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Geake won't seek 6th Senate term

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

In a surprise announcement yesterday, Republican State Sen. R. Robert Geake said he would not seek re-election when his term expires in 1998.

The Senator, who serves the Plymouths, Northvilles and part of Canton, announced his decision at the Republican Caucus meeting.

His decision is expected to cause political shock-

waves in the heavily Republican 9th State Senate District. Candidates are expected to begin campaigning early for the seat, which could cause major shake-ups in other branches of state and local government.

Those mentioned as possible candidates include State Reps. Deborah Whyman, Gerald Law and Lyn Bankes; Wayne County Commissioner Thaddeus McCotter; and Livonia Treasurer Laura Toy.

"Usually, when an incumbent who has served in the same position for a long time decides not to run, it turns out to be a crowded primary," Geake said.

Geake said he will likely return to psychology, a background he has used successfully in the legislature. He is known as the legislature's expert on mental health and all issues related to psychology. He spearheaded the push for action on issues dealing with child development issues and family laws.

Although his announcement comes early in his four-year term, Geake said he will not stop working for the district.

"I feel that during the next two years I will be more effective than ever for my district," he said. "For the first time, I won't be distracted by the need to campaign."

Geake is perhaps best known for his

work on anti-crime measures, sponsoring Michigan's anti-stalking legislation.

His political career began as trustee at Schoolcraft College, where he became the youngest chairperson for any state college board of trustees.

He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 1972, 1974 and 1976; appointed to the State Senate in 1977 to fill Carl Pursell's seat when he was elected to Congress, and elected in 1978, 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994.

In one of his few political defeats, Geake lost a race to Rep. Bill Ford, but held him to 52 percent of the vote — the lowest total of any Republican to run against Ford. Geake actually defeated Ford by nearly 3,000 votes in the Wayne County portion of the 13th Congressional District, but lost the race in Washtenaw County.

Geake refused to look back on his career, instead looking forward to the next two years. "I'd rather think about the potential I have to help the district now," he said.

Fun and games



The Bongo Boys, the brainchild of Salem principal Gerald Ostoin, fire-up the crowds at Salem basketball games. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Underground headaches

City finds serious sewer problems while inspecting lines

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The roads are crumbling above, the sewers disintegrating below.

As the City prepares for its \$12 million road improvement project, a portion of which will begin this spring, Municipal Services Department crews have been video inspecting sewers — with some frightening results for the City budget.

Crews snaked a small camera through sewers on streets scheduled for repair this year. Video showed cracked pipes, root obstructions, and in some cases, total sewer collapse.

According to Municipal Services Director Paul Sincock, the City will repair these problem areas as crews tear up streets for the paving project, eliminating the need to dig up newly paved streets.

"From viewing the videos we found several areas needing work," he said. "It would make sense to do the sewers while they're doing the paving so we'd only have to do the paving once."

Refurbishing the problem sewers would cost the City approximately \$849,800 as proposed, but according to Sincock, serious problems could be avoided in the future.

"These areas have the potential of being like the Ann Arbor Trail sewer backup we had a few years ago," he said.

Sincock said sewer repair crews could stay one step ahead of the road construction schedule.

Approximately one-quarter of the City's sanitary sewers have been video inspected — mostly streets scheduled for the first year of the road construction program — leaving everyone to wonder if these serious sewer problems will be found throughout the City as videotaping continues.

"How will funding work for the other 75 percent of the sewers?" asked City Commissioner Doug Miller. "What if this quarter was the good stuff?"

City Manager Steve Walters said administration would be "crossing our fingers" for the next several months as crews continued to video inspect the sewers.

The video inspecting program began in spring 1996. The City is leasing the equipment used for the inspections.

Suggested sanitary sewer repairs include portions of: Parkview, Garling, Harvey, Farmer, Amelia, Ann Arbor Trail, Main, Arthur, Mill, Union, William, Davis, Church, Fralick and Adams.

Design

EMU student from Canton wins interior design competition

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Cafe

Plymouth's newest restaurant features fantastic food

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Upset

Salem basketball team falls to Franklin in major upset

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Construction begins on Canton fire headquarters

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Township residents and officials celebrated the addition of Canton's newest municipal building yesterday with the official groundbreaking ceremony for its new fire station and headquarters.

The 15,000 foot, \$4.2 million dollar building, which is scheduled for completion in January of 1998, will replace the existing building at the corner of Canton Center and Cherry Hill Roads. In addition to the fire station, the construction project will include a second-floor addition to the Public Safety building and a second police garage.

The new fire headquarters will house not only standard equipment, but special equipment as well, according to Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

"We have a tanker, a Jeep and heavy rescue," he said, "they're kinds of things you won't find in a normal station."

In addition the new building will have more room for

staff, able to hold 12 firefighters, and currently schedule to be staffed with eight, according to Rorabacher.

Also involved in the project, according to Rorabacher, is a 5,000 square-foot addition to the Public Safety building which will primarily house fire administration offices and a classroom-type training room.

The second police garage will house specialized police equipment, such as the mobile command post, new mountain bikes and motorcycles that had formerly been locked in the bullpen.

"It's a timely addition for them, too," said Rorabacher.

Canton has no specific plans for the old building, which was built around 1950, or the land it sits on, since Canton owns the whole corner.

"It could be anything from being razed, to being renovated for a public service-oriented building," said Terry Bennet, Canton Township Clerk. "Technically it could be

used for recreation space, like a soccer field or a baseball field."

The old building was built around 1950, according to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, and probably served as a volunteer fire station in its first few years. A fatal fire a few years later served as the catalyst for a full-time, full-service fire station.

"It's kind of like the end of an era," Canton Supervisor Tom Yack said. "The old building has served our community for a long time."

The old fire station, which was the one-time location of Canton board meetings, served many other functions as well. "I can remember taking my kids there to meet Santa Claus," Yack said. "I have a picture of them sitting on the stairs eating crumb cookies."

The new headquarters is being financed by existing funds, and will not increase the current millage.

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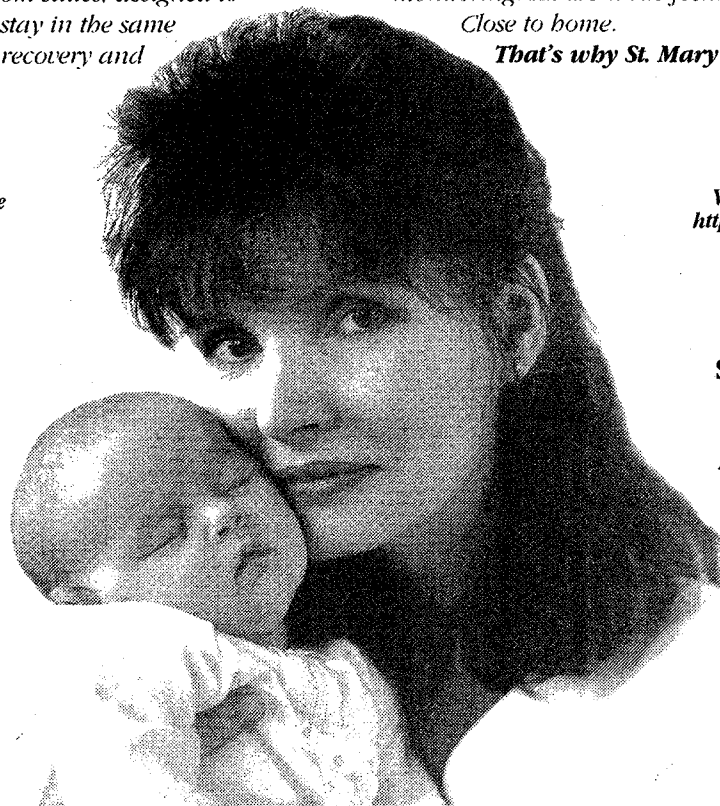
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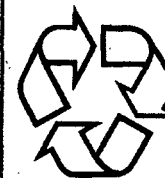
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Supporting the community arts

Target's Haggerty Road store donated \$4,000 to sponsor the Plymouth Symphony Pops Concert, "Caribbean Cruise," being held April 25 at Fox Hills Country Club. Donations like these help the Plymouth Symphony offer events like the Detroit Metropolitan Harp Ensemble and Children's Ballet Theater concert (right) which was held Jan. 25. Other major supporters of the Plymouth Symphony include: Ford Motor Company, Panasonic, NBD, Sensors, Inc., Lucas Assembly and Test Systems and Dürr Industries.



P-C Schools present bond meetings

BY BRYON MARTIN

Don't expect a pep rally.

As the March 22 election for the 1997 bond proposal draws near, the citizens' election committee is presenting "informative talks" to parents, school and private organizations.

According to Christina Bair, chairperson for the committee's speakers' board, the talks focus on presenting basic board information, not pro-bond spin.

"The presentation lasts about 20 minutes, and we explain what's in the bond and how much it's going to cost," Bair said. "After that, we usually spend half an hour to an hour answering questions."

Three public presentations are planned for March at the board offices, according to Susan Kopinski, committee chair; any group interested in learning about the bond, however, can schedule a presentation.

In answering bond-related questions Kopinski draws on her experience as chair of the now-defunct bond steering committee, of which Bair was also a member. Neither are P-C school employees, but said they have become invested

in bond project.

Bair, who formerly taught in Texas and Ohio said the P-C School District is atypical in its solicitation and incorporation of community opinion and direction.

"The board and district are much more open to community involvement in the decision making process," she said.

Bair cited past community forums, as well as those with which she is now involved as examples of this accommodating spirit: "The administration has invited the community in; I really feel like they've listened to my thoughts."

Kopinski's experiences have been similar, as evidenced by her work as a chairperson and direction of the process of informing citizens about the bond.

"When I first accepted the position I made it clear that I wouldn't be threatening the public," Kopinski said. "I wasn't willing to tell people, 'Hey, you've got to vote for this bond or we're going to take away this and that,' and so we haven't done that. Our message has been positive, and informational."

Even with a positive message the meetings tend less toward proselytizing

and more to addressing concerns; most questions pertain to the proposed elementary school and logistics of the third high school.

Kopinski explained that if the bond passes construction of a new high school would require changes in the status quo at PCEP.

"People want to know how the third high school is going to figure into the park; how classes will be scheduled," she said. "It's going to be different."

Students would travel less between the two schools, according to Kopinski, and their core classes would tend to be centralized in one building: "There will be changes in the system."

Explaining these changes in a generally unbiased manner is the focus of the presentations, Kopinski said.

"Yeah, we're pitching it, but my goal is to present information to the public and let them make up their own minds," she said. "Sure I support it. But I'm just not a rah-rah kind of person. They'll know more about the bond after these meetings — they'll get the facts."

Bond informational meeting schedule

General meetings:

Saturday, March 1	10 a.m.	E.J. McClendon Educational Center
Monday, March 3	7 p.m.	E.J. McClendon Educational Center
Saturday, March 15	10 a.m.	E.J. McClendon Educational Center

Other meetings:

Tuesday, Feb. 25	7 p.m.	Lowell Middle School, Parent Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 25	7:30 p.m.	Canton High School, Canton Boys Tennis
Thursday, Feb. 27	9:30 a.m.	E.J. McClendon Center, School Council
Thursday, Feb. 27	7 p.m.	Tonda Elementary School, Canton Newcomers/Tonda PTO
Thursday, Feb. 27	noon	Plymouth Kiwanis
Saturday, March 1	9 a.m.	Canton Homeowners Association
Tuesday, March 4	7 p.m.	Hulsing Elementary School-Hulsing PTO
Thursday, March 6	1 p.m.	Carriage Park Seniors
Friday, March 7	1 p.m.	Plymouth Rotary
Monday, March 10	7 p.m.	Allen Elementary School-Allen PTO
Tuesday, March 11	7 p.m.	Eriksson Elementary School-Eriksson PTO
Tuesday, March 11	7 p.m.	Field Elementary School-Field PTO
Wednesday, March 12	1 p.m.	Summit on the Park-Senior Citizens
Wednesday, March 19	7 p.m.	St. Thomas a' Beckett
Thursday, March 20	7 p.m.	Hoben Elementary School-Hoben PTO
Thursday, March 20	7 p.m.	Central Middle School

Agenda

THIS WEEK

- Preschoolers, ages three-and-a-half to five years old, can register for story-time at the Plymouth District Library tomorrow at 10 a.m. in person or at 10:30 a.m. by phone. Those registering can choose a 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. group. Call the library for information on other groups.

WEEKEND

- The Canton and Salem gymnastics teams compete Saturday in regional competition. The gymnastics meet will be held at Salem High School.

NEXT WEEK

- Canton Project Arts is presenting "An Evening of Broadway Music" featuring artists of the Michigan Opera Theatre. The event will take place March 8 at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. with the program beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at Arnoldt Williams Music, Dearborn Music and the Canton Administration Building, or by calling 397-6450. Tickets are \$20 each.

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Soggy roads



As spring nears, Hines Drive disappears under flood waters. The road and parks are usually closed during the spring thaw. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

Police search for clues in deadly automobile crash

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Police are still trying to piece together exactly what happened in a crash that left a 40-year-old Canton woman dead.

The victim, Diane Wenz of Canton, was found in a white 1990 Dodge Spirit at a construction site at Michigan Avenue and Haggerty roads at 6:50 a.m. last Thursday.

The police department initially responded to a call about a car abandoned at a Speedway gas station at Michigan and Lotz roads at 1:45 a.m. last Thursday. The officers found fresh damage on the car's front end, according to Officer Lou Stevens of the Canton Police Department.

When they called the registered owner, they learned the driver thought she was

involved in a traffic accident, but the other driver fled the scene, according to Stevens.

About five hours later construction workers found the victim and a car in a nearby construction site. The victim was deceased at the scene.

The police speculate that the abandoned car had originally been travelling east on Michigan Avenue.

The victim's car went off the road, missing all barricades between the site and the road, went between two construction trailers and ended up in the site, about 300 feet north of Michigan Avenue, according to Stevens.

The accident is being investigated by the police accident reconstruction team.

Canton crooks knead dough

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

A man with a knife robbed a Canton pizza shop Sunday. No one was injured. According to police reports the suspect, a man wearing a ski mask, black leather jacket and combat boots, entered the store undetected while an employee was working in back.

The suspect grabbed a knife off the counter in the back of the store and ordered the employee to lay on the floor, and asked him how to open the register. \$79 was stolen.

Canton police are also searching for three men who attacked and robbed a pizza delivery person Friday night.

The victim had just made a delivery and was returning to the store when he was forced off of Sheldon Road, according to police reports.

The three men jumped out of their car, which was either a blue or black Pontiac Sunbird or Chevy Cavalier, ran to the victim's car, pulled him out and punched him in the face. One of the suspects took approximately \$250 from the victim's pants pocket while another reached in and took a stereo valued at approximately \$250.

Police have no suspects or witnesses.



Public notices

1997 CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF HEARINGS
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review for the City of Plymouth will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 1997 at 12:00 Noon.

The Regular Board of Review session will begin:

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997

12:15 TO 6:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 1997 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office, located on the first floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The "DEADLINE" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 5, 1997 by 9:00 P.M.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative, agent must have written authority to represent owner, by Monday, March 17, 1997.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the official public bulletin boards of the City and also in the local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meeting Act".

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call (313)453-1234 x 223.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH
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Production resumes at Johnson Controls

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Johnson Controls and UAW members reached a first-ever contract settlement Thursday ending the three-week-old walkout.

Johnson Controls declined to comment on the specifics of the contract, but UAW officials said the initial agreements would bring the workers major wage increases, their first-ever defined benefit pension plan, a comprehensive range of health care and other insurance benefits and fully paid holidays equivalent to those of Big Three auto workers.

According to the UAW, workers will receive negotiated increases in wages ranging from 22 percent to 50 percent over the next 24 months. The proposed new agreement will also provide full grievance procedures, including arbitration, union representation, health and safety protections and numerous other provisions.

Johnson Controls spokesperson Jeff Steiner said the company is simply happy to get back to work.

"We don't want to comment on the contract because we feel it's between us and the employees," he said. "I can say we negotiated three-year contracts at both plants (Plymouth Township and Oberlin, OH) that include comprehensive wage and benefit packages."

Production on the seating systems for the popular Ford Expedition and Econoline Van resumed Friday at the Plymouth Township plant. After the strike began, production of the seating

systems was moved to Southfield-based Lear Inc. and to Ford's Chesterfield Township trim plant.

The agreements were reached during intensive final rounds of negotiations

held simultaneously in the Detroit area and Oberlin, OH.

Approximately 350 employees struck the Plymouth Township plant Jan. 28 in support of the UAW's efforts to attain

"equitable contracts" with other Big Three part suppliers. Approximately 200 workers at the Oberlin, OH Johnson Controls plant also went on strike at the same time.

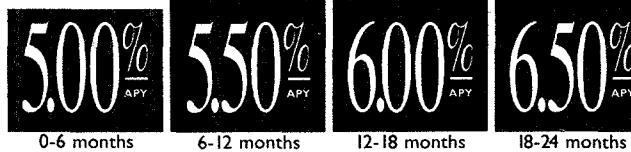
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Canton police investigate alleged child neglect case

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Police responded to a possible case of child neglect at an apartment complex in Canton over the weekend.

According to police reports, neighboring tenants had called the manager to complain about a smell and bug infestation. The manager and maintenance person entered the apartment under an emergency health and safety clause in the lease. They found bags, boxes, and articles of rotting food.

The tenant works in Detroit according to police reports, and frequently leaves her two children, ages eight and 11, without adult supervision. A similar complaint was filed against her in January of last year, and referred to Child & Protective Services.

Police investigating the apartment found piles of garbage and swarms of fruit flies and gnats, along with a strong odor, according to police reports.

The police turned the case over to Child & Protective Services.

On a follow-up visit, the police found one of the children alone and took him to the police station, and later released him into his father's custody.



Friends & neighbors

Neighbors in the news

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be holding a Recognition Dinner on March First at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton to celebrate the past present and future of the local organization. The dinner will honor all past presidents of both the Plymouth and Canton Jaycees, and awards will be presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the community.

All past or current members of the Jaycees are invited to attend. Ticket information is available from Ronnita Norval at 455-8676.

Sienna Heights College has announced its Academic Achievement List, which recognizes part-time students who attained a 3.5 or better grade-point-average during the first semester of the 1996-1997 school year.

Residents from Plymouth and Canton are: from Canton: **Paul F. Jackson, Debra M. Koelzer, Josephine Reynolds, Michael Robert Sonnenberg; and Robin Gwen Comer and Marsha Reedy Koet**, both from Plymouth.

The following students from Plymouth have earned a spot on Schoolcraft College's Fall Dean's List: **Hunkar Chala Atasavan, William Martin Clos, Thomas Michael Dankert, Melissa Joy Davis, Corey Christopher Drews, Ian Prior Fountain, David Bradley Gay, Tani M. Herdell, Hunter Scott Hinchciff, Nicole Ireland, Candace Marie Justice, Lina H. Kelley, Kendra Leigh Labranche, Allison Marie Lapointe, Marisa Lesko, Stuart W. Leung, Damon Christopher Malkiewicz, Laura Jane March, Nicole Lee Marcinkowski, Weny Jeanine Mayer Sarah Marie McNeely, Jame Nesich, Loraine Joanne Potochick, Robert Alan Raymer, Andrew Thomas Rener, Annette Suzanne Ringenburg, Eric John Ruth, Michelle Ann Ruth, Angela K. Scoggins, Natalie Ann Simms, Shelly Ann Smith, Amanda L. Stump, Kristin Marie Visger, Christopher Michael Watts, Danita Christine Weber, Amber Wells, Amanda Renee Welton, Julie Pauline Whiting, Jessica Louise Young, Kevin William Zepp, and Wendy Anne Zundel.**

Canton Girl Scouts elected to advisory positions

They are leaders.

Two Canton girl scouts were recently elected as girl advisors by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

Carli Megasko, a sophomore at Canton High School and a member of Senior Girl Scout Troop #483 is active in

many areas. She lettered on Canton's swim team, plays in the symphony band and is involved with Students Against Driving Drunk, to name a few.

Christen Potochick, a junior at Canton High School, is the senior vice president for Senior Girl Scout Troop #501, and

has been a unit leader for Mayberry Day Camp.

The girl advisor positions were developed by the Girls Scout Council to get a fresh perspective on issues facing girl scouts, according to Charlotte Luttrell, Public Relations Manager for the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

"Girls who become girl advisors have been through the entire girl scout organization," Luttrell said, "they've seen the program all the way through, and we definitely value their opinions. We want to be a girl-oriented group."

Megasko has been in the girl scouts since kindergarden, according to her mother, Cherri, lately serving in leadership positions like the Mackinac Island Honor Scout.

"She goes up there for a week at a time and serves as a tour guide on the island," said Mrs. Megasko. "It's probably her favorite part."

Potochick, who has been in the girl scouts since the first grade, is looking forward to her role as girl advisor.

"I'll finally get to tell them what I think," she said, "and tell them my opinions."

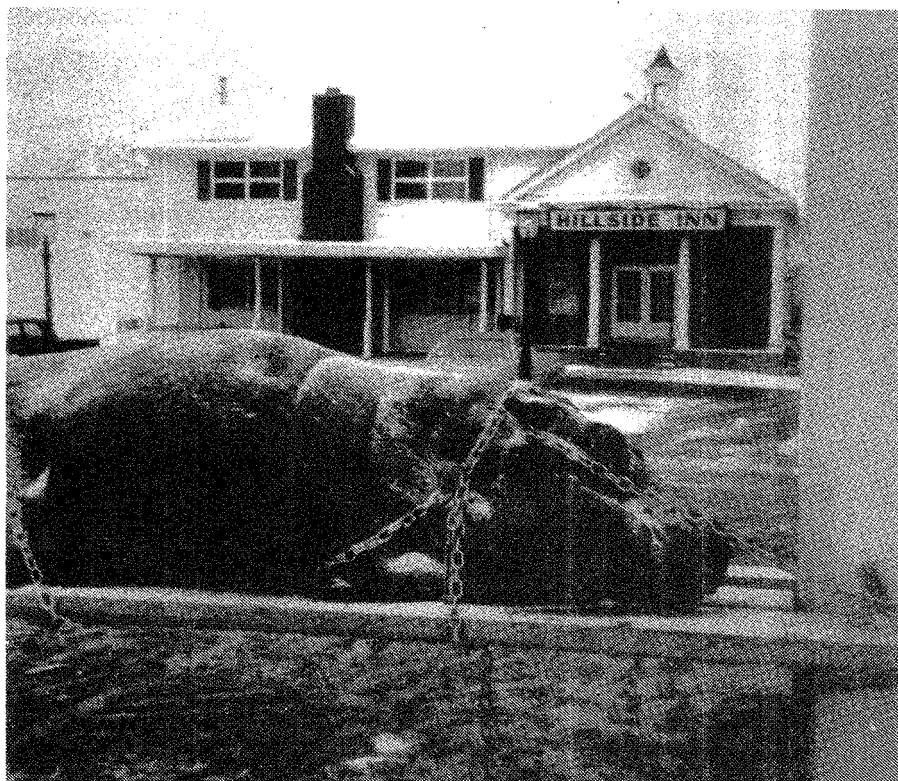
Being in the girl scouts gives Potochick a chance to be with all her friends, she said, and she likes going on trips, knowing that she planned everything. She dismisses the common public opinion of girl scouting.

"A lot of the time people just think of us for cookie sales," she said, "and that's not what we're about. I wish older girls would get involved."

The girl advisors attend board meetings once a month and present the opinions of their fellow scouts about planned activities. The process is important, according to Luttrell, to gain a fresh perspective on girl scout activities.

"Just like in a family," Luttrell said, "a younger member might have a different position. It's definitely a good experience and opportunity for everybody."

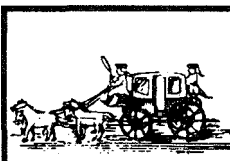
Lions, tigers and bears...oh, my



Many readers got last week's "Glimpse at yesterday" correct by recognizing bartenders Jake Stremich and Ralph Lorenz at the Hillside Inn, now known as

Ernesto's, located on Plymouth Road.

But who can tell The Crier why a hippopotamus is being unloaded at the Hillside Inn in 1968? Once again, one winner will be drawn from all entries for a \$25 gift certificate from the Water Club Bar and Grill. William Baxter of Plymouth was last week's winner.



Glimpse
at
yesterday

Student designs winning interior environment

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

To some people, an all expenses paid trip to Grand Rapids isn't such a big deal.

But to Julie Hopkinson, a Canton resident and interior design student at Eastern Michigan University, it is.

Hopkinson, selected from a list of 90 semi-finalists from around the world, was one of only 25 North American students selected for a scholarship to Grand Rapids' Steelcase University's highly competitive summer interior design program.

"It's a great opportunity to specialize in a particular area of interior design," said Dr. Louise Jones, coordinator of the interior design program at Eastern Michigan University where Hopkinson is a student.

"Steelcase is the largest manufacturer of office furniture in the world," Jones said, "they offer this mentoring program so that the students of today will be the interior design leaders of tomorrow."

Hopkinson, a junior at Eastern and awarded EMU's Seaver Scholarship for best portfolio last year, seemed the natural choice for the program.

"She's a wonderful student," Jones said. "She always goes beyond what is required in a project. Her solutions always reflect optimal use and consider the impacts of using space has on everyone."

"She gets along well with everyone, and is always willing to stay after class. She's always willing to take the extra steps to make sure her education is the best it can be."

During her education Hopkinson has worked on a variety of projects, from conceptual to actual, from "granny flats" — small modular homes designed for senior citizens — to restaurants and halfway houses for the mentally ill currently being rezoned and renovated.

The steelcase four-week summer program explores the business of interior design by examining today's business world. It helps prepare students for the future by encouraging innovative thinking and teamwork, according to Jones. It also places the students in internships after the program.

Hopkinson's scholarship covers the cost of tuition, housing, meals and travel for the four-week program.

Developing community, quality of life clash over Canton industrial park

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The balance between developing a community and maintaining the quality of life came into question recently, when the proposed \$40 million Haggerty II Corporate Park in Canton was dealt a slight setback by the Board of Trustees.

After listening to local homeowners list concerns about screening and buffering components and traffic patterns, the Board altered a special land use request to protect homeowners.

"We do have a beautiful neighborhood that's been impacted negatively because of township improvement," Emily Brock, a local homeowner said. "We have more traffic now, more smells, and more noise."

The site of the research park, on Haggerty Road north of Michigan Avenue, is zoned for a research park, but Stanley Frankel, the project sponsor, was applying for a special land use request to permit warehousing and distribution on the site.

The special land use as it appeared before the board was voted down 6-1, with John Burdziak voting yes.

In its place the Board voted 7-0 to allow for special land use on the eastern two-thirds of the sight.

"One of the points of zoning it as a research park was to create a campus setting," said Trustee Melissa McLoughlin, "so the impact wouldn't be so harsh."

"It's a difficult thing to balance the property owner on this side of the fence to the property owner on that side of the fence and come up with something fair," McLoughlin said.

The debate between Frankel and local homeowners has been friendly.

"We're not trying to run Mr. Frankel out of town. We like him, we like his ideas," Sharon Wazik, of the Canton Hills Homeowners said. "We just feel our needs should be considered."

"We believe it'll be a great development, both for the developers and the community," Frankel said, "I have no problem in compromising, in making everyone happy."

Canton Project Arts presents 'An Evening of Broadway Music'

Canton Project Arts is presenting "An Evening of Broadway Music" featuring artists of the Michigan Opera Theatre.

The event will take place March 8 at the Summit on the Park community center in Canton.

Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. with the program beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at Arnoldt Williams Music, Dearborn Music and the Canton Administration Building, or by calling 397-6450.

Tickets are \$20 each.

Frankel cautions against too much deviation from his site plan, though.

"Too much compromise is self-defeating. It won't bring in the best developers."

Frankel said the concerns of local

homeowners and developers were largely parallel, "Because it's important that office headquarters have a good look to them."

Local homeowners were encouraged by the outcome of the vote.

"I'm happy they listened to our concerns," Wazik said. "He gets to go back to his house, every one else will get to go back to their houses, and we have to stay there. I'm just hoping Mr. Frankel will work with us."



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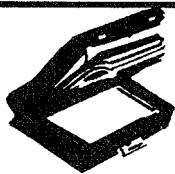
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Getting down to business

Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Republican Club will meet March 20 at the Water Club Grill; details of the P-C Schools bond issue will be presented.

The May 22 meeting is scheduled to feature Sen. Bob Geake. No April meeting is planned. Members wanting dinner should arrive at 6 p.m.

Nomination petitions are available for two seats on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees for the upcoming biennial election of trustees June 9. Trustee terms last six years.

Petitions are available in the President's office and must be returned no later than 4 p.m., Monday April 7. Candidate qualifications and other information is available (313) 462-4460.

On the one-year anniversary of her arrival at the Northville District Library, Feb. 13, Julie Herrin-Laliberte was appointed Library Director.

Herrin, who holds degrees in library science from Wayne State University, had been acting as Library Coordinator of Reference and Electronic Services, and is an eight-year member of the Michigan Library Consortium, most recently its acting director.

Plymouth resident G. Jack Bologna, president of Computer Protection Services, Inc. and retired Siena Heights College assistant professor of management, has co-authored The Accountant's Handbook of Information Technology.

Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., the book is targeted at those who use and manage information technology daily, intended to assist them in navigating its fluid landscape.

Canton's ProCoil, an automotive parts supplier, recently received QS9000 Certification.

Classic atmosphere, excellent food: Bushel's Cafe takes off in Old Village

BY BRYON MARTIN

At lunchtime there's a new taste in Old Village: Veggies, smoothies, bagels — oil paint.

Bushel's Cafe, 985 N. Mill, is Plymouth's newest venue for eats and treats, offering visitors a selection of light-bite cafe sandwiches and drinks in a gallery atmosphere.

"We stress freshness, goodness; healthy stuff," Sam Saad, co-proprietor, said.

The menu features a number of preservative-free, vegetarian items; most notable is the Grilled Veggie sandwich: grilled eggplant, zucchini, tomato, in-house pesto and a choice of cheese. "It's already a favorite with customers," Saad said. And a \$3.50 price doesn't hurt.

For the non-vegetarian, the Smoked Norwegian Salmon sandwich is a solid choice. Served on a bagel with avocado and dressings, it is Bushel's most expensive sandwich at \$5.50.

Accompanied by a side — tabouli, hummus — diners can take away a modestly priced meal that satisfies.

Saad said he expected a narrow demographic of clientele, but has been surprised by the mix of customers. "It's been good. Lunch sees a lot of business people, but we get them young and old, too." The restful cafe atmosphere might be part of the attraction.

Oil paintings by area artists are on display, complemented by classical music; for Saad, it's all about comfy customers. "I think people like to sit and enjoy themselves. This is a nice place to eat."

After the meal, diners can go for the fruit smoothies. It's a freestyle menu and Saad will blend the customer's choice of available fresh fruit. "The base is usually a mix of banana and orange juice. But I buy whatever looks best, freshest. We do it all."

If your sweet tooth craves something richer, try the Hagen-Daas. Bushel's emphasis is on healthy foods, but Saad wants to suit a variety of tastes.

"I don't want anybody to walk away unhappy," he said.

Straightening metal with simple tools — it's Dingman

BY BRYON MARTIN

Look, out in the driveway, it's a service. It's a savings. It's — Dingman!

Yes, Dingman: specialist in the painless removal of autobody dings. After five years as a dealership vendor, Plymouth resident Jeff Milazzo has emerged from the bodyshop and taken his service to the public.

"Striving for a ding free America," is Dingman's cry, and Milazzo's slogan. "There's a big, big market out there," he said. "People think they have to go to a dealership to get dings removed, but I can do it in their driveway."

Having a ding removed at a dealership body shop usually costs upwards of \$200: the offended body panel is removed, the paint ground off and the dent filled before the panel is repainted and remounted on the vehicle.

The service incurs hourly labor charges and usually requires leaving the car at the dealership overnight.

For Dingman, the process is much less involved.

Milazzo runs long, metal rods into the car's body and pops out dings without removing, grinding or repainting the panel.

Depending on where the dent is located, Milazzo can go in through existing openings or can create them in hidden areas, such as wheel wells or door jambs.

"I go in, use the bars to pop-out the dent, and I don't have to repaint." Matching new sections of paint to the existing color can often be tricky, and unsuccessful, Milazzo said.

Any openings made in the body are then sealed with plugs like those used to cap rustproofing holes.

The entire process takes less than an hour; it can be done in a client's driveway while they watch.

Accordingly, Milazzo's fees are in line



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with his low-overhead, streamlined process: removing an individual ding costs \$79, additional dings \$40. Have four or more dings? He'll bump out the fourth for free.

"This is a service, so I'm willing to work with people," Milazzo said. Even

the initial \$79 fee is flexible: "I usually give people ten dollars off, or a coupon for Northville Car Wash."

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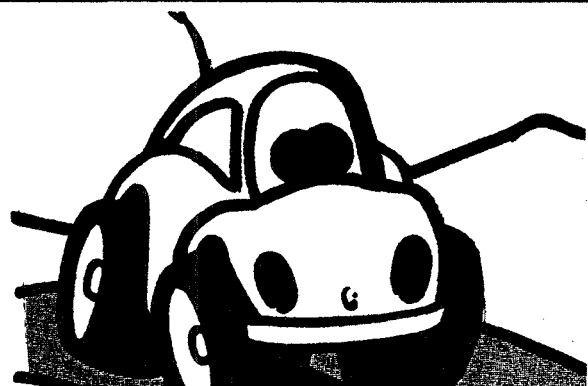
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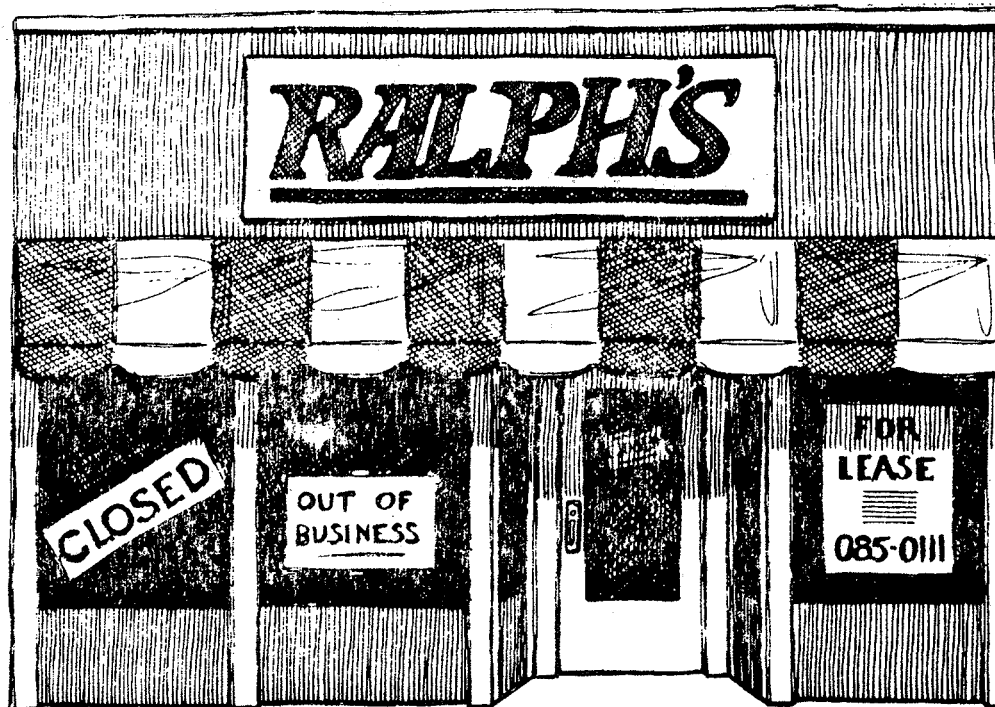
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#93 I don't get any advertising allotment from the home office/parent company.
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#101 My ad budget's set until 1998.
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#137 The newspaper prints "negative" letters.
#140 The newspaper favors Canton High School.
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#144 The newspaper favors the Kiwanis Club.
#148 The newspaper prints too much Plymouth news.
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SMOKE STOPPERS

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HANDBOOKS

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

NEW BEGINNINGS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program serves a hot nutritious lunch five days a week at Tonquish Manor; activities, such as bingo and movies will take place after the lunch in the manor's redecorated community room. A \$1.50 donation is requested for the meal, but not required. For more information, call 453-9703 weekdays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

HEALTH AT THE SUMMIT

In Feb. and March, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is sponsoring a series of health programs at Canton's Summit on the Park. Topics include exercise, cardiac screening, stress management, nutrition for children and adults, parenting skills and cessation of smoking. A separate, Women's-health-oriented series is also planned. Registration required. For info, phone (313) 712-4106.

OAKWOOD CLASSES/SCREENINGS

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

PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB

For those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory disease. Meets the second Wednesday of every month from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth. For information, call 313 712-5367.

Upcoming...

NEIL SIMON'S "RUMORS"

The Plymouth Theatre Guild presents Simon's comedy of confusion at The Water Tower Theatre in Northville, Feb. 28, and March 1. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$9 at the door, and \$8 in advance. For info or group rates, call (810) 349-7110.

RIVERS' BALANCED BUDGET MEETING

U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers will hold a meeting to discuss the balanced budget amendment in Ypsilanti, Saturday March 1 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Sterling Silver Platter Restaurant. For info, call Rivers' office at (313) 741-4210, or (313) 722-1411.

SOLAR INTERFERENCE

Cable television viewers might experience interference from March 2 - 8, as a result of solar events: when the orbital positions of the sun and individual satellites are in line; the more-powerful sun subdues the satellite signal, and picture degradation can result. Interference will occur in mid-afternoon for about half an hour.

GREENHILLS AUCTION

Greenhills School in Ann Arbor will hold its annual auction to benefit student financial aid and enrichment programs at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. An auction preview party, free and open to the public, will be held Thursday, March 6 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. The main auction will be held Saturday, March 8, tickets are \$100 per person. Call (313) 994-6032.

PARKS AND REC. TOLEDO SHAMROCK TRIP

City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation in cooperation with Bianco Tours will offer a trip to Toledo, OH for the Irish Shamrock Special, Thursday, March 6. Cost, \$48.00 for City citizens, \$49.00 for non-city residents. For info, call 455-6620.

CANTON SENIOR SINGLES CLUB

The Canton Senior Singles Club will meet Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the multi-use room at Canton's Summit on The Park. Program will feature the Concerto Grosso group, hobby and collector's night. Refreshments will be served. Open to all Canton singles age 55 or older. Call 453-5297.

SENIOR TAX ASSISTANCE

Free income tax assistance for seniors is available in Plymouth, Canton and Northville through April 15th, courtesy of the AARP Tax-Aide program. Those seniors interested should call for an appointment: 397-5444 in Canton; 349-4140 in Northville; 455-6620 in Plymouth. Information on home visits are also available at each number.

HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Copies of The U.S. House of Representatives' Ethics Committee report on House Speaker Newt Gingrich have been provided to public libraries by Rep. Lynn Rivers. For information on this, or other matters of federal concern, call Rivers' office at (313) 741-4210, or 722-1411.



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Groups...

BET CHAVERIM KIDS GROUP

Congregation Bet Chaverim, serving Jewish families in Western Wayne County, offers a play group for children under five years old. Phone Congregation Bet Chaverim events hotline for info, a (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.

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.

Schools...

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 1997-98 school year be held in all elementary schools **this week** for children five years old on or before Dec. 1, 1997. Parents should bring: Child's birth certificate; proof of residency (current utility or property tax bill with name and address); child's social security number; child's immunization record. If child's attendance area is unknown, or for other questions call Ginie Murdoch, at 416-4842.

EMU WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCH

EMU's Women's Center announces three lunches **March 5, 12 and 26** from noon-1 p.m. in 234 Goodison Hall, featuring a video and presentation on women's history month. The event is free, and brown bag lunches are encouraged. For info., call (313) 487-2377.

EMU BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING

Eastern's Board of Regents will meet Tuesday, **March 18** in 201 Welch hall. Info is available at (313) 487-2410.

DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Plymouth-Canton Schools will hold registration for its Summer '97 Driver Ed. program in the Canton High School Cafeteria, **March 22** at 8 a.m. This will be the only registration day. Students born before Nov. 14, 1982 are eligible.

TUTOR TRAINING

The Community Literacy Council, Inc., will be conducting tutor training seminars for its reading program. Two four-hours sessions must be completed in order to become a reading tutor. Call Jean Calabrese at 416-4906.

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 Partnership 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.

KIDDIE KAMPUS & KIDDIE CREW REGISTRATION

Plymouth-Canton's Community Education Department announces registration, Saturday, March 15 1997, in the Canton High School cafeteria. Kiddie Kampus fees are \$265 for two-day sessions, \$350 for three days. Kiddie Crew fees are \$265 for two-day sessions. Kiddie Kampus will host an open house for all interested applicants for the Fall '97-'98 program March 13, from 9-7 p.m. Call Dee Masteller at 416-2937.

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 concludes at 6 p.m. \$5 per student per session with a minimum of two sessions per week. For more information, call 420-7040.

Volunteer...

HOST-FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

The American Intercultural Student Exchange, a non-profit educational foundation, is seeking local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1997-98 school year. AISE exchange students live with host families and attend local high schools during their 10-month stay. For info, phone AISE at 1-800-742-5464.

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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

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Obituaries

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

CATHERINE R. VAN DUSEN

Catherine R. Van Dusen, a Plymouth Resident, died Feb. 18, 1997 at the age of 87.

Mrs. Van Dusen was born October 9, 1909 in Detroit. She worked as a secretary.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald C. (Patricia) and George C. (Susan) of Skokie, IL; and 6 grandchildren.

Services were held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Leonard Partesnsky officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mass offerings can be made.

STUART S. MORROW

Stuart S. Morrow, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 15, 1997 at the age of 78.

Mr. Morrow was born Sept. 1, 1918 in Flint. He worked for the Kraft Food Company. He was a member of Newburg Methodist Church in Livonia, and the Sunshine Seniors of Livonia. He served in the U.S. Marines as a technical Sergeant, receiving the honorable service lapel button and awarded a good conduct medal.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Plymouth; daughters Barbara (Claude) Mario, Charlene (Sam Webster) Blondy, Kathleen (Burt) Clarke; son Thomas; brother Edwin; sister Katherine York; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at Newburg United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Gilson Miller and the Rev. Ed Coley officiating. Burial was at Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to the Hospice of Washtenaw.

ELLEN KENNEDY

Ellen Kennedy, a Plymouth resident, died Feb. 18, 1997.

Mrs. Kennedy was born in Canada. She worked for Union Investment Company, which was formerly of Plymouth. She was a resident of Plymouth for 55 years. She belonged to many euchre and pinochle card clubs.

She is survived by her sons, Hugh (Beth) Grieve of Dallas, TX, Robert (Joyce) Grieve of Plymouth, Thomas (Susan) Kennedy of Livonia; 10 grandchildren; and 7

great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stirling; daughter Wanda Finney; and one grandchild.

Services will be held at a later date. Local arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to the charity of choice.

ALMA I. JAMES

Alma I. James, a Canton resident, died Feb. 21, 1997 at the age of 87.

Mrs. James was born Sept. 17, 1909 in Detroit. She worked as an office worker for the Wayne County Government.

She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn A. (Robert) Barrick of Canton; son Richard D. (Anita) of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sister, Margaret Schimmelpfennig; and brother, Robert Schimmelpfennig.

Services were held at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial tributes can be given to St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 S. Shelon Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

JEFFREY LEE HASKELL

Jeffrey Lee Haskell, a Westland resident, died Feb. 22, 1997, at the age of 21.

Mr. Haskell was born Aug. 25, 1975 in Dearborn. He worked at Continental Cablevision, and lived in Plymouth for 10 years.

He is survived by his father, Marshall (Jennifer) of Plymouth; sister Jennifer L. of Westland; grandmothers Gloria Haskell of Dearborn Heights, Peggy Matthewman of Trenton; step-grandparents Gene and Dorothy Robinson of Coleman; and several aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by his mother, Carol A. Haskell; and grandfather, Robert Haskell.

Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Memorial tributes can be given to the DeMolay Foundation of Michigan, 500 Temple, Detroit, MI 48201, Attn: Andy Jackson.

Grace B. Wesa, 86, lab worker

Grace B. Wesa, a Canton resident, died Feb. 20, 1997.

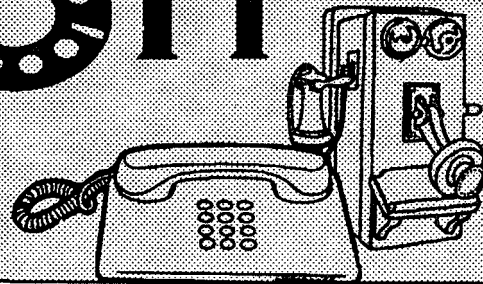
She is survived by her daughter, Georgine Price of Canton; one son; grandchildren, Margine Price and Vivian (John) Harrold of Canton, four other grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made and services held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials: Michigan Human Society.

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Community opinions

Facts confused in school board candidate article

EDITOR:

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

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

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

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

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

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JEFFRY M. PHILLIPS

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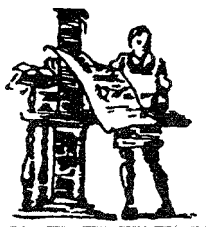
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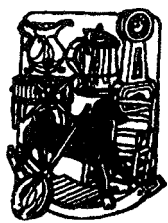
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Sports

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Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association Standings:

Girls B League — Bulls, 7-2; Kings, 5-4; Magic, 5-5; Lakers, 3-6; Pistons, 4-5; Celtics, 3-6.

Game results: Magic defeated the Lakers, 24-23. The Kings ruled the Bulls, 27-24. And the Celtics beat the Pistons, 22-20.

Boys B League National Division — Pistons, 8-1; Sonics, 5-4; Celtics, 5-4; Lakers, 5-4; Bulls, 5-4; Pacers, 5-4; Bucks, 3-6; Knicks, 1-8.

Game results: Bulls bullied the Sonics, 52-39. The Pacers defeated the Knicks, 37-27. The Celtics swamped the Lakers, 47-45. The Pistons bucked the Bucks, 49-21. The Rockets blasted the Spurs, 46-41.

The Magic cast a spell on the Kings and won, 56-42. The 76ers beat the Nets, 59-52. And the Hawks bopped the Jazz, 63-47.

Registration is currently under way for the **Plymouth Community YMCA's Youth Travel Floor Hockey League**, which begins March 6.

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Franklin upsets Salem in WLAA hoops tourney

Once, maybe.

But after Salem dropped their second game in as many weeks to Franklin, the latest a 74-66 loss at home in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, it's time to give credit where it's due.

"They're a good team, absolutely," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They've beat us two times. I thought the first time we didn't play that well. The second time, they just beat us."

And, so, Salem (13-5) was bumped to the loser's bracket and was scheduled to play at Northville last night. Not the match up many observers were anticipating. Despite the WLAA's parity this season, the Patriots' victory must be considered an upset. "I guess," said Brodie. "The number two seed on paper gets upset by the number seven seed."

Franklin's star, big man Matt Bauman, was again the factor in the Rocks' defeat, only this time it wasn't so much his points — he had 18 — it was passes to the perimeter to guard Nick Manjeaun, who scored 24 points, 18 from three-pointers. He shot 50 percent (9 for 18) from the bonus line. "It becomes really difficult to stop everything in a game," said Brodie.

The Rocks' shooting didn't help, going 19 for 52 (37 percent) from the floor. However, Salem was five for 14 from the bonus line, and 13 of 17 from the charity stripe. "You can't complain about that," said Brodie.

Andres Lopes led Salem with 15 points and Andy Power had 10.

In the opening quarter, the Rocks were leading by two points until the closing seconds. It was then that Franklin made a three-pointer and then went to the line. They missed the free throw, but the Patriots put in the rebound for a five-



Salem was able to quiet Franklin's stellar inside game in Friday's first round WLAA playoff game, but the Patriots' perimeter shooting lit up the scoreboard. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

point play. Salem didn't score in their next possession, and then Manjeaun took a half-court shot that banked off the glass and in as time expired. "So we went from being two up to six down," said Brodie.

Salem chipped a point off the Patriots' lead by halftime and went into the locker

room trailing, 35-30. "We continuously played a game of catch up, and we were close, but we couldn't get over the hump," said Brodie.

Each team scored 19 points in the third, and Franklin outscored Salem in the fourth, 20-17, enroute to victory.

Canton wrestlers wrapped up at regionals Canton grapplers' march to states halted; injured St. Louis sits; season ends for Stone, Green, Buttermore

The always grateful Ernie Krumm was himself following Saturday's individual wrestling regional held at Walled Lake Western.

"We wrestled well. We didn't get anybody through; we didn't win a match either. But I can't complain about the performance," he said.

The Chiefs sent three wrestlers to regionals, and could've sent one more if Derek Rumrill hadn't fallen ill prior to district competition. Bad luck struck Canton once again, this time sitting out Vince St. Louis (112 lbs.) because of a chipped bone in his elbow. "Realistically, he had a chance to win a couple of matches and get out, but that's the breaks," said Krumm.

Kevin Stone (135 lbs.) lost, 15-0, to Brian Tibai, who placed

third. "He (Tibai) really dominated the match, no doubt about that," said Krumm.

Stone also lost to Salem's James Greene, 5-4. "It was a good, tough match," said Krumm.

Brent Buttermore (130 lbs.) lost both matches also, including a 9-0 defeat to eventual regional champion Richard Watson of Wayne Memorial.

Canton finished the season with a team dual meet record of 2-5-1. "I don't think we lost to anyone we should've beat," said Krumm. "We improved from the beginning of the season to end, that's what I'm interested in."

And they should improve next year with just four seniors graduating from a 25-man roster.



Sports

An Erie feeling: Whalers escape with victory

BY BRIAN CORBETT

All of the Detroit Whalers may want to play on the same professional level as the Red Wings one day, but this is one habit the aspiring OHL players can do without.

Against Erie Thursday night at Compuware Sports Arena, the Whalers continued to mirror the Red Wings alarming trend of surrendering commanding leads, but a goal midway through the third period by center Steve Wasytko secured a 5-4 victory over the Otters.

The Whalers led 4-0 midway through the second period until Erie's Chris Van Dyk scored at 12:18 to break Robert Esche's

shutout bid. That was followed by two more Otter goals in the next seven minutes, narrowing Detroit's lead to one and threatening to continue the Whalers three-game losing streak. But Wasytko scored his 22nd goal of the season when he skated from the corner in the Otters' end into the circle and beat goalie Ryan Penney with a wrist shot to the top shelf.

Erie scored with one second remaining to close the scoring. It was just the second victory in February for the Whalers, who are enduring their worst month of the season (2-7). That can be attributed to a team laden with rookies who have never played a 66-

game season in their young careers, Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer said. "This is the toughest stretch of the season that we're going through, January and February. I think we were a tired hockey club, and when you're tired, you make mental mistakes," said DeBoer.

Captain Mike Morrone had two assists in the game. Assistant captain Andrew Taylor had one assist and Wasytko had one goal and one assist.

The Otters held Detroit to 16 shots on goal. The Whalers aren't known for their firepower, but DeBoer was still impressed. "It's a pretty rare time this year when a team can come in and outshoot us at home. You've got to get them a lot of credit," he said.

The game appeared headed for a blowout. Detroit only recorded four shots on net in the opening period, but two beat starting goalie Pat Dovigi. Gooldy, scored 1:07 into the game skating with Druken and Randy Fitzgerald. Mike Morrone set up the second Whalers' goal at 19:52 from the left side, passing to Druken in the right circle who scored on a shot to the left corner.

Early in the second Jan Vodrazka scored the third goal on five shots, and Dovigi was benched in favor of Ryan Penney. Julian Smith added to the Detroit lead at 7:18.

VanDyk's power-play goal picked the Otters out of ineptitude.

Vadim Sharapov and Derrel Upton scored before the period expired with Detroit leading, 4-3.

Detroit rally ties Kitchener

BY BRIAN CORBETT

This tie wasn't like kissing your sister, it was more like a super model.

Detroit scored two goals within 10 seconds late in the third period to salvage a 3-3 tie with Kitchener. Before a record crowd of 4,253, Mark Cadotte and Mike Morrone took turns setting each other up for the Whalers' second and third goals with less than four minutes left in regulation to forge the deadlock. Both teams had one shot on goal in the five-minute overtime period.

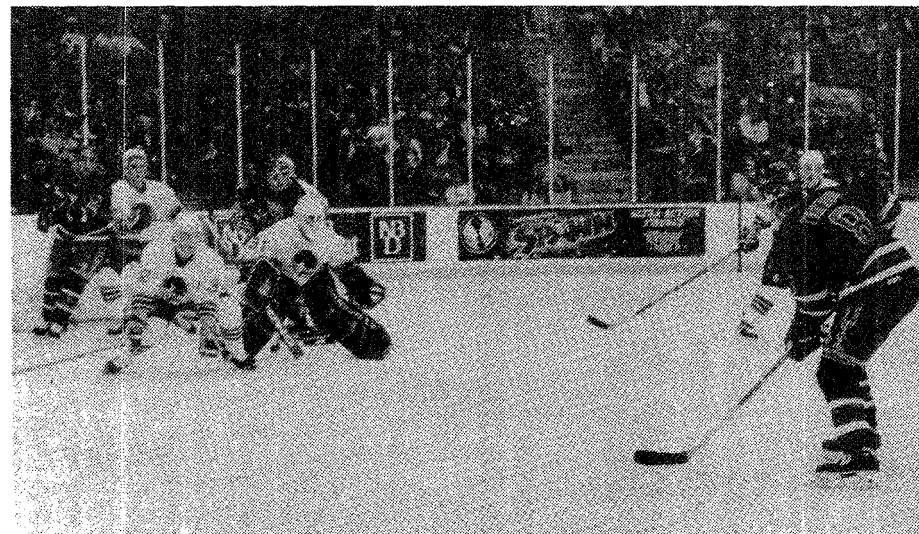
Morrone and Cadotte led all scorers with two points. Luc Rioux scored Detroit's other goal.

Whalers Coach Peter DeBoer considered the tie a moral victory for his team. "Definitely, it was an outstanding game. The guys played a great game. Right from the drop of the puck, the game had a really good tempo and intensity. I think it was a great game, from a fan's point of view," DeBoer said.

Detroit emerged from the game with a point despite a depleted defensive corps that committed several mistakes with regular blue liners Kevin Holdridge and Jan Vodrazka out of the lineup. Soon after Robert Esche turned aside a two-on-one opportunity created by a Pat Parthenais turnover, Jason Lawmaster lost control of the puck in the Detroit end and Boyd Devereux scored unassisted on a backhanded shot at 11:47 of the second period, expanding Kitchener's lead to 2-0. The third period featured 25 shots and four goals. Rioux scored first on a wrist shot from the right point that meandered through heavy crease traffic past goalie David Belitski. With Mike Morrone off for holding, defenseman Vratislav took a shot from the left point that was deflected by Ryan Moungeenel and into the Detroit net.

Down 3-1 with less than five minutes remaining against the Central Division leader Rangers (32-18-7), some ticket holders headed for the exits early presumably figuring the game's outcome was a foregone conclusion. Let's hope they heard the game's heart-stopping final 10 minutes on the radio. Troy Smith and Morrone set up Cadotte's wrist shot from between the circle with less than four minutes to go. Then, before Cadotte's goal could be announced over the public address system, he combined with defenseman Bryan McKinney to set up Morrone's game-tying goal. Detroit nearly won with a minute left in overtime when Cadotte centered a pass to Wasytko, but Belitski made the save.

Shot blocker



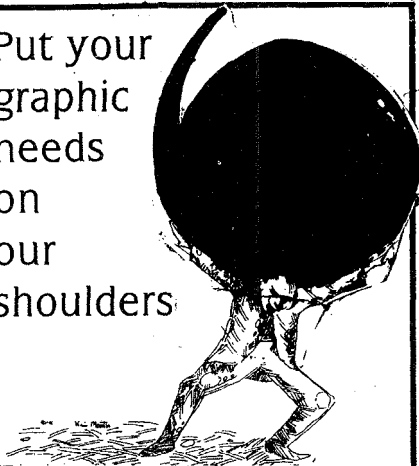
Two goalies? Nope. But defenseman Sergei Fedotov and his teammates will do anything for a victory, or a tie, as was the case in Saturday's 2-2 deadlock versus Kitchener. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



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Oshawa	34	16	6	6-3-1	74
Peterborough	34	23	2	6-4-0	70
Kingston	22	28	6	6-4-0	50
Belleville	19	30	7	5-5-0	45
North Bay	12	42	7	2-6-2	31
Central Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts
Kitchener	32	18	7	7-2-1	71
Barrie	29	21	8	6-3-1	66
Guelph	29	24	5	2-8-0	63
Owen Sound	26	29	1	2-8-0	53
Erie	20	33	6	5-4-1	46
Sudbury	18	29	7	4-3-3	43
West Division	W	L	T	Last 10	Pts.
Sarnia	34	18	5	7-3-0	73
S.S.M.	32	16	9	6-3-1	73
Windsor	24	26	8	4-5-1	56
DETROIT	23	30	5	3-7-0	51
London	10	47	2	1-8-1	22

WHALERS STATISTICS

Season leaders:
Goals-Taylor (28)
Points-Cadotte (59)
Penalty Minutes-Vodrazka (210)
Power Play Goals-Taylor (12)
Shorthanded Goals-Taylor, Cadotte (2)
Game Winning Goals-Taylor (4)
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Canton shoots down Rockets in hoops

The old bait-and-switch sales tactic worked wonders in Canton's 57-43 defeat of John Glenn in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament.

A previous victim of Rob Johnson's offensive prowess, the Rockets decided to double-team the Canton star.

But John Glenn's defensive strategy freed up Nick Hurley and Donte Scott,

who scored 21 points and 18 points respectively. Hurley, who scored 15 points in the first half, and Scott hit a variety of pull up shots and drives that exposed the Rockets' defense.

Johnson finished with eight points, as did Matt Ammons. "It's always good when you win a tough game on the road," said Canton coach Dan Young.

The win advanced the Chiefs (12-6) to

the second game last night hosting league champion Walled Lake Central (14-3).

In Friday night's game, the Chiefs took a commanding 31-18 lead into half-time. But the Rockets came out firing in the third, outscoring Canton, 21-10, and shutting down the Chiefs' offense with a full-court trap. As a result, Canton's lead shrunk to two, 41-39. The Rockets succeeded in tying the game early in the fourth quarter, 41-41.

But a strong defensive effort by the Chiefs — holding John Glenn to two points the rest of the game — resulted in the wide margin of victory. "Holding them to 43 points is what we need to do," said Young. "And we've had a lot of different people scoring, which we've been looking to do."

Eagles win WLAA; Chiefs, Rocks vault into regionals

With the quality of teams competing at the Western Lakes Activities Association gymnastics championship at Canton High School, it could've easily been considered a precursor to the upcoming regional state meets.

And that's just how Canton coach John Cunningham decided to view it. "We had a very good meet. When you have the top one, two and three teams in the state there, you're expecting not to finish higher than fourth," he said.

The host team took seventh Saturday in the eight-team field with 132.7. Salem (133.3) was fifth. The championships' top spots read much like the coaches association's state rankings. Hartland won the WLAA with 143.1, Northville-Novis was second with 142.95, Brighton (138.9) was third and the Farmington schools (138.5) placed fourth.

"That score puts us in regionals," Cunningham said.

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's top gymnast was Salem's Kristin Kosik, who placed second in the all around. She took second in the vault and the floor exercise, fifth on the uneven parallel bars and sixth on the balance beam.

Canton didn't place any gymnasts in the top 10 of any event, which didn't surprise Cunningham. "I told the girls, 'There's only one trophy, one medal, and that's for first place; we're not going to be first place. And none of you are going to be first place, so get out there and try out your routines, because I don't want last place,'" Cunningham said.

Canton's Liz Fitzgerald must not either. She was the Chiefs' top performer on the day, taking 13th in the all around, 14th on the floor exercise, 13th on the bars and 14th in the vault.

"We had decent performances everywhere," said Cunningham. "You have to set realistic goals."

4 Salem wrestlers place at regionals; state tourney next

BY BRIAN CORBETT

Dan Hamblin is excited about going to Battle Creek next month, and it's not because he likes cereal.

Hamblin and Salem wrestling teammates Eric Coburn, Anwar Crutchfield and Teono Wilson earned the right to advance to state wrestling meet by placing in the regional competition held at Walled Lake Western Saturday.

"Dan's really excited about going to states," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "He was crying a bit. He got on the phone and called his mom and told her. He thinks it's the top banana."

Well, bananas do mix well with cereal. And the opponents across the state had better eat heartily to prepare for this four-some.

It will be the first trip to the state finals for all the wrestlers.

Despite wrestling in the highly competitive 140-lbs weight class, Hamblin finished fourth, highlighted by a 7-2 victory in his second match.

"I think getting fourth there was (good), that was a heck of weight class, considering it has last year's state champion (Novi's Taka Watanabe)," said Krueger.

At 189 lbs. Wilson survived an early

scare in his first match. "He caught (Wilson) right away, and threw him.

But Teono came back and pinned him in 2:41," said Krueger.

Wilson beat Wayne Pat Grzecki 9-5 in the next match before nearly defeating the eventual regional champion from Southgate, Eric Danko, who scored in the closing seconds to win, 8-7.

Coburn took the regional title at 119 lbs. He defeated Milford's Jason Arnell, Walled Lake Western's Steve Atwell and Adrian's Omar Rivera, 3-0, in the finals to win his weight class.

Crutchfield (119 lbs.) lost his first match, but came back to win his next three, including a victory against South Lyon's Brad Kalis, who had knocked out Crutchfield in last year's regionals.

James Greene, the Rocks' fifth regional qualifier, will not advance to states.

But before his season ended with a loss to Novi's Mark Churella, Greene defeated Canton's Kevin Stone.

"Four out of five isn't bad. I would've liked to have five out of five. I thought they were all capable, but it wasn't to be," said Krueger.

In a tremendous display of support, the entire team traveled to Western for the day-long event.

WLC denies Rocks WLAA volleyball title

The Salem volleyball team got what they wanted at the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament — sort of.

Seeded second, the Rocks had hoped to exact revenge on Walled Lake Central, who ended the Rocks' 43-game league winning streak just one week earlier. "That was our goal: to have a chance to beat them again," said Salem co-coach Ali Suffety.

To do that, both teams had to make the finals — and they did. But the Vikings started their own winning streak by defeating the Rocks for the second consecutive time. Salem lost in two straight, 6-15, 11-15. "They've got our number this year," said Suffety. "But they'd better be ready for us next year, because we've got a lot of people coming back."

Amanda Abraham finished the tourney with 45 kills, 19 solo blocks at eight assist blocks. Jenny Trott recorded 33 kills and 32 digs. Kelly Street posted 18 kills and Angie Sillmon had 16 kills. Freshman Amanda Suder also had an exceptional day. "She did a great job for us serving," said Suffety.

Salem was rolling in their first two matches. The Rocks crushed Farmington, 15-6, 15-1, and then moved to blast the John Glenn Rockets, 15-4, 15-4. Salem had defeated Churchill, 15-10 and was leading in the second game, 8-2, before the Rocks' serve/receive began to falter. Churchill won game two, 15-13. "We had a chance to put them away, but we had lulls in our play," said Suffety.

The semi-finals also troubled Salem. The Rocks defeated Stevenson in three games, 15-9, 12-15, 15-3. "Everything they got over created chaos on our side," said Suffety.

The win afforded the Rocks the opportunity they craved — a showdown in the finals versus Central. But the Vikings were dominant, except for a moment in the second game. "Honestly, in the second game, I think they got disinterested in us, and we got back in it," said Suffety.

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SALEM BOYS SWIMMING
Regional diving competition March 3.

SALEM WRESTLING
Four wrestlers head to states in Battle Creek March 7-8.

SALEM GYMNASTICS
Regionals Saturday.

SALEM VOLLEYBALL
Districts at Novi Friday and Saturday.



Community opinions

Insensitive attacks have no place in local politics

Public leaders should not be divisive.

The "politically correct" phrase is really nothing new.

Those who lay claim to public office should be strong enough leaders to bring the community together.

Two recent examples come to the point.

Allegations that Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Andrea Ferrara made racial and ethnic comments about fellow judges is alarming.

If it indeed proves to be true, Wayne County (or any county) does not need her on the bench. While the comments were allegedly made in a private (she thought) conversation, they reveal a mind set that does not belong in a court room.

The Michigan State Judicial Tenure Commission should investigate the claims. If they're found to be true, Judge Ferrara should resign or be removed. In the meantime, she should take leave of the bench.

A second politically incorrect statement came closer to home.

The Plymouth-Canton Community's two Wayne County Commissioners differ from their colleagues on the commission in more ways than just being Republican. Thaddeus McCotter and Bruce Patterson are also both boat rockers in the Wayne County government.

While neither of them have pulled out a kazoo and played it during a meeting of the Wayne County Board (as former Canton Supervisor Jim Poole once did), they both are known to stand up for their positions.

Thus it was not surprising that when the new round of committee assignments came up, they were both snubbed by the Democratic-clique.

Nor was it surprising they were both mad about it and vented.

However, one of Patterson's remarks was out of order. Former Highland Park Robert B. Blackwell was named chair of the County Commission's Economic Development Committee which will oversee development of 900 acres of abandoned county property at Sheldon and Five Mile Roads.

"Will Highland Park now be the model for economic development in Northville Township?" said Patterson.

And then McCotter called it the county quote of the month in his newsletter sent at taxpayer expense.

Attacking, even by inference, another community is not appropriate for elected officials. Although Highland Park has had its share of economic setbacks in the past two decades, there are some positive movements afoot there.

While the Patterson comment (and McCotter's "right on") is in no way as severe as Judge Ferrara's alleged comments, it is still unfortunately disparaging. He was correct in standing up against the party-lining of commission appointments, but he hurt that position by inferring an attack on another community.

The Plymouth-Canton Community expects more positive leadership.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Community editorials

Old, new stare at each other across Canton Center Road

Juxtaposition.

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Julien's Store.

Meijer, Inc.

Across Canton Center Road at Ford Road — for the next three weeks — remains a startling look at the old and the new.

Julien's for more than 50 years offered the "corner store" of Canton. Worms. Beer. Pop. Candy. Paper Towels. Smokes. It used to sell gasoline too, but the ever-widening roads forced the pumps out from in front of the store.

In the 1960s, it was a convenient place for the Plymouth High School underagers to buy beer. More recently, it grew into the cracker barrel for a few Canton oldtimers.

It all existed since 1974 in the shadow of the largest retailer in The Plymouth-Canton Community — Meijer, Inc. That megastore opened then as a new concept by the Grand Rapids-based family and remains as the second-largest store in that operation. (Unlike the Walmart

With malice toward none



chain's demise of small downtowns, the Meijer stores have tended to play off existing business districts and create more overall retail and grocery business.)

Certainly the big "chain" opening across the road didn't mean doom for Julien's. That family's business just adapted and even benefited from the increased traffic.

Bob Julien decided to sell the store because its real estate became too attractive to turn away offers. Thus, he joins the ranks of the Canton sweetcorn farmers who have left the scene to make way for new subdivisions.

But the memories of the corner store remain.

Especially since it stood just across the road from the future of retailing.



Julien's Market (above) and Meijer (below) have stood in contrast across Canton Center Road for decades. With Julien's closing, an era ends. Memories of the corner store will remain with the many people who have frequented the store over the years.





Community opinions

March bond issue: right idea, wrong solution

EDITOR:

After much thought and close examination of the bond proposal, my conclusion is that this bond should not be supported by our community. While much of the requested bond money is needed, the community must ask itself some fundamental questions.

First, do we need a new high school? The critical word is need. After examining the enrollment projections, the present capacity at 28 students per teaching station for five periods a day, and the fact that there is no operating money now or in the foreseeable future to reduce class size, one can only conclude that building a new high school is not logical or a wise use of our money. The proposed new high school represents 62 percent of the bond or \$53.4 million. A new high school would bring the total capacity of the PCEP to 5,782 students to support an enrollment that flattens out at about 5,100. The district is asking you to build a new high school for 1,143 students, not for 1,833 — just a simple 38 percent over build.

In discussing this bond proposal with teachers and administrators at the PCEP, it is clear that they were not consulted in any type of focus group or by a committee about what the needs of our children are at the high school level. Why aren't they in the loop? There is a significant question that they have raised: Is the \$1.6 million in added overhead enough to fund a brand new, full

service high school? At best, the projections need more professional study and input by those at the PCEP who will be doing the work.

Do we need to spend \$9.7 million for a new elementary school? The basic premise is that we need a new elementary school and we do need it! However, this school is designed to be able to convert it to a middle school at some time in the future. This strategy costs money! It is unlikely that the elementary enrollment will drop before we need a new middle school. Therefore, why spend that money! In addition, the district is asking you to pay for the purchase of a new site — \$750,000. The district should use the property that it presently has and use the \$1 million capital fund contingency. Finally, the last two elementary schools cost \$4.5 million to build. This one, excluding the site, will cost \$9 million — double the cost in the nine years since we bid and completed the last two. That is an inflation rate of more than 8 percent compounded annually, versus a real CPI rate of 3 percent to 3.5 percent.

In summary, we need a bond issue, but not this one. The district needs to step back and determine what is needed, not what it wants. There was a site plan developed during the implementation of the 1991 bond that was done for our existing two high schools. It was designed to accommodate a class room building, located between Canton and Salem. There was significant input from the

community, staff and administration on that plan. This site plan was never raised or discussed by the board or administration as an alternative during the bond committees or board of education deliberations.

With the information we have today, the district needs more classroom space, not more overhead. A new high school creates more overhead. This one is worth \$1.6 million when the building opens. Couldn't we spend that money more effectively?

A simple alternative is a classroom building at the PCEP that would include a single "best-in-class" library (media center), a cafeteria, a PE/intramural gym and state-of-the-art classrooms. Use the \$1.6 million in projected overhead to create a better educational process for our students by keeping the library open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and by adding weekend hours. Convert the existing libraries to classrooms. The PCEP is only too large if we allow "large" to affect our children's education. Nobody has data to support that "large" has affected our children's education.

Education needs to step forward and begin working toward meeting educational needs by improving educational processes. Use our funds wisely to improve education, not to add overhead. Defeat this bond in March and work to pass a better one in June or August — one we need and can afford.

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