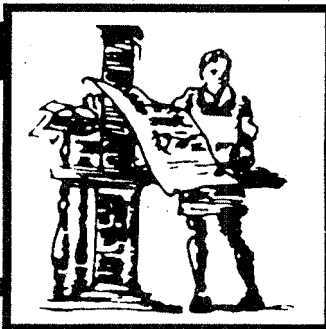


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## UAW strikes Johnson Controls

*Ford won't accept seating systems made by replacement workers during strike*

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Early yesterday morning, it looked as if a United Auto Workers strike on Plymouth Township-based Johnson Controls might turn into a battle of wills.

UAW employees, who walked off their jobs early Tuesday morning, succeeded in blocking the entrance to Johnson Controls' manufacturing plant while company officials dug in their heels with replacement workers manning the line.

By afternoon, the tide had turned.

In an unprecedented move, Ford Motor Company announced it would not use seat assemblies made by replacement workers at Johnson Controls, according to Ford spokesperson Francine Romine-MacBride. "This hasn't happened before," she said, "not in recent history."

UAW spokesperson Bob King announced the news to the mass of picketers gathered at the Port Street assembly site.

"We've won a huge, huge victory here today," King said.

In exchange for the Ford boycott of Johnson Controls products, King said strikers would allow "scabs" in the plant to come out without harassment.



Plymouth Township Police Chief Carl Berry (second from left) addressed striking UAW workers at Johnson Controls' Plymouth Township plant early Tuesday morning. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

In a press release, Johnson Controls officials said the company has made a "reasonable and fair offer" to the UAW. They said the company's proposal com-

pares favorably with wage and benefits packages agreed to by the UAW at other unionized supplier plants.

Union official Karl Mantela said the

Johnson Controls' wage and benefit package does not stack up to other suppliers.

He said the company dropped the starting wage from \$9.50 to \$9 per hour and eliminated the 401K plan for newly hired employees when the UAW began organizing the plant last summer.

Mantela also said employee movement within the plant was restricted, as was the wearing of union buttons.

According to Johnson Controls, the company's Township plant and Oberlin, OH plant are the only facilities operated by the company in North America where labor negotiations currently are in process. The Oberlin plant also went on strike this morning.

The Plymouth plant employs approximately 300 hourly workers and produces seating systems for the Ford Expedition. The Oberlin plant employs approximately 200 hourly workers and produces seating systems for the Ford Econoline.

Both facilities received UAW recognition last summer.

As of press time, no new talks were scheduled between Johnson Controls and the UAW.

## Woman survives 'brush' with train

A 3,800-foot Canadian Pacific train smashed into a Ford Aspire Monday at the Beck Road rail crossing in Plymouth Township.

According to Plymouth Township Police, at least two other car/train accidents have occurred at the same crossing in the past several years. Both included garbage haulers.

Police said Jennifer Roush from Ann Arbor stopped for the flashers at the tracks and attempted to beat the train.

Her economy-sized car was hit on the driver's side and dragged 40 feet along the tracks.

She was rushed to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in critical condition and was later transported to St. Joseph Mercy, where she is listed in good condition.

There are no crossing gates at the tracks, despite the enormous growth in the area. According to police, no plans are in the works to install gates at the crossing.



An eastbound train struck a Ford Aspire as the car crossed the tracks Monday morning. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

### Rotary

Plans are in the works for a new morning Rotary Club

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### Development

Canton planning officials help neighbors with development

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Salem wins in showdown for gymnastics bragging rights

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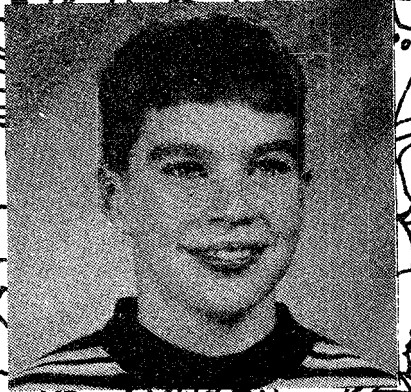
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# City police to hit streets on bicycles, electric car

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Plymouth Police Department will implement two unorthodox policing styles when officers hit the road in the department's new electric vehicle and on a fleet of mountain bikes.

The new patrol methods will help the department deal with parking enforcement and teen delinquency, according to Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins.

Sgt. Steven Hundersmarck, who organized the bike patrol, said the program will bring a high profile to officers, especially in downtown Plymouth.

"Bikes bring the police officers out into the open," Hundersmarck said. "It shows the public that the officer is not hermetically sealed in the police car."

Hundersmarck said bicycle patrol programs have been used successfully in other communities.

"I can't think of a more perfect atmosphere than the City of Plymouth for a bicycle patrol," he said. "There is a lot of excitement in the police department about this."

Officers will also be using an electric vehicle for patrol. The electric car, which resembles a covered golf cart, was tested by the department this fall.

Scoggins said the car will be mostly used for parking enforcement. He also said it could be used by officers who are physically unable to work the bicycle patrol. "Frankly," he said, "there are officers on the force that I wouldn't allow on a bicycle."

Scoggins said the bicycles and electric car will be perfect for the department. "I believe it will be a good mix because of the age of the department," he said. "I've got some young officers and some older ones."

The electric vehicle carries a \$7,500 price tag. The bicycles will cost the City \$4,700.

# Canton senior ridership increases under CTSM

More than a year after Child & Family Service of Washtenaw took over all local transportation services for Canton's senior citizens and disabled residents, ridership has increased dramatically and the cost to the rider has remained the same.

The transportation program, originally called "Catch-A-Ride," replaced the old Nankin Transit system in the summer of 1995 — following the SMART transportation controversy. Previous to taking over the entire transportation program, Child & Family Service provided the community with a medical transportation program for those needing to travel to medical facilities in Washtenaw County.

Recently, Child & Family Service began a collaborative effort with other agencies and governments, creating a new transportation management plan designed to improve overall service for residents.

The lead agency in the transportation program, now called County Transportation Systems Management (CTSM), is Child & Family Service/Huron Services for Youth. The alliance includes Canton government, several other municipal governments, health and human service providers and the business community.

As a part of its effort to improve service, CTSM recently entered into a partnership with Huron Valley Ambulance to operate the medical shuttle service to health facilities in Washtenaw County.

The mainstay of the CTSM program continues to be handicapped/group van service as well as a taxi cab service for residents needing transportation to shopping centers, local medical offices and various community facilities.

According to Ann Harris, CTSM director, the program exceeded 1,000 rides for the first time in a single month in October, 1996. Overall, Harris said, the service recorded 2,000 more rides in 1996 over the previous year.

CTSM is currently evaluating its local western Wayne County van service and will be utilizing other services in an effort to improve that portion of its transportation program.

The current taxi service remains one of the most popular, Harris said. In a survey conducted late last year, riders said the taxi service offered a greater number of opportunities for people to get where they need to go.

Harris said CTSM will be looking to increase vehicles for that service and its overall capacity.

Under the current program, rides are provided for seniors and disabled residents on a daily basis, Monday through Friday, all year long. There is a small fee for each trip and the entire service is based on an in-advance reservation system. The service area includes Canton, Wayne, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia and both Plymouth and Northville. Residents can call 483-4796 to make their reservations.

A local committee, made up of Canton residents, elected leaders and administrative representatives, oversees the community's contract with Child & Family Service/Huron Services for Youth. That contract will be up for renewal in the near future.

**Addenda  
& errata**

Carl Schultheiss co-designed the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with Russell Isbister. He was also a former Plymouth-Canton School board member.



# Dangerous remains

*Abandoned Northville Township buildings draw teens...and criticism*

BY BRYON MARTIN

There are footprints around the building.

The steps wind through shaggy tufts of grass and patches of snow, around scattered debris and up to the entrance of the Fairweather Center, and to a rusting door. Wobbly letters spray-painted letters across it ask, "Is this the end for you?"

This graffiti is appropriate, in that the state-owned Fairweather Center at the corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads has plummeted into dereliction since its closing in 1993; two weeks ago the question gained startling relevance when Scott Brown, a 19 year old from Farmington Hills, fell from the building's shabby roof and died in the early hours of Jan. 12.

For Brown, the answer is given. But for the Fairweather Center and the 16 acres on which it sits, the answer is as-yet unknown.

## Solving the problem

"It's just going to have to be demolished," Karen Woodside, Northville Township supervisor said.

Three years ago the township considered renting or leasing the Fairweather Center from the state. Its many rooms and proximity to the M-14 expressway made it a convenient location for municipal offices. Before the State can sell any property, however, State law requires two steps to be taken.

The parcel must first be offered to all other State offices for use; if unneeded, the parcel is deemed to be surplus.

Given this status, surplus parcels can be sold once the legislature passes a bill authorizing the sale.

Michigan's Legislature passed such a bill in December 1996 — three years after the Fairweather Center was termed surplus. For two years it has sat vacant.

According to Woodside, and apparent to passersby on Five Mile and Sheldon roads, the site is now less than useful, even dangerous. "Everything of value has either been taken or destroyed," she said, explaining the building should have been used or leveled, not left vacant. "Now,



Although signs tell people to keep off the state property, teens and thrill-seekers often ignore the warnings, sometimes with dire consequences. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

our worst fears have been realized."

## Tragic events

Like many before them, Brown and friends Joel Couch, 20, and Jeremy Galazka, 21, both from Livonia, had driven out to the abandoned building with alcohol and marijuana, according to police. The many broken doors and windows left it easy to enter, and the three climbed four stories to the roof where they found an enclosed air-conditioning shelter.

There, according to police, they smoked and drank. The corrugated aluminum walls of the shelter were thin, though, and in places open to the January wind. Galazka left to find a warmer spot.

After he left, according to Det. Sgt. Oppenheim of the Michigan State Police, an argument began between Brown and Couch.

Galazka found a warmer spot, a fan room. He turned around to get his friends, and as he did, saw Brown come falling through a hole in the aluminum wall, land

on the roof, and roll off the edge of the building.

Galazka and Couch ran to the Speedway gas station across the street. They called 9-1-1. Northville dispatch responded sending an ambulance and, because the event took place on State property, Michigan State Police.

According to MSP Det. Sgt. Gary Gray, who heads the investigation, Brown was taken to St. Mary's hospital in Livonia. He was pronounced dead on arrival, killed by the 56-foot fall.

"It's the first death I'm aware of associated with the property," Gray said. But, "Northville has tons of complaints about that area."

## Troubled history

The 16 acres around the Fairweather Center have a history.

In addition to the newer corner building, there are other structures which have been abandoned for years.

Many, especially area youths, call them "the Northville tunnels." Generations of Plymouth, Canton and Northville teenagers under the power of peers, curiosity and a lack of anything better to do, have tested their mettle with midnight trips to the stark, silent tunnels.

According to Chip Snyder, Northville Township director of Public Safety, not all visits to the tunnels have been as innocent.

The combination of decaying buildings and prohibited access that keeps most people at bay has a reputation as "an attractive nuisance to criminals," who have made periodic visits to the tunnels.

One Northville police dispatcher said she has sent officers in response to the presence of guns, suspicious vehicles, and trespassers there; cars stolen from other cities are sometimes driven there and burned after joyriding.

Following the Fairweather's closing

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Grffiti asks the ominous question: "Is this the end?" 19-year-old Scott Brown fell from the roof near the heating and cooling unit (top left portion of photo) (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

# Agenda

## THIS WEEK

- The Salem boys swimming team faces Farmington tomorrow at Farmington at 7 p.m.
- Canton wrestles Northville at home at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow.

## WEEKEND

- The Salem boys varsity basketball team takes on John Glenn Friday at home at 6 p.m.
- The Canton boys varsity basketball team plays Northville away at 5:30 p.m.

## NEXT WEEK

- The All Saints Catholic school will hold an informational "Town Hall Meeting" for all parents in the four parish region Monday at St. Kenneth Parish at 7 p.m. For information, call 459-2490.

## UPCOMING

- The Plymouth Historical Museum is preparing for "Love & Lincoln" Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Plymouth Manor. Donations of \$25 are being accepted for the event. William E. Odom of Ford Motor Credit Company is the master of ceremonies. For reservations, call 455-8940.

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What are your home improvement plans for 1997? Find helpful hints in the Homeowners' Handbook today on pages 12-13.

# Canton Public Safety presents Ambassadors

Canton Public Safety will present 24 newly appointed fire station Ambassadors to the Canton Community during a reception in their honor at 7 p.m., Thursday in the Meeting Room of Canton Public Library.

Volunteer Ambassadors Veronica Aitema, Terry Bennett, Bob Boyer, Glone Brunner, John Burdziak, John Connor, Lori Pilippelli, Tina Galicki, Greg Greene, Karen Hanchett, Cathy Johnson, Ron and Dollie Lieberman, Mary McMinn, Tim Murray, Syl and Mary Noetzel, Bill Pike, Sandy Preblich, Debi Raszkowski, Margaret So, Cheryl Staats, Rene Staeb and Barbara Valdahl will be formally introduced and welcomed aboard by Canton's Director of Public Safety John Santomauro and Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher before an audience of their Canton neighbors, family members and friends.

*Fire Station Ambassadors will keep information about Canton's new fire station flowing to the public*

During the reception, the Director and Fire Chief will give a slide presentation about the new fire station, featuring the architectural plans and an artist's render-

ing of the finished building. They also will be available to answer questions.

Starting Friday, a TV-VCR containing a video about the new fire station will be situated near the information desk at the library for visitors to play on demand.

Canton's new fire station Ambassadors are being called upon to assist in keeping a steady stream of information about the new fire station flowing to Canton residents. They will be engaged in making arrangements for the Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief to attend community meetings to provide project updates and helping to plan and coordinate special events to encourage community involvement.

For information about the new Fire Station Ambassadors program, contact Sylvia Crawford, 313-397-6452.



## Public notices

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1997

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Charles Curmi who was excused.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the January 21, 1997 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing for the Special Assessment District Paving Project for Green Meadows, Palmer's Acres and Palmer's Re-Subdivision at 8:16 p.m. Edward Lawley, William Jefferson, Mike Rousseau, Glenn Simms, Jim Clemente, Marjorie Hoeft, Alexander Pesti, Lisa Molk, Joes Loiselle, Don Keller, Pat Shortal, Christine Zazzaro, Cheryl Reeves, Mrs. Arvid Burden, Dan Acker, Diane Nranjan addressed the Board with some stating their support for the paving project and others who asked questions and expressed concerns for the probable increase of cut-through traffic by vehicles, commercial and heavy trucks and the effect it will have on the pavement; type of materials being used for the paving; paving of driveway aprons; the responsibility of future road maintenance; the commercial zoned areas; hardship for seniors; cost comparison for maintenance of unpaved vs. a paved roadway; the need for stop signs at some intersections rather than yield signs; the responsibility of the assessment when property is sold; water drainage problems; start and end dates; length of paving process; payment options; and when residents would begin payment. Clerk Massengill read into the record letters from Angeline Belsky and Chloe West opposing the paving. The public hearing was closed at 9:12 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 97-1-21-3 authorizing the Engineer to complete final Engineering Drawings, to take bids, and have the Supervisor prepare final Special Assessment Roll for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period providing no objections have been filed. Supported by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:

Ayes: Arnold, Edwards, Griffith, Mueller, Massengill, Keen-McCarthy  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curmi

Resolution declared adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Mueller and seconded by Ms. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Ayes all.

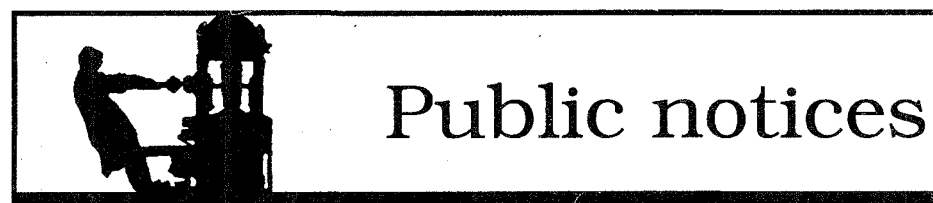
Marilyn Massengill, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor  
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on January 21, 1997. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on January 28, 1997.

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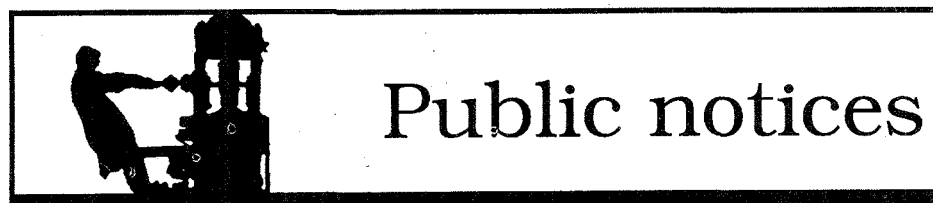
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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a BID for district-wide waste disposal services. Specifications and Bid Forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Department in the Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI during normal business hours. Bids are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Friday, February 28, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

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### ANNUAL REPORT

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This notice is given in compliance with and pursuant to Section 6104(d), Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Dated: September 27, 1991  
S/Franz A. Brenner

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a PROPOSAL for the purchase and installation of six portable elementary classrooms. Specifications and response forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Department, in the Board of Education Building, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Proposals are due on or before 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 5, 1997. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept any or reject all proposals, as they judge to be in the best interest of the School District.

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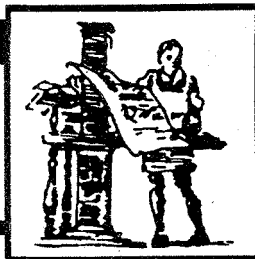
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# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Amanda J. Humphrey**, daughter of Richard and Alyce Humphrey of Plymouth, earned Dean's List honors at Adrian College. Humphrey, an art-planning freshman, maintained a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 during her first semester at the liberal arts college.

Public-safety junior **Matthew Huber**, son of John and Mary Huber of Plymouth, has been elected as parliamentarian of the student senate at Lake Superior State University for the 1996-97 school year.

The ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), carrying servicemen with connections to The Plymouth-Canton Community, have recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Black seas. Navy Seaman **James A. Nance** of Plymouth served aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Austin. Marine Lance Cpl. **Ronald K. Cullen**, and Marine Cpl. **Michael G. Schut**, served with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). Cullen's wife, Tiffany, is the daughter of Mark and Roxanne Smith of Canton. Schut is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

The East Middle School Band participated in the Solo & Ensemble Festival Saturday at Franklin High School. Out of 32 events, 23 received 1st Division ratings and nine received 2nd Division ratings. Soloists earning a 1st Division medal include: **Kim Weaver**, oboe; **Kristen Marantis**, clarinet; **Angela Florn**, alto sax; **Mike Kleemann**, snare drum; **Sara Armer**, flute; **Abe Thurtell**, bassoon; **David Lenz**, trumpet; **Andy Sigworth**, trumpet; **Jake Bugeja**, trumpet; **Jessica Sigworth**, flute; **Leslie Babich**, piano; **Brittany Parling**, trumpet; **Alan Poon**, piano. Duets earning a 1st Division medal include: **Bill Stemmerman** and **Matt Reuter**, trombone; **Chris Lodwick** and **John Early**, alto sax; **Jessica Leadford** and **David Lenz**, trumpet; **Matt Esper** and **Clinton Clark**, trumpet; **Mina Fung** and **Erica Carlson**, flute; **Barbie Ritchey** and **Brittany Parling**, trumpet; **Jessica Sigworth** and **Amanda Rollinger**, flute. Trio earning a 1st Division medal include: **Jessica Sigworth** and **Amanda Rollinger**, flute; and **Joan Siewierski**, clarinet. Soloists earning a 2nd Division medal include: **Kevin Pilkiewicz**, trumpet; **Jennifer Wagner**, piano; **Julie Scott**, French horn; **Victoria Williams**, piano; **Laura Jaeger**, piano; **Rusha Patel**, flute. Duets earning a 2nd Division medal include: **Rob Showalter** and **Alan Poon**, clarinet; **Ashley Henry** and **Kristen Marantis**, clarinet; and **Julie Scott** and **Jon Woods**, French horn.

## Young Black Belt Champs

(left to right) Black Belt students **Minerva Orduno**, **Scott Combs**, **Kristen Sarna**, **Kenny Laczynski**, **Christina Commiskey** and **Katie Sarna** stand proudly with their instructor, **Bill Prewitt**. The students combine athletic skill with great academic achievement. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



BY BRYON MARTIN

Imagine a blackbelt: Disciplined, strong, focused — nine years old.

Don't laugh. **Kenny Laczynski** may be the youngest Black-Belt graduate of Independent Black Belt Tae Kwon Do, in Canton, but he'll splinter a board quicker than you can say, "Jackie Chan."

A display of Laczynski skills wouldn't be as flamboyant as Chan's, though. His studies at I.B.B.T. stress restraint and honor over chop-socky flash and spectacle.

"We try to instill our students with respect for each other and for themselves," **Bill Prewitt**, instructor and president of I.B.B.T., said. "We put more emphasis on the morals of the martial arts than on the fighting."

This distinction applies when students

practice their skills, which Prewitt refers to as "free sparring," rather than fighting.

Changing the term doesn't change the intensity or frequency of physical training required to earn a blackbelt: most students practice at least three times per week.

Some students would practice more often, "but they've got to get their homework done, too," Prewitt said. "You can't be getting bad grades and still spend four or five days a week practicing Tae Kwon Do."

Prewitt explained, "The blackbelt degree requires that students do well in their studies, too, because we can't give the award to one who, in other areas, is acting counter to the precepts of the discipline," Prewitt said.

Laczynski and five co-graduates

demonstrated their application of Tae Kwon Do's balance between school and skill: **Minerva Orduno**, 17; **Christina Commiskey**, 11; twin sisters **Kristen** and **Katie Sarna**, 11; **Scott Combs**, 12; and **Laczynski** all are honor-roll students. "They've shown themselves as goal-oriented, very focused, even at their young ages," Prewitt said, "both in school and in martial arts."

Prewitt confesses he takes a parent's pride in witnessing his students' graduate. "It's just delightful to see these kids doing well. They're hard-working, upstanding young people, and I know this kind of achievement at their early age shows them they can do anything."

"Their is no limit to their success. It's been a very positive experience for them, and for me."

## Morning Rotary Club?

*Plymouth group may form for those with restrictive schedules*

BY BRYON MARTIN

How would you prefer to spend your early morning hours — watching TV, listening to the radio, or building business contacts and improving your community?

The Rotary Club of Plymouth, a service-oriented organization, may foster a new, separate club for those with restrictive schedules.

"We would start another Plymouth Rotary Club designed for professional people who could accommodate morning meetings," **Marie Morrow**, Plymouth Rotarian, said.

Rotary describes itself in a guidebook as, "an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world," — ambitious, eh?

Morrow's account is more down-to-earth: "Rotary provides area business people with an opportunity to work together on community-service projects, and to develop contacts with one

another."

Plymouth Rotary was established more than 70 years ago, and has been civilly active since.

Plymouth's Fall Festival began as a Rotary-sponsored chicken dinner 41 years ago. The festival has grown in size and scope, but Rotarian "smokeaters" continue to provide chicken dinners in Kellogg park.

Currently, the organization gathers at the Mayflower Meeting House for lunchtime meetings. According to Morrow, however, not everyone interested in becoming a Rotarian can pencil in a nooner.

The new club will hold 7 a.m. meetings, Morrow said. At the three preliminary meetings held thus far, there has been interest and attendance sufficient to charter the new club at its next meeting, Feb. 11. A location for the meeting has not yet been selected.

Those joining the Rotary at the Feb. 11 meeting will have the unique honor of being a chartering member of the new club.

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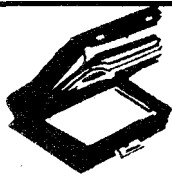
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

The Leukemia Foundation of Michigan received \$10,000 in donations from two regional automotive associations in memory of long-time automotive dealer and consultant, Al Schebil. Al is the father of Jim Schebil, the owner of Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth in Plymouth.

Maria Majia of Plymouth was appointed clerk in registration at Eastern Michigan University. Plymouth resident Kishor Wahi, a professor in teacher education retired from EMU after 29 years of service.

Dolls & Bear Hugs recently opened in Plymouth's Old Village. The new store is located on 494 N. Mill St.

ProCoil Corp. in Canton received a training grant from the State of Michigan. Schoolcraft College receives up to \$91,808 to conduct the training. Classes will focus on quality control and improving the business' productivity. The money, administered by the Michigan Jobs Commission, is from the State's \$35 million Economic Development Job Training program. Local colleges apply for competitive grants from the program. The Jobs Commission works with local communities, colleges and businesses to retain and expand job opportunities, prepare workers for career advancement and improve the overall business climate.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees announced the following new appointments or reappointments to township boards and commissions: Beautification Commission, Wil Gertz, Sue Hillebrand, Barbara O'Brien, Catherine Sellas, Sonja Windisch, Marie Barr, Joann Dayton, Karen Smith, Larry Aepelbacher, Elgene Doinidis, Roberta Benjamin; Board of Canvassers, Charles George, David Hursey, Janis Stevenson, Bill James; Board of Review, Mary Fairchild, Nancy Hinshon, Jean Storm, Susan Vlangos, Donald Zaki and Jerry Henderson; Building Authority, Frank Magdich, Charles Miller and Tony Wolf; Economic Development Corporation, Mark Abbo, Rebecca Connell, Donald Dicomio, Jack Doheny, Marv Gans, Joseph Malloure, Laurie Marrs, Chris Schultz, Janice Wilkiemeyer, Joe LoPiccolo; Ethics Board, Judith Favre, Leonard Kierszkowski, Barbara Niman, Don Thomson; Insurance Committee, Stephen Bogater, Kathleen T. Connor, Betty Lanphear; Northville Youth Assistance, Russ Fogg, Linda Handyside, Maureen Osiecki; Planning Commission, Marv Gans, Richard Allen, Shirley Klokenga, Christopher Schultz, Philip Wargelin, Susan Vlangos and Kent Anderson; Recreation Commission, Connie Livanos, Jon McClory, Dick Henningsen and Bill Jenney; and Senior Advisory Council, Virginia Bosak, Dorothy Cherne, Russ Fogg and Robert Russell.

## P-C businesses gather for home show

Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association, Deck Detail, Old Faithful Sprinkler, Your New House, Wild Wings Gallery, Days Gone By/Lace Curtain, Absopure Water and Rock Shoppe of Plymouth, along with Walter's Home Appliances and Valguard Security of Canton are among the 300 exhibitors at the fifth annual Spring Home & Garden Show, which begins tomorrow at the Novi Expo Center.

"The gathering together of companies such as these is what makes our show a favorite with homeowners," said Scott Jacobson, president of Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and of S.R. Jacobson Development Corporation in Bingham Farms.

"Where else can they go and see a myriad of home and garden products without having to make numerous phone calls and trips in the car?"

Great Lakes Hydronic Heating Association will feature wall radiators, boilers and radiant products for radiant in-floor heating;

Deck Detail will display cleaning and refinishing services for outdoor decks; Old Faithful Sprinkler will present sprinklers and landscape lighting; Your New House will have videos on building new homes; Wild Wings Gallery will exhibit wildlife prints and carvings; Days Gone By/Lace Curtain will feature curtains and home accents; Absopure Water will display water coolers and bottled water; Rock Shoppe will present paving brick and retaining walls; Walter's Home Appliances will feature appliances and electronics; and Valguard Security will display security systems.

Novi Expo Center is located at I-96 and Novi Road. Show hours are from 2-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children six to 12; and children under six are admitted free. Family tickets for two adults and accompanying children are available at Farmer Jack for \$9. For more information, call (810) 737-4478.

## Planners attempt to minimize impact of Haggerty II Corporate Park in Canton

Sponsors of the proposed Haggerty II Corporate Park may allow warehousing and distribution facilities in their new development, with one limitation. The westernmost buildings (those closest to the Canton Hills subdivision) must be limited to 45,000 square feet if they will be used for warehousing/distribution purposes. The Canton Planning Commission came to this agreement at their Monday night meeting, in an effort to minimize the impact of such operations on residents.

Haggerty II Corporate Park is proposed for 100 acres on both the east and west sides of Haggerty Road, just north of Michigan Avenue. The property is appropriately zoned for a research park, which allows users to store goods and ship them off-site as part of their business. Project sponsors asked the

Planning Commission for approval of a special land use request for warehousing/distribution facilities, which would allow for full-time warehousing facilities in the research park.

Project sponsors have designed the project to minimize the impact of such operation on surrounding residents. The smallest buildings (no more than 28 feet in height) will be located on the westernmost edge of the development, where it borders a residential area. The buildings will be progressively larger (and thus more accommodating to a warehousing operation) as the development moves toward I-275. Additionally, project sponsors are leaving a 100-foot buffer of trees along the western boundary of the development, and placing the first row of buildings 40 feet back from that buffer.

In addition to the square-footage limitation imposed on warehousing operations in westernmost buildings, the Planning Commission hinged their recommended approval on implementation of a five-foot berm along the development's western boundary where there are currently no trees. Additionally, project sponsors must supplement the natural buffer with evergreens where additional screening is needed.

## Chamber takes over Canton Economic Club

The Canton Community Foundation Board of Directors passed control of the Canton Economic Club to the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

According to Joan Noricks, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, the foremost reason for the change is to protect their 501 (c) (3) — nonprofit — status.

Organizations with a 501 (c) (3) status are prohibited from engaging in any political campaigning activities.

"The nature of the economic club is to bring current and relevant speakers to our community," said Noricks in a letter, "and often those speakers are current candidates for public office. To eliminate those individuals from our forum would weaken our relevancy."

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will not be constrained by tax-exempt rules.

As of the Feb. 5 Canton State of the Township Address, the chamber and the foundation will co-sponsor the remaining lunches through May. In June the chamber will kick-off its new season of the Canton Economic Club.

## American Yazaki Corporation's 410,000-square-foot facility one step closer to construction in Canton

The American Yazaki Corporation's proposed research and development center is one step closer to becoming a reality. Site plan approval by the Canton Planning Commission advances the project to the Canton Board of Trustees; their approval would clear the way for construction to begin, possibly as early as April.

The 410,000-square foot facility is proposed for 27 acres off Haggerty, across the street from Yazaki's current facility. The glass-encased building will be four stories high. In addition to office, research and development space, plans also call for a technical library, an atrium, a laboratory, dining facilities and meeting rooms, as well as 1,374 parking spaces.

Project sponsors have worked with planning staff to reduce the number of parking spaces, from the 2,055 required by the Zoning Ordinance to 1,374. The number of parking spaces will be balanced between the new building and the three existing facilities. Project sponsors are considering a tunnel or breezeway to accommodate those employees who must cross Haggerty Road to get to their office.

Additionally, Yazaki representatives have agreed to stagger the start times for work shifts, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.. This should ease traffic congestion from the 800 additional workers.

Planning Commissioners praised project sponsors for their cooperation and commitment to a quality development that is a benefit to the entire community.



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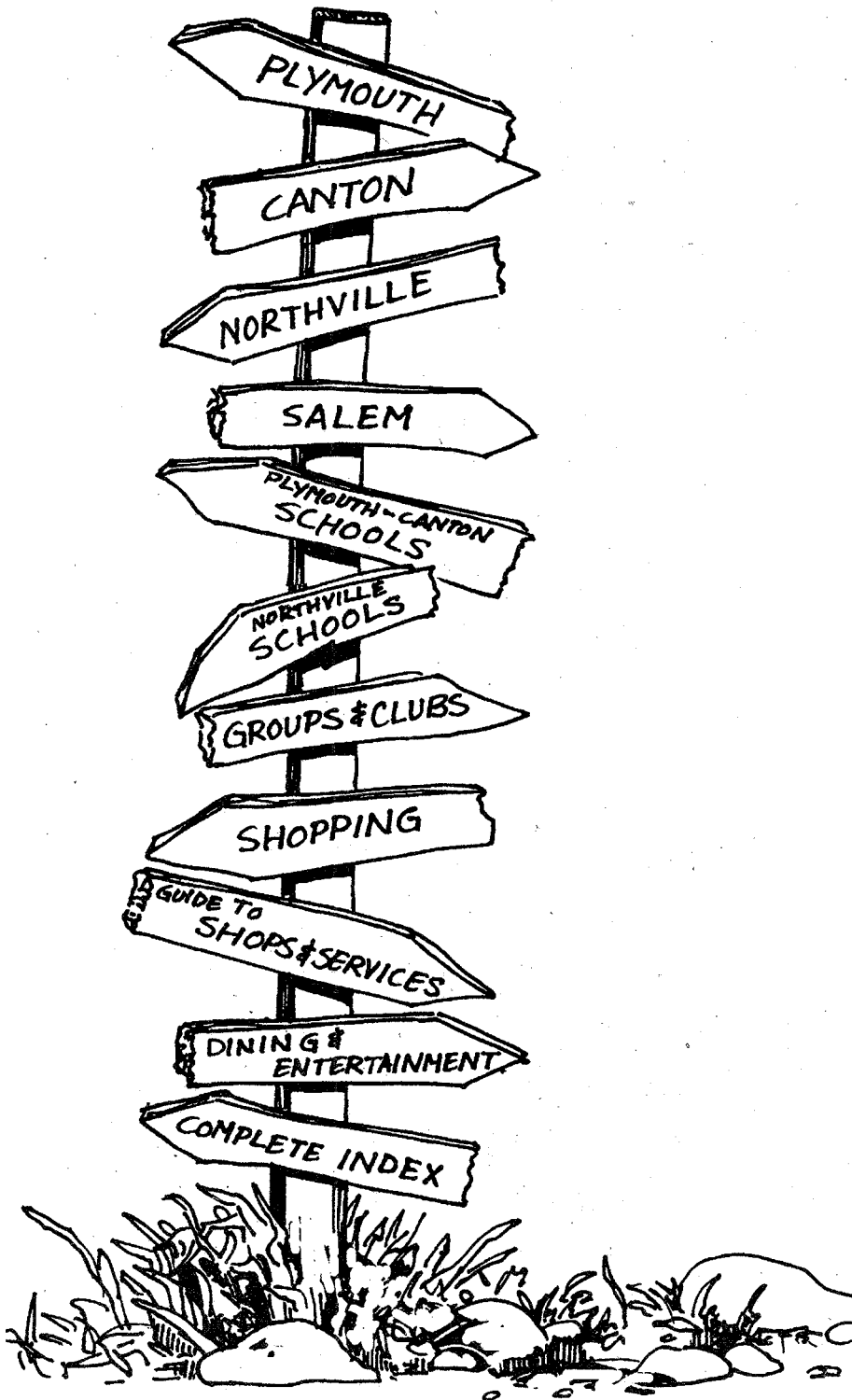
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# Community deaths

## Obituaries

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### WALTER F. NAWROT

Walter F. Nawrot, a Redford resident, died Jan. 23, 1997 at the age of 84.

Mr. Nawrot was born June 6, 1912 in Webster, MA. He moved to the community 50 years ago. Mr. Nawrot was the founder of Nawrot's Pendleton Shop — his first store was in Jackson. Eventually, there were two stores in Dearborn, a store in Plymouth, Petosky, Harbor Springs and Alpena. He also owned stores in Twelve Oaks Mall and in Okemos. His Plymouth store is still operating downtown. He loved to hunt and fish, garden and maintain his apple orchard.

Mr. Nawrot is survived by his wife, Irene Nawrot; sons, James (Donna) Nawrot of Northville and Kenneth Nawrot of Redford; daughter, Marilyn Wilkins of Harbor Springs; brother, Bernard Nawrot of Houghton Lake; sister, Alice Nawrot of Redford; grandchildren, Wendi Wilkins, Tami (Michael) Keller, Tracey (Keith) Nawrot-Fry and Rebecca Nawrot; great grandchild, Mallory Keller. Mr. Nawrot is preceded in death by his son, Thomas; and brothers, Joseph and Anthony.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating. Memorial tributes can be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

### MARGARET S. MCLACHLIN

Margaret S. McLachlin, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 22, 1997 at the age of 87.

Mrs. McLachlin was born Dec. 14, 1909 in Detroit. She came to the community 10 years ago from Lakeland. She was a homemaker who volunteered with the Red Cross. She worked for Cadillac during the 1940s. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, where she was very active.

Mrs. McLachlin is survived by her son, Gilbert D. (Bernice) McLachlin of Plymouth; step grandchildren Deborah Smith and Kenneth Smith; and step great grandchild, Carmina Smith. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert F. McLachlin.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. Robert Miller officiating. Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial tributes can be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Michigan.

### GLADYS L. KREGER

Gladys L. Kreger, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 17, 1997 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Kreger was born Sept. 26, 1906 in Chesaning. She lived in the community from 1916 to 1993. She is a graduate of Plymouth High School, class of 1924. Mrs. Kreger was a group leader and area director with the Girl Scouts over a period of 48 years. She was also a member of the Mayflower Button Club.

Mrs. Kreger is survived by her daughter, Doris J. (Martin) Crimmins of Port Huron; son, Arthur E. Kreger of Elk Rapids; 18 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband, John A. Kreger; and sons, John O. Kreger and Martin A. Kreger.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Dean A.

Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Burial of cremains was at Newburgh Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

### ROBERT SCOTT JACKSON

Robert Scott Jackson, a Novi resident, died Jan. 25, 1997 at the age of 63.

Mr. Jackson was born July 7, 1933 in Columbus, OH. He moved to the community in 1992 from Westland. He was an engineer at Ford Motor Company for 44 years. He was a design engineer supervisor in Dearborn. He attended St. Michael Lutheran Church. He was a member of the 82nd Airborne.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

### ALICE CLAIRE GILBERT KORDON

Alice Claire Gilbert Kordon, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 23, 1997 at the age of 85.

Ms. Kordon was born Nov. 22, 1911 in Redford. She taught english at Plymouth High School around 1942 and previously taught in a one-room school house. She was a member of the Teachers Association, League of Women Voters and the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan and in 1929 graduated from Plymouth High School. She was an avid reader, writer and world traveler.

Ms. Kordon is survived by her daughter, Gail Kordon Hutchinson of Connecticut; sisters, Mildred Remy of Livonia and Helen Narciso; and grandchildren, Niki and Zoya of Connecticut.

Graveside services were held at the Newburgh Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the University of Michigan.

### Nancy Kay Runge, 58, homemaker

Nancy Kay Runge, a Canton resident, died Jan. 23, 1997.

She is survived by her husband, William Runge; daughter, Sandy Runge of Canton and one other daughter; one son; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Rocky Barra officiating.

### Carolyn Sund, 82, store owner

Carolyn Sund, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 14, 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Eunice (Warren) Terch of Plymouth; one son; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She is preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Sund.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

### Assunta T. Bence, 77, homemaker

Assunta T. Bence, a Canton resident, died Jan. 21, 1997.

She is survived by her son, Frank (Deborah) Bence of Canton; one brother; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

### Irma Elizabeth Van Loo, 82, clerk

Irma Elizabeth Van Loo, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 22, 1997.

She is survived by one sister; one brother; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Paul Schaefer officiating.

### Thyra M. Larson, 90, supervisor

Thyra M. Larson, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 24, 1997.

She is survived by one brother.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating.

## Summit 'birthday' Saturday

A special Summit on the Park community "Birthday Party" to celebrate the center's one-year anniversary is being organized for Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents are invited to join the activities planned by the Summit staff that day.

There is no charge to enjoy the birthday party activities, including two special magic shows, one at 11 a.m. with "Checkers" and another at 12:30 p.m. with Phillip Leja. Look for the shows in the Summit's Parkview Room.

Other events include a Birthday Art Workshop in the Arts I room for children wanting to create a special birthday hat for the occasion. There will be snacks in the lobby and an informational display by Mission Health. Also watch for clowns creating balloon animals, as well as face painters, in the Summit lobby.

The rest of the Summit's recreational facilities will open for regular business. Those wishing to use the aquatics center, running track or fitness center, for example, will still have to pay a daily visit fee or use their annual pass to get in.

The Summit originally began regular service to the community on January 8, 1996. Since then more than 19,000 people have experienced a Summit class, activity, program, seminar or event.

## Kids drawn to abandoned buildings

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activity at the tunnels increased.

"Since we began a computerized record in 1977, there have been 267 runs to that site," Snyder said. "67 of them were made in 1996."

Snyder attributes this recent spike in activity to an increase in population, and the visibility of the Fairweather building, which is closer to both Five Mile and Beck roads than the other abandoned structures.

More trouble at the site has not translated into more pro-active policing, though, authorities said.

Since Brown's death new boards have appeared across first-story windows and doors, and represent the only additional step taken to restrict further midnight visits to the tunnels.

### County problems

"The site has been unsafe for years," Thaddeus McCotter, Wayne County commissioner, said. "I'm not a lawyer, but the public has an expectation for safety, and the owners of the property probably will be entwined in any lawsuit."

McCotter has recently been involved in vacant-building issues, too.

On other side of Sheldon Road, across from the Fairweather site and tunnels, is a 274-acre parcel owned by Wayne County, extending from Sheldon to Beck Road, and from Five to Six Mile Road.

Like the Fairweather site, the county parcel contains abandoned buildings. They, too, have presented an attraction to trespassers.

Unlike the state property, the county's site has seen efforts to clear the land of its hazardous buildings.

McCotter said demolition of unused structures has already begun on the west side of the property. Bids for the purchase and development of the land are expected as soon as early February.

McCotter admits this action is a distinct change from the past, and only comes after years of county foot-dragging and side-stepping of concerns about the site.

"It's a novel concept in Wayne County to spend your own money to clean up your own mess," he said. "This is the first time the county is acting with alacrity."

Similar action has not been seen yet on the State's property.

Plans do exist, according to Maureen

McNulty, communications representative at the State office of management and budget.

According to McNulty, golf courses and condominiums have been discussed; some have proposed including the parcel with one of Wayne County's potential developments. No plan has begun, or been finalized.

"Talks with Wayne County are not slowing down," McNulty said. "We want development to take place as soon as possible."

Some have said that isn't soon enough.

Letters and memos written to Senators as recently as August 1996 regarding the condition of the Fairweather site have produced no results, McCotter said.

Woodside expressed similar frustration. Communications to the State have not moved them fast enough, she said. "We were hoping things would move more expeditiously, before someone got hurt."

That deadline passed with Brown's death.

### Couch arrested

Couch was arrested Monday with a warrant for negligent homicide, according to Gray.

"Negligent homicide applies to circumstances where someone's actions unintentionally cause another to die," Gray said.

In a written statement taken the night Brown fell, Couch admitted to shoving Brown inside the AC unit, not off the roof.

According to Gray, Brown probably fell through a hole in the aluminum wall before rolling off the edge.

No charges are pending against Galazka.

Couch is free on a \$7,500 bond, and a preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 7.

The building and its hazards remain.

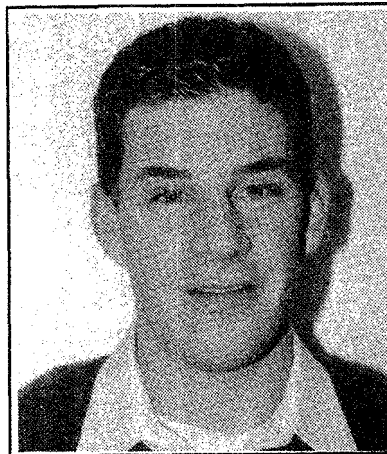
And like the graffiti across the Fairweather door, many are left asking "is this the end" of the building. And if not, when? No concrete answer has been given.

What is concrete are the paths that lead from the road to the building. And unless State officials take steps to raze the Fairweather building, others will take steps of their own, just as Brown did, steps through the snow, debris, and into the falling building.

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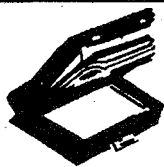
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# Volunteer...

### CARRIAGE PARK SENIOR COMMUNITY

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

### HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

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

### PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

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

### MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

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

### RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

### FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

### GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

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

### DONATE PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION

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

### PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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

# Schools...

### SEN. LOREN BENNETT HOSTS WSDP SHOW

PEOPLE AND POLICY, hosted by State Sen. Loren Bennett will air Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 5:40 p.m. Scheduled Guest will be Mike Long, director of community services for Van Buren Township.

### TAG SCREENING IN JANUARY

The Plymouth-Canton Schools will be screening for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for the 1997-98 school year. The TAG Department screens all third graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. Parents of eligible third graders will be contacted by mail. Nominate forms for second graders need to be sent to the TAG office no later than Jan. 31. For more information, call the TAG office at Miller at 416-4867.

### "VARIETY IS..."

The PCEP Band will host the 32nd Annual "Variety Is..." show, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6.

### PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Plymouth Community Chorus offers vocal scholarships to aspiring young singers: \$800 to a graduating senior; \$400 to a high school student; \$400 to a junior high student (6th - 11th grade). Scholarships go toward studies in vocal music, an applied career in the field of vocal music, and academic voice studies. For info, write to: Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170, Attn: Scholarship Committee.

### KIDDIE KAMPUS & KIDDIE CREW REGISTRATION

Plymouth-Canton's Community Education Department announces registration, Saturday, March 15 1997, in the Canton High School cafeteria. Kiddie Kampus fees are \$265 for two-day sessions, \$250 for three days. Kiddie Crew fees are \$265 for two-day sessions. Kiddie Kampus will host an open house for all interested applicants for the Fall '97-'98 program March 13, from 9-7 p.m. Call Dee Masteller at 416-2937.

### HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY TESTING

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will administer High School Proficiency Testing for eleventh-graders in four sections: Jan. 27, Science and Writing I; Jan. 28, Reading; Feb. 3, Mathematics (bring a calculator); Feb. 4, Writing II and III. During the same times, seniors who have not yet passed the MEAP or HSPT test necessary for State Endorsement of their diploma, will also be able to retake the HSPT in math, science and communication arts. Contact Joan Claeys at 416-7783.

### FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

State-funded program offered to families who meet income guidelines or "at-risk" factors. Children must be four years old on or before Dec. 1. Classes begin in January and run for 20 weeks Monday through Thursday at Hoben and Tuesdell schools. For more information, call 416-6190.

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To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

# Health...

### SENIOR VAN

The Plymouth Community Seniors van is available for transport to any destination in the city or township five days a week, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The van will also assist Plymouth seniors in getting to medical, dental and other appointments, and makes planned trips to Westland, Livonia and Laurel Park Malls. Phone 459-8888 for info on this free service.

### WARM CLOTHING FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

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

### RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE

For those with respiratory diseases. Second Wednesday of each month at the Arbor Health building in Plymouth from 2-3 p.m. Free of charge. For more information, call 712-5367.

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### KIDS' HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS

Effective Jan. 1, 1997, children attending Michigan child care facilities must be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus. Oakwood Healthcare System will be offering vaccinations at several Healthcare centers in the area. Phone 1-800-543-WELL for locations, dates and appointments. Cost, \$10 per person.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

A 40-page handbook containing current domestic violence laws, women's rights, a list of community resources and other information is now available in Arabic. Copies can be found at the Arab-American and Chaldean Council, the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, the Wayne County Department of Public Health clinic in Dearborn and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. English and Spanish versions are also available. Call (313) 224-6994.

### NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., just south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Anyone who is grieving a loss because of death or divorce is welcome to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 453-7630.

# Upcoming...

### LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITION

The installation, "He asked her to marry him and she said..." is the Masters of Arts Thesis Exhibition of Plymouth artist Sharon Marson. The exhibit is the "spatial diary" of two people contemplating marriage, and is a space in which visitors are encouraged to physically interact with the art, and discover the stories within it. The exhibit includes photography, graphic design, sound and video, and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Michigan Guild Gallery, 118 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, through Jan. 31. For info., call 455-1398.

### SEN. LOREN BENNETT HOSTS WSDP SHOW

PEOPLE AND POLICY, hosted by State Sen. Loren Bennett will air Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 5:40 p.m. Scheduled Guest will be Mike Long, director of community services for Van Buren Township.

### ANGELA HOSPICE VALENTINE'S DINNER

Angela Hospice will host a Valentine's spaghetti dinner to fund Good Samaritan Program, Sunday Feb. 9, 5-8 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, in Livonia. Donation, \$10 per person. Call 464-7810.

### "VARIETY IS..."

The PCEP Band will host the 32nd Annual "Variety Is..." show, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6.

### DETROIT EDISON CLEARS LINES

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees have several events upcoming, including open house/orientations, meetings and activities. Call the Jaycees Hotline for times and dates: 453-8407.

# Groups...

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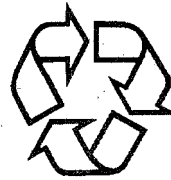
Congregation Bet Chaverim, serving Jewish families in Western Wayne County, is forming a play group for children under five years old. Phone Congregation Bet Chaverim events hotline for info, at (313) 480-8880.

### SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

The City of Plymouth is registering for Spring Soccer at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bring a birth certificate and registration fee: \$40 for City residents, \$60 for non-residents. For info, call 455-6620.

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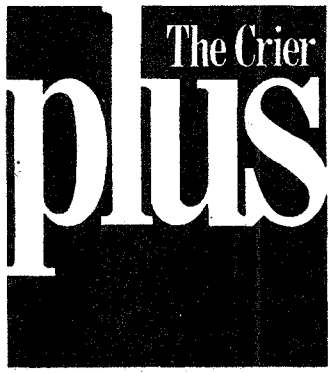
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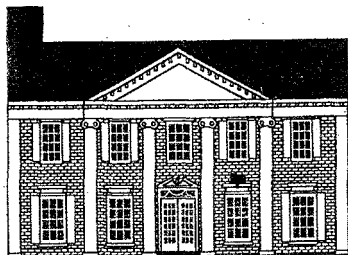
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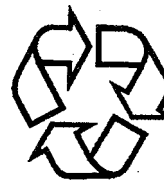
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## Community opinions

### Facts confused in school board candidate article

**EDITOR:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

JEFFRY M. PHILLIPS

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# Sports

## Sports shorts

### City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department Basketball Standings:

Women's Division — T-rex, 5-0; Happies Hoopsters, 4-1; Cutting Edge Computer, 3-2; All For One (Team 5), 2-3; Birch Construction, 1-4; Laurel Manor/Mr. B's of Plymouth, 0-5.

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

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a family trip to **Sesame Street Live** on Feb. 1.

Registration ends tomorrow. Canton residents: \$14 per person.

The bus will leave the Summit on the Park at 9:15 a.m. and return at approximately 1 p.m. The show is at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. For more information, call 397-5100.

Roll the bones. The City of Plymouth is offering a trip to the **Soaring Eagle Casino** in Mt. Pleasant Feb. 5. The cost is \$39 for City residents and \$40 for non-City residents.

The cost includes lunch at a Mt. Pleasant restaurant.

If you feel like crossing the river, the City of Plymouth P & R is offering a trip to **Casino Windsor** Feb. 26. The cost is \$27 for City residents and \$28 for non-City residents.

The trip includes lunch, \$14 in paid tokens and gambling at both the Windsor Casino and Northern Belle Casino. For more information, call 455-6620.

Youth bowlers at the **Superbowl** in Canton recently raised \$145.50 for the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor. More than 100 bowlers between the ages of five and 19 participated in the Superbowl Youth Tournament.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip to the **Old World Canterbury Village** in the Lake Orion area.

The cost is \$33 for City residents and \$34 for non-City residents.

The trip includes shopping, lunch at King's Court Restaurant and a visit to the Somerset Collection.

For more information, call 455-6620.

# Salem sweeps Canton

*Rock gymnasts win every event in special rivalry versus Chiefs, 131.85-128.45*

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Don't think that the Canton and Salem gymnastics teams didn't each want to win the cross-campus dual meet last Wednesday.

They did.

But this Canton-Salem sports rivalry is a little bit different than the others.

The teams often practice together under the guidance of Canton coach John Cunningham and Salem coach Pam Yockey.

So after the Rocks had defeated their campus neighbors 131.85 to 128.45, the meet ended a lot like the daily practices leading up to it — with members of each team side by side.

"The girls really wanted to do well," Yockey said.

"There were a lot of parents in the stands watching, and when it was over they all came down and helped with the equipment and clean up."

Score one for sportsmanship, but the meet goes to Salem.

The Rocks won all four events, but as the final tally indicates, Canton was never far behind.

Salem's Kristin Kosik won the vault with a score of 9.1. Freshman teammate Allison Bracht finished with 8.65, and Salem's Lindsay Hawraney had her best routine, scoring 8.1. Canton's top score (8.6) went to Elizabeth Fitzgerald. The Chiefs' Michelle Farnsworth scored 7.95, her highest tally for the day.

On the bars, Kosik was again the top performer. She scored 8.7. Marcie Emerick had 8.2 for Salem.

Kosik returned to win the beam with 8.55, but Bracht (8.15) and teammate Brooke Kilby (7.55) also had good routines.

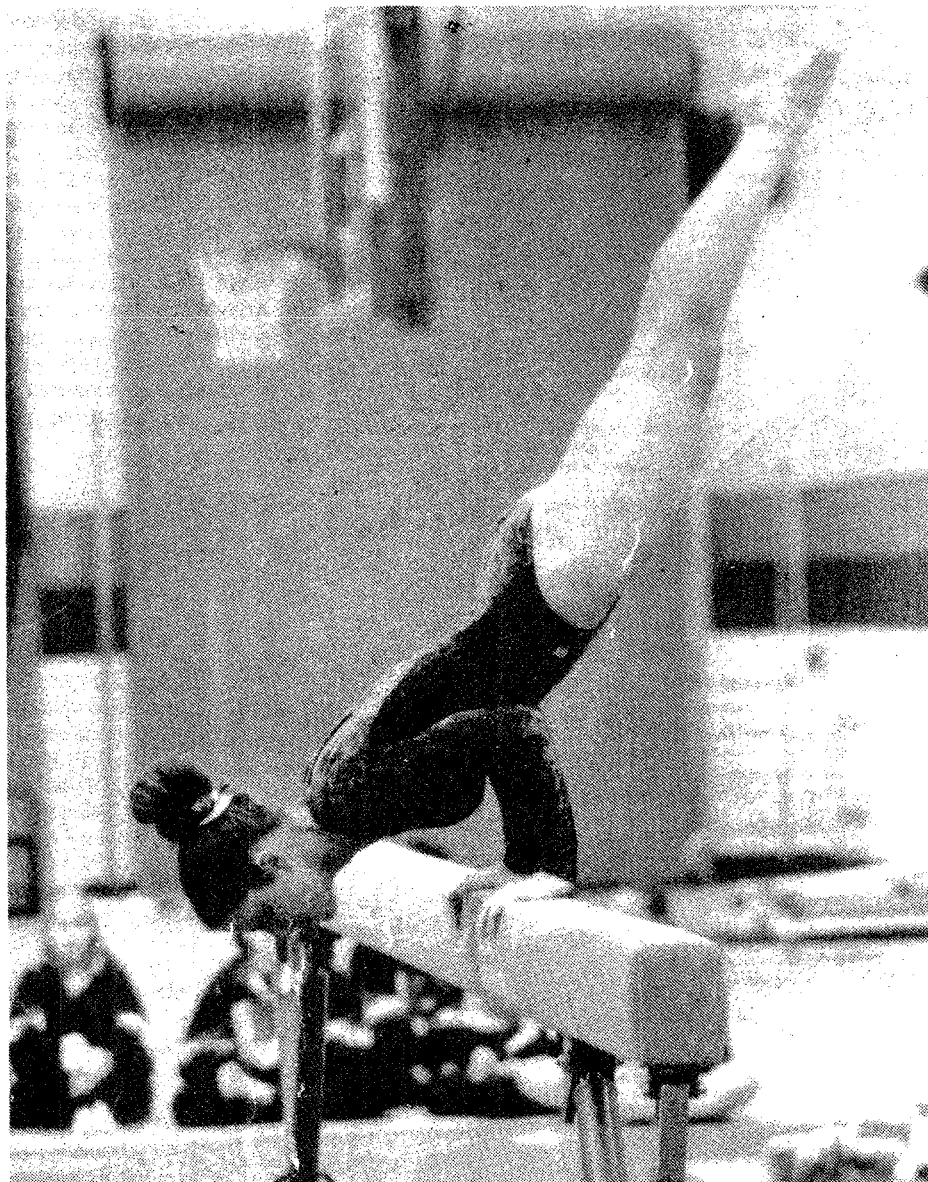
On the Canton side, Emerick scored 8.1 and Beth Muylaert had 8.15.

Kosik turned in a 9.05 on the floor to complete the events sweep.

Teammate Janine Schmeding (8.4) had her best performance on the day.

As a team the floor exercise was Canton's second-best effort of the day (32.65) after the vault. Emerick led the way with 8.5.

Fitzgerald had 8.25 and Nicole Vangenes had her best routine for the day with a score of 8.1.



The Salem and Canton gymnastics teams — typically two of the best in the state — went head to head last week. Salem won, but the cross-campus rivals will see each other again before the season is over. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## PCJBA standings

The race for the league titles in the Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association are as close as ever. Let's get caught up in the hoop action.

In the Girls "A" Tournament, the Pistons defeated the Bulls, 44-38, and the Lakers in the finals, 36-31.

In Girls "B" League play, the Pistons and the Bulls are tied for first at 4-1. The Magic, Kings and Celtics are 2-3 and in second place. The Lakers own last place at 1-4, but could be dangerous late in the season.

In recent action, the Pistons beat the Bulls in a defensive struggle, 18-13. The Lakers swamped the Kings, 34-20, and the Magic nipped the Celtics, 26-24.

In the Boys "B" League National Division, the Pacers and the Pistons are

tied for first at 4-1. The Lakers and Bulls are all knotted up in second at 3-2. The Sonics and the Celtics are a game below .500 (2-3). And the Bucks and the Kings are 1-4.

In the American Division, the Hawks and Magic are on top at 4-1. But the Rockets, Spurs and Jazz are all just one game out. The Nets are 2-3, one game up on the Kings, while the 76ers are still looking for their first win.

In recent action, the Magic beat the 76ers, 58-32. The Nets overthrew the Kings, 51-46. The Spurs spiked the Jazz, 63-34. The Rockets clipped the Hawks, 52-48.

The Lakers out-paced the Pacers, 50-43. The Pistons didn't think the Sonics were so super in a 55-51 win. And the Bulls bullied the Knicks, 61-28.

# Sports

## Whalers tie, beat Erie; undefeated in six games

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Whalers five-game winning streak is over — but no one was complaining after Friday's 5-5 tie with Erie.

Detroit scored three third-period goals to force the deadlock with the Otters. The final goal came via a slapshot by defenseman Bryan McKinney with 43 seconds left in regulation.

The Whalers trailed in every period, and goalie Robert Esche was pulled from the game in the third period after allowing five goals on 22 shots.

Detroit's defensive game plan, a key to their recent success, suffered a lapse right after Esche's dismissal, surrendering three breakaways on rookie netminder Nathan West.

The five goals were the most Detroit has given up at home since Nov. 24, a 6-4 loss to Peterborough.

At the other end, Erie goalie Ryan Penney frustrated the Whalers with several clutch saves, until McKinney's first goal of the game started Detroit's comeback.

McKinney was named the night's No. 1 star for his two-goal effort. Andrew Taylor had a goal and an assist and defenseman Jan Vodrazka had two assists.

Druken continued his scoring binge with one goal and three assists. "I thought he was the best player on the ice out of both teams," Coach Peter DeBoer said.

Considering Detroit's recent play, and their domination of the Otters so far this season, the outcome could've been disappointing. "I think some people are underestimating Erie," DeBoer said. "This is a team that's playing the rest of the season for the last playoff spot."

The Otters played the opening period like the seventh game of a playoff series. Erie's Jason Ward intercepted a Detroit pass in the neutral zone, carried the puck into the Whalers' end and set up a goal by forward Colin Pepperall at 6:42. Erie went up 2-0 less than two minutes later when Chris Haskett scored. "We didn't come out at the beginning of the game working," said McKinney.

Trailing and outshot, 5-1, Mike Morrone slowed down the game's pace by fighting Adam Nittel at 10:33. A shoving match between the team's followed immediately after that, sending four players to the penalty box and Erie's Jeff Paul to the locker room with a game misconduct.

The tactic seemed to payoff. Seven minutes into the second period and with the play in Erie end, Sergei Fedotov took the puck after a faceoff in the left circle. He passed up an early chance for a slapshot, and skated along the boards, down the left side. Fedotov, whose parents were visiting from Russia, took a weak shot from an extreme angle and beat Penney between the legs. Detroit tied it at two when Druken skated down the right side and centered the puck to Taylor; he easily buried the puck past Penny, who was helpless on the play.

Detroit's forechecking, led by Mark Cadotte and Randy Fitzgerald, led to several scoring chances. Detroit outshot Erie 16-2 during a 30-minute span over two periods. Even though Detroit dominated the second, a goal by Steve Nimigon with 12 seconds left gave Erie the lead again. "That was a bad goal to give up," DeBoer said. "Any goal you give up in the last 20 or 30 seconds takes the winds out of your sails."

It must have seemed like the doldrums after Erie scored two goals in the third period's first 3:40, including a shorthanded tally by Haskett. But the Whalers fought back with power play goals by McKinney and Taylor, and steady play by West. Taylor and Cadotte each had chances to score in the last minutes, but Penney made the saves. That set up McKinney's score. With West on the bench for the extra skater, McKinney took a slapshot from just inside the blue line. The perfectly placed shot beat

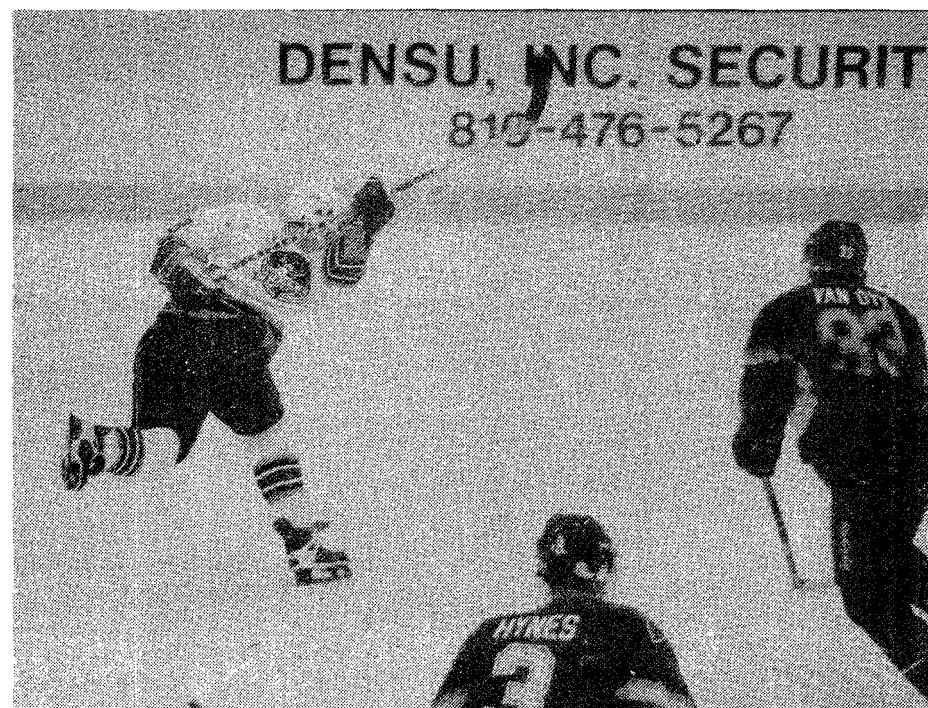
Penney high, under the crossbar.

Each teams had two shots on goal in the scoreless, five-minute overtime period.

For McKinney, the game-tying goal wasn't a matter of heroics. "I made a mistake earlier. I don't know if you saw it, but I sent a pass across the middle, and they went in and scored. And I thought it was my fault that Esche got pulled. I had to redeem myself," he said.

West may have had similar feelings

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Whalers defenseman Bryan McKinney blasts a shot past Erie's Mark Hynes and Chris Van Dyk. McKinney scored the game-tying goal Friday to continue the Whalers' unbeaten streak. Detroit is 6-0-1 the last two weeks. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



## WHALER WATCH



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Peterborough	28	18	2	8-2-0	58
Kingston	16	24	5	3-6-1	38
Belleville	14	25	7	2-6-2	35
North Bay	11	36	6	3-5-2	28
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Guelph	26	17	6	4-3-3	56
Kitchener	25	15	6	4-5-1	56
Barrie	23	19	8	3-3-4	54
Owen Sound	24	21	1	3-7-0	49
Erie	15	29	5	4-4-2	35
Sudbury	14	26	4	3-6-1	32
West Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
S.S.Marie	26	13	8	6-3-1	60
Sarnia	26	15	5	6-3-1	57
Windsor	18	20	7	8-1-1	45
DETROIT	18	23	4	3-5-2	45
London	8	36	1	1-9-0	17

WHALERS STATISTICS		
<u>Season leaders:</u>		
Goals-Taylor (23)		
Points-Taylor (47)		
Penalty Minutes-Boulerice (209)		
Power Play Goals-Druken (9)		
Shorthanded Goals-Taylor, Cadotte (2)		
Game Winning Goals-Taylor (3)		
Plus/minus-Rioux (+7)		
<u>Team stats:</u>		
Power play-48 for 254, 20.9%, 12th OHL		
Penalty killing-48 for 278, 84.2%, 2nd OHL		
<u>CATCH OF THE DAY:</u>		
<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
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# Chiefs are on the defensive

## Canton's defense stars at U of M Invitational

They call it an invitational, but there were probably some teams that wish Canton hadn't been asked to come.

The Chiefs girls volleyball continued on the war path at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational on

## Red Wing Alumni to play Canton police, fire union team in benefit game Feb. 7

Gordie Howe, Alex Delvecchio and John Ogradnick will be playing hockey at Compuware Sports Arena Feb. 7.

No, the Detroit Whalers haven't got desperate and signed a few crafty veterans. Mr. Hockey, Johnny O and the rest of the Red Wing Alumni team will be in Plymouth to play the Canton Police and Fire union teams next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital Child Life Program and the Canton Firefighters #2289 charity foundation.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at Fire Station #1 at Cherry Hill and Ford roads; Fire Station #2 on Warren Road between Haggerty and Lilley roads; or Johnson's Restaurant at the corner of Ford and Lilley roads.

In addition to the special appearance by Howe and his wife Colleen, Detroit

Saturday by finishing third out of 30 teams. The Chiefs were bumped from competition by Birmingham Seaholm in the semifinals.

Canton went 5-1 for the day and 10-3 in games. The Chiefs closed out the tour-

nament with a 22-4-2 record.

Coach Steve Anderson's team rolled through pool play, defeating Napoleon, Detroit Renaissance and Wyandotte.

This placed Canton in the field with a number-three seed out of 30 teams. The first-round opponent was Ypsilanti, whom Canton pounded, 15-1, 15-4. In the quarterfinals, Canton defeated upset-minded Troy Athens. Athens had just defeated the state-ranked team from Port Huron Northern in the previous round. Canton defeated Athens, 16-14, 11-15, 15-10.

In the semifinals, Canton faced Seaholm. The Chiefs dug out a 12-2 hole early in the first game. But Seaholm hung on to win, 15-13. Seaholm then put away an exhausted Chief team 15-10 in the last game.

The Chiefs played great defense all day, Anderson said, averaging 18.6 digs a game. Jessica Orleman (52 kills, 48 digs, 11 aces and nine blocks) and Nikki Kovachevich (37 digs, 17 aces and 60 assists) were named to the all-tournament team.

But several other Chiefs had fine outings also. Donna Logsdon had 21 kills and 26 digs. Stephanie Chefan recorded 44 kills. Courtney Wells had 47 assists, and Jenny Sikora had 32 kills. Brandi Bernard was spectacular on defense with 25 digs, and Amy Plagens had 17 kills and 10 aces.

For more information, call the fire station #1 at 981-1113 or #2 at 453-4114.

## Whalers add to unbeaten streak

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motivating him. He started the season an untested backup, but he is now a confident second man. "I just did what I had do to," West said of his relief performance.

**Saturday** — The second night of the two-game homestand versus the Otters, Detroit resumed its winning ways in a 4-2 victory. The Whalers are 6-0-1 in their last seven games and are tied for third place with Windsor with 45 points.

Taylor had a hat trick and Druken had a goal and assist as Detroit improved its record against Erie to 4-0-2 this season.

Detroit took the lead on Taylor's power play goal at 13:42. Fedotov and McKinney assisted. With the score tied 1-1, Druken scored 19 seconds into the third period to give Detroit the lead. Just over a minute later, Erie tied the game again.

But Taylor put his team in the lead for good with goals at 2:48 and 14:08

respectively.

### Notebook

For his efforts during Detroit's 3-0 week from Jan. 13-19, Esche was named OHL Player of the Week. The 18-year-old native of Whitesboro, NY was in net for all three wins and posted a 1.33 goals against average. In his second season with the Whalers, Esche is a sixth-round selection of the Phoenix Coyotes. The OHL honor adds to a memorable season for Esche. He was the backup goalie for Team USA, who won the silver medal at the World Junior Championship over the holidays. Esche also helped the OHL West to 5-4 win over the OHL East in the All-Star game.

Forward Jesse Boulerice is out six weeks with a torn ankle tendon. He will be ready for the playoffs, DeBoer said...

Druken will play in the second annual Chrysler Cup Challenge Canadian Hockey League Top Prospects Game Feb. 12 at Madison Square Garden in Toronto. The roster is selected by the NHL's 26 teams and NHL Central Scouting Bureau. "Harold is a dynamic player with natural scoring ability," said Whalers Assistant Coach Steve Spott.

"He has also made a commitment to defense thus making him a great all-around player."

As the first-round 1996 draft pick of the Whalers, Druken is the team's third leading scorer.



Otters captain Steve Nimigon scored two goals of Detroit goalie Robert Esche Friday night. Esche was benched in the 5-5 tie. But the next night, Esche and his teammates returned to form, defeating the Otters, 4-2. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

## On deck

### SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus John Glenn, and Tuesday at home against Churchill. Varsity games begin at 7:15 p.m.

### SALEM BOYS SWIMMING

Tomorrow at Farmington at 7 p.m.

### SALEM WRESTLING

Tomorrow at home versus North Farmington at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Salem.

### SALEM GYMNASTICS

Tonight at home versus Walled Lake at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Canton Invitational at 9 a.m. and Monday at John Glenn at 7 p.m.

### SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Tonight at home versus North Farmington; JV begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Schoolcraft Invitational at 9 a.m. and Monday at Harrison; JV begins at 6 p.m.

### CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at Northville at 6:45 p.m., and Tuesday at North Farmington at 6:45 p.m.

### CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday at home against Franklin at 7 p.m.

### CANTON WRESTLING

Thursday at home versus Northville at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at home.

### CANTON GYMNASTICS

Tomorrow at Brighton at 7 p.m. Saturday at home for the Canton Invitational at 9 a.m.

### CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Tonight at Farmington; JV begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Romulus Invitational at 7:30 a.m. Monday at home versus Franklin; JV begins at 6 p.m.





# Community opinions

## From ashes comes 'The Phoenix'

*Plymouth family shares lessons of challenging parenthood*

Rebirth. Dying and rising again, a new and glorious entity. "The Phoenix" came to me late one evening a couple of months ago smoldering in the combined heart and mind of Karen and Ron Meier.

You might recognize her name—Karen is a nationally syndicated columnist known for writing about family life, as she calls it: "...a place

to gather and share quite ordinary joys, triumphs, frustrations, some regular confusions, and some tears and some smiles." It sounds like a place I'd like to go.

Think of the dynamics of your own "family room". Even if you live alone, you probably have one room in your home that you feel the most comfortable and relaxed. I know that

### The Abstract

By Stephanie Everitt-Kirkbride



even in our small apartment, our evening activities in the main room are full of giggles, sighs and the occasional snore. Quite a comfortable, supportive atmosphere.

Karen and Ron asked me to create a cover design for a book they were at the edge of printing, entitled "The Phoenix." I was full of questions, the largest: "But what is 'The Phoenix'?" This was their first book, and their budget was small.

That night I sat down in our own family room to peruse the book. What I found was the growth of the community or village that supported Karen's voice, that loved the spirit of Karen's column, "Family Room."

The book begins with an essay by Ron whose openness and love towards his youngest son is quite touching. A baby was to be born, and his introduction to the world was quite abrupt and chilly—leaving the comfort of the womb to enter a dark, February night...in their car! This was the first of many new experiences for both parents and child. Karen and Ron's youngest son, Stephen, was born with Down Syndrome.

Karen shares the effects—blessings and hardships her family embraces with him. It was from this dialogue, that the Phoenix rose. A reader attacked Karen through e-mail accusing her of having no clue how to care for her kids, keeping them well-kept and disciplined, and saying that her special-needs child isn't a "blessing" but rather something that will "take its toll on the whole family." The voice was an angry and disjointed one, clearly frustrated by her standards for herself and her family—not being able to mentally or physically cope with a demanding career and family. Karen, like many writers, and people that work in the public eye, receives quite a bit of mail, some of it nasty, and much of it complimentary. This was not merely an attack on her writing style, or a subject that she was misinformed about, but rather a vicious attack. What better way to heal a wound than to share it with your family? Karen

published the letter in her column noting that something good has always come from sharing, and in this case "the phoenix rising from the ashes."

The effect of her sharing was staggering. The pages of "The Phoenix" document the amount and the sincerity of her community's support. 103 pages of the book were devoted to letters from her readers. Their letters brought to life the power of the village, local and metaphoric.

After reading the letters, I was fueled to blaze life into my artwork. I was moved by the spirit of Stephen and his family, the readership of Karen's "Family Room," and the opportunity I had to benefit FRIENDS of TRI, a non-profit charitable organization supporting Down syndrome research.

If you see the Meier's, don't hesitate to greet them and thank them for sharing their story, or rather their stories—then lay back on your patch of ground and watch the skies for "The Phoenix" to soar past your family room.

*If you are interested in purchasing copies of "The Phoenix," please send a check made payable to: FRIENDS of TRI (tax deductible—all proceeds to be donated directly to them), and mail to "The Phoenix," 44456 Clare Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Be sure to include the address you would like it to be shipped to.*

## Twp. should pay share of recreation program

What began as a way to share recreation costs between Plymouth and Plymouth Township may spell the end of a City-run recreation program.

Plymouth Parks & Recreation Director Tom Willette was blind sided by comments after presenting the commissioners with two recreation plans that would boost revenues: the creation of a fitness facility and day care center at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Willette presented the plans to help increase funding for the City recreation program. Commissioner Doug Miller shot down the plans, calling them "inappropriate."

But the proposals themselves are not the problem. The problem is the inability of the City and Township to work together and come up with a community-wide recreation program.

Miller serves on a makeshift recreation committee with Mayor Ron Loiselle and City Manager Steve Walters. They have met with Township officials, including Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, to find a way to share recreation services.

Unfortunately, little progress has been made. Both communities face tight budgets, but the fact remains: Township residents use City recreation facilities and services.

In fact, nearly 80 percent of those using City facilities are non-residents, most of whom are Township residents. Although non-residents do pay a small fee above the City rate, it's not enough to cover the added expense.

McCarthy is simply dragging her feet on the recreation issue. And with Miller spearheading the charge against the recreation program as we know it, the future of City recreation looks bleak.

Recreation is important to the residents of the City. Many people have used the program over the years. It is time for the Township to pay its way. If they do not choose to pay, it is time for the City to play hardball.

One season of extra-high participation rates for Township residents will help the Plymouth Township administration realize the importance of the City-run recreation program.

Willette, who has been left in the dark for most of the negotiation process, should be included. His knowledge of the recreation program would be valuable to the discussion process.

A City-run recreation program benefits everyone in the community. It is time for the Township administration to realize this and come to the bargaining table for meaningful discussions.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Community editorials



# Community opinions

## Sun, salt, busted asphalt

*Forget Ice Festival, Pothole Festival is just beginning*

Now that another Plymouth-Ice Festival is behind us, it's time to turn our attention to a less publicized event: The Plymouth-Canton Pothole Festival.

"The weather just couldn't be better," reports Event Coordinator John Doe (not his real name). "The freeze-thaw patterns and the extreme thermal cycling have really made for ideal conditions."

The recent repaving of Main Street in downtown Plymouth eliminated some traditional pothole hot spots, but some see this as a good thing.

"It's really opened up the other areas that haven't gotten much attention in the past," says John. "Just take a look at the incredible pothole formations up and down Ford Road."

And don't just *look* at the potholes, *experience* them. Unlike the Ice Festival, visitors are encouraged to interact with the displays in the spirit of "performance art." *Challenge* yourself on the Sheldon Slalom Course. *Test your mettle (and your car's metal)* on the Off-Ramp Off-Road Course. *Thrill at the Unexpected* as your car finds thousands of randomly placed craters throughout the Plymouth-Canton community.

I'm standing with John near the South Rim of the largest pothole in the competition. The rising sun, reflected in the deep pool of salty sludge that swirls around at the bottom of the hole, creates a beautiful winter tableau. Waves lap against exposed steel reinforcement rods, normally hidden deep beneath the roadbed but now exposed for our appreciation.

"I enjoy the Ice Festival as much as the next guy, but there's something special that our event offers with its interaction between Man and Nature," explains John. "The sun, the salt, the busted asphalt. There's a rugged poetry here that speaks to a place deep in the heart and soul of every car's undercarriage."

We turn and watch with interest as a motorist swerves to

### Pure Speculation

By W.H. (Bill) Dean



avoid a large, poorly patched crevice, only to drive headlong toward a bottomless pit. The driver speeds up, hoping to leap over it. Just as it looks like the vehicle's speed will allow it to remain airborne and vault the crevasse, the front wheels crash into the jagged face of the far canyon cliff with the force of 3000 pounds moving at 45 miles per hour. No glancing blow, this.

The tires immediately reach an unnatural pressure reading, as does the driver's circulatory system. Compressed beyond their normal limit, both hubcaps pop like champagne corks, skitter through traffic and join a growing collection by the side of the road.

"Beautiful, ain't it?" shouts John, over the road of the crowd.

The sponsors this year, as always, are a Who's Who of automotive repair shops and local chiropractors. Discount coupons are available through the Chamber of Commerce, offering realignments of both your chassis and your spinal column.

"The sponsors are great," says John, "but don't forget the City of Plymouth and the Wayne County Road Commission. Without their willingness to allow the potholes to flourish, there would be no festival at all."

The Plymouth-Canton Pothole Festival begins each year with the first January thaw, and, unfortunately, never really ends.

## Take M.L. King tribute one step further

EDITOR:

I applaud the recent editorial regarding the need for recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King on January

20. You make the point that "almost every government office is closed." The truth is that not one local government office, to my knowledge

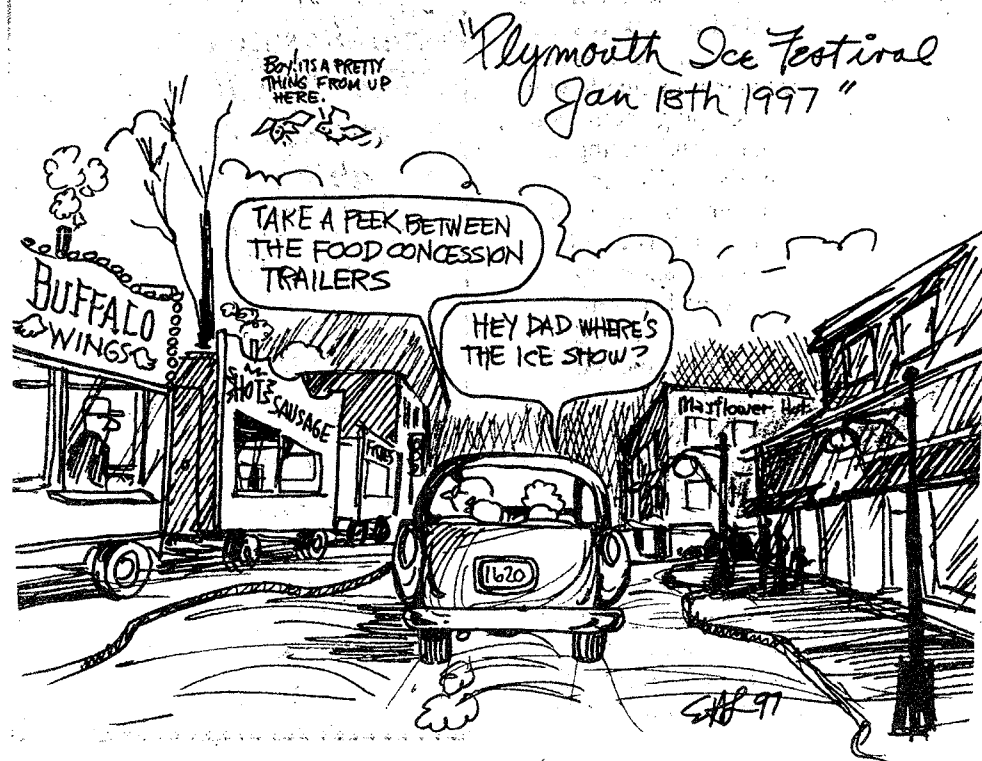
either closed or had an observance.

With the racially divisive campaigns this past summer in both Plymouth (Jeff Schroeder) and in Canton (Deborah Whyman) perhaps we need to look toward the creation of a Plymouth candidate Human Relations Commission whose mission would be to "encourage harmonious relationship between individuals and groups, and to discourage prejudice and discrimination against any individual or group" (taken from the Livonia Human Resources ordinance).

I sense that these two campaigns did not reflect the majority view in our community. The creation of a HRC would be a fitting tribute and might also spur on the establishment of a local observance next year.

Good idea, Crier, but let's carry it a step further by sponsoring a 1998 forum on Jan. 20 entitled "Building Just Communities Through Dialogue."

R. WILLIAM JOYNER



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