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Teachers, schools approve contract

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

After a long and sometimes tense series of negotiations between the teacher's union and the Plymouth-Canton School board educators voted to approve the contract put before them at the Thursday general meeting.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association (PCEA) voted Friday and Monday to accept the contract. The Plymouth-Canton School board also moved to approve the contract 4-3.

According to PCEA President Chuck Portelli the contract passed by an "overwhelming" margin. He declined to quote an actual number.

Portelli said that, while the agreement is not exactly what the teachers wanted, the teachers realized that it was good

enough.

"I think we know the situation we're in, we don't have the same fund resource as Livonia, Grosse Pointe and Walled Lake," Portelli said. "The teachers are realists, they saw the reality that times have changed and this contract was fair for both the teachers and the students."

But for the future, Portelli said that the tone of conversations between the schools and the PCEA has to change.

"The board said that we were all in this together and that we should all be part of the team," Portelli said. "I'd like to see them walk the talk, we need to be a real team."

One of the changes in the teacher contract is adjustments to the recognition clause. Under the new contract, non-certified and non-endorsed people can teach full-time in the schools.

There are also provisions for mentors for teachers without tenure and a lengthening the period of time before a teacher becomes tenured. Under the old contract, a teacher needed two years before becoming tenured, under the new contract, a teacher needs four years.

"The district has to provide mentor teachers for new teachers," Portelli said. "If there isn't a teacher available a retired teacher or a college professor could be the mentor."

The new severance agreement would offer teachers at the top of the salary schedule a \$60,000 severance over a 10-year period where the district would pay into an annuity for five years.

PCEP Symphonic Band



The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Symphonic Band is in Chicago to perform in front of an international group of band directors. For more on the orchestra, please see pg. 14.

Retired teacher questions end of art program

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

What happened to the art program at West Middle School?

According to the art teacher who taught art at West for more than 30 years and retired last year, the Plymouth-Canton School District took the program from the kids.

Elden Zang said the art program was indiscriminately scrapped following his retirement in May. Representatives of the school district, including Superintendent Charles Little and West Principal Judith Stone said the program was cut for economic reasons.

Neither party is happy with the outcome.

"It's the kids welfare that is most important," said Zang, who estimates that he taught more than 32,000 students and graded more than 400,000 projects during his art teaching career, which goes back to 1960. "I feel sorry for the kids who don't have art this year."

Little said it is pure economics. "This (elimination of art pro-

gram at West) is part of a much bigger problem," he said. "These changes reflect a shortage of funds in the district."

Zang, who wrote two letters to Little explaining his displeasure over the changes, said economics is not the issue.

"If it were just a budget issue, why was it just one school?" Zang asked. "There was money to open the Central (Middle School) pool, money for an athletic director and money for the pay-to-play, but none for the arts?"

Stone said she wants the art program reinstated at West, but until the funds become available, she said her hands are tied.

"It was done (program cut) with much anguish," she said. "It is a ratio that decides the number of teachers we have. I was told I could not replace a full time teacher. I only had a 6/10ths teacher to work with."

Stone said she looked at her staff and decided it would be best for the school to pick up a teacher who was displaced from the

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Holiday Agenda

LUMINARIA KITS

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood garden club will be selling luminaria kits on Dec. 17 at the Westchester Mall, Kroger's on Sheldon and Ford Roads, Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Roads and Danny's on Main Street.

The cost is \$3.50 for a set of 10 candles and bags. For more information, call either Georgia at 459-7146 or Diane at 453-5062.

HOME VISITS BY SANTA

The Plymouth Dream Playscape project will provide personal visits from Santa Claus Dec. 16 and 17. The fee is \$25. All proceeds will go towards the playscape project. For more information, call Darice at 454-4348.

PLYMOUTH CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold a concert at the Henry Ford Museum at 2 and 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 18. Admission is \$11.50 for adults, children 5-12 years old are \$5.75. For more information, call the museum at 271-1620.

CHRISTMAS TEA

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their Christmas tea at 1 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The program will be the "History of the Teddy Bear." For more information, call either 455-9427 or 453-1774.

HOLIDAY NUT SALE

Community Hospice Services will hold their 5th annual Holiday Nut Sale at the Plymouth location at 127 S. Main. Vacuum-sealed packages are \$10 each. For more information, call the Hospice at 459-0548.

RED CROSS HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a holiday shortage of blood, the American Red Cross will be holding holiday blood drives at the Beck Road Post office on Dec. 23 and in Canton at the Westgate Plaza on Dec. 26.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Barb (post office) at 453-6110 or 1-800 582-4383 (Westgate blood drive).

Crier announces changes in marketing, editorial staff

Two major changes have been made in The Community Crier's marketing and advertising areas.

"Returning home," is E. Randy Eaton, named as marketing director for The Crier and following in the steps of his father and grandfather who owned "The Plymouth Mail," an award-winning newspaper formerly published here.

Eaton, who served as General Manager of "The Mail" until 1964. Most recently he served as Advertising Director of the "Ogemaw County Herald, Roscommon County Herald, and the Oscoda County Herald" in West Branch.

In addition, he has been in commercial

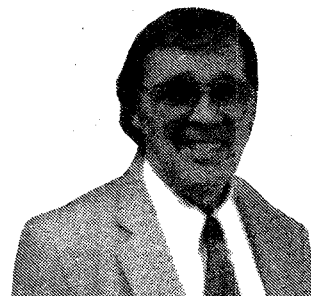
photography in Florida and worked with publications in England and Europe.

A 1959 graduate of Plymouth High School, Eaton followed in the footsteps of his father, Sterling, and his grandfather, Elton, by cleaning the flatbed press at "The Mail" and moving up to advertising sales, ad sales management and then general management at the paper.

His column, "Native Son," begins in today's Crier.

(He previously contributed historical notes in his "Picking up the Chips" column in The Crier.)

"To Randy, coming home to newspapering here was a major goal," said Crier



Randy Eaton



Jack Armstrong



Brian Corbett

Publisher W. Edward Wendover. "It fits well with the community-minded role at The Crier. His marketing expertise will be a great addition to the paper's ability to serve its customers."

Eaton is 53, married to Gillian, and has sons Mat (already joining dad in Plymouth), Tristan, and Rob.

The Crier also announced the promotion of veteran advertising staffer, Jack Armstrong, to the position of Advertising Director at the newspaper.

Armstrong directed most of the recent Fall Festival editing advertising efforts as well as those of recent GUIDES to Plymouth-Canton-Northville.

He has won numerous advertising honors from the Michigan Press Association.

A former store manager at Krogers, Armstrong, 56, was also a manufacturers' representative.

"Jack's active role in the community will help our newspaper continue to grow in service to our readers and advertisers," Wendover pointed out.

"His experience here makes this new official title only 'catch up' to the responsibilities he's assumed."

Armstrong moved to The Plymouth-Canton Community in 1966. He has a son, James, and two daughters — Julie and Janet — both of whom worked at The Crier as well.

"Together, The Crier has taken a major step up in aggressively providing advertising opportunities to businesses wishing to reach The Plymouth-Canton Community," Wendover said.

"Our staff is excited that these two recognized experts are leading our charge."

In another move, The Crier has announced the addition of Brian Corbett to its editorial staff. He will assume the position of sports and community reporter immediately.

Corbett is a graduate of Michigan State University and will be covering sports, "Friends and Neighbors," and business stories.

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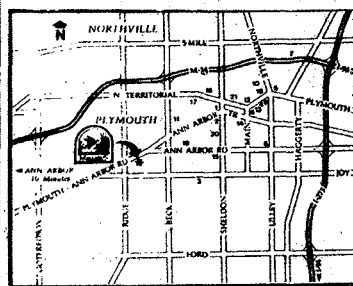


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Who's (whose) right?

Township, church to meet in court to decide fate of homeless in Plymouth

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

It's the holidays, a time for giving, charity and goodwill between peoples.

But if the Good Samaritan were to pass through Plymouth Township he might get slapped with an ordinance violation.

The First United Methodist Church has been ticketed by Plymouth Township for housing homeless persons through an interfaith hospitality ministry sponsored by Cass Methodist Church in Detroit.

Outgoing Judge James Garber will hear oral arguments and rule on the case on Dec. 27.

The church was issued six tickets by the township on two separate days, three for occupying without a certificate of occupancy and three for failure to supply the required number of bathing facilities.

According to Ron Lowe, attorney for the church, a motion has been filed to

dismiss the action against the church.

"We're not challenging the ordinance, we're just saying that it doesn't interfere with what the church is doing," Lowe said. "This is an issue of law, not an issue of fact."

According to Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, the church's homeless program is an issue of safety.

"The concern we have is safety," Keen-McCarthy said. "Having people sleep in that church is not safe, we have concerns about a fire. There are no dormitory facilities."

Keen-McCarthy also said that there was a legal issue as well.

"The church's certificate of occupancy does not allow people to sleep there," Keen-McCarthy said. "When our ordinances are violated we have an obligation to enforce them."

Plymouth Township Chief Building Official Charles McIlhargey denies that the township is singling out First United Methodist Church because of its desire to house the homeless.

"We equally enforce the state law and our local ordinances," McIlhargey said, "and we're proud of that."

McIlhargey said that another church in Plymouth, the Church of the Nazarene, was ticketed under much the same circumstances.

"When they built their new church, they asked for a waiver from the barrier free laws (providing access for handicapped persons) so that they wouldn't have to build an elevator for the second floor right away," McIlhargey said. "They got a five-year waiver under the condition that they could not use the second floor for classes until they did."

McIlhargey said that after the five

years passed, his offices got a letter from the state reminding him that the church should have its elevator in place. When building officials went to the church, they found out that not only did they not have their elevator installed, they learned that there were children's and adult's classes being held on the second floor. McIlhargey said that the township ticketed the church.

"We are responsible for making sure that the barrier free laws are being adhered to and liable for whatever happens while our ordinances are being violated," McIlhargey said. "The township has to enforce that. There's housing for the homeless here, they're called hotels."

To illustrate his contention that there is no favoritism, McIlhargey said that he is close to the issue.

"My wife is on the church's board of

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Keep kids safe

Thanks to the support of Don Massey Cadillac, Inc., Oakwood Health Services has launched an extensive program to "Keep Kids Safe!" The Massey family has donated a 1995 Cadillac Sedan DeVille as the raffle prize with proceeds being used to fund initiatives that promote the prevention of children's accidents. Pictured here are (left) Jill Hunsberger, Oakwood Health Services President and CEO Gerald D. Fitzgerald, Brenda Massey Blase and David O'Malley. There is a \$100,000 goal for the raffle.



Canton's one-two-three political punch ready to strike

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Politically, it's a great time to be a Canton resident.

For the first time ever, a state senator, state representative and county commissioner are from Canton. All three are Republicans — and all three easily defeated their opponents in the Nov. 8 election.

Loren Bennett — Canton's clerk — defeated Trav Griffin in the 8th State Senate race; longtime Canton resident Deborah Whyman retained her seat in the 21st State House district by beating Van Buren Township Trustee Donna Clark; and Canton attorney Bruce Patterson soundly defeated Wayne's Ken Warfield.

The three election victories put Canton on the political map, but does it mean increased political clout for the community?

The three acknowledge their ties to Canton, but are quick to point out that they each have districts they represent.

"Canton may be my political base," said Patterson, "but I am a Wayne County Commissioner. I represent seven communities.

"I really think there is an opportunity for county government to be improved. I'm very sincere about that.

"I'm going to be there as an advocate of Canton Township whenever I'm needed."

Whyman said Canton is finally getting the representation the community deserves. She added that in the past, Canton was not represented as well as they should be.

"It's exciting that they (Canton residents) are getting the type of representation they are getting," she said.

Bennett said the hometown connection will work for the people of Canton. "I think we will bring a knowledge of the institutional history of Canton to our governmental units," he said. "It will be a great opportunity to work together, but it's important to remember we represent all the communities in our district."

Patterson also stressed that he serves his entire Wayne County 11th District. "Canton's needs pale by comparison to other communities in the 11th District, which is not a reflection on (the other community's) elected officials," he said. "My job is to get a handle on the interests and needs of the 11th District and all of Wayne County.

"But I am also in the enviable position where I do have contacts in Lansing."

Although distinct in many ways, the three districts share some common problems such as environmental issues, economic growth, transportation and traffic and taxation.

The three legislators vow to work together whenever they can on the issues.

"Bruce brings the county prospective to the table," said Bennett, "and Deb is no less concerned."

Whyman said she expects the relationship between her, Bennett and Patterson to grow. "I don't know Loren all that well," she said, "but I know Bruce is a honest, hard-working individual. I look forward to working with both of them."

Patterson said, "I expect we will work well together."

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high school to teach Spanish.

"If I would have hired a full time art teacher," she said, "math, science, English and social studies would have been affected. There would have been 38 kids in the math classes instead of 31."

Director of Employee Relations and Personnel Errol Goldman echoed Stone's problems. "School staffing is based on enrollment," he said. "Not all schools have the same courses."

Zang said West is the only school in the district that does not have an art program — a program he said he worked

hard to build.

And he said favoritism is one of the reasons the program was eliminated.

"My belief is that another teacher could have transferred and a teacher with low seniority at West be moved," he said, "but this was an easy out for the administration. My belief is that the administration didn't opt for a transfer to protect a friend who had low seniority."

Stone said the charges are false. "The whole seniority thing is absolutely untrue," she said. "I don't have that much power. The lowest teacher has two years seniority and the next lowest 15 or 16 years. So we have a lot of experience at

West."

Stone said she was the first to feel the loss of the program.

"I believe strongly in the art program," she said, "but I wanted to find someone who was qualified. I very much believe in the arts."

Zang said this is not a case of sour grapes. "It was a great, rewarding 34 years," he said. "But when I found out about this, I was just devastated."

Berry has been part of Beitner Christmas for more than 30 years

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

For more than three decades, Hazel Berry has brought holiday cheer to the employes of Beitner Jewelry in downtown Plymouth.

Berry — who lived in Plymouth for 40 years before recently moving to Westland — has baked and delivered Christmas cookies to the jewelry store during the holidays for 34 years.

She continued the tradition, which started when her daughter Margaret Harlow worked for the jeweler during high school, again this year.

"(Beitner's) used to be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the holiday shopping season," said Berry. "I made them for the employes to munch on during the long holiday hours."

Bill Beitner, owner of the jewelry store, said Berry brings the holiday spirit

"I myself feel betrayed. I worked so hard to build this program."

Stone said if the funds are there next year, art would be the first program to be replaced.

"For now," she said, "the students have Community Education art after school and the Arts Club meets once or twice a month. 120 sixth graders have art class for 10 weeks. That's all we can do right now."

to the shop. "She's here with her cookies every Christmas," he said. "It never fails."

Berry said she makes a variety of cookies for the store each year. She even made her famous date ball cookies this year — a favorite of Fred Beitner, who died this fall.

"They were his favorite," she said. "I wasn't going to make them this year, but when I started cooking — well, my heart just — I had to make them for the others to enjoy."

Berry has formed more than cookies over the years. She has also formed lasting friendships with the employes of Beitner Jewelry. "My family is very close with the Beitners," she said.

"She is definitely a friend of our family," said Beitner. "She is a very special person."



Bill Beitner and his wife Elaine stand with Hazel Berry and her annual batch of Christmas cookies.

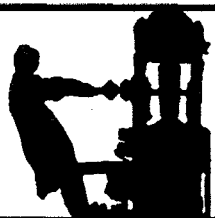
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office, in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor, will be open during the following schedule of hours to collect winter taxes during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

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The Township will be open for regular, daily business on Monday, December 19; Tuesday, December 20; Wednesday, December 21; Thursday, December 22 as well as Tuesday December 27; Wednesday, December 28 and Thursday, December 29.

The offices will be Closed on Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2.

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Mary A. Brooks, Treasurer

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The following is an informational reminder, since we are approaching winter weather conditions:

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If you have any questions concerning this ordinance, call the Department of Public Works at 453-7737.

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Church, township to meet in court to decide fate of homeless shelter

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trustees," McIlhargey said. "We asked the people to take the homeless into their homes. The township's opposition to what the church wants to do is a health and safety concern. If they don't like the laws, they can have them changed."

Township Attorney Tim Cronin, of the firm of Hemming, Polaczyk and Cronin, could not be reached for comment on the church or on the legal aspects of the ordinance.

The controversy started a few years ago when the church asked the township if they could shelter homeless persons at the church.

"My client asked if it would be okay to house the homeless in November of 1991," Lowe said. "The church felt that they needed to get permission, nothing formal."

Lowe is a member of the First United Methodist Church and is performing legal work for the church pro bono. The church has declined comment on the proceedings.

Lowe said that the township attorney, Tim Cronin, explained in a letter that housing the homeless was in violation of township ordinances and would only be okay if the governor ordered a state of emergency.

"This year," Lowe said, "we essentially deemed that housing the homeless is part of the Methodist tradition and that

we already had a certificate of occupancy for the church."

According to Lowe, Judge Garber will have to pit the church's rights against the rights of the township.

"The court will have to weigh the constitutional right of the church to practice versus the township's need to ensure health and safety," Lowe said.

Lowe said that the Federal statute in operation here, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 sets down the rules that the court needs to consider to judge the needs of a municipality versus the rights of the church.

The homeless shelter is organized through the Cass Methodist Church in Detroit where they operate a "homeless drop-in center."

Lowe explained that people come to the downtown Detroit church, where they are bussed to one of the participating churches (not just Methodist, as the service is an interfaith operation) where they have dinner and spend the night. Later they get up at 7 a.m. and go back to the city with a bag lunch (either back to the street or to their jobs).

The Cass church provides the volunteers, Lowe said, who — along with a security guard — enforce an 11 p.m. lights out and keep watch through the night.

"There's no leaving the church once they get here," Lowe said. "It's a strict rule."

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Christmas Schedule — 1994

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wed., Dec. 14: 7:30 p.m. Communal Penance

Fri., Dec. 16: 7:30 p.m. Communal Penance

Mon., Dec. 19: 7:30 p.m. Communal Penance

Christmas Masses

Sat., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve • 6:30 p.m. • Midnight

Sun., Dec. 25: Christmas Day 8 a.m. • 10 a.m. • 12 p.m.

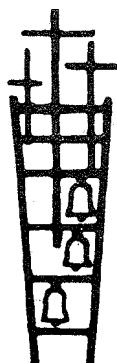
New Year's Masses

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Sun., Jan. 1: Feast of Mary,

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Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Michigan State University lists 2,122 degree candidates for fall 1994.

Canton residents include: **Edward J. Blankenship** (International Relations), **Todd S. Czerwinski** (Zoology), **Kolleen B. Lawrence** (Geography), **Roxanne Morrow** (Social Science), **Ronald Orris** (Packaging), **Kathleen M. Raven** (Pol. Theory/Const. Dem.), **Kevin M. Suave** (Packaging) and **Jennifer A. Vanootighem** (Criminal Justice).

Plymouth residents include: **Jeffrey A. Brown** (Advertising), **Tricia L. Fox** (Philosophy), **Joseph F. Garon** (Hotel and Restaurant Management) and **Todd P. Glance** (Mechanical Engineering).

Northville residents include: **Jennifer C. Beller** (Packaging), **Marc R. Corriveau** (Humanities/Prelaw), **Wendy S. Johnston** (Family Community Services), **Margaret L. Martin** (International Relations).

Mankato State University of Mankato, Minnesota will graduate 681 students this fall. **Catherine A. Cutler** (Public Relations) of Plymouth will graduate.

Kathleen Bortell and **Rachael Cavasaan** of Plymouth were among 187 sophomores who were initiated in to Western Michigan University's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta. All inductees must be full time students with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Jason Crain (vocal music) and **Melissa King** (instrumental music) were awarded Performance Scholarships at Alma College for their high level of accomplishments in music.

You heard it first

Plymouth resident gets intern job with MTV news

BY BRIAN CORBETT

"I want my MTV."

Erin Bengel wanted it and she got it, spending the last four months interning for the popular cable television channel.

The Plymouth resident and Bowling Green State University junior survived stiff competition from other students all over the nation to be one of nine interns selected to work for MTV this fall. Bengel said, "This has been the most educational semester I've ever had, even though I haven't been in the classroom."

After reading about the internships at MTV in US Magazine, Bengel, a communications major, decided to write a letter to the human resources office at the station. "I thought I'd be a long shot," she said. MTV called Bengel three days later.

In a whirlwind journey, Bengel flew to New York, spent some nervous moments surrounded by equally restless students in waiting rooms and then went through the interview process. To her dismay, the intimidating and gut-wrenching interview session ended with, "Can you start in two weeks?"

She then experienced the frantic process of trying to find a place to live in New York in only two weeks. Bengel was able to locate a residence within walking distance of MTV and Times Square at the Webster apartments in midtown Manhattan.

What may seem like a dream come true for twentysomethings across the nation, is actually an introduction to reality. Bengel said, "It's not like we sit around and watch videos all day, it's hard work."

A typical weekday includes several duties that are essential to the station's news production. In the morning, Bengel gathers newspapers from around the nation to give to the producers. Next she attends a brainstorming session in which the interns are relied upon for suggestions. "They respect young people's opinions so much," Bengel said.

Arlen retires from Schoolcraft accounting program

Schoolcraft College will lose a valuable asset to the Accounting department when Professor Richard T. Arlen retires this month after 25 years of service.

"It's time to go," Arlen said. Arlen has made the decision to end one chapter of his life and enjoy himself after a quarter of a century of teaching classes, attending seminars, writing a book and being a vital part of the College's Faculty Association. "It's time for something new coming down the road," Arlen said.

The Plymouth resident enjoyed a distinguished career that included a textbook, entitled "College Accounting: An Introduction." Published by McRaw-Hill in 1979, the book took three years to compile and lasted for 10 years. Arlen said, "My partner decided not to update it, it did need to be revised."



Along with meeting MTV regulars Kurt Loder, Allison Stewart and Tabitha Soren, Erin Bengel of Plymouth has rubbed elbows with such notables as Boyz II Men and the Stone Temple Pilots.

The daily routine continues by putting together clips and tapes for MTV news editor Kurt Loder, doing graphics for the television show, dubbing tapes, answering phones, faxing copies, going on shoots and making runs for producers to Columbia and Epic records.

If there is a point in the day when Bengel is not busy, her mentors encourage all the interns to sit in on edits and meetings, gaining valuable experience from watching everyone work.

During the time Bengel has spent at MTV she has become acquainted with Loder, co-news anchor Tabitha Soren and VJ Allison Stewart. She escorted the popular rhythm and blues act Boyz II Men when they visited the MTV studios. Bengel said, "They sang to us, they were real nice guys." She also brushed shoulders with the rock group Stone Temple Pilots and others at the MTV Video Awards.

Since Bengel often works 60 hours-a-week, her sightseeing is confined to the weekend. She has still managed to attend numerous Broadway shows, visit the

Statue of Liberty, pass time in Greenwich Village and witness the lighting of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza. "New York's great," Bengel said.

Bengel believes the past four months has benefited her personal character tremendously. She said, "I've learned to be independent and pay rent." Meeting people has also added to her experience while living in New York. "There are people from all around the country, people are very diverse," Bengel said.

With time winding down until she returns home for the holidays, Bengel has begun planning her future. After Christmas vacation, Bengel plans on resuming her studies at BGSU where she'll report to the campus news station and share her insight with them.

When she graduates in two years Bengel hopes to return to New York and find work in the media business. She knows the experience she has gained will be very valuable, even though the internship has delayed her graduation date by a semester. Bengel said, "It's the best decision I ever made."

He also mentions his contact with the students and work with the union as part of his paramount contributions to Schoolcraft College.

While teaching Beginning, Intermediate, Cost and Tax Accounting Arlen always made the students' needs and concerns a priority. He said, "If you don't like students, get out of the classroom."

Since the late 1960's, Arlen believes the union has tightened requirements for professors. Arlen said, "Classroom quality is improving." He also pointed out that teachers' preparations are more elaborate. Nearing the end of his teaching days, Arlen has yet to declare any specific plans for himself after he has concluded his service at Schoolcraft College.

Supporters for the Plymouth Ice Fest lining up

The 13th Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular will take place Jan. 11-16 1995 in downtown Plymouth.

Contributors are already pledging their support for the event. It's never too late to help out.

Here is a list of the contributors as of Dec. 1:

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Addenda & errata

Last week's winners of The Crier's Christmas Coloring Contest were Peter Neuroth, Scott Varty, Steven Van Dusen and Mary Grace Denton. Congratulations to them and thank you to all of the children in the community who took part in this annual celebration of young artists.



Community deaths

Obituaries

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

George Androff, Sr.

George Androff, Sr, the owner of the Androff Bar at Finkell and Lahser in Detroit from Carp Lake, died Dec. 7, 1994, at the age of 80.

Mr. Androff worked part-time at the American Legion Hall and the Arnold Ferry Line in Mackinaw City and loved walking in the woods, fishing and working in his yard and garden. He was a member of the Senior Citizen's Club in Mackinaw City and the St. Clemens Senior Citizen's Club in Dearborn.

Mr. Androff is survived by his daughter, Joyce M. (Neil) McNeil, sons; George C. Jr. (Mary), Alex W. (Marjorie) and Nick R, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Verneulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with the Rev. Panayot Pamukov and interment was at Lakeview Cemetery in Mackinaw City.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Charles Kenneth "Kenny" Treece

Charles Kenneth Treece, a former maintenance supervisor for General Motors formerly from Plymouth, died Dec. 4, 1994, at the age of 48.


Mr. Treece was a member of the Plymouth Rock Masonic Lodge and a member of the Church of Christ. He left the Plymouth Community in 1994.

Mr. Treece is survived by his wife; Linda, son; Chad, mother; Violet, sister; Tammy, brothers; Gary and Glen, mother in law; Jean, several nieces and nephews including Todd of Plymouth, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services for Mr. Treece will be held at the Agape Christian Center at 11 a.m. at the Agape Christian Center with Pastor Mark Moore officiating. Funeral services were held at the White-Ranson funeral home in Union City Tn, with interment at Cobbs Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to either the Agape Christian Center or to Mr. Treece's son, Chad.

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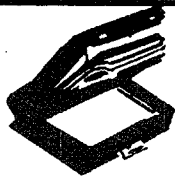
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

Canton Realtor Bill Grady has announced that his company, Prime Properties, has aligned with The Prudential Real Estate Company. Their offices continue at Suite 100, 43050 Ford Rd., in Canton, and their phone remains at 981-3500.

Dr. Philip C. Warren has been named the secretary treasurer of the Great Lakes Society of Orthodontists (GLAO). Dr. Warren has been in private practice in Plymouth for 26 years and teaches at the U of M School of Dentistry. The GLAO is one of eight regional constituents of the American Association of Orthodontists which supports research and education leading to patient care and promotes public awareness of orthodontic treatment.

Moms in Touch invite you to visit the Gateway Christmas store at the corner of Wing and Forest. While you rush and shop, stop in and purchase gifts that reflect the "true meaning of Christmas."

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "Santa on Wheels" for children of the community. Goodie bags donated by local businesses will be given out to children. Santa will make an appearance on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harvard Square Shopping Center on the corner of Ford and Sheldon and Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at New Towne Shopping Center at Ford and Sheldon.

Local artist Gary Cooley has designed a shirt that features an Allosaurus Dinosaur. All proceeds from the shirt will benefit new exhibits in the Detroit Science Center. Shirts can be purchased at the Science Center gift shop.

Native West presents Bill Rabbit, a artist of Cherokee ancestry. His unique acrylic paintings portraying Native Americans, have won him many awards. Rabbit was honored Artist of the Year by the Indian Arts and Crafts Association and named Master of the five Civilized Tribes. A opening reception will take place Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and he will be in person at Native West Friday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 17 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessibility

Dearborn Moving and Storage relocates to Canton because growing business needs a growing community.

The expanding local business community continued to follow its course recently when Dearborn Moving and Storage relocated its headquarters to 7441 Haggerty Rd. in Canton.

According to Rick Meyer, vice president of sales and marketing, the decision to move the company from Livonia to Canton was rather easy. He said, "When you weighed out pro's and con's, there weren't too many con's."

Dearborn Moving and Storage is a diversified moving company that handles typical household belongings as well as sensitive electronic equipment.

"We move robots, robotic equipment for autos and medical equipment," Meyer said.

As a growing business in its most successful year in history, Dearborn Moving and Storage had outgrown their previous facilities and offices. When Meyer began searching for relocation sites, Canton immediately moved to the forefront for numerous reasons.

As a developing community, Canton was able to provide the property to suit Dearborn Moving and Storage's specific needs. "Primarily we need a fair amount of property, we need to build to suit," Meyer said.

Surrounding freeways and community acceptance were additional factors in Meyer's decision.

Accessibility is excellent with M-14, I-275 and I-94 so close to the new warehouse. Also, other communities were uninterested in the company because of the large semi-trucks the company uses. Meyer said, "Other communities don't like our type of operation."

With an eye on the future, Meyer believes the relocation could benefit Dearborn Moving and Storage in other ways. "We have a lease with an option to buy," Meyer said. Since the property values of Canton are rising, Dearborn Moving and Storage stands to become more valuable.

The new headquarters and warehouse facility have improved the company in all areas. Labor is more efficient, the office area



Dearborn Moving and Storage moved their headquarters to this location in Canton because of the rising property values there, availability of land and easy access to the major roads in the state.

contains modern equipment, an elaborate security system has been installed, accommodations for employees are much better and storage and loading areas are larger.

Meyer said, "We have a lot of features in this building that we didn't have before."

Innovation

Plymouth's Freudenberg-NOK wins award for plastic engine part, to be part of 1995 Cadillac Northstar

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Freudenberg-NOK of Plymouth has been awarded the 1994 Society of Plastics Engineers' (SPE) Automotive Innovation Grand Award and the Powertrain Award for the development of the 1995 Cadillac Northstar Intake Manifold.

Sharon Wenzl, Director of Corporate Relations, said, "It's recognition for outstanding achievement in the auto industry." With over 100 companies competing, Wenzl described it as "the academy awards of plastics."

Meticulously designed, the manifold is better described as system in a V-8 engine that has fuel rails. Wenzl said, "It improves performance all around for the auto."

Among the benefits the plastic Northstar system offers over its metal

predecessor are reduced weight, noise and manufacturing costs and improved fuel economy, engine idle stability and low speed operation.

The history of the company is as interesting as the developments it's making in plastics. Freudenberg-NOK was formed as a partnership between Freudenberg of Germany and NOK of Japan.

This unique global alliance came about from a licensing agreement between the two companies, signed in 1960, which restricted their competition to only North America. "We were old friends who shared technology," Wenzl said.

As the two companies joined forces, an initiative was implemented to emphasize teamwork and communication, increasing efficiencies in

the use of time, labor and materials.

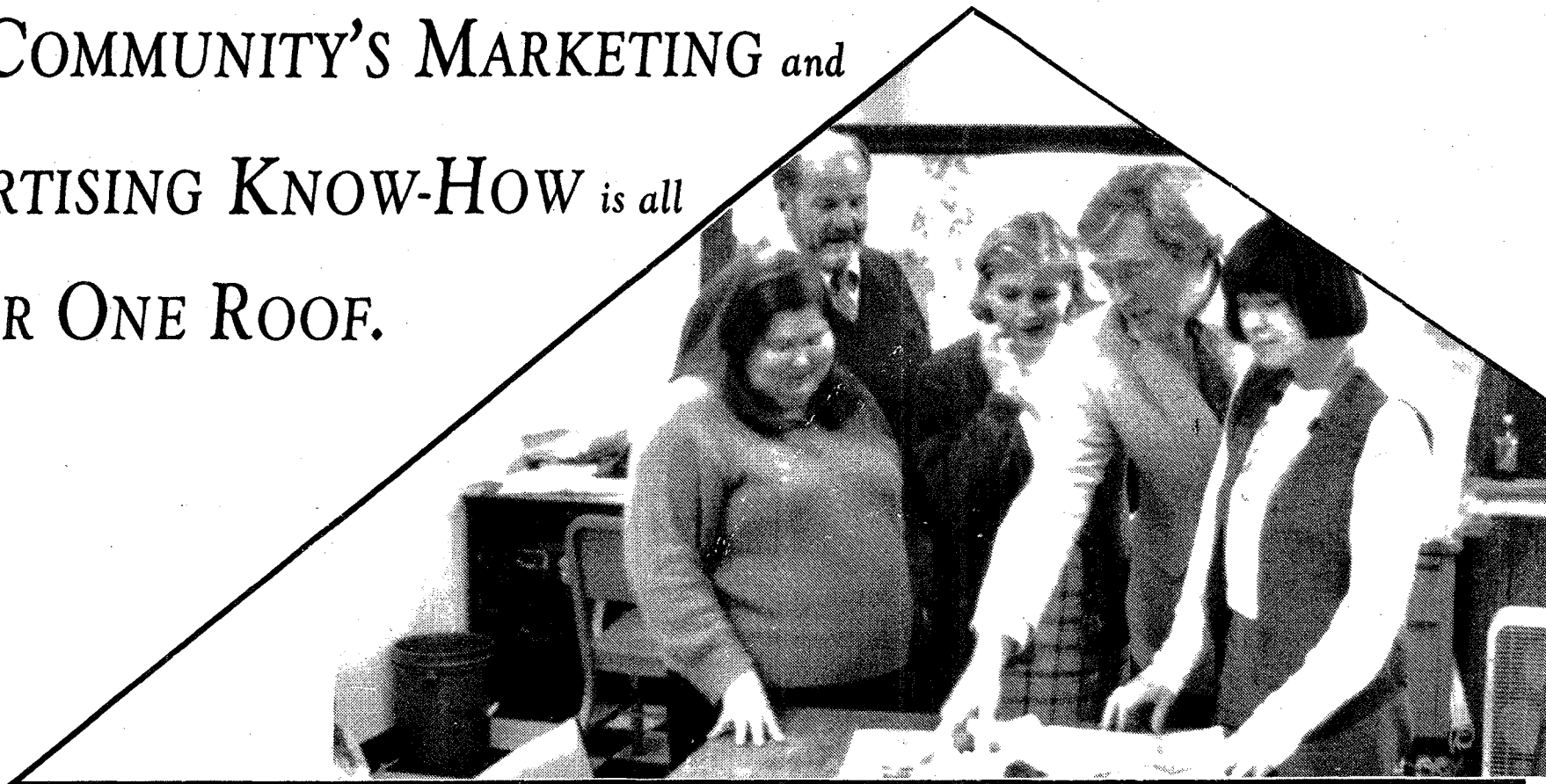
The results of the partnership have been dramatic. As the auto industry suffered during the recession of the early 1980's, Freudenberg-NOK has doubled its sales since 1988. Also, the company is now North America's leading supplier of precision seals, molded rubber, plastic components and vibration control devices.

Receiving the SPE Grand Award has added to the credibility of Freudenberg-NOK.

"It gives you notoriety in the world of plastics," Wenzl said.

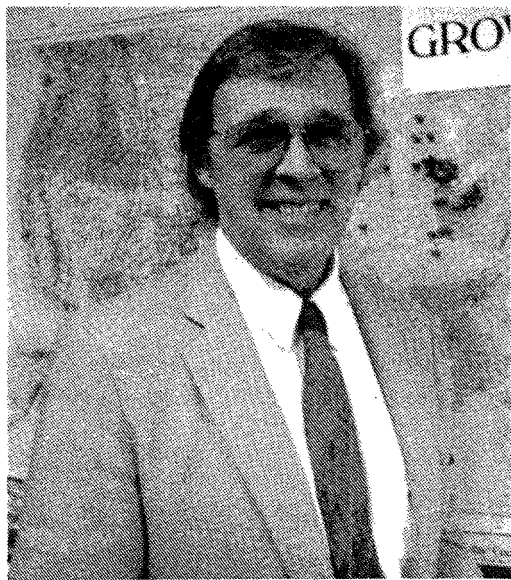
Since 1989, Freudenberg-NOK has been headquartered in Plymouth in the Metro West Industrial Park, currently overseeing 3,600 workers at 14 major facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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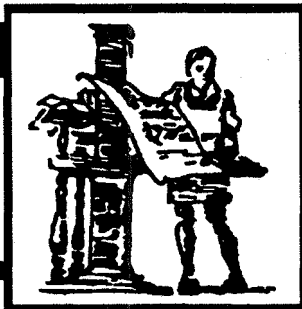
The community where Randy last worked at its newspaper acknowledged him as "Communicator of the Year." He has marketed clients Large & Small, both here and abroad. His work has been published in Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Seventeen & Playboy magazines. He has been written about in Forbes Magazine, The Miami Herald, and a European newspaper, The American. Television NBC Sports produced a documentary for the NFL "Today Show", about a program Randy founded. He's back home to help us, help you, and be of service to his home town..



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LUMINARIA KITS

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood garden club will be selling luminaria kits on Dec. 17 at the Westchester Mall, Kroger's on Sheldon and Ford Roads, Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Roads and Danny's on Main Street. The cost is \$3.50 for a set of 10 candles and bags. For more information, call either Georgia at 459-7146 or Diane at 453-5062.

HOME VISITS BY SANTA

The Plymouth Dream Playscape project will provide personal visits from Santa Claus Dec. 16 and 17. The fee is \$25 and all proceeds will go towards the playscape project. For more information, call Darice at 454-4348.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Plymouth Community Chorus will hold a concert at the Henry Ford Museum at 2 and 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 18. Admission is \$11.50 for adults, children 5-12 years old are \$5.75. For more information, call the museum at 271-1620.

CHRISTMAS TEA

The Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold their Christmas tea at 1 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The program will be the "History of the Teddy Bear." For more information, call either 455-9427 or 453-1774.

HOLIDAY NUT SALE

Community Hospice Services will hold their 5th annual Holiday Nut Sale at the Plymouth location at 127 S. Main. Vacuum-sealed packages are \$10 each. For more information, call the Hospice at 459-0548.

CHRISTMAS KIDS ONLY WORKSHOP

Canton Parks and Rec and the D&M Art Studio will hold a kids-only Christmas workshop for children 1st grade and up on Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$15 per person. Registration for the event will end Dec. 15. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

RED CROSS HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a holiday shortage of blood, the American Red Cross will be holding holiday blood drives at the Beck Road Post office on Dec. 23 and in Canton at the Westgate Plaza on Dec. 26. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Barb (post office) at 453-6110 or 1-800 582-4383 (Westgate blood drive).

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CALLING SANTA

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will hold their annual calling Santa for children on Dec. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. Children can call, with parents permission, at 453-1200. For more information, call the Jaycee Hotline at 453-8407.

JAYCEE FOOD BASKETS

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for volunteers 21 to 39 years old for their holiday food basket program. They need help with the food baskets, food and toys donation, gift wrapping and basket delivery. For more information, call either 453-8407 or 455-8676.

PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER

The Plymouth Cultural Center will host storyteller, mime, puppeteer Pat Judd at 7 p.m. Dec. 18. Register in person or by phone at the Plymouth Library starting Dec. 12. For more information and to register, call the library at 453-0750.

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beasley-Zalensy Post of the American Legion is offering two \$500 scholarships for children of veterans. Information on applicants should be received by the post by Feb. 1, 1995. For more information, call the post at 451-3574.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION PLANNING

There will be a meeting to plan the 20th high school reunion of the Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1975. For more information about the meeting, call 455-1230.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

New Morning School will take registrations for 4 and 5 year-old children for M, W or M, W, F preschool classes. For more information about enrolling in the parent cooperative, call 420-3331.

ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE

The Plymouth District Library is looking for individuals, businesses and community groups to donate the cost of a magazine subscription to one of the over 300 periodicals the library keeps in stock. The sponsor's name will appear on the label and the donation is federal and state tax deductible. For more information, call the library at 453-0750.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Home Health Services in Canton is looking for volunteers for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. For more information, call Diana at 981-8820.

SYMPHONY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER

The Plymouth Symphony League will be selling Entertainment 1995 coupon book as a fundraiser for the symphony. Books are \$40. For more information, call 453-3016.

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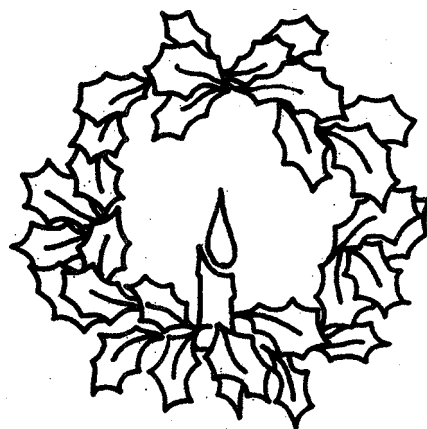


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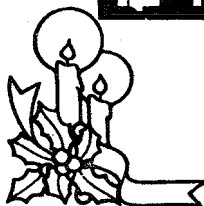


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ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE

The Canton and Salem wrestlers and the Salem swimmers will hold their 17th annual orange and grapefruit sale. Small boxes (20 lbs.) are \$15, large (40 lbs.) are \$25, mixed boxes are available for \$16 and \$26. The fruit will be delivered the week of Dec. 18. For more information or to place an order, call Ron Krueger at 416-2876 or Dan Chrenko at 455-6991.

CLOTHING BANK

The Clothing Bank will be open to distribute donations of clothing to families in need on Tuesdays only from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179.

LADIES GOLF LEAGUES

Ladies golf leagues are now forming at Oasis Golf Center for spring and summer of 1995. Space is limited. For more information, call 420-4653.

PCAC ART RENTAL GALLERY

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will hold a sale before moving to their new location this spring. The gallery on the 2nd floor of the Plymouth District Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays only, for more information, call Therese at 459-6896.

KIWANIS \$1,000 RAFFLE

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth will conduct its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle for \$100 a ticket to win \$1,000 a month for every month of 1995. Winners are also placed back in the pool for future drawings. For more information, call 453-7091.

SENIOR TRIPS

The Plymouth Parks and Rec department will sponsor a group of trips around the country and to events, ending with a trip to Hawaii on Jan. 10, 1995. For more information about the trips, call Steve Anderson at 455-6620.

ENTERTAINMENT '95 BOOKS

The Plymouth Optimist Club will be selling Entertainment 1995 books good for dining, events and other services in Michigan. Price is \$40 hand delivered, all proceeds go to children's causes in southeast Michigan. For more information, call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

MOMS IN THE MIDDLE

Moms in the Middle, a new group forming in the Plymouth area for mothers with kindergarten through eighth grade-aged children is looking for members. For more information, call 455-8336.

PLYMOUTH REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Plymouth Republican Club hold their regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Water Club Grill at 6 p.m. For more information, call Carl Berry at 420-0782.

C.H.A.D.D MEETING

C.H.A.D.D. of Northwest Wayne County (an attention-based disorder parent's organization) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. For more information about the group and the meeting, call Roberta Zarea at 344-8216.

CANTON REPUBLICAN CLUB

The Canton Republican Club, which meets on the third Thursday of each month, will be meeting at Cherry Hill School at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mellissa McLaughlin at 495-0304.

CLASSES AVAILABLE

The City of Plymouth Parks and Rec Department is offering classes in musical theater, cartooning, gymnastics, cheerleading, baton, and junior self-defense through Nov. 30. For more information, call 455-6620.

DIAPER COLLECTION

Michigan Made Inc. of Northville will be collecting disposable diapers for First Step through December. First Step is an agency to assist victims of domestic violence. For more information, call Michigan Made.

PREMARITAL HEALTH EDUCATION CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The Wedding Chapel on Main Street will be offering counseling on transmission and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The classes are open to the public and will run every month this year. For information about the classes and dates and times, call the Wedding Chapel at 455-4800.

GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." The organization meets the third Friday of each month, at noon. Lunch is free but reservations are a must. For more information, call Pattie at 981-0286.

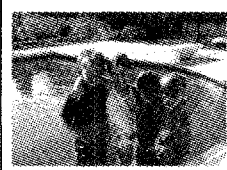
PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITAN MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan club will hold their monthly dinner meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Water Club Bar & Grill. For more information, call Margaret at 455-6989.

CANTON CRICKETS PRESCHOOL

The Canton Crickets preschool will hold a lottery for a limited number of openings in the winter semester at the Parks and Rec offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 16. For more information, call Canton Parks and Rec at 397-5110.

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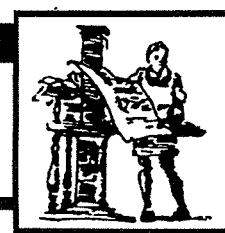
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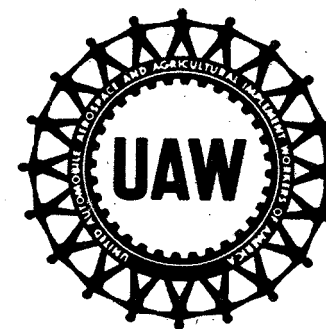


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BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Symphonic Band, under the direction of James R. Griffith, will perform at the International Conference of Band Directors in Chicago tomorrow.

The band was invited to audition to perform last spring and is one of only two bands from the entire nation which has been invited to play at this conference of directors from the United States and 38 other countries.

The 84-member symphony band and a 20-member vocal choir will perform their 90-minute conference for the 14,000 assembled conductors at the Conrad Hilton.

Griffith said this is "the Superbowl of Band Director Clinics."

"This is the third time the band has been invited to perform at this clinic," he said.

"The first was 1969, the second in 1977 and then this year."

The band will perform: Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare by Richard Strauss; The Introduction and Rondo of Sinfonietta by Ingolf Dahl; Amazing Grace, with John Whitwell, Director of Bands of Michigan State University — guest conductor; Sang by Dana Wilson; Sonoran Desert Holiday by Ron Nelson; Sussex Mummer's Christmas Carol by Percy Grainger/Carl Simpson with Gary Hill Guest Conductor — Director of Bands, University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music; Stately Fanfare and Caprice by Lennie Niehaus;

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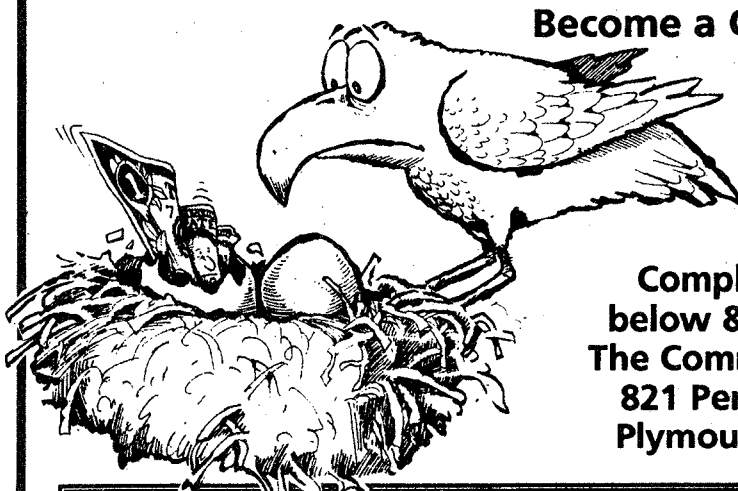
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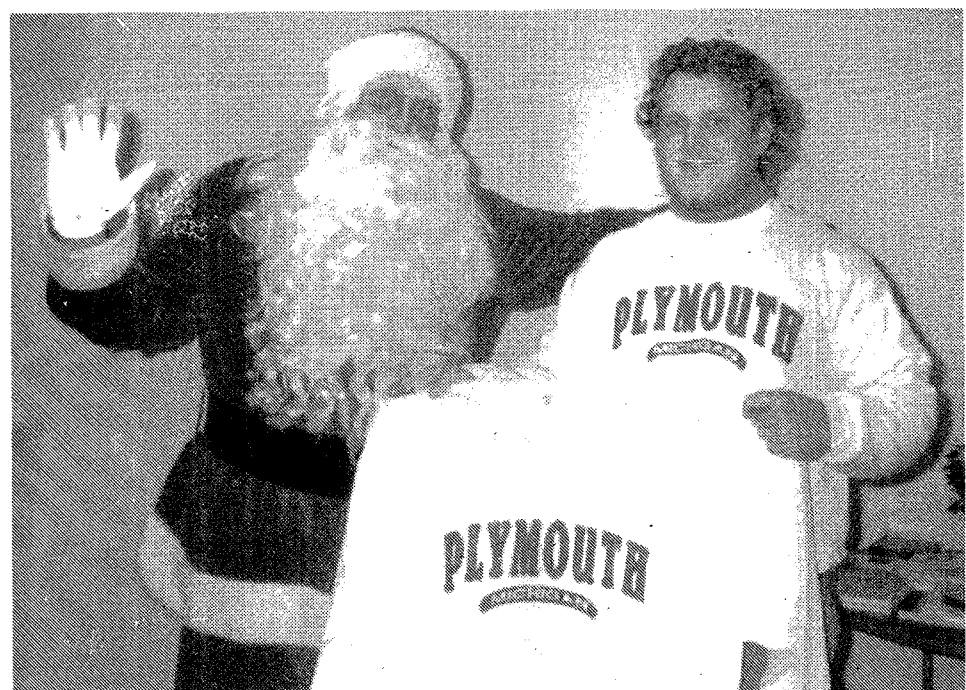
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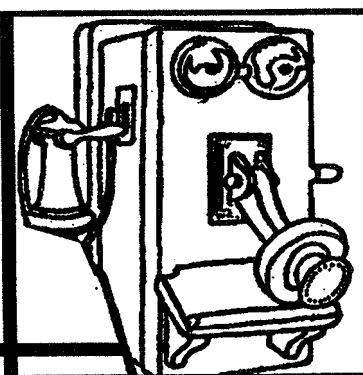
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Curiosities

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CARL BERRY ERASES his computer completely!

JEANINE WAS 40! 40! 40! 40! HA-HA! 40! 40! (but she isn't sensitive)

BRUCE MIRTO IS OLDER where did he hide for his pre-50th bash?

JESS DEBATE Sat at the big tournament. Wonder where she learned to argue.

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Did the parents have a good time?

38? huh Jack!!



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Joanne Delaney has sneaky birthdays! Happy belated.

JON CHRISTOPHER eats chicken parmesan.

DONALD L.- Mom's surgery was postponed til 12/28th: Flu keeps on going around our house, have you got it yet? They are not pulling theradiator, it's the head casket so the gray mule has had it for sure. Just heard you'll be back home next Thurs. cool! DLA

"I WAS THINKING of painting the Iquana's fingernails red and calling it a day."-Mike Carne on Holiday decorating, 1994.

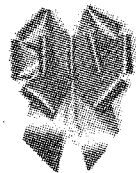
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MOM- Prepare for the "bonus" great-grandchildren. There will be 5 on Christmas Eve. You may hide in your room if you wish.

MUNCH- Hang in there honey, things will get better. Some adjustments are hard to make and yours is a hairy one!

Buff- Is it true that you skied down your back yard on mashed avocados?

Pete- All of your furry and feathered friends say, "thank you" for the water.

JIM- Come back, come back! My car is dirty.

Doug- Congratulations on the new job.

Munch- do I have any new "grandkids"?

Curiosities

THANK YOU TO THE GENTLEMAN WHO CALLED TO ME- "YOUR CAR KEYS ARE ON YOUR TRUNK," I had looked all over for them and finally had to locate the key I use for emergencies, You've a kind person, and I know Santa Claus was listening.G.G.

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HUN, YOU DID IT ! (I LOVE YOU !)

MY HANDS ARE STICKY-KEITH; THEN YOU'D BETTER STOP WHAT YOUR DOING!

Bah Humbug

Curiosities

LOUISE MCKEE- MARY HESKETT'S MOTHER, had heart surgery not too long ago and needs a little encouragement. You might begin by telling her how great you think her daughter is and anyone who has had her Christmas Shopping done since last spring fits into that category Bless her!

Jan Baker's mother has been under the weather for a while, and she's pretty sick of it. Put her on your Prayer List will ? Blessings.

"You have to be careful what you wish for," Helen Clinansmith has been lamenting, the there many years, that there was no one to carry on the Clinansmith name now, there is ask her.

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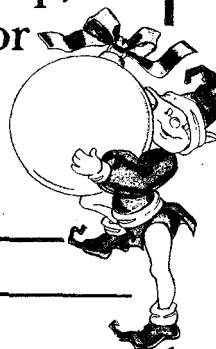
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Meijer regrets expulsion of charities from stores

BY ALEX LUNDBERG

In an effort to protect itself, its customers and non-union employees from professional picketers, the Meijer chain of stores has put itself in the unenviable position of having to exclude groups like the Salvation Army from soliciting donations at their stores.

According to Meijer Director of Public and Consumer Affairs Jennifer Downs, the exclusion is not something that the retailer wanted to happen.

"This is not a policy that we like," Downs said, "we felt that we had to implement it."

The retailer felt forced to adopt the policy because of a strike by the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union at their Toledo, OH stores, the first in the company's history.

Downs said that one tactic that the UFCW used in the strike was to charge Meijer with unfair labor practices through the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).

The charge said that Meijer was discriminating against the picketers by not allowing them access to the stores when groups like the Salvation Army, Goodfellows and other outside groups were allowed access.

Downs said that Meijer's decided that since it could not allow one group and deny the strikers access to the store, they had to change their policy concerning outside organizations.

"The NLRB doesn't differentiate between outside groups," Downs said.

"Because our research told us that they would probably rule on the side of the union, we changed our policy."

Downs said that there has not been a ruling on the charge.

Downs said that once the NLRB differentiates between outside groups, Meijer would start allowing service and charitable organizations access to the store.

"We're hoping that the Congress will take the issue up in its next session," Downs said.

"Some of our customers that have complained about the change said that they were going to write their congressperson about differentiating between the groups."

In the wake of the change in policy, Meijer has made arrangements with Kimberly-Clark (a maker of household items like Kleenex and Huggies) to channel up to 50 cents to the Salvation Army every time a Kimberly-Clark product is purchased.

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Birdshot victim would like to thank all the good people at Plymouth Hills trailer park, I don't know your names but I'd like to say, "thank you." Rex Umney

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Sports

Sports shorts

Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. there will be an organizational meeting for the **Western Wayne Wildcats Girls Basketball** teams in the Plymouth Salem Cafeteria.

Tryouts will be organized for Girls 11 to 16 years of age and will begin in January.

Plymouth YMCA offers a Step Aerobics Class. The class includes a warm up, stepping, cool down, isolations and a slow stretch. Bring water, mat or towel.

The first session lasts from Jan. 4 to Feb. 13 and the second session from Feb. 15 to March 27. Babysitting is available(b). Monday 9:30 to 10:30(b) and 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.(b) and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Friday 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The YMCA also will offer a Youth Muscles in Motion program. Youth muscles in motion builds endurance, strength and good form in this sports movement class. The first session begins Jan. 9 and lasts until Feb. 25 and the second session lasts from March 6 until April 29. Ages 13 and up. On Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Leah Hutko of Canton and **Kris Goff** of Plymouth were recently named to the 1994 Academic All Big Ten Women's Soccer Team, representing MSU. Goff, a sophomore education major, was a defender for the Spartans and totaled one goal for two points this season.

Hutko, a sophomore Urban and Regional Planning major, had seven goals and seven assists to finish third on the team in scoring.

MSU tied for first place this season in the Big Ten.

The **Canton Parks and Recreation Services** preschool program, **Canton Crickets**, will hold a lottery for a limited number of openings in its winter 1995 session.

Lottery dates Nov. 28 to Dec. 16.

Procedure requires you to come in person to the Canton Parks and Recreation Department during regular business hours to pick up lottery number, only one number per family. Canton residents only, proof of residency will be required.

New gymnastics coach brings experience to young Rock team, still hopes for strong season

BY BRIAN CORBETT

After losing numerous members from last year's Western Lakes Activities Association championship team, the Salem Rocks gymnastics team is taking a humble attitude while preparing for the 1994-95 season.

"I guess I'd call it a rebuilding year," said new head coach Pam Yockey. With 13 new gymnasts and Yockey in her maiden season as the Rocks' mentor, it may take some time for the team to develop in to a cohesive unit. "It's a mixture, with an original base from last year in the four returnees and all the new girls," Yockey said.

Though the team may lack experience, Yockey brings nearly three decades worth of coaching to Salem. She has previously coached at Okemos, Taylor Truman, East Lansing, John Glenn and Michigan State University over a 27 year period.

The strength to Salem this year will be the bars and beams part of the program, while the vault is a glaring weakness that Yockey is going to address. She said, "The vault is our weak spot, but if we consistently stay on the equipment we'll do very well."

Seniors Melissa Hopson and Nicole Teller, junior Zoe Yockey, sophomores Brooke Kilby, Kristan Los, Kristin Kosik

and Danielle Puchalt will provide the base for a team that has potential if the preseason teamwork continues. Yockey said, "It's nice to see them working together."

After finishing third in the state last year and winning the WLAA, the Rocks can expect challenges from some formidable conference foes. Canton remains the preseason favorite with state title aspirations. Yockey said, "Canton has unbelievable depth."

Northville and North Farmington also figure prominently in the WLAA race.

Northville will benefit from an expanding talent pool this season by drawing gymnasts from Novi, a Kensington Valley Conference school without a gymnastics program. Also, the Mustangs will be under the guidance of Barb Wind, a coach Yockey respects. "I think she(Wind) is going to sneak up on us," Yockey said.

As the date of the Rocks' first home meet draws closer, Yockey put her expectations for a successful season behind the importance of the students' involvement. "As long as the kids are enjoying themselves, serious about it, but enjoying themselves," Yockey said. The Rocks' first home meet is against Walled Lake Western on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Down for the count



Sean Hughs of Salem makes Brian St. Bernard of Monroe pay for a mistake Thursday. Hughs won the battle, but Monroe won the war as they defeated Salem and Canton in the teams' first meet of the wrestling season. (Crier photo by Craig Breil)

Johnny-O

John Ogrodnick exchanges his ice skates for ticker tape

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If John Ogrodnick were still playing hockey these days he would have no problem finding work during the current National Hockey League lockout.

The former NHL all-star and Detroit Red Wing joined Kemper Securities, Inc., 798 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth as an investment consultant in September. John Findling, senior vice president and branch manager said, "He was looking for a firm that would fit his style of business, Kemper was one of those firms."

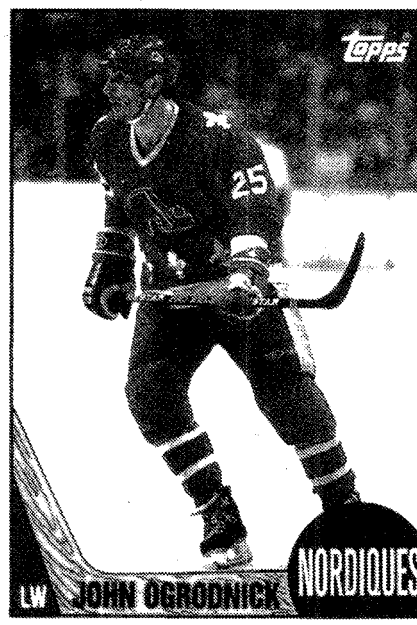
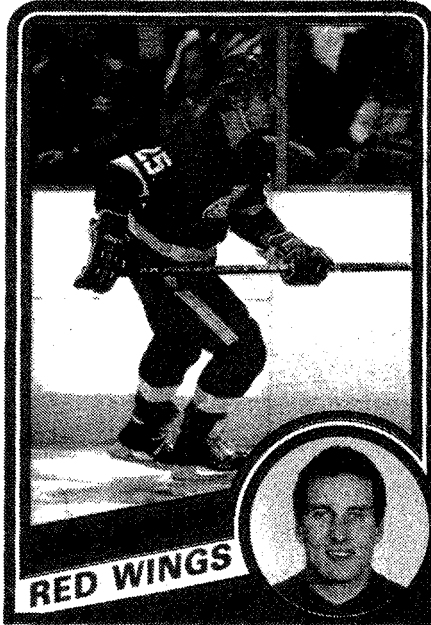
As an experienced small businessman who began learning about trade commodities and stock options while still playing in the NHL, Ogrodnick was hired as an investment consultant to develop financial planning, such as retirement and education funds.

Realizing that his services in the NHL would someday come to an end, Ogrodnick enrolled in business finance courses and invested on his own for the 12 years. "You become street-smart; I became experienced by investing my own money," Ogrodnick said.

Ogrodnick enjoys his work and is confident his experiences will benefit his clients. "I've always been fascinated by it, you learn from your own mistakes and it works out quite well," Ogrodnick said.

A 14-year veteran of the NHL playing for the Red Wings, Quebec and New York Rangers, Ogrodnick remains active within the hockey community. Since 1982, he has operated the John Ogrodnick Hockey School in his native province of Alberta, Canada.

Because of his hectic business schedule, Ogrodnick would be unable to organize a similar camp locally. "I would get involved in one, but I wouldn't organize it," Ogrodnick said. He continued, "I'd be



John Ogrodnick, former star for the Detroit Red Wings and Quebec Nordiques, is an investment consultant for Kemper Securities in Plymouth. (Hockey cards courtesy of Trader Jack's in downtown Plymouth)

more than happy to let someone use my name and skate with the kids and run practice with them."

Ogrodnick also spends time skating with the Red Wing Alumni team who compete in scrimmages against Detroit area teams. "This is a great hockey city, people remember you," Ogrodnick said.

His stellar career and impressive statistics make Ogrodnick difficult to forget. He was NHL all-star five times and he set a Red Wing team record when he scored 55 goals during the 1984-85 season. He was traded to Quebec in 1987, later moved on to New York and returned to Detroit to end a career in which he scored over 400 goals.

"It was fun, it went by so quickly," Ogrodnick said. He mentioned Detroit and New York as highlights of his play-

ing days. "I enjoyed Detroit and New York was great for five years because I got to see Manhattan and meet celebrities," Ogrodnick said. Even with all of his accomplishments and contributions Ogrodnick still has one dream he wasn't able to fulfill — winning the Stanley Cup.

He said, "It would have been nice to go all the way."

Ogrodnick has settled into the local surroundings, living in Farmington Hills with his wife and children. Now, in the second career of his life, Ogrodnick enjoys going to Tiger games and watching his two daughters rollerblade. However, he shares the grief of a winter without hockey with all local fans. Ogrodnick said, "I wish the hockey season would get going."

Several girls', boys' teams off to quick start in PCJBA basketball action

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association standings are in. The results are as of Dec. 10.

In the Girls' B League, the Pistons and Lakers remained on top with 2-0 records. They are followed by the Celtics and Bulls with 1-1 marks. The Kings and Rockets round out the league with 0-2 records.

In this week's action, the Lakers swamped the Kings 41-34; the Celtics were lucky to get by the Rockets 35-30; and the Pistons crushed the Bulls, 54-31.

In the Girls' A League, the Celtics remained perfect with an 8-0 record.

They are followed by the Rockets, who are 7-1. The Pistons are 5-3, the Kings 2-6 and the Lakers and Bulls are tied in the basement with 1-7 records.

In A League action this week: The Rockets blasted by the Lakers 62-46; the Celtics crowned the Kings 38-27; and the Pistons corralled the Bulls 45-31.

The Hawks and Lakers are on top of the Boys' B League American Division with 2-0 records. They are followed by the Bucks, Kings, Nets and Sonics who are tied at 1-1. The Rockets and 76ers are winless at 0-2.

The Celtics, Jazz and Pistons are leading the Boys' B League

National Division at 2-0. The Pacers, Spurs and Bulls are knotted up at 1-1 and the Hawks and Knicks are in last with 0-2 records.

In this week's Boys' B League action: the Hawks soared past the Nets 42-41; the Lakers rode a wave past the 76ers 38-37; the Celtics got by the Knicks 64-61; the Pistons beat the Spurs 42-39; Sonics fired by the Rockets 50-44; the Bucks bucked the Kings 62-42; the Pacers out-paced the Bulls 46-38; and the Jazz stung the Hornets 67-36.

The Hawks and Pistons are riding high in the Boys' A League National Division with 7-1 records. The Pacers are at 5-3. The Kings are close behind at 4-4. The Bucks and Sonics are tied at 3-5. The Bulls have a 2-6 record and the Spurs are at 1-7.

The Rockets, 76ers and Lakers are up top on the Boys' A League American Division with 7-1 records. The Jazz are at 4-4, Hornets 3-5 and Nets 2-6. The Celtics and Knicks are tied in the basement at 1-7.

In this week's action: the Bucks killed the Bulls 73-67; the Nets snagged the Knicks 70-58; the Spurs rode past the Sonics 70-52; the Pistons crushed the Kings 72-67; the Jazz clobbered the Celtics 45-37; the Hawks flew by the Pacers 66-56; the Lakers caught the Hornets 73-57; and the 76ers out-spirited the Rockets 82-70.

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

The Salem Varsity Basketball team will play Friday, Dec. 16 at home at 6 p.m. against Ann Arbor Huron.

SALEM SWIMMING

The Salem Boys Swimming team takes on campus rival Canton at Canton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22.

SALEM WRESTLING

The Salem Wrestling team will grabble with the Shamrocks of Catholic Central on the road on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. and will host a eight team tournament on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

The Salem Gymnastics team next meet is against Walled Lake Western at home on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

The Salem Varsity Volleyball team will travel to Portage Northern for an invitational on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 a.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

The Chiefs face Ann Arbor Pioneer at home on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. and at Ypsilanti on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON SWIMMING

The Canton Boys Swimming team will host Salem on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

The Canton Wrestling team will travel to Romulus to participate in a three team meet on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

The Canton Gymnastics team next meet is at North Farmington on Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

The Canton Volleyball team will travel to Ann Arbor Huron on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and to the Allen Park Invitational Saturday, Dec. 17 with both starting times to be announced.



Community opinions

He's back!

Local 'dreamer' returns to hometown, rediscovers early newspaper roots

Born a dreamer...Plymouth-Canton fashioned. I have spent most of my life sailing life's boundaries and the far-from-home fringes. My heritage here having taught me: Imagination is what makes the world.

As a young Plymouth Jaycee helping blow all the downtown electrical power for the 1962 Fall Festival, having imagined on too grand a scale. An aging Plymouth clothier, Carl Caplin, counseling me to join Plymouth's Rotary Club to "help others, do good community work, and grow a useful and caring town", he said. I listened and imagined a life like that.

And charged out there. My dad, years later on his deathbed, suggesting that perhaps Plymouth is too small for me, maybe I should broaden my horizons on the world's stage. I listened and moved on. As a result I am now as comfortable in a bordello as a boardroom, an



Native Son
By Randy Eaton

Englishman's castle as a hobo's campfire.

Funny thing 'tho — now that I've been around some, I find the world was already right back there where I started. Back home: the world in a microcosm. Right here in Plymouth-Canton. So, here I am, your native son. Home and still dreaming.

Bob Dajnowicz told me I wouldn't find the Plymouth-Canton I left. "They tarnished my dreams there, Randy...developed over my treasures, I always felt those farms were mine." Howie Davis said, "The Plymouth-

Canton you knew is gone...the old spirit just isn't there anymore." They didn't know that Staton Lorenz had called to let me know a fellow classmate (class of '59 Plymouth High) had suffered a tragedy and would I be willing to write her a letter of support and sympathy. Of course I would. Of course I did. Growth and expansion can't kill off the fire our local forbearers ignited.

Who are you folks now? What do you treasure? What are you dreaming up for this community? What are our communal problems? What manner of future is your collective imagination? This rebel

muse would like very much to get to know you. Write me here at The Crier. Let's get acquainted — or re-acquainted.

My mother invested in me her love of life and people to the extent I am attracted to the bright side of things. Today I only seek darkness in order to turn on the lights there.

Help me in this quest — write me here at The Crier — point me toward the darkness, and the light.

Speaking of my mom, and light: Why are the beautiful gas lights in Kellogg Park, that she and her friends paid for, disused and turned out? How do we get those lights turned back on? The founding spirit of those women is extinguished until they are aflame again.

Well, you folks come back to me, I'm anxious to know you now. And, delighted to return to my Plymouth-Canton having been cared for, and loved so well, by you in my absence.

West Middle School needs art program revived

EDITOR:

Wake up West parents! What do these super-fine youngsters not have in common with the youngsters in every other Plymouth-Canton public school?

They have no opportunity to enrich their lives and to grow artistically through the guidance and teaching of a qualified art teacher.

Do you realize that West Middle School is the sole Plymouth-Canton School (elementary, middle and high school) that does not provide an art program for its youngsters? Do you know that for 32 years prior to this year, West had one of the best art programs in town as well as in other neighboring communities? Do you realize that West could have had a continuation of that art program this year taught by a trained art teacher?

The administration will say that it was a matter of economics. Don't be fooled! I and others believe it was a matter of personal merit. There were qualified art teachers in our district who coveted West's art position this school year through transfer.

Yet when I retired this past June after 32 years of teaching art at West, no action was taken to replace me

even after administrative assurances to me that there would be an art program for West's youngsters for the 1994-95 school year.

What really counts for this archaic and cheap school system is the welfare of your kids.

Why should art education be offered in every school in Plymouth-Canton's Public Schools but not at West? Aren't equal educational opportunities important for your children? How can you as parents allow this to happen to your children?

It is high time that your school board and administrators realize the importance of equal opportunities for all of your children. It is high time that you as parents insist on the priorities that give your children equal chances at learning in all areas such as art. What has happened is a travesty.

Do I feel betrayed that after 34 years of dedicated service to Plymouth-Canton's schools (32 of which were spent building up an art program at West Middle School that in my opinion was second to none) and then have the art program dropped? You bet I do!

Do I feel betrayed that those aforementioned artistic

youngsters in this letter that I had the pleasure of teaching last school year do not have the same opportunity today to experience art as do all other students in Plymouth-Canton's schools do? You bet I do!

Do I feel unappreciated and unworthy of my past work for our schools just as other employee groups particularly para-pros and teachers currently employed in Plymouth-Canton's schools do? You bet I do.

Do I feel sorry for these gifted students and all of West's students this year who have no opportunity to grow artistically, to learn about and appreciate the art of the past, to learn new concepts in art, design, color, drawing, painting, to experience new art materials and to have the opportunity through self expression of creating their own world? You bet I do!

Should West's students have an equal chance to experience the above through an experienced or trained art teacher? You bet they do! The sooner the better.

ELDEN ZANG

EDITOR'S NOTE: The complete story on the end of the art program at West Middle School can be found on page 1 of today's Community Crier.

Crier advertisement promotes violence against lawyers

EDITOR:

As your publisher suggested during our recent phone conversation, I am writing to publicly express my outrage at the advertisement printed on page 14 of the Dec. 7 edition of your newspaper. That advertisement is for a novelty tie with the wording, "KILL ALL THE LAWYERS." The ad stated in bold letters, "UNHAPPY WITH A LAWYER? Don't get Mad...GET EVEN!"

My objection to this ad is that it suggests and promotes violence against myself and other members of my profession. It suggests that violence is a proper method of resolving grievances in our society. In all the polls that are taken, crime is the major concern of most people. Our newspapers, radio and television news programs often headline violent acts that persons have committed against one another. Many television programs and movies contain graphic scenes of murder and mayhem.

While your newspaper is free to accept and print any submitted advertisement, it is my belief that you have a responsibility to your readers not to print any advertisement that suggests committing any act of violence against any other person.

In my telephone conversation with your publisher, I asked whether your newspaper

would print an ad for a tie that said, "Kill All the Homosexuals" or "Kill All the Blacks" and he responded, "Of course not!"

What is the difference between those ads and the one which your paper printed? They all suggest that a person should commit a violent act against an identifiable group of people.

There are many acts of violence committed against attorneys every year. Do we and our families have any less right to be free from violent acts being committed against us than any other group of people or any other person? I certainly hope that answer is "no" because it is the objective of our society and our laws that no violent acts be committed against any person regardless of their race, sex, national origin, sexual preference or their profession.

I believe printing an ad for any item that promotes an act of violence against anyone is journalistically irresponsible. Does the code of ethics for journalism permit the dissemination of messages of hate and violence?

Finally, the retailer selling these ties states in the ad, "You are simply quoting

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Community opinions

Recognize art in The Community

ART is alive and encouraged in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

While many activities during the holiday season focus on gifts and acquiring material goods, there are also many performing arts and public arts projects which make life better here. Many of the arts of this season — like the trees decorated in Kellogg Park, the Plymouth Symphony's and Plymouth-Canton Ballet's "Nutcracker" at the high school, the tree lighting caroling at Canton Township Hall, or even like the upcoming Ice Sculptures — are temporal; they're wonderful for the moment and for memories.

But it's time to recognize more permanent art too.

The Plymouth Playscape Project has brought father-son team Peter and Tom Rockwell to carve together for the first time in their entry-piece for the giant playscape going next to the Rockwell "monsters" in Plymouth Township Park.

And Canton's Sculptor Laureate Joe

DeLauro's latest piece was just unveiled in Livonia. Just as this huge "Jesus" began in a humble Canton corner next to the DeLauro washer and dryer, a new and larger sculpture of John Cabot is now underway.

What a great place to live, where the arts and the artists are encouraged.

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The work of Tom and Peter Rockwell and Joe DeLauro are just two examples of the beautiful artwork that graces our community.

Rep. Whyman leads by example

EDITOR:

As a result of my daughter's \$500 savings bond award in a coloring contest, our family recently visited the Capital in Lansing as guests of our newly re-elected state representative, Deborah Whyman. The art contest was personally sponsored and funded by Rep. Whyman as an opportunity to give back to the community her own pay raise since she opposed the salary increase.

We were hosted by her and two energetic staffers, Theresa and Todd, for the entire day which included tours of our recently remodeled and beautiful Capital building, and an impressive Michigan Historical Museum. What impressed me most this day however, was Rep. Whyman's deep conviction, servant's heart, and genuine concern for the people in our state. Still recovering the week after an arduous campaign, and taking time out from her busy schedule, Rep. Whyman treated us, and two other winning families to a pizza lunch. Although this day could have been a great opportunity for a preelection press opportunity,

Rep. Whyman chose not to promote this occasion in that way. With a soft-spoken smile, Rep. Whyman poured the kids a pop at lunch while a staffer took care of one of the family's newborn in the office. She then took the kids on a personal tour of the House floor and explained how laws are made.

Since I am sure she does not spend a lot of time promoting herself, allow me. Rep. Whyman continues to drive from her Canton condominium to Lansing several days a week to be closer to the community and forgo the cost of having offices in both places. She personally telephoned many of her constituents during the campaign and even gave all her personal phone number! She has gone undercover in a police stake-out to see first hand the abuses of our food stamp program, and was subsequently instrumental in passing legislation that halted those abuses. She also serves as Vice Chairperson of the House Education Committee, Vice Chairperson of the Human Services and Children Committee, the Taxation Committee, and

the House Oversight and Ethics Committee. She is currently examining current health care system alternatives and has personally visited many hospital and health care facilities to obtain first-hand knowledge of the benefits and problems inherent in existing systems. With a business education and background, she is also very sensitive to the needs of business and was instrumental in obtaining tax relief for small businesses. She spoke with genuine affection of her parents and siblings who reside locally and, according to Whyman, are some of her biggest supporters and campaign volunteers. More interested in influencing "policy" than pursuing politics, she spoke with great enthusiasm the many things she is going to accomplish in the next two years.

Thanks to Rep. Whyman for a wonderful day! You have given me a renewed faith, hope and pride for Michigan and the government of our state. And if you decide to go for it again, you've already wrapped up my vote for 1996!

DENNIS O'BEIRNE & FAMILY

Crier ad promotes violence against lawyers

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Shakespeare." Actually, it is only a partial quote and taken out of context. The words appear in King Henry VI, Part 2, Act IV, Scene 2, Line 86. The context is a discussion by the opponents of the King of England during the War of the Roses. These persons are opposed to a society of laws and contracts which govern the conduct of their nation and its inhabitants. The quote is, "The first thing we do is kill all the lawyers." Our government is a government of laws. A government without laws is a government in anarchy, which is what the characters in the play were advocat-

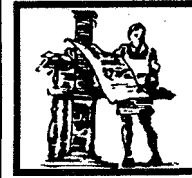
ing.

Suggesting that violent acts should be committed against other persons because you may not like them is stating that we are not a nation of laws and any person has a right to do whatever they choose regardless of the harm that it causes to others.

In the future, I hope that your advertising department will reject any ad that suggests that criminal acts to settle grievances is acceptable in our society.

LARRY K. BOWERMAN

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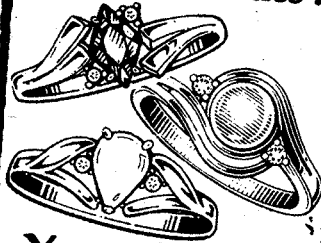
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