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What's Happening

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).

Groups...

LIONESS EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Novi Lioness Club will have a euchre tournament at 6:30 p.m. **April 26** at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

REPAIR BLITZ

More than 60 volunteers will descend upon a needy home in the City of Plymouth at 8 a.m. **April 26** to perform repairs to the home. Jobs will include plumbing, upgrading wiring, replacing carpeting, landscaping and repairing a leaky roof. The event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth. For more information, call Del Templeton at 455-7179.

FOOD DRIVE

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, United Way and the AFL-CIO, will collect non-perishable food items **May 10** for distribution in the local food bank. Place donations by mailbox **May 10**. For more information, call (810) 783-2800.

TRAVELING GOLF CLUB OUTING

The Traveling Golf Club will have its next outing at 2 p.m. **May 10** at the Northville Greens of Country Club Village, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, Northville Township. Group meets every other weekend for nine holes. Cost \$165 plus membership. For more information, call (810) 624-7777.

Volunteer...

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.

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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.

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.

Schools...

TAKE DAUGHTERS, SONS TO WORK DAY

Middle school students and staff throughout The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will participate in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" on **Thursday, April 24**. Sponsored by the Business-Education Partnership Program, this event will show boys and girls the realities of work, employment opportunities and the education and training required for various careers. For more information, call Betty Bloch at 416-4903.

CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth YMCA's Camp Tonquish and Camp Jellybeanz will host an open house at 7 p.m. **April 28** in Smith School, room 15, Plymouth. For more information, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

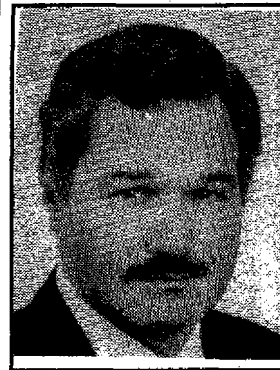
The PLUS Preschool Center (Head Start, Title I and MDE School Readiness Program) are taking registrations for the 1997-98 school year. These programs are free to parents and children who meet requirements. Registration is at the PLUS Preschool Center in Central Middle School, 650 Church, Plymouth. Call 416-6190.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

25th anniversary of the P-C Schools' preschool program, June 4 at the Canton High School cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. All former staff and students are invited. To make a reservation, call 416-4927.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

WSDP, the student-operated station of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is planning its 25th anniversary reunion for 1997. Former staff members are asked to send their current addresses to the station at 46181, Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 or call 416-7732.



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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Canton Chamber of Commerce seeks candidates for its Small Business Person of the Year and ATHENA awards.

Since 1983, the chamber has recognized members of the community that make outstanding contributions through the development of their business and community service.

For the Small Business Person of the Year, nominees must own, manage or do business in Canton, be involved in community service and have a history of staying power, innovation and response to adversity.

The ATHENA Award goes to a business owner/professional, male or female, who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women.

Nominations are available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 N. Canton Center, Suite 105. Recipients will be honored during the Chamber's May Membership Luncheon, set for noon May 7 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

For more information, call 453-4503.

Nationwide Insurance associate Jack Will seeks to establish an insurance agency in Plymouth. Nationwide Insurance is prepared to make an investment of up to \$250,000 per year for three years, including build-outs, office furniture, equipment and decor.

Anyone interested can contact Will at (810) 828-1242.

Toledo-based ToTest, Inc., which has an office in Plymouth, recently hired Karen L. Royce as project manager for its environmental services group. A licensed geologist, Royce is a graduate of Purdue University and has 13 years of experience with industrial, commercial and governmental clients.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will have its next retail committee meeting May 6 at Showcase Plymouth.

Artist D. Morgan will appear from noon to 4 p.m. May 3 at Gabriela's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth.

Morgan will be available to sign copies of her work. A free signed print will go to the first 200 customers.

Morgan studies art formally at the High Museum School of Art in Atlanta.

Plymouth company CEO testifies before U.S. House Committee

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

Last week a Plymouth company owner testified in Washington, D.C. on the impact of science on environmental rulemaking.

James Harless is president and CEO of Techna Corporation, an environmental consulting firm including scientists, engineers and regulatory management experts.

The House Committee on Small Business held the three-day hearing to evaluate the use of science in the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air act.

"I think it went well," he said. "It was fun, a very interesting experience."

Although Harless has given various presentations before professional and scientific groups, this was the first time he testified before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Harless' testimony focused on the impact of scientific knowledge, scientific models, assumptions and stakeholder interests in the environmental rulemaking process.

Controversy has recently surrounded the EPA's use of science in developing regulations, specifically in the Clean Air Act. A large conflict has arisen over EPA rule changes regarding the ozone and the study used to initiate the changes.

"We need some mechanism to make



James Harless, CEO of Plymouth-based Techna Corporation, testified about the need for rulemaking in the scientific procedures.

these decisions," Harless said. "In the absence of comprehensive regulations, what do you do?"

So far, the options are limited: do nothing, or regulate everything until all things are proven safe. "Neither is acceptable; it's a bad use of science."

Good science is defined by consensus

or mandate, he said.

"Science alone usually is not sufficient to justify or refute the need for a rule," he said. "Science must form the basis for environmental rulemaking, but rarely is sufficient hard (data) available to completely support rule design."

Harless compared the rulemaking process to that of a weather forecast.

"When we make rules for large environmental or social systems, we usually use models just like weather forecasters do," he said. "Weather forecasters collect certain scientific data, add assumptions, then plug them all into a model to approximate reality. Weather forecasters sometimes get it right and sometimes they don't, but at least they base their assumptions on a common goal."

The essential difference lies in the stakeholder interests. With a weather forecast, there are no stakeholders with differing goals, he said. With rulemaking, however, stakeholders have differing interests to further individual goals.

Harless holds degrees in chemistry from Rice University and University of Texas. His area of expertise lies in environmental consulting.

Techna Corporation has completed more than 2,000 projects in more than 15 states since 1986. The projects range from regulatory audits to site development.

Bumper stickers promote Plymouths

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

A wave of pride has taken hold in the Plymouths.

Bumper stickers with the logo, "I'm Proud of Plymouth," have sprung up all over the place. In windows and on cars. Even the City of Plymouth plans to place them on all city vehicles.

What started this craze?

"We just decided Plymouth needed a boost," said Rose Gadwell, who co-owns the Pen and Ink Print Shoppe with Jeffrey McConnell. "We're proud of Plymouth."

The bumper stickers are the result of a collaboration between the print shop and Tonquish Creek Yacht Club, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Plymouth Township Trustee K.C. Mueller.



"In the one year we have owned the print shop, the people of Plymouth have been really great to us," Gadwell said. "This is a good way to say thanks."

So far, community response has been incredible, she said. The City of Plymouth asked for 300 stickers, some of which will go on city vehicles and police cruisers. Representatives from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have also expressed an interest.

Although Gadwell grew up in Livonia, she spent much of her teen years in Plymouth.

"I used to hang out at Daly's," she said.

Additional bumper stickers are available at the print shop, located at 531 S. Mill, and at Plymouth Township Hall.

Chamber businesses to clean up Ann Arbor Road

BY JILLIAN BOGATER

In an effort to spruce up the Ann Arbor Road corridor, Plymouth businesses are coming together to clean up the area.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Ann Arbor Road Committee has sponsored the event, which is in its second year.

"We're always looking for ways to

improve aesthetics along Ann Arbor Road," said Fran Toney, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Plans include cleaning up debris left from the winter months, weed removal, washing windows and pruning bushes.

"We're also encouraging businesses to look at their curbs," she said. "Sometimes you don't see the sore spots, so we're

looking for ways to keep the area neater and cleaner."

The committee also plans to plant flowers.

"Many folks have commented on the additional flowers the businesses have planted along the Ann Arbor corridor in the last couple of years," Toney said.

For more information, call 453-1540.

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Who and what is the best of the best in The Plymouth-Canton Community? Read on. The Community Crier recently completed its annual Readers Rate survey. Although the results are not scientific, they give a complete — and sometimes surprising — glimpse into life in our community.

Response to this year's Readers Rate was better than ever. More people than ever took the time to complete the survey than any Readers Rate, which in itself shows the interest in community activities, people and government.

The results of the survey are compiled on a five-point scoring system, with five being the best and one being the worst.

What do you think about the results? Did we leave out a category? Send a letter to "Readers Rate Responses," c/o The Community Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call (313) 453-6900.

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Plymouth City Commission	3.50
Plymouth Township Board of Trustees	3.27
Canton Township Board of Trustees	3.31
Plymouth-Canton School Board	2.87
Plymouth-Canton Schools (overall)	3.44
Elementary Schools	3.64
Middle Schools	3.18
High Schools	3.20
Community Continuing Education	2.88
Superintendent Charles Little	2.61
P-C Schools Administration	2.73
School Principals	3.16
Teachers	3.19
Parent-Teacher Groups	3.44
Schoolcraft College	3.63
Plymouth Library	3.44
Canton Library	3.93
Canton Parks and Recreation	3.88
City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation	2.97
Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation	3.41
Wayne County Parks	3.54
Huron-Clinton Metroparks	3.67
Plymouth Cultural Center	3.36
Plymouth Township (overall)	3.29
Canton (overall)	3.56
City of Plymouth (overall)	3.36
Plymouth City Manager Steve Walters	3.18
Canton Supervisor Tom Yack	3.29
Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy	3.15

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- Best Police OfficerKevin Chumney, City of Plymouth Police
- Best Waiter/WaitressJanet Armstrong, Sidestreet
- Best BartenderAmy Ducher, Lowertown Grill
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- Best Dinner SpotErnesto's
- Best BarBox Bar
- Best Car Repair.....Colonial Collision
- Best U.S. Mail Carrier/Postal WorkerCary Black
- Best Delivery PersonRick Nedroscik, UPS
- Best School PrincipalGerald Ostoin, Salem High School
- Best TeacherScott Beaman, Salem High School
- Best School Bus Driver(tie) Pat Peichiese, Cherlyn Colling, Marilyn White
- Best EventIce Festival
- Best Spot to Spend Two Hours.....Plymouth Antique Mall
- Best Community VolunteerFred Fields
- Best Elected OfficialU.S. Sen. Carl Levin
- Best Store ClerkHope, Plymouth Antique Mall
- Best Tradesperson(tie) Fred Hill, Ed Wendover, Frank Francis, Mike Kisabeth, Jeff Horton, Mike Beck
- Best City/Twp. Worker(tie) Steve Guile, Paul Sincock
- Best Ice Cream ShopDairy King

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City of Plymouth Police	3.67
Plymouth Township Police	3.45
Canton Police	3.52
35th District Court	3.62
Wayne County Circuit Court	3.21
Wayne County Sheriff	3.46
Michigan State Police	4.13
Plymouth Community Fire Department	3.95
Canton Township Fire & Rescue	3.97

Best Waitress



Janet Armstrong, who works at McMahon's Side Street Pub in Plymouth, was selected as Best Waitress by Crier readers.



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Carl retires, leaves imprint...and stories

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

After 35 years of policing The Plymouth Community, Carl Berry leaves many stories behind.

As a young officer (fresh from drag racing past old Plymouth High School himself), Carl was the scourge of teenagers in town.

Later, he became active in the heyday of police unionization. He unrolled fire hoses at major blazes, nabbed armed robbers and helped solve the rare murders in the City of Plymouth.

About that time, Carl began developing his political interests as well. He served on the Plymouth School Board. (Canton was added to the name later). He began his work with the Republican Party about that time, and is now chair of the 13th District Party — the highest ranking party position in western Wayne-eastern Washtenaw counties.

Carl left the City of Plymouth police chief post to help Plymouth Township start up its own police department. From his first days there, when the department existed only on a drawing board, Carl was personally involved in the handling of: major crimes, a tornado hitting a mobile home park and major labor confrontations.

In all of those situations he leaves stories easily forgotten except by those most involved, those who remember, who tell the many positive accomplishments of Carl. For example, both labor and management have praised Carl for handling the labor action at Johnson Controls and the incidents at the Sheldon Road Plant.

But most of the stories that are told over and over about Carl are the humorous ones. Like the time a citizen hit him on his motorcycle. And the February, 1984 story about the three-legged dog and the mobile homes.

The fact that those stories are told by his friends at the "round table" and elsewhere, show something about Carl's friendships with the community's citizens.

Carl's dog story has become so apocryphal that when his temporary(?) successor at the Plymouth Township P.D., Bob Smith, crashed his police car into a turning Plymouth-Canton School bus, Smith remarked, "I guess this'll be my dog story."

It isn't often that a police chief's retirement receives such a tribute as will be staged tomorrow night: Carl has made a lot of friends. And when you think about it, that's not necessarily easy for a police chief who is doing his job.

It also is rare for a police chief to leave public office to become a biker. (Actually, Carl will be opening a new Harley dealership).

Dog story and all, Carl's imprint on Plymouth-Canton Community history remains.



This fabled "cartoon to the editor" appeared on Feb. 8, 1984. It was sent to The Crier, as were an all-time record number of "letters to the editor" after the prior week's Crier front page article about Carl Berry trying to shoot a dog and wounding two mobile homes instead. In his 35 years of police and political work here, Berry has appeared in numerous editorial cartoons and countless photos and news stories — but none as (in)famous as this one.

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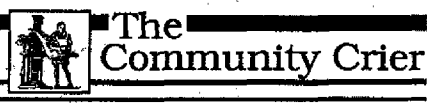
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Plymouth Theatre Guild.....	3.50
Plymouth Community Band.....	3.90
Plymouth Community Chorus	3.60
PCEP Park Players	3.59
PCEP Marching Band	3.85
PCEP Symphony.....	3.89
Detroit Whalers	4.30

EVENTS

Plymouth Fall Festival	4.00
Canton Liberty Fest	3.82
Plymouth International Ice Spectacular	3.95
Art in the Park	3.93
July 4th Parade and Fireworks	3.09
Canton Small Business Person of the Year/Athena Award	3.33
Santa Comes to Canton	2.80
Plymouth Christmas	3.33
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Canton Scarecrow Festival	3.18

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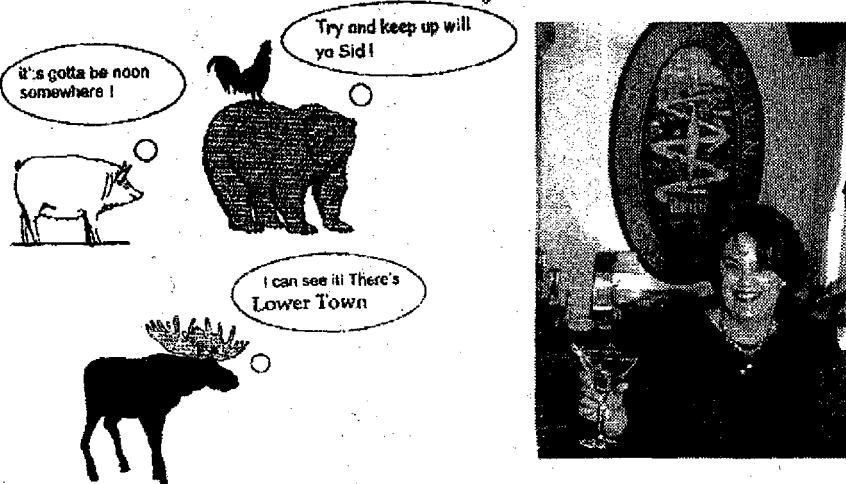
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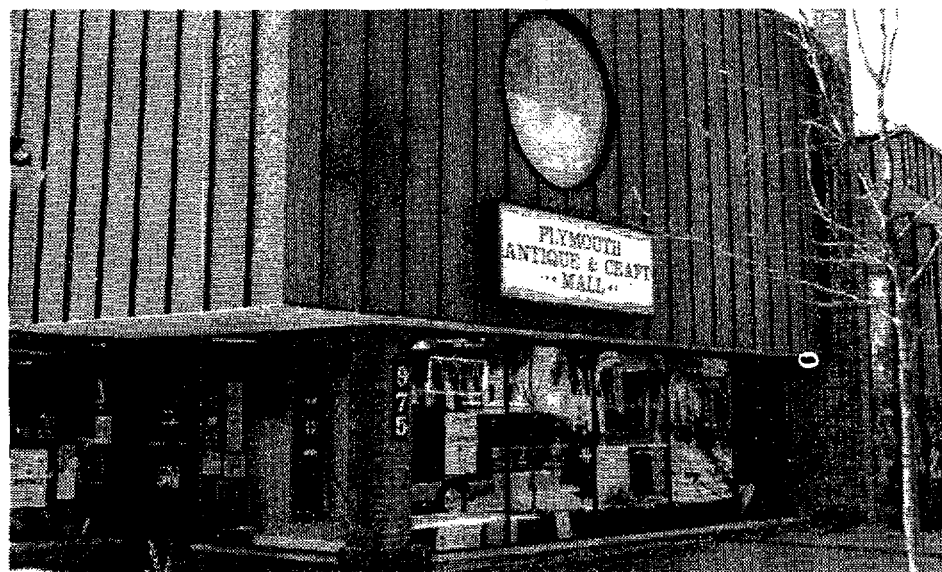
The management of Lower Town Grill can't believe that our valued customers actually intended to honor Amy with this award....We're asking for a recount of the ballots and a public retraction from the Community Crier for what is an obvious attempt to discredit this fine establishment ...To Our friends out there who feel the need to share their sorrow and despair over this blatant injustice, please join AMY and us this Friday and Saturday night for an evening of Blues with the WITCH DOCTORS

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Growth Works.....	3.40
Plymouth Family Services.....	3.71
Canton Family Services.....	3.15
First Step.....	3.83
Salvation Army.....	4.18
Goodfellows.....	4.22
Service Clubs.....	3.97
Plymouth Senior Citizens Programs.....	3.71
Canton Senior Citizens Programs.....	3.85
D.A.R.E.....	3.64
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.....	3.57
Canton Chamber of Commerce.....	3.63
YMCA.....	2.97
Close-Up.....	3.46
Community Literacy Council.....	3.65
Secretary of State (Canton office).....	3.24
M.E.S.C. (Canton office).....	2.93
Plymouth Post Office (delivery).....	3.26
Canton Post Office (delivery).....	3.36

Oldies but goodies



The Plymouth Antique and Craft Mall in Plymouth was selected as Best Place to Shop and Best Place to Spend Two Hours by Crier readers. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

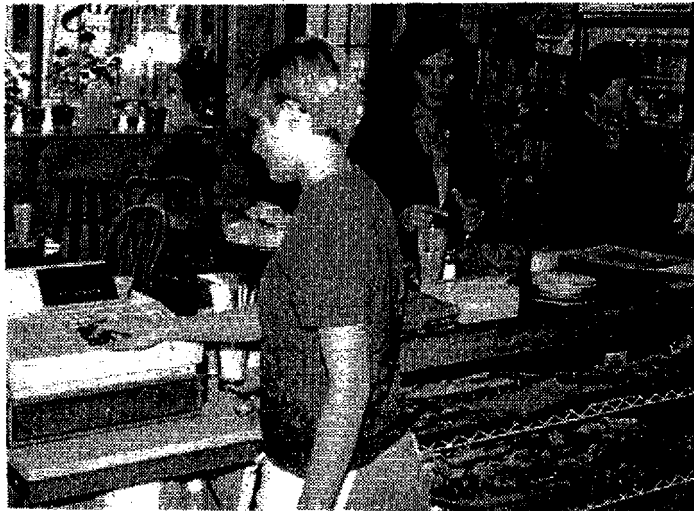
COMMENT ON ISSUES

Should Plymouth Twp. develop a recreation program?	yes-24% no-10%
Is Hilltop Golf Course satisfying compared to others?	yes-16% no-12%
Should City and Twp. combine dispatch/lockup?	yes-39% no-6%
Should Plymouth change its parking requirements?	yes-28% no-7%
Should the City and Twp. unify?	yes-27% no-10%
Should govt. share police services?	yes-32% no-8%
Should govt. share fire services?	yes-34% no-5%
Should govt. share dispatch services?	yes-31% no-8%
Should govt. share recreation services?	yes-27% no-15%
Should govt. share public works services?	yes-26% no-11%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in Plymouth?	yes-12% no-24%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in Canton?	yes-5% no-10%
Do you get your money's worth in taxes in the Twp.?	yes-9% no-22%
Do you get your money's worth in school taxes?	yes-14% no-26%
Should Canton build a community theater on school prop.?	yes-14% no-24%
Should Canton build an ice arena?	yes-14% no-24%
Should Plymouth build a township hall?	yes-9% no-25%
Is the P-C-N area growing too fast?	yes-40% no-9%
Has Canton's senior program improved since moving to the Summit?	yes-3% no-11%

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Edward's was selected by Crier readers at the spot to go for Best Doughnut/Bagel/Muffin and Best Cup of Coffee (to go). (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)



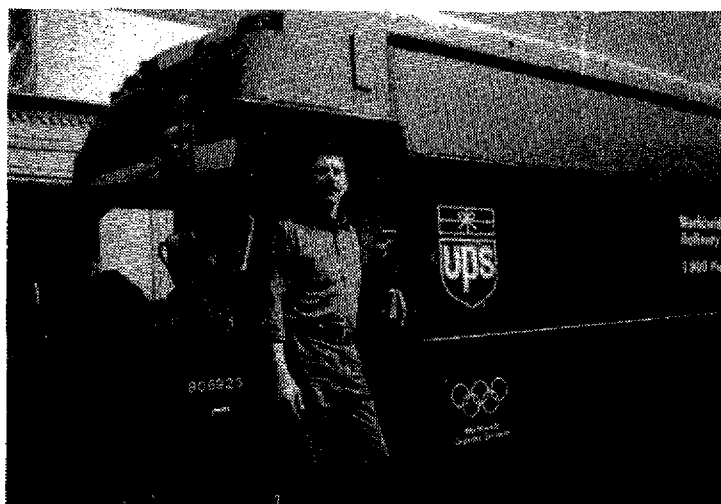
Best body (work)



Colonial Collision and Reconditioning, Inc. was selected as the best car repair business in this year's Community Crier Readers Rate. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

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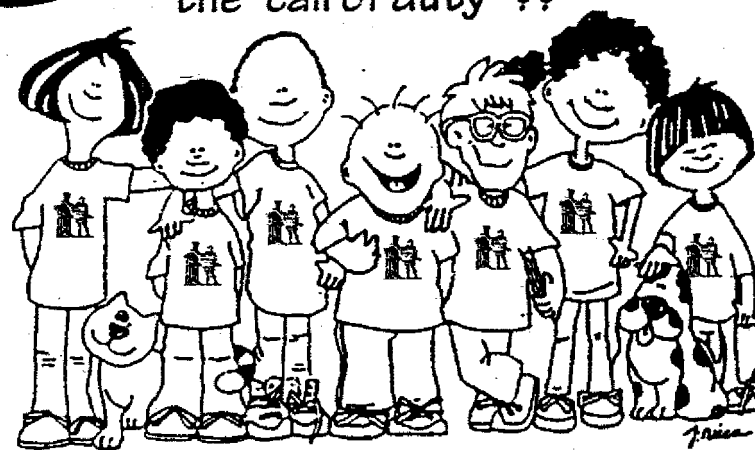
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Community deaths

Obituaries

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FRANCIS A. JAMIESON

Francis A. Jamieson, a Plymouth resident, died April 10, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mr. Jamieson was born Oct. 23, 1916 in Canada. He was a design draftperson and member of Disabled American Veterans. He loved baseball, classical music and feeding birds in his backyard.

He is survived by his brother, William H. (Ethel) Jamieson of Pickney; step-sons, Bobby and Millard Lemon of California; nieces, Janet (William) Clugston of Livonia, Barbara, Sharon, Gail and Gwen.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be given to Hospice of Washtenaw, 806 Airport Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

RICHARD W. KELCH

Richard W. Kelch, a Plymouth resident, died Monday, April 14, 1997 at the age of 55.

Mr. Kelch was born July 11, 1941 in Flint. He was a nurse in the elite Fairweather Psychiatric Program at Northville State Hospital. He was a published poet, a founder of the Wings P.W.A. program and a co-founder of the Annual People who Care Christmas Celebration. He was President of Integrety, Detroit. Mr. Kelch was

the recipient of the Spirit of Detroit Award and a Citation from the City Council of Detroit. He was a graduate of Flint St. Mary Catholic School and received his nursing degree from Mott Community College.

He is survived by his dear friend and life companion, the Rev. Rod Reinhart, founder of the Plymouth Poets; brother, George Kelch of Flint; sisters, Lynne (John) Price of Flint, Tina Klopff of Mattawan; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces; and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements were made and services were held at Brown Funeral Home in Flint with the Rev. Frederick Brunson, the Rev. Dennis Church and the Rev. Rod Reinhart officiating. Interment at Flint Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Wings or Plymouth Poets.

HAROLD C. MACKINDER

Harold C. Mackinder, a Plymouth resident, died April 15, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mr. Mackinder was born July 15, 1916 in Grand Rapids. He was president of Lincoln Park Engineering Inc., where he worked for 34 years. He was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia, a member of the Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47 F & A.M., The Northville Masonic Lodge, No. 186, the Arch Masonic Lodge of Detroit and the Scottish Rite.

He is survived by Eloise L. Mackinder of Plymouth; sons, David C. (Patricia) Mackinder of Grass Lake, Douglas J. (Diana) Mackinder of Chelsea; daughter, Paula S. Bagwell of Sterling Heights; mother, Minnie Mackinder of Florida; sister, Vera Armitage of Florida, grandchildren, David, Elizabeth, Christopher, Jeremy, Nathan, Peter, Sondra, Lisa, and Phillip; and great-grandchildren, David, Jessica, Caleb, Zachery, and Elizabeth.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Melanie Lee Carey officiating. Memorial tributes can be given to Michigan Masonic Home, 1200 Wright Ave. Alma, MI 48801.

In Loving Memory of
H.R. "Bob" Smith,
passed away April 25, 1995

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Sadly missed by his wife, Ann, family and friends.

RAYMOND J. KARAS, SR.

Raymond J. Karas, Sr. died April 15, 1997 at the age of 67. Mr. Karas was born Aug. 3, 1929 in Detroit. He was a cutter/grinder for GM Hydramatic/Powertrain.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret D. Karas; daughter, Deborah Ann (William) Taylor of Brighton; sons, Raymond (Marty) Karas, Jr. of Plymouth, Gary Karas of Plymouth; sisters, Dorothy (Chester) Jazowski of Easpointe and Geraldine (Robert) Bloen of Oklahoma; brother, Arthur Karas of Detroit; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Robert Cisko officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial tributes given to American Heart Association, Clinton Valley Region, P.O. box 721129, Berkley, MI 48072.



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CONGRATS
 DOUG MANS
 quick, call
 Ed for advice

Advice from Dan Kochanek: Grab a bag of popcorn & a pepsi. Then walk around. at way the whole world is your movie.

Stephen & Rhonda find "special surprises" in the RAFTERS!!!

Debbie Malonie reads the Crier, but what about the curios?

Curiosities

Thanks for the card and a fortuitous third & fifth grades. B.



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DOES MIKE POLLARD remember to read Curios in Calif.? -Ed

CONGRATS (SOON) TO CURTIS HILL a not-shy, but retiring City Policeman. --Sally, Jess, Ed and Beauregard

BEAUREGARD SALUTES CARL and really enjoyed the cookies at his goodbye reception.

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Curiosities

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Do you read? Are you getting your Crier in Florida? Your friends and family back in the mitten say "Hi". Bry.

Linda - It isn't fair! To be engaged to someone because you care about them is one thing. However, to have them make furniture and be a talented cook too isn't fair to the rest of us. Isn't that so Steven?

Mickie B. - What a lovely reflection your home is of your spirit and your own good taste.

Lynn - She shall have Boston Chicken whenever she goes. Thank you, dear friend. Geneva

Liz Hartman - Saw some afghans you had knitted. You are the greatest!

Martha - My apologies for not getting Jessica's address to you sooner.

HEY RYAN THE LION! IT'S TIME TO SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT. MOM GOES BACK TO WORK FRIDAY AND NEEDS HER SLEEP.

Dear Martha et al: Went to a great art show of Erick Carne's paintings on Sunday. Are we ever lucky to have a group like the Plymouth Arts Council in our town. You should see their building. With an organization like theirs, nothing is impossible. Erick's paintings were very special too. As a matter of fact, I think the whole affair was something one shouldn't miss.

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Gerry, Lisa M. & Jack have secret B.B. Pow-Wows.

Mark Cady, Sr. - How's your newly acquired vision this week??

Palma, Joe, Meryn & Ian Underhill-Cady - We're counting the days (months?) til we see you! We love you sooooo much!

Women wany mediocre men, and men are working to be as mediocre as possible...Margaret Mead

Rich Orlandi starts a new business out of his trunk!

Welcome Back Mike - it's great to have you back where you belong!

Bob - Finals are almost over! Start smiling!

Nicole Marie - Thanks for visiting me on Fridays and brightening my days - I Love You - Aunt Lisa

Lisa Sanderson buys & buys at the Saline Antique show. I'm sure the dealers were sorry to se her go.

Mark Sanderson - Pam, Bob & Lisa had nothing to do with it.

MABEL STREMICH got a birthday present: a headache. But the Rum Punch at the Island Dinner next day solved the problem.

Judi, Judi, Judi - Read it or weep - Just kidding. Everything will work out just fine.

Bobby - All those pictures and none to be seen.

I thought 2 pins meant legs
 Spring is finally here! NOT!

The Beanie Baby craze has taken over The Crier - & The Crier's Kids & Grandkids

Steve's truck runs great.

Everyone please stand when Curtis enters. Congrats to the Best Waitress in Plymouth-Canton-Northville - Janet Armstrong

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Doppler tower nearly operational

Inexperience, need to compete given as reasons for hushed lease

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The dome is in place, the final adjustments are being made and WXYZ's Doppler weather tower is in its final testing stages.

And the Mettetal airport advisory board hasn't seen the lease yet.

The state wasn't trying to be secretive, according to Randy L. Collier, state liaison with MDOT Bureau of Aeronautics.

"WXYZ wanted to keep it confidential for competitive reasons," Collier said. But the board knew about the tower in July. We realized a long time ago it was important to keep everything out in the open for everyone."

Collier and the advisory board are still ironing out the details of their relationship. When the state bought the airport in early 1993, it became the first state-owned airport with a private advisory board, according to Collier. The state bought the airport after Canton and Plymouth Townships passed on it.

"If we lose an airport, we'll never be able to establish another one," Collier said.

Smaller airports are important to the state for many reasons, like providing a place for small planes to land and allowing more traffic at major, commercial airports.

Since Mettetal airport is now owned and run by the state, the advisory board has no official say in projects like the Doppler tower.

"We really have no power to impact the decision," Canton

Clerk Terry Bennett, also on the advisory board, said. "The board was aware of the concept and approved it. In essence we gave the go ahead to proceed. We just didn't have the opportunity to say we liked or didn't like the lease."

The advisory board asked to see a copy of the lease at Thursday's meeting merely for record keeping, according to advisory board chairperson Mark Merlanti.

"The board wanted it just to see what it says," Merlanti said. "We probably would not make a lot of comments on any particular lease. We would expect Randy (Collier) to give us enough of a broad concept of issues that we could comment on any part of it."

Part of the lack of communication stems from WXYZ's initial desire for secrecy, and because they've never done anything like this before, according to Merlanti.

"He (Randy Collier) doesn't have a set of procedures," Merlanti said. "We're doing our best to develop them as we go along. Next time if something isn't turning out like we want it to, we can say 'We want to see the lease first.'"

Even then, Merlanti said, their input may

not be heard.

"We have limited ability to change anything anyway," he said.

"We can influence them, and give our opinion, but they don't have to listen to us.

"The tower is a nice community benefit," Merlanti said. "It's not costing the community any money. It's a win-win situation."



Teaching Tom

Tom Sorrells, weather forecaster at WDIV Channel 4, paid a visit to students at Tonda Elementary School in Canton last Wednesday.

Sorrells spoke to Tonda fourth-graders as a wrap-up of their weather unit. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

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Sports

Sports shorts

Detroit Whaler forward **Harold Druken** was named to the OHL's All-Rookie Team last week by league coaches and general managers. Druken, an 18-year-old native of St. John's Newfoundland, earned the first team selection by finishing fourth in rookie scoring with 27 goals and 31 assists for 58 points in 63 regular season games.

In addition to Druken, first-team selections were Sault Ste. Marie goalie Jake McCracken, Windsor center Peter Sarno, Subury right wing Norm Milley and defensemen Nick Tselios of Belleville and Brad Morgan of Barrie.

The 1984 Plymouth Kicks soccer team was selected to play in the National Soccer Hall of Fame's 14th annual Summer Soccer Tournament Series in Oneonta, NY. The Kicks will compete in the Boys Under-13 Division beginning Aug. 16. In the past three years, the August event has attracted 998 travel soccer teams from 16 states and two Canadian provinces.

WSDP-FM (88.1) 1997 Spring Sport Schedule: Thursday-Salem baseball vs. North Farmington; Saturday-Salem baseball vs. Canton; Monday Salem soccer vs. North Farmington; April 30-Canton baseball vs. Farmington; May 2- Canton baseball vs. Harrison; May 5- Salem baseball vs. John Glenn; May 7- Canton soccer vs. Salem; May 9- Canton soccer vs. Mercy; May 12 Canton softball vs. Walled Lake Western; May 14- Canton baseball vs. North Farmington; May 15 Salem baseball vs. Walled Lake Central; May 21-conference baseball finals; May 27-baseball pre-districts; May 31- baseball district; June 4-soccer state semi-finals. June 7-soccer state finals/baseball regionals; June 10 baseball state quarter-finals; and June 13-baseball state finals.

Canton Parks and Recreation Services is offering **adult tennis lessons** at Griffin Park beginning April 28 for ages 16 and over. Certified professional Kristen Harrison and her staff will conduct this six-week program for beginners and advanced participants. Call 397-5110.

The **Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem High School Ice Hockey Team Boosters** are in the process of obtaining the necessary support to sponsor an interscholastic high school ice hockey team proposal to be presented before the Plymouth-Canton School Board.

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Lady Chiefs place 3rd at Relays

After weeks of chilly temperatures, the weather and the calendar date finally appeared to be moving in the right direction on a sunny Saturday at the Lady Chief Relays.

And so did the Canton girls track team.

"We're on our way. We're moving in the right direction," said Canton coach George Przygodski after his team finished third in the 15-team field with 56 points.

Fellow Western Lakes Activities Association member Livonia Stevenson

won the Lady Chief Relays with 77 points. Brighton was second, and Salem was 11th with eight points. "I thought it was a very outstanding field," said Przygodski. "I don't know if we could've finished any higher than third."

The Chiefs didn't win any event, but took second in two events and third in four others.

Junior Alina Boyden, senior Tiffany Williams, sophomore Doris Igwe and junior Nkechi Okumabua comprised the 400 relay team, which finished in 52.8, one-tenth of a second out of first. The sprint medley relay team (3:07.9) was also second.

The Chiefs were third in the long jump relay (43-feet, 4 1/2-inches), high jump relay (14'4"), 800 relay (1:53) and the 4x300 hurdle relay (3:25.23).

Chief softball improves to 7-1

Sophomore sensation Gretchen Hudson pitched a two-hitter and Tara Biro went two for three with two RBI to lead the Canton softball team to a 6-0 win over Livonia Churchill Monday afternoon.

The victory came two days after the Chiefs won the Carman-Ainsworth Invitational Saturday. "Everybody is playing is extremely well right now," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, whose team is now 7-1.

The skipper isn't exaggerating. On Monday, everyone in the lineup had at least one hit.

Canton scored two runs in the second, fifth and sixth innings while Hudson silenced the opposition. She finished with nine strikeouts and one walk. "She's going to be a good one," said Arnold. "She has a good rise ball, an excellent change up. She's pitching really well. The batters are having a hard time seeing the ball against her; it's working extremely well."

At the plate, Canton isn't having any trouble seeing — or hitting — the ball. Against Churchill, sophomore Elizabeth Elsner (two for three) and senior Jillian Gross (two for two) joined Biro, who is having an outstanding season, with multiple hits. "It's a coach's dream to have a player like Biro. This girl can really play any position very well," said Arnold.

Canton won the Carman-Ainsworth Invitational with three consecutive victories. The first was a 7-2 win over state-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer with Sarah Carson on the mound. Hudson pitched in the next game, a 7-0 win over Carman-Ainsworth, and Carson returned to the mound in the championship game, a 11-0 route of Grand Blanc. Salem had 33 hits in those three games, and allowed only 13. That is just four more than Nikki Kovachevich's tournament total; she went nine for 12 with seven RBI. "We proved ourselves with that tournament win. We're playing with a lot of confidence," Arnold said.

Rocks split doubleheader against Saginaw Nouvel

Well, they were playing in a big league park. But even Salem had to be surprised by the major league pitching effectiveness of Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central pitcher Joe Fahndrich.

In the first game of doubleheader at Old Kent Park in Grand Rapids Saturday, Fahndrich was marvelous in Nouvel's 5-2 victory. The junior lefthander earned the complete game victory by allowing two runs on three hits, striking out nine and walking three. "He had a nice curveball," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger. "He could change speeds. He just had us off balance all day."

Until the nightcap, that is. With another pitcher on the mound, the Rocks ended a two-game losing streak with a 6-5 win in eight innings. "We played two pretty decent games. But Saginaw Nouvel is a decent team," said Rumberger, whose team will likely fall from their Top 5 Class A Coaches Association ranking after going 2-3 last week. Salem is 5-3 overall.

It was the second straight season Salem has played in Old Kent Park, home to a Detroit Tigers' minor league affiliate, the Michigan Whitecaps. In the first game, Nouvel scored four runs in the second inning off of junior Jason Cox. All of Salem's runs came in the fourth frame. Tony Bernhardt reached first on an error, and advanced to second on Jamie LaGrow's sacrifice. After an intentional base on balls to Ryan Rumberger, Alex Ras singled and Bernhardt scored. Ryan Rumberger came home on a Dave Barker base hit. Scott Hay relieved Cox in the seventh inning after Nouvel added their final run on a walk and a triple. In the nightcap, the Rocks' bats came to life after sleeping through game one. They scored six runs on 13 hits and stole five bases. Sophomore Brandon Bray got his first varsity victory in one and one-third innings of relief work. Tim Sisler, Hay and Kevin Niemiec also pitched for Salem.

After Nouvel took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, Salem responded with two runs in the bottom of the inning, and one run in the second, fourth, sixth and eighth innings. But Nouvel scored two runs in the fourth, and two more in the seventh off of Niemiec to tie the game, 5-5. In the bottom of the eighth, Ryan Rumberger singled, and went to second on a passed ball. He scored the game-winning run on Barker's double. Game two totals included: Bernhardt with three doubles, Ryan Rumberger with three singles and three RBI, Jeff Daegenhardt with a double and a single and twin brother Jim Daegenhardt had two singles. The win concluded an up and down week for Salem, who lost to Farmington, 4-1, and John Glenn, 5-4, but defeated Churchill. "We could be 8-0 if we just would've had timely hits," said Rumberger... "Our inexperience at the plate in key situations is just killing us."

Salem, Canton lose in golf

The Salem girls golf team putted and nearly drove their way past defending conference champion Livonia Stevenson Monday, but lost on the fifth-golfer tie-breaker after the teams were deadlocked with scores from their top four respective golfers.

Still, the result was a positive one for Salem coach Rick Wilson. "Now, I know I'll be competitive," he said, after the Rocks' first Western Lakes Activities Association outing. Katie Murinas and Katie Collins — possibly the best one-two punch in the WLAA — shot 43 and 46, respectively, for Salem. "Those Katies, I expect them to be in the mid-40s. They're two of the better players in the area, in the state as well. If they keep scoring like that, we'll be competitive," said Wilson.

Also for Salem, Jessica Hedges shot a 50, Julie Licata shot 59, Crystal Kopacz finished at 60 and Angela Jones rounded out Salem's six with a round of 66.

On Saturday, the Rocks placed 10th out of 16 teams at the Ann Arbor Invitational.

On a par 75 course, Murinas shot 86 and Collins was three strokes behind with 89.

CANTON:

Hilltop Golf Course is a challenging course for anyone, even the home team, especially when it's their first home match of the season.

But that's all right says Canton girls golf coach Dan Riggs; his team will be better prepared for when they play elsewhere. Nonetheless, Riggs was slightly disappointed with the Chiefs' loss to Walled Lake Central Monday. "We're coming along OK. The weather is starting to break," said Riggs, whose team placed 16th out of 16 team at the Ann Arbor Invitational on Friday. "Really, in the back of my mind, I thought we'd beat them (Monday), I was a little disappointed we didn't." Senior Allyson Young shot 54. Teammates Sandra Pavlo (61), Jessica Dumas (65) and Amy Siegrist (63) rounded out Canton's scorers. But Riggs is optimistic, especially with Lindsay Miller and freshman Julie Dziekan improving.

Tennis: Canton ties Rockets; Salem wins

If the Canton boys tennis team could play this one over...

"We should've beaten them," said coach Barbara Hanosh after the Chiefs tied John Glenn, 4-4, Monday afternoon.

But it's early in the season, and the Chiefs (2-2-1) can afford a few faults and mental errors. "At least it's a tie, and not

a loss at this point," said Hanosh in an optimistic afterthought.

Canton went 1-3 in singles and 3-1 in doubles.

Canton's number one singles player, Gaggan Palrecha, lost to Thiago Costa, 6-2, 2-6, 3-6.

Vinnie Ikeh was the only singles win-

ner in the number two spot, he defeated Deepak Dashairya, 6-3, 6-4.

Canton's Ryan Kerr lost to Justin Rowland, 4-6, 5-7, and teammate Jeff Ammons dropped his match to John Raicey, 4-6, 3-6.

In doubles, the number duo of Bryan Harris-Caldwell and Matt Artley won 6-3, 6-3.

Number two doubles Richie Ikeh and Andrew Oleszkowicz had to battle from behind to win, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1. "They came out in the first set and they were just out of it," said Hanosh.

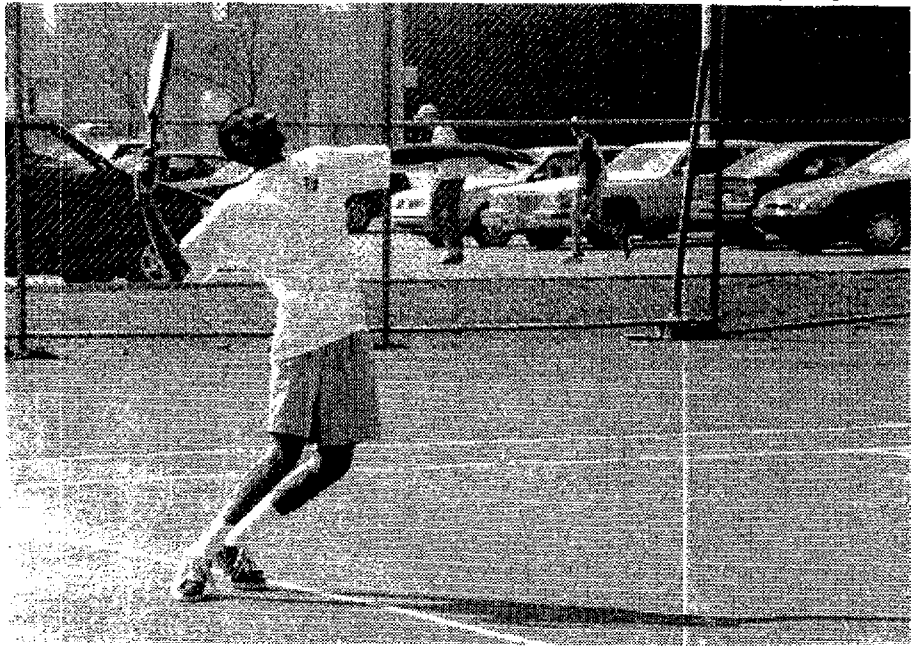
Canton's fourth team doubles, Scott Mincher and Chris Houdek won easily, 6-2, 6-1.

SALEM:

The Rocks improved to 3-1 in league play with a 5-3 win over Walled Lake Western Monday.

Senior Gabe Burnstein remained undefeated with a 7-5, 6-3 win. Aaron Niemiec, the number four singles player, won in three sets, 6-0, 6-7, 6-3. Salem's number one doubles, James Boomis and Corey Gabril won 6-4, 6-4. Jason Gorluy and Rob Willoughby won the number two doubles match for Salem, 6-3, 6-3.

Scott Hull and Todd Schmalhurst secured the win for Salem with a 6-4, 6-3 win in the fourth doubles match.



Canton Tennis team tied John Glenn Monday afternoon. The tie brings the Chiefs to 2-2-1 this season. Salem is 3-1 in league play. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Salem girls track wins West Bloomfield Relays

The Salem girls track team had a super Saturday.

With half the team at the Lady Chief Relays and the other half at the West

Bloomfield Relays, the Rocks managed to win the latter and place 11th in the former.

The victory at West Bloomfield is

Salem wins four of five; Coultas pitches no-hitter

After a mediocre start to the 1997 season that included several unimpressive pitching performances, the Salem softball team decided to take matters — and bats — into their own hands.

In four games Friday and Saturday, the Rocks scored 55 runs and won three games to improve to 3-6 overall, 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-1 in the Lakes Division.

On Friday, the Rocks blasted Rockets, 17-13, behind two fence-clearing home runs by Stefanie Volpe, who also added to doubles to go four for five in the victory, Salem's first this season. Joining Volpe in the offensive assault was Kristin Los (three for four), Becky Esper (two singles and triple), Carah Best (three for five), Jill Schmalhurst (three for four), Maureen Buchanan (two for two), Heather Sonntag (three for five) and Karen Prosyk (two for five). Salem was trailing by six runs in the fourth inning, but rallied to give pitcher Becky Hattle (1-0) her first victory of the season.

Salem's bats remained smoking hot in the first game of the Taylor Invitational Saturday against Mt. Carmel. The game went only three innings with Salem winning, 19-1. Shannon Coultas recorded the victory, allowing two hits, walking two and striking out two.

Six Rocks had two or more hits. Salem scored 10 runs in the first inning, two in the second and seven enroute to the mercy victory.

The two-game winning streak was abruptly halted in the second game of the tournament, a 17-5 loss to Southgate Anderson. Salem's defensive vacuum cleaner blew a gasket and committed seven errors. The Rocks weren't much better at the plate either, managing just six hits. Best went two for three and Schmalhurst (one for three) had two RBI. Coultas was the losing pitcher for Salem, who surrendered 16 runs in the first three innings.

Becky Hattle took the mound for Salem in the last game of the tournament versus Wyandotte. She went the distance in Salem's 15-3 win, giving up eight hits, walking eight and striking out two. Esper was three for five with two doubles. Sonntag (two for four), Coultas (three for three) and Best (two for three) also doubled for Salem. Los and Katie Gaglead had two hits apiece for the Rocks.

Monday — Could Salem's pitching problems be solved? If Coultas continues to pitch like she did Monday in the Rocks' 11-5 win over Livonia Stevenson, they probably are. Coultas pitched a no-hitter, struck out two and allowed five unearned runs on six walks. Volpe went three for five and Buchanan was two for four with three RBI as Salem improved to 4-6 overall, 2-3 in the WLAA and 2-1 in the Lakes Division.

even more impressive considering the field included such track powerhouses as Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Mumford and Southfield. "It's been a while since we won one like that," said coach Mark Gregor.

Salem finished with 86 points. Out of 14 events, Salem scored in 11. The Rocks were strong in the field events, but their only first place came on the track in the shuttle hurdle relay. The Rocks placed second and third in the high jump, courtesy of Kristin Kosik (4-feet, 11-inches) and Angie Sillmon (4'10"). Jessica Ash (35'7") was second in the shotput, and Angie Smith was fourth (32'11").

Lisa Maul had an outstanding day. She anchored the shuttle relay team, placed second in the 300 meter hurdles and third in the 100 meter hurdles.

Evelyn Rahhal was fourth (5:35.4) in the 1,600 run, two spots ahead of Ellen Stemmer (5:37.9). Nicole Bolton was second (11:50.7) in the 3,200.

In the relays, Kristie Bonner, Kristie Giddings, Ruth Viforeanu and Joan Marquez placed third (4:27.9) in the sprint medley.

Bonner, Giddings, Viforeanu and Stemmer were fourth in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:20.1.

At the Lady Chief Relays, the Rocks placed third in the 3,200 relay with Rachel Moraitis, Vanessa Bodner, Melanie Mester and Erin Lange; and fifth in the shotput relay, Sandi Taylor, Paula Tomlin and Stephanie Kujawski threw a combined 86'11".

"Those eight points are a nice accomplishment against a pretty good group of teams," said Gregor.

On deck

SALEM BASEBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tomorrow at North Farmington. Saturday at the Sturgis Tournament. Monday at home vs. John Glenn.

SALEM BOYS TENNIS

Matches begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Stevenson. Tomorrow at home vs. North Farmington. Monday at Harrison.

SALEM BOYS TRACK

Tomorrow at Farmington at 3:30 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS GOLF

Tee time is 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Friday at the Brighton Invitational at 9 a.m. Monday at home vs. Walled Lake Western.

SALEM GIRLS SOCCER

Games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Stevenson. Saturday at home vs. Troy Athens at 1 p.m. Monday at home vs. North Farmington.

SALEM SOFTBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tomorrow at North Farmington. Monday at Walled Lake Central.

SALEM GIRLS TRACK

Tomorrow at home vs. Farmington at 3:30 p.m.

CANTON BASEBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tomorrow at home vs. Walled Lake Western. Saturday at Salem (DH) beginning at 11 a.m. Monday at Northville.

CANTON BOYS TENNIS

Matches begin at 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at home vs. Harrison. Tomorrow at Farmington. Monday at Franklin.

CANTON BOYS TRACK

Tomorrow at home vs. Franklin at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS GOLF

Matches begin at 3 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Today at Walled Lake Western. Friday at the Brighton Invitational. Monday at Franklin.

CANTON GIRLS SOCCER

Games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tonight at home vs. Harrison. Friday at Ladywood at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Farmington at 5:30 p.m.

CANTON SOFTBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m. unless noted. Tomorrow, Walled Lake Western. Saturday, the Chelsea Invitational. Monday at home vs. Northville.

CANTON GIRLS TRACK

Tomorrow at Franklin at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Grand Rapids for the Cougar Invitational at 8 a.m.



Community opinions

Quest for clothes a physical endeavor

Bread and roses

By Jillian Bogater



The other day, I went to the Canton Meijer Thirfy Acres to buy a pair of pants and ended up having a complete body workout.

We've all seen them before: the stacks of perfectly-folded jeans sitting in their cubicles according to size. But as I discovered, size is relative.

As usual, I started off with a couple pair of men's jeans, as occasionally I'll find a pair that. But on this day, no dice.

So I sauntered to the women's clothing department and eyed the possibilities. Baggy, relaxed fit, straight leg, petite, tall, average. I had absolutely no idea what any this meant.

So I grabbed a pair of 16 tall, hoping like heck they would be incredibly oversized. My hopes were dashed when I couldn't even pull up the zipper.

I didn't want to think about going to a size 18, but the options were limited. They fit, but not in a flattering way. One pair was too baggy and the other pair just looked funny.

Then I went out on a limb. All the evidence pointed toward a 16 regular. I was set. Determined.

But as hard as I looked, there was not one pair in that size. I found 16 petite, 16 tall, 14 petite, 14 tall.

Keep in mind, I had to try all these on to discover their varying ill-fitting states. At first, the lady at the fitting room was more than accommodating. She noted I had two pairs of pants then opened a stall for me with a smile on her face.

By my fifth visit, things changed. She sat there with a blank look, perhaps she was as worn as I was, and allowed me to enter the fitting room by myself.

To make things worse, thinking this would be an easy quick visit, I went to the store between periods in game two of the Red Wings-Blues series. I live only a couple miles away at Ford and Lilley and thought I could finish the task in time. Little did I know I would emerge to not only find the game over, but that the Wings came back from a 1-0 deficit to win the game.

Oblivious to this, I continued my search for a perfect size of pants. I was starting to huff and puff and this turned into a somewhat grueling experience. I took off my coat and rolled up my sleeves, determined I was in for the long haul.

I sat down and considered all the possibilities. It seemed like a complicated algebra equation, considering all the differing variables. Then I decided to take a gamble.

I grabbed a pair of 14 regular jeans and went to the fitting room. The lady there smiled faintly and wished me good luck.

And to my utter surprise, they fit. I waited for patriotic music or a fireworks display, but it all turned out a bit anti-climatic.

I walked out of the fitting room and the fitting room woman saw the tired look of

victory on my face and congratulated me. I was worn and sweating from the battle, but I had won in the end.

All in all, I got my jeans and the Wings still won in the end. But if I ever need another pair of pants, I know what store I'll visit for a pep talk and emotional support.

But now I know to take a vacation day from work to get it done.

Schools lack discipline

EDITOR

I have taught at Canton High School for 22 years. We have a very fine high school. I also feel that this Board of Education has done a great job on its path of goals. The community has shown its support by passing the bond issue. Plymouth-Canton also has a very dedicated and professional staff.

The annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park report states all the outstanding things that go on at the Park, and it is true. It points out academics — how we offer 326 courses, how learning is enhanced by lots of hands on experiences, and points out all the great extra-curricular and athletic programs.

The only concern I have for the Park is in the lack of supervision and discipline. I have served on the student responsibility committee for many years. This committee has recommended many changes to help students gain more responsibility.

One of the goals for the Improvement / NCA Committee is that "students take responsibility for appropriate personal and social behavior." I feel we are not working hard enough on this goal. We are not doing enough to help students become responsible.

I feel there is a real lack of discipline. Discipline comes from the Latin word which means "to teach." We do not teach discipline. We allow students to learn bad behaviors. Students are allowed to miss classes. They are allowed to skip classes by staying in the halls, going to the library, staying outside the building and leaving campus without consequences. The staff allows the infractions of these rules. We also allow vulgar language, verbal abuse, severe classroom disruptions, inappropriate dress, loitering and undue familiarity.

How do we do this? By not showing and teaching students that there are consequences for misbehavior. We also do this by not informing parents so they can help with these concerns.

I feel we must start helping students learn how to modify their behaviors. We must provide better supervision and discipline. We must follow the preestablished rules and consequences for misbehavior. We never administer consequences immediately or monitor proper behavior frequently. We must enforce classroom rules consistently. And lastly, we must make sure the discipline fits the behavior without harshness.

It would be my pleasure to show this board what is really happening at the Park. Please come — I'll give you a personal tour and show you these concerns. Our parents and students deserve better.

KEN SMITH

Teacher, Canton High School

Ameritech's area additional area codes reflect changes brought by information age

Increased demand felt in all telecommunication services, educating public key concern

EDITOR:

Contrary to Ed Wendover's April 16 "With malice toward none," we at Ameritech take the coming area code additions very seriously and are working hard to inform customers of the impending changes.

To clarify a few points: In 1994 when the 810 area code addition was established in Southeastern Michigan many communities along the boundary were split between the two codes (313 and 810). In an effort to ease the split seven-digit dialing was instituted. In-community dialing prevents the use of the same prefix in the two area codes, thus using an extensive number of prefixes when they are already in short supply. On May 3, 1997 customers will no longer have in-community dealing and will be required to include the area code to complete a call.

In October 1995 Ameritech announced that two new area codes would be needed — one in 313 and another in 810 — to keep up with the rapid growth. What is fueling

the usage? We're in the heart of the information age. We rely on quick communications and that means increased use of telecommunications services including cellular, pager, fax machines, on-line services, additional phone lines, etc. Explosive telecommunications growth in Michigan provides a snapshot of what is taking place across the United States. Since 1995, 55 new area codes have been introduced.

Explaining the whys and why-nots to customers is a difficult, yet important part of an area code addition and that's why since October 1995 Ameritech has been providing area code information to the media, state legislators, municipal and county officials and the public. We will continue to inform customers throughout the process via bill inserts, news coverage, recorded messages and the telephone directory.

The West-Northwest Directory, which is in the process of being delivered, carries the new 248 area code for those customers that are changing from the 810 area

code.

Here is another look at the important area code dates:

- May 3, 1997 in-community dialing ends between the Northville and Plymouth exchanges.
- May 10, 1997 the 248 area code begins a four-month optional dialing period (customers will have the choice of dialing 810 or 248 in the Northville Township in the Northville exchange).
- September 13, 1997 customers will have to use the new area code of 248.
- December 13, 1997 existing customers with the (313) area code in Plymouth, Canton and a small portion of Northville Township will have the choice of dialing (734 or 313).

• July 25, 1998 (734) required dialing.

A toll-free number is available for area code questions: 1-800-831-8989.

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Community opinions

Canvassers should change election decision, situation

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Canvassers have decided to not hold a special election to recoup the 716 ballots lost in the March 22 school bond election.

This decision makes one thing obvious — a need for change.

The issue is one of significant public interest: the bond vote had a 19 percent turnout in registered voters, 700 percent more than the last school election.

Several members of the community have raised their voices in protest of the lost votes and validity of the returns.

Four groups in Plymouth-Canton have petitioned the schools for a revote. Among them, a former state representative, school board president, and a city manager and commissioner.

They have all invested their money and time in challenging the vote. Jerry Vorva said his group will file a lawsuit if his revote petition is formally denied.

They'll go to court to fight to reclaim 716 lost votes, to bring justice to an indicted election and a process in question.

Also in question is the wisdom in continuing to use electronic voting stations if they complicate the casting of ballots.

Roland Thomas, former board president, asked why, if public urinals can be rigged to flush automatically, can't the most basic, crucial and immediate tool in Democracy — the vote — be similarly guaranteed?

If undervotes and contrevsersey result from computer voting, why not return to paper ballots?

Further, why should taxpayers be forced to take the loss on the purchase of machines that are a step back in efficiency.

Surely if the state protects car buyers with a lemon law, it should protect the money of a community spent by the schools. The Unilect machines should be returned.

Michigan election laws require a mechanical malfunction be proven before a revote or special election is allowed.

This is what the board of canvassers says. They had to follow the law.

That law needs to change.

And the board of canvassers needs to stand up for the community of which it is a part.

They need to challenge outmoded laws unprepared and unfit for computerized voting.

They need to change their decision, and call for a special election.

If they do, another change may follow.

Those groups who challenge them now would side with the board in its fight with the state.

And the community would regain some of its respect for, and belief in its schools.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Many worked to make bond vote recount successful

Bond supporter praises all, even petitioners, for 'sincere concern for voting.'

EDITOR

As an active participant and observer in the recent school bond issue recount and equipment testing, several things came to light. During this whole process I was very pleased with the amount of professionalism that was demonstrated by several parties involved.

I would like to openly thank Ed Carey and staff, of the Wayne County Board of Canvassers for the way the ballot recount was conducted, Dennis Shrewsbury and the other board members of the board of canvassers.

Shrewsbury was able to conduct a very productive and well organized meeting on two separate occasions. He went out of his way to make sure that all interested persons attending these meetings had their questions answered.

Carrie Blamer, secretary for the school board of trustees, spent her whole day there making sure that all parties involved in the recount and equipment testing had everything they needed. At times this was

not an easy task, for there were several special needs.

Lastly, I would like to give special thanks to Dan Herriman. That's correct. I thank him. Everyone who knows me is aware I was a very strong supporter of the bond issue. However, I too had a concern about the six percent undervote March 22. Herriman stood up to the plate and asked why. During this whole process he demonstrated nothing but sincere concern for the voting process and its deficiencies during this last election.

I hope that the school board and administration has learned from this whole process. It is very apparent that education of the education of voters in using this new electronic equipment is imperative. Please make sure that the precinct workers during the school board election this June educate all voters on the use of this equipment. Don't wait for the voter to ask for help. Offer it to every voter who enters the booth.

DEL TEMPLETON

Twp. board hampering DeMattia, growth

EDITOR:

I am writing concerning what I have read about the Plymouth Township Board denying a request from the R.A. DeMattia Company for tax abatement as allowed by the State of Michigan and as has previously been given to many companies, including the R.A. Demattia Company. I find the action of the Plymouth Township Board, especially the four members who voted against it, to be short-sighted and penny wise and dollar foolish.

During my term on the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees (1984-1992), Plymouth Township was a small community with no prestigious facilities.

The Boards on which I served were visionary in their outlook of the future, and as a result of this vision, Plymouth Township is presently highly regarded and has received high-quality, high-tech development in the area north of M-14, south of Five Mile Road and West of Sheldon Road. That high tech development did not occur by being short-sighted and not seeing beyond the tip of your nose. That area developed because of futuristic vision and visionary leaders that served on the Board at that time.

During the period that I served on the Board, this township became the envy of Wayne County and southeastern Michigan.

The major player in the development of the high-tech area in Plymouth Township is

Mr. Robert DeMattia and the R.A. DeMattia Company.

They are the ones who planted the seeds in the high-tech area north of M-14 which grew to this highly regarded development.

I have heard the argument from the four trustees who voted against it as: "Why should we offer tax breaks to the industry while the homeowners do not get any tax breaks?" This is a false argument, and truly demonstrates ignorance of the facts on the part of these trustees.

Because, when you offer tax abatements to industry, especially high-tech, low-service industries, you essentially are providing tax reduction to homeowners. Because these industries pay taxes and require very few services, it keeps the taxes on the homeowners lower than they otherwise would have to be to provide the municipal services that our citizens have grown accustomed to.

In essence, offering tax abatement to industry is offering tax reduction and abatement to every homeowner in the Township. To look at it any differently is short-sighted, unacceptable and costly to the community and the homeowners.

If this attitude continues at Township Hall, the citizen's voice will be heard in the year 2000, and these uneducated, shallow-thinking trustees will be removed by the voters of our community.

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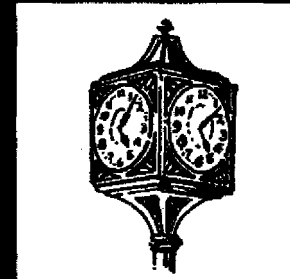
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