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Mayflower misses City tax deadline

City officials say, 'So what?'

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Mayflower Hotel owners did not meet the deadline Monday for paying the \$51,291 in adjusted taxes and interest by the date set up in the agreement between the Mayflower and the City of Plymouth.

"It's not an earth-shattering thing," said City Manager Steve Walters. "If they really want to wait until October, then we would add on a month's interest."

"We'd be silly not to take the money."

Plymouth Mayor Ron Loiselle refused to comment on the situation when contacted Tuesday.

Walters said Monday that he believed the Mayflower was waiting for the

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P-C teachers picketed at the school board meeting at West Middle School last week to show their unhappiness over stalled contract talks. (Crier photo by Lisa Lepping)

Still no P-C teacher contract

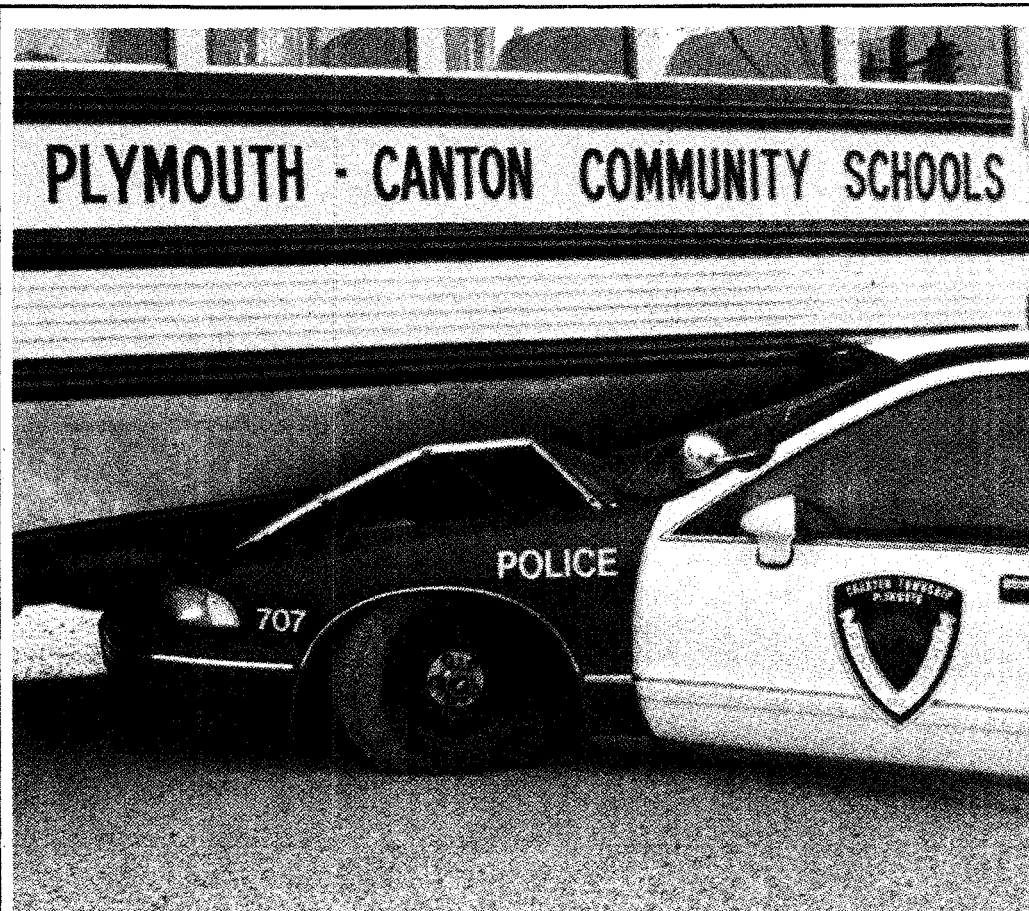
BY BRIAN CORBETT

In the shadow of a student walkout three days earlier, the negotiating teams of the Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association met Monday.

And for the second consecutive week, the teachers union submitted a proposal to its employer.

"We made a proposal through the mediator — again," said Tom Cotner, the union's chief negotiator. We didn't get a response yet, which is not

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A Plymouth Township police car, on its way to an armed robbery, slid under an empty Plymouth-Canton School bus. No one was injured in the accident. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

Twp. police car slams P-C school bus; no one injured in accident

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A Plymouth Township Police car struck a Plymouth-Canton School bus early Thursday morning on Mill Street, according to a Plymouth City Police report.

According to the report, neither the driver of the bus — which was not carrying any students — Rosemary Chapman; or the police officer were injured in the accident.

According to the report, the semi-marked patrol unit, driven by Sgt. Robert Smith, was traveling northbound on south Mill Street responding to an armed robbery in progress.

The report said Smith was attempting to follow another Township unit that had its lights and siren activated. According to

the report, the bus had pulled off the roadway to allow the other police unit north bound in the south bound lane.

After the police unit that had its lights and siren going passed by, the bus attempted to make a left turn into the private drive of East Middle School, according to the report.

Police said Smith tried to turn left into the drive to avoid a collision, but could not because of a vehicle leaving the drive.

According to Township Police Chief Carl Berry, the car that Smith was driving is not equipped with lights and sirens. He also said the bus attempted to make the left turn from the shoulder.

According to the police report, neither driver was issued a citation in the accident.

Craft Show

Old Village hosts first-ever
Craft Show this weekend

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Local business receives SBA
award as top minority-run firm

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Whale tale

Detroit Whalers take the ice
Saturday at new Twp. arena

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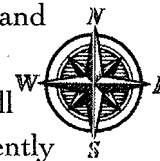
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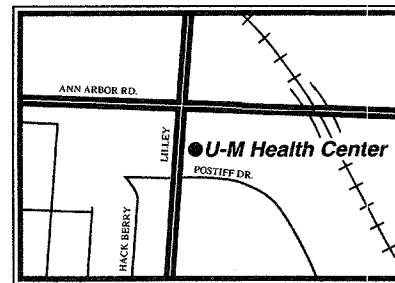
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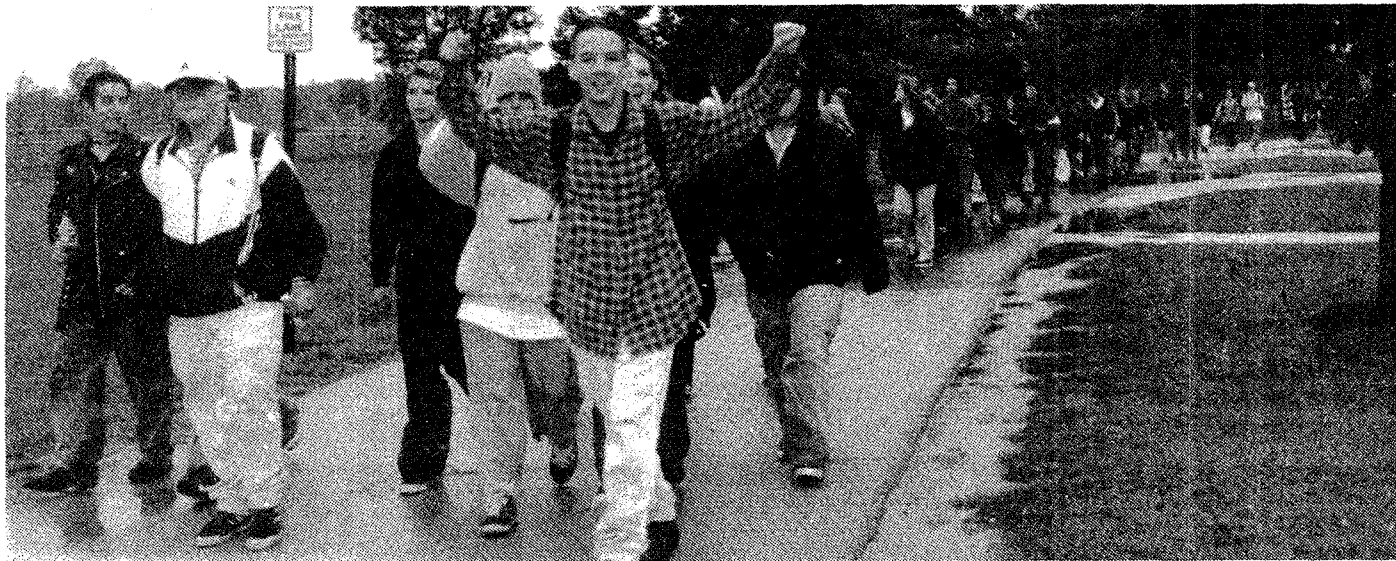


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Approximately 500 students left their fifth-hour class Friday to protest contract negotiations, which they say have resulted in teachers refusing to participate in after school projects not outlined in their current contract.

Students picket to protest contract talks

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The first month of school has witnessed numerous protests by Plymouth-Canton teachers, working without a contract, demanding a labor settlement with the P-C Schools.

On Friday, it was the students turn.

Despite a steady rain, hundreds of teenagers at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park walked out of their fifth-hour class to request a forum with administration and union leaders, and publicize their struggle in the contract battle.

The students, estimated between 200-800 and called "cooperative" and "responsible" by observers, chanted "We are Plymouth-Canton students" in response to a similar slogan teachers have printed on t-shirts to wear at P-C School Board meetings.

Dominated mostly by upperclassmen, the purpose of the walkout, student leaders said, was to display their anger over teachers refusal to write senior recommendations, participate in school groups and other activities during the labor strife.

They also requested an open forum with P-C Schools negotiators and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "We deserve the truth!" a student flier read. "How can a dispute be resolved when no one knows why they are fighting? The students deserve to know the truth."

The students appeared to achieve their goals. An after-school question & answer forum has been scheduled for Salem Auditorium tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

And sources told The Crier, teachers may end their boycott of after school activities.

"There were some serious-minded student out there who were upset with the administration for not having a contract in place and with the teachers and for not providing the services they feel they deserve," said Salem High School Principal Gerald Ostoin.

Ostoin said the students acted responsibly, complying with PCEP security requests to move their rally off the muddy football field and onto the stands.

There, with loudspeakers in hand, students spoke for approximately one hour. "Things are being taken away from us simply because of teachers' negotiations



The peaceful protest at the Canton football field lasted approximately one hour. The protest led to a after-school forum and possibly an end to teacher boycotts of out-of-school activities.

and there's no contract," said a student who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of disciplinary action.

"This shouldn't be all about money. It should be about us — about what we need," said Salem High School senior class president Katie Buckley. "We should not be told no to senior recommendations."

Later, after students had returned to classes to complete the day, Buckley walked into Canton High School teacher Matt Watroba's classroom filled with excitement. She had just found out about the plans for the open forum. "So I guess they achieved one of their goals. It was a good idea. I don't know if walking out was the best thing to do, but I think it turned out well because of the efforts of people like Katie Buckley," Watroba said.

That was a relief to administration after an earlier flier distributed last week encouraging a student walk out included expletives, resulting in the suspension of two students; the walk out participants

will not be disciplined, according to Ostoin.

"The tone of that note was vulgar and out of place, and it didn't reflect the attitude of the students' actions (Friday)," said Superintendent Charles Little, who agreed the protest was unfortunate but performed responsibly by the students.

PCEA President Chuck Portelli and chief union negotiator Tom Cotner took note of the students actions too. "I guess it's unfortunate on the students part. They're stuck in the middle of this," said Portelli. "Teachers are upset with what has happened at the bargaining table, or the lack of what has happened. This should've been done by now; we started in February."

"As much as possible, I'd like to see the kids stay out of it," said Cotner.

"I know they're stuck in the middle, but as much as possible, I'd like to see the students stay out of it."

Portelli and Cotner said they would join the P-C Schools at the proposed open forum Thursday.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- There will be a teen meeting at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton today at 6:30 p.m. Teens are encouraged to come and share ideas. Call 397-5110 for more information.

THE WEEKEND

- Ballroom dancing begins Saturday again this year at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton. Call 397-5110 for times and cost.
- The Detroit Historical Society Sunday Stroll will take place through the Cherry Hill Historic District in Canton. Canton Historical Society members can arrive at Cherry Hill School at 2 p.m.
- Local artist Don Schneider will give free glass bead-making demonstrations Sunday at the Van Dyke Park Hotel on Van Dyke Avenue in Warren from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Canton High School's Homecoming festivities will begin Friday at the football game. The dance will take place Saturday.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- Monday is the deadline to register for the Nov. 5 general election.

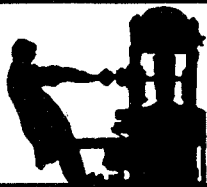
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The Crier's Detroit Whalers GUIDE is inside today's edition. Don't forget to use your "Go Whalers" poster at the game.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES • REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1996**

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 10, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the minutes as submitted for the September 17, 1996 Study Session of the Board of trustees. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.5 Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Link Engineering Company - Establish Date for Public Hearing - October 22, 1996. Mrs. Massengill then moved to approve the agenda for the September 24, 1996, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy asked for comments from the public. The owner of Mayflower Towing asked for an update on the Township's towing contract that expired two years ago.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing of assessment at 7:40 p.m. on Unisys Special Assessment District No. 6 for the installation and maintenance of street lighting for Haggerty and Plymouth Roads. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m. Mrs. Brooks moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-24-21 confirming the Special Assessment Roll as prepared by the Supervisor. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi
Resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Keen-McCarthy opened the public hearing for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Hess-Bright Michigan, Inc. at 7:49 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-24-21, granting a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, to Hess-Bright Michigan, Inc., for their facility located at 46815 Port Street, Lot 8, in Plymouth Corporate Park. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. The entire resolution is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Brooks
Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-24-23 for the 1996 Millage Request. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has given due reflection to the General Fund Budget for 1996 and Debt Service requirements appropriately funded through millage;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that there be levied on the taxable property of the Charter Township of Plymouth 1996 millage to be apportioned as follows:

General Operating	0.8297	
Police/Fire Operating	1.6594	
Fire Operating	0.8297	
Debt		0.2696
	Total	3.5884

AND, the Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to sign the Michigan Department Treasury's form L-4029 (1996 Tax Rate Request) certifying the millage rates as above.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Curmi, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

Mrs. Mueller moved to approve Resolution No. 96-09-24-24 adopting the 1996/1997 Budget for Western Townships Utilities Authority. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1996, the Board of Commissioners of the Western Townships Utilities Authority adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to present its budget to each of its member Townships for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget for the Authority for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, in the amounts presented is hereby approved.

Roll call:
Ayes: Arnold, Brooks, Griffith, Massengill, Mueller, Keen-McCarthy
Nays: Curmi
Resolution declared adopted.

Ms. Arnold move to not accept the single bid received and authorize re-bidding in January, 1997 for construction in spring of 1997 for paving cart paths at the Hilltop Golf Course. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Utility Easements for William and Joyce Johnson at 46656 Shamrock Lane and Delbert J. and Florence Banners at 46707 Shamrock Lane. Seconded by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved that October 22, 1996 be established for Public Hearing on Link Engineering Company's request for tax abatement on an addition to their existing facility located at 43855 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Lot 13, Plymouth Oaks Business Park. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Trustee Mueller asked if a policy could be implemented in notifying new homeowners of any pending special assessments.

Trustee Griffith announced that Schoolcraft College will be hosting a "From Me to We - Renewing America's Civic Life in an Information Age" on Thursday, October 24th live-via-satellite from Washington D.C. confronting current threats to American civic life such as: rising divisiveness and lack of trust; declining civic participation; the growing gap between the "haves" and "have nots"; and the isolating nature of new technology.

Ms. Arnold moved to receive and file Communications and Reports as listed. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Ms. Arnold at 8:48 p.m., that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations between the Charter Township of Plymouth and Teamsters Local 214. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267 of 1967, as amended by Act No. 256 of 1978 Article 15.268, Section 8, Paragraph c.

It was moved by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Griffith to return to open session at 9:19 p.m. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Curmi moved to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Charter Township of Plymouth and Charter Township of Plymouth Teamsters Local 214. Seconded by Mrs. Mueller. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Griffith to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. Ayes all.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 24, 1996. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on October 8, 1996.

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Local apple crops down as much as 70 %

Weather, bee-killing mites make fall harvest even more chilly for local mills

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Apple harvests in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community are down as much as 70 percent because of erratic weather and a pesky mite that decimates bee populations, according to local cider mill owners. But like the hearty fall fruit, mill operations will continue uninterrupted.

Plymouth Orchard & Cider Mill owner Mary Emmett said they are importing apples from other areas and have halted their "U-Pick" apple operation because of the poor crop.

"It was a hard spring," she said. "Everything was frozen too long. The crop is short all over the state.

"We had hail early on and were irrigating all summer long. Our irrigation pond was down nearly three-quarters."

Cheryl Nelson, owner of the 123-

Though talks continue, still no contract

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negative, in fact, it may be positive. I have no way of knowing. But I'd rather get no response than a negative one."

Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations Errol Goldman said the P-C Schools didn't reply because the informal offer was "pretty extensive."

"We had some informal discussions through the mediator, that's typically what happens at this point," he said. "We were just trying to explore alternatives."

Cotner said the PCEA's offer "attempted to address the employer's concern with health care costs, and keeping salary costs down."

This follows the first substantial progress during contract talks on Sept. 23, when the P-C Schools relinquished their salary freeze stance and offered a top-of-the-scale pay raise, and the teachers union altered its health care package per person deductible.

Another bargaining session is scheduled for Thursday, the same day a question and answer forum is scheduled at Salem High School with students — a demand made during Friday's walkout.

Fifth hour was interrupted that day at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park with student shouts and chants for a settlement between the two sides, who have been negotiating since February.

PCEA President Chuck Portelli shares the students' frustration. "They're (the students) stuck in the middle of this," said Portelli. "Teachers are upset with what has happened at the bargaining table, or the lack of what has happened. This should've been done by now; we started in February."

When asked of Monday's developments, Cotner said: "I have no feeling about it at all. I haven't got a response yet."

year-old Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill & Winery said the imported apples are more expensive. "The shortage also causes the cider to stay tart a lot longer," she said. "When more apples are available, we make a mix of the different varieties, which makes the cider sweeter. It's harder to do that now.

"It's one of the toughest years we've had in a long time."

In addition to the cold spring and dry month of August, local apple crops have

suffered because of a mite that has destroyed many bee hives. The tiny mite burrows into the esophagus of the bee.

"The mites started four or five years ago," said Emmett. "They really damage the natural bee population. We lost 40 hives a while back."

Without the natural pollination, apple crops suffer.

Despite these setbacks, both mill owners said fall tradition of apples and cider will continue.

In addition to the availability of apples, fall weekend weather greatly determines the mills' success.

"We had a great weekend," said Nelson. "We have a craft show on Saturday and Sunday and have hot dogs and kielbaska grilling."

Except for the elimination of the "U-Pick" portion of their business, Emmett said Plymouth Orchards, located on Warren Road, will continue their cider operation and wagon rides.

Mayflower owners miss tax deadline

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bank to release funds to them.

"The bank wants a letter from Amoco regarding the current test site," said Walters referring to the environmental study being done on the Amoco site.

"The bank has the letter from Amoco as of yesterday (Monday)," said Mayflower owner Matt Karmo. "The report looks good."

Karmo said he thought the taxes would be paid sometime within the next two weeks but was still waiting for the City to finalize the agreement between them.

"The agreement has not been drafted," said Karmo. "The City was supposed to

work on it but they haven't shown us anything."


Walters said that he hoped the agreement would be finalized this week.

"We're hoping to finalize our drafts this week," said Walters. "Then it will go to the two lawyers."

City Commissioner Joe Koch, one of two commissioners who voted against the agreement with the Mayflower, responded to the situation in a written statement.

"While I voted in opposition to this deal, I was encouraged by the good faith the City showed working with the Mayflower on the passed resolution. Therefore, this news is disappointing," Koch wrote. "Let's keep in mind, however, that they are only a day late with the taxes and I don't think this is cause to overreact."

"This issue and all relevant facts will be before the City commission at Monday's public meeting."



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is accepting sealed proposals for energy efficiency projects on a performance contracting basis. Proposal documents are available at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170 during regular business hours. Sealed proposals are due at 2:00 p.m., November 25, 1996, at the above address.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals to award a contract to other than the low bidder, to accept any or all alternatives, to waive any irregularities and/or informalities and, in general, to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Carrie F. Blamer, Secretary



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

Canton High School sophomore **Charlie Craven**, son of Charles and Gail Craven of Plymouth, recently competed at the National Inline Roller Speedskating Championships in Lincoln, NE. Craven rolled away with a bronze medal.

University of Evansville student **Matthew Myhrum**, son of Carvel and Bonnie Myhrum of Plymouth, has been named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the 1996 spring semester.

Canton residents **Stephanie Grell** and **Christie Saffron** were recently inducted into Madonna University's Nu Epsilon chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu, a national honor society for students with majors in the family and consumer sciences.

Held over until November — **Genitti's** is offering the Interactive Comedy Show "**Just Be Patient**" from the hit series E.R. For more information, call David C. McKnight at (810) 349-0522.

Hope College seniors **Jason Grimm** and **Olivia Welch**, both of Plymouth, have been elected to leadership positions.

Grimm, the son of Harold and Toni Grimm, has been elected president of the Emersonian fraternity (Phi Tau Nu).

Welch, the daughter of Robert and Sally Welch, has been elected president of the Sigma sorority (Sigma Sigma).

Mark your calendars for Halloween fun in October at **Northville's historic Marquis Theatre**, as they present "**Halloween Soup**."

Performance dates and times are: Fridays at 7:30 p.m., October 11, 18 and 25; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m., October 12, 19 and 26; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., October 13, 20 and 27.

For information call (810) 349-8110.

Celebrate Canton's heritage at the second annual "**An Evening at the Summit**" Nov. 16 at the Summit on the Park community center.

Tickets for the event, which runs from 6:30-11 p.m., are now available for \$45 per person, \$80 per couple.

Old Village Craft Show begins Saturday

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The setting for the debut of the Old Village Craft Show will look like an Old Village marketplace, according to organizer Dianne Quinn.

"This is a beautiful location and a historic district," said Quinn. "It needs some attention and this is one way to give it."

Quinn said that there will be more than 40 booths set up on Starkweather, Spring, Cobblestone Alley and Liberty streets.

"We're closing the streets at 6 a.m. Saturday morning," she said. "I'm really excited about this."

Visitors to the fair will be able to shop for wood cuts, stained glass, steam locomotion drawings, bees' wax candles and barn-wood santas.

"There will also be a lot of seasonal crafts for sale," said Quinn. "There will be a little bit of everything there."

According to Quinn one of the most exciting things for sale during the weekend fair, will be historical photos of Plymouth.

"One of the photographers will be premiering at the show historical pictures of Plymouth that they are reproducing," said Quinn. "They are working with the Historical Museum Society."

"These pictures are from the Civil War era."

In addition to the crafts on display, Quinn said there will be plenty of food, entertainment and craft demonstration.

"The Lowertown Grill will have a tent on Liberty with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres," said Quinn. "Station 885 will have Octoberfest-like items on their menu and the deli on Mill Street will have outdoor entertainment on their deck."

Quinn said that she hopes this first-year fair will become a yearly event.

"I think it will," she said. "That's what we're planning on right now."

"Once it takes off more people will want to get involved with it."

The craft fair will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Quinn said they are expecting a crowd and good weather for the event.

"As long as the weather cooperates, it should be a great weekend," she said. "And I know the weather is going to be fabulous."

Some like it hot: Chili Cook-Off helps Make-A-Wish

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

Do you make the best chili in Plymouth? Or does your salsa burn the mouth of even the coolest connoisseur?

Or are you just a fan of eating chili and sampling salsa?

If these questions have enticed your appetite than the Plymouth Chili Cook-

Off Oct. 13 is the place for you.

The first ever Plymouth cook-off was the brain child of Annette Horn, with the proceeds from the event going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

According to Horn there will be plenty of entertainment, food and drink for the whole family to enjoy.

"We're going to have about 50 classic Harley Davidson motorcycles on display," said Horn. "There will be two line dancing clubs and the David Kirsch Band will be performing."

Horn added that in addition to being able to taste the chili and salsa entries, there will be a chili pepper eating contest and a western barbecue dinner.

"There is something for everyone," said Horn.

The entry fee to enter the chili cook-off is \$30, but because it is a sanctioned event, the cooks must be members of the International Chili Society which is also \$30 for a one-year membership.

"First prize for the cook off is \$500, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$50," said Horn. "There will also be a \$50 prize for first place in the salsa competition."

Horn said that they can accept up to 40 entries in the chili contest and unlimited entries for the salsa competition.

Bob Schuman from Young Country, Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano, and Judge Ron Lowe are just a few of the many celebrity judges that Horn has lined up for the event.

"I've got a lot of judges lined up," said Horn. "And so far 18 cooks have entered."

The Plymouth Chili Cook-Off is being held from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park and The Gathering.

For information on entering the cook-off contact Horn at 455-8838.

Plymouth Community Fire Department celebrates fire safety week with open house

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department is going all out this year for National Fire Safety Week Oct. 6-12.

The department is holding an open house Saturday at Fire Station Three at the corner of North Territorial and Beck roads, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to Fire Chief Larry Groth, this is the department's first time hosting this big of an event for Fire Safety Week.

"This is our first year on a big scale like this," he said. "It will give the public a chance to see the station, to see how we operate and gives us an opportunity to put the message out about fire safety."

According to Groth there will be a lot of activities for the entire family at the open house.

"Will have a display of aerial operations, Huron Valley Ambulance advanced lifesupport services, the fire robot, the HVA robot and our fire department clown," said Groth. "We may also have a medical helicopter demonstration."

"And of course we will have the fire safety house there."

Groth said that the fire department has received support from local businesses for the event.

"Ford Motor Company is donating all the refreshments," he said. "We'll have hot dogs and pop available."

Groth said he hopes the Plymouth community will support the open house and come and see their firefighters at work.

"We have distributed thousands of flyers to the schools," he said.

For those people unable to attend the open house on Saturday Groth said you will still have a chance to tour a fire station.

"During Fire Safety Week you can tour any of the three stations between 2-8 p.m.," he said.

Scarecrow contest, festival comes to Canton

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Before the massive homes and beautiful recreation centers, Canton was a leading agricultural community.

That agricultural history will be remembered and celebrated Oct. 19-26 as the Canton Scarecrow Festival makes its debut in Heritage Park and throughout the community.

The festival, organized jointly by the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees, Canton Parks and Recreation Department and Canton Public Library, will be organized into three events: the Canton Scarecrow Contest; Canton Scarecrow Festival Storytelling; and the Scarecrow Festival Storytelling Contest.

The Scarecrow Contest

The Scarecrow Contest is hoped to be the base of the festival. Canton residents have always had a knack for decorating during the holidays and with the Scarecrow Contest, organizers expect that decorating will begin a little early. Participants will be asked to create a scarecrow to display in front of their home or business. Categories will include: most traditional; most creative; most humorous, people's choice; and most creative entry by a business. Judging will take place the week of Oct. 19-26, with the awards being presented the evening of Oct. 26 at the storytelling. Entry forms are available at the information desk in the Canton Administration Building.

Canton Scarecrow Festival Storytelling

Storytelling will take place Oct. 26 at 10 p.m. in Heritage Park. A tent will be set up, but seating is the responsibility for those attending. The storytellers will include Debra Christian, Will McCully, Pat Troy, Ron Lowe and the winners of the storytelling contest. The price of admission will be a canned good or other new and appropriate food product for each person over six years old. All donations will be given to First Step, an

organization addressing domestic violence, for use at the shelter for abused women and children. The stories told will begin humorous, light-hearted stories and get progressively more scary.

The Scarecrow Festival Storytelling Contest

Those with a talent for reading original scary stories can enter the Scarecrow Festival Storytelling Contest. Entry forms for the event are available at the Canton Public Library information desk. Deadline for entry is Oct. 18. Judging will be by committee and take place during the afternoon of Oct. 26 at the library. There are three levels of competition. They include: fourth and fifth graders; sixth through eighth graders; and ninth through 12th graders. The winners of each event will be asked to read their entry that evening at the storytelling event.

Festival chairperson Ron Lowe said scarecrows

represent Canton's rich agricultural history and the diversity of the community's residents.

"Canton's farming history has a lot to do with the creation of this festival," he said. "I've also been doing some reading on scarecrows and their history as they relate to farming."

Lowe said scarecrows are as old as farming itself. Scarecrow lore can be found throughout the world. The French called them "the terrifiers." The Zuni Indians named them "the watchers of the corn sprouts." The Japanese referred to scarecrows as "kakashi," meaning "bad smell," which was incorporated into their first scarecrows. In Germany, they are called "vogelscheuchen," or bird-shooers. Pennsylvania Dutch called them "bootzamon," which evolved into "bogyman."

Canton launches Fire Ambassador program

Canton's Public Safety Division will launch a "New Fire Station Ambassadors' Program" next month to give every Canton resident an opportunity to learn firsthand about the community's new fire station and headquarters building.

The Ambassadors Program enlists community volunteers to work closely with Canton's communications staffers to keep Canton residents abreast of construction progress on the new fire station and informed about any new developments that may arise throughout the term of construction.

Ambassadors will help with a variety of duties, including: making arrangements for Canton's Director of Public Safety and Fire Chief to visit neighborhood and community groups where they will give a presentation and host a question and answer segment

on the new fire station; creating and distributing a newsletter about the fire station; producing and distributing mailings; assisting with telephone calls to coordinate volunteer activities; and hosting special events. The kick off for the Ambassadors Program will be held Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Professional Development Center at the Summit on the Park. Volunteers will be greeted by Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, the Director of Public Safety John Santomauro and Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

Volunteers also will preview a computer-generated slide presentation, featuring the architectural plans and an artist's rendering for the new building.

Individuals interested in volunteering for the Ambassadors Program should call Sylvia Crawford at 397-6452.



Community deaths

Gertrude Allen, 85, homemaker

Gertrude Allen, a former Canton resident, died Sept. 17, 1996.

She is survived by three daughters; one son; five sisters; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Allen and one sister.

Services were held at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton. Arrangements were made by Pawlus Funeral Home in Belleville.

Mark Wayne Newsom, 87, machine operator

Mark Wayne Newsom, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 18, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Mary K. Newsom; two daughters; sons, Wayne Newsom of Plymouth and Jerry Newsom of Plymouth, and one other son; two sisters; 28 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a daughter.

Services were held at the Main Street Baptist Church in Plymouth with Rev. Eugene Bragg officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Patrick John Callan, 32, electrician

Patrick John Callan, a former Plymouth resident, died Sept. 18, 1996.

He is survived by his mother and father; sister, Debbie (Roger) Vojcek of Plymouth and one other sister; brother, Michael (Theresa) Callen of Plymouth; three nephews; and grandmother.

Eulogy and reflections were presented by family and friends at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Howard W. Stark, 94, Realtor

Howard W. Stark, a former Plymouth resident, died Sept. 21, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Stark; one son; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth under the auspices of the Plymouth Rock Lodge F.&A.M. No. 47.

Louise Davis, 90, homemaker

Louise Davis, a Plymouth resident, died Sept. 22, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, William Davis; son, Gene (Ardith) Epperson of Plymouth; one daughter; one brother; one sister; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were held at the United Assembly of God Church in Plymouth with Rev. Jack Williams officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Robert Arthur Shuman, 62, sales manager

Robert Arthur Shuman, a former Plymouth resident, died Sept. 23, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Shuman; two sons; two daughters; two sisters; his mother; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Hadley Funeral Chapel in Visalia, CA.

James L. Van Alstine, 75, business owner

James L. Van Alstine, a Canton resident, died Sept. 25, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel Van Alstine; one son; daughter, Linda Pavlik of Canton and one other daughter; one brother; three sisters; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Dave Woodby officiating.

Parnell E. Johnson, 75, carpenter

Parnell E. Johnson, a Canton resident, died Sept. 28, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian G. Johnson; daughter, Marlene (Vincent) Vulpi of Canton; son, Parnell E. Johnson, Jr. of Plymouth; two brothers; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

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

Delsa Abney, 71, homemaker

Delsa Abney, a Canton resident, died Sept. 30, 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Charles E. Abney; two daughters; two sons; one sister; three brothers; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton with Rev. Kelvin Hoover from Church of Christ in Plymouth officiating.

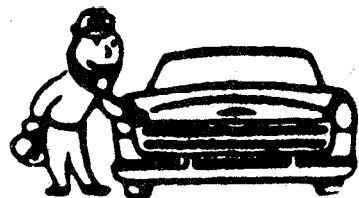
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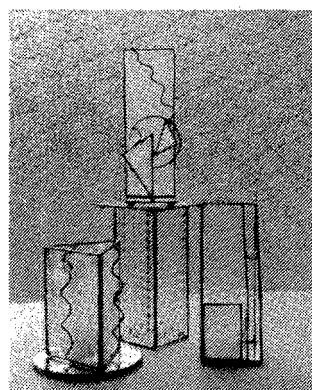
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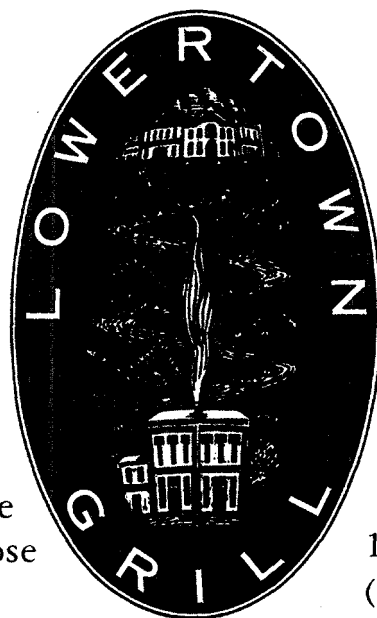
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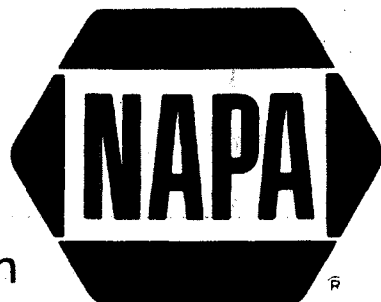


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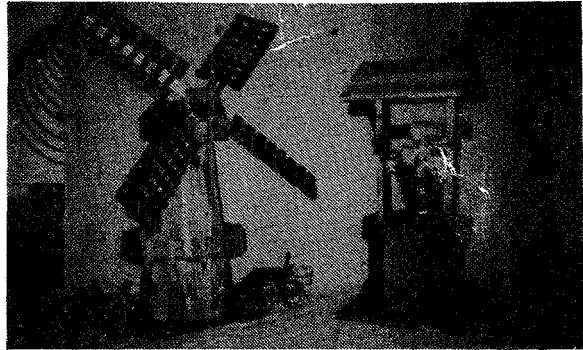
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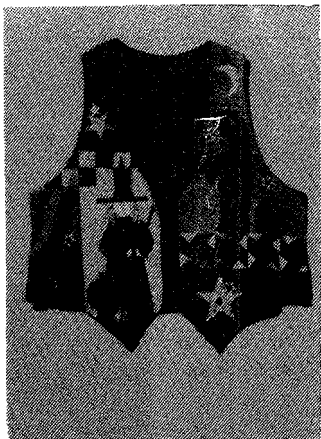
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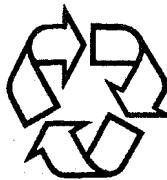


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Health...

DEPRESSION SCREENINGS

Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. in Canton. Counselors and therapists will be on hand to discuss the results of the self-administered screening. For more information, call 981-3800.

STRENGTHENING STEP FAMILIES

An eight session class for step parents and parents of combined families. Wednesday evenings 7-9 p.m., beginning Oct. 2, \$20 per session per couple. For more information, call 453-0890.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERIES

Four classes on women's health issues this fall at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Topics include perimenopause, osteoporosis and pregnancy preparation. All sessions from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required. \$5 fee includes refreshments. Dates are Oct. 15, Oct. 29, and Nov. 7. Classes are presented by physicians and other professionals. To register or for more information, call 397-5110.

"NUTRITOTS" NUTRITION EDUCATION SERIES

Series will be held in November at the Summit on the Park in Canton. Program teaches parents how to encourage good eating habits and offers games and videos for children to emphasize nutrition. The parents class includes food samples and tasting, recipes and a visit to a local supermarket. There is a \$15 fee for the series. For more information or to register, call 712-5400 or 1-800-231-2211 for the Ann Arbor series and 397-5110 for the Canton series.

GRIEF RECOVERY SERIES

Five-week series designed to help grieving people find hope and healing through group interaction. Limited to 20 participants. Professional facilitator. No charge. Tomorrow, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31 from 7-9 p.m. at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., in Plymouth. To register, call 459-2250.

FLU IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

\$2 charge for the influenza shot is requested, but indigent citizens may receive a waiver. **Canton Seniors**, Oct. 23, by appointment only, 9-11:30 a.m., 1-3 p.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. Call 397-1000.

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS

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

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Available twice monthly by appointment at Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call Frances Rudd at 455-7526 between 1-4 p.m. weekdays.

OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

Blood pressure checks, breast feeding support groups, childbirth preparation classes and infant CPR. For more information, call 454-8001.

AEROBIC AND STEP CLASSES

At St. John's Church, 574 Sheldon Rd. Morning, evening, and weekday classes. Classes ongoing, join anytime. For more information, call (810) 348-1280

LUNCHTIME EXERCISE

Lunch hour open skate at the Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Fees are reduced from regular open skate fees. Mondays: 12:30-1:50 p.m.; Wednesdays: 1-2 p.m.; Fridays: 10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. \$2 for City resident or full time worker in the City (please bring pay stub). \$2.50 non resident. Fifty cents skate rental. For more information, call 455-6623.

SMOKE STOPPERS

The McAuley Health building will hold a continuing stop-smoking clinic with a free assessment. Patch users are welcome. For more information, call Pat Harris at 712-4141.

Groups...

STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. For more information, call 455-7652. Amateur radio classes will be held Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall. For more information, call 453-3840, ext. 223.

SMOKERS' RIGHTS MEETING

People supportive of smokers' rights can meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at The Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Rd. For more information, call Marc at 455-1635.

PLYMOUTH OPTIMIST CLUB MEETINGS

The Plymouth Optimist Club meets every first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayflower Hotel. Meetings include dinner and a speaker. For further information contact Felix Rotter at 453-2375.

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Schools...

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The application deadline for winter scholarships to Schoolcraft College is Oct. 15. There are a number of general scholarships available in addition to specific funds for accounting, art and engineering students. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in the McDowell Center. For more information, call 462-4417.

CLASS OF 1976/CANTON HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Oct. 12 at the Holiday Inn West-Livonia at Six Mile Road and I-275. For more information: Canton Class of 1976, P.O. Box 461, South Lyon, MI 48178.

CLASS OF 1986/CANTON AND SALEM HIGH SCHOOLS REUNION

Saturday. For additional information, please call voice mail at (810) 401-5858.

ACADEMY APPLICATIONS

Nov. 1 is the deadline for men and women between the ages of 17 and 22 (by July 1996) to submit applications to one of the U.S. Service Academies to U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers. Application forms and full information may be obtained by writing Congresswoman Rivers, 3716 Newberry, Wayne, MI 48184. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, unmarried and legal residents of the 13th District.

Upcoming...

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA CRAFT FAIR

At West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 juried crafters. Admission \$2 and lunch available. Pottery, stained glass, dried and silk floral arrangement, dolls, jewelry, and more. Proceeds from the craft fair fund scholarships for students who are becoming teachers. For more information, call 416-7550.

SATURDAY STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN

Story times are open to children in kindergarten through first grade. Once a month on the first Saturday of the month beginning this weekend, following dates are Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. and are 45 minutes long. No registration required. For more information, call 453-0750.

"HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS" BENEFIT FOR ST. MARY

Oct. 17 at Laurel Manor in Livonia at 5:30 p.m. Star-studded evening of dinner and entertainment featuring nationally renowned recording artists and entertainments. For more information, call the St. Mary Hospital Foundation Hotline at 655-2907.

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM FALL CALENDER OF EVENTS

Oct. 15 "Made in Plymouth", chamber of commerce open house mixer, from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 27 last day of the "Made in Plymouth and Collections" exhibit. Nov. 6 grand opening of the holiday exhibition "Visions of Christmas." December 8 Museum Open House from 1-5 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Weldon Petz, "The History of Santa Claus" 2 p.m.

PLYMOUTH YMCA ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

Volunteers are needed, ages teens through adults. The Haunted House will be Oct. 25-26. For more information or to volunteer, call the YMCA at 453-2904.

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO

Play begins at 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Hill Hall, 230 S. Venoy in Westland. Proceeds go to the general fund to support Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball League. For more information, call 453-2040 or 326-3344.

PLYMOUTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17. For more information, call 453-0750.

Volunteer...

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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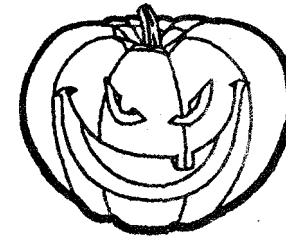
HOSPICE OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

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

PLYMOUTH COURT NURSING CENTER

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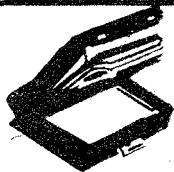
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Neighbors in business

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The Michigan Minority Business Development Council (MMBDC) named Plymouth Township-based automotive seating and interiors supplier **Johnson Controls** "Corporation of the Year" in recognition of the company's outstanding performance in supporting and doing business with minority-owned firms. The award was given last week at MMBDC's 13th Annual Awards dinner at Cobo Center in Detroit. Several years ago, Johnson Controls implemented its company-sponsored "Minority Supplier Development Program" to encourage increased buying from minority-owned firms. The company aims to buy at least 5 percent of total purchased goods and services from minority suppliers each year.

A groundbreaking ceremony for **Sumitomo Electric Automotive, Inc.**, a 40,000-square-foot technical and marketing center took place last week in the Metro West Industrial Park. This building will serve to design and manufacture prototypes and test brakes and wiring harness systems. Sumitomo supports the Big Three and Japanese automakers. The project will be complete the first quarter of 1997. Components of the Plymouth Township-based **DeMattia Group** are serving as land developer, designer and general contractor for the project.

Chrysan honored with SBA award

Kook-Wah Koh and Kwang Koh, chief executive officer and president respectively, of Plymouth-based Chrysan Industries, Inc. have been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Michigan's Minority Small Business Person of the Year. This is the first time that a husband and wife team have won the Michigan award.

Dwight G. Reynolds, SBA's Michigan District Director said, "Chrysan Industries is an outstanding example of a minority firm that has emerged as a dynamic force in the marketplace. Mr. and Mrs. Koh exemplify the resourcefulness and perseverance that are needed to develop an outstanding business like Chrysan Industries."

In 1977, the Koh's founded Chrysan Industries on the eastside of Detroit with one other employee. The company had no sales for the first month and only a \$330 order the second month. From this start, Chrysan has become an important supplier to the automotive industry as well as other prime contractors. Now located in Plymouth, the company's sales are expected to reach \$7 million this year and there are now 22 full-time and four part-time employees.

In 1985, Kwang joined Kook-Wah as the CEO of Chrysan after a career in the synthetic fuels industry. Sales were about \$1 million and they wanted to take the firm to the next level of development. Since then, the couple has shared its management — she primarily does the sales, formulating and research and development, while he is responsible for manufacturing, development and design.

With doctorate degrees in chemical engineering, the Kohs have specialized in the manufacture of metalworking fluids and solvents. This is still the company's largest product line, followed by lubricants and hydraulic fluids, plus some commodity products such as anti-freeze, brake fluids and water treatment chemicals.

Over the past three years, their customer base has broadened, but the "Big Three" still provide nearly 90 percent of Chrysan's sales, including the coolant management contract at a Ford transmission plant and at a Chrysler facility.

This fall, Chrysan will break ground on a new 25,000 square-foot building for its offices and warehouse on a lot adjacent to their current plant. In five years, the company plans to improve its sales to \$19 million and employ twice today's staff.

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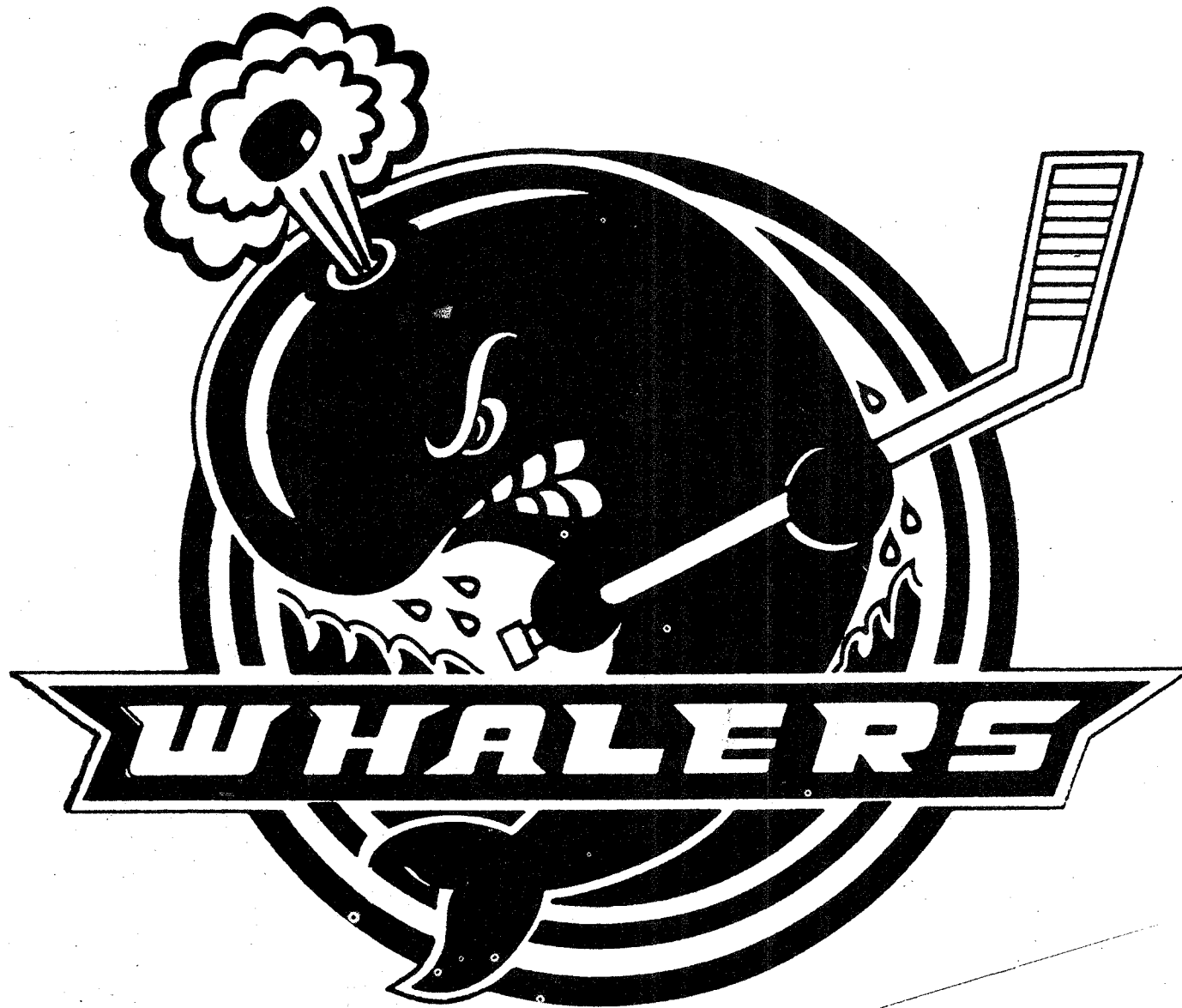
Both the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and Canton Chamber of Commerce have kicked off their annual leadership programs. Participants from Canton (above) include: Betty Bloch, Plymouth-Canton Business & Education Partnership; Pat Bloch, St. Fabian Parish; Patricia Collins, Postique, Inc.; Susan Davis, Plymouth-Canton School Board; Nancy Fogarty, Charter Township of Canton; Michael Gerou, attorney; Michael Guin, Charter Township of Canton; Bill Keith, WSDP Radio/P-C Schools; Greg King, Staples Office Supply; Kathleen Kittle, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Madhi, Good Food Company West; Sandy Moraco, Fordham Green Apartments; Jeanne Seifert, Canton resident; Jeff Smith, Chelsea Community Hospital; Janet Volante, First of America Bank; Nicki Wilson, Decorating Den; Alan Yonkman, Detroit Edison Company; and Kelly Young, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Participants from Plymouth (below) include: Linda Langmesser, City of Plymouth; Dawn Rossi, ADP; Rachele Dorais, Valassis; Sue O'Connor, Community Federal Credit Union; Carl Berry, Plymouth Township Police Department; Carrie Blamer, Plymouth-Canton School Board; Natalie Howse, AAA Michigan; Tom Nunez, Parker Hannifin Corp.; Ron Poland, Ford Motor Company; Jeanne Knopf DeRoche, The Knopf Company; Toni Knechtges, Howard Ternes Packaging Company; Norma LaValle, Schoolcraft College; Wes Smith, E & E Manufacturing Company; Colleen Pobur, Ameritech; Chamille Shy, Mission Health; Fran Toney, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce; Sandra Miller, Mission Health. (Crier photo [above] by R. Alwood Jr.)



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WHALERS SURFACE IN PLYMOUTH



Your **GUIDE** to the 1996-97 Detroit Whalers and Ontario Hockey League.

Whaler organization built on tradition

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Detroit Compuware Ambassadors probably don't sound familiar.

But that very same team will play its first home game in Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township Saturday night.

You might know them better today as the Detroit Whalers.

The team, in its seventh season, has changed colors as much as a chameleon and its name as many times as Roseanne.

But the Whalers have consistently turned out quality NHL prospects. Perhaps, it's the commitment of team owners Peter Karmanos and Thomas Thewes, who have established a winning hockey tradition that dates back to 1974, capturing numerous state, national and international tournament championships.

In that time, 27 Whaler players have been drafted by NHL teams, culminating with the Ottawa Senators' first overall selection of Bryan Berard following the Whalers 92-point 1994-95 season. A West Division championship and Memorial Cup appearance is quite an improvement over the Whalers 27-point, 1990-91 inaugural season.

It was Dec. 11, 1989 when the historic announcement was made, awarding Karmanos and Thewes the first-ever American team to compete in the Ontario Hockey League.

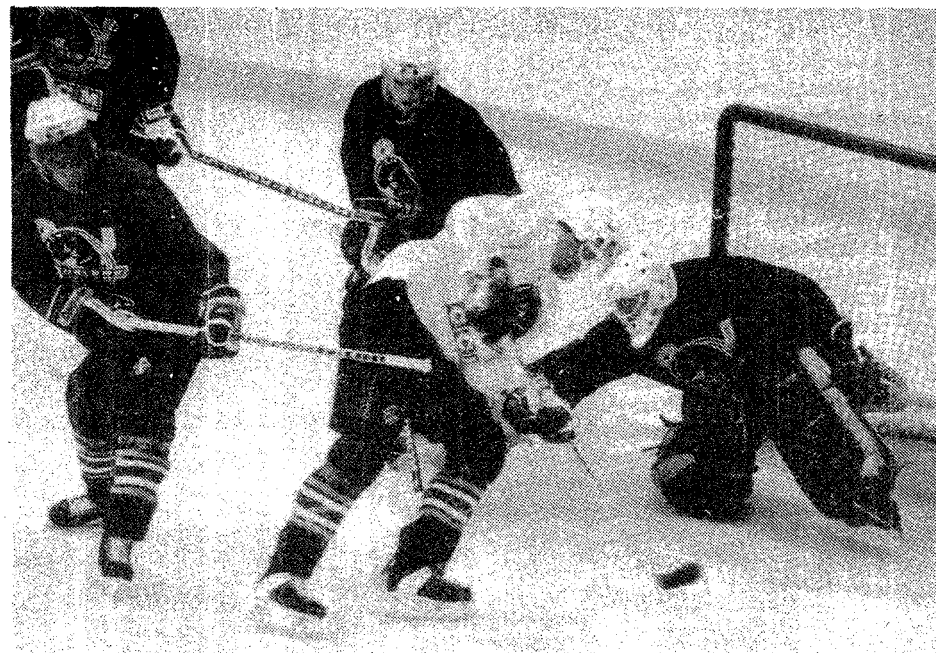
The new club was the Ambassadors, who set up shop in Cobo Arena. Despite the presence of emerging stars Pat Peake, Keith Redmond and Mark Lawrence, the Ambassadors posted a miserable 11-50-5 record.

The team allowed 378 goals that season, a team record that remains unbroken. But the Whalers scored goals too, particularly Peake, whose performance resulted in a first-round draft pick, 14th overall, by the Washington Capitals.

A year later the team improved to 23-42-1, good enough for 47 points and a seventh-place finish in the Emms Division. In 1992, the team adopted the name Junior Red Wings, moving to Joe Louis Arena, and began to win like the NHL's Red Wings, going 37-22-7 and finishing in second place in the division.

With Peake (52 goals), Todd Harvey, Kevin Brown and Bob Wren (88 assists, 145 points), the Junior Wings set several club records for offense, including 336 goals scored, fastest opening goal and fastest three goals by one player.

The goal total would go down the next season, but the point total would go up as the Junior Wings went 42-20-4 and won



This year's Detroit Whalers hope to build on a tradition of success. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

their first Emms Division title.

It only got better in 1994-95. Not only did the Whalers defend their division title, renamed the West Division, they posted a club record 92 points and 44 wins.

Goalie Jason Saal, a draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings, was stellar between the pipes with a 3.18 season goals against average.

Detroit won the J. Ross Robertson Cup as OHL champions to earn a spot in the Memorial Cup tournament against teams from the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

But the successful season was followed by the well-publicized eviction of the Junior Wings by Red Wings Owner Mike Ilitch.

Karmanos and Thewes, who had purchased the NHL's Hartford Whalers a year earlier, renamed the team the Whalers, and moved home games to The Palace and Oak Park Arena.

The team's performance didn't suffer, however. Last season, Bryan Berard and Sean Haggerty led the Whalers (40-22-4) to their third consecutive West Division title with 84 points.

Compuware Arena will be home to Whalers

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It was an ambitious schedule that probably had many doubters, but in seven months construction crews have nearly completed the spectacular concrete edifice in Plymouth Township that will be the home to the Detroit Whalers.

Dubbed "Compuware Arena," the magnificent 150,000 square foot facility on 26 acres of land east of Beck Road and within sight of M-14, houses two ice rinks — one NHL regulation size, the other meets Olympic specifications.

A pro shop is nearing completion and a restaurant — probably featuring the menus of Ginopolis and Big Daddy's — will be completed in the winter.

Compared to the other Ontario Hockey League arenas, Whalers players have, er, played hockey and gone to heaven.

Just ask Chad Cavanagh, who arrived last week from the London Knights. "He was pretty

overwhelmed with the facility," said Whalers Assistant Coach Steve Spott.

And he probably should be.

The team's locker room is larger than the Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena, down the hall is a weight room, trainer's room, drying room and additional locker rooms. A pleasant change from last season when the Whalers split home games between Oak Park Arena and The Palace. "We're very lucky we have a first rate facility now, especially for the trainers," Spott said. "They don't have to pack things up and move them around every week. We're very excited."

The arena itself seats 4,300 and is topped off by four private boxes, a booth for coaches and a press box. The pro shop and restaurant are located at the arena's west entrance.

But don't stop once you've passed the concession stands and entered the concourse area near the team's offices — that's just half of it. An Olympic-sized rink awaits you on the

north side with bleacher seating and additional media areas. It's all ready for a major skating competition. And don't think the Whalers' organization isn't planning that, according to Dave Darovitz, the Whalers director of marketing.

Down below, a game room and a spacious area with benches for lacing up awaits the anxious skater.

But before you grab you skates and stick, plan on calling first. Darovitz said the arena has sold essentially all of its ice time, with some late-night exceptions.

In addition to the Whalers, the Compuware Ambassadors, the Birmingham Brother Rice High School hockey team, seven teams for youngsters, hockey schools and figure skating have swallowed up a lot of the arena's open ice.

"There's such a demand for use around the metro area," said Assistant General Manager Kerry Kerch this spring... "That's why we threw down two sheets here."

Whalers, OHL produce top-notch NHL prospects

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Not too many people can claim to be the first player of a franchise, but Pat Peake can.

Peake was 16 years old when the Ontario Hockey League's first-ever American franchise, the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors, made the Madison Heights native their first selection.

A promising center on team owner Peter Karmanos' Tier II Junior A club, Peake was given the rare opportunity of entering the OHL and staying close to home.

Passing up numerous college scholarship offers, Peake quickly became a leader in the team's inaugural season, albeit a dismal one with only 11 wins in 66 games.

Besides avoiding homesickness and attending school in a foreign country, Peake would find playing in Detroit had even more advantages.

A hockey hotbed, professional scouts know the Motor City better for its hockey prospects than its automobiles. "The scouts would come into Detroit for a game and go out to (University of) Michigan, then they'd swing by and watch us," he said. "There's a lot of scouts watching in that area."

Someone was watching him.

The NHL's Washington Capitals made Peake a first round draft pick again, and the 14th selection overall in the NHL 1991 entry draft.

The Ambassadors improved slightly in 1991-92 with 23 victories, and so did Peake, but not enough to earn a spot on the Capitals' roster.

By 1992-93, Peake and his teammates had come of age, shedding the expansion tag in exchange for contenders. Now named the Junior Red Wings, the team finished in second place with a 37-22-7 record.

Peake recorded 58 goals that year, a team record that would stand until Sean Haggerty scored 60 last year. He was named to the OHL first team all stars — yet

again the first Ambassador/Junior Wing to do so.

Then, at 19 years old, Peake joined the NHL

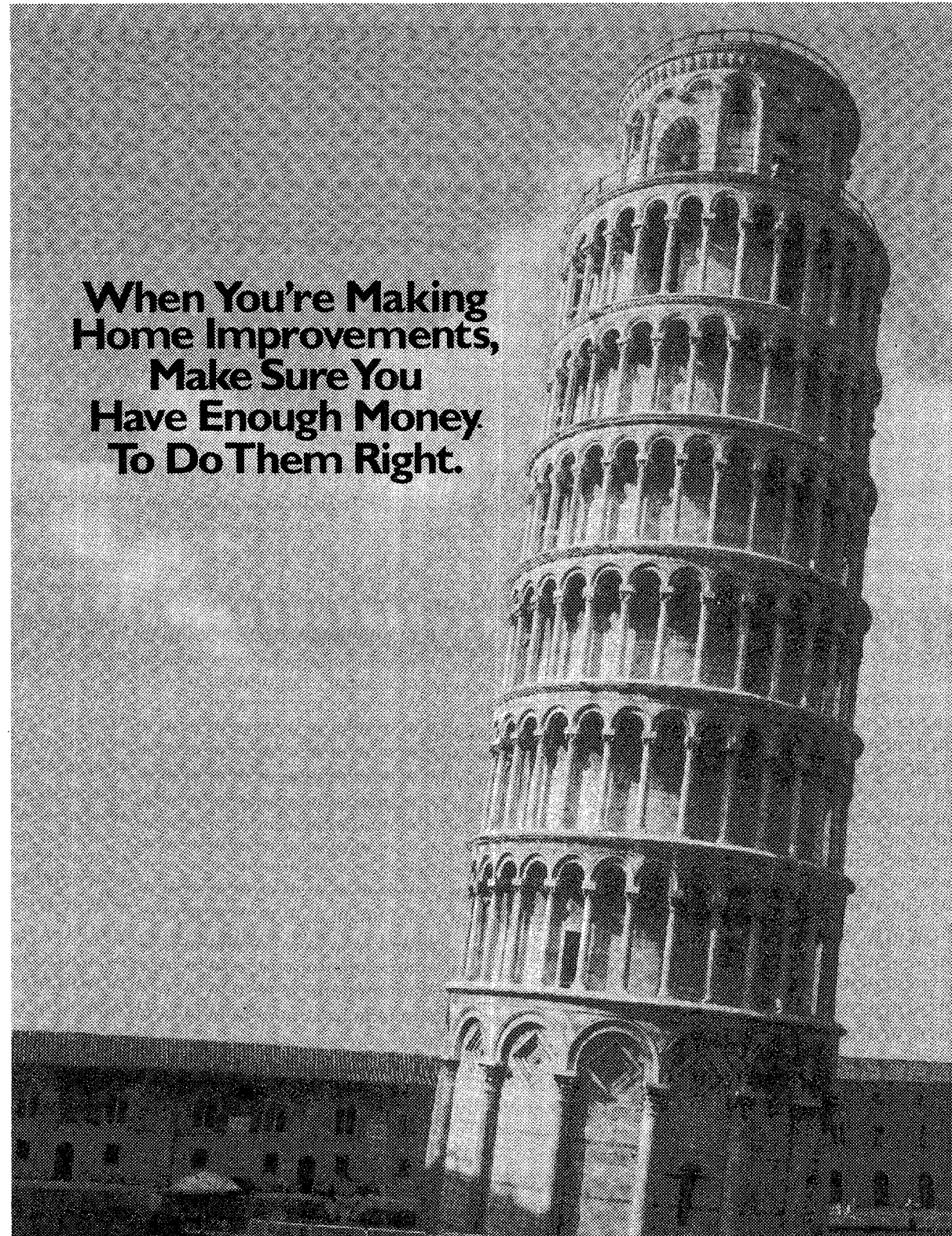
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Years later, he hasn't lost touch with his roots.

Peake said he will eventually visit the Whalers'

new home in Plymouth Township. "Oh yeah, I'll be out there this summer to check it out," he said. "Only

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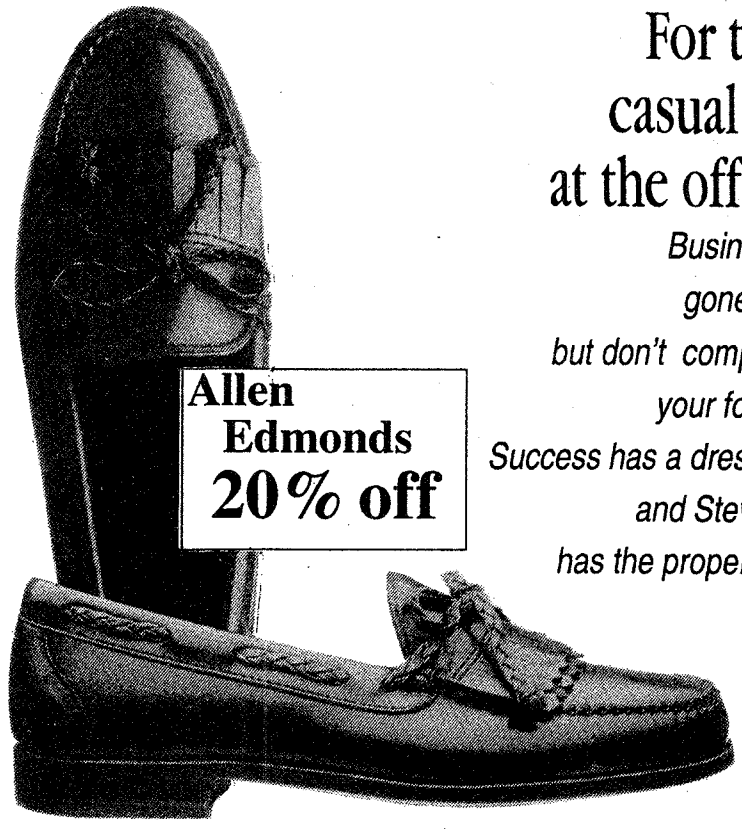
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Whalers team roster

The 1990s have witnessed an influx of international talent into North American hockey leagues.

From the OHL to the NHL, teams' rosters read like a United Nation's guest list.

And the 1996-97 Detroit Whalers are no different. From Alaska to Russia, Whalers players have migrated to Plymouth Township.

This year's roster represents two continents, four countries, two Canadian provinces and four states.

They may have never visited each other's hometown, their traditions probably differ, and they might not know a teammate's native tongue, but they all speak one language on the ice, and they all have one lifestyle — hockey.

Here's the pride of Plymouth-Canton, the Detroit Whalers.

Jesse Boulerice

Position: Defense
 Number: 18
 Height: 6'3"
 Weight: 215 lbs.
 Born: 8/10/78
 Hometown: Mooers, NY
 NHL Connection: 5th round, 133 overall, Philadelphia Flyers
 Favorite NHL Player: Scott Stevens
 Hobbies: Music and weight lifting

Mark Cadotte

Position: Center
 Number: 24
 Height: 5'9"
 Weight: 175 lbs.
 Born: 3/11/77
 Hometown: Windsor, ON
 Favorite NHL player: Wayne Gretzky
 Hobbies: Working out

Joshua Carter

Position: Right Wing
 Number: 9
 Height: 6'0"
 Weight: 185 lbs.
 Born: 2/23/78
 Hometown: Plymouth, MI
 Favorite NHL Player: Joe Sakic
 Hobbies: Rollerblading.

Harold Druken

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 19
 Height: 6'0"
 Weight: 205 lbs.
 Born: 1/26/79

Hometown: St. John's, New Foundland

Favorite NHL Player: Mario Lemieux

Hobbies: Fishing

Steve Dumonski

Position: Right Wing
 Number: 17
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 195 lbs.
 Born: 2/15/77
 Hometown: Dorion, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Cam Neely
 Hobbies: Fishing and Hunting

Robert Esche

Position: Goalie
 Number: 31
 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 200 lbs.
 Born: 1/22/78
 Hometown: Whitesboro, NY
 NHL Connection: 6th round, 139th overall, Phoenix Coyotes
 Favorite NHL Player: Martin Brodeur
 Hobbies: Tennis, volleyball and baseball

Sergei Fedotov

Position: Defense
 Number: 32
 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 195 lbs.
 Born: 1/24/77
 Hometown: Moscow, Russia
 NHL Connection: 2nd round, 35th overall, Hartford Whalers
 Favorite NHL Player: Slava Fetisov
 Hobbies: Soccer

Randy Fitzgerald

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 27
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 174 lbs.
 Born: 9/5/79
 Hometown: Toronto, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Wendel Clark
 Hobbies: Golf

Eric Gooldy

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 37
 Height: 6'3"
 Weight: 200 lbs.
 Born: 2/10/79
 Hometown: New Hartford, NY
 Favorite NHL Player: Cam Neely
 Hobbies: Golf, video games

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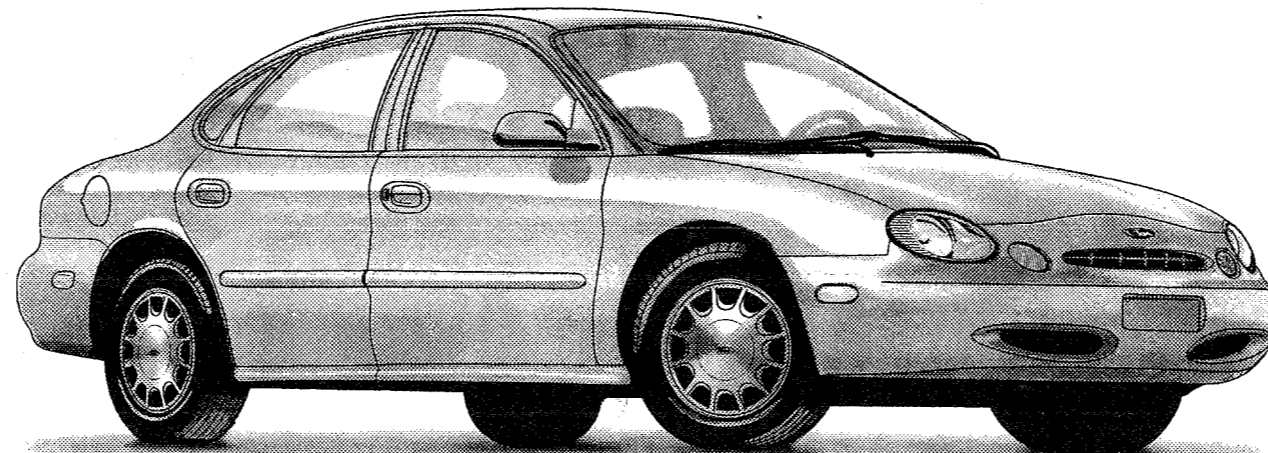
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Kevin Holdridge

Position: Defense
 Number: 4
 Height: 6'3"
 Weight: 200 lbs
 Born: 9/9/80
 Hometown: Novi, MI
 Favorite NHL Player: Chris Chelios
 Hobbies: Baseball

John Paul Luciuk

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 21
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 165 lbs
 Born: 4/21/79
 Hometown: Oshawa, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Joe Sakic
 Hobbies: All sports

Mike Morrone

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 13
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 213 lbs.
 Born: 1/3/76
 Hometown: Lasalle, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Mario Lemieux
 Hobbies: Fishing

Pat Parthenais

Position: Defense
 Number: 28
 Height: 6'4"
 Weight: 202 lbs.
 Born: 7/17/79
 Hometown: Rochester, NY
 Favorite NHL Player: Mario Lemieux
 Hobbies: Fishing

Luc Rioux

Position: Defense
 Number: 16
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 180 lbs.
 Born: 6/30/79
 Hometown: Hammond, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Paul Coffey
 Hobbies: Fishing, football and tennis

Julian Smith

Position: Center
 Number: 10
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 165 lbs.
 Born: 5/14/79
 Hometown: Nashua, NH
 Favorite NHL Player: Steve Yzerman
 Hobbies: Lacrosse

Troy Smith

Position: Defense
 Number: 7
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 194 lbs.
 Born: 7/31/78
 Hometown: Hamilton, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Steve Yzerman
 Hobbies: Golf, lacrosse, and swimming

Andrew Taylor

Position: Left Wing
 Number: 20
 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 195 lbs.
 Born: 1/17/77
 Hometown: Stratford, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Tim Taylor
 Hobbies: Golf

Anthony Terzo

Position: Center
 Number: 25
 Height: 5'11"
 Weight: 163 lbs.
 Born: 1/18/78
 Hometown: Scarborough, ON
 Favorite NHL Player: Steve Yzerman
 Hobbies: Fishing, soccer and golf

Jan Vodrazka


Position: Defense
 Number: 23
 Height: 6'1"
 Weight: 205 lbs.
 Born: 11/10/76
 Hometown: Plzen, Czech Republic
 Favorite NHL Player: Sergei Fedorov
 Hobbies: Music, football, soccer and baseball

Steve Wasylo

Position: Center
 Number: 22
 Height: 6'2"
 Weight: 190 lbs.
 Born: 7/11/78
 Hometown: Munster Hamlet
 NHL Connection: 4th round, 104th overall, Hartford Whalers
 Favorite NHL Player: Steve Yzerman
 Hobbies: Skiing and soccer

Nathan West

Position: Goalie
 Number: 30
 Height: 6'0"
 Weight: 178 lbs.
 Born: 9/29/78
 Hometown: Anchorage, AK
 Favorite NHL Player: Patrick Roy
 Hobbies: Surfing



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Whalers improve to 2-2 with road wins

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Compared to the last three divisional championship seasons, the Detroit Whalers .500 record going into Saturday night's home opener at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township is anything but spectacular.

But when you consider there are just nine returnees from last year's club, 2-2 isn't, well, half bad.

Add to that the fact all four games have been on the road, and all of sudden the pot of promise is brewing for the 1996-97 season.

The Whalers will try to add to a two-game winning streak before a capacity crowd Saturday versus Kingston. Here's a recap of the season so far:

Sept. 20, Guelph, Ontario — The Whalers fell to the Storm, 3-2, in both teams' season openers. Detroit held a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period on goals from left wing Harold Druken and defenseman Jesse Boulerice. But an early second period goal and a late third-period goal by the Storm's Todd Norman lifted Guelph

to victory.

Sept. 21, Owen Sound, Ontario — The Platers flattened the Whalers in a 6-2 rout. Detroit goalie Robert Esche was pulled from the game in the second period after the Platers scored three shorthanded and two even strength goals for a 5-0 lead. The Whalers avoided a shutout with third-period goals from Boulerice and Druken.

Sept. 27, Sarnia, Ontario — The Whalers fell behind 2-0 but responded with four unanswered goals to win their first game of the 1996-97 season, and upset the number two ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League.

Sarnia's Trevor Letowski and Todd Miller tallied scores in the first and second periods respectively to put Sarnia in the lead. But Detroit's special teams, still smarting from Owen Sound fiasco — responded with three straight power play goals and a late third period, short-handed goal to put the game away. Center Mark Cadotte began the onslaught at 6:32 of the second period. Andrew Taylor

evened the score with just 41 seconds left in the period on assists from defensemen Sergei Fedotov and Jan Vondrazka. Again with a man advantage, Druken added his third goal of the season and the Whalers' third goal of the game. They led, 3-2. Forward Chad Cavanagh, who had just been acquired by the Whalers from the London Knights for two late round draft picks, scored a short-handed goal at 18:28 of the final period.

Sept. 29, Erie, PA — In the first meeting of two American Ontario Hockey League teams, the Detroit Whalers defeated the Erie Otters, 3-0. It was the first OHL shutout for Esche, who stopped 34 shots.

With the victory, The Whalers improved to 2-2. The Otters, formerly the Niagara Falls Thunder, fell to 2-3. The Whalers used a power play goal by forward Anthony Terzo, a short-handed tally by center Steve Wasylo and an even-strength goal by Cavanagh to win.

The Whalers next game is tonight versus the Sting in Sarnia at 7:30 p.m.

Hockey fouls, penalties: *What does it mean when whistle blows?*

No, this kind of icing isn't what goes on top of a cake, and spearing has nothing to do with ice fishing. And, yes, this sport has offsides too.

Welcome to hockey — a game of fearless combatants that had its beginnings on the frozen ponds in the prairies of Manitoba and Ontario, and the waterways of Quebec and the Maritimes. While the hits are as bone-jarring as ever, the game has become increasingly swift in the last decade. Knowing the rules will help you keep up.

Charging into an opponent. It's charging if a player takes more than two normal steps. A minor penalty (see below) is imposed; a major penalty (see below) if injury is caused or if the charge is against an opponent from behind or against a goalkeeper within his crease.

High Sticking is carrying the stick above shoulder height. A minor penalty may be imposed at the referee's discretion. Hitting the puck with a high stick is penalized by a face off, unless the offending side loses possession against itself. A goal scored from a high stick is disallowed.

Kneeing or elbowing is a minor penalty, or a major penalty if injury is caused.

Spearing, butt ending or cross checking; spearing and butt ending are poking with the point or end of the stick. In a cross check, both hands are on the stick, and no part of the stick is on the ground when the opponent is hit. A minor penalty, or a major penalty if injury is caused.

Tripping may be with the stick, knee, foot, arm, hand or elbow. A minor penalty is imposed, except when the puck carrier is tripped from behind in the attacking (opponents') zone with only the opposing goalkeeper to beat. In the latter case, a penalty shot is awarded.

Boarding is causing an opponent to be thrown violently into the boards. **Slashing** is swinging the stick to impede or scare an opponent. **Hooking** is a minor penalty imposed on a player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by hooking with his stick. **Holding** is a minor penalty imposed on any player who holds an opponent with his stick or in any other way. **Interference** is a minor penalty. It occurs when a player interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent not in possession of the puck.

Fighting: this is self explanatory, isn't it? A major penalty. **Handling the puck** is a penalty when any player other than the goaltender picks up the puck in the crease area. Other infractions include kicking a player or deliberately intending to injure a player, too many men on the ice and misconduct toward officials.

Players are punished for fouls in several ways. A **minor penalty**, which sends the offending player off the ice for two minutes; no substitute is allowed, thereby awarding the opposing team a advantage called the "power play." Or a **major penalty**, rules the player off the ice for five minutes, and a substitute is allowed. Three major penalties results in expulsion from the game. A **misconduct penalty** sends the

offending player off the ice for 10 minutes; a substitute is allowed, and the player may only rejoin the game at a stoppage of play. A **game misconduct** removes the offending player from the remainder of the game. A **match penalty** excludes the offending player for the rest of the game and future games pending league notification.

Two passing rules that are vital to understanding the game are **icing the puck** and **offside**. The puck is "iced" when a player shoots the puck from behind the center line to beyond his opponents' red goal line. The puck is not "iced" if it enters the opponents' goal; if the referee considers that an opponent was able to, but did not, play the puck before it passed his goal line, or a stick touches the puck before it crosses the goal line. Offsides is called when a players' both skates are completely beyond the relevant line when the puck is passed from the defending zone to beyond the center line; from the neutral zone, across the center and into the attacking zone.

OHL produces top prospects

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it's getting a little scary, I don't really know that many guys there anymore. I'm getting old."

The Capitals schedule prevents him from attending any Whalers games but he is reminded of his OHL days when he sees several former teammates who now take residence in NHL cities, including the Dallas Stars' Todd Harvey and the Los Angeles Kings' Jason Saal. "It sure is a little bit different when I see them now," said Peake.

Other former Whalers who have been drafted are: 1991-Kelvin Redmond (Los Angeles Kings) and Mark Lawrence (Minnesota North Stars); 1992- Eric Cairns (NY Rangers), Kevin Brown (Kings), Derek Wilkinson (Tampa Bay Lightning), Aaron Ellis (Quebec Nordiques); 1993-Jamie Allison (Calgary Flames), Eric Manlow (Chicago Blackhawks), Jeff Mitchell (Kings) and Bill McCauley (Florida Panthers); 1994-Lee Jinman (Dallas Stars), Sean Haggerty (Toronto Maple Leafs), Corey Neilson (Edmonton Oilers), Tom Buckley (Hartford Whalers) and Matt Ball (Whalers); 1995-Bryan Berard (Ottawa Senators), Nic Beaudoin (Colorado Avalanche), Mike Minard (Oilers), Andrew Taylor (NY Islanders), Milan Kostolny (Whalers) and Mike Rucinski (Whalers); 1996-Steve Wasylo (Whalers), Jesse Boulerice (Philadelphia Flyers), Robert Esche (Phoenix Coyotes), and Sergei Fedotov (Whalers).

Yeah, but who do the Whalers play?

The Ontario Hockey League has 17 teams in the three divisions — West, Central and East.

Each spring four teams from each division compete for the J. Ross Robertson Cup and the opportunity to play for the Memorial Cup — the Canadian Junior Hockey championship — versus the Western Hockey League and the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The OHL franchises represent a broad landscape. There's the modern metropolis of the Detroit suburbs, across the river to the sister city of Windsor; and the industrial skyline of Sarnia. To the north, the tourist and skiing hot spot at Sault Ste. Marie, and the small town of North Bay nestled in the Ontario forest.

Here's a brief background of each team that might come in handy when they visit Compuware Arena. Or, pull out your map and follow the Whalers on their road trips.



City: **Barrie**
Team name: Colts
Club colors: Navy, red, white and gold

First season: 1995-96
Former Colts: Don Cherry (on the 1953 Memorial cup team, then known as the Flyers)
Home Arena: Barrier Molson Centre (seating capacity — 4,048)



City: **Belleville**
Team name: Bulls
Club colors: Black, gold, red and white

First season: 1981-82
Former Bulls: Darren McCarty, Marty McSorley and Brent Gretzky
Home Arena: Quinte Sports Centre (seating capacity — 2,962)



City: **Plymouth Township**
Team name: Detroit Whalers
Club colors: Blue, green,

white and silver
First season: 1990-91
Former Whalers: Pat Peake, Todd Harvey and Fred Brathwaite
Home Arena: Compuware Sports Arena (seating capacity — 4,300)



City: **Erie, PA**
Team name: Otters
Club colors: NA
First season: 1996-97

(formerly Niagara Fall Thunder)
Former Thunder: Keith Primeau, Brad May and Shayne Corson
Home Arena: NA



City: **Guelph**
Team name: Storm
Club colors: Black, blue and grey

First season: 1991-92
Former Storm: Mark Howe, Steve Thomas and Sean Burke
Home Arena: Guelph Memorial Gardens (seating capacity — 3,999)



City: **Kingston**
Team name: Frontenacs
Club colors: Black, gold and white

First season: 1973-74
Former Frontenacs: Bernie Nicholls and Jay Wells
Home Arena: Kingston Memorial Centre (seating capacity — 3,079)



City: **Kitchener**
Team name: Rangers
Club colors: Blue, red and white

First season: 1963-64
Former Rangers: Paul Coffey, Al MacInnis and Scott Stevens
Home Arena: Kitchener Memorial Auditorium (seating capacity — 6,273)



City: **London**
Team name: Knights
Club colors: Teal, eggplant, silver and white

First Season: 1965-66
Former Knights: Dino Ciccarelli, Brendan Shanahan and Tim Taylor
Home Arena: London Icehouse (seating capacity — 4,573)



City: **North Bay**
Team name: Centennials
Club colors: Black, white and gold

First season: 1982-83
Former Centennials: Derien Hatcher, Kevin Hatcher and Steve Larmer
Home Arena: North Bay Memorial Gardens (seating capacity — 3,523)



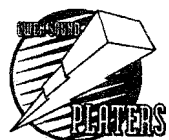
City: **Oshawa**
Team name: Generals
Club colors: Red, blue and white
First season: NA

Former Generals: Eric Lindros, Dave Andreychuk and Krik McLean
Home Arena: Oshawa Civic Auditorium (seating capacity — 3,418)



City: **Ottawa**
Team name: 67's
Club colors: Red, white and black
First season: 1967-68
Former 67's: Kris

Draper and Adam Creighton
Home Arena: Ottawa Civic Centre (seating capacity — 10,575)



City: **Owen Sound**
Team name: Platers
Club colors: Red, black, gold and

white
First season: 1982-83
Former Platers: Steve Chiasson, Gary Roberts and Kirk Muller
Home Arena: Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre (seating capacity — 2,800)



City: **Peterborough**
Team name: Petes
Club colors: Maroon and white

First season: NA
Former Petes: Steve Yzerman, Mike Ricci, Bob Errey, Mickey Redmond and Larry Murphy.
Home Arena: Peterborough Memorial Centre (seating capacity — 3,866)



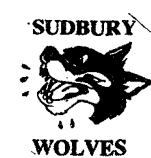
City: **Sarnia**
Team name: Sting
Club colors: Black, white, grey and gold

First season: 1994-95
Former Sting: Doug Gilmour, Dale Hawerchuk and Ray Sheppard
Home Arena: Sarnia Arena (seating capacity — 2,100)



City: **Sault Ste. Marie**
Team name: Greyhounds
Club colors: Red, white and grey

First season: 1972-73
Former Greyhounds: Wayne Gretzky, Bob Probert, Rick Tocchet, Ron Francis and John Vanbiesbrouck
Home Arena: Sault Memorial Gardens (seating capacity — 3,687)



City: **Sudbury**
Team name: Wolves
Club colors: Blue, white and grey
First season:

1972-73
Former Wolves: Dale Hunter and Pat Verbeek
Home Arena: Sudbury Arena (seating capacity — 4,760)



City: **Windsor**
Team name: Spitfires
Club colors: Blue, white and red
First season:

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Former Spitfires: Adam Graves, Ed Jovanovski and Craig Muni
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Gallimore principal placed on paid leave

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Gallimore Elementary School Principal Larry Cole is on paid leave pending further investigation by the P-C

Canton DDA receives award for streetscape

Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. has chosen Canton's Downtown Development Authority to receive a plaque commemorating the area's contribution to Michigan's beauty.

The 1996 Michigan Plaque will be awarded during the organization's two-day annual conference, to be held Oct. 10-11 in Frankenmuth. A member of the DDA board will attend the ceremony to accept the award, which will eventually be displayed in Canton Township Hall.

Completed in July 1995, the DDA runs along both sides of Ford Road, from Sheldon to Morton Taylor — an area of just over 33 acres. The project includes streetscape improvements such as sidewalks, lights and signage. Plans are currently underway to expand the district, from just west of Canton Center Road to Canton's eastern boundary with Westland (just east of Lotz Road) — an area of approximately 300 acres.

Schools, according to the district's Assistant Superintendent For Employee Relations Errol Goldman.

"We're looking into some concerns that were raised," Goldman said.

Cole refused to comment at his Ann Arbor home Monday. "I can't do that at this time," he said.

Cole's counsel, Jim Moore, said his client denies all charges. "Absolutely," Moore said.

"We're interested in a prompt adjudication, but we don't want to sacrifice a thorough investigation for that," he said.

Neither Moore nor Goldman would elaborate on the charges. "I don't want to discuss the allegations in the paper," said Moore.

Superintendent Charles Little also declined to comment.

Moore said some of the allegations "are quite stale, let's put it that way."

Moore said Cole wishes to return to his position.

Goldman said an investigation should be completed this month. "In the next couple of weeks we'll make a decision that's appropriate," he said.

Meanwhile Cole's interim replacement, George Dodson, has done an admirable job in an obviously tough situation, according to Judy Evola, the P-C Schools Community Relations director. "We do have George Dodson filing in and his presence in the building has been well-received," she said.



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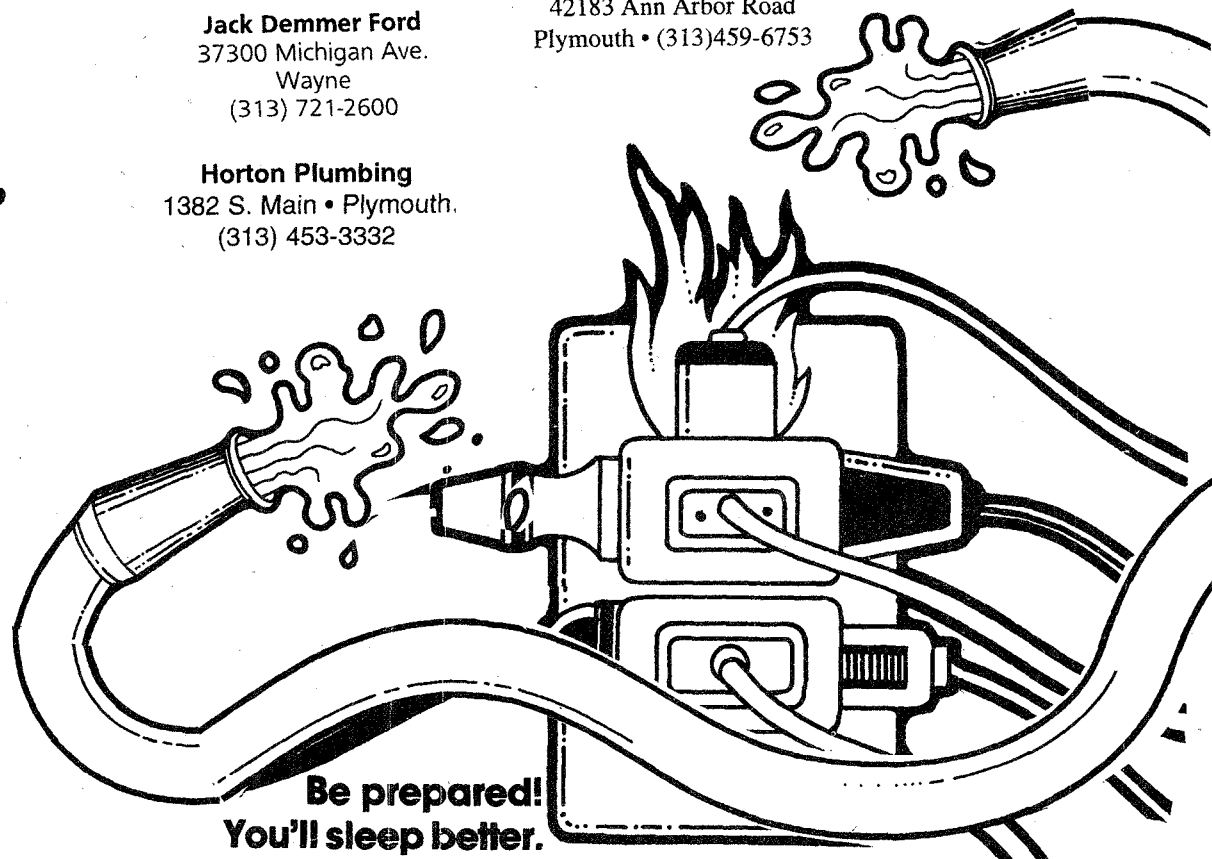
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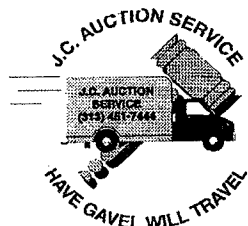
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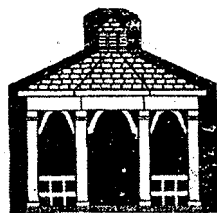


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Plymouth Township Police Investigator David Hayes and officer Eric Anderson-Smith stand next to Michael Sebastian Bosket (center) during Bosket's arraignment Friday. (Crier photo by Janet Armstrong)

Twp. nabs 'burger' lar

BY JANET ARMSTRONG

A Detroit man is in custody after allegedly holding up the Burger King at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, according to Plymouth Township Police.

Michael Sebastian Bosket was arraigned Friday on charges of armed robbery, felony firearm and habitual offender - fourth offense, according to police reports.

Bosket allegedly walked into Burger King Thursday morning, ordered food, produced a gun and demanded money, according to police.

According to police reports, Bosket allegedly fled the scene by car and was picked up shortly after by Redford Police following an all points bulletin.

Bosket will be in 35th District Court Friday for a pretrial examination.

Jaycees offer piece of 'Haunted House' pie to other service group

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are looking for a fellow service organization to help with their popular "Haunted House."

According to Jaycee spokesperson Tim Fedewa, the group is looking for another service organization to run a concession stand at the haunted house, which is located at 340 N. Main St. in Plymouth (behind the Plymouth Landing).

Any money collected by the service

organization from the concession stand would go to that group, with none of the concession money going to the Jaycees.

The Jaycee Haunted House will be open Oct. 10-12 and Oct. 18-30.

The group who runs the concession would be responsible for cleaning up and collecting any garbage created.

Interested service groups can call Fedewa at 455-0446.

Canton homecoming this weekend

The Canton High School 1996 Homecoming festivities are in full swing this week with a variety of school activities, culminating in the Friday night's football game and Saturday night's dance.

This year's theme is "Travel Around the World."

"We were just brainstorming last spring and we wanted to come up with a theme that would make it easier to build more floats," said Jan Sutherland, Canton High School activities advisor. "In the past, the themes have been too narrow... We figured with around the world, you can't get more open than that."

In addition to floats, the parade — which will begin at 6 p.m. at the Salem High School student parking lot and trav-

el to the football stadium — will also include banners, cheerleaders, Chieftettes and the 1996 Homecoming court representatives.

Spirit week activities began Monday with Crazy Hat Day, followed by College Sweatshirt Day yesterday, Class Color Day today, Vacation T-Shirt Day tomorrow and the traditional Red and White Day Friday. Also on Friday, a pep assembly will be held and the Homecoming King will be selected.

The gridiron contest features Canton versus the Franklin Patriots at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The 1996 Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime.

The dance will be held from 8-11 p.m. in the Salem High School gym and cafeteria.



Sports

Sports shorts

The **Salvation Army Volleyball Team** is looking for more senior citizen players. If interested, stop in at the Salvation Army on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. There's an annual cost of \$10.

The **Korean Tae Kwon Do** class meets every Monday and Thursday evening. Call Master Joe Hernandez at 313-389-5180 if interested.

There's "open gym" basketball Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. at \$1 per person.

Call the Salvation Army at 453-5464 for more information on any of the events listed above.

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a **Ballet/Tap/Jazz dance program** for ages four to adults with classes beginning Monday at the Summit on the Park. There will be new openings for beginning students and also limited openings for students with prior dance experience. The registration fee is \$25 with a one time administrative fee of \$5 per student plus a monthly fee to the instructor. Call 397-5110 for more information.

The Detroit Whalers announced that **individual game tickets are now on sale** for the 1996-97 season. Tickets may be purchased at the new Compuware Sports Arena located at 14900 Beck Rd. or by calling (313) 453-8400.

The **Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department** would like to remind everyone that registration for fall programs is still taking place. You can register at the Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or call 397-5110.

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering a Sunday men's basketball league. The entry fee is \$330 per team, there is a \$15 non-resident fee. The season is scheduled to begin Nov. 24. For more information call 349-0203.

Moshimer wins 200th

When Tom Moshimer began his coaching career in 1967 at Plymouth High School, he never dreamed that he would become part of high schools' coaching elite, but Salem football team's victory over North Farmington gave him his 200th career win.

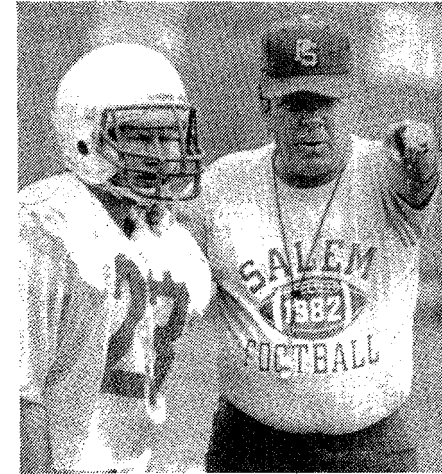
Moshimer left his coaching job at Dundee to coach football in Plymouth and at that time, there was no Salem or Canton high school. He became coach at Plymouth High School. Now Moshimer coaches the Rocks and this current win allowed him to join 19 other coaches in the state who have won 200 football games in their career. He became the 20th

coach in the state to reach the 200-victory plateau.

"This is a milestone in my career and it's something I'll cherish," said Moshimer, "but the kids winning the game is the ultimate. If you've won 200 games, you've won a lot. But the great thing is for these kids to be 3-0.

This is Moshimer's 38th year coaching high school football.

"Tom Moshimer is a fine coach," said Salem Principal Gerald Ostoin. "It's a pleasure to work with him. His recent accomplishment is an example that underlines the importance of determination and perseverance."



Salem coach Tom Moshimer has spent 38 years working toward 200 wins.

Rock solid

The Salem boys soccer team faces Franklin today at 7 p.m. at home and Troy Athens Saturday at home at 1 p.m. Salem defeated Brighton Saturday with tough defense and strong offense. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Canton tennis looks forward to match against Salem

BY RACHEL RAZGUNAS

Although they're off to a 3-2-2 record, the Canton girls tennis team is playing strong.

Canton defeated Churchill last week, 7-1.

Matches were won by: number one singles, Laura Belisle; number two singles, Mai Lam; number three singles, Jessica Dumas; number four singles, Patti Snook; number two doubles, Anjaili Shah and Jennifer Lenar; number three doubles, Melissa Robbins and Natalie Gut; and number four doubles, Carrie Kovachevich and Lizzie Brown.

It was a strong showing for Canton against a tough team. If it weren't for a few heartbreaking losses, the Chiefs could easily have a 5-2 record. The two ties came against Franklin and Harrison.

"We had a difficult time against Harrison," said Canton coach Barb Hanosh. "It ended up a tie with five of the matches going to three setters, and we were only able to overturn two of them in our favor."

The team's two losses were against Stevenson and North Farmington, both ranked high in the conference.

If Canton hopes to improve on their start, they will have to replace the leadership of last year's captains, Erin Fry and Nikki Rahmert. Taking their place are Belisle and number one doubles player, Shreya Shah.

"They have really taken a lot of leadership qualities and taken initiative on their own," said Hanosh.

The team lost Rupa Patel, Jill Smith and Jennifer Reddy from last year's squad. They look to remain strong with a talented

group assembled for this year.

Many team members have displayed incredible growth and tough play this year, including: Kovachevich and Brown, who in the number four doubles position has only lost one match this year; Snook, a new team member who has played tough; and Dumas, who has stepped up to the challenge at the number three singles spot.

"Dumas has definitely been a strong opponent," Hanosh said. "She has always stayed confident to the end."

Although the season is winding down with only four matches left, competition is still high.

Canton faces Salem this week in a cross-campus showdown. Hanosh said, referring to the match with Salem: "That is always a tough one because the girls usually know the other person across the net so much better and it makes it just that much harder for them sometimes."

The Chiefs are hoping for the chance to paint the rock in front of Salem High School red and white after the game.

Regardless of the outcome, the most important goal for the Canton girls tennis team is to have a great time. Hanosh said she wants the team to come away enjoying tennis and feeling as if they've been a part of something very special.

"The girls get along really well," said Hanosh. "They're very supportive of each other. And yet in the background, they know that our second goal is to do our best."

The team has already improved on last year's record and they are looking to improve on individual scores as the season progresses.

Plymouth kids help Stingrays win international title in Las Vegas

Having already won the North American In-Line Hockey Championships (NARCH) in Chicago last month, the Ann Arbor Sun & Snow Stingrays, who have a lot of Plymouth talent on the team, brought another title back to Michigan — the National In-Line Hockey Association's (NIHA) international Tournament title.

The boys, ages 9-11, topped a field of 24 teams from all over the Western Hemisphere, including Brazil, Quebec, Alberta, Hawaii and cities from every corner of the United States.

It was a big weekend for the Plymouth players, who include: Tom Mullen, Alex Parent, Steve Carter, Joshua Sciba, Bryan Genrich and coach Bob Parent.

"The fact that many of our opponents didn't speak English gave you a feel for the incredible scope of this event," said coach Bob Parent. "We had some communication problems, but the one language we all spoke was hockey."

Parent, whose Ann Arbor retail business (Sun & Snow) sponsored four teams at the Las Vegas finals, continues to be impressed with the growth of in-line hockey.

"The quality of play improves dramatically as the sport continues to expand faster than any other team sport in the states," he said.

In fact, in-line hockey recently overtook ice hockey in participation numbers.

The Stingrays opened the tournament Sept. 18 with a 7 a.m. game against Louisiana's Cajun Fury. Working on just a few hours of sleep, the Stingrays, led by Sciba and T.J. Hensick of Howell and the eventual tournament offensive MVP, White Lake's Brett Einheuser, turned a 2-1 halftime lead into an 8-2 rout of the Fury.

Day two's contest versus the Vail Hawks proved to be the 'Rays' toughest of the tournament as they eked out a 6-4 win, paced by Sciba's hat trick.

Hensick and Sciba continued to lead the 'Rays' in the next two games as they chalked-up easy wins against a couple California-based teams to lead Ann Arbor to the semifinals.

"T.J. and Brett were two of the smallest kids in the tournament," said Parent. "Everybody on the team played a tight checking game and although many of the



The Stingrays won the National In-Line Hockey Association's International Tournament recently. The team includes: (lying) Greg Barrett, (first row, left to right) Tommy Mullen, T.J. Hensick, Brett Einheuser, Bryan Genrich, Alex Jeffries, (back row, left to right) Matt Hunwick, coach Bob Parent, Corey Elkins, Joshua Sciba, coach Larry Elkins, Alex Parent and Kyle Spears.

guys didn't get the glory of goals and assists, the individual awards we would win (four) resulted from the play of the rest of the guys on the team."

In the semifinals, the 'Rays' again took it to a California team, this time topping the number two ranked California Condors, 6-2. In the other bracket, the number one ranked team lost, setting up yet another Michigan vs. California duel in the finals.

"California plays a wide-open game," said Parent. "They get the puck out quick and, since there is no off sides, try to set up a one-on-one play with our goaltender to a player waiting in our zone."

"This allowed us to play with a four-on-three advantage offensively. I had enough confidence in our goalie (Belleville's Jason Harris) to let us play with a man advantage in their zone."

In the finals, the California-style of play would again be no match for the Michigan kids as they hammered the In-

Line Kingdom Capitals for the title, 11-1.

All-in-all, the Sun & Snow Stingrays out-scored opponents, 51-11, and swept not only the title, but all of the individual honors as well. Winning individual awards were: Offensive MVP, Einheuser; Defensive MVP, Hensick; Sportsmanship Award, Hensick; and Best Goalie, Harris.

"This is probably the best time these kids have had in their lives," said Parent, who has a son (Alex) and a nephew (Tommy) on the team. "They were wowed by Vegas and the success they enjoyed at this international championship. Add that to the fact that they got to skip three days of school. They'll enjoy this for a long time."

"Topping all of that is that this is an unprecedented second national title in one year. So these kids get to walk around knowing that the Ann Arbor Sun & Snow Stingrays are undoubtedly the best 9- through 11-year-old hockey team in North America."

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SALEM TENNIS
At home versus Northville today at 4 p.m.

SALEM FOOTBALL
At Farmington Saturday at 1 p.m.

SALEM GIRLS SWIMMING
At Farmington Thursday at 7 p.m.

SALEM GOLF
At home versus Canton today at 3 p.m. At Walled Lake Central Friday at 3 p.m.

SALEM SOCCER
At home versus Franklin Today at 7 p.m. At home versus Troy Athens Saturday at 1 p.m.

CANTON SOCCER
At Churchill Today at 7 p.m. At Salem Monday at 7 p.m.

**CANTON BOYS
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At home versus Franklin Thursday at 4 p.m. At Ypsilanti Saturday for the Ypsi Braves Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

CANTON TENNIS
At Walled Lake Central today at 4 p.m.

CANTON BOYS GOLF
At Salem Today at 3 p.m. At home versus Walled Lake Western Friday at 3 p.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL
At home versus Walled Lake Western Thursday at 7 p.m. At Salem Tuesday at 7 p.m.

CANTON FOOTBALL
At home versus Franklin (homecoming) Friday at 7:30 p.m.

CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING
At home versus Franklin Thursday at 7 p.m. At home versus Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**CANTON GIRLS
CROSS COUNTRY**
At home versus Franklin Thursday at 4 p.m. At Ypsilanti Saturday for the Ypsi Braves Invitational at 9:30 a.m.

Plymouth-Canton Steelers beat Westland on last minute touchdown pass, 15-12

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers varsity football team had a close call against the Westland Comets.

With just four minutes left in the game the Steelers were down 12-0, when Jerry Gaines scored on a 13-yard counter. Charlie Haeger kicked the point after.

On the kickoff the Steelers successfully executed an onside kick with Nate Halbert recovering the ball at the Comet 35-yard line. With two minutes left to go, and the Steelers facing third down and 11 to go quarterback Chris

Hardy completed a pass to Chris Sherfey for a 25-yard touchdown to clinch the Steeler win 15-12.

The Steeler's junior varsity was not as lucky losing a heartbreaker to the Comets, 6-0.

The freshmen improved their record to 3-1 with an 8-0 win over the Comets. Josh Gay scored the lone touchdown for the Steelers from three yards out. Ryan Collins added two points when he sacked the Comet quarterback for a safety.



Community opinions

Remember garage sale rules, partner

I sauntered up the driveway and scanned the merchandise. The lady in charge sat quietly in her lawn chair, watching as I lifted an old cowboy hat from a table of clutter.

The tag read "five bucks."

The day was late and the customers few, so I asked if her price was firm.

"Oh, you can have it for free," I heard her say.

Well, in that case, YEE-HA! I tossed the hat on my head, thanked her very much, and rode off into the sunset with a grin.

After giving the exchange some thought, I realized I had made a terrible mistake. What she'd really said was, "You can have it for THREE."

Spurred by the guilt of my ill-gotten ten-gallon, I tried to return it, but couldn't find the woman's house again. So I made a decision. To make things right, I would have my own garage sale and pass the cursed hat to someone else.

I didn't know the first thing about having-giving-hosting a garage sale, except that I might jettison some junk for some tax-free cash. To gather information and learn from the experts, I hit every yard sale, estate sale, street sale and barn sale I could find. I saw more sales than the LakePointe Yacht Club ever will.

I blanketed The Plymouth-Canton Community from Ford to Five Mile, Mayfair to Mayflower, from Fox Run to Fox Pointe and all the way Beck again. It was not Lotz of Joy.

Finally, my research was complete and I had learned plenty. Certain common features were so prevalent, that I must consider them the "unwritten rules" for garage sales. I will be sure to follow them. Here they are:

1. Advertising. You need signs to advertise your sale. Construct signs of the flimsiest cardboard available, and make letters and numbers as small as possible.

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



Every attempt should be made to match the color of the writing with the background color — yellow pencil on white posterboard is very popular. Remember, keep the printing small.

2. Sign placement. When placing your signs at street corners, pay no attention to the direction or speed of traffic. Don't cluster your signs — try to leave 4-6 miles between them. And never, ever put arrows on signs. People should already know that 47597 Pheasantview is west of Sheldon and 49756 Pleasantview is east, right?

3. Mandatory items. The sale is not "official" without the following: two boxes of paperback books (the same titles at each house), one incomplete set of collectible cartoon character drinking glasses, a crock pot, bowling shoes (golf shoes acceptable), six dusty picture frames, a blow-dryer, and one piece of expensive exercise equipment, as seen on TV (like new).

4. Pricing. Price your merchandise on a completely random basis, with no rhyme, reason, or particular attention paid to the actual value of the items. Example: broken popcorn popper, \$9; slightly used motorcycle, \$3.75.

My garage sale was held recently. I followed the rules and it was moderately successful. A young dude asked about my cowboy hat and I told him he could have it for free. He took the hat and left \$3.

Teens deserve more credit for doing what's right

EDITOR:

At a recent Rotary Chicken Barbecue, a large number of high school student volunteers were working. Without them, the barbecue could not be held. They often work long hours at difficult, but important tasks. Each was supplied with a canvas apron and gloves, which they were expected to turn in after their task was completed.

A day or two after the barbecue, a woman telephoned my home to say she had obtained my name from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce as a person to speak to about matters related to Rotary (I am privileged to represent Rotary in the chamber). She said her daughter had been one of our volunteers and at the end of the day, her apron and gloves were accidentally mixed with some of her own things and taken home. When she found them, she was embarrassed and chagrined. Wanting to immediately bring them back, she found there was no place to turn to. The mother had promised to find a way.

Having failed to get the girl or her mother's name, I told her to drop them at the chamber office where I would pick them up and get them to the proper person. I am now tempted to have them framed or mounted to

remind us of what they represent.

I cannot address this letter to the young lady who made such a noble gesture, and this may be as well, since the only way to tell her how much we treasure what she did is to tell the whole community. The used apron and gloves are worth \$1 or so at most, but what they symbolize is worth millions. This act is equivalent

to what Abraham Lincoln is said to have done when he walked five miles to return a few pennies to a customer. It was the honest thing to do!

We often speak and act disparagingly regarding our teenagers. We can't stand the way they dress, the way they spend their time, their study habits and on and on. How great it is for us to be

reminded by an act such as this of the quality of character many of them possess. Blessings on the young lady, whomever she may be, who brought the things back and on her mother who supported her in doing the right thing.

Here's to our kids — they are better than we think!

E.J. MCCLENDON

School millage loss in Northville means property value drop; let's hope Plymouth voters are smarter

EDITOR:

Since I live in Plymouth, I find some comfort in the fact that Northville citizens are just as dumb as the folks in Plymouth.

On Sept. 23, Northville voters turned down two school millages, one for technology, and one for renovating and building schools. Until now, people who care about the quality of their children's education had begun to choose homes in Northville, over those in Plymouth and Canton, because of the schools.

Last year, we briefly considered buying a house in Northville's Pheasant Hills, but decided not to because Northville schools had not yet made the investment in technology that Plymouth-Canton Schools had. Also, since our neighborhood school has received summary accreditation, as have several schools in Northville, we

saw no advantage in moving.

I hope the voters in Northville will not mind watching their property values plummet. Half a million dollars is a lot to spend to live in a town with a second-class school system.

Here's a postscript to the voters of Plymouth and Canton: Soon the Plymouth-Canton School Board will ask you to approve a bond issue to build more schools since our schools are overcrowded.

I urge everyone to attend the meetings of the school board on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. They need to hear from you. The word is getting out that Plymouth-Canton Schools are underfunded and overcrowded.

Will you vote to improve our schools, or don't you care about your property values — or your children?

SHERYL TRIPP KHOURY



Community opinions

Schools place little value on teachers

EDITOR:

Apparently P-C Schools Superintendent Charles Little and the P-C Schools Assistant Superintendent for Employee Relations Errol Goldman feel they would somehow be remiss in their duty if they didn't fight to prevent teachers from getting a raise and keeping their health benefits.

These are the same teachers I heard speak to the board a few weeks ago listing the time they have given and the activities they have participated in for this district over many years. These are the teachers that voluntarily gave up a 3 percent raise three years ago in order to help out a financially-strapped district. These are the teachers who were told "we won't forget this" when they gave up their raises, but are now being ignored by many of those same people. Imagine how it must feel to make these contributions to the district and be told the district doesn't consider these contributions significant.

Little and Goldman are not from this community. They have no stake in this community. They are using Gov. John Engler's Public Act 112 as a means of negating the labor progress teachers have made. Neither the community nor the teachers welcomed the strikes that were part of our community's history, but the strikes led to several years of labor peace, and reasonable settlements were made with cooperation on both sides.

I'm sure many people in the community see this as a

positive step, and there was no reason to believe such cooperation would not continue into the future. That cooperation was based to some extent on a balance of power. Now, however, all the power is on one side. PA 112 has seen to that, and now that peace has been broken. Some people are alarmed by that.

Dean Swartzwelter, a former board president, has expressed his concern that what is happening is not a good way to deal with the people who teach this community's children. Swartzwelter thinks good working relationships are important. The current board apparently does not.

Even if the current board doesn't think dealing fairly with teachers is important, I trust the parents of this community realize what it would mean to this community if teachers were to resort to the only action we have left, which is to withhold all non-contractual work. As a teacher who worked for this district for 26 years, I know how many hours I put in on work I was never paid for. And I know I was not alone. And I know what the impact on the community would be if teachers no longer had the desire or will to put forth the extra miles the board likes to publicize.

Does this community truly want its schools staffed by demoralized people? I have suggested to my teacher friends that this is not the case, and I would like to see the parents in this community join Swartzwelter in letting the board know how they feel about the current situation.

BARBARA B. MASTERS

WSDP reunion committee needs help locating former broadcasting students

EDITOR:

The staff at WSDP appreciates the constant support and help The Crier provides us. Over the years, you have proved to be "The Newspaper with its Heart in the Plymouth-Canton

Community." Your advertising support, willingness to print articles and encouragement are very important to us.

We are currently working on our 25th Anniversary Reunion. It's hard

to believe that 1997 will mark 25 years of serving the community through broadcasting and training students.

We have heard from many of our former students, but many others have not been contacted because our mailing lists are outdated and incomplete. We are asking your readers to use their contacts to help us update our lists.

If you know of any current addresses for former WSDP staff members, please contact me at 416-7732. Many people have already passed on addresses that have been helpful, but more help is still important.

We are tentatively planning a reunion in the fall of 1997. An organizing committee will begin work in the next few months to plan the festivities. As a former graduate of WSDP, I'm eagerly anticipating the chance to catch up with old friends. It has been fun to hear from former staff members, especially as they share the important role WSDP played in their lives. Thank you for helping.

BILL KEITH
WSDP STATION MANAGER

Fitzsimmons is right for 13th

EDITOR:

We are following with interest the campaign of Joe Fitzsimmons and Lynn Rivers for the 13th Congressional District. Rivers is establishing herself as a negative campaigner, just as she has done in the past.

We have all heard the story many times of early pregnancy, struggle for survival, ordinary person, UAW member husband, hard life, night school for a law degree, struggle, etc., etc.

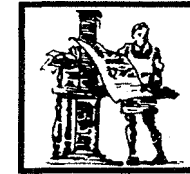
Isn't this better material for a soap opera than for candidacy for Congress?

Many of us have met adversity in our lives and risen above it. This may have been character building, but has it been her only prep course to serve in Congress? Rivers' main thrust seems to be about the difficulties of her life. We fail to see how this alone has qualified her to serve in Congress. Recently, she criticized her opponent because he had been successful in business. Is that a handicap for a person seeking a seat in Congress? Fitzsimmons has also risen above adversity, but this is not his only qualification for the job.

If Rivers has any genuine ideas, we would like to hear them. Each time that she speaks, it comes across as whining. Come on Lynn, this campaign is not about membership in the welfare society. You are opposing a man of proven ability and worth. Do you think you can match his qualifications? We don't think so.

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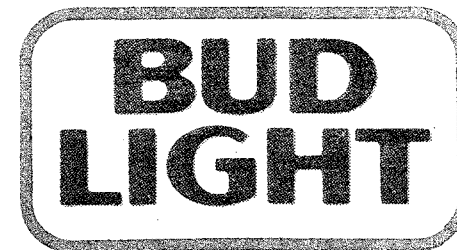
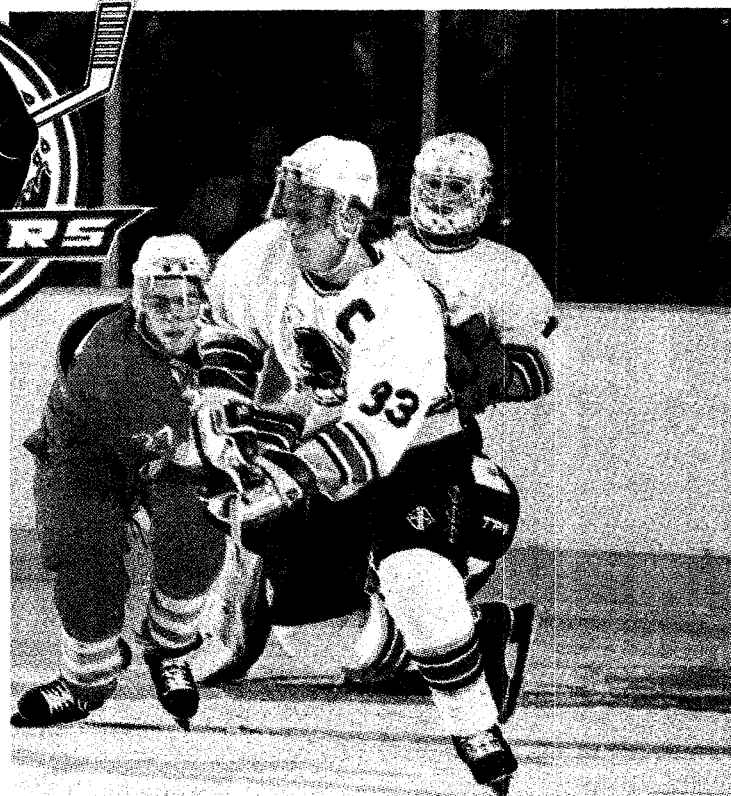
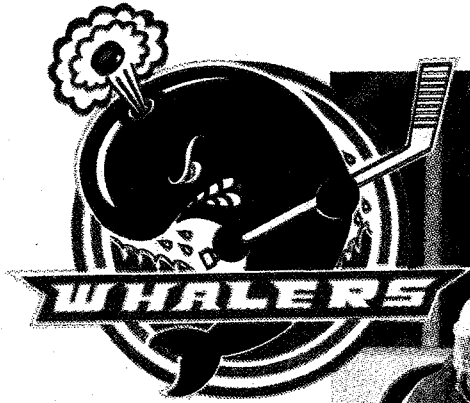
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