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Plymouth Community Firefighters responded to a pair of calls Wednesday at locations in both the City and the Township. Flames from a basement-apartment fire at 283 E. Ann Arbor Trail caused less damage than the smoke that filled the house and billowed into the street. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Busy day for Plymouth F.D.

BY BRYON MARTIN

Plymouth Community Firefighters worked both ends of the day Wednesday, responding to separate calls that came in near 9 a.m. and midnight.

The first was an apartment fire in The City of Plymouth at 283 E. Ann Arbor Trail. No injuries occurred, according to Chief Larry Groth, but the amount of mon-

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New St. Joseph Mercy opens in Canton Tues.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

If building in Canton has taken on any theme within the last few years, it's bigger is better.

No exception to that rule is the new St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building, set to open Tuesday on Canton Center Road and Summit Parkway.

At 83,000 square feet, the facility is four times larger than its present facility at Ford and Lilley roads, according to Sally Bailey, site administrator for the new Canton Health Building, and manager of the Ford Road location.

"We'll be able to significantly expand a lot of our services and provide many additional ones," Bailey, a Canton resident, said.

The center will have space for 21 primary-care physicians as well as 30 specialists such as cardiologists, orthopedists and oncologists, according to Bailey.

The new center's radiology department will be bigger and include CAT scan and general X-ray machines, according to Bailey.

The facility also continues the trend of changing from reactive to proactive health care, according to Bailey. The facility will offer tailored educational programs that focus on issues such as women's health too, she said.

Another way the facility will offer proactive health care is through the state's first Interactive Health Education Center (IHEC), Bailey said.

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Whalers coach wins when?

Plymouth Whalers Head Coach Peter DeBoer has broken the OHL record for most wins in a regular season. With 15 regular season games still left, plus the playoffs, the record for most total wins in a year could be his — depending on how you count.

The OHL says DeBoer's record now sits at 94-74-15, a total that includes five wins in December and January when Greg Stefan lead the Whalers as acting head coach.

During that time DeBoer was coaching players at the World Junior Championships, not the Whalers. Minus the five wins under Stefan, DeBoer's record becomes 89-70-15, still enough to beat Paul Maurice's former regular season record of 86-38-8.

Will DeBoer surpass the year-long wins record of 113-49-8, also held by Maurice? Depends on how you count. But for more Whalers coverage count to pgs. 23-25, and check out The Crier's Sports section.



PETER DEBOER

Passing the torch

Plymouth family passes habit of Make-A-Wish fundraising

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Back in town

Former Bennigan's manager opens restaurant in Twp.

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Stingrays endure record-setting marathon, win tournament

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Gross anatomy... A piece of octopus flesh is held up — and away — by 12-year-old Brittany Charnock, a sixth grader at New Morning School in Plymouth. Charnock and her fellow students, grades pre-K – 8, turned the school into a museum Sunday as the school opened its doors to parents and the public for its annual open house, according to Development Director Donna Williams. The family-centered cooperative school is now registering for mid-year and fall '98 enrollments, she said. About 40 families interested in the school came attended the open house and museum. For their displays, students designed a research project on a topic of their choosing that integrated a mix of subjects such as history, art, and physical and social sciences. With plans to become a marine biologist, Charnock chose octopi, creating a triptych display and dissecting a baby specimen. "The best part of the open house is that the kids are so excited to present their projects. They're pleased about what they've done and that they're able to show it off," Williams said. Charnock was happy to show-off her octopus, as long as rubber gloves were involved. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

How seniors can avoid scams

Senior citizens make up a part of the community with unique needs and wants, and many seniors in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community know about programs and services designed for specifically for them.

They might not know there are also scams designed to catch them off-guard. Sharon Thomas, director of the Plymouth Housing Commission, wants to make sure seniors get the information they need to avoid such rip-offs.

Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Tonquish Creek Manor's Community Room, the commission will host Michael Frayer, a risk consultant.

Frayer will tell seniors how to avoid hucksters who use credit cards, calls to 1-900 telephone numbers and solicitations for donations to religious organizations to scam seniors.

"I'm very, very concerned about credit cards," said Thomas, who works at Tonquish Creek, a seniors residence in The City of Plymouth. Thomas said she knows of at least

two senior City residents taken in scams in the last two weeks. One cost as much as \$1,100.

All area senior citizens are urged to attend, Thomas said, as are their family members and advocates. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Call (734) 455-3670 for more information.

Senior scams

Risk consultant Michael Frayer offers tips to avoid senior scams Wednesday, 10 a.m. at Tonquish Creek Manor. Event is free and open to the public. Call (734) 453-3463 for info.

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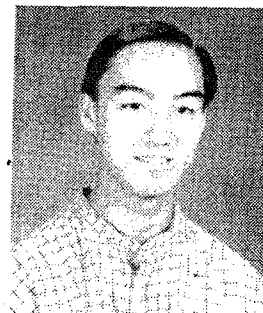


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First 250 people to purchase tickets to the Plymouth Symphony "Mischief in Music" on February 21 & 22 will receive a FREE ticket to the Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting game on March 3rd!

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These two performances are sponsored by Prudential Pickering Real Estate (February 21, 1998) and Ameritech (February 22, 1998), and Michigan council for Arts & Cultural Affairs



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City police nab would-be frame fencers

Car, foot chase recovers one suspect and \$47,000 in stolen designer eyeglass frames

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

One man has been charged and another is sought in connection with a Feb. 1 break-in at Benchmark Optical on S. Main Street.

According to City of Plymouth police reports, Mark Derwin Matthews, 38, of Detroit, broke into the store with an accomplice sometime after 4 a.m.

Police received a call at 4:14 a.m. from a citizen who reported hearing the sound of glass breaking, the report said.

"Response time was less than a minute," said Lt. Wayne Carroll of the City of Plymouth police department.

According to the report, patrol units spotted the suspect's car traveling eastbound away from the scene on Ann Arbor Road.

"The car fled at that point, and Officer Angelosantos took off after it," said Carroll.

Police caught up with the suspect's vehicle at Haggerty Road, the report said.

"A township squad car was coming the other way and he lit (the suspect's car) up with a spotlight," said Carroll.

'We're fourth generation here in Plymouth and nothing like this has ever happened to us.'

**Trisha Carney Sherman
Benchmark Optical**

One of the suspects bailed from the vehicle as it spun out near Ann Arbor Trail and Russell Avenue. Officers from both Plymouth police departments, Northville Township, Canton, and Wayne County Sheriff's department pursued the suspect on foot but failed to locate him, according to the report.

"If we can develop a lineup, Officer Angelosantos will be able to identify him," said Carroll on the sought suspect.

The suspect vehicle continued to flee but spun out again

near Gilbert Street and Haggerty Road where the suspect, Matthews, was arrested, said City of Plymouth Police Chief Bob Scoggins.

"From what I understand, the car got pinned up in someone's yard," said Carroll.

"This seems to be an excellent arrest," said Scoggins. "We're always extremely pleased when we can take someone off the streets who is breaking into our buildings."

Police recovered the stolen merchandise, worth about \$47,000, from the suspect's vehicle.

"We did get all our stuff back," said Tricia Carney Sherman of Benchmark Optical. "They had taken about 300 designer frames."

"We're fourth generation here in Plymouth and nothing like this has ever happened to us," she said.

Matthews waived his right to a pretrial examination Monday. He has been charged with breaking and entering, fleeing and eluding, and notice of a habitual offender.

"He was only out of Jackson prison three days when he did this," said Carroll.

Candidates speculate on possible legislation, joining Bennet in Lansing

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McCotter also helped Patterson and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack to reroute that money directly to Canton's DDA — an effort with no direct benefits for his district.

"Thad has supported proposals that weren't in his district," Patterson said. "He's a person of integrity, and someone I've learned from."

Should both commissioners be elected to their respective state seats, local issues would continue to be a priority, McCotter and Patterson have said.

One such issue the pair have discussed is the empowerment of townships to control the fate of the roads within their borders. Currently, roads in Michigan townships fall under state or county jurisdiction, and are subject to their repair and funding schedules.

"Beyond that, we haven't talked about possible future legislation," Patterson said.

But they have talked about the Republican triumvirate they could form for Western Wayne County in Lansing, working with Loren Bennett.

"Loren would represent south of Ford Road, Thad north of Ford Road, and me in both," Patterson said. "I trust we could hand off issues" to one another.

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Rouge River conference in Canton tomorrow

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Elected officials from six nearby communities will meet tomorrow in Canton for a first-of-its kind meeting about issues relating to the Rouge River Watershed, according to Kelly Kelly, Canton engineer.

The meeting will be a joint board of trustees meeting with board members from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Superior, Van Buren and Ypsilanti Township, Kelly said.

The six communities officially formed the Lower 1 Subwatershed Management Group in November, according to Kelly to address cleaning up the Rouge River.

"The goal of the group is to work together toward improving the watershed," she said. "This is the first time all are getting together to discuss it. It's really an effort to get them up to speed."

Officials will meet with environmental experts including Jim Murray, director of Wayne County's Department of Environment, and Kelly Cave, director of

Wayne County's Watershed Management Division.

Murray and Cave will speak on upcoming issues involving the Rouge River, including a General Storm Water Permit. By 2001 all communities with a population of less than 100,000 will require such a permit. Also to be discussed is a federal court case that will rule which communities are responsible for cleaning up the watershed.

Cave will talk about testing for illicit sewer connections and other steps townships can take to clean up the watershed, she said.

"We're making a lot of real progress but we still have a long way to go," Cave said.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Canton's Summit on the Park Community Center. Time has been set aside for questions relating to the project, Kelly said.

"Anyone is invited to attend. Pollution doesn't stop at political boundaries."



City of Northville uses grant to buy land, expand Ford Park

The City of Northville has used a \$200,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trust Fund to purchase a 2.8-acre parcel of park land next to Ford Field, according to City Manager Gary Word.

The culmination of a four-year effort to expand Ford Park, the purchase realizes designs originally set forth in the 1994 Ford Park Master Plan.

With the completion of the acquisition the park's baseball diamond, soccer field, street-level parking, walking paths and access to the Rouge River all stand to receive the improvements and expansions detailed in the master plan, according to a document released by Word.

The document quotes Traci Sincock, director of the city's Parks and Recreation, as saying "The Ford Park Master Plan is slowly becoming a reality with the help of the city, the state and many volunteers of the Northville community."

Rosey memories... Herbert and Mary Jane Wright celebrated their 60th anniversary Thursday with balloons, a cake, red roses and a serenade from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth.

Club President Calvin Chen played guitar as 25 club members serenaded the couple at Tonquish Creek Manor.

Ernest, age 87, and Mary Jane, age 83, met 62 years ago when Mary Jane began helping out on weekends at Herbert's flower shop, Herbert Wright Florists, at Southfield and Evergreen roads. Memories of those days working together at the flower shop, she says, are among the dearest of their marriage. The couple has two sons, Robert and Richard, seven grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

Civitan Club 1998 Citizenship Essay Contest:

Genetic engineering & man-made life: hope or horror?

Annual essay contest poses The Big Questions of Science to high schoolers

BY BRYON MARTIN

As hot topics for debate go, it's hard to beat the subject of human cloning.

Daily, discussions take place on television and radio, in on-line chatrooms and at state capitols; a sure bet to grab popular attention, the issue has even inspired two state legislators from Plymouth-Canton to sponsor anti-human-cloning bills as the election year begins.

But what do high school students think?

That's what the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club wants to find out: "Biotechnology, genetic engineering & man-made life: hope or horror" is the subject for the service club's citizenship essay contest for 1997-98.

The contest is open to students younger than 21 years of age who are enrolled at any high school, public or private, in The Plymouth-Canton Community.

Just as genetic engineering increasingly reveals the source of human beings' most basic characteristics and ways to manipulate them, so does it inspire basic ethical scientific questions. Essays should consider the following questions, among others:

• What of whose ethics will guide us in the pursuit of these discoveries?

• How would a genetically perfect existence change the meaning of being human?

• Who will have access to this high-tech science?

• Who pays, who profits?

• Can justice be the same with DNA evidence?

Essays should be typed and 500 - 1,200 words in length. Originality, accuracy, organization, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation and capitalization will figure into judging the contest's first-, second- and third-place winners.

Three English teachers each from Canton and Salem high schools, and representatives of local media will judge entries.

Cash prizes will be awarded, and increase in value with the number of submissions. With 10 entries the Civitans will award \$125 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. For every 5 additional entries, prizes are bumped up \$25, maxing out at \$300 for first place, \$200 for second and \$100 for third.

Winners and their parents will be invited to the club's

April dinner meeting, where the students will read their essays and receive their awards.

Essays must be submitted by 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

For further information and the complete list of rules, contact Jerrold Thompson, Canton English, room 230, ext. 57168.

Civitans Essay Contest

Length: 500 - 1200 words

Deadline: Tues., March 17th,
no later than 3 p.m.

Prizes: 1st - 3rd place, up to \$300.

Contact Jerrold Thompson, Canton English, room 230, ext. 57168.

Canton convenes Tax Review Board March 9th

Canton Township has set the dates for the Tax Board of Review for any residents who wish to appeal their property tax assessment.

The hearing dates for the Board of Review sessions are: Monday, March 9, 1-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Monday March 9; 9 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Tuesday March 10; and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday March 14.

All of the review hearings will be held in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building.

Residents can appeal an assessment based on hardship or market value. Anyone claiming hardship must fill out a hardship form, and those appealing on market value should bring any documents showing recent sales in their neighborhood. The assessor

works off a two-year sales study to make the assessments, but that study ended in March of 1997. Any sales after that may or may not be applicable.

The Board of Review can either deny the

appeal or change it. A resident can appeal further to the Michigan Tax Tribunal as long as they do so prior to June 30, 1998.

Assessments will be mailed around Feb. 23, and appointments for a hearing by

March 2. March 14 is set aside for walk-ins. For more information, to schedule a hearing, or if you did not receive an assessment notice, call the Assessor's Office at (734) 397-6826.

Giant ears teach at new St. Joe's

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The first exhibit, a giant ear that children can walk through and play in, will arrive in the building in early March. Subsequent exhibits will follow throughout the year, Bailey said.

"Ear infections are the number-one reason why children visit doctors, so we thought that would be the best exhibit to start with," Bailey said. "It will be like playground equipment that you can learn from."

The IHEC will contain several hands-on exhibits designed to teach patients about health issues, Bailey said. Scattered throughout the lower level of the building, the IHEC will offer patients a hands-on alternative to reading magazines in the facilities television-free waiting room.

"We want everyone focused on wellness when they come to the facility," she said. "We don't want people sitting idle. They'll be able to go through the exhibits and learn something."

Pagers will be provided to patients while they wait, so they can examine the exhibits or go to the cafeteria without concerns of losing their place in line, Bailey said. Patients can sign in, pick up a pager and be paged when the doctor is ready for them, according to Bailey.

The facility will open to the public Tuesday. An open house set for March 29, she said, after all services have been transferred from the Ford Road location to the Canton Center location.

The fate of the Ford facility is undecided for the moment, Bailey said.

"We still hold the lease for that facility and we're weighing all of our options. We're not really making any kind of decision on that right away because we're concentrating on getting our new facility open."

NOTICE

Saint Joe's Canton Health Building Services and Doctors are Moving

Thank you for your patience as we prepare to move from our current Canton location (on Ford Rd. at Lilley) to the new Saint Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building location at 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. at Summit Parkway:

Canton Urgent Care and Related Services CLOSED Mon., Feb. 16

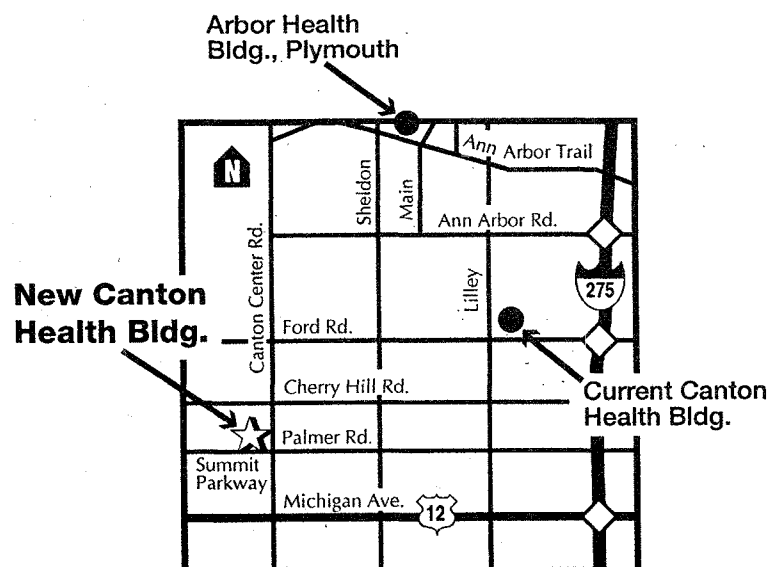
Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory at the current Canton Health Building location on Ford Rd. will be closed for moving on Mon., Feb. 16. If you need these services on the 16th, please visit our downtown Plymouth location, **Arbor Health Building**, at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail (at Harvey). Plymouth phone number: (734) 414-1000. **Please note:** Doctors offices and McAuley Pharmacy will remain open in the current location on Ford Rd. until they move and open in the new Canton Health Building location on Mon., Feb. 23.

Canton Urgent Care and Related Services REOPEN Tues., Feb. 17 in new location

Urgent Care, Radiology, Business Health Services and Laboratory will reopen Tues. Feb. 17 at the new **Canton Health Building** location at 1600 S. Canton Center Rd. at Summit Parkway, between Cherry Hill and Michigan Ave. (Laboratory services will also be available at the current Ford Rd. location from Feb. 17 until Feb. 28.) The hours for Urgent Care—for treatment of non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries—will stay the same: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Canton phone number: (734) 398-7557

Saint Joe's Doctors and McAuley Pharmacy OPEN Mon., Feb. 23 in new location

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System doctors and McAuley Pharmacy will be open on Mon., Feb. 23 at our new location. In addition to primary care doctors, the new building will feature specialists from Saint Joe's, bringing the specialty care you want even closer to home.




For the name of a doctor or other health care provider near you, call (800) 231-2211.

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Gemini... The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will be joined by guest artists, Gemini, for the family concert on Feb. 21 at the Belleville High School Auditorium and on Feb. 22 at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium. Shows begin at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Call 734-451-2112 for more information.

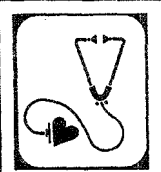
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 **Health**

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP
 St. Mary Hospital Diabetes Support Group meeting will be held **Saturday** from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium near the 5 Mile entrance. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital at 734-655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650. New classes begin **March 3.**

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
 On **Monday**, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Target (Haggerty Rd. in Livonia) and again **Feb. 23**, from 12-2 p.m. at the Northville Senior Center (215 W. Cady St.) there will be free blood pressure screenings. Call the Community Outreach Department at 734-655-2922.

COPING WITH DEPRESSION
 Canton Senior Center along with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will presenting "Coping with Depression" on **Feb. 25.** "Using Stress to Motivate, not Devastate," is from 1-3 p.m. in the Maple Room. Call 397-5444 for details.

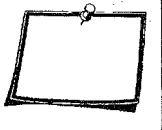
FOCUS ON LIVING
 A self-help group for cancer patients and their families meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The next meeting is **March 4**, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Call 734-655-2922 or 800-494-1650 for details.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR CHILDREN
 \$5 per child for all vaccines available except chicken pox. The clinic is on **Saturday, March 14**, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health System located at 990 W. Ann Arbor Trl., in Plymouth. For more information call 734-414-1000.



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Events

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL, INC.

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

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The public grand opening for the "Images of Lincoln" will be held **Saturday and Sunday** at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Call 734-455-8940 for more information.

FOURTH AVENUE GALLERY

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

CONGRESSWOMAN LYNN RIVERS

A forum hosted by Congresswoman Lynn Rivers on "International Trade: Economic Boom or Bust" will be held on **Feb. 18**. From 7-9 p.m. at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Rd. Call 734-722-1411 for more information.

PCAC ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Mardi Gras Dinner and Auction is on **Feb. 21** at Fox Hills Country Club. There will be silent and live auctions by J. DuMouchelle and music by the New Reformation Dixieland Band. Tickets are \$50 per person and cash bar is available. Please call 734-416-4ART for more information.

MAID OF ERIN PAGEANT

We are looking for girls ages between 17 & 23 of Irish descent for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held **Feb. 28** at the Gaelic League. For further details call Bridie Flynn at 734-464-8556 or Peggie Bolland at 313-255-5677.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters of every ilk are encouraged to apply for a spot in the 1998 Spring Craft Show at Schoolcraft College **March 7**. The show features all types of handmade crafts including painting, sculpture, pottery, jewelry, textiles, needlework, photography, glass, leather, and woodcarving. The fee for a 12' by 12' space is \$90; 10' by 10' costs \$55; 8' by 9' space costs \$40; and there is a \$40 fee for an 8' by 4' hallway space. There is an additional \$15 fee for electricity. For additional information call (734) 462-4417.



Volunteer

NEW MORNING SCHOOL NEEDS CHILD CARE AIDE

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

MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION

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

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

FISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

SUMMIT SHUTTLE

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

STUDENT EXCHANGE


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

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

P-C Business Education Partnership in need of individuals to share occupation information to students in classroom settings. Call 734-416-4903.

CHORE PROGRAM

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734-981-1900; "Titanic" "Good Will Hunting" "As Good As It Gets" "Spice World" "Deep Rising" "Hard Rain."

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KARL'S COUNTRY CABIN

734-455-8450; Thur: Buster Blues Band- Blues/Funk.

THE LOWER TOWN GRILL

734-451-1213; Fri. & Sat.: The Witchdoctors.

LUCILLE'S TAVERN

734-397-1988; Thurs. - Sat.: Dixie Cross Road Band.

NORTHVILLE DOWNS

810-349-1000; Harness racing.

PENN THEATRE

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248-349-7110; Plymouth Theatre Guild presents: "Sweet Charity" runs: Feb. 13-28.

WEST SIDE SINGLES

734-981-0909; Every Fri.: Friday dances at Burton Manor

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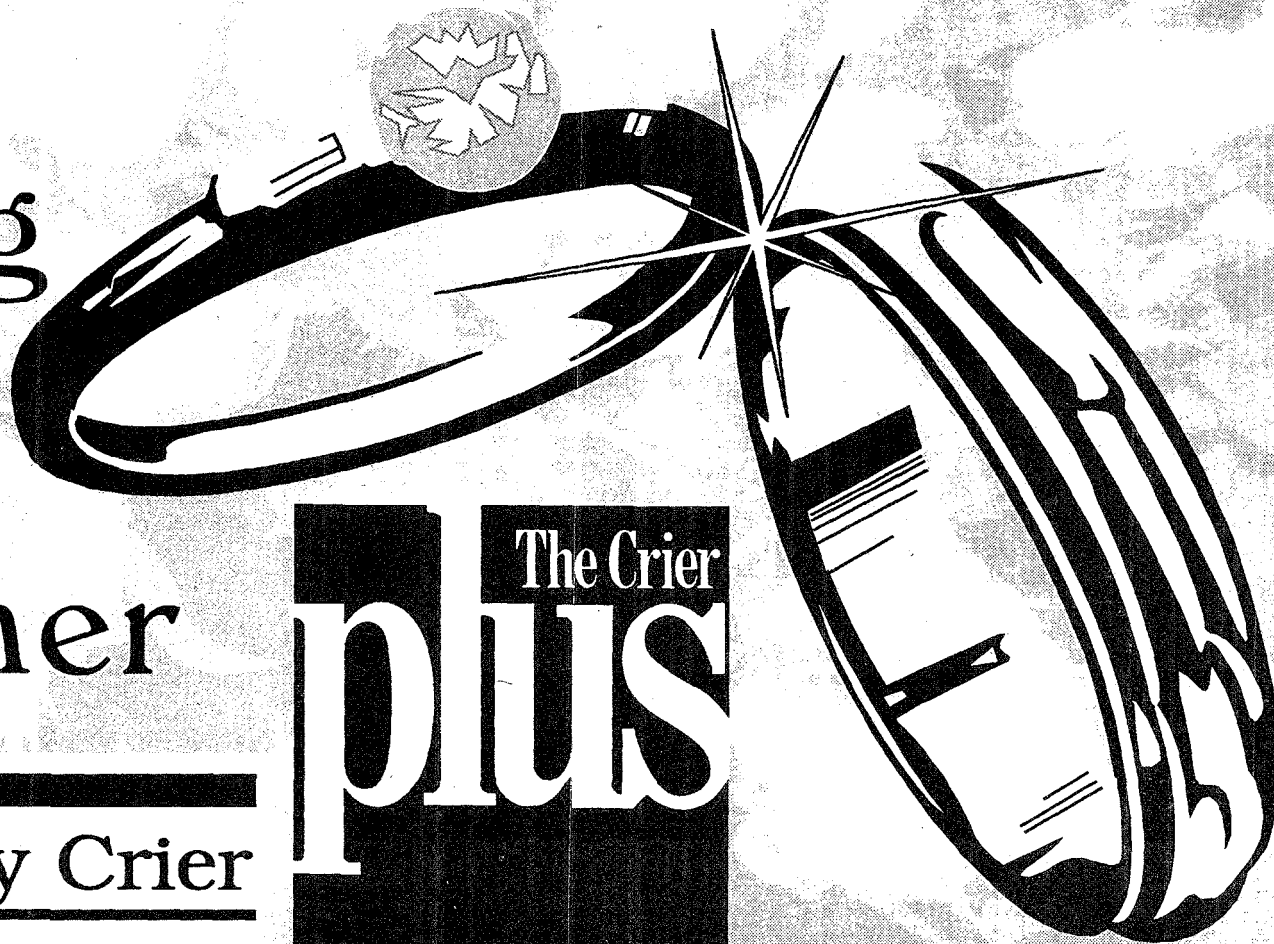
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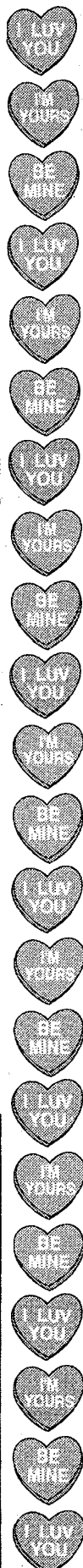


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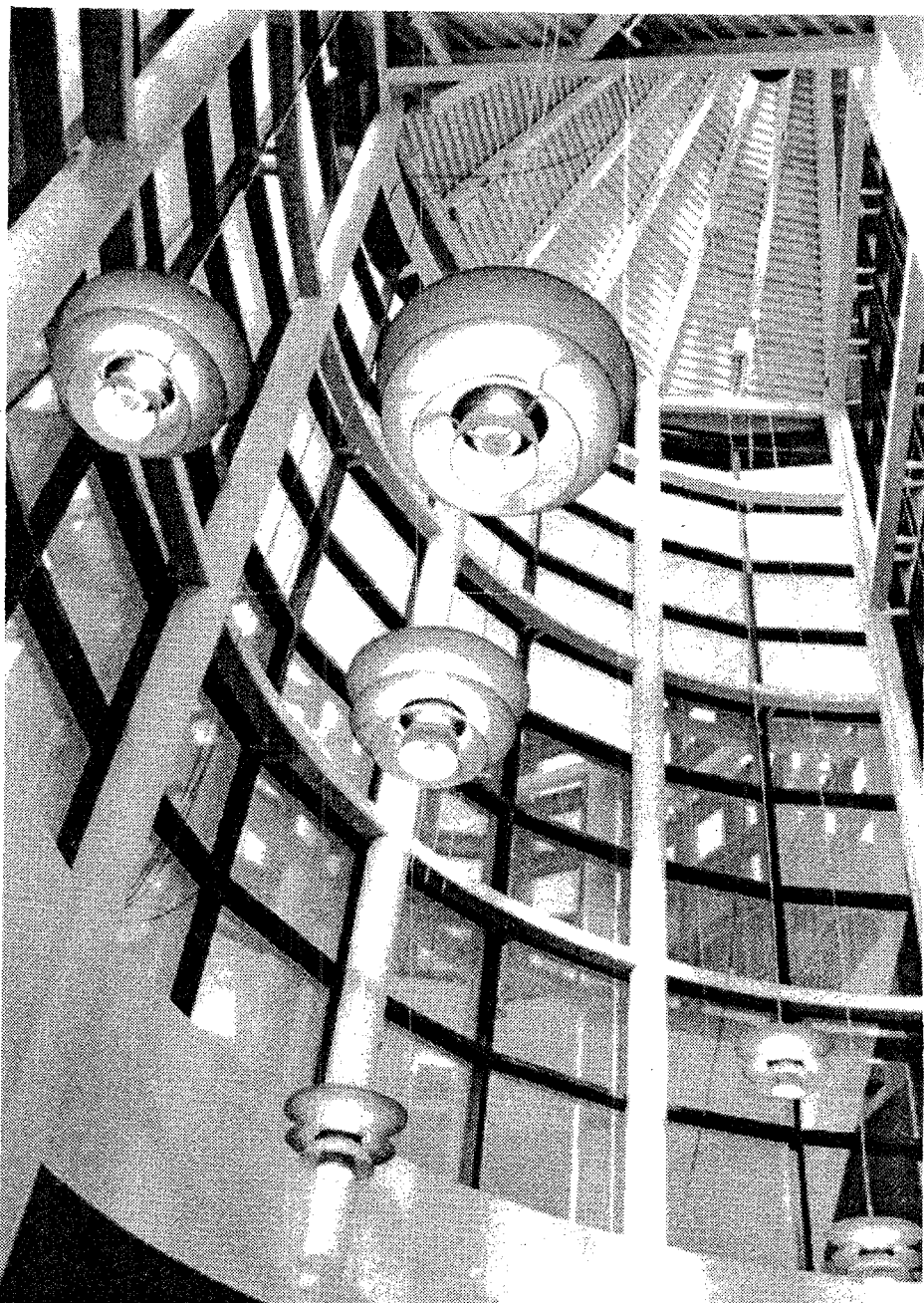
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Warmer days, rays... Long, thin rays of February sunlight break on the fixtures and fenestrated design of the spire above the entrance to Canton's Summit on the Park. The sunshine and relatively warm temperatures of the past week are a hangover from January's weather, a month that was ten degrees warmer than the seasonal average. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin.)

Canton planners OK motel-hotel switch on MI Ave.

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Mayflower isn't the only hotel going through changes.

The Canton Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 last week to approve a special land use that would allow owners of the Willow Acres Motel to tear it down and build two others in its place.

Willow Acres is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue near Lotz Road. The motel's site is deep enough to hold two larger hotels, according to owner William Jarratt.

And that's precisely what Jarratt intends to do.

"We plan to locate one hotel with an attached restaurant on the front of the parcel and another with a conference center and additional parking at the back

of the lot," Jarratt said. "We'll also develop a park-like atmosphere between the two."

Jarratt said each hotel would stand four stories tall, and have about 80 rooms. With prices ranging from \$40 to \$80, the hotels would service mid- to upper-level clientele.

"We're not talking about a low-budget place," he said. "We've been talking with several major chains and some of them are very interested."

Jarratt said Marriott, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn are among the potential hotels for the site.

The site is currently zoned for light

industrial uses and a hotel would require a special land use, according to Jeff Goulet, community planner.

"Hotels and motels are allowed in industrial areas, but only if they are adjacent to a commercial district and commercial interchanges because they often service those areas directly," Goulet said.

To be approved for a special land use, developers must meet criteria such as compatibility with adjacent uses, and demonstrate a need for the development in the community, Goulet said.

'Hotels are an under-represented business in the community, especially in southern Canton.'

Jeff Goulet
Canton planner

"Hotels are an under-represented business in the community, especially in southern Canton," Goulet said.

"There definitely is a need for hotels in this market," Jarratt said. "We hope to capture

business that would otherwise go north into Plymouth or Livonia."

The special land use was approved providing Jarratt returns to the Planning Commission for final site plan approval prior to beginning the project. It's a step to avoid project changes between its initial and final approvals, according to Vic Gustafson, Planning Commission chairperson.

"We just want to ensure that the project will fit well with adjacent properties," he said. "Final site plan approval is when we can get into very specific details about the project."

Plymouth firefighters call on county Hazmat

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etary damage was high.

Most destructive was the smoke, ruining about \$220,000 in items among the four apartments that make up the house. Fire damage, mostly contained to the basement room where the blaze started and the room above it, totals around \$110,000, Groth said.

About 15 firefighters in five vehicles responded to the fire.

Reports of the fire first came to the department saying that smoke was billowing out of the eaves of the house. PCFD arrived, found the house empty and the fire mostly contained to a clothes closet in a basement apartment.

After the fire was extinguished, firefighters remained on the scene until about 3 p.m.

Groth said no cause for the fire has yet been determined, but "we're not suspicious of arson. It looks like an accident."

Families living in the apartment house have been temporarily relocated. For the two whose flats suffered smoke damage only, a return to their homes may come soon, Groth said.

For the other two, "I don't have an answer. In the fire area its obviously going to be quite some time."

Plymouth firefighters also responded to a call in Plymouth Township at the Metokote plant off Sheldon Road, near M-14.

A vapor cloud formed in the plant after a gallon of hydrochloric acid was mixed into a 50-gallon vat of sulfuric acid; when water was added to dilute the accidental mixture, a vapor cloud was released, Groth said.

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Upon arrival, PCFD worked with Huron Valley Ambulance service to provide on-site assessment of about 30 Metokote employees who complained of breathing problems and chest pains after exposure to the cloud.

Of those 30, a total of 12 were sent to St. Mary's, U of M and St. Joseph Mercy hospitals.

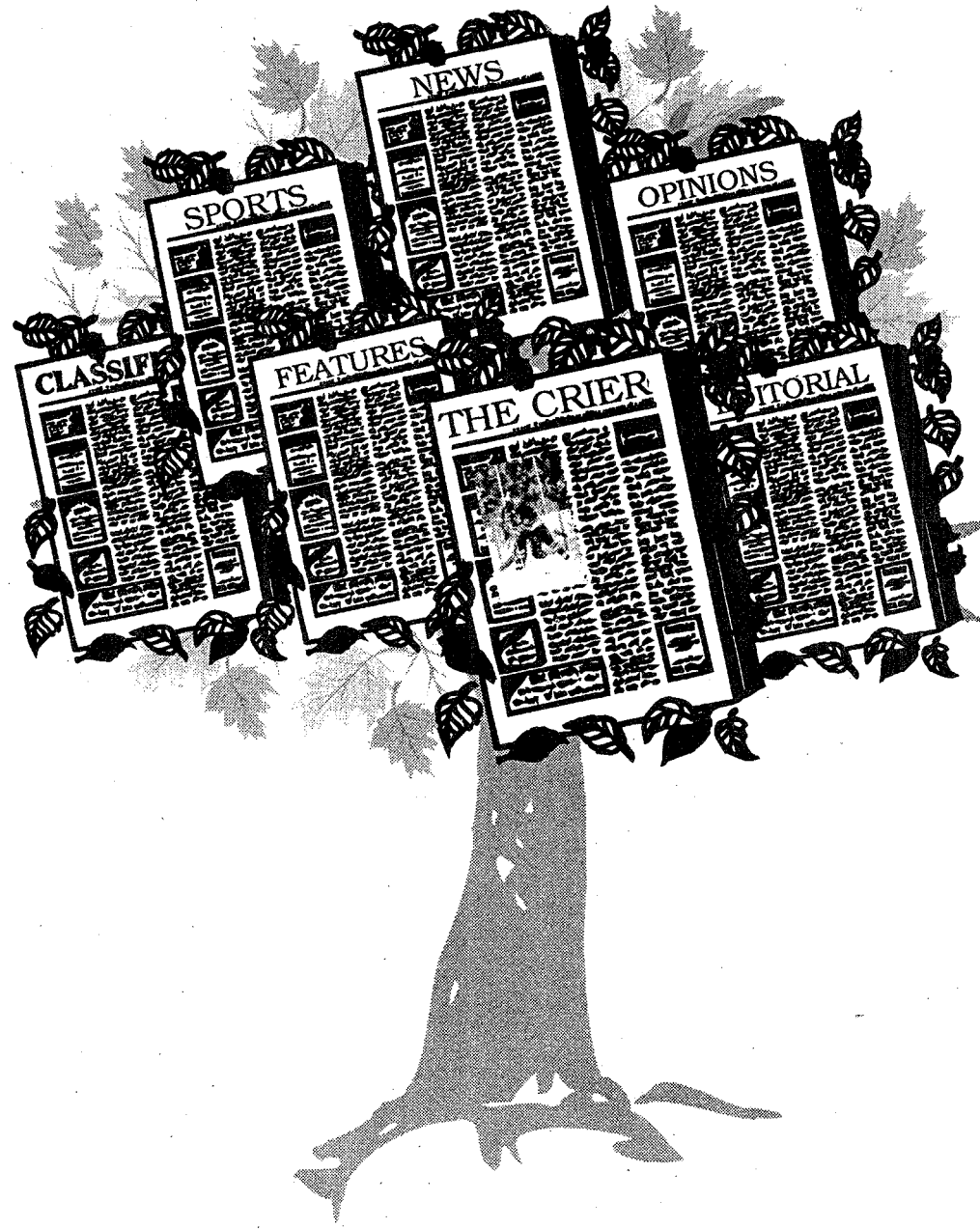
Without equipment to protect against such chemical agents, the fire department called in a Western Wayne Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Tag Team to handle the site, Groth said. "They're the experts in that field."

That 10-man team, part of a 23-department collective of Hazmat specialists in the county, arrived and performed chemical tests at Metokote.

The midnight shift was sent home, according to Groth, but several hours of airing out the plant left conditions safe for the morning shift which starts around 6 a.m.

Groth said the 12 employees hospitalized were back to work by that morning, too.

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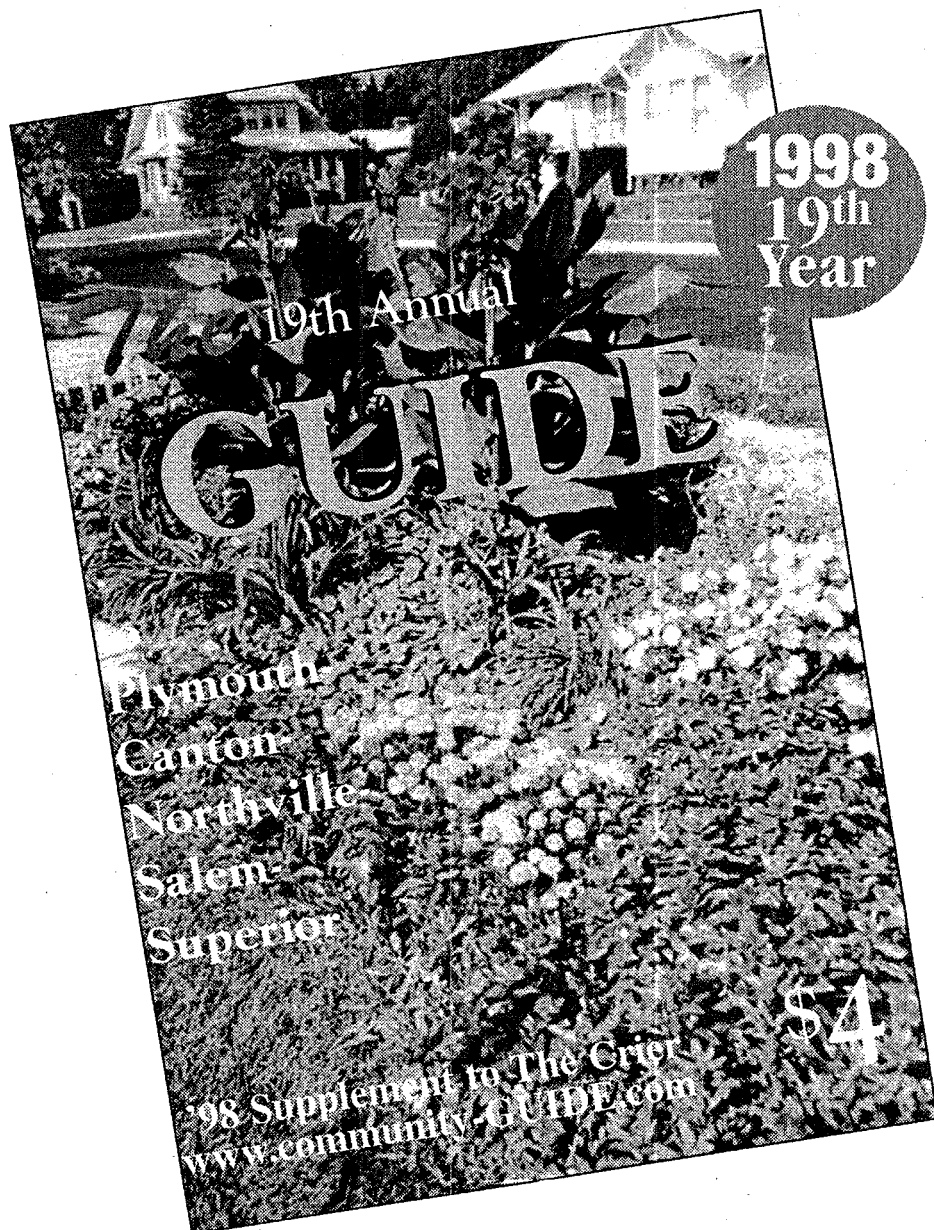


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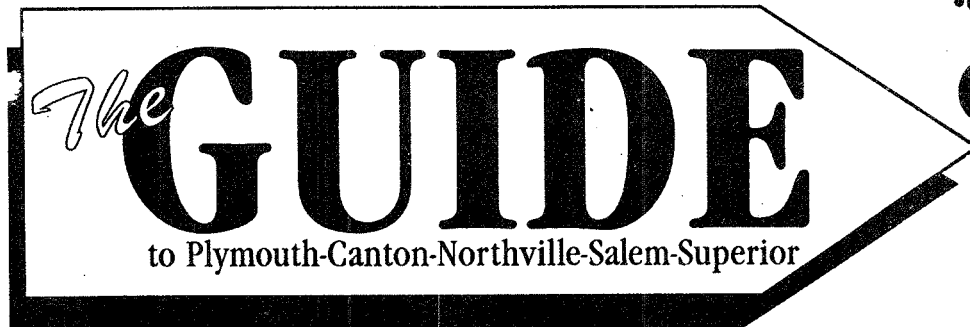
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WILLIAM FENTON SCHUHARDT

William Fenton Schuhardt, a Sevierville, TN resident, died Jan. 10, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mr. Schuhardt was born Jan. 24, 1922 in Detroit. He was an employee of Ford Motor Company for 43 years, retiring in 1985. Mr. Schuhardt was a disabled veteran of WWII, having served in the 101st Airborne Division in Europe.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Gladys; daughters, Sandra Dawbarn (John) of Canton, Diana Flynn (Carlton) of Dearborn; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by, and services held at, the Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford Township with John Dawbarn and Aryln Karpeles officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

NONA E. EDDINGTON

Nona E. Eddington, a Fenton resident, died Jan. 30, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Eddington was born March 21, 1917 in Lake County, TN. She worked for General Motors Corp. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Plymouth for many years.

She is survived by her son, Bobby (Marilyn) G. Eddington of Brush Creek, TN, William (Adolene) T. Eddington of Fenton, MI; many nieces and nephews; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Raul White officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170.

GILBERT H. RIX

Gilbert H. Rix, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 3, 1998 at the age of 87.

Mr. Rix was born July 8, 1910 in Armada, MI. He was an engineer at WWJ radio. He graduated from Armada High School, attended the University of Cincinnati, majoring in chemical engineering. He was a member of the original WWJ (Now WDIV) television crew as an engineer and technical director. He worked for WWJ for 31 years, from 1944 to 1975, and was a resident of Plymouth since 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Marie C. Rix of Plymouth; son, Douglas (Jane) G. Rix of Rockford, IL; daughters, Patricia (Terry) Patton of Plymouth, Carolyn (Tom) E. Rougeaux of Redondo Beach, CA, Kathleen (Randy) A. Tripp of Adrian; grandsons, Bradley (Kristin) Patton, Justin Tripp; granddaughters, Heather Patton, Sara and Holly Tripp; and great-grandsons, Taylor and Nathan Patton.

LUELLA K. DETHLOFF

Luella K. Dethloff, a Canton resident, died Feb. 2, 1998 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Dethloff was born Oct. 9, 1912 in the Village of Cherry Hill, MI. She was a homemaker. She grew up on the dairy farm at Ford and Lilley roads in Canton. The Dethloff family farmed from 1915 until the land was sold in 1958. She was a member of the Plymouth Grange of which her parents helped build. She was a member of the Dyer Senior Center in Westland, where she loved to play bingo. She also enjoyed gardening and crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her sons, Harvey (Evelyn) Dethloff, Jr. of Manchester, MI, Robert (Eleanor) Lee Dethloff of Salem Township, Richard (Sheryl) Alan Dethloff of Garden City; daughters, Virginia (William) Andreopoulos of Milwaukee, WI, Cathryn Kalita of Westland; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Max Swegles of Plymouth, James R. Swegles of Wayne; and sister, Theo Demeritt of Bay City, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Dethloff.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Joel W. Dethloff officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate, Inc. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48075.

JOAN R. SCARPULLA

Joan R. Scarpulla, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 7, 1998 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Scarpulla was born May 7, 1917 in Clarksburg, WV. She was a custodian with the Plymouth-Canton Schools from 1953 until she retired in 1977. Her nickname was "Scarpie." She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and her special interest was cooking and canning.

She is survived by her son, Ross Diaz of Plymouth; grandchildren, Russell (Brandi) Diaz of Baltimore, MD, Laura Diaz of Canton; great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Casey; brother, Louis (Katherine) Crispino of Westland; and sister, Eva (Ed) Wonszewicz of Burgettstown, PA.

Services were held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Clarksburg, WV. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth and Burnside Funeral Home in Bridgeport, WV.

EVELYNE E. DANAHY

Evelyn E. Danahy, a Livonia resident, died Feb. 3, 1998 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Danahy was born July 11, 1911 in Detroit. She was a homemaker, and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. She came to the Plymouth Community 25 years ago from Detroit.

She is survived by her daughter, Gerry (Patrick) Dugan of Plymouth; sons, Jack (Helen) Danahy of Plymouth, Jim (Karen) Danahy of Livonia; 18 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harold.

Services were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. John Sullivan officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made or memorial contributions given to the American Diabetes Association.

HARRY C. ROWLAND

Harry C. Rowland, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 4, 1998 at the age of 87.

Mr. Rowland was born Oct. 4, 1910 in Waseon, OH. He owned and operated Rowland Construction in Plymouth and Livonia, building custom homes from the 1940s until 1985. He built his home in Plymouth in 1954. He was a member of the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church. His hobbies included fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Camilla I. of Plymouth; daughter, Barbara K. Guenterberg of Taylor; grandson, Brian G. Guenterberg of Dayton, OH; sisters, Louva Waterman of Plymouth, Letha Travis of Plymouth, Cassie MacLeod of

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Manchester, MI; Ardith Fischer of Plymouth; and brother, Murray Rowland of Mesa AZ.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Frank Haynes officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Alzheimers Association.

GLADYS DAVIE BOWEN

Gladys Davie Bowen, "the grand lady of Coupeville," as she was known to her friends on Whidbey Island, WA, died Jan. 31, 1998 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Bowen was born Sept. 1, 1906 in Braddock, PA. She lived on Penniman Ave in Plymouth from 1994 until 1990, when they moved to Whidbey Island to be close to their children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the First Presbyterian Church where

she was a youth leader. She was a member of the Women's Study Group; and managed Plymouth's Early American Shop for 10 years. She also co-founded the Low Vision Group of North Whidbey, and knitted dozens of colorful baby blankets which she gave to newborns across the U.S.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Strauss of Bellevue; sons, Robert (Pendleton) Bowen of Coupeville, David (Constance) Bowen of Oak Harbor; grandchildren, James (Laura) Bowen of Wenatchee, Elizabeth (Michael) Quinn of Oak Harbor, Christopher (Dea) Marie Bowen of Coupeville, Thomas (Leslie) Bowen of Seattle, Karen (James) Peterson of Cashmere; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Neal.



Services were held at San de Fuca Chapel. Memorial contributions can be given to the Gladys Bowen Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 334, Coupeville, WA 98239.

ALICE A. RAMBO

Alice A. Rambo, a Livonia resident, died Feb. 7, 1998 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Rambo was born Feb 14, 1913 in Logansport, IN. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Hillsdale College.

She is survived by her daughter, Sue Ann (Robert) Loveall of Kansas City, MO; sons, Michael (Sandee) of Chicago, Frank (Kathy) of Plymouth, David (Anne Matheny) of Chicago; survived by 19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Blanche Six of Dallas, TX; brother, Tom Baker of Logansport, IN. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stuart; and her daughter, Sally Jane

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

HALLIE ROSE MARTIN

Hallie Rose Martin, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 8, 1998 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Martine was born May 2, 1907 in Terre Haute IN. She retired in 1970 from Associated Spring where she was an inspector. She lived in Plymouth for 40 years, and was one of the original residents of Tonquish Creek manor, residing there about 20 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by her son, William E. (Abby) Martin of Canton; daughter, Shirlee (Ken) Verge of Mt. Vernon, WA; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister, Nila (Norman) Gilbert of Westland.

Services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. James Kimins officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be given to Presbyterian Village, 25300 W. Six Mile, Redford, MI 48240.

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Hooray Joey D! One goal and one assist in the BIG soccer game! Great Job! Love, your family

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To my little Valentines Angela and Samantha-- Daddy loves you very much. Happy Valentines Mom! I LOVE YOU! Love Gerry

Angela and Samantha, Mommy and Daddy are very proud of you. Happy Valentine's Day.

Randy Jo is older... than all of us! Steven Sallitto is about to get older too Bobby-- You are my Valentine every day of my life-- Love You!

♥♥ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to all my Nieces & Nephews! Love, Auntie Lisa or just Auntie ♥♥

DOROTHY BURKE-- happy Valentine's Day Mom! Love, Mike Maura: Onward & Upward!

Love & hopefully spring is in the air! Darcy & Scott got the **very best** Valentine they will ever receive.

Jason, 128 hours exactly-- Let the adventure begin! Happy Valentines Day. Linda Happy Valentines Mom & Dad ♥ Linda

"1-2-3-4- and step!" Congrats JACLYN: Go for the burn. THE EDITORS

BUBBA: Don't call during GUIDE time. NEIGHBORHOODS are the building blocks of Our Community-- see the all-new GUIDE coming soon.

STEVE JOHNSON TURNS 50-- just before his newest kid is due.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to the "you can leave your hat on" lady in the hot tub. --Love, Ed

"MY HALO is glowing!" -- The GUIDE "church" editor.

GO SPARTANS! Chomp those Wolverine pantywaists on Feb. 17!



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Rhonda is not only a great Art Director, she's a laser light show too! Love the Redford Fire Dept.
The PCAC has paintings to buy or rent-- what a great concept.
Amy at the Lowertown Grill is still the #1 bartender in town!
Dena's a year older
A big welcome to Verna-- Good Luck. Glad to have you aboard-- Jack
Linda said she had lots of outfits to wear last Friday night-- she fits right in
We had a Female Big Head Convention Sat. Morning.
Richard had better look out, Rhonda too. PAY BACKS can be rough.
Precision Color puts on a great party -- I can't wait to get my Marilyn Monroe photo.
The Wrobels-- Thank you so much for bringing me along for the weekend with Thomas! It was fun! Also... happy Valentine's Day!
♥ Amanda
CAROL DONNELLY isn't old enough to drink.
SOPHIA AND KARL: they did so well while you were in Mexico, they're awaiting your China trip.
Rhonda-- Thanks again & again...
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Maura-- Congrats on the new job! We'll miss you! -- Diane & Linda p.s. We'll come in to drink all the free coffee!

Curiosities

♥♥Grandma -- I love you! Amanda ♥♥
Kenn-- There is a Lunch... after GUIDE.
This is your LAST CHANCE to enter THE GUIDE BIG QUIZ! (See our entry form elsewhere in this issue of The Crier.) Watch for the 1998 GUIDE to Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Salem-Superior Coming March 4-- only in The Crier!
HAZE WILSON & Margie: hello!-- Ed Go Whalers!
Hey Verna-- Welcome aboard!
Dear Martha et al: I've missed you. Will make it up next weekend. I have a hard time letting go of my friends.
Now again, someone who taught me more than she could ever have imagined, has passed on and I am wondering again, "why didn't I ever thank her for all she taught me?" I was a mother of four little boys besides being a Sunday School teacher, --(because a couple of my sons would not stay without their mother.) I never would have made it without Gladys' support. She was the mentor of our group of teachers, and what wonderful teachers they were. Unfortunately they were a threat to one of the authorities of the church and some of them were asked to leave. I was no longer a member of this group because of the illness of one of my children, and consequently could no longer teach. As a result we attended church as a family. A few years later, one of the children asked me if I had gotten anything out of the sermon. "Well," I answered, the Minister did say that God wasn't a And we could go elsewhere. So we did.--

Curiosities

Mom and Dad-- Happy Valentine's Day Love, Amanda
You can lengthen the life of battery in your watch if you pull the stem when you want to stop it and push it in when you want it to start. Neat, eh?
Carolyn-- what a big girl you are. I didn't know you went to school.
Mary Heskett-- I know you collect pitchers. I know you have moved away. However I thought of you when I saw pitchers hung on one of those folding shawl hangers. It was very attractive, and what a good idea!
Toto and Frodo. With your new hair cuts you look as though you live on the other side of the tracks, -- certainly not Lower Town.
John Bida, Larry Olson
4th place Chili Cookoff
Congratulations
Thanks to all the Crier/Comma, family for putting up with me all these years! I'll miss you, but I won't be far away!
-- Maura
Does sideways know what they're getting into with Maura?
Take good care of my Geneva.
What will happen to The Crier without Maura's Pooh Bears, M&M guys and beanie Babies?
Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Nene, I love you
And the boys do too. ♥
Chuck - I told you not to mess with me! I'm keeping a rubber band with me at all times!

Curiosities

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Thank you St. Jude.
HEY KIBILKOS!
Happy Valentines Day!
We love you!
R & D
D - You turn out to be a better Valentine every year. I love you. -R
Linda is really looking forward to Valentines Day this year.
Your Welcome, Your Welcome, Your Welcome...
Jason - I'm so glad I ran into you again. Not as happy as someone else, but still happy...
I'm sorry to announce that because I have to work on Valentines Day again this year, my husband is leaving me.
LINDA - from now on, I'll decide where we're going to sit.
P.S. Thanks for the hangover package.
The table is up. Here we go.
Welcome Verna! We're glad to have you here - it's just too bad that we have to lose Maura for it to happen.
Good luck, Maura. We'll miss you.

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You must attend all four sessions. You must be at least 12 years old to take the class.

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

Class size is limited.

Canton boys tennis parent-player meeting will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Canton High School's Little Theater. For more information call Barb Hanosh, 459-1973.

The Plymouth Whalers will host **"Spawn Comics Night,"** with a free poster giveaway, on Thursday.

And on Saturday, they will give **free carnations** to the first 1,000 fans.

Seniors are invited to drop in at the Northville Community Center for **morning volleyball** with the gang.

All levels of play are welcome. It's a fun way to get some exercise.

Held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fee is \$1.00.

Plymouth Canton Junior Baseball League registration will be held March 7 at the Canton High School cafeteria between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Ages served: 7-18 years.

Canton vaults past Salem

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN
CANTON-SALEM MEET

The Canton and Salem gymnastics teams had a very busy week. On Wednesday, both teams performed against each other. Canton finished victorious with a total score of 136.9. Salem finished the meet with a total score of 120.35.

Canton's Marcie Emerick had a high score of 8.9 on the vault. Liz Fitzgerald finished the bars with a top score of 9.2. Fitzgerald also had high scores on the beam with 9.5 points and the floor with 9.05 points.

"The meet against Salem is always one of the highlights of the season," said captain Kristin Brooks. "It's always a pleasure when Canton comes out on top."

"Even though Salem is one of our biggest rivals, this year's meet was less competitive and had a more friendly atmosphere," said senior Lori Burseson.

"We always practice with Salem, so it felt like we were one big school," said

GYMNASTICS

senior Natalie Wood.

On the flip side, Salem had an exceptional performance against the Chiefs.

The Rocks' top score in the vault was held by Allison Bracht with 8.75 points. Bracht also scored high in the bars with 8.10 points. Bracht dominated the beam and floor with scores of 8.2 and 8.8, respectively.

"It was a lot of fun because we were all friends instead of enemies," said co-captain Emily Gaubatz.

"Even though we are a relatively inexperienced team, we accomplished a lot at this meet," said co-captain Beth Steinhelper.

"This season has been great," said co-captain Kate Deroche. "Everyone really gets along."

"We did well all-around. The atmosphere was very relaxed," said coach Melissa Hopson. "Allison Bracht and

Janine Schmedding performed well."

FREELAND INVITATIONAL

Canton placed sixth out of the seventeen teams that participated.

Canton beat the previous school record on the bars with a score of 36.45. The final score was 137.85.

In division I, Liz Fitzgerald scored a 9.40 on the bars and placed fourth. Fitzgerald also placed seventeenth on the beam with a score of 8.15.

In division II, Amy Driscoll placed third on vault with an 8.95. Driscoll also placed fourth on the floor with 9.5 points.

Salem placed fourteenth out of the teams in attendance.

They had an even score of 121.00, which was their highest score of the season.

"We had a good all-around, even though our top gymnast Lindsay Hawraney wasn't there," said coach Melissa Hopson. "We had a good day."

2 games, 11 OTs

Stingrays endure record-setting marathon, win tournament

BY SCOTT GOODWIN

"Sudden Death" has a curious ring to it. Morbid, yes, but all the same, very definite. In sports, it is all the chips on the table. Combined with a championship, it is the difference between today's sweat and tomorrow's lore.

For the 11 and 12-year-old members of the Squirt AA Plymouth TNT Stingrays hockey club, sudden death is becoming a matter of custom. After two overtime wins this weekend in the district playoffs, both while facing elimination, the team is headed to the state tournament for the second time in three years.

"That was the eighth tournament that we've won this year," said coach Bob Smith. "Those kids have done a great job."

Playing host to the districts, the Stingrays came in as one of the favored teams with a 50-5 record. But an early 3-0 loss to the Lakeland Hawks and the Stingrays looked like they might be headed for a quick exit from the double-elimination tournament.

"That loss didn't come as surprise," said Smith. "Prior to that loss we had played (Lakeland) four times this season, and we were 2-2 against them."

Dropped into the losing bracket, the



Plymouth Stingrays goalie Steve Mnich accepts his district championship trophy at the Plymouth Cultural Center Sunday afternoon. Mnich gave up only one goal in the final four games of the tournament. "He's as good as they come," said Stingrays coach Bob Smith. (Crier photo by Scott Goodwin)

Stingrays produced two more wins Thursday and Friday, both shutouts, to reach the championship and face Lakeland again.

The stage was set for Saturday night. Because the tournament was double-elimination, the Stingrays had to beat Lakeland twice to secure the championship. But to force a second game, they had to survive the first.

"Every time we play Lakeland it's a good

game. It always comes down to the wire," said Smith.

The game began at 6 p.m. and remained scoreless through the first three periods. Tough defense by Plymouth, and good goal play by Lakeland sent the game into overtime, into the white-knuckle realm of sudden death.

Please see pg.25

Twice isn't as nice; Kingston wins in OT again

Plymouth notches win over Guelph, tie at Owen Sound, to go 1-1-1 on the week

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Twice this season, the Plymouth Whalers and the Kingston Frontenacs have played to a deadlock after 60 minutes.

Twice this season, the Frontenacs have defeated the Whalers in the five minutes that followed. The latest was a 5-4 overtime Frontenacs' win Sunday at Compuware Sports Arena before 2,736.



Kingston's Chris Allen scored 1:27 minutes into overtime, cutting across the slot and firing a wrist shot that beat Whaler goalie Robert Esche stick side.

It spoiled a resilient effort by the Whalers, who twice rallied from a two-goal deficit. "We lost a game we probably should've won, and it's going to cost us in the standings. Hopefully, it's a lesson learned," said Whaler Coach/GM Peter DeBoer.

The loss kept Plymouth winless (0-2) this season versus Kingston, a Central Division club that could be a late-round playoff opponent. The Frontenacs (29-19-3) beat Plymouth, 6-5, in Kingston on Oct. 24.

"It's a good measuring stick for us. There's no doubt about it. That's as talented as a team as you're going to see. They can fly, they score goals. We've got to tighten it up defensively against teams like that and stay out of the box. We knew that going into the game. Bottom line is we didn't do it, and we got burned for it," said DeBoer.

"... We've just got to get better. You can use all the excuses

you want that we didn't deserve all the penalties or we were playing our third game in three nights, but those don't hold water in a game like this. This was a playoff game tonight (Sunday), we didn't do enough to win."

Visibly tired from the road trip to Guelph and Owen Sound Friday and Saturday, the Whalers made it even harder on themselves Sunday by getting whistled for 10 minor penalties against the OHL's top power play unit.

"While we didn't deserve all the penalties, we definitely took way too many against a team like that," said DeBoer.

Kingston went two for nine on the power play and had an extra man for about 13 minutes of the second period.

But the Frontenacs were unable to pull away. Third period goals by Yuri Babenko at 9:30 and Harold Druken at 15:08 erased a 4-2 Kingston lead, sending the game into overtime. Frontenacs goalie Curtis Cruickshank made 16 saves in the third period, and 32 for the game.

Kingston led by two goals earlier, with first period tallies by Matt Bradley and Matt Elich (power play). Dave Legwand (power play) and Jesse Boulerice tied the game at 2-2 before the end of the first period.

The Whalers were unable to continue the momentum swing and take the lead because they played a majority of the second period short-handed. "When you know going in that they've got the best power play in the league, and you still

take a ton of penalties, that's a total lack of discipline. And it wasn't very smart," said DeBoer.

Captain Andrew Taylor (two assists) was the only Whaler with multiple points. Esche made 23 saves.

(At) Owen Sound 3, Plymouth 3 — On Saturday, Whaler defenseman Paul Mara scored with less than two minutes remaining in the third period to forge the 3-3 deadlock.

Mara, acquired by the Whalers in a December trade, had two goals and an assist against the Platers. Esche finished with 27 saves.

Plymouth 5, (At) Guelph 0 — Esche stopped 23 shots for his fourth career OHL shutout, and second this season.

It was the first time in franchise history that the Whalers recorded back-to-back shutouts. Scott Holsinger blanked Kitchener, 5-0, on Feb. 1.

Druken had two goals and one assist in Friday's win over the Storm.

Chatter:

The Whalers will host "Spawn Comics Night" during Thursday night's game against the Peterborough Petes at 7:30 p.m. Also, on Valentine's Day, carnations will be given away to the first 1,000 fans.

It's the first of three games this week against opponents with losing records. Plymouth plays Toronto St. Michael's

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'We've just got to get better'

Peter DeBoer
Whaler Coach/Gm

WHALER WATCH

OHL STANDINGS
(Through Feb. 2)

WEST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
LONDON	31	18	4	5-4-1	66
PLYMOUTH	28	18	5	4-4-2	61
SARNIA	24	18	9	5-3-2	57
ERIE	24	26	4	7-1-2	52
WINDSOR	18	31	3	5-3-2	39
S.S.MARIE	15	30	6	1-8-1	36

EAST	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
OTTAWA	30	14	7	7-3-0	67
BELLEVILLE	32	20	2	5-5-0	66
KINGSTON	29	19	3	6-4-0	61
OSHAWA	21	27	5	4-5-1	47
PETERBOROUGH	17	28	7	2-5-3	41
TORONTO	12	31	9	2-7-1	33

CENTRAL	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
GUELPH	33	17	5	3-6-1	71
BARRIE	32	15	4	3-5-2	68
KITCHENER	23	21	8	6-1-3	54
OWEN SOUND	22	26	4	6-2-2	48
SUDBURY	20	30	5	4-5-1	45
NORTH BAY	13	35	6	1-7-2	32

WHALER STATISTICS

Team Leaders:
Goals: Legwand (45)
Assists: Legwand (34)
Points: Legwand (79)
PIM: Boulerice (142)
+/-: Legwand (+32)
GAA: Esche (2.98)

CATCH OF THE DAY

All-Star goalie Robert Esche improved his stats to a career best 2.92 GA after Friday's 5-0 shutout versus Guelph.

UPCOMING GAMES:

- Thurs. vs. Peterborough at CSA (7:30 p.m.)
- Sat. vs. Toronto at CSA (7:30)
- Sun. at S.S. Marie (7:00)

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Salem pushes past Stevenson

Salem (7-0) remains undefeated in conference play

BY ERICA D'ANGELO

The Salem girl's volleyball team is still prevailing to be the best team in Western Lakes Athletic Association.

Last Wednesday, they won against Livonia Stevenson, who also had an unbeaten record.

Until they were crushed by the Rocks.

Salem won the first two matches, 15-11 and 15-5 to win the game.

The Spartans did put up a fight at first, and took the lead 3-1. The Rocks were able to keep hitting back though, and the score was quickly raised to 11-4, in favor of Salem.

However, Stevenson seemed to hit back

VOLLEYBALL

just as hard-scoring five straight points, making Salem push six tries before they could get their game point.

Unfortunately for Stevenson, they were unable to get back the spark they had the first game.

Salem dominated the second match, scoring the first five points. It wasn't long before they had the Spartans back in the bag, and took the game.

Their record is now 7-0 in the WLAA, and 26-4 overall.

Salem players worked together to cap-

ture victory, but many of them had great individual games as well....

Amanda Abraham, Ellen Stemmer, and Jenny Trott each had eight kills a piece. Andrea Pruett had four kills, and Laine Sterling had fourteen assists, while Kari Flynn had thirteen. Angie Sillmon also had a good game, with two blocks and seven digs.

State Finals are still more than a month away, but so far the Rocks have had the steam to keep going.

Their next few games include matches away against Canton next Wednesday, and Farmington Harrison tonight at home, starting at 5:30.

Plymouth Stingrays headed to state tournament

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One goal away from elimination, the Stingrays played into the night. The game went on through one overtime period, then another, then another, until after five sudden death periods it seemed destined never to end.

"They brought the Zamboni out twice during the overtime periods," said Michael Johnson of the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation department. "I think they did it to give the kids a rest."

The game continued, scoreless, into an unprecedented nine overtimes, when finally, after two and a half games worth of nearly non-stop play, it ended when Plymouth's Todd Pietela slid the puck past the Lakeland goalie for a stirring 1-0 victory.

"Pietela played for Lakeland last year," said Smith. "It's ironic that he got the winning goal."

More than three hours long, Saturday's 12 period game is believed to be the longest in league history.

"I've been involved in hockey for more

than 30 years, and that was the most exciting game I've ever seen," said tournament director Jay Gruchaia. "The crowd seemed to tire more than the kids."

"They've been skating five times a week

"That was the most exciting game I've ever seen"

Jay Gruchaia
Tournament director

since August," said coach Smith on his victorious team. "They were in good shape for a nine-overtime game."

While shorter than Saturday's game, Sunday's game to decide the championship was no less thrilling.

Plymouth gained an early 1-0 lead with a

first period goal by Mike Guzzo; but midway through the second period the game was tied on an acrobatic goal by the Lakeland captain. A scoreless third period and the teams, tied 1-1, headed into overtime again.

After the first overtime passed without a goal, the crowd began settling in for another long haul. But five minutes into the second OT it was over. Guzzo, the eventual tournament MVP, notched his second goal of the game, sending Plymouth into the state tournament.

"Both teams not only played well, they showed good sportsmanship," said Gruchaia. "Neither team deserved to lose."

The state tournament begins late next month in Wayne. That tournament consists of the winning teams from the eight district tournaments. The winner goes to nationals.

Coach Smith said prospects for a state championship are promising. "If they play what we call 'Stingray Hockey,' they'll have a good chance."

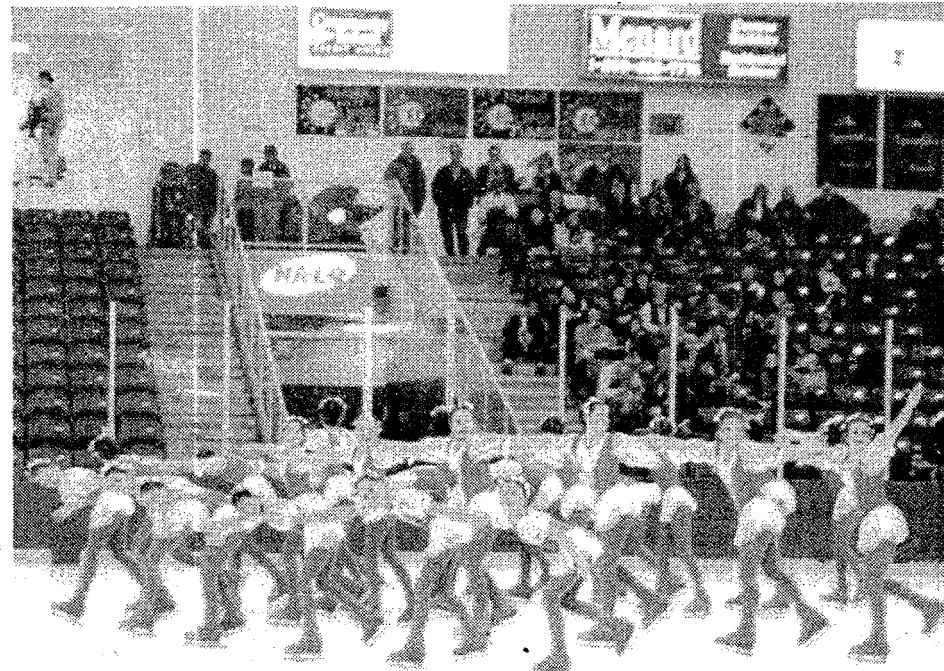
Whalers eye playoffs

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(12-31-9) Saturday at Compuware and travels to Sault Ste. Marie for a game with the Greyhounds (15-30-6) Sunday night. The Whalers (28-18-5) need to win all three games to close the gap with first-place London (31-18-4). "We've got two games at hand and we're three points back. So there's no doubt we've got to win those two games at hand to put us one point back, and then see what happens. These are games we've got win," said DeBoer.

They'll have to win at least Thursday's game without defenseman Sergei Fedotov, who missed last weekend's games with a lower back injury. "We're looking to have him back (this) weekend," DeBoer said.

There's 15 games left in the regular season, and the Whalers are still looking for consistent scoring from someone other than Legwand, Babenko and Taylor. "We've got to get more production from other guys. Guys like Steve Wasylo and Eric Gooldy who are both second-year players just aren't contributing right now," said DeBoer.



Precicely . . . Skaters perform at the **Midwestern Precision Team Sectional Championship** at Compuware Sports Arena last weekend. The event featured more than 145 teams and 3,000 skaters. Winners advance to the nationals in San Diego in March. (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.)

On deck

SALEM BASKETBALL

Friday at John Glenn. JV begins at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Churchill. JV begins at 6 p.m.

SALEM SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Stevenson at 7 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

Thursday, playoff at home at 6:30 p.m.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Today at home versus Harrison at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Creston Classic Invitational at 8 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Thursday at home versus Walled Lake at 7 p.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus Northville. JV begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday at home versus North Farmington. JV begins at 6 p.m.

CANTON BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday at home versus Churchill at 7 p.m.

CANTON WRESTLING

Thursday, playoffs begin at 6:30 p.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

Today at home versus Brighton at 7 p.m. Saturday at Traverse City, time TBA.

CANTON VOLLEYBALL

Today at Franklin at 5:30 p.m. Monday at home versus Churchill at 5:30 p.m.



Community opinions

City congrats: Hulce, PCAC building dedicated

EDITOR:

On behalf of the Plymouth City Commission, I want to congratulate Joanne Hulce and the other members of the Plymouth Community Arts Council on the dedication of the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

The history of the PCAC, from its beginnings in 1969, is the story of Joanne Hulce's commitment and dedication to the promotion of the arts in the Plymouth Community. There have been many other citizens who have also contributed to this effort over the years, but Joanne has been a

constant supporter and motivator throughout. It is therefore most appropriate that the new facility be named in her honor.

After many years of existence, in an

office facility with programs provided in facilities wherever they could be found, the PCAC made a major commitment in 1994 to acquire a vacant church building at 774 Sheldon Road.

The City Commission was pleased to play a small part in helping the PCAC to arrange building financing and obtain some grant money from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The dedication and commitment of many local citizens, lead by Joanne Hulce, made this project become a reality.

The community is very fortunate to have a wonderful arts facility for the benefit of all citizens, as well as outstanding community leaders such as Joanne Hulce.

DON DISMUKE

Mayor, The City of Plymouth

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A portrait of Joanne Winkleman Hulce by Edee Joppich. (Courtesy of the PCAC).

Fire fundraiser eases phone phobia

It was a Thursday night and the phone was ringing.

I stood at the end of the bed, looking at it, my mind torn with indecision.

It might be important, I told myself. It might actually be one of my friends calling just to say hello, or to invite me out.

It might not be a bill collector. I prided myself on being able to avoid phone solicitors, bill collectors and other uninvited phone guests. But this time I couldn't quite get a handle on it.

I picked it up on the third ring. "Scott Spielman," an unfamiliar voiced asked.

My heart sank, my arm fell, the phone nearly dangling from my hand.

Crap, I thought. Bushwacked. Fooled. They caught me.

I could hear the monotone droning from the phone hanging in my hand, a relentless

outpouring of language that could only mean one thing: a telephone solicitor.

Gez what now? I knew it wouldn't be someone volunteering a credit card. They give me other types of calls, now. So I was probably either being asked to switch phone companies or save the manatees.

I could picture my apartment on fire, my life in the hands of these same people I was trying to avoid. The call would come in, and one of the firefighters would say: 'Hey, isn't that where Spielman lives?'

I put the phone up to my ear, waiting intently for a break in the stream of words so I could say a polite 'No thank you,' before I ignored the rest of the message and hung up.

My eyes glazed over as the man pled his case, but my ears caught on the words 'firefighters' and 'fundraiser.'

Oh man! I thought. No fair!

How could I hang up on a firefighter? These are the people who run into a blazing inferno when everyone in their right mind is running away from it.

This was definitely hitting below the

belt. Sure I could refuse. I could say I wasn't interested or didn't have any money, or gave at the office, and hang up in my usual way. But I was afraid to. These were people I didn't want to offend.

I could picture it, God forbid, my apartment catching on fire and my life in the hands of these same people I was trying to avoid. The call would come in, dispatch would call out my address, and one of the firefighters would say: 'Hey, isn't that where Spielman lives?'

My mind raced with such improbable consequences of refusing to make a contribution while my ears picked up other snatches of conversation.

The fundraiser was to help kids. How I could I say, I'm sorry, I'm not interested in helping children.

The man on the line told me his name, but it didn't stick in my mind; it was too glazed to remember any of the details, other than the fundraiser involved a performance by one of the actors from the '70s television show Sha Na Na.

I waited for another break in the

Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



monologue and piped up. "I'm on my way out the door, right now," I said. "But I work for a newspaper. Call me later in the week and I'll see if I can do a story," I told him.

But I made him promise not to re-recite the speech he had obviously read over the phone.

"It was that obvious, huh?"

It was.

He agreed, and I hung up the phone, my ear still red and warm from the receiver. He hasn't called back yet, and I've been unable to remember his name or the particular cause he was promoting. Ironically enough, I'm now actually *waiting* for the solicitation call.

Oh well. It's for the firemen and the kids. Maybe I can help raise funds for more of the thermal imaging cameras recently donated to Plymouth Township's fire department by the Kiwanis.

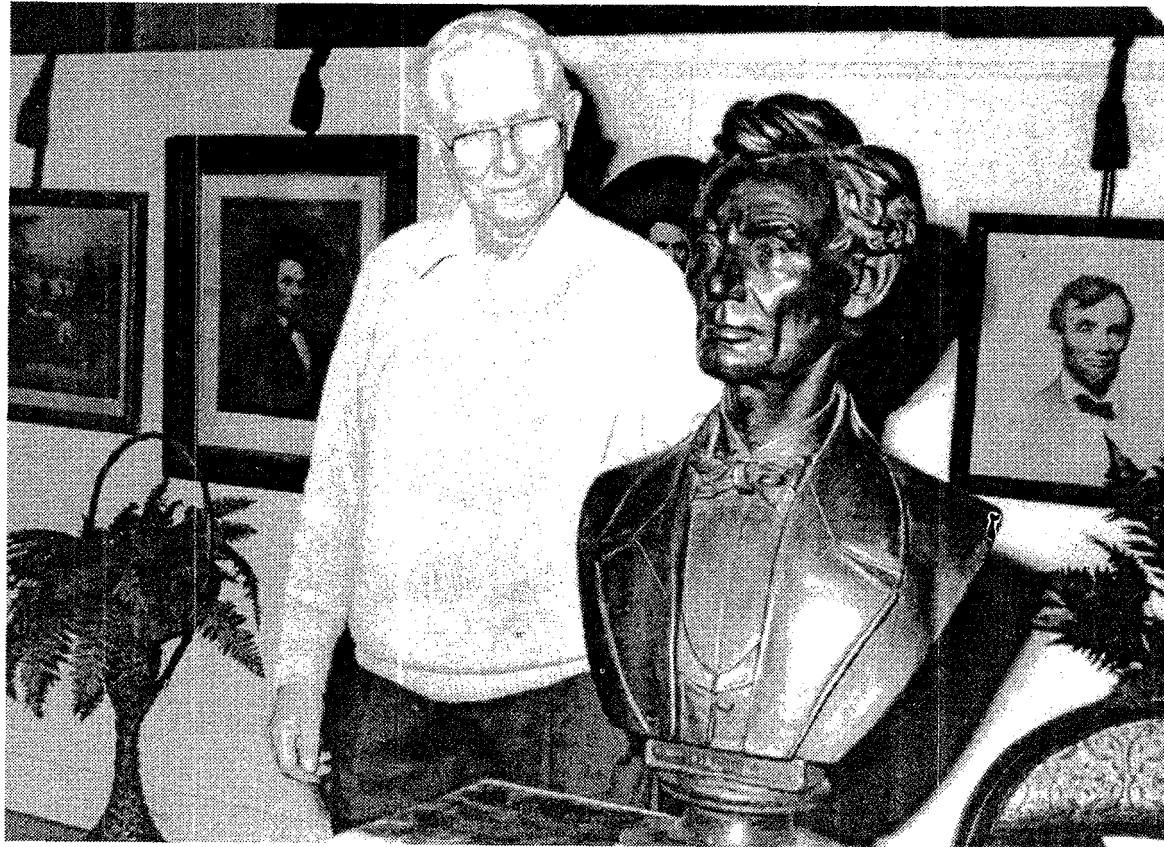
It's worth answering the phone for.



Community opinions

Welcome to the community, Mr. Lincoln

Next week, the Plymouth Historical Museum will open its doors to the public and display, for the first time, its new comprehensive collection of Abraham Lincoln artifacts and memorabilia.



Seen by itself, the exhibit is impressive for its size and completeness. Its 8,000 pieces, gathered by Weldon Petz (pictured), easily rival other such privately accumulated collections.

But seen in conjunction with other developments in the community, it suggests something greater than a simple museum premiere. Just like the expansion of the Dunning-Hough Library, just like the growth of the PCAC and the dedication of its Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center, the Historical Museum's acquisition is an indication of The

Plymouth Community's commitment to cultural and artistic preservation and development.

Congratulations to the museum, its supporters and those who foster and utilize all of our cultural resources. And to Mr. Lincoln, welcome. You've become part of something bigger than a city — a *community*.

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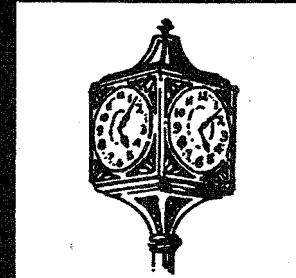
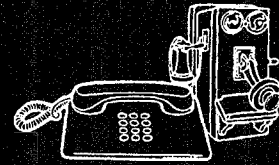
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