparing? Rocking on.



"The Witchdoctors," played their brand of blues before a full house at The Lower Town Grill Saturday. Citations in connection with noise violations at The Grill were dismissed in 35th District Court last week. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

BY SCOTT GOODWIN
Like the bluesmen of the Delta South, The Lower Town Grill stands at the proverbial crossroads this week. Only it's not the devil they'll be dealing with, it's the City of Plymouth Planning Commission.

After receiving noise ordinance citations for more than a year, Judge MacDonald cleared the Grill of all charges in 35th District Court.

"As it stands right now, Judge MacDonald has dismissed all tickets against The Lower Town Grill," said prosecuting attorney Cameron Miller. "He ruled all of the City's noise ordinances unconstitutional"

It was the ordinances' vagueness, in part, that earned them the unconstitutional stamp, according to Miller.

Current City noise ordinances lack noise-level standards to specify what is allowable and what is not, Miller said.

A new noise ordinance is now being developed by the City Planning Commission.

For The Lower Town Grill and its owner, Kim Guenther, the new ordinance should provide needed direction.

According to Miller, the new ordinance "would give (The Lower Town Grill) the standards they were looking for."

It was the absence of such standards that left The Lower Town Grill powerless against last year's complaints, Guenther said.

"I needed someone to say to me 'Don't go any louder than this,'"

'I was concerned that it might turn into an us-versus-them mentality.'
Kim Guenther
Owner, Lower Town Grill

he said.

Over the past eight to nine months, Guenther has taken steps to alleviate the noise problem in his bar: insulation and covering for the back windows and an elevated stage designed to reduce the amount of floor amplification.

"We are interested in controlling sound," he said.

According to Guenther, more than \$6,000 has been invested in the improvements.

The Lower Town Grill's problems first began a year ago when residents living nearby called police to complain about the loud, late-night music.

One of those residents, Terry Kariniemi lives about 200 feet from The Lower Town Grill. At several City Commission meetings she has voiced her opinion about the Grill's noise, but had no comment on the latest developments.

"I was concerned that it might develop into an us-versus-them

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Commission OKs tax revision

New evaluation measures accompany 2nd draft of Plymouth promotion plan

BY LINDA KOCHANAK

Let's try this again.

Plymouth's City Commission has approved a revised draft of the proposed Principal Shopping District (PSD) Promotion Project.

The revised promotion tax plan has its own set of checks and balances to assure business owners that they are getting their tax levy worth, according to Steve Guile, director of the Downtown Development Authority.

The Downtown Business Association will oversee the project.

"We will survey the business owners and landlords in three years," Guile said.

"If they don't feel that our effort has increased business, then it will cease from the point we received the funding."

Just prior to approval and implementation of the program at the last public hearing, some business owners voiced concerns over the amount of money being spent on analyzing the program's success.

"We reacted on requests of downtown landlords and business owners," Plymouth Mayor Don Dismuke said.

The City Commission returned it to committee for revisions, devising new methods of analyzing the project's success.

The tax will be assessed to commercial properties within the Downtown

Development Area and will go to fund the promotion of Plymouth as a shopping and business destination.

The City of Plymouth may already be known as a safe place for family activities, but as a commercial destination it needs to be defined and set apart from others like it, according to Guile.

Even in its revised form, however, the plan continues to draw criticism from some downtown business owners and landlords.

Some downtown business owners have protested the tax, claiming it will not benefit all who pay it. Some office building

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Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Tonight, Plymouth-Canton Schools begin registration in the Canton High School Cafeteria for Community Education Racquetball. For \$110, P-C residents can purchase one-hour blocks of court time for an 18-week period. Numbers will be issued beginning at 7 p.m., and starting at 7:30, in numerical order, residents will have choose their time slot, Monday - Thursday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Call 416-2940 for info.

WEEKEND

- The Plymouth VFW Post Ladies Auxiliary will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast Sunday, from 9 a.m. - noon. Cost, \$3.50 per person. For more information, call Ann Smith at 453-1529.

NEXT WEEK

- Friday, The Plymouth Skating Club will host the 1998 USFSA Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship at Compuware Arena, through Sunday. More than 145 teams—about 3,000 skaters—are expected to skate in this sectional championship, the largest pre-national competition in the country.

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Fedorov interview

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WSDP radio, 88.1 FM will air an interview with Detroit Red Wing Sergei Fedorov tonight during its weekly program, "Community Focus."

Nick Gismondi, a WSDP reporter and play-by-play broadcaster, interviewed Fedorov during his workouts with the Plymouth Whalers. Fedorov is currently holding out on a contract with the Wings.

During tonight's interview, Fedorov will discuss his early years in hockey, Stanley Cup memories, winning the Hart Trophy and his recent skate with the Whalers.

"Community Focus" airs at 5:40 p.m. WSDP is owned by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and is operated by students.

SERGEI FEDOROV

1 week left in CFCU election

Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) members have about a week left to cast their votes in the 1998 board of directors election. Six candidates are running for four seats on the board:

- Thomas McHugh, from Gaylord.
- Barry Moore, from Novi.
- Michael Wata, from Novi.
- Tom Cudney, from Canton.
- Terrence Jolly, from Novi.
- Michele Kelly, from Northville.

Candidate profiles have been mailed out with member account statements. Those elected will serve a three-year term on the board without pay. Directors are charged with providing direction and leadership for the credit union, and providing a representative voice for the membership.

CFCU members are eligible to vote if they have had at least \$5 in any account since Jan. 2. Eligible members get one vote. Ballots must be returned to CFCU by the end of the business day Feb. 6. Members who need a ballot can call CFCU at (734) 453-6900.

New directors will be introduced at the CFCU annual meeting at the Plymouth branch, 500 S. Harvey Street, Thursday March 12.

CFCU scholarship

The Plymouth branch of Community Federal Credit Union (CFCU) is offering two scholarships to students in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

In its tenth year, the Margaret Dunning scholarship will be awarded to "needy and deserving students who demonstrate good character, community commitment and a commendable academic record," according to CFCU.

The same criteria apply to the George Lawton scholarship, now in its fourth year. Together, according to CFCU, Dunning and Lawton "epitomize the credit union's philosophy of 'people helping people'."

Applications for the scholarship are available at CFCU. Deadline for application is Friday, March 13, and should be sent to:

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The Annual Meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be held at the Water Club Seafood Grill located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at 8:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect four Board members, four officers, hear reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer and to conduct such other business as may come before the Board. The public is invited to attend. Breakfast will be available.

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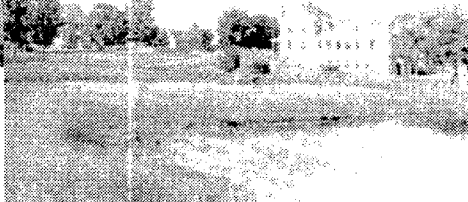


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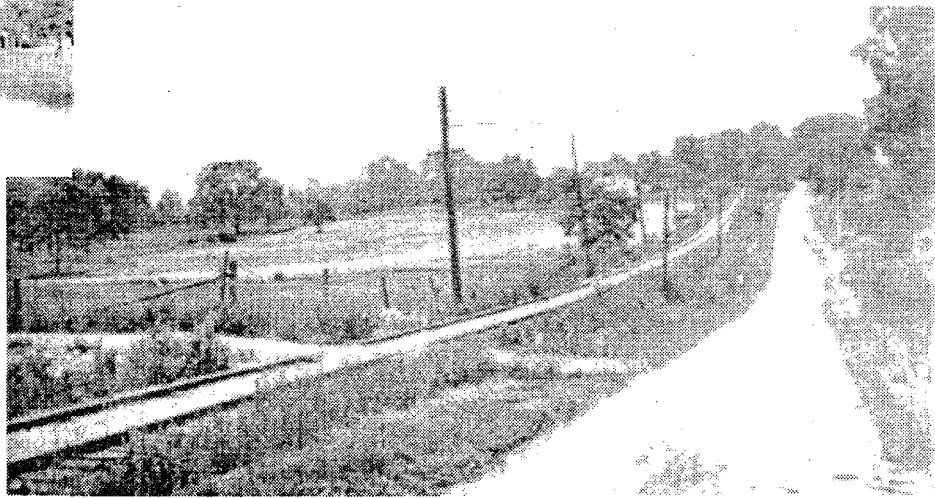


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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The following students received master's or doctoral degrees after the Winter Semester at Eastern Michigan University. From Canton: **John Cook, Jennifer Dallacqua, James Day, Deborah Fedor, David Holmes, Lila Howard, Gregory Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson, Gary Kondratak, Patrick Paskiewicz, Daniel Sarafian, Gail Smith, Ximin Wang, Christine Wensley, Sheryl Yengera, Joan Zarusley, and Juntao Zhang.** From Plymouth: **Aaron Basler, Kristine Bowland, Kelleigh Dugan, Colleen Killen-Gonyea, Robert Redford, Stephanie Schriener, Elizabeth Vartanian-Gibbs and James West.** From Northville: **Gloria Ellsworth, Todd Feliks, Andrew LePere, Dirk Naylor, Shannon Quinn and LeighAnne Redmond.**

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Leslie Y. Green** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Green is the daughter of **Patricia R. Jennings** of Canton.

Army Pvt. **Jonathon L. Matulevich** has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, KY. The training included basic military training and advanced individual training.

During the Advanced Individual Training (AIT), soldiers are trained as armor crewmen to serve in tank units and conduct defensive and offensive combat operations. Soldiers are taught to operate, service and maintain armor tracked and wheeled vehicles.

Matulevich is the son of **Susan I. Matulevich** of Plymouth.

Navy Ensign **Simone R. Walston** recently returned from a five-month South American deployment aboard the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island.

Walston's ship supports amphibious operations using Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCAC), conventional landing craft and helicopters to transport Marines to hostile shores.

Walston is a 1988 graduate of Canton High School.

Kelly Nelson, daughter of **Linda Nelson** of Plymouth and **John Nelson** of Ypsilanti, has been named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University.

Nelson, a 1995 graduate of Canton High School, is also a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Full-time volunteer

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

When Canton Township created the position of Volunteer Coordinator in 1994, they had the perfect person for the job: Canton resident **Kathleen Salla**, a resident since 1973 and volunteer since the age of eight.

"It was a brand new job back then," she said. "My first task was to see what expectations the community had and how to fill them. It was the first time I was volunteering in an official capacity."

During her first two years on the job, she established working relationships with more than 30 volunteer organizations and community groups, she said. Groups such as First Step, Growth Works, Meals on Wheels and Goodfellows, to name just a few.

The organizations were always looking for volunteers, and she found that they were always people looking to help. They just didn't know where to go.

That's where she came in.

Salla matches potential volunteers with groups by matching interests, like in a computer dating service.

"I'll give them a questionnaire to fill out with questions like what they'd be willing or unwilling to do," she said. "I try to match them up so it's a good experience for the volunteer and the group."

The approach must be working: Salla's



Kathleen Salla's position as volunteer coordinator is now officially full-time. The Canton resident has been helping behind the scenes at virtually every event in Canton. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman).

position was upgraded to full time this month.

She said she plans to increase citizen involvement as well, by reaching out to younger volunteers.

"It's difficult to match students with groups because most groups operate from 9-5," she said. But events like the Archery

Tournament and Liberty Fest are always in need of help.

And she'll find the right place to put them.

"When I have a volunteer new to the community and I find the right place for them, that's when I feel like I've done my job," she said.

PCAC to dedicate center Saturday

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) will officially dedicate the new **Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center** for the Arts Saturday.

PCAC will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center, located on Sheldon Road north of North Territorial.

Children on-hand at 10 a.m. will participate in the long-awaited unveiling of the building's sign.

The action is symbolic of PCAC's

focus on the next generation, according to **Nancy Pilon** of PCAC. It also symbolizes the change of focus from adults, the current caretakers of arts programming, and children, the future artists and art appreciators.

After the unveiling, PCAC will present a sample of the various classes and activities the art center offers, Pilon said. Art volunteers will give short presentations of the picture, sculpture and culture units

used in the schools.

PCAC will also offer short creative/dramatic workshops and theater games to highlight the joy of performing.

The Art Rental Gallery will also be open to showcase its collection, and give informatin on all classes and programs.

The day will be capped off by a private reception that night to honor **Joanne Winkleman Hulce**, founder of PCAC.

For information, call (313) 455-4681.

Symphony, students play chamber concert

Canton High School junior **Ross Huff** will be among four young musicians performing with the Plymouth Symphony Saturday, according to executive director **Bonnie Holyoak**.

Held at the Canton High School Little Theatre, The Symphony Chamber Concert begins at 8 p.m.

Huff is a second place winner in the Symphony's Youth Artist Competition and will perform a trumpet solo. He has participated in District and State Solo and Ensemble competitions for the past two years, and has played for President Clinton with PCEP's Symphony Band at the Metro Airport Expansion ground-breaking ceremony.

Sarah Hamilton, first chair flutist in Novi High School's symphony band, will perform a flute solo.

The concert also features harpists **Allegra Lilly** of Bloomfield

Hills and **Christina Szelag** of Farmington Hills, both students of **Ruth Myers**, director of the Detroit Metropolitan Harp Ensemble.

Szelag performs with the symphony on a regular basis, Holyoak said.

Besides the young musicians, there will be string quartets, a bass trio, a bassoon duet, an alphorn solo and a flute quartet, Holyoak said.

An after glow will immediately follow the concert at **Willow Brook Inn**, 44255 Warren in Canton. Concert-goers will have a chance to meet with the musicians and discuss the performance.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and college students, and \$5 for children K-12. For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at (313) 451-2112.

Patterson remembers county

Commissioner could take county issues to Lansing

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Wayne-County portion of the City of Northville.

Butting heads with Wayne County gov-

ernment is an exercise Patterson has performed and a theme to which he often returned as a commissioner.

If elected to the House, he said, "we'll take another approach in Lansing."

One way is through pushing for legislation to "elevate the legal status of townships to that equal to Home Rule Cities," he said. Such status could empower Canton and Plymouth Township, granting them jurisdiction over roads within their boundaries. It could also boost their input into how state funds are spent on those roads.

"And it is a way to get out from under the subjugation and oppression and the reprisals and the retaliation currently being imposed on the people by the likes of (Wayne County Executive) Ed McNamara and (Wayne County Deputy Executive) Mike Duggan," Patterson said.

Patterson also touched on solid waste planning and tax reforms.

Who will take their places?

Patterson's graduation to the state House would open a spot on the county commission, and a point of entry for democrats through the republican bulwarks he and other G.O.P. members have defended in western Wayne. Who might succeed Patterson? None have yet come forward. But...

Rumors have been circulating that Canton Trustee Melissa McLaughlin might bid for Patterson's commission job.

"That decision hasn't been made yet," she said. "I've only known what Patterson's decision was going to be for a few weeks.

"Right now I'm happy with what I'm doing. I've got the best job in the world."

During his press conference, Patterson mentioned someone "trusted," whom he hoped would decide to run for the commission seat. Who that potential replacement is, he wouldn't say.

If McLaughlin does try to jump into the bigger political ring, she wouldn't be the first. Political careers have blossomed from inside Canton's Administration Building before.

Prior to joining the Senate, Bennett was Canton Clerk. Patterson spent 11 years on Canton's Merit Commission.

Meanwhile, in another part of Wayne County...

If Thad McCotter is elected to a leather wingback seat in the state Senate, another vacancy would appear in the county commission.

Again, rumors of a replacement include a name: Rep. Lynn Bankes, who now represents the 19th state House district.

The motivation behind her purported move from the Capitol to the City-County Building is unknown, but the Redford republican would represent some of the same people as she did at the state level if she won McCotter's county job.

LTG awaits revised ordinance

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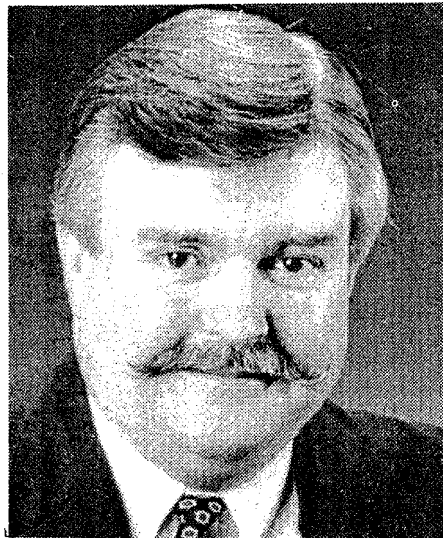
mentality," said Guenther, who likens the dispute to territorial growing pains.

"It does me no good to bother these people or to create enemies. We do want to fit in here," he said.

Steve Guile, Downtown Development Authority director, said he doesn't see this as a continuing problem and believes a solution is imminent. "I think the situation will eventually resolve itself," he said.

The new noise ordinance now must go before new City Attorney Sarah Osburn, said City Clerk Linda Langmesser. With Osburn's approval, the ordinance will be sent back to the Planning Commission, and then on to the City Commission for a final okay, she said.

For Guenther, the coming ordinance is a welcoming sign. "I just feel there's an answer out there and the commission will come up with it."



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Your GUIDE to commercial entertainment in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community. Also note community and non-profit groups' events, listed in this Crier under *What's Happening.*

CANTON CINEMA 6
734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Good Will Hunting" "As Good As It Gets" "Spice Girls" "Deep Rising" "Hard Rain."

CENTER STAGE
734-981-5122; Thurs. - Sat.: *Dance to mainstream music rock, alternative & more.*

COFFEE STUDIO
734-416-9288; Sat.: *Live Acoustic Music.*

ERNESTO'S
734-453-2002; Mon. - Thur: *Strolling Musicians*; Tues. - Sat.: *Live Music in Piano Bar.*

GENITTI'S
248-349-0522; Live Dinner Theater: *"No Refunds, No Exchanges."*

KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN
734-455-8450; Thurs.: *Buster Blues Band*

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL
734-451-1213; Fri.: *The Blue Ray* & Sat.: *Blue Suit (w/ Gene Morgan).*

LUCILLE'S TAVERN
734-397-1988; Thurs. - Sat.: *Dixie Cross Road Band.*

NORTHVILLE DOWNS
810-349-1000; *Harness Racing.*

PENN THEATRE
734-453-0870; Now Playing: *"Home Alone 3." Rated PG.*

PLYMOUTH WHALERS
734-453-8400; Tues.: *Home game against Sarnia*

STARTING GATE
248-349-5660; Fri. & Sat.: *Live Music w/Rick & Becky.*

STATION 885 RESTAURANT
734-459-0885; Wed. - Sat.: *Keyboardist Wally Gibson;* Fri. & Sat.: *with special guests.*

WEST SIDE SINGLES
734-981-0909; Every Fri.: *Friday Dances at Burton Manor*

These listings are free of charge and are accurate as of noon Friday, prepared for Wednesday's Crier. Bookings, reservations, cover charges and capacities may change, so please call to verify information. A venue wishing to be listed or to update information should call The Crier at (734) 453-6900 by noon Friday.



Getting down to business



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Remerica Hometown One, of Plymouth, is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Snowperson Contest.

Snowpeople will be judged on originality, character and "the fun factor."

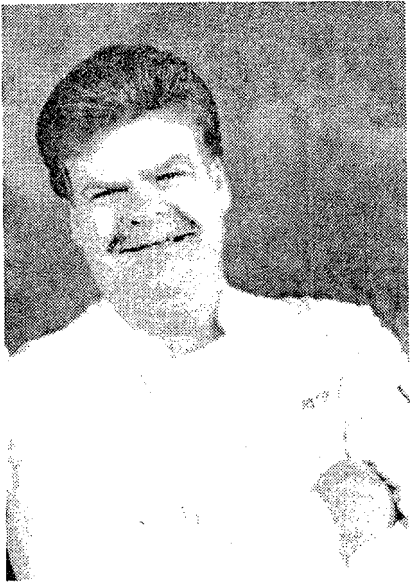
Grand prize will be a \$200 savings bond in the name of your child. Take a picture of your snowperson, and mail it with the name of your child(ren), age, address and phone number to: Snowperson Contest, Remerica Hometown One, 42875 Five Mile Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The **McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel** has donated \$500 to the bereavement book collection at the **Canton Public Library**.

The donation will add to the library's Special Collection On Bereavement, donated by **Kevin McCabe** in 1993.

The **Plymouth Chapter of Business Network International (BNI)** regular meeting will be held from 7 - 8:30 a.m. Jan. 29 at the **Water Club Seafood Grill**, at Ann Arbor Road and I-275.

For more information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.



Chef Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz, owner and operator of **"Rocky's of Northville,"** along with **"Rocky's of Brighton,"** has recently opened **"Steve and Rocky's,"** a new restaurant in Novi.

Located at 43150 Grand River Road, the restaurant is a collaborative effort with Rachwitz and Steve Allen, former executive chef at **"The Golden Mushroom"** in Southfield.

Tech center brings businesses together

Worldwide company consolidates state's operations in Plymouth

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

T&N plc, an automotive parts supplier based in Manchester England, has consolidated its business products groups into one technical center in Plymouth.

Located on Port Street in R. A. DeMattia's Metro West Corporate Park, the 76,000-square-foot facility will combine three T&N product groups, including AE Goetze, Glacier Vandervell and McCord Payen, Inc.

Having the three companies in one center will allow them to share services and information. The one-stop testing and development capabilities will offer a significant increase in efficiency, according to Joyce Duell of AE Goetze.

AE Goetze is part of T&N Piston Product Group, Duell said. Formerly of Livonia, the company was the first of the three groups to move to the facility.

AE Goetz designs and develops power cylinder components and systems for light vehicle, heavy-duty and small-engine applications.



T&N plc, a global supplier of engine components and systems with annual sales in excess of \$3 billion, has combined four Michigan facilities into one **Plymouth Technical Center on Port Street in Plymouth Township**.

"Before we moved in each company had their own location," Duell said. "We thought that since we deal with a lot of the same customers and share a lot of information, we should consolidate our operations into one center."

Glacier Vandervell (GV), part of T&N's Bearings Group, moved its Troy-based operations to Plymouth in late

1997. GV produces bearings for engines.

The two will be joined by McCord Payen, a leading automotive gasket manufacturer, next month. McCord Payen currently has offices in Allen Park and a testing facility in Wyandotte, Duell said.

"We'll all be under one roof, with some shared facilities," she said. "It'll save a lot of time."

Plymouth Chamber sets agenda for '98

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Increased member participation and an added focus on Lower Town businesses are among the 1998 goals of the **Plymouth Chamber of Commerce**, according to Chamber President **Bob Seestadt**.

Seestadt outlined the chamber's goals at his State of the Chamber address at Station 885 Thursday.

"We're a long ways from where we were last year," he said.

The chamber plans to expand several events into Lowertown, including the **Moonlight Madness Sale**, **Sunrise Sale** and **Sidewalk Sale**, according to **Ann Horn**, co-chair of the chamber's retail committee.

Horn said she hopes to convince restaurants to open earlier and stay open

later to better serve crowds who participate in the **Moonlight Madness** and **Sunrise sales**.

Horn also said the chamber is working with the **Chrysler Corporation** in planning the 70th anniversary of **Plymouth automobiles**.

"We're going to have about 350 vintage Chrylsers on display throughout the City," she said.

Seestadt said he plans to focus on membership drives and increasing membership participation, he said.

"We need fresh faces. Too often we see the same people doing the same thing," he said.

Also on the Chamber's agenda is further development of the Chamber's Web Page, increasing community involvement in events such as the **Fourth of July Parade** and the Chamber's auction, as well as offering more mixers with prizes to increase participation.

Seestadt said the Chamber will be looking for a permanent home in 1998.

"We've been putting funds aside for a permanent location for some time," he said. "It's time to start taking active steps to locate a permanent home. We probably won't be able to find one right away, but we can definitely start exploring the options."

And the winners are...

The Crier has awarded prizes to four winners in an ongoing reader contest call the **GUIDE Big Quiz**. Readers are asked to answer questions whose answers can be found in The Crier's annual **GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem-Superior**.



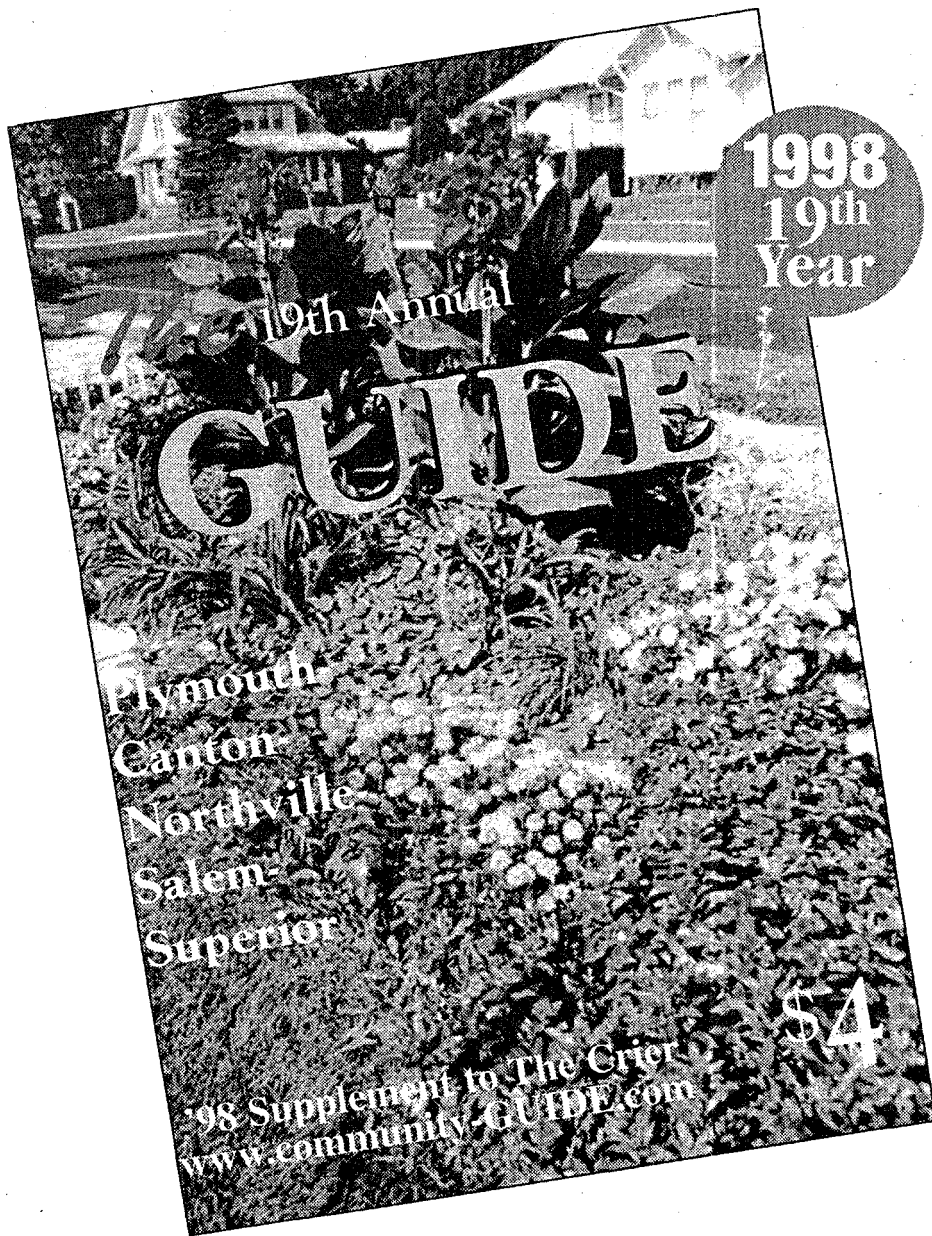
Readers to date have answered questions ranging from the percentage of **Canton's Senior populations** to finding phone numbers for "the **Mainstreet Cloggers**" and **CSX Railroad**.

Winners so far, and their prizes include: **Vi Denison**, Plymouth: Dinner for Two at **Lower Town Grill**; **Jean Pink**, Plymouth: \$50 worth of flowers from **Heide's Flowers and Gifts**; **Paula Trask**, Canton: Dinner for Two at **Karl's Rewstaurant** in **Salem Township**; and **Ryan Fulmer**, Canton: \$50 worth of flowers from **Heide's Flowers and Gifts**.

The **GUIDE** is published each **March** by **The Crier**. This week's **Big Quiz** entry form appears elsewhere in this edition.

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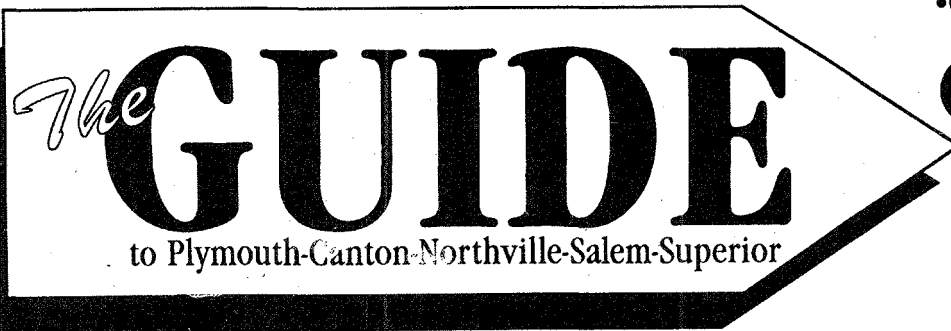
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PLYMOUTH FALL FESTIVAL BOARD

The Plymouth Fall Festival Board will meet on Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall Annex (formerly Friendly's). All organizations who are considering participating in the 1998 Fall Festival should send a representative to this meeting. For further information call Kurt Lamar, President at (734) 453-7820.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion of Northville Post 147, will hold a regular business meeting and Special elections at 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Post home, 100 W. Dunlap. All eligible veterans and members are welcome. For information, call Adjutant Jim Maahs at (248) 349-1060.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers will be celebrating an early Mardi Gras on Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the Water Club Grill for a Masquerade Dinner Party. Be sure to join us at the Water Club located at 39500 E. Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth. For further information call Susan Tish (734) 453-0232.

SINGLES GROUP OF CANTON

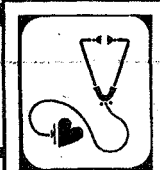
St. John Neumann's Singles Group of Canton is hosting their annual Valentines Dance on Feb. 14. Located at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church located on Haggerty Road and Five Mile Road Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets are available at the door. Call Patrick at (313) 277-6083 or St. John Neumann's hotline at (313) 480-7830.

P-C MAGIC GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Plymouth-Canton Magic Girls AAV basketball club will be holding team tryouts for 11 and 12 year-old girls on Feb. 24. Registration and tryouts begin at 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main Street. For additional information call (734) 207-5064.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY YMCA

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA is now registering for all Winter 1998 classes. A variety of classes are available for preschool through adult. YMCA Parent/Child programs are also beginning. Call (734) 453-2904 for further information.



Health

STRESS MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

The presentation seminar will take place on Wednesday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at Medhealth Wellness Center, Plymouth facility located on 47659 Halyard Dr. presenting Lawrence J. Collins, MA, a licensed psychologist.

MEDI-CARE HMO'S

Medi-care HMO's - are they right for you? No insurance representatives, information from current plans will be available. Monday at 1 p.m. in Maple Multi-use Room at Summit on the Park. For more information call (734) 397-5444.

EXPECTANT FATHERS

"Just for Dad's...Childbirth and Beyond," class will be held from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Feb. 5. Registration is required. Please call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

SIBLING CLASS

The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer Sibling Class from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Feb. 7. This is to help adjust to the welcoming of a new baby into the family. Registration is required. For more information call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

PEDIATRIC BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

St. Mary Hospital will offer a course in CPR for the child under age 8 and for infants in a cardiac emergency. Will be held Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is required. Call (734) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

\$5 per child for all vaccines available except chicken pox. Clinics are held Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 14 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System located at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trl., in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 414-1000.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held Feb. 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium near the 5 Mile entrance. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital at (734) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASS

Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor, and delivery. A six week session will be held 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. every Tuesday from Feb. 10 through March 17. To register or for more information call (734) 655-1100 or toll free 1-800-494-1615.

SELF DEFENSE AWARENESS COURSE

The Salvation Army at 9451 S. Main is now offering a five week Women's Self Defense awareness course. The course is taught by Bob Stanczyk of the world Chang Moo Kwan Association of Plymouth. Cost is \$20 per person and classes are one hour. For further information call Martha Schultz at (734) 453-5464.

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NEW MORNING SCHOOL NEEDS CHILD CARE AIDE

Attention students and seniors: Plymouth New Morning School is looking for a child care aide Mon.-Fri. from 7-9 a.m. Could be volunteer or paid position. For more information call (734) 420-3331.

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is looking for volunteers to provide transportation for cancer patients in P-C-N area. Call (313) 561-8880, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program need volunteers in Canton to help children needing tutoring in basic math, reading. Free training. Call (313) 883-2100 ext. 368.

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FISH of P-C in need of volunteers to assist in aiding neighbors who can't help themselves. To be a driver, caller, or run errands, call (734) 261-1011, leave a message.

SUMMIT SHUTTLE

Summit on the Park, Canton, offers shuttle service from east parking lot (next to playscape) to north door of Summit. Enclosed eight-person cart provides service 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri. If P-C Schools close because of bad weather, tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings, shuttle won't operate. Senior Office, (734) 397-5444.

STUDENT EXCHANGE

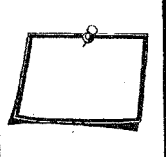
Families needed to host international students from "Academic Year in America," sponsored by American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation. Students range from 15-18 years, arrive from Brazil, Germany, Spain, Netherlands and other countries. Call Amy Mullen, 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5423.

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 (734) 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.



Events

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL, INC.

Community Literacy Council, Inc. will be conducting seminars for people interested in becoming reading tutors. The first segment of the seminar will be held **Thursday, Jan. 29** at Canton Public Library from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and will be repeated at Auto Nation **Feb. 12** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The second half of the seminar will be conducted on **Saturday, Jan. 30** and repeated on **Feb. 14** from 9:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Auto Nation. For more information call (734) 254-9255

SESAME STREET LIVE

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family trip to the Fox Theater to see Sesame Street Live on Saturday. Cost is \$14 per person. Registration starts Jan. 5 and a bus ride is provided. Canton Residents please.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Free income tax assistance for Seniors will be available in Canton, Northville, & Plymouth from **Feb. 1 to April 15**. In Canton call (734) 397-5444, in Plymouth call (734) 455-6620, and in Northville call (248) 349-4140 to schedule an appointment. Home visits are also available.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Family Skate Night on **Thursday, Feb. 5**, in Heritage Park. Ponds will be lighted and refreshments available. Call (734) 397-5110 if there is a question about skating conditions.

PLYMOUTH FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Hosting USFSA Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship at the new Compuware Arena on **Feb. 6-8**. Additional information (734) 420-0462.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

A special service for the Pontiac Rescue Mission will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 10**, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. Pastor Kent Clark will take a special love offering. Call (734) 414-7777 for more details.

FOURTH AVENUE GALLERY

The Fourth Avenue Gallery will be presenting the work of Louie Long and Jack Kenny now through **Feb. 15**. The gallery is located at 210 S. Fourth Avenue in Ann Arbor. For more information call (888) 8344-ART.

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

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 (734) 464-8556 or Peggie Bolland at (313) 255-5677.

USS NANTAHALA REUNION

A reunion of the USS Nantahala (AO-60) will be held **May 14-17**. Contact Jack Gibbs, 40695 Newport, Plymouth MI. 48170-4742 or (734) 455-9306

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The **Museum** presents an opportunity to view the integration of math, science, geography, history, and language arts in one project. For the youngest to the oldest student, the learning process comes alive.

New Morning School was established in 1973 by teachers and parents who believe that parental involvement is critical to a child's education. Pioneering the concept of family-centered education at the elementary and middle school level, New Morning School is the only **Pre K - Grade 8 parent cooperative** in southeastern Michigan.

At 3:30^{PM} a discussion of the **New Morning School curriculum** will take place and 1998 registration information will be given. Teachers, staff, and parents will be available for questions.

Please phone to register - 734/420-3331

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Hyrdonics takes 'monsters' out of basement

BY MAURA CADY

Radiating from Plymouth is an association that supports those of you who ever dreamt of having a bit of heat under your feet throughout the winter season.

The Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association (GLHHA), a relatively young group, created in Plymouth only 2 years ago, represents local hydronic heating contractors, distributors and

manufacturers. The GLHHA is committed to supporting all of you who have considered making the change from forced air heating systems or even considered using hydronics for ice melting purposes.

Before investing in such a change, spokesman for the GLHHA, Bill Neidig suggests you first do your homework.

The biggest concern of most homeowners is, "What exactly is

hydronic heating and how will I benefit from it?"

Hydronic heating is a hot water system generated by a gas, liquid propane or an oil heated boiler and pumped through series of pipes beneath floors, walls or cement walkways. Developed and used primarily in Europe and frequently utilized on PBS's *This Old House*, hydronic heat is making its way into the American market at an incredible rate.

Now, if the word "boiler" evokes scary thoughts of the large iron monster that sat (and maybe still does sit) in your grandparents' basement complete with asbestos-insulated pipes running every which way, then it's time to erase that vision from your brain. Newer boilers take up only a bit more of the space than your current furnace does and sit against the wall instead of the middle of the basement. Those unsightly cast iron radiators are eliminated as well.

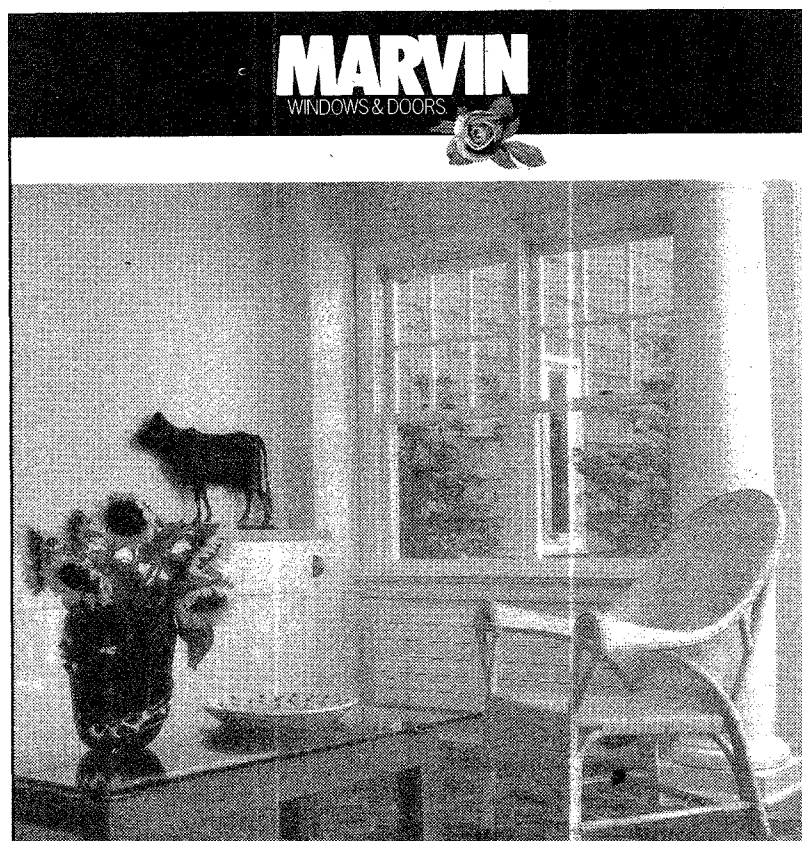
What could be considered a drawback to this type of system is the initial investment. It tends to be considerably more expensive but, in the long run, consumers have found it to be worth the investment.

Compare these figures: A furnace's

average life expectancy is 15 years; a boiler's, 34 years. That's more than double. The duct work of forced air systems need to be cleaned to maintain air quality. With hydronic systems, duct work is non-existent, meaning no dust and cleaner air to breathe. Hydronic heat's equivalent to duct work is the closed loop of small polyethylene cross linked (PEX) tubing in which hot water is pumped behind the surface to be heated. PEX tubing has a life expectancy of 300 years and is designed to keep oxygen build up away from the inside of the pipes; a typical problem with those older radiant heat systems.

As opposed to the typical forced air heating systems, GLHHA's Neidig believes that with the help of hydronic heating, the heat below your feet will help keep the winter chills away from your pocketbook. Neidig believes the dollars saved in the long-run is temptation enough.

If this sounds to good to be true, the GLHHA is available to answer any questions—at no cost to you—about the possibility of hydronic heat in your life. The GLHHA can be reached during business hours at (734) 454-7620.



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Home, Garden show features P-C-N businesses

Weekend exhibition features designs from N.A. Mans Building Centers, Cambridge Homes

BY MAURA CADY

Select members of the Plymouth, Canton and Northville business communities will be swinging up a storm all weekend long—swinging hammers, that is—beginning tomorrow and ending Sunday.

The sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show will once again be making its appearance at the Novi Expo Center. Representatives from companies based in the P-C-N communities will be amongst the 300 exhibitors to show off the latest in heating and cooling, kitchen and bath fixtures, counters and floors, gardens, decks and brick pavers.

First and foremost, the Spring Home and Garden Show wouldn't be the same without the support of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) 1998 president, Mark F. Guidobono.

As chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville, Guidobono comes from 18 years of experience in the home building and

home improvement industry. He and his brother Eric have spearheaded the construction of many local developments in Novi, Brighton and Bloomfield Hills. But, closer to home, in Northville, is Guidobono and Cambridge Homes' latest: *Woods of Edenderry*. To add to his impressive track record, Guidobono was recently elected to represent the over 2000 women and men of this area's largest building industry organization, the BIA; an impressive tool in his belt!

As one who speaks from experience, Guidobono suggests taking advantage of shows such as the Spring Home and Garden Show in an effort to begin crossing projects off those "To-do" lists. Guidobono says this is a good event for planning the 1998 projects that will increase a home's value. He stresses, "By attending this and other BIA sponsored shows, homeowners and consumers can get a feel for the products that are available." He says it's exciting to see people checking out the various products and companies;

basically, doing their homework before investing in kitchens, bathrooms or home additions. Attending the Novi show will give everyone the opportunity to begin researching and planning before seeing the end result of their visions.

In addition to Guidobono, a relatively young, yet rapidly growing heating association based in Plymouth will be represented at the Spring Home and Garden Show. If you're the owner or wish to be the owner of a hydronic heat system for your home or business, it might be time to turn to the Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association for some advice.

If you're wondering what hydronic heat is and its advantages, we'll give you a hint: think about warm feet in the wintertime. That might just be the answer to this burning question. But to find out for certain, it might be worth your while to check out their hourly demonstrations at the Novi show. Hydronic heat might just be the way to go!

And speaking of hot stuff, how could we forget N.A. Mans Building Centers? After getting its start in Trenton over 97 years ago, Mans has become a household name in Wayne County but, more locally, in the Canton community. Originally known as a supplier of coal, Mans has advanced to include home remodeling, kitchen and bathroom design as well as construction financing. While at the Spring Home and Garden Show, Mans will offer one-on-one construction financing advice as well as the very latest trends in decks and kitchen cabinets.

Whether from Plymouth, Canton or Northville, the sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show has representatives to fulfill the plans of homeowners from all communities. For more information on the Spring Home and Garden Show or the many upcoming BIA sponsored shows, visit the BIA on line at <http://www.builders.org> or call 248.737.4478.



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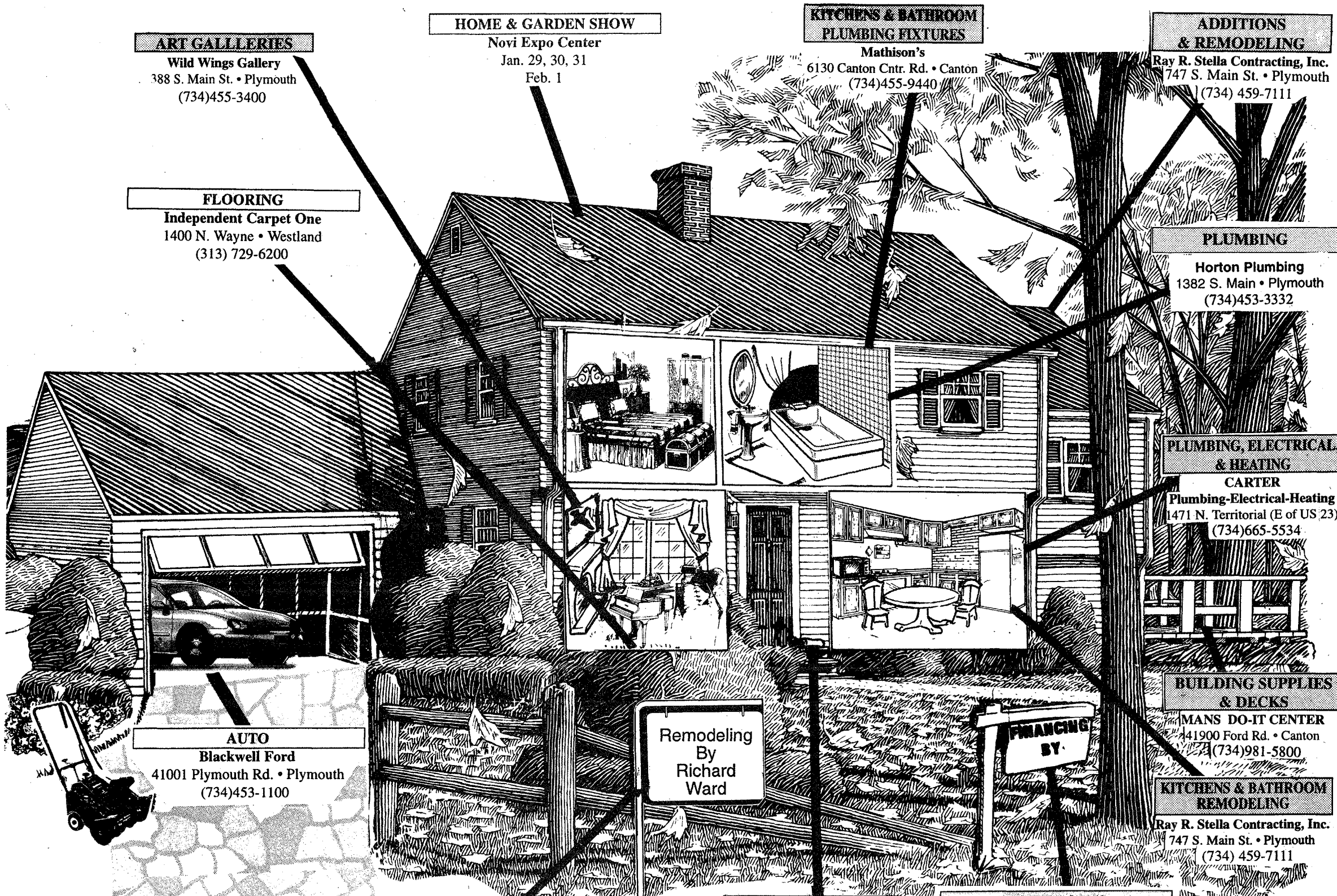
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3 Canton students arrested, expelled for computer theft

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Three Canton students were expelled from the P-C school district for a Nov. 24 theft of four computers from Canton High School, Ken Jacobs, assistant principal.

Canton Police Ofc. Leonard Schemanske said that high school security originally found signs of forced entry at the rear entrance to Canton high school and later found four Compac Deskpro computers, worth about \$7,200 were missing from the school's counseling center.

Schemanske said that high school securi-

ty officer Terry Barnhart received an anonymous tip about three possible suspects.

The tipster told Barnhart that after the three suspects broke into the school, they used a stolen key to gain access to the area where the computers were kept.

The tip led to the arrest of 17-year-old Patrick Kanai, 17-year-old Mohammad Aryan and 18-year-old Matthew Mackie, all from Canton.

"We received a call from a student who told us who may have been involved," Jacobs said. "After an investigation, we

found one of the students, and he eventually led us to the other two."

Canton Police Detective Leonard Wolons said Aryan worked in the counseling center from which the computers were taken.

The three were charged and arraigned in 35th District Court on Breaking and Entering a Building Jan. 9, 1998. The charge is a felony punishable with up to 10 years in jail, Schemanske said.

Their examination, scheduled for Jan. 23 at 35th District Court, was postponed until Feb. 6 because the students are trying to

plea to a lesser charge, according to Wolons.

All three students were expelled from the Plymouth-Canton School District in a special expulsion hearing last week, according to Jacobs.

In an expulsion hearing students go before the school board, which hears the circumstances of their case, Jacobs said.

"It's every bit as formal as a court," he said. "The students can even have legal representation."



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

WILLIAM "PAT" HOLLINGSWORTH

William "Pat" Hollingsworth, a Canton resident, died Jan. 20, 1998 at the age of 77.

Mr. Hollingsworth was born Dec. 23, 1920 in Pocahontas, AR. He was a plastic maker for an office machine manufacturer. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Rosamond E. Hollingsworth of Canton; daughters, Diane (Dennis) Allison of Garden City; Judith Pitera of Westland; Nancy (James) Ponkey of Canton; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland with the Rev. Daniel J. Zalenski officiating. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072.

HAZEL MARIE SPANN

Hazel Marie Spann, a Romulus resident, died Jan. 18, 1998 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Spann was born March 12, 1910 in Vandervoort, AR. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Patsy (Daniel) Bumbalough of Romulus, Betty (James) Robertson of Brighton, Jacqueline (John) Summers of Garden City, Peggy (Robert) Mellencamp of Eustis, FL; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072.

GARY ROBERT OLDS

Gary Robert Olds, of Tower, died Sat. Jan 10, 1998 at the age of 41.

Mr. Olds was born Jan. 22, 1956 in Detroit. He was a maintenance worker at Burns Clinic. He was a dear brother, deeply missed, that served the Lord faithfully and touched many lives. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. He was a member of the Wolverine Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Elisabeth, Mary and Hannah; parents, Bob and Lavern Olds of Wolverine; brother Steven (Lola) of Belleville; sister, Lisa (Kenneth) Burns of Alanson; many aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews; grandparents, Roland Olds and Leona

Harper; and in-laws, Richard and Carol Scruggs of Plymouth.

Services were held at Wolverine Baptist Church with the Rev. Orville Theaker officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to the family of Gary Olds, in c/o Richard and Carol Scruggs, 9314 Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

IRENE MAY McCARTNEY

Irene May McCartney, a long-time Plymouth resident, died Jan. 23, 1998 at the age of 99.

Mrs. McCartney was born Nov. 27, 1898 in Plymouth. She was a wood crafter for Daisy Air Rifle for 25 years. She was a 1917 graduate of Plymouth High School. She was a charter member of the Crediters, a member of the senior citizens group with Tonquish Manor.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara J. (Mike) Keller of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, Dennis Keller of Farmington Hills, Diane Sattler of West Bloomfield, Michael Keller of Taylor; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

SOPHIE LYDIA FRAKI

Sophie Lydia Fraki, a Canton resident, died Jan. 24, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Fraki was born May 18, 1912 in Baltic, MI. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Francis (James) Krick of Girardsville, PA; son, William (Brenda) Fraki of Canton; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Canton officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Hospice of Michigan.

Lillian Lepper, 94, retired sales clerk for J.L. Hudson Co.

Lillian Lepper, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 18, 1998.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne Monahan of Canton; two sons; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Larry N. Lomibao, Jr., 49, technical advisor for Mich Con

Larry N. Lomibao, a Canton resident, died Jan. 17, 1998.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Lomibao of Canton; daughters, Sharlene and Kristina Lomibao of Canton; his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services were held at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.



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Tres-- What is 4 1/2?

Jim & Maryann-- Good Morning! We had
a great time with you! Baby! Baby!

Curiosities

Dear Martha et al-- Now nice to talk to you
yesterday and know that you aren't quite
up to par, but doing better. Your weather
sounds great-- compared to ours.

Interesting to see how people dress for
cold weather. The common denominator
seems to be "blue jeans." However that
seems true in hot or cold weather.

Wonder if they'd be as popular were they
a different color. Levi, when he sailed
down the coast of South America, crossed
the straits of Magellan and up the west
coast to the 49'ers in California with his
load of blue sail cloth. In his wildest flight
of fancy could never have imagined the
impact his load would have on, literally,
the whole world. Certainly the miners got
material to fill their needs in clothing, and
one hundred and fifty years later the
needs of most of the world are being filled.
"Good ol' Levis!" Wonder if they would
have been acceptable were they a violent
"pink." Take care. Geneva

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w/ Ed, & had a story published, but the
nickname makes it official. Good luck!
Go Bob-- Go Bob!!

Father Jack drank a lot of Rusty Nails and
shopped til he dropped!

Nicole Marie Cornelius is 5! Happy
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Josh-- Thanks for the Shanahan Card--
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Jim & Nancy-- What a fun way to get to know each other--now let's keep in touch! L&B
Denise at House of Fudge: If you keep it up with the turtles, I'm guaranteed to become one! Thanks! -- Maura
Dave Pugh: Where's your telescope??
Elisa: I hope by the time you read this, you will have handed in your 2 weeks' notice! I love you sis! --Maura
Congrats Ted Boloven: no smoking!

Curiosities

Congrats Jim Courtney: no smoking!
Jesse Varga: you win the quarter.
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Christopher Shyder had another birthday.
Stewart-- How pleased we are that you enjoy our paper. Come and see us after your trip to England. Carolyn likes us and you will too.
I miss my sister!

Curiosities

Lisa-- Nice to have you back. We miss you when you go on vacation.
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JESS is older in N.Y.N.Y.-- Happy Birthday! Love Sally, Beauregard, Dad.
LIAM eats seedless tangerines from Stall No. 1 at Eastern Market.
"IT'S MY BIRTHDAY, I can whine if I want to."-- Sharon Holroyde, Jan. 20, 1998
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Sports

Sports shorts

City of Plymouth Recreation Department is taking **Spring Youth Soccer Registration** the entire month of January at the Recreation Office, during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Recreation Office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee is \$40 for City residents, and \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call 455-6620.

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club will host the **United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) Midwestern Precision Team Sectional championship** at **Compuware Sports Arena** Feb 6-8.

More than 145 teams and 3,000 skaters are expected to compete. The highest placing teams at the Midwestern Sectional championship advance to the USFSA Precision championships in March in San Diego.

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. You must be at least 12 years old to take the class. 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.

City of Plymouth and Canton recreation departments co-ed volleyball standings:

Blue Division — Over the Hill Gang, 40 points; We Dig, 38 points; Toe Jams, 24 points; Ball Busters, 20 points; Team #4, 21 points; Back Again, 17 points; Ward Presbyterian #1, 4 points; Carol's Crew, 4 points.

White Division — Team #13, 42 points; Buddy's, 33.5 points; Lear Headliners, 28.5 points; Mr. B's II, 27 points; SKF-NATC, 12 points; Mr. B's I, 10 points; Canton Road Running Club, 9 points; Ward Presbyterian Church #2, 6 points.

Northville-Novu outlasts Canton

Chiefs' best score of season isn't enough for victory

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

Well, what do you expect when it's two schools against one?

The Canton girls gymnastics team recorded the highest score of its season, but it wasn't enough to defeat the state's No.1 ranked team, Northville-Novu, which won, 143.7-138.3.

Marcie Emerick had the highest score in vault with an 8.9. Liz Fitzgerald was close behind with an 8.8.

Fitzgerald scored a 9.3 on the bars. Amy Driscoll also competed well in this event with a score of 9.15. The Chiefs' best event was the bars with a total score

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of 36.

Fitzgerald also took the high score on the beam with 8.65 points. Emerick had the next second highest with 8.5 points.

Driscoll had the highest score on the floor routine with 9.2 points. Natalie Wood also had an outstanding performance with a score of 8.8.

"This was our best meet of the year so far," said captain Holly Graham. "We only had two falls, compared to other meets that had seven or eight falls."

"This was our highest score this season. We were up against the No. 1 team in the state, so we knew this would be a challenge," said senior Lori Burleson.

"We had a really good performance," said Emerick and Fitzgerald.

"We went in as major underdogs. It forced us to work together as a team," added Emerick.

"We have worked hard and have come a long way. It definitely shows in our performances," said Wood, senior.

Assistant coach Brie Wall summed up last Wednesday's meet by saying: "It was awesome."

Rocks rough up Raiders

SWIMMING

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

The Salem boys swim team remained perfect this season with a 118-68 win last Thursday against North Farmington

Senior captain Nick Corden took the 200-yard freestyle at 1:49.64 and the 100 butterfly at 1:00.46.

Paul Perez also had two individual wins; in the 200 individual medley he came in at 2:12.06, just beating out teammate Brian Mertens who came in at 2:12.12. Pertens also took first in the 500 freestyle at 5:18.62.

Other individual firsts included Andrew Locke who took the 100 free at 51.14, and Jason Rebarchik who came in at 1:10.11 for the 100 breast stroke.

Salem also took firsts in all three medleys. Brent Mellis, Locke, Tim Buchanan, and Dan Kelly came in at 1:44.43 for the 200 medley relay.

Kelly, Buchanan, Locke, and Corden teamed together for the 200 freestyle relay, coming in at 1:31.05.

The 400 freestyle relay went to Buchanan, Locke, Mellis, and Kelly at 3:31.81.

The Rocks are 4-0, and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities association.

This Saturday afternoon, the Rocks have a double dual meet against state powers Ann Arbor Pioneer and Livonia Stevenson.

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Cougars roar to title



The Canton Cougars U-10 Indoor Select Soccer Team won the U-10 championship of the 1997 Holiday Indoor Blast Soccer Tournament at the Novi SoccerZone. The Cougars went 5-0 in the tournament, which was held Dec. 28-29. (Courtesy photo)

Canton looks on the bright side

Robert Demsick was the only Canton wrestler to place at the

WRESTLING

17-team Belleville Invitational Saturday. Robert Demsick (160 pounds) clinched third place in a 7-3 decision over Steve Wolf of Belleville. "Interestingly, Steve was the only person to beat Robert last week at Romulus. A questionable call by the referee stopped the match from going into overtime last week," said coach John Demsick.

"Robert seems to improve every week. He had four wins for the day, again, and one loss in an exciting overtime match."

As for Canton's performance in the match, Demsick

said: "We knew right off that many strong teams would be there, so we went there for the experience and to win matches where we could.

"On the bright side, many of our wrestlers were able to get a match against an unseeded wrestler. In this case we wrestled quite well and picked up many wins. So at least we're headed in the right direction. We were able to stay out of the bottom three places as a team. That's a start."

Knightmare at Compuware

London dominates Plymouth, 5-1, in West Division showdown Saturday at CSA

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It wasn't a good Knight for the Whalers Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena.



What could've been a dream matchup for the Whalers, who were seeking revenge against the Knights in front of a standing room only crowd following Friday night's 4-1 loss in London, turned into Knightmare on Beck Road.

The Knights scored five unanswered goals to overcome a 1-0 Whaler first-period lead, and defeat Plymouth, 5-1.

Maxim Spiridonov had one goal and three assists for the Knights, who improved their league best road record to 14-7-2. Teammates Rico Fata, Jay Legault and Chris Kelly each had a goal and an assist. Harold Druken scored Plymouth's lone goal.

London used an increasingly popular — and effective — game plan to beat the Whalers: The Knights checked Plymouth leading scorer Dave Legwand all night, and crashed the crease of goalie Robert Esche.

It worked wonderfully. Legwand was held pointless, and Esche became so frustrated he finished the game on the bench after receiving a 10-minute misconduct for trying to attack London goalie Gene Chiarello at the end of the second period.

The Whalers were too fancy, too individualistic; they're dump and chase was non-existent, and London stood up Plymouth's finesse moves at the blue line.

But the Knights weren't the only ones on the ice slowing down the Whalers' speedy attack.

Referee Dave Lynch called 11 penalties in the first period, including six on the Whalers. Later, he whistled Plymouth six straight times in the third period. Whaler Owner Pete Karmanos was so incensed he yelled at Lynch from the bench area.

It was an ugly loss. It was a frustrating loss. "All of the above," said Whaler Coach/General Manager Peter DeBoer.

"(London) did a good job taking our speed away. It's just a great road game for them," he said.

Druken put Plymouth up 1-0 with his 23rd goal of the season at 9:20 of the opening period.

Eric Gooldy set up the power play goal by wrapping around the right side of the

net and passing through the crease to Druken, who slammed the puck into the empty left side.

London tied the game with a power play goal at 17:10 of the first period by Legault from Tom Kostopoulos and Spiridonov.

Kelly scored the game-winner with an even-strength goal at 8:27 of the second period.

He held in a clearing attempt by Whaler defenseman Nikos Tselios, and scored with a slap shot from the right point.

Spiridonov added to the lead with a power play goal at 10:31 of the second period, set up by Legault and Evgeny Korolev.

At 17:41, former Whaler Mark Cadotte, who just minutes earlier had slid into the crease and taken out Esche in a scoring attempt, scored into an empty net after Esche muffed an attempt to cover the puck between the circles.

Then, the Whalers unraveled. Down 4-1, Esche struck back when Fata blitzed the crease with his stick high

'(London) did a good job taking our speed away. It's just a great road game for them.'

Pete DeBoer
Whaler Coach/GM

in the final seconds of the second period. London went unpenalized in the pushing and shoving while Esche was slapped with two minor penalties.

When time expired, Esche jawed at Cadotte and tried to jump Chiarello before being retrained by the linesmen.


Richard Pitirri (power play) and Fata completed the scoring with goals against back up goalie Scott Holsinger in the third period.

Spiridonov, Chiarello (37 saves) and Jeff Brown (one assist) were named the game's three stars.

But a half dozen or so London players were worthy of the honor.

Kostopoulos had an effective night
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ERIE	20	26	2	4-6-0	42
S.S.MARIE	15	26	5	5-5-0	35
WINDSOR	15	30	3	4-4-2	33
EAST					
BELLEVILLE	30	16	2	8-2-0	62
OTTAWA	26	11	7	7-1-2	59
KINGSTON	26	17	3	6-4-0	55
OSHAWA	19	24	4	6-2-2	42
PETERBOROUGH	16	25	5	2-6-2	37
TORONTO	10	27	8	0-8-2	28
CENTRAL					
GUELPH	31	12	4	8-2-0	66
BARRIE	30	13	3	7-1-2	63
KITCHENER	18	20	5	6-4-0	41
OWEN SOUND	19	25	2	6-2-2	40
SUDBURY	16	29	4	2-6-2	36
NORTH BAY	12	31	6	0-8-2	30

WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:
Goals: Legwand (39)
Assists: Legwand (31)
Points: Legwand (70)
PIM: Boulerville (132)
+/-: Legwand (+23)
GAA: Esche (3.11)

CATCH OF THE DAY
Rookie center David Legwand has scored a goal in 26 games this season, just nine short of Sean Haggerty's regular season club record 37 games with a goal set in 1995-96.

UPCOMING GAMES:
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Chiefs slow Mustangs down

Canton wins 1st dual match of season, 114-72

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

Last Thursday the Canton Chiefs boys swim team had their first dual-meet win of the season, defeating Northville, 114-72.

Canton captured all three relay events. The 200-yard medley relay team of Kurtis Hornick, Justin Allen, Matt Heiss, and John Theisen came in at 1:44.30. Hornick, John Cook, Jason Musson, and Andy Schmidt took the 200-yard free relay at 1:36.49. The 400 free relay team of Musson, Cook, Aaron Reeder, and Mike Dempsey came in at

SWIMMING

1:36.49.

Individual firsts included Hornick who won the 50 (23.38) and 500 (5:09.43) freestyles. Senior captain Musson took the 200 freestyle coming in at 1:54.18, and senior Theisen flew in at 1:00.59 for the 100 butterfly.

Even though the Mustangs' score was at the low end, Northville swimmers were able to break one Canton pool record and tie another.

Evan Whitbeck broke the record for 2:01.72 for the 200 individual medley with his 2:00.33. Craig Seiving tied the record for the 100 backstroke of 55.89. Both records previously were set by swimmers from Livonia Stevenson in 1992.

Canton is 1-3 overall, and 1-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs will have to swim hard if they want to get a winning streak going; on Tuesday they are swimming against state ranked Livonia Stevenson.

DeBoer sets franchise wins record *

A la Roger Maris, there's an asterisk next to Whaler coach's record for regular season victories — for now

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Talk about anti-climactic.

After weeks of tracking Whaler Coach/GM Peter DeBoer's pursuit of the franchise record for regular season wins, it was ruled by the OHL Saturday that DeBoer had, in fact, already broken the record.

That's because the three-year head coach was given credit for several victories in December when he wasn't with the team.

DeBoer spent the holidays as an assis-

tant coach for the Canadian National team at the World Junior Championships in Finland. Associate Coach Greg Stefan was named interim coach for that span.

It wasn't ruled until last weekend that DeBoer, who prior to Saturday's game against London was believed to be one win away from tying the record set by Paul Maurice (86-38-8) from 1993-95, would be given credit for the team's wins under Stefan.

DeBoer's official record is 88-68-14. "The opportunity I've had to coach this

team for three or four years has been great. Yeah, it's an accomplishment. But I think more importantly, coaches as well as players are measured by championships. We won a West Division championship two years ago, and that's our goal again this year," said DeBoer.

The Whalers are planning to recognize DeBoer at an upcoming home game. DeBoer started as an assistant to Maurice, now coach of the Carolina Hurricanes, in 1994-95, the season the Whalers won their only OHL championship.

Whalers winless in three games last week

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forechecking and Jason Metcalfe was a menace, racking up 16 penalty minutes. Second-year defenseman Alex Henry rocked bodies all night, paying special attention to Legwand.

"David Legwand, Yuri Babenko and Andrew Taylor are definitely getting some preferential treatment from the other teams in the league," said DeBoer, of the Whalers' top line.

"But I think one of the strengths of our team is our depth. We've got to have our

second and third lines step up and contribute more than a goal here and there. They should be contributing on a nightly basis."

Taylor isn't surprised by the attention his line is getting from opponents.

"Every team does that, you go after their best player, and Dave Legwand obviously is one of the best players that we have. So they're going to go after him and try to shut down our line there. It's just something we have to fight through," he said.

DeBoer says his team, currently on a 3-6-1 skid, has to remember the game's basics. "We've got to get back to simple hockey. We've got to dump the puck, and get in there and chase it," he said.

London 4, Plymouth 1 — The Knights take the first game of the home and home series Friday with a three-goal victory at the Ice House.

Pitirri, Fata, Legault and Cadotte scored for the Knights, who outshot the Whalers, 39-23.

Gooldy scored Plymouth's only goal.

Plymouth 3, Windsor 3 — Kevin Hanson's goal with less than two minutes remaining forces at 3-3 tie at Windsor Arena Thursday.

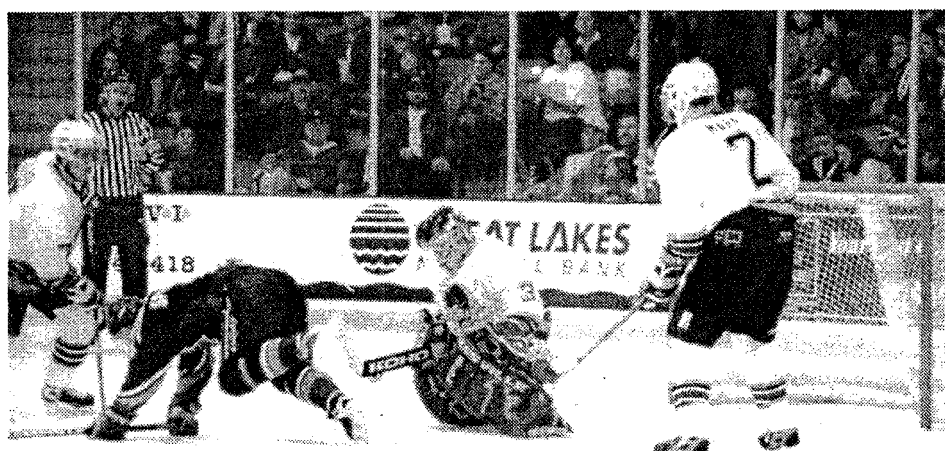
Legwand, Julian Smith and Druken scored for Plymouth. Esche made 30 saves. Each team scored one goal in every period.

Chatter:

OHL expansion team Brampton has a nickname — the Battalion. They will join the Mississauga Ice Dogs as the two OHL expansion teams next year.

...Speaking of expansion, with 20 teams next year, the OHL announced it will realign divisions and increase the regular season to 68 games. Teams currently play 66 games.

The OHL will go to a two conference, four division alignment next season. Each division will have five teams. Plymouth will stay in the West Division along with Sarnia, Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie and London. Erie will join the newly formed Midwest Division.



Defenseman Paul Mara and Troy Smith watch Whaler goalie Robert Esche go down to make a save during Plymouth's 5-1 loss to London at Compuware Sports Arena Saturday night (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus North Farmington. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Walled Lake Western. JV begins at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

Thursday at John Glenn at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ann Arbor Huron at noon.

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WRESTLING

Thursday at Walled Lake Central at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at John Glenn for the Observerland Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

Today at home versus Churchill at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Walled Lake Western at 5:30 p.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Today at home versus Northville at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Invitational at 10 a.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at Churchill. JV begins at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Stevenson. JV begins at 6:00 p.m.

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SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Harrison at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

Thursday at home versus Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at John Glenn for the Observerland Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

CANTON

GYMNASTICS

Saturday hosting the Canton Invitational at 10 a.m.

CANTON

VOLLEYBALL

Today at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the U of M Varsity Invitational at 8:30 a.m. Monday at home versus Farmington at 5:30 p.m.



Community opinions

Editorial inappropriate in Spectacular GUIDE

'What's wrong with Ice Fest?'

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Community Crier published an editorial on the inside back page of its GUIDE to the 1998 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Jan. 14. Although the letter was addressed to W. Edward Wendover, publisher of The Crier, editorials signed by The Crier are a collective thought of the editorial staff.*

EDITOR:

On this day set aside to honor one of America's great civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King, I feel compelled to write this letter to you.

You have used your place as the publisher of the local community newspaper to leave a black mark on the City of Plymouth, and a great special event that bears its name. Placing an editorial of this nature in a supplement for the primary special event of the year, and then distributing it to visitors to our town is reprehensible.

However, this is America and our constitution does provide that all have the right to Freedom of Speech which I am choosing to exercise myself by writing this letter.

I take offense the way you have approached a simple request for information regarding the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. I have also prided myself as a professional, and have worked very hard to establish a quality reputation as a friend of the media.

You recently contacted a member of the Board of Directors of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Inc., and indicated that I was not providing information to you that you had requested regarding the finances of the Ice Spectacular. I have never received a formal request for any specific information from you or one of your staff.

I do recall receiving a phone message from you months ago indicating you would like some information, but when I returned your call to inquiry what specifically you wanted I never received a follow up call. I attributed this to the fact that I also sent you an invoice for the ice sculpture you ordered for in front of your office in 1997 which was considerably past due. For the record that request and others sent were ignored by you until this issue was raised.

I would also like to go on record as saying that I have no objection to you or anyone else having access to the financial information relative to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular that Watts Up, inc. has been involved in producing. However, that request has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the organization as a matter of procedure, and in order to do that you need to make a formal request in writing indicating what specifically you are interested in reviewing.

As required by the law, Watts Up, inc. is licensed and bonded by the state of Michigan. The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Inc., is a Michigan Corporation, and is current on all filings with the State of Michigan, and the Internal Revenue Service. We have a top local CPA firm (Southerland and Yoe) that assists us in our accountability, a Plymouth law firm that assists us in legal matters, and we bank at First of America Bank in Plymouth.

The Board of Directors of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular are some of the finest and most honorable leaders in our community, and they approve the annual budget for the event. I am proud to say that they have been pleased with the accomplishments and work of Watts Up, inc. relative to this event, and have extended our contract for another three years.

I believe that you are interested in looking into our records as a guardian of the people, as the City of Plymouth allocates funds toward the presentation of this world renown annual event, and that the people have a right to know what funds are being used for. You are absolutely right, anyone receiving and using public funds should be scrutinized.

In this particular case we have maintained a system that assures compliance. The City of Plymouth's allocation to the festival (\$16,400) remains within the city budget. No funds have ever been transferred to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular account, and at no time have I or the officers of the event ever solely directed the expenditure of these funds.

The monies are allocated to cover a portion of the costs

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incurred by the City in conjunction with the event, and do not fully cover all costs. Each year the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular writes a check to the City of Plymouth to underwrite their expenses that exceed this allocation. These areas of expense include such items as: police overtime, municipal service department staffing costs and expenditures, ice flow, the special event workers who work the event, trash bags, ambulance service and other such public safety and physical plant expenditures.

This portion of Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is managed by Paul Sincock and his staff who have been involved with the event since its inception, and for many years prior to my being involved. I am pleased to say that we have established a strong working relationship, and have together managed to reduce the line item of the budget from the level it was prior to our involvement despite the fact costs have increased due to inflation.

I would again like to go on record to make certain that you are aware that even though Watts Up's compensation for operating this event is based on a percentage of monies that come into the budget each annum, we have never included the allocation from the City of Plymouth in this equation. No public funds associated with this allocation have ever found their way into my hands.

I am being specific about this particular item because I believe that our recent inquire and editorial are a direct attack on me personally, and I want to make certain that you know that you are dealing with someone of

considerable integrity, and a person who takes pride in his involvement in the community in which he has raised his family and proudly calls home.

I believe that my wife and I have done a yeoman's job in rebuilding the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular to a world class event. This year's festival was, by accounts of those who have been involved with the event for its entire history, the finest and most successful Ice Spectacular ever. This event has become synonymous with the Plymouth community, and has generated millions of dollars in publicity and business for the local economy. I might also indicate that this includes the advertising sold in the annual Crier supplement.

Lastly, I would like you to know that even though I appall your brand of journalism (tabloid sensationalism as a means to sell newspapers) I will continue to provide information to the paper and your staff, because as it says in the Declaration of Independence that Dr. King so eloquently quoted: "We are all entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." I would appreciate it however if they were given their assignments days instead of hours before deadline as it is difficult to drop everything I am doing just prior to the opening of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular to give them the interviews and information they need to write their stories for the supplement you publish, and derive revenue from, that is a few hours from deadline.

I challenge you as a newspaper man, a member of the Plymouth Community, and as a self purported champion of the public interest to publish this letter (in full) in your next edition.

I will also be pleased to take any specific request you make to the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular for information of any kind to the Board of Directors, and will be happy to debate you in any public forum relative to any of these issues. You see Ed, I am just as concerned as you with how this event is operated, because my name and reputation are associated with it, and I value them both very much. I want this exchange of information to remain before the public, as I have seen other good people in this community attacked by you without them having an opportunity to adequately defend themselves, and I want to stand up for myself, the Board of Directors, and the future of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

The ball is in your court.

S. MICHAEL WATTS

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Community opinions



'Keep on rockin' in the free world...' The Witchdoctors, an entertainment staple at the Lower Town Grill, pose with manager Jim Hopkins (center) and a copy of the First Amendment at The Grill Saturday night. Over the last eight to nine months The Grill received a number of tickets for violating City noise ordinances. Last week Chief Judge John MacDonald dismissed the tickets, ruling the ordinance violated their constitutional rights. Rock on, Lower Town! Free speech — and blues — are guaranteed in the First Amendment — The Community Crier. (Crier Photo R. Alwood Jr.)

'Warm fuzzies' spoiled

Ethnic jibe jostles Canton Foundation diners, celebration

Even though the Canton Foundation has quickly become one of the most effective "community booster" organizations in Southeast Michigan, it still has work cut out for it.

Here's a well-run, well-meaning organization that stands for Canton's emergence as a better neighborhood, full of cultural opportunities and community services. It also recognizes the growing cultural diversity of Canton.

So on Jan. 9, when some 1,400 folks gathered at the fourth annual dinner—up from 1,150 last year—warm and fuzzy feelings were riding high.

Canton, and the good work of its Foundation were at the pinnacle.

But then an incident occurred that spoiled the evening and the warm fuzzies.

Perhaps it was the open bar talking. Enter a Canton businessman, whose company has enjoyed the tax-

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By W. Edward WENDOVER



abatement-friendliness of Canton and who, himself, once publicly defended a fellow who was being attacked for his parentage.

Boisterously, this businessman verbally abused a Foundation diner/supporter who was not eating a dinner that night—he was fasting for Ramadan, holy days of his Muslim religion.

All this "great vibes" effort goes into "Celebrate Canton," and a single lout out-shouts the good to remind everyone that there is still work to be done in The Plymouth-Canton Community and The World.

This incident did not take away everything from the evening, but it stands forever like the woman who made inappropriate ethnic comments in the Canton Secretary of State office, or the racial slur incident at Centennial Educational Park of two years ago. (It's also like the Ohio farmer who saw "Hands Across America" line up on the road in front of his house, and in front of the black-faced lawn jockey in his yard.)

Remember folks: we are all brothers and sisters on this planet. (This will be sent to the offending party.)

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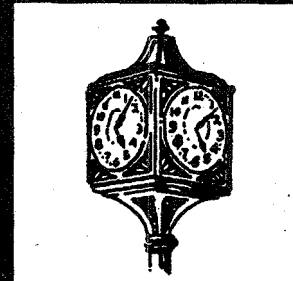
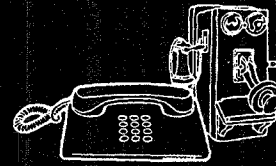
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