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Ice Festival begins



Eiji Suezawa, an international ice carver from Japan, works on his sculpture, getting it ready for today's opening of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. See pg. 5 and the Ice Fest GUIDE inside this week's Crier for more information. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Mayflower investors unveil plan to refurbish historic City hotel

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Following months of speculation, Mayflower Hotel investors unveiled architectural plans Monday to refurbish the 70-year-old downtown Plymouth landmark.

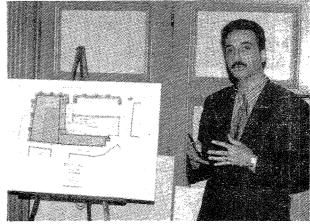
If the permit process and acquisition of a small amount of land from the City go smoothly, construction on the \$2.5 million project could begin as early as this spring—exactly 70 years from the time ground was originally broken on the hotel in 1927.

Plans include: redesigning of the exterior to a style more like the original hotel, includ-

ing an ornate cornice and rich wood trim; building a two-story service addition between the hotel and annex (1970s motel-like addition behind the hotel); and enclosing the annex building and redesigning it to resemble the hotel.

Matt Karmo, one of the Mayflower Hotel owners, said it has been a difficult project. "It's been a tough two years for us as investors," he said, "but we're glad we are where we are today.

"We've met some great people in the City of Plymouth and thankfully, the City of Plymouth has shown to



Victor Saroki, architect for the Mayflower Hotel project, outlined changes planned for the hotel's renovation project to the Plymouth City Commission Monday. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)

City of Plymouth has shown trust and confidence in us."

Karmo said a team of experts has been assembled to ensure the hotel succeeds during and after construction.

Architectural work will be completed by Victor Saroki of Victor Saroki & Associates in Birmingham; Roger Sherman Partners of Dearborn is handling interior design work; Scott Blackburn is working on communications; and Dan Hugelier of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program is helping with the menu and design of the restaurant and kitchen.

Joy Walker of Roger Sherman Partners said she tried to design a "functional, aesthetically-pleasing interior."

The lobby of the hotel will be moved to the Ann Arbor Trail-Main Street corner of the hotel. A "parlor effect" will be created with seating and a fireplace.

There will be a restaurant along Ann Arbor Trail and a 200- to 240-seat ballroom. A separate cafe will be designed along Main Street, along with a bakery and coffee bar.

The lower level of the building will include redesigned handicapped-accessible bath-rooms and a bar/lounge entertainment area.

"When we first started thinking about renovation, it was critical that we not try to compete with places like Holiday Inn and Hilton," Karmo said. "We want to create a downtown boutique hotel. This (construction) plan will make the hotel more upscale and position us in that market."

In addition to the lobby, food and entertainment additions, all the rooms will be completely renovated, Karmo said.

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Friendship

Former Plymouth resident remains friends with pen pal
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Hot business

Ice Festival means hot business for downtown retailers

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Detroit Whalers run into 'mad dogs' from the Soo

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Voting bill could cost Twp.

BY BRYON MARTIN

Tired of waiting to vote?

Passage of a House bill would force Plymouth Township to purchase 37 computer touchpad voting stations.

The bill would change current State election laws, which require precincts to provide one voting station for every 400 registered voters. Under the bill sponsored by Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, that ratio would double, requiring one station for every 200 voters.

"We've heard a number of complaints about long lines and waiting," Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth Township clerk, said. "This year's presidential election was one of the worst I've ever seen."

Although the additional stations would likely help shorten lines at the polls, their cost would be substantial, said Massengill.

The bill would require the Township to buy 37 voting stations and privacy booths, Massengill said. "It would be costly for the community, but it's one of those things that if the State says we have to do it, then we have to do it."

The Township spent about \$185,000 upgrading to computerized touchscreen voting stations in January 1996. Another \$72,000 could be spent this year reaching Hammerstrom's 1-200 ratio.

However, much of this \$72,000 cost could be paid with funds left over from the original voting station purchase, according to Massengill. "We came in under budget the first time," she said, "and we've got about \$65,000 left. We may have to amend the budget, but I know the money is there for us to use."

But when and if the money is used remains uncertain.

If the bill became law, the Township would have until its next

election to purchase the stations. Presently, no elections are scheduled for 1997.

Massengill said she hopes to delay the purchase until the Secretary of State completes its Qualified Voter File project (OVF).

The QVF is intended to streamline the voter registration process, eliminating redundant and inaccurate records, according to the secretary of state's office.

Massengill said, "I know our records are inflated. There are folks who've moved or are registered elsewhere, but are still registered here."

The QVF would prevent or eliminate those redundant names automatically. However, the QFV probably won't be online until 1998, and until that time the Township is responsible for all names registered there, redundant or not.

Eliminating redundant registrations would reduce the number of voting stations the Township would need to buy.

Each complete voting station used by the Township costs about \$2000.

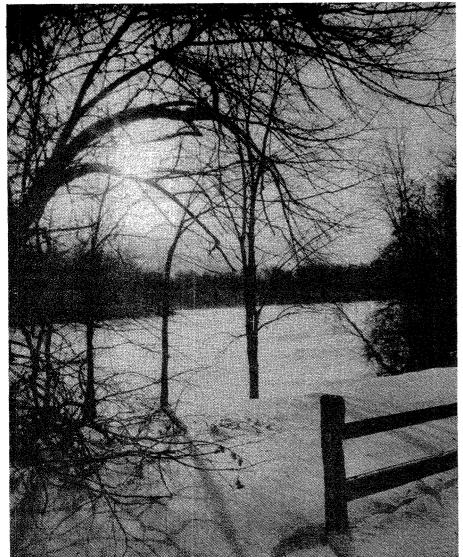
"I'd rather not buy any more stations than I have to," Massengill said.

The City of Plymouth uses older, mechanical stations which cost about \$200 each, according to Steve Walters, Plymouth city manager. "If the bill passes, we could easily get the 16 stations we needed."

According to Walters, the City is also exploring upgrading to digital card scanners, possibly by this summer.

Hammerstrom's bill was given to Gov. Engler Jan. 7. He has until Jan. 22 to sign or reject the bill.

Frosty field



Although cold temperatures keep many people in their houses during the winter, The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community can be a winter wonderland as shown by this frosty scene near Hines Park. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Liquor license bill might help Plymouth

Bill may help DDA attract restaurants

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

A bill creating 50 new beer and wine licenses for downtown development authorities and freeing liquor licenses in escrow for intercounty transfer could help Plymouth attract restaurants to downtown area.

The bill, signed by Gov. John Engler, will help Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Director Steve Guile attract new business.

"We're quite excited about this," said Guile.

"It makes our job a lot easier."

The lack of liquor licenses has prevented several restaurants from looking at Plymouth as a viable option. Guile said there are several restaurants wanting to open in Plymouth — and the new licenses will help convince them to choose the City.

It's still unclear how the licenses will be distributed, but Guile said Plymouth should be in line to receive one or more of them

The Lower Town Grill was the first restaurant to open in Plymouth in several years.

Most restaurants hoping to expand into the lucritive Plymouth market have trouble finding available liquor licenses.

Tom's Oyster Bar was expected to open in Plymouth last year, but as of now, the building on Penniman Avenue remains vacant.

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular takes over the community today. The 15th annual ice festival continues through Monday in downtown Plymouth.
- The Canton Economic Club meets today a noon at the Summit on the Park community center. The speaker is lobbyist Gary Owen.

WEEKEND

 The Detroit Whalers take on Sault Ste. Marie Saturday and Sunday at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Saturday game begins at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday game begins at 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

 Dr. Martin Luther King Day is Monday. Check with local government offices for changes in hours.

UPCOMING

 The Friends of the Plymouth District Library are presenting "Puppets and People: Who Really Runs the Show?" as their January Focus Program. The program will take place in the City Commission Chambers of Plymouth City Hall Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

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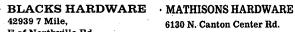


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The Crier is committed to correcting all factual errors

Weather causes havoc on M-14

Blowing snow and icy roads caused approximately 40 accidents Saturday morning on a stretch of M-14, east of Sheldon Road.

Plymouth Township Police closed the highway at around 9 a.m. as cars slid from the highway. Police said wind blows along the east-west highway, causing ice to build up during especially windy and snowy weather. One person was seriously injured in the accident.

Hotel remodeling plan announced

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The Mayflower's investors are currently interviewing "premiere" chefs. "The chef he or she — will be some kind of a partner so they'll have a vested interest in seeing the project succeed." Karmo said.

Currently, he said, four people are being interviewed for the chef position, one of which is being flown in from Florida.

Karmo said a \$2 million loan was secured, with the additional \$500,000 coming from the core group of Mayflower investors. He said they hope the project will be complete in just eight months. The hotel is expected to remain open during construction.

'This is an aggressive project," Karmo said, "but I'd call it low risk. In the condition that it's in now, we made money last year.

"I think it's a great deal for the City. It will spark a lot of interest in the downtown."

City Commissioners Don Dismuke and Joe Koch agree.

"I think this is going to be great for downtown," said Dismuke. "Matt is right. This one project could bring a lot to downtown Plymouth. I think we'll see a big difference over the next couple of years."

Koch said the Mayflower Hotel project is a move in the right direction. "This project is a positive move for the Mayflower Hotel," he said.

There is still one hurdle the Mayflower owners must clear before the project gets underway. They must secure a deal with the City to lease or buy land behind the hotel for the two-story service addition. The land is currently leased from the City.



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Frosty fun set for downtown as festival celebrates 15 years

(top left) Oakland Community College culinary arts students lift blocks of ice into place in Kellogg Park along Main Street. (above) Fumio Sakai, a carver from Japan, studies a model of an alien for his sculpture. (far left) Eiji Suezawa carves the base of one of the elaborate sculptures that will be part of the festival. (left, center) J.R. Lorentz of Garden City shows off the tools of the trade — chisels and chainsaws.

Crier photos by R. Alwood Jr.

Ice Festival begins in Plymouth today

BY MATT HUCAL

The sculptures are back and colder than ever.

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular is returning to downtown Plymouth today until Monday for its 15th year of exposing the public to some of the world's best professional, amateur and student ice carvers.

With last year's attendance estimated at nearly 637,000 people, Plymouth businesses can expect to be swamped by sculpture viewers from all around the country.

Professional carvers from the U.S., Japan, Norway and Canada will be featured in Plymouth, which in turn should create an international atmosphere for one of the nation's largest competitions.

"If you talk to people around the country and mention Plymouth they usually say, 'Oh, where the ice show is'," Mike Watts, festival organizer, said.

Watts said this year he's bringing in one of the largest loads of ice with about 350,000 pounds being shipped to Plymouth from southern Michigan. Carvings will take place in Kellogg Park, the Gathering and the Central

Parking Deck

Ted Wakar of Canton and Jim Bur Jr. of Eastpointe, winners of an ice carving world championship in Japan last winter, will participate and carve a special carousel around the fountain in Kellogg Park filled with animal sculptures celebrating the 15th anniversary of the festival. The duo will use this Festival as preparation for the ice carving competition in the Winter Olympics next winter.

Along with the professional carvers there will be students from Schoolcraft, Henry Ford, Oakland, Monroe and Macomb Colleges on hand demonstrating their own unique talents.

The fireworks display won't be repeated this year, but many other free events will be taking place for the five-day Festival. One of those events is the childrens' "Fantasyland", entitled "A Walk with the Animals", sponsored by Farmer Jack; a 24-hour Light Show from Bud Ice; a Gingerbread House Display; and The Visions of Christmas exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

- Today the "Visions of Christmas" exhibit will be open from 1-4 p.m..
 - Tomorrow the Celebrity Charity Carving

Competition will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering. The first place winner will have a donation made on their behalf to their favorite charity. All the celebrities will be assisted by a professional ice carver.

- On Friday the 20-hour, two-man professional carving team competition will take place in Kellogg Park from 6 p.m. through the afternoon of Saturday.
- Saturday will be a day of Individual College and High School competitions from noon to 4 p.m. The family warming room in the Masonic Temple (next to the Penn Theater), catered by the Schoolcraft Community College Culinary Arts Department, will open with hot dogs and soups being available to warm up the kids.
- On Sunday the individual professional and amateur competition will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the twoman student team competitions will be in Kellogg Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The final day of the Festival on Monday will include award presentations to the winners of the Middle School Art Students Ice Sculpture design contest at 4 p.m. in Kellogg Park.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

During their winter recess, the **PCEP Marching Band** competed at the 18th annual Fiesta Bowl National Band Championship, in Tempe, Arizona.

Performing a 10-minute Wizard of Oz routine, the band beat out 10 others, netting a score of 93.75 out of 100 possible to earn the First Place Award.

Air Force Capt. Janette L. DeVenny, daughter of Dorothy DeVenny of Canton, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal.

DeVenny is an obstetrics clinical nurse at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona.

The medal is awarded for outstanding achievement and meritorious service in the performance of Air Force duties.

After besting 10 other finalists, Central Middle School sixth-grader Cody Lobenherz earned a trip to the state level of the National Geography Bee. Lobenherz may compete against as many as 100 of the State's topscoring students.

Kris Sanford and Hollace Brown, of Plymouth, have been listed as associate degree recipients after completing studies at Washtenaw Community College.

Sanford and Brown graduated in August and December 1996, respectively.

Plymouth resident Erin Benger was among Bowling Green University's most recent graduating class. Benger received a Bachelors of Arts in Communication.

Winter commencement ceremonies at the University of South-Carolina's Columbia campus included Plymouth resident **David Justus**.

Justus earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science.

Lisa L. Craven, daughter of Richard and Magddale Craven of Canton, earned Dean's List status as a junior at Northwood University in Midland.

Elizabeth A. Fitrakis of Canton, a Northwood sophomore, also achieved the 3.0 - 4.0 grade point average necessary for the Dean's-List honor.

'Look at me!'



Plymouth Rock Lodge No. 47, F. & A.M. members Wilburn Fannin, Bob Fitzner, Earl Spaulding III, Dick L'Heureux, Bob Johns, Carl Marsee and Guy Bunyea recently presented a special bicycle to Ben Young. His parents, Becky and Keith Young and his sister Jessica Young thanked the Lodge for the bicycle. 11-year-old Ben isn't able to ride a regular bicycle. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Long-distance friendship passes test of time

On January 23, Helen Fortney will once again write a letter to her friend Kurt Maybaum in Germany. What will make this letter special is this time she will include a special gift marking their 50th anniversary of corresponding with each other.

It all began in 1947. The wounds of World War II were still fresh. Helen Fisher was a student a Plymouth High School. Helen wrote letters to six different addresses from the International Student Society. The society's goal was to help promote world peace through correspondence.

All of those correspondents continued for a couple of years but it was her letters to Maybaum that continued, and have continued for 50 years.

It was not until 1970 that Helen and her husband Matthew Fortney had the opportunity to finally meet face-to-face with Kurt and his wife Rosie in Amsterdam. They met again in 1976, when the Maybaums made their first visit to the United States and visited the Fortney's at their home in Plymouth.

Another meeting came by luck in 1989. A Hamburg, Germany newspaper, the Hamburg Abendblatt and the German Airline Lufthansa, gave away free trips to Hamburg. The trips were given in conjunction with the Hamburg harbor's 800th anniversary. Maybaum won one of the trips and gave it to his pen pal Helen. She and Matt made the trip to celebrate



(above) Helen Fisher-Fortney and Kurt Maybaum during their first face-to-face meeting in Amsterdam in 1970. The pen pals met again in 1989 (below).



the anniversary with Kurt and his wife. The last meeting came in 1993 when the Maybaums came the States and visited the Fortney's at their current home on Lake Charlevoix.

Lake Charlevoix has been a second home for Helen since she was a child. She passed the beauty and love of northern Michigan onto her three children and shared her summers with many friends and family. Now one of her oldest friends Kurt and his wife Rosie had a chance to fall in love with this special place, too.

After the visit to Lake Charlevoix the Maybaums went on to travel into the western and southern United States.

This year the two pen pals will meet once again. The Maybaums invited the Fortneys to Germany in August. The couples will visit Helgoland in the North Sea, then to different parts of Germany. They will be visiting areas of Germany where Matt was stationed while he served during World War II from 1944 to 1945. Matt has not been to these places since the war ended. After their visit to Germany the Fortneys will travel on to Caerphily in south Wales near Cardiff. They will arrive in Caerphily on August 25. The last time Matt was there was August 25, 1944. Matt was there during the war. Recently he attempted to contact friends he made while in Caerphily. People he had not heard from since he left in '44. A local newspaper there printed a letter Matt sent out in a search for his friends. To his surprise he was able to make contact with one of his friends still living in Caerphily. Once again, old friends will meet face to face.

Who would have thought that a simple gesture, 50 years ago would open the door for such a delightful experience throughout the years.



Community deaths



MARY CARNE

Canton's 'mitten lady' Mary Carne dead at 91

Mary Carne, a 91-year-old Canton resident, known as Canton's "mitten lady," died Jan. 10, 1997

Mrs. Carne was born March 17, 1905 in Cornwall, England. She married Frederick B. Carne on Jan. 23, 1926. Because she was not quite 21 and considered underage, her marriage licese said "marriage of an infant." The couple came to the United States later that year and settled in Highland Park, where they had two children. Mrs. Carne was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and for years taught Sunday school classes. Her Sunday school class

of more than 40 years ago honored her at a luncheon last fall.

She was called the "Sunshine Lady" because she brought joy and caring to fellow residents at Canton Place and at Royal Holiday Park in Canton. One of her hobbies was knitting. Each year she prepared large boxes of mittens, scarves and hats for inner-city children and for the Salvation Army. She started the tradition of a "mitten tree" at Canton Place on Ford Road.

She worked as a retail clerk at Hudson's in downtown Detroit and was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Carne is survived by her daughter,

Barbara (Don) Riehl of Westland; daughter-inlaw, Patricia Carne; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frederick B. Carne; and son, Fred Erick Carne. Services were held at the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia with Rev. Melanie Carey and Rev. Gilson Miller officiating. Burial was at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the Newburg-United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, MI 48150.

Obituaries

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

CARL SAMOSIK

Carl Samosik, a Canton resident, died Jan. 12, 1997 at the age of 81.

Mr. Samosik was born Feb. 17, 1915 in Pennsylvania. He worked as an engineer with the Ford Motor Company for 33 years. He was a member of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Detroit. He was a graduate of General Motors Institute. He was the class agent for GMI, class of 1938, where he was also a member of the alumni association. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Elks and he was a state delegate for the State of Michigan AARP.

Services will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Detroit with Rev. Andrew Woronovich officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements are being made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Heart Association.

FLORENCE JULIA CONERY

Florence Julia Conery, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 8, 1997 at the age of 91.

Mrs. Conery was born July 4, 1905 in Sheridan. She was a telephone operator and later in life she worked at Dunning's Store in Plymouth. She was active in senior citizen's groups in Plymouth and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed bowling, playing cards and traveling.

Mrs. Conery is survived by her daughter, Patricia L. Dunlap of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Alfred B. Conery, who died in 1976.

A private family service will be held. Arrangements were made by Richard A. Henry Funeral Home in Battle Creek. Memorial tributes can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

FLORIS P. LAWRENCE

Floris P. Lawrence, a Novi resident, died Jan. 5, 1997 at the age of 84. Mrs. Lawrence was born April 21, 1912 in Franklin. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Lawrence is survived by her daughter, Judy (Ransom) Hennells of Plymouth; son, Harold (Barbara) Lawrence of Lenexa, KS; sister, Ruby Jarvis of Hillsdale; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Albany Lawrence.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Jerry Yarnell of St. Michael Lutheran Chruch officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Memorial tributes can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

ROBERT J. TERSCHLUSE

Robert J. Terschluse, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 6, 1997 at the age of

Mr. Terschluse was born Nov. 4, 1929 in Detroit. He moved to the community in 1974 from Eastpointe. Mr. Terschluse served in the U.S. Army and Navy. He worked as a truck driver for Action Distributors. He enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, card playing and gardening. He was active in the Western Wayne County Conservation Club.

Mr. Terschluse is survived by his daughters, Janet E. (Marvin) Osebold of

Warren and Nancy J. (Mark) Kowalewski of Chesterfield Township; sister, Margaret Knee of Sequim, WA; brother, Richard Tersch of Venice, FL; nieces, nephews and many dear friends.

Services were held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia with Fr. Alberto Bondy officiating. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Mass offerings or memorial tributes can be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 403 Seymour Ave., Lansing, MI 48933-1179.

IRENE H. BRADFIELD

Irene H. Bradfield, a Livonia resident, died Jan. 1, 1997 at the age of 93.

Ms. Bradfield was born Nov. 28, 1903 in Detroit. She moved to the community in 1991 from Paw Paw. She was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Paw Paw.

Ms. Bradfield is survived by her daughters, Debra J. (Bruce) Van Gemert of

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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

AFSCME Local 3860 in Canton presented Nancy Spencer of the Canton Goodfellows with a \$100 check that helped the group make sure local kids could celebrate Christmas.

The Plymouth Chapter of Business Network International choose the Salvation Army to help over the holidays and donated \$540 in cash along with food, toys and clothing.

Former Community Crier reviewer and striking Detroit Free Press copy editor **Tom Schram** was named publisher of the Detroit Sunday Journal. The Detroit Sunday Journal is a publication of striking Detroit Free Press and News employees.

The stained glass art of Plymouth resident Jenna are the latest items for sale at Animal Odyssey, the animal-themed gift shop located in Old Village. The highlight of the exhibition is the work entitled, "Panther Eyes," which won her first place in the 1995 Glass Month Show.

1996 was the best year since the '70s in single family home permits in southeastern Michigan — and once again, Canton was one of the leading communities. Canton issued 645 single-family building permits and 351 multi-family permits in 1996. 132 single-family permits were issued in Plymouth Township along with 10 multi-family permits. In Northville Township, 110 single-family permits were issued.

Mark F. Guidobono, chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes in Northville was named first vice president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA). James S. Bonadeo, president of Bonadeo Builders Corporation in Plymouth was named president emeritus.

Joseph C. Day, chief executive officer of Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK addressed the Automotive Industries Automotive Supplier Conference & Exhibition (ASCE) recently. He spoke on the need to adopt lean systems and "practice them with the fervor of an evangelist, the patience of a saint and the tenacity of a pit bull."

Plymouth International Ice Spectacular means hot business for local retailers

Business owners prepare for shopping blizzard downtown this weekend

BY CHERYL VATCHER

Although the Plymouth International Ice Spectacular is a frosty celebration, sales for local businesses are hot.

The annual event is a way for area businesses to gain new customers as well as showcase their merchandise.

Molly Ward, manager of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company in downtown Plymouth said the ice festival brings in a lot of business, especially if the weather is cold

"Other than the regulars who come in, we see a variety of new people," she said. "I think a lot of them come back afterwards (after seeing the sculptures)."

New customers appreciate the comfortable atmosphere of the Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

"They say it's homey, like your own living room," she said.

With 600,000 people expected to visit the ice festival, retailers have been asked to stay open later to accommodate the visitors. The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company is open to 11 p.m. weekdays and to midnight on the weekends.

It may be hard to duplicate the enormous crowds that came to the festival last year, but Ward said they expect to be just as busy.

"If the weather holds up, it will be people non-stop," she said. "They'll be looking for a warm building and warm drinks" Hot drinks and outdoor winter activities go hand-in-hand, but what about other businesses not directly related to the ice festival?

John Kwiecien, owner of Trader Jack's Sports Cards and Memorabilia said the festival brings a large amount of traffic into the City. He said many new people discover his store during the festival. "They take the opportunity to look at the ice sculptures and then they come and see what we sell and to get warm," he said.

Kwiecien said he hopes the weather will hold up so the ice sculpture in front of his store doesn't turn into a puddle of water as it has in years past.

With the increase in customers during the festival, Kwiecien works hard to answer questions and provide customers service visitors to Plymouth have come to expect. He increases the number of employees to help out and keep an eye on what's going on in the store.

This is Kwiecien's fifth ice show and he said he expects Saturday to be his busiest day.

"In the afternoon it gets really busy," he said. "A lot of people have the day off and it carries over into the night, even up to 10 p.m."

In a way, Kwiecien is directly involved with "ice." His merchandise includes a large amount of hockey memorabilia. "Plymouth is a huge

hockey town," he said.

He keeps a steady inventory for the holidays, which carries over to the ice festival. Some customers who browse during the festival come back as regular customers.

Another downtown Plymouth business, sideways, looks upon the ice spectacular as a way for the community to come together.

Owner Sharon Pugh said these kinds of festivals are usually good for businesses that are food purveyors.

"The visitors eat and drink and see the sights and then get warm," she said.

That's where her business comes in. It's a good way to showcase her products and attract new business while customers are warming their hands — and emptying their wallets.

For Pugh, the ice festival is a mixed blessing. Most of the regular customers stay away during this time.

The Plymouth International Ice Spectacular is a way for Pugh to kick-off her Valentine's Day retail season. "We receive exposure at this time that you can't purchase," she said.

During the festival, sideways expands its hours to accommodate the visitors. "We will stay open until 9 p.m. or 10 p.m.," she said.

To show her support of the festival, Pugh has at least one or two sculptures sponsored by her business.

Canton company earns national award

Canton-based DMS Moving Systems received the prestigious Milton M. Hill "Quality Award" at the recent Atlas Van Lines convention in Scottsdale, AZ.

The award, named after a long-time Atlas director who died this year, was presented to only four of Atlas' 600 agents nationwide who met the criteria based on such factors as customer service rating, warehouse rating, estimating accuracy, equipment, claims ratio and driver safety record.

"Receiving the Milton M. Hill 'Quality Award' is indicative of the commitment DMS has made in providing superior relocation services to its customers," said Glen Dunkerson, Atlas vice president, claims administration.

DMS also received two other awards at the convention in competition with more than 600 Atlas agents in North America: "Sales Achievement Award" for sales in excess of \$3 million (ranking DMS 19th in the Atlas system) and the award for "Hauling Excellence," which is determined by customer responses to service quality questionnaires.

Richard M. Meyer, president of DMS, said, "It's an honor to receive these awards in this highly-competitive business. We're particularly proud of the quality and service awards because customer service is the backbone of our business."

Started in 1955 by Neil Meyer, DMS Moving Systems provides interstate and international service to the Detroit area for moving and warehousing household goods and specialty products, such as electronic equipment. The company operates a fleet of 60 trucks and 50,000 square feet of warehouse space.

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Executives of DMS Moving Systems, based in Canton, display the Milton M. Hill "Quality Award" the company recently received at the annual Atlas Van Lines convention. (left to right) Richard Meyer, president; Kathryn Phillips, vice president; and James Meyer, vice president.



Community deaths

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Newport and Laura S. Bradfield of Berkley; daughter-in-law, Jayce Bradfield of Plymouth; sister, Olive Burnett of Berkley; and great grandchildren, Bruce Van Gemert, Jr., Chad Van Gemert and Christie Van Gemert.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Harold Edmonds of Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia officiating. Burial was at Prospect Lake Cemetery in Paw Paw. Memorial tributes can be made to Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48154

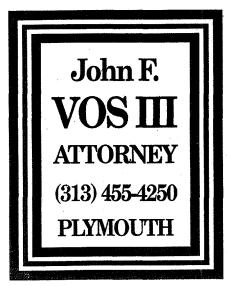
MARGARET ROWINA DELL'ORCO

Margaret Rowina Dell'Orco, a Canton resident, died Jan. 7, 1997 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Dell'Orco was born Jan. 17, 1916 in St. Louis, MO. She was a homemaker who moved to the community in 1972 from Detroit. She was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church and a member of the Pioneers Club and the "Stay 50 Club." She loved to play cards, especially poker and pinochle.

Mrs. Dell'Orco is survived by her husband, Joseph Pietryka; daughter, Mary Ann (John) Belaire of Livonia; son, John M. (Christine) Dell'Orco of Savannah, GA; brother, Richard Thornton of Royal Oak; sister. Emily Anderson; grandchildren, Stacy, Holly, James, Kelly, Adam, Jonathan and Gabrielle; and great grandson, Joseph.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.



RAYMOND CARL DOYLE

Raymond Carl Doyle, a Canton resident, died Jan. 8, 1997 at the age of 58.

Mr. Doyle was born Dec. 27, 1938 in Detroit. He moved to the community 20 years ago from Detroit. He was a purchasing agent at the General Motors Technical Center from where he retired after 20 years of service with the

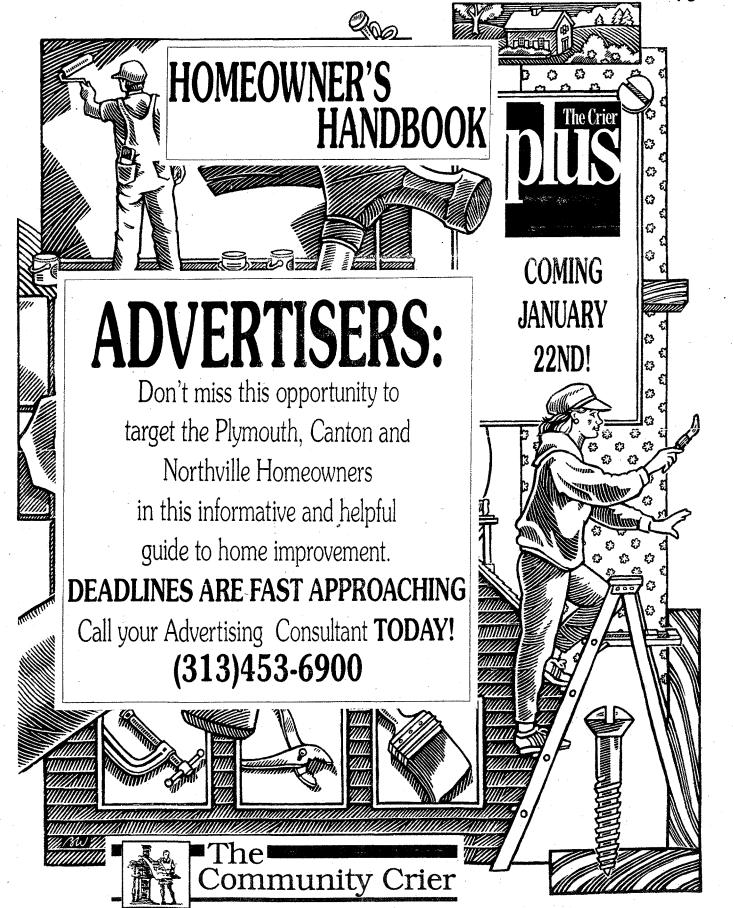
company. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Chruch in Canton. He loved to garden, travel and eat out at restaurants.

Mr. Doyle is survived by his parents, Hugh and Hildred Doyle; sisters, Katherine (Robert) Ingenthorn, Mary Burns, Ann (Eugene) Cascio and Hildred (Carl) Marshall; and brothers, William Doyle and Charles (Virginia) Doyle.

He is preceded in death by his brother, John Doyle.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

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What's Happening

To list your group's event in this calendar, send or deliver the notice IN WRITING to: The Crier, 821 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, MI 48170-1624. Information received BY NOON FRIDAY will be used for Wednesday's calendar (space permitting).

Groups...

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

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

BET CHAVERIM KIDS GROUP

Congregation Bet Chaverim, serving Jewish families in Western Wayne County, is forming a play group for children under five years old. First event will be a Tu B'Shevat Celebration of Trees, Thursday, Jan. 23 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Phone Congregation Bet Chaverim events hotline for info, at (313) 480-8880.

CITY WINTER CLASSES

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering more than 20 classes for ages ranging from tots to seniors. For a brochure and other info., call 455-6620.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS AUDITIONS

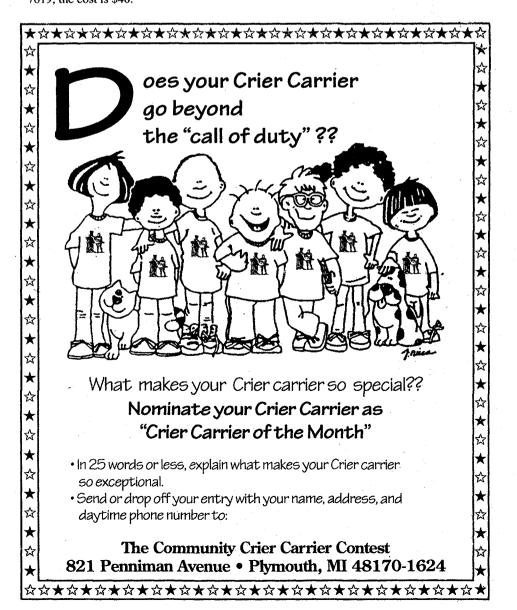
Auditions by appointment Jan. 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., west of Sheldon Road in Plymouth. All voices, but especially tenors are needed. Call 455-4080.

WOMENS' CYBERSPACE PRESENTATION

Alicia Jones, WORD Communications, Inc., will present "Surfing Through Cyberspace," at the Jan. 22, 1997 luncheon meeting of the National Association of Career Women. The luncheon will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel. Cost, \$15 for members and guests. Call Linda Beckett at (810) 268-7770 for reservations.

GROUP ENTERTAINMENT BOOK GROUP FUNDRAISERS

The Plymouth Business and Professional Women, the Plymouth Symphony League, Plymouth Community Chorus and Plymouth Optimists are selling Entertainment Books '97 for their respective group functions. The Entertainment Book '97 contains hundreds of 50 percent and two-for-one discounts on dining, travel, movies, sports and more. Plymouth BPW: call Joanne Delaney at 455-5171, a portion of the \$40 cost will go to scholarships. PSL: call 453-3016, profits will benefit Symphony. PCC: Call Stan at 459-6829, the \$40 costs will help fund Chorus' charitable and educational activities. Optimists: Call Bill at 453-8253 or Ken at 728-7619, the cost is \$40.



Upcoming...

LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBITION

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

CANTON GARDEN CLUB

Come join and grow with the Canton Garden Club. Next meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the historic Cherry Hill School at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., with a program from Ann Arbor's Matthaei Botanical Gardens; bring a piece of fruit for the fruit salad refreshment bowl. For info, call Kathy Israel at 455-4567, or Lila Jones at 981-4756.

NORTHVILLE SUPERVISOR'S ROUNDTABLE

The Northville Township 21st Century Supervisor's Roundtable will hold its first meeting on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Karen Woodside has reconvened the group to foster communication with homeowners and all types of community groups, and various departments of Township government to continue to build the Northville Community. Any group or household wishing to send a representative to the meeting should contact Debbie Wilhelm at (810) 348-5800.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAYCEES

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

Schools...

TAG SCREENING IN JANUARY

The Plymouth-Canton Schools will be screening for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for the 1997-98 school year. The TAG Department screens all third graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. Parents of eligible third graders will be contacted by mail. Parents of second and fourth through seventh graders need to contact their school office for a nominations form, available now, and return the completed form the their building principal no later than Jan 17. Nominate forms for second graders need to be sent to the TAG office no later than Jan. 31. There is an informational meeting regarding the TAG program scheduled for Jan.. 8 at 7 p.m. at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Rd., in Canton. For more information, call the TAG office at Miller at 416-4867.

FREE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

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

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Computers, tutoring, games, etc. The program runs Monday through Friday and begins after school ends and conlcudes at 6 p.m. \$5 per student per session with a minimum of two sessions per week. For more information, call 420-7040.

KIDDIE KAMPUS REUNION

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

P-C SCHOOLS NEED GUEST SPEAKERS

The P-C Business Education Parternship is looking for individuals willing to share their expertise with local students. To volunteer, call 416-4903.

WSDP, 88.1-FM REUNION

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

Volunteer...

SONGS OF THE SEASON DECORATING CONTEST

The Plymouth Beautification Committee and the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular have joined to sponsor a home and business decorating contest. Participants should decorate their home, neighborhood or place of business in the theme of a winter-season song. Judging will take place during the Ice Sculpture Spectacular, Jan. 15-20, 1997. Entry forms are available from the committee at 201 S. Main, and must be received by Jan. 10, 1997.

ST. MARY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will host the American Red Cross Thursday, Jan. 16, 1997. Those interested in donating blood can go to the Pavillion Conference Rooms from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cal Cheryl Delaney at (313) 655-2980.

GUEST SPEAKERS NEEDED AT P-C SCHOOLS

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

DONATE PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION

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

Local Salvation Army drive collects \$108,802 for needy

Giving helps 803 people in P-C Community

Thanks to 3,553 volunteer bell ringers, the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle Drive surpassed its goal. In spite of the drive being eight days shorter than usual, the kettle collection totaled \$108,802.

In addition to the currency in the kettles, many businesses, organizations and individuals gave goods, services and money.

Then there were the volunteers who spent over 700 hours collecting, sorting, wrapping and packing boxes for the recipient families. The effort of all these folks who truly believe that Christmas should be a time for giving allows The Salvation Army to fulfill its mission. And what of the families who receive the gifts — 803 people in all?

Their thank you notes are filled with emotion. All have the same theme expressed in different words. "Where do I begin to thank you...You were a blessing to our Christmas in more ways than you can know." "Although we have never met, may you feel a hug from each of us." "I thank you for the food that filled our pantry. This will help a lot for us to get on our feet." "Words cannot express how grateful I feel. We all loved all the gifts. You guys are wonderful." "Your kindness will never be forgotten." "I got down on my knees and thanked God for blessing me and my family with wonderful people like you." "May God continue to bless you and yours. Thank you!! Very much!!

Assuring a happy Christmas for all is important but the need never ends. The money collected in Red Kettles funds Salvation Army work throughout the year. All volunteers and contributors can be proud that the coming year is off to a good start.

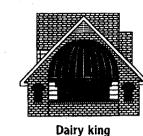
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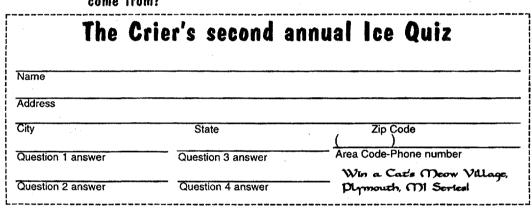




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 The winner will be announced in the Jan. 22 edition of The Community Crier.
- Question 1: Where did the coldest temperature (-128.6F) ever recorded on July 21, 1983 take place?
- Question 2: The coldest place permanently inhabited, where a temperature of -98F was once recorded is where?
- Question 3: The most snow from a single storm (189 inches) fell where?
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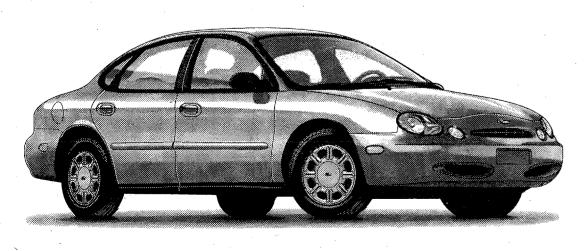
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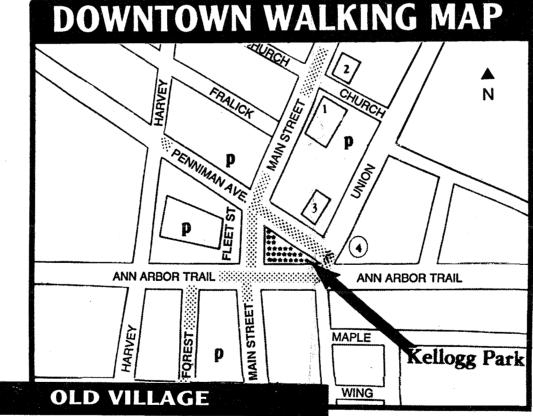


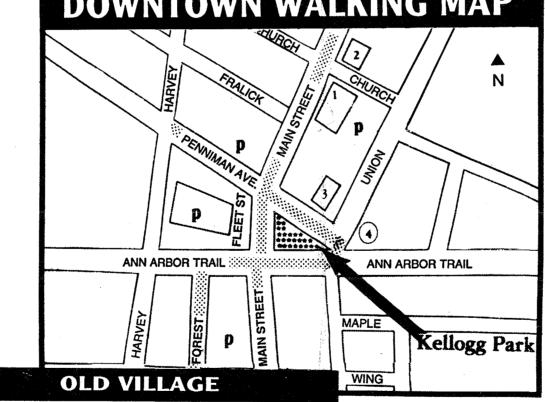
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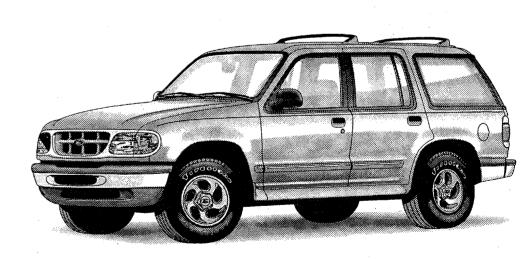
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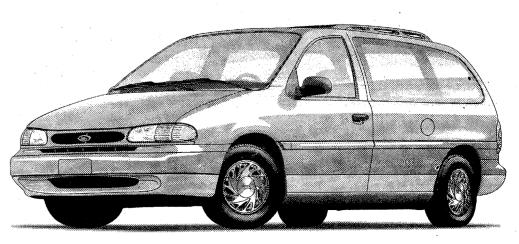
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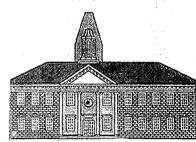
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Community deaths

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ANNA E. BASTIANELLI

Anna E. Bastianelli, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 9, 1997 at the age of 70. Ms. Bastianelli was born Nov. 25, 1906 in Roseville. She moved to the community in 1991 from Pinckney. She worked as a secretary. She was a life member of the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, life member of the Military Order of the Cooties, and a life member of the Tyrian Florence Chapter #469 Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Lawrence) Neil of Canton; son, Robert (Cindi) Blair of Round Rock, TX; sister, Dorine Cramer of Redford Township; brother, Frederick E. Ott II of Houghton Lake; father, Frederick E. Ott of Houghton Lake; four grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. C. Richard Kelly of St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church in Canton officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia. Memorial tributes can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or the Disabled American Veterans.

MARY WILTSE

Mary Wiltse, a former Plymouth resident, died Jan. 7, 1997 at the age of 94. Mrs. Wiltse and her late husband, Pat Wiltse, were owners of the Wiltse Community Pharmacy in Plymouth for many years.

She is survived by her sons, James Wiltse of Norfolk, VA, John Wiltse of Boise, ID and Richard Wiltse of Tucson, AZ; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

JIM J. TACHAR

Jim J. Tachar, a Canton resident, died Jan. 11, 1997 at the age of 59.

Mr. Tachar was born July 22, 1937 in Detroit. He moved to the community in 1968 from Detroit. He was a salesperson with Big Bill's Sport in Dearborn for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ruth E. Royala Tachar; daughter, Susan M. Tachar of Westland; son, Jim Tachar, Jr. of Elkhart, IN; brother, Gordon Tachar of Dearborn Heights; mother, Ann Tachar of Westland; father, John J. Tachar of Florida; and grandchild, Kanea M. Douglas of Westland.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with Rev. James Severance from the Palmer Road Baptist Church in Westland officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton. Memorial tributes can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Rd., Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Jean-Marie Waldecker, 73, nurse

Jean-Marie Waldecker, a Plymouth resident, died Jan. 2, 1997.

She is survived by her husband, Gerard Waldecker; son, Mark Waldecker of Plymouth; daughter, Clare (Alex) Vonderhaar of Canton and two other daughters; one sister; and three grandchildren.

Services were held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Fr. George Charnley officiating. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

John F. Thomas, 93, Ford employee

John F. Thomas, a former Canton resident, died Jan. 7, 1997.

He is survived by one daughter; one son; two sisters; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one son.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with Fr. John J. Sullivan officiating.

Richard Alan Mitchener, 47, maintenance supervisor

Richard Alan Mitchener, a Canton resident, died Jan. 9, 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Mitchener; son, Jeff Mitchener of Canton; daughter, Jennifer Mitchener of Canton; and one brother.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. Steven R. Rottgers officiating.

Robert A. Wakeham, 55, plumber

Robert A. Wakeham, a Canton resident, died Jan. 11, 1997.

He is survived by his sons, Steve, Jason and Andrew Wakeham; daughter, Kelly Miller of Canton; mother, Jean E. Haines; step-father, Willaim L. Haines; sister, Patricia Schoenborn of Canton; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services were held at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel with Rev. William C. Moore of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth officiating.



Sports

Sports shorts

The City of Plymouth will be taking Spring Soccer Registrations the entire month of January during business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The City of Plymouth recreation Department is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee is \$40 for City residents, \$60 for non-residents. For more information, call 455-6620.

Looking for something else to do other than shoveling snow and scraping windshields? The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its Winter Classes and Spring Soccer. The City Recreation Department will offer more than 20 different classes for ages ranging from tots to seniors. For a complete list of classes, call 455-6620.

Schedule for Our Lady of Good Counsel home basketball games, held at Central Middle school:

Jan. 25: Varsity Boys B at 6:30 p.m. and Varsity Girls B at 7:45 p.m. versus at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Jan. 26: Varsity Boys A at 3:30 p.m. and Varsity Girls A at 4:45 p.m. versus Our Lady of Sorrows.

Feb. 8: Varsity Boys B at 6:30 p.m. and Varsity Girls B at 7:45 p.m. versus St. Scholastica.

Feb. 9: Varsity Boys A at 3:30 p.m. and Varsity Girls A at 4:45 p.m. versus St. Scholastica.

Canton Parks and Recreation is currently accepting registration for its youth hockey clinics, held in conjunction with Wayne-Westland YMCA. There will be six clinics and five games, with Saturday games played at the Summit on the Park in Canton. The cost is \$35 per child for boys and girls in grades 1-5. There are no residency requirements and the deadline for entry is Jan. 23. Registration is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Rocks ready for Varsity Invitational with 5-team tournament win

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If the 5-team volleyball tournament at Salem High School last Saturday was a tune-up for the Rocks, they should be in top condition for this weekend's Plymouth Varsity Invitational.

Salem won the tourney by defeating Trenton, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Redford Union and Dexter in pool play. The Rocks hope to carry the momentum into Saturday's Varsity Invitational and Monday's showdown with Livonia Churchill, a conference power. If Salem is to emerge victorious, they'll have to be more consistent, said co-coach Allie Suffety. The Rocks, 7-1 in pool play on the day, may have walked away with the tournament title, but only after a day of peaks and valleys.

"That's exactly what it was," said Suffety. "We're still learning to keep our intensity up. We've got to keep it up to be competitive. (Saturday) was a good lesson in that."

Suffety cites his team's inexperience, with nine juniors, three sophomores and four seniors, as the reason for inconsistency. "It was a really good showing (Saturday). We played really well at times, and other times we didn't play so well. And I think that has a lot to do with our inexperience," he said.

The Rocks raw talent brought them out of pool play seeded first. Salem took care of Trenton, 15-6, 15-3, but battled against Ypsilanti Lincoln, 7-15, 15-9. "That was one of the times we really didn't look so good," said Suffety.

Next up, Redford Union. "We dismantled them, 15-1 in the first game. Then, in the second game, they nearly came back, but we won, 15-12," said Suffety.

After a close call in their first game

against Dexter, 15-13, the Rocks emerged from the valley and peaked, dominating the second game, 15-3.

Salem met Dexter again in the playoffs, winning 13-15, 15-11, 15-4. The championship match-up was hardly as entertaining; Salem annihilated Trenton, 15-2, 15-3. Junior middle-hitter Amanda Abraham had 31 kills and seven aces. "She's really coming on," said Suffety. "She's getting better every week"

Jenny Trott recorded 31 kills and 20 digs. Angie Sillman had 19 kills and fou solo blocks. Sophomore Andrea Pruet (12 kills, 10 assist blocks) and Jenni-Storm (eight kills, 33 digs) were the star defensively.

Kristie Giddings also pitched in witl 18 digs. While the Rocks may be young they're also big. "This is the biggest tean we've ever had," said Suffety.

And they're about to be tested for the first time this season. "This is a huge

Rock gymnasts weather home tourney; finish 3rd

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The snow-plow is a skiing move, but three gymnastics teams could've used it last weekend at the Plymouth Salem Invitational.

The 10-team field was narrowed to seven after the nasty January weather snowed out three schools

Host Salem finished in third place with 186.7. Brighton won with 197.3, and Freeland was second with 194.95.

"It was a very good first meet of the year," said Salem coach Pam Yockey.

"One hundred, twenty-nine is not a bad score. And we've got a lot of new girls this year. This is a brand new thing for them."

Seniors Kristen Kosik, Kristan Los and Brooke Kilby led the way for the Rocks, who are 1-1 in dual meets this season.

Kosik had the team high score on the vault with 9.05, and in the floor exercise (9.1). Los had an 8.2 on the floor, and Kilby scored 8.5 on the bars and 8.7 on the floor.

"We came very close to finishing second. It was a pretty good day," said Yockey.





Salem's Kristen Los scored 7.45 on the bars. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Chiefs, Vikings battle for volleyball crown

Canton Volleyball Coach Steve Anderson went into the highly competitive Walled Lake Central Tournament expecting to experiment with different lineups and hoping to do well.

After all, the 16-team tournament brings together some of the best teams in southeast Michigan. The field included Walled Lake Central, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Marian, Brighton, Birmingham Groves and Romeo.

Why would Canton be experiment? Canton was missing its starting senior setter Courtney Wells and was relying on senior Nikke Kovachevich and junior Robin Hamilton, two players who had never before set in a junior varsity or varsity match before, to split the setting duties and run a 4-2 defense.

The Chiefs started the day strong, winning their pool with a 5-1 record. Canton began the day by splitting with Seaholm 15-6, 6-15, then defeating Walled Lake Western 15-9, 15-3. This placed Canton versus the second-place team in pool B, Rochester Adams. Canton took control of the first game of the quarters with a convincing 15-3 win. Canton stayed strong in the second game and won, 15-7. The story of the match was the Chiefs combining for 112 aces in two games.

In the semifinals, the bottom bracket would put Brighton up against Romeo and Canton would face number-four-ranked and tournament-host Walled Lake Central, who has a daunting front line of 5'11", 6' and 6'3".

Canton, in the David role, has a front line of 5'4", 5'6" and 5'8".

The match started with Central jumping out to a quick start, feeding sets to 6'3" all-state prospect Becky Cummings. The Chiefs struggled with their serving and setting, finally, conceding the first game, 8-15. The Chiefs regrouped and came out strong in he second game, and gave the Vikings all they could handle. Strong serving from Donna Logsdon, stone wall defense by Kovachevich and Jenny Sikora and smart middle hitting from Jessica Orelman and Stephanie Chefan turned the momentum.

The Chiefs took the second game from Central, 15-6.

The rubber game was a classic, taking 45 minutes to play. Central jumped out to a 5-0 lead from their dominant net play and hitting. But a surge by the Vikings at the end of the game gave Central the victory, 15-11, and the right to advance to the finals versus Romeo. Canton is 10-1-1 overall.

Rocky road to Rockford; Salem takes 6th

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Canton Chiefs gymnastics team had a good day at the Rockford Invitational Saturday.

"There were quite a few teams there. Unfortunately, one of them was Holland — the number one team in the state who hadn't lost anybody from last year," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

While the Lake Michigan school won the tournament, Cunningham was pleased with the team's effort, on the better half of a field of 14 teams.

"We ended up in sixth place, which I wasn't displeased with," he said.

Holly Graham was Canton's top gymnast in division two, finishing in a tie for 13th. Right behind her were teammates Michelle Farnsworth (16th place) and Nicole Vaangenes (tied 17th place). "Nicole had a nice routine," Cunningham said.

The Chiefs' Marcie Emerick finished in sixth place in division one with 30.1 points, slightly better than teammate Liz Fitzgerald, who was eighth with 28.95 points.

The team combined for 121.35 points. "Without a good meet from all of my girls, we're just not going to score that well," said Cunningham.

"We had a good floor and a good vault, but we fell off the beam and we had falls off the bar," he said.

The miscues continued.

The Chiefs have lost meets to Northville, Vassar and Freeland this season after finishing second in the state last year, and star gymnast Katey Gilles left the team. Nothing to do except look ahead — and practice.

"We're going to be working on our depth, working on our routines. If we can stay on the beam, and if we can eliminate falls on the bars and the floor, we'll be alright," Cunningham said.

4 Whalers big fish in OHL talent pool

Goalie Robert Esche named OHL All-Star

Detroit Whalers netminder Robert Esche, back from a visit to Europe as a member of Team USA in the junior world championships, was named the starting goalie in this year's OHL's Bell All-Star Cup.

The game will be played Jan. 21 in Barrie, ON at the Molson Centre.

Esche, a sixth-round pick of the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes, has a 3.43 goals against

average in 32 games for Detroit. He has two shutouts this season. Esche found out about his All-Star selection following another honor — playing for Team USA in the Junior World Championships in Switzerland during the holidays. "I didn't even know until I came back," he said after Saturday's 4-3 loss to Sault. Ste. Marie. "I was pretty excited."

"We are very excited for Robert. He has

continually improved over the season and is one of the finest goalies in the league. We are very proud of him," said Whalers Head Coach and General Manager Peter DeBoer

Players selected to participat in the Bell All-Star Cup were selected by fans through the interactive Bell Three Star program, which encourages hockey enthuisiasts to select the three stars at each OHL game.

Whalers bring back medals, memories

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Two came back with silver, another with a bronze, and one more with the captain's jersey of his country.

The Detroit Whalers international representatives — Sergei Fedotov, Robert Esche, Jesse Boulerice and Kevin Holdridge — returned to the line up last week from holiday tournaments in Europe and Canada

Esche and Boulerice were members of Team USA, and silver medalists at the Junior World Championships in Switzerland. Fedotov, who hails from Moscow, played for the bronze medal Russian team. Holdridge, a defenseman from Novi, participated in the Under-17 world tournament in Red Deer, Alberta. Holdridge, 16, was the team captain. Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer joined him on the trip. "Kevin Holdridge was excellent," DeBoer said.

But the weather and Team USA weren't. "It was cold," DeBoer said, reporting that the Americans won just one game in a tournament dominated by the Canadians. Our neighbors to the north, split into Ontario, Quebec and West Canada, reasserted their hockey dominance following last summer's World Cup upset by taking three out of the top four places.

The results were much better in Europe for the Whalers' contingent. Team USA had its best Junior World Championship ever,

going 6-1-1. The tie and loss came against Team Canada, who won the gold. Esche started one game, a 6-4 victory against Slovakia. Boulerice was a regular, and by all accounts, fulfilled his responsibility as a checking forward.

It was the first time to Europe for Esche and Boulerice, who are both from New York. But sightseeing was their highlight during the two-week stay in Geneva.

"It was such an experience, whenever you go out of the country and play for your country. When they played the national anthem, it would almost bring tears to your eyes," said Esche.

Boulerice agreed. "It was a special feeling every time they played the national anthem," Boulerice said.

It wasn't Fedotov's first time to Europe, but nonetheless he enjoyed the experience.

"I had problems this summer. They weren't going to let me come here and play juniors. That's why I missed the first two games. Then, they invited me back to play for my country. I was proud," he said.

The peculiar situation of Fedotov playing Boulerice and Esche never happened. But would the 6'2", 195-pound defensemen have checked his teammates? "Oh yeah, I would've," said Fedotov, breaking a smile.

On deck

SALEM BOY BASKETBALL

Friday at North Farmington at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday at home versus Walled Lake Western at 6 p.m.. Varsity games begin immediately after listed JV times.

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Saturday at home for the Rock Invitational at 1 p.m. Tuesday at home versus Brighton at 7 p.m.

SALEM WRESTLING

Saturday at the Adrian Invitational at 10 a.m.

SALEM GYMNASTICS

Tomorrow at Ann Arbor Pioneer at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday at the Holt Invitational.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL

Tonight at home against the Farmington at 6 p.m., and Saturday at home for the Plymouth Varsity Invitational at 8 a.m.

CANTON BASKETBALL

Friday at home versus at Churchill at 6 p.m. and at Stevenson at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Varsity games begin immediately after listed JV times.

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CANTON WRESTLING

Tomorrow at Walled Lake Western at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at the Romulus Invitational at 10 a.m.

CANTON GYMNASTICS

Thursday at Ann Arbor Pioneer at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at the Holland Invitational at 11 a.m.

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Sports

Record crowd watches Soo hound Whalers

Detroit's comeback bid foiled Saturday versus division foe; 3 players traded

BY BRIAN CORBETT

If Detroit's games were only two periods instead of three, the Whalers might be fighting for first place rather than fourth.

For forty minutes Detroit played outplayed and outscored Sault Ste. Marie, 3-0. But the second period belonged to the Greyhounds, the first place team in the West Division, who went on to win 4-3 before a record crowd of 4,207 at Compuware Sports Arena.

Detroit held a 1-0 lead until Greyhounds star Joe Thornton tied the game one minute into the second period. That was followed by three more Sault Ste. Marie goals, one by Ben Schust and two by Joe Seroski, the last coming with 2.2 seconds left in the period.

What appeared to be a meaningless goal at the time, turned out to be the game-winner. Third period goals by Eric Gooldy at 5:57 and Steve Wasylko 10:31 pulled the Whalers within one, and Detroit pulled goalie Robert Esche for the extra skater, but failed to score.

The scenario was all too familiar for some Whalers,

"I know we've got a good core of players here. We can stay with some of the best teams in the league for two periods... We just fall apart at the wrong times," said Esche, who learned earlier in the week he had been elected to the OHL All-Star team.

"We always seem to have one bad period," said forward Jesse Boulerice.

Considering Sault Ste. Marie dismantled London, a team with whom Detroit has struggled with, 15-1 on Friday night, the Whalers performance was admirable, as it has been all season. In 23 losses this season, only four have been by four or more goals.

"I thought the effort we put forth tonight was as good or better than (Sault. Ste Marie's). We just didn't capitalize on our two-on-one chances. They capitalized on theirs. That's the tale of the tape. They capitalized tonight, we didn't," said Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer.

Detroit's difficulty in scoring could be attributed in part to the play of Greyhounds goalie Jack McCracken, who had just returned from playing goal for Ontario in the Under-17 Tournament in Alberta, Canada over the holidays.

Detroit's three goals either came off of screens or defections.

Sarnia, Ontario, Canada — On Thursday, Detroit jumped out to a 2-1 first period lead on goals from Harold Druken (16th) and Julian Smith (11th). Detroit's collapse came in the third period after a scoreless second period. Sarnia's John Sim scored a power play goal 45 seconds in to tie the game, 2-2. Two goals by Brad Simms and one by Wes Mason lifted the Sting to victory.

Plymouth — The Whalers wrapped up the weekend home stand with a 6-1 route of London, Sunday. Wasylko had a goal and two assists in the win for Detroit (15-23-4). London fell to (8-30-1). It was the Whalers third straight win versus London.

Chatter: The Whalers were busy before the OHL trade deadline last week, trading



That's the way the pucked bounced and rolled all Saturday night for Detroit. The Whalers didn't capitalize on several scoring chances in the 4-3 loss to Sault Ste. Marie. Greyhounds goalie Jake McCraken was stellar between the pipes. (Crier Photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

right wing Steve Dumonski, left wing Chad Cavanaugh and right wing Dan Pawlaczyk for one player and an assortment of draft picks. Dumonski, a team leader, was sent to Ottawa for future considerations. "He's a great character kid," said DeBoer. "I think that was probably the toughest trade we've had to make here... But he's got chance to go to the Memorial Cup in Ottawa."

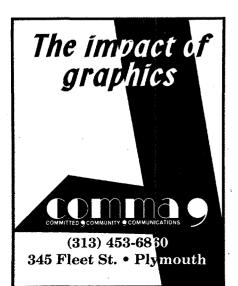
Pawlaczyk — a speedy, feisty right wing — was dealt to Sarnia, also for future considerations. "It was a tough decision to trade both of those guys," DeBoer said. "Basically it came down to, if we kept those guys, we might have a little better chance of going a little further in the first round, but also we wouldn't have got what we did for those guys... We feel we've got a enough character on the team so that whoever we get in the first round, they're going to be in for a real dogfight."

The only player Detroit acquired was from Sudbury, left wing Jason Hotchkiss, in exchange for Cavanaugh.



WHALER WATCH





OHL STANDINGS							
East Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.		
Ottawa	31	5	3	8-1-1	65		
Oshawa	23	13	4	6-3-1	50		
Peterborough	23	16	2	8-2-1	48		
Kingston	14	21	5	2-6-2	29		
Belleville	12	23	5	3-7-0	29		
North Bay	8	33	4	0-7-3	20		
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts		
Kitchener	23	14	3	6-4-0	49		
Guelph	23	14	3	3-6-1	49		
Owen Sound	23	16	1	3-7-0	47		
Barrie	21	17	4	6-3-1	46		
Sudbury	14	21	4	3-6-1	32		
Erie	12	26	3	3-6-1	27		
West Division	\mathbf{W}	L	T	Last 10	Pts.		
S.S.Marie	24	10	8	8-0-2	56		
Sarnia	23	14	3	4-5-1	48		
Windsor	13	18	5	8-1-1	42		
DETROIT	15	23	4	3-5-2	34		
London	8	29	1	7-2-1	17		

Season leaders	ii.				
Goals-Taylor ((18)				
Points-Taylor (38)					
Penalty Minute	Penalty Minutes-Boulerice (189)				
Power Play Go	Power Play Goals-Druken (8)				
Shorthanded C	Goals-Cadotte (2)				
Game winners-Cavanagh (4)					
Plus/minus-Ri	oux (+1)				
Team stats:					
Power play-34	Power play-34 for 188, 19.7%, 16th OHL				
Penalty killing-40 for 236, 83.1%, 3rd OHL					
CATCH OF THE DAY:					
Who?	When?	Where?			
London	Tonight 7:30	away			
S.S.M	Saturday7:30	home			
S.S.M.	Sunday 6:00	home			
Windsor	1-23-97 7:30	away			

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Community opinions

Remember common points in school bond debate

I'm a friend of the schools, and you should know this. Ideally, I'd like to see the schools get as much money as possible, to have all the facilities they think they need and all the resources available.

As a reporter, I strive to remain objective. But I liked school and loved college. I was one of those kids who was adept at getting in good with his teachers (formerly "teachers' pets," we now prefer the term "educator-friendly"). I feel that my education has enabled me to take greater control of my life, and that schools can have huge, never-be-the-same affects on people. So, when the topic is education, you can often find me on the side of the schools.

Often, but not always.

This is because reporters are skeptical and nosy. It is my job to find important stories, get the facts nobody else has, and to then tell everyone I possibly can.

When I wasn't sucking up in school, I was telling jokes about the teacher, entertaining my friends (not "class clown," but "levity broker,"). This is the part that lead me to

My beat is covering the Plymouth-Canton School District, and the hottest topic right now is the proposed bond to build a third high school at The Park. As always, there are two sides to the issue — those for, and those against. And at different times I find myself on different sides. Sound familiar?

Many parents and citizens who would like to see kids get the best education money can buy, are also taxpayers who know that there is only so much cash to go around. So, empathizing with this dual perspective, I offer these modest opinions, and topics to monitor as the bond takes shape over the next month or two.

For the skeptics, and taxpayers:

• School officials often claim that elements of the bond came from "public desires," or were products of "Community Forums." Dont't let them do that. There were never more than 75 people representing more than 34,000 P-C households at the three forums held in 1996. And of those participating: 84 percent had kids attending P-C schools; 65 percent visited a P-C school at least once a week; and 25 percent were school employees.

These percentages suggest that the forums, cited as representing "the public's desires," were mostly made up of a small number of students' parents who are fairly involved with

Some Might Say

By Bryon Martin



the schools. Active parents are an asset, but they have an intimate connection to the schools that most of community does not. Their wishes can't be said to be representative of the "the public."

For the parents, and friends of the schools:

• There has been much talk of the need for, and alternatives to building a third high school. Some like the high school, but not the proposed Joy-Beck road location. The reasons behind these opinions have been many and varied.

Here's mine: If financially possible (keep your eye on the budget), go ahead and build at Joy and Beck. Using the land is cost efficient, because the district only has to develop the land, not buy it. The centralized location is an existing answer to logistical considerations of transportation, athletic fields, etc.

Building at Joy and Beck is also attractive because of its compliance with Russell Isbister's original vision for The Park. Isbister, one of P-C's most loved superintendents, co-designed The Park as "a large tract of land, centrally located, on which to build a number of high schools ... near the geographic and future population center of the school district." Today, Isbister's vision seem portentous, simply because the board is, years later, following what remains a well-reasoned and progressive plan.

I can guess what you're thinking. If you've been to recent board meetings, much of this sounds familiar. But there's a reason I'm reiterating what others have said.

These seem the best points to remember, because they represent a view balanced between the school friend and school skeptic, between optimist and pragmatist. And with this vision, like that of Isbister, the district can build the best school for its kids, levitybrokers and educator-friendlies, alike

Johnson Controls struts its stuff at Detroit **North American International Auto Show**

Twp. company on cutting edge of interior technology

The economy of The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community is literally driven by the auto industry.

Just look around. Canton is home to American Yazaki, who has a huge new building going up on Haggerty Road. Plymouth Township has Ford Motor Sheldon Road Plant and many companies that support the auto industry.

Everyone knows someone involved in the auto

The impact of cars is evident during the North American International Auto Show, which is open to the public at Cobo Hall through Monday.

What people in the community don't know is that every time they sit in their car, they are probably sitting on a seat designed in Plymouth Township.

Johnson Controls' Automotive Systems Group have seats in nine billion cars currently on the road.

The company had sales last year of more than \$10 billion — a 20 percent increase over last year. When Johnson Controls moved to the Township in 1990, there were 500 jobs created at the site. Johnson Controls now has 1,400 working in Plymouth Township.

Johnson Controls has a major presence at the Auto Show. It's a time for them to strut their stuff and show the world that Plymouth Township is the home of cuttingedge seating technology.

Just what's in store for car interiors of the future?

Jeffrey Steiner, director of worldwide communications for Johnson Controls, gave me a tour Friday at the Auto

The future of auto interiors includes:

· Seat stuffing made entirely from recycled, plastic

No curves



- · HomeLink, TravelNote and AutoLink, which will revolutionize communications. For example, AutoLink is a global positioning system (GPS) that will give the driver directions and call 9-1-1 when the air bag deploys, giving police exact directions to the scene of the accident.
 - Side air bags that deploy from the seat itself.
- · Seating systems that mold to the body of the
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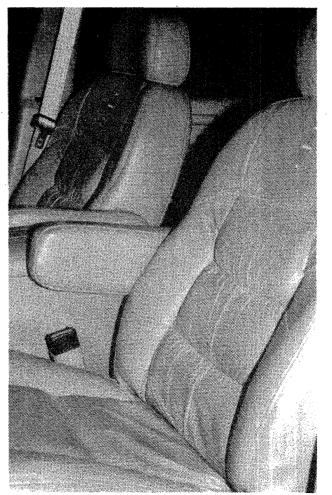
These are technologies that are created in Plymouth Township. They are the future of the automotive industry.

These technologies will be in cars in approximately three to four years (the time it takes to get into the production cycle for most auto companies).

Some of the technology is here today. Several of the cars that debuted at this year's Auto Show have seating and interior systems designed in Plymouth Township by Johnson Controls. They include: The new '98 Plymouth Concord and Dodge Intrepid; the Lincoln Navigator and Ford Expedition; the Toyota Sienna; and all the new General Motors mini vans.

Most of us in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community don't think twice about the seats in our cars.

But it's good to know Johnson Controls Automotive Systems Group does.



Johnson Controls designed the seating for several of the cars introduced at the Detroit North American International Auto Show, including this system in the new Lincoln Navigator. (Crier photo by Rob Kirkbride)



Community opinions

Words worth thousand pictures

The old wooden box opens easily, releasing the scent of memorabilia into the air. The box was rescued from granddaddy's attic, and is packed with hundreds of old family photographs. I sift through the sepia-tinged pictures one by

Most are in surprising condition for being three generations old; men in straw boaters, women in dark dresses and sturdy boots, church picnic scenes, portraits of somber-faced parents holding unsmiling children.

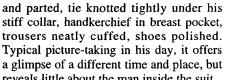
Were their lives really so grim? I wonder, then consider how they might react to family portraits, with smiles beaming from every face. They'd suspect an epidemic of mental illness, I guess.

The backs of the photos offer no indication as to the identities of the subjects, so I study each face carefully for clues. I recognize my grandfather in several pictures; the familiar features form a composite of my three brothers.

As I shuffle through the pictures, I wonder who my grandfather was at 25. It's obvious from the photographs that he was careful with his appearance. He sat tall and straight in his Sunday best, hair trimmed

Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



I slide a favorite likeness into a pocket, and while closing the box I notice a small, vellowed card tucked inside the lid. It's a library card from the small college my grandfather attended, which seems like an odd thing to carry in a keepsake box. When I turn over the card, I understand.

Be optimistic.

Quit eating meat.

Early to bed and early to rise.

Eat less food and eat no trash.

Look for the good in everything-be a Pollvanna.

Be regular and systematic in habits. Do not worry.

Love everything.

I suspect the list was granddaddy's New Year's Resolutions, circa 1920, and the card was his reminder. The card, with its timeless resolutions, now belongs to me. The simple words, ideas scratched on the back of a library card that had gone unread for years, provides a connection, and gives new dimension and meaning to my memories.

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but sometimes, words are worth a thousand pictures.

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reveals little about the man inside the suit.

I concentrate my attention to his face. He stares directly at me, with a trace of a smile. His eyes, however, do not betray his

On the back of the card is a list. My grandfather had penciled, in careful script, nine simple rules:

Breathe deeply.

As for myself, I have been taken off the Economic Development Committee completely. Perhaps because Ed McNamara (D-Livonia) had branded me as the person who was responsible for blocking the Tradeport completely for the last two years. Apparently, Solomon's dream of succeeding McNamara as Wayne County Executive is tied to doing what he is told by Big Ed.

In another telling, partisan move Chairman Solomon also removed me from the Committee on Drains and Environment. Again, this was a pure political power-play. How can we be sure? Because the Chairman of that committee, Edward Boike (D-Taylor) had asked for me to be re-appointed to the committee. Solomon

Considering the fact that I have more open ditches and drains in my district than all the other fourteen commissioners combined, the issue of a deep injection well continues to loom over the city of Romulus, the only lake in Wayne county (Belleville Lake) is in the district, and there are more landfills in the district than in any other district in the State of Michigan (including the VanBuren Township landfill where an effort to bring PCBs is still being fought). Doesn't it seem just a little suspicious? And isn't it very disappointing that politics is going to get in the way of the people's

However, I will not be deterred by this ride rough-shod technique. It's just too bad they get so personal and partisan. Clearly, they are putting their own political aspirations and agendas above that of the people they were elected to serve. The net effect of what they are trying to accomplish will be negative toward all of western Wayne County.

They couldn't beat me at the ballot box. Heck, they couldn't even find someone to run against me, and I think that tells you something about the respect my constituents have for the way I am doing my job. So now they will try and make me look bad. They will keep materials at committee levels making it more difficult to get information and ask questions. My reaction is - I'll just work a little harder. I'll get the information, I'll do the reading and then ask the tough questions. They won't silence me and they won't intimidate me, I'll get the job done and I'll be professional. I just hope the media will help shine the light of truth on the people's government so the citizens know what's going on.

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Voters want bipartisan cooperation in County government

Tragically, the committee assignments just announced for the 1997-98 term at the Wayne County Commission either suggest the Detroit Democratic leadership just doesn't get it, or worse yet, they really don't care what the people they serve want. At a time when the electorate voted in a way that suggested it wanted bipartisan cooperation and performance, certain powerful office holders have

ignored the signs and stripped minority members of the Commission of important positions on committees.

Unlike the assignments made for the 1995-96 term, when coalitions had to be forged to arrive at consensus for the election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Vice-Chair Pro Tempore (the three officer positions of the Wayne County Commission), this time Ricardo A Solomon, Chairman, (D-Detroit), has decided to do it the old-fashioned way. And so, he has relegated certain duly elected Commissioners to the committee assignment "scrap heap," and thus disenfranchised nearly 300,000 western Wayne County residents they were elected to serve.

Examples of this could be seen in the assignments to the Rules and Procedures Committee. Not a single Republican was appointed. So, there will be no balance in the rules and procedures of the Commission and no opportunity for meaningful debate of the issues

because Chairman Solomon has stacked the deck.

More significantly, Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) who had served so ably as Chair of the Economic Development Committee which has been handling the multimillion dollar Northville property transaction and the Canton DDA issue was unceremoniously removed. His replacement, the 75-yearold former Mayor of Highland Park, Robert Blackwell (D-Detroit/Highland Park). (Perhaps Highland Park will now serve as the example of how Northville should be developed for the 21st

Particularly worrisome, that same committee is charged with dealing with the Willow Run Tradeport issue. Based on prior votes, Commissioner Blackwell is a protector of the people of western Wayne County and is quite willing to see a tradeport established. (Remember also: the Democrats have regained control of the Michigan State House of Representatives where this whole idea originated, so residents of Canton, Van Buren, Belleville, Wayne, Plymouth and Northville have reason to be concerned again.)

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