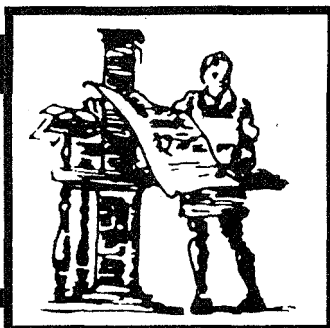


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## Dismuke Mayor of Plymouth

*Organizational meeting, usually quiet, charged with emotion, allegations*

BY BRYON MARTIN

The Plymouth City Commission chamber was steeped in emotion and political allegations Monday night, as the newly elected commission chose a mayor and mayor pro-tem.

Don Dismuke and Joe Koch were elected to the mayor and mayor pro-tem positions, respectively. Each gained their spot with four votes, the minimum number possible: each voted for himself, the other, and received a vote from Commissioners Ron Loiselle and John McDonald.

Commissioners Stella Greene and Colleen Pobur — who ran for the mayor and pro-tem spots, respectively — voted against Dismuke and Koch.

Commissioner Dennis Shrewsbury also voted against Dismuke and Koch, but took time to address the commission and audience before doing so.

"You can call this my 'sour grapes' speech," he said as he began an explanation of why he would vote against Dismuke.

Shrewsbury, who has aspirations for the job as mayor, charged Dismuke with partisan politics and back-biting in his bid for the seat, calling him "untrustworthy." He also said that Dismuke knew of phone calls and letters made by local republican party members that promoted Dismuke and slammed Shrewsbury.

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## Twp. to choose chief Tuesday

BY BRYON MARTIN

The decision: it's to be another seven days of antacid for Acting Chief Bob Smith.

The uncertainty as to who will be Plymouth Township's new chief of police will continue for a final week: Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy chose to not call a special meeting of the Township Board of Trustees last night, as she had said she might. Instead, Keen McCarthy said she will make her recommendation to the board Tuesday during its regular meeting.

"We're still checking references," she said, indicating that she and other board members need more time to select one of the four candidates now in competition for the job.

Keen McCarthy had the power to call a special, off-schedule meeting last night, at which she could have presented her recommendation for the township's top cop spot.

The board could then approve her choice with a simple majority of

assenting votes; fewer than a majority would leave the board and supervisor to reach an alternate choice at least four trustees are willing to approve.

Four candidates are now in competition for the job.

Bob Smith has filled the spot as acting chief since the May retirement of former chief Carl Berry. There is no change in his status as a contender, Keen McCarthy said, despite a recently diffused row with the Police Officers Association of Plymouth Township.

Also running are:

- Laurence Carey, City of Troy Chief of Police.
- Lt. Richard Lively, Saginaw Police.
- David Nicholson, retired Chief of Police from Mt. Prospect, IL.

Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting will begin at 7:30 in Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

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**Ever vigilant...** Mike Stefas and Dennis Shrewsbury (left to right), Veterans of the Vietnam War, were among those to keep an all-day vigil Tuesday at the Veterans Memorial in Kellogg Park. The Plymouth VFW also held ceremonies there, part of their acknowledgement of Veterans Day (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

### Rotary awards

Canton service club awards firefighter, police officer of year

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### High-tech teeth

Dentists open state-of-the-art practice in Canton

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# Report: P-C classes less crowded

BY BRYON MARTIN

Early elementary classrooms in Plymouth-Canton's public schools are less crowded this year, according to a report by the Class-Size Action Partnership (CAP).

The average number of students per classroom dropped from a 1993 average of 30, to 24.3 as of Sept. 1997, the report said. According to Judy Mardigian, CAP co-chair, the partnership has surpassed its short-term goal: the reduction of class sizes in grades K - 5 to 25 kids per class.

The district has also seen the near elimination of "hot spots," classrooms in grades 1 - 5 with more than 27 students. In 1993 there were 198 hot spots in the P-C district; today, Mardigian said, there are nine.

"The net result is that today our children are in a much better situation," she said. Crowded classrooms can impede children's success in subjects such as math and reading, according to Mardigian, who cited Project STAR, a 1989 national study on class size.

"Kids with smaller class sizes in grades K - 3 consistently out-perform others" from larger classes, she said.

Mardigian said Project STAR suggests that more concentrated attention from teachers during students' early years fosters better foundations in math and reading skills.

Mardigian and core CAP members Lucy French, Darice Schubatis, Karen Palgut and Paul Schraubend assembled the report and were to present it to the Board of Education last night.

The report credits the class-size reduction to split-grade classrooms and new teacher hires.

"There has been a real commitment made (to class-size reduction) on the part of the board and administration," Mardigian said. "They get all the credit."

With their short-term goal met, she said the CAP would like to see numbers drop to 17 - 20 kids per class in grades K - 3. Classes of this size would be in-line with California-state and Project-STAR standards.

The CAP report suggests future district efforts in high-school and middle-school class-size studies, the development of a contingency plan in case Livonia Public Schools cancels its lease of Lowell Middle School, and the pursuit of additional state funding.

*'The net result is that today our children are in a much better situation.'*

**Judy Mardigian  
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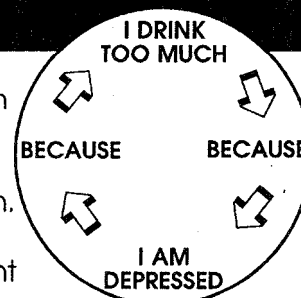
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# Designs on Plymouth

**What has architect David Schaff been up to lately? Walk through Plymouth and see.**

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

He's been working in town for more than a decade. You've seen his work, whether you recognized it or not, in places like the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC), the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC) and now, Kellogg Park.

And there's probably more to come.

The new three-tiered fountain in Kellogg Park is just one example of how Plymouth architect David Schaff is becoming a burgeoning influence on Plymouth's overall design and look.

Through his firm Architects & Planners, Inc.(API), Schaff is gradually creating a cohesive look for Plymouth that could one day stretch from I-275, along the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC), and into Old Village.

The fountain is just the first, most tangible sign of Schaff's budding vision.

Schaff initially became involved in the project through the Plymouth Rotary, an organization he joined shortly after moving his business into town in 1982. Rotary president Hal Cooper asked for his help when Plymouth's Calvin Perry donated \$35,000 to the Rotary for a new fountain.

"He asked me to help because he wanted to find the best way to accommodate one person's generosity," Schaff says.

A lot of generosity would eventually be involved to finish the project economically, Schaff says.

Schaff designed the fountain to be similar to one near Perry's Hilton Head, SC, winter home. After finding a firm in Nevada that could custom build the three-bowled structure, and estimating the cost



David Schaff, a Plymouth resident since 1976, has worked on a variety of municipal projects in and around the city. Most recent are the new Kellogg Park fountain and a proposed design for the 35th District Courthouse. (Crier photo by Bryon Martin).

of lighting and redoing the mason work, the price tag had grown to nearly \$72,000.

Schaff and Earl Hall of E & N Hoisting Service donated their time to the project to keep costs at a minimum. Hall also procured many of the materials, which included bricks for the fountain's new fascia. His discounted rate brought the overall cost of the project down to \$50,000, all of which Perry donated.

"It definitely was a fun project, although we encountered more problems than I thought we would," Schaff says. "The roads were all torn up, the construction industry was going nuts, and it's amazing how many things are going on in the park when you're trying to get something done there."

Schaff says the fountain would be soon complete with a new lining and lighting, with landscaping scheduled to take place in the spring.

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## Playing

*downtown*

BY W. EDWARD WENDOVER

"How do you get to Detroit's Orchestra Hall?"

("Practice, practice, practice" is one answer.)

But to a lot of Plymouth-Canton folks, that question was very real last Sunday afternoon.

After all, The Plymouth Symphony was going BIG TIME, DOWNTOWN playing Orchestra Hall for the first time!

This was a major concert for the 52nd annual season of the community symphony that was born playing alongside a pond on Ed Pino's farm in Plymouth Township. Besides the Symphony, also featured were three baritones and a bayanist.

That meant that a bunch of suburban hicks from

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This was a major concert for the community symphony that was born playing alongside a pond on Ed Pino's farm in Plymouth Township.



The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra made its first trip to Detroit Orchestra Hall over the weekend (Crier photo by R. Alwood, Jr.).

## Agenda

### THIS WEEK

- Through Nov. 16, the Plymouth Whalers and Plymouth United Way offer a \$2 discount on \$6 End Zone seats for donations of three or more non-perishable food items.
- Tomorrow, the Plymouth Historical Society's monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at Station 885 in Plymouth. Program topic, "Railroad stations of Michigan." Dessert will be served. For more info, call the museum 455-8940.

### WEEKEND

- Sunday, at 11 a.m. the Summit in Canton will present musician Marc Thomas as part of its Youth Variety performance series.

### NEXT WEEK

- Monday, the Northville Senior Citizens Center invites seniors to its Thanksgiving Party, 303 West Main St. Cost is \$7, payable at the door. Traditional turkey dinner and entertainment included in price. Transportation available for \$1 donation. Call 248-349-4140 for reservations.

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# New Plymouth Hilton breaks ground

Work begins on \$10.5 million hotel at M-14 and Beck Raod

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

The Hilton is returning to Plymouth. The \$10.5 million hotel broke ground last week in Plymouth Township at the northeast corner of M-14 and Sheldon Road, according to Brian Barton, general manager of the project.

The hotel is a joint project between Southgate-based Heritage Development Group and Troy-based Hotel Investment Services (HIS). Barton, a Northville resident, said it brings together many components of the old Plymouth Hilton on

Northville road.

His wife worked at the Plymouth Hilton as a reservations manager, and Barton's boss, Ron Wilson, of Hotel Investment Services, worked there as a banquet manager, he said.

"It'll be an interesting grand opening party," Wilson said. "We're going to try to get as much of the old crew together as possible."

The name and some of the staff may be the only things the old Hilton and new Hilton Gardens have in common. The new Hilton will feature 156 rooms, each with their own microwave and refrigerator, according to Wilson.

"Guests will be able to buy heat-and-serve meals in a small market in the lobby, or cross the street and go to the store," he said.

Less ambitious guests can take advantage of the hotel's full-service restaurant, Wilson said.

The biggest difference between the new Hilton and the old one, which is being converted into a senior citizens' home, is the location Wilson said.

"The obvious difference is that now we have an exit. The old location was a little more difficult to find," he said. "You really had to know where it was."

HIS first approached Heritage development with the project because of the Beck

and M-14 site, Wilson said.

"It is an excellent location. There are two large corporate parks nearby and there are no other first class hotels in the area," he said. "It's a big growth area in need of a hotel."

Wilson should know about first-class hotels. As a court-appointed receiver for the Mayflower Hotel, Wilson ran the hotel from Dec. 1992 to July 1994, he said.

"That was a difficult project," he said. "They were losing about \$4,000 a day when we stepped in."

HIS is primarily known for running troubled hotels, Wilson said. Teaming up with a developer for a new hotel is a step in a different direction for the firm.

"Previously we had strictly taken over troubled hotels and turned them around," he said. "You were always trying to win an unwinnable war. You can run a hotel a lot better if you know you're going to be there a while."

Wilson said his experience with the Mayflower was a good one, and that the support of the community was one of the reasons he returned to the community.

"The people of Plymouth really stood by the hotel. It was like a family," he said. "It was one of the major reasons why we wanted to move back here. The people were just fantastic. There's no other way to describe it."

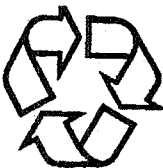


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## Day to pray, fast

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Congregations around the world will get together for three days of intensive prayer for the fate of mankind.

Beginning today, the prayer conference is based at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas Fort Worth, and broadcast via satellite to participating churches around the world, including Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, and Northville Christian Assembly, according to coordinator Dennis Woodman of Calvary Baptist.

"We feel the state of the nation is in such such bad condition that we're in need of God to revive it," said Woodman, who has been a member of Calvary for 18 years.

It's Calvary Baptist's second year partaking in the prayer conference. They recently had bought the satellite equipment before last year's conference, and are looking for an even better turnout this year, according to Woodman.

The conference is separated into several blocks of time, he said. The first day's prayer centers on personal repentance and

**Addenda & errata**

Steve Guile is not chairman of the City of Plymouth's Zoning Board of Appeals; Steve Ragan recently resigned the position.

David McDonald was not the eldest candidate for City Commission; Ron Loiselle was.

humility before God.

The process readies the mind and spirit for the concentrated prayer of the following days.

Beginning Thursday, the conference is divided into 20-minute sections, a representative will introduce the topic, talk about it for five minutes, and then lead the collected congregation in 15 minutes of prayer about the topic.

Topics range from leadership, family, future church impact and outreach, according to Woodman.

"The purpose is to mobilize millions of people to pray constantly for personal, national and worldwide revival and the fulfillment of the great commission," Woodman said.

While all are invited to attend the conference at the church, Woodman stresses that this is not a membership drive.

"I'm not trying to just get people to come to our church, I'm trying to get people to participate," he said.

Although the conference is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, it is not necessary to come that early, or stay that late, Woodman said. The conference will be run informally, with a come-as-you are and stay-only-as-long-as-you-like theme.

Anyone wanting to fast during the conference can, but Woodman said that it isn't required.

"We're just trying to encourage people to come and go whenever they have some free time," Woodman said.

Hours of the prayer conference are today from 7-10 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Municipal projects more than job for architect

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Schaff says it may get a trial run before then, however.

"Everyone says we're not going to start it up until next year, but I say I want to see it," he says. "It will create a nice focal point."

It's just one of three focal points that Schaff is planning with API, and through his connections as chairperson of the City of Plymouth's Planning Commission.

He has worked on the City and Township's recently approved joint zoning ordinance along the ARC for the past five years, he says.

The joint ordinances require new businesses to buffer their property in consistent ways, Schaff says. By allowing several choices based on the size of the plots, businesses can maintain their own individuality but still provide a cohesive look to the ARC. Existing businesses wanting to do major improvements on their land would have to follow the ordinances as well, according to Schaff.

"We didn't just redo the ordinances and say that everyone had to go out and change their landscaping. Its only for new businesses or those who want to make major improvements on their property," Schaff says. "It gives the ARC some identity besides just being the road you drive down at 8 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. on your way to and from work."

In addition to the joint ordinances, the ARC will feature a proposed bell tower at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, which will be



reproduced at a smaller scale along the ARC, Schaff says.

Schaff is looking into similar treatments for Old Village, he says. Street lamps and curb cuts are being considered to enhance the look of the section of town as well as give it its own separate identity, similar to the effect the streetscape had on Downtown Plymouth.

Schaff says the area presents its own unique zoning problems. Finding a balance between its varietal character with a unified look is one of them.

"The area has a lot of mixed uses, and

that's one of its charms. You have residential structures next to businesses," he says. "We don't want to make it either one or the other. You can sterilize the whole area that way."

Unified enhancement is the goal, whether it be on the ARC, in downtown, or in Old Village, he says.

"The planning commission is trying to bring a reasonable control to the area so that everything works together and nothing is outlawed," he says. "What we're talking about is keeping the vitality that Old Village has had for 100 years."



"We're thinking about upgrading elements along the roads in Old Village such as light poles. It's not exactly the same as the downtown streetscape, but similar," he says. "Old Village is really starting to come into its own and we should capitalize on that."

Schaff's fourteen years with the planning commission and various projects around town have put him in position to influence Plymouth's future look, he says.

His firm has donated more than 200 hours of professional service for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's recently completed interior renovations. API has also recently completed a Salvation Army Rehabilitation center located in Romulus and renovations to the Canton Administration Building.

API is also the only local firm to have submitted a statement of qualifications and plans for a new 35th District Courthouse. Schaff's firm had been hired for \$100,000 worth of renovations to the courthouse the day before it burned down, he says.

The proposed three-story, 35,000-square foot structure is designed to architecturally match Plymouth's early American look.

"People have a reverence for tradition," Schaff says. "I certainly wouldn't have torn down the old courthouse and put up something made of glass and steel."

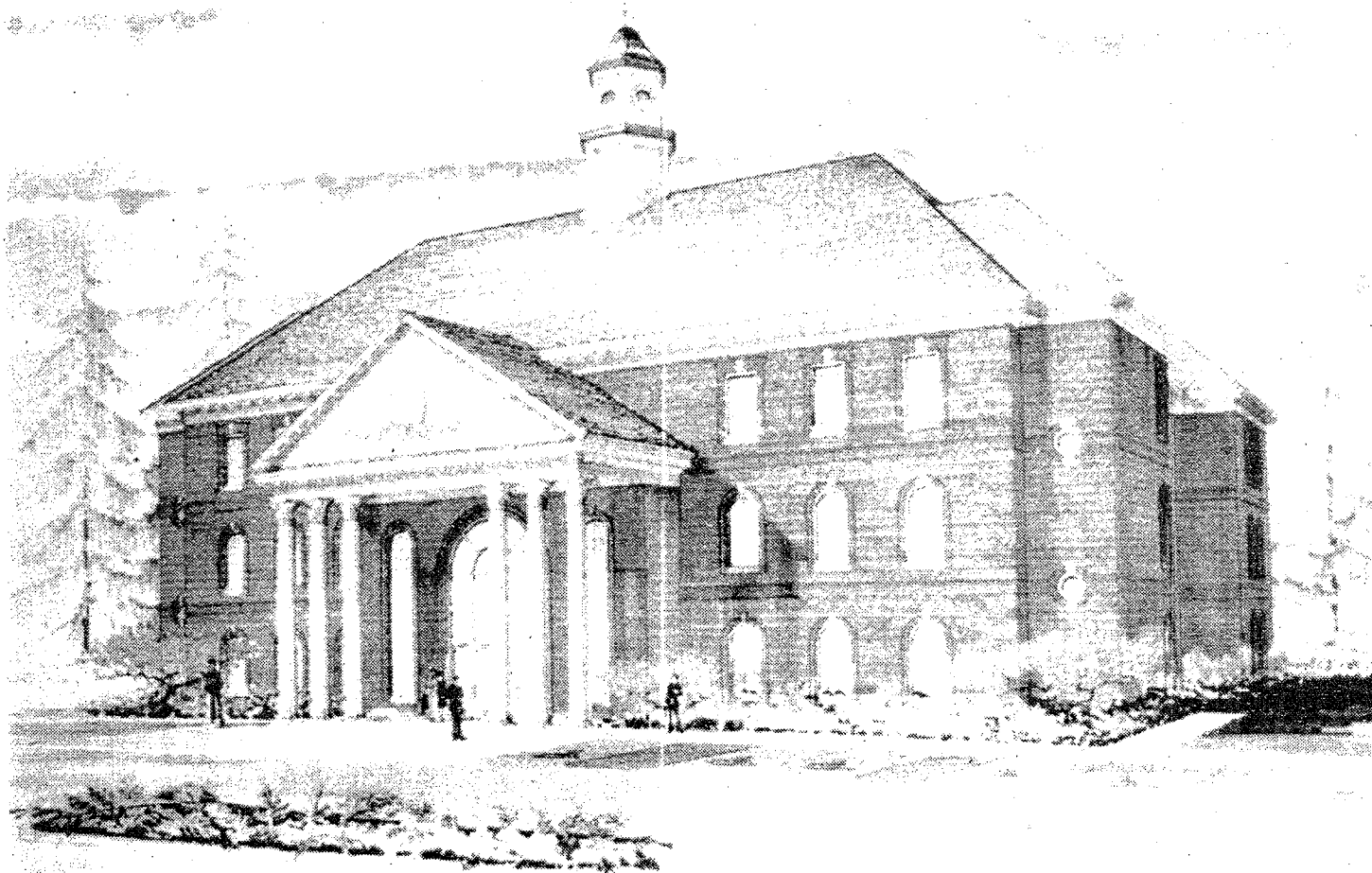
But despite API's current projects, Schaff says he has no master plan for the City of Plymouth.

"The fun of it is working with people to achieve their own grand designs," he says. "It's probably there, we just need to uncover it."

Perhaps. But if Schaff and API continue its string of municipal projects, he won't just be giving shape to buildings, but to the town. And that is more than just a job for Schaff and crew.

"If it were just a job, you'd probably leave it," he says. "You do it because you enjoy it."

Of course, it's good for business, too.



This schematic (above) is what the 35th District Courthouse might look like if Architects & Planners was awarded the design contract. Earl Hall, Steve Guile and Schaff (top, left) monitored and helped last week in the assembly of Kellogg Park's new fountain (top right). (Crier photos by Bryon Martin and R. Alwood, Jr.).



# Friends & neighbors

## Neighbors in the news

**Erik J. Hautly**, son of **Kathy** and **Gerald Hautly** of Canton, recently enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

A 1997 graduate of Canton High School, Hautly is scheduled for enlistment in the Air Force on Feb. 11th. After completion of basic training, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanical career field.

Army Pvt. **Jonathan L. Gallinger**, son of **Ronald W.** and **Pamela A. Gallinger** of Plymouth, has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

During advanced individual training (AIT) as combat engineers, Gallinger learned to operate light and heavy wheeled and armor tracked vehicles, prime firing systems for demolition and explosives and recognize and neutralize land mines, firing devices and booby traps.

Gallinger is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School.



Alma College has awarded **Susan Garvey** of Plymouth the Alma College Young Alumni Award for 1997.

A 1990 graduate with majors in accounting and Spanish, Garvey has interned at the multinational law firm of Gomez-Acebo & Pombo in Madrid, Spain.

Garvey joined CMS Enterprises, a division of CMS Energy in 1994 she was the senior supervisor of international accounting for CMS Generation Co. and has since become a senior international accountant.

She is currently pursuing an MBA degree with an emphasis in international finance at the University of Michigan.

## Rotary awards police, firemen

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Canton Firefighter Mike Caruso isn't sure when the firefighting bug bit him, only that it bit him hard.

The 34-year-old South Lyon resident has been fighting fires in Canton for 10 years, after spending two years as a part-time firefighter in Plymouth Township.

Caruso was named firefighter of the year by the Canton Rotary as part of a program to help distinguish public safety officers who perform above and beyond the call of duty, according to Public Safety Director John Sauntomauro.

Caruso has plenty of examples of both on- and off-duty dedication, such as his rescue of a Canton resident from a burning house.

"It was in the winter of 1996 when my partner and I went in on a search-and-rescue. The house was engulfed in flames, but we had reports that someone was still inside," Caruso said. "The smoke was so thick you couldn't see two feet in front of you, but we were lucky enough to find the man and get him out."

Caruso has also helped deliver two babies within the last five years, he said.

"I had helped in the delivery of my own two kids, so I had some experience, but it's always amazing when you help bring another life into the world," he said. "It's a good part of the job."

Caruso has been very active off duty, too. Two years ago, he co-founded the Canton Firefighters Local 2289 Charity Foundation to help Canton resident Todd Unger, a boy who developed Cystic Fibrosis.

Since then the charity foundation has raised about \$100,000 for various local charities and causes, Caruso said.

Caruso gives his fellow firefighters credit in all of his accomplishments.

"Everything I've accomplished has never been by myself. We all work in teams," he said. "Anything I'm being recognized for I couldn't have done without everyone's help."



FIREFIGHTER MIKE CARUSO

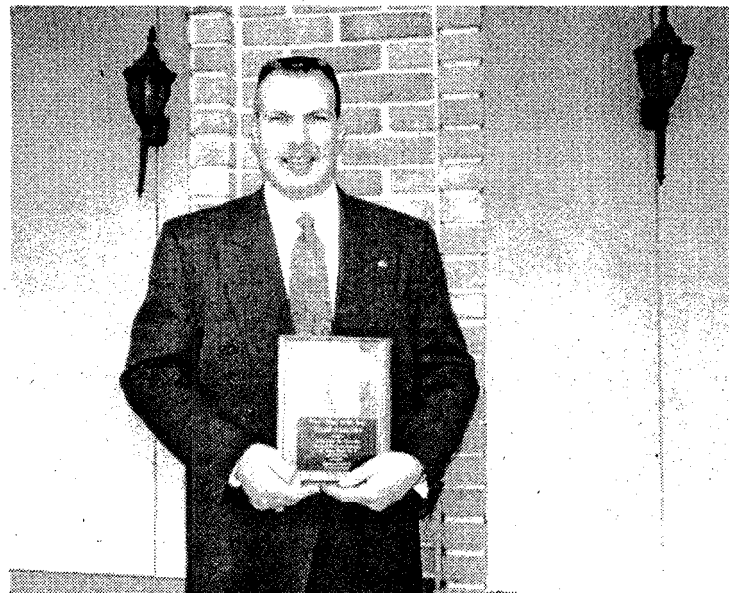
## Setting the Standard

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

Whether it's on a bicycle, in a patrol car, or rappelling down the side of a building, Canton Police Ofc. Todd Mutchler has been helping to keep the community safe for more than nine years.

He has helped others keep it safe, too.

Mutchler, 33, was named police officer of the year because of his involvement in many training and enforcement assignments,



OFFICER TODD MUTCHLER

according to Canton Public Safety Director John Sauntomauro.

"He has contributed a lot in terms of commitment and professionalism," Sauntomauro said.

Mutchler said he has always wanted to be a police officer.

"I enjoy the challenge and I like serving the community," he said. "And it's exciting. It's never the same. Each day is different."

Mutchler graduated from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology in 1986 and became a certified police officer after attending Lansing Community College's basic police academy.

He served time on EMU's department of public safety and as a police officer for the city of Milan before coming to Canton, according to Sauntomauro.

Mutchler has spent time in the classroom since then, but as a teacher, not a student.

A field training officer, he also serves as an instructor of the OUIL enforcement at the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

A member of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team (SWAT), he was also an instructor when the training was located in Canton this summer.

As police officer of the year, Mutchler receives an engraved plaque and \$100 donated in his name to the University of Michigan Burn Center, a charity he chose.

He said when any police officer wins an award, they all do.

"I see this award as a reflection of the people I work with. We're all working together to achieve a common goal," he said. "It's not just an individual accomplishment, but a group effort."



# PSO heads downtown with 3 baritones

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Plymouth-Canton were trying to find their way to downtown Detroit, having paid big money to listen to operatic favorites sung in a language they didn't understand... accompanied by an "accordion" no less.

To opera and symphony buffs, Orchestra Hall has earned its reputation as one of the best acoustic halls in the world — not Michigan, the WORLD. And its restoration is beautiful. To the suburban hicks, it was nice to see a building with indoor plumbing. (It was interesting to note that the same day the Symphony was exalting Orchestra Hall acoustics, the New York Times snubbed Detroit in its listing of acoustically-correct U.S. concert halls.)

The concert was superb — the hall set a tremendous stage for these community musicians and they responded to the occasion and nearly 1,000 concert-goers. Acoustics were tremendous — even the triangle could be heard during the resounding Wagner's "Von

Nurnberg." This hall was a far cry from the days the Symphony had to compete with the squeaky seats in Salem Auditorium.

cally-difficult "Marriage of Figaro," the crowd felt it had gotten its money's worth.

*Mixing the arts and cultures around Michigan has been tried before, but as the Plymouth Symphony showed Sunday, there should be lots more of it.*

It was clear from the beginning that the three baritones — Pablo Elvira, Quinto Milito and Dino Valle — were there to enjoy the afternoon. By the end of the first half of the program, following Elvira's mastery of the very operati-

Half time score: The Arts of Michigan, 1,000; the few empty seats, 0. (In fact, it was obvious by intermission that those who were reluctantly dragged to the Plymouth Symphony concert instead of watching the Detroit Lions, had made the right choice after all.)

By the second part of the program, even Peter Soave, the bayanist (an harmonic accordion) was well into the performance. At least one of the Plymouth-Canton folks who found her way downtown Sunday wished she had kept up on the accordion even though her hounddog, Charlie, used to accompany her.

Imagine — playing Orchestra Hall on your accordion. (Only Queen Ida or Buckwheat Zydeco would understand get-

ting folks to pay big money to listen to accordion in concert.)

Elvira pleased the crowd again with Verdi's "La Traviata."

The first encore featured all three of the baritones in "Figaro" and the inter-play between the vocalists and the Symphony was electric.

Second encore!

Then a third encore!

It was a fine moment in history for the Plymouth Symphony. Showcasing the members talents in a "downtown way" was a wonderful opportunity to blend the suburbs and Detroit.

One drawback was that the Symphony received very little recognition in the program. For example, the Symphony members weren't even listed so even Concertmaster Marla Smith wasn't even officially recognized. (Thanks and congratulations, Marla et al! There!)

For the arts in Michigan it raises an idea: how about the Plymouth Symphony playing in the Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids? why not the Escanaba Choir singing in Saginaw? Benton Harbor could host the Traverse City String Quartet? And could the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Battle Creek Arts Center do more traveling exhibits? maybe the Monroe Symphony could perform at the Sault Ste. Marie casino?

Mixing the arts and cultures around Michigan has been tried before, but as the Plymouth Symphony showed Sunday, there should be lots more of it.

## Public hearing on PSD

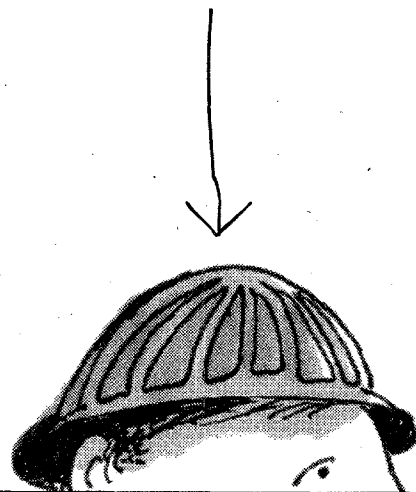
The City of Plymouth will hold a public hearing Monday at 7 p.m. to confirm the first roll in its downtown business special promotions tax.

The roll is a complete list of those who will be subject to the special tax which is aimed at market reasearch and public relations programs to draw attention to Plymouth as a regional shopping destination.

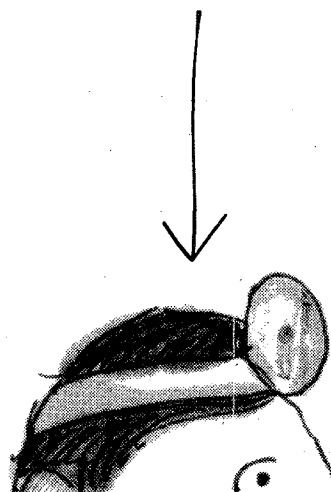
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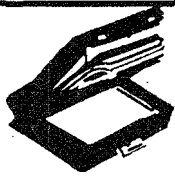
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# Getting down to business

## Neighbors in business

The Plymouth Chapter of Business Network International is Thursday, Nov. 20 from 7 - 8:30 a.m. at the Water Club Seafood Grill at Ann Arbor Road and 275.

For more information, call the BNI regional office at (313) 844-3432.



DMS Moving Systems of Canton has purchased A-1 Moving & Storage of Birmingham, AL. The new company will operate as DMS Moving Systems of Alabama.

Pictured from left are Wayne Gann, GM of DMS of Alabama; Kathryn Phillips, vice-president DMS Moving Systems of Canton; Bell Brown, former president, A-1 Moving and Storage; and Freda Brown, the former secretary/treasurer of A-1 Moving and Storage.



The Senior Council of the Detroit Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) recently elected Alan D. Stuart president.

Stuart, a Plymouth Township resident, is also a director of the Plymouth Symphony Society.

## Dentists open hi-tech shop

BY SCOTT SPIELMAN

For one of Canton's newest dentists, it's like coming home.

Kurt Hofner, D.D.S. who practiced for dentistry for six years at Willow Creek Dental Care on Lilley Road, is will be seeing patients at a new clinic just up the street.

Sunrise Family Dental Care (SFDC) will open for patients beginning next week, according to owner Steven Rodriguez, D.D.S.

Started in Redford in 1988, SFDC was designed to serve the whole family, Rodriguez said.

"Our biggest thing is that we're committed to quality. We can serve anyone from children to adults," he said. "We're not a big clinic. We have a small staff, so people will see the same doctor for the next 15 years. It's very important."

Both Rodriguez and Hofner graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Rodriguez said. Hofner graduated in 1988 and Rodriguez in 1990.

Hofner joined the practice in 1995, according to Rodriguez, practicing out of SFDC's second location, in Garden City.

The practice continued to grow, and



Dr. Stephen Rodriguez and receptionist Chris Decaire in one of the state of the art examining rooms at Sunrise Family Dental Care. (Crier photo by Scott Spielman.)



Dr. Kurt Hofner (left) and Dr. Steven Rodriguez (right) open a dental clinic in Canton. Hofner has previously practiced in Canton. (Courtesy photo)

before long, needed to expand again. Hofner suggested Canton.

"He really knows the area well," Rodriguez said. "He even had some of his clients from his previous Canton practice seeing him in Garden City, so Canton seemed to be the natural place."

Rodriguez and Hofner will provide all facets of dentistry, with an emphasis on cosmetic procedures, according to Rodriguez.

"We'll do everything from cosmetic dentistry to oral surgery, root canals and pediatric care," Rodriguez said.

SFDC is also one of only four clinics in Michigan that patients can receive Cerec restorations, according to Rodriguez.

A Cerec restoration is a computer-aided process of repairing teeth where a

computerized wand is inserted into the mouth to take pictures and measurements, Rodriguez said.

The information is then fed back to the computer, which generates a customized mold of porcelain, which can be used to fill cavities or replace existing, metal fillings.

"The porcelain lasts a lifetime and is as good as or better than existing teeth," he said. "You can't even tell they're there once they're in."

The process takes special training and equipment, Rodriguez said.

Other state of the art equipment includes special x-ray machines that highlight cancers or other tumors, Rodriguez said.

"We try to stay on the edge of technology," he said.

SFDC will run specials such as reduced rates for children's exams or complimentary second opinions for new clients until Dec. 31, according to Rodriguez.

"We're building everything from scratch; all new clientele," he said. "Our other clinics are doing well, and we expect this one to as well."

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# Twp. police avoid union row

*Leaked memo raised spectre of ticket quotas*

BY BRYON MARTIN

The anonymous mailing of a package of Plymouth Township Police documents couldn't have been timed better, whether intended for political gain or sabotage.

The package, received Monday by The Crier, constitutes part of a correspondence between Acting Chief Robert Smith; Ofc. Steven Mann, chapter president of the officers association; Sgt. Jeff Felts; and a letter to the township's unionized patrolmen.

Together the letters described the reconciliation of a misunderstanding about ticket quotas in the township.

Felts had written a memo to patrol officers on the shift he runs, stating that he "recommends... that they attempt to make at least one traffic or criminal custodial arrest per shift and write between 3 - 5 traffic citations per shift."

In the past, such ticket quotas have met with resistance in The City of Plymouth Police Department and have led to minor scandals.

The Police Officers Association of Plymouth Township took action after the leaked internal memo raised the spectre of a departmental quota campaign.

Quotas are in violation of the contract under which township patrolmen now work. Mann, president of the officers' local, wrote a letter to unionized officers explaining this, and stating the union would take action against such ticket quotas.

But according to Smith, the memo was

unclear: the department does not use quotas.

Smith responded with a letter explaining the department's contract required a quantitative analysis of officers' performance, but that no quota system was in place. "I'm not interested in numbers," he said. "I'm interested in quality."

The letter also explained the patrol officers' contract "places responsibility on management to direct the work force," and that "officers are held accountable to produce at a minimum 1.5 activities per hour."

Mann said maintaining a per-hour standard for activities — not just ticket writing, but any task an officer makes while on-duty — is acceptable and in agreement with current contracts.

"The retraction letter takes a different stance that has satisfied our membership," Mann said.

A copy of Smith's letter

explaining this activity was not included with the anonymous package.

Whether anonymous mailing was intended to damage Smith's candidacy for the township chief position, to improve it by illustrating his management of a potential row with the union, or without specific design, is unclear.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy said the situation has not affected her estimation of Smith as a candidate.

"Smith has acted appropriately and is dealing with internal issues as I would expect," she said.

*'(Acting Chief) Smith has acted appropriately and is dealing with internal issues as I would expect.'*

**Kathleen Keen McCarthy**  
Plymouth Twp. Supervisor

# 1st meeting heated

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"People never get tired of reminding me that I'm the dirty Democrat on the City Commission," he said. "Thanks for letting me know that the good old boys still run the town."

Greene said that in the day-to-day operation of the City, democratic or republican affiliations among the commissioners are insignificant. "It shouldn't be an issue. The only time it comes up is during elections," she said.

A commissioner since 1992 and a member of at least 20 community organizations, Greene said her opposition of Dismuke is based not on partisanship, but experience. "He's new. He's young. He has given no record of service to this community."

After he taking his seat as mayor after his election at Monday's meeting, Dismuke responded to Shrewsbury's comments: "I want to say that I appreciate Commissioner Shrewsbury's comments, and that I refute them 100 per cent."

Before adjourning the meeting, McDonald took time to thank his supporters and offer a perspective on the evening's excitement.

"Tomorrow's a new day, we've got a new mayor and a lot of work to do."

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# Groups

**D.A.R. SARAH ANN COCHRANE CHAPTER  
70th BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**

Monday, the chapter will meet for their 70th anniversary luncheon at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Maribeth Petteys will present a program, "The Skimpy Traveler." For further info, call 248-349-6056.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING**

Group holds its monthly meeting Monday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. at 1:30 p.m. A presentation on Medicare patients' rights will be made. Call 453-1234 ext. 236 for info.

**PLYMOUTH BREATHERS CLUB**

Those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, other respiratory disease. Meets second Wednesday each month, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Health Building, Plymouth. Call 712-5367.

**HEART CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Heart cancer support group meets second and fourth Monday, each month, 7 p.m., Livonia's Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Call 422-1826.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

Detroit Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association offers a free support group for family members/friends of people with the disease or related dementia. Group meets the third Thursday, each month at St. John Neumann Church, 4480 Warren Rd., Canton, 7:30-9 p.m. Call Rosemary Shim, 326-1200.

**GOD'S GOLDEN GIRLS**

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls." Meet third Friday of each month, noon. Free lunch with reservation. Call Pattie, 981-0286.

# Volunteer

**MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION**

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**RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

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**RESPIRATORY DISEASE ASSISTANCE**

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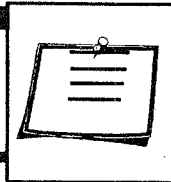


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### CRAFT FAIR

Saturday there will be a craft fair at Oakwood health center, 7300 Canton Center Road from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 454-8011.

### PLYMOUTH CULTURAL CENTER SHOWS

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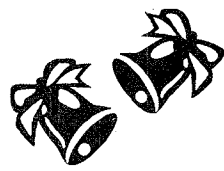
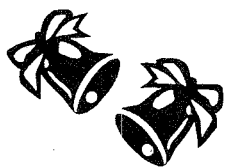
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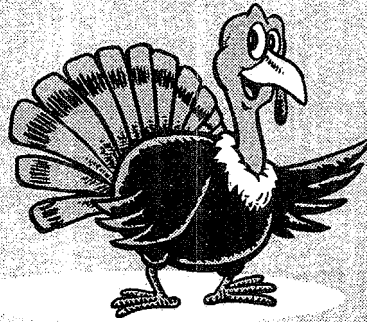
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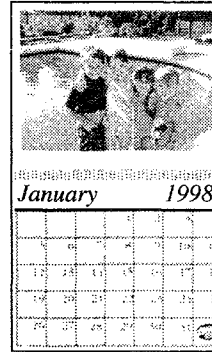
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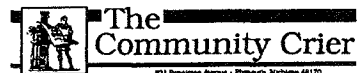
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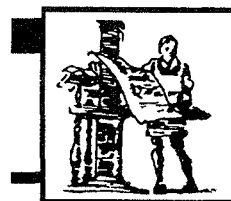
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## Obituaries

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### JAMES R. TROUTMAN

James R. Troutman, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 3, 1997 at the age of 62.

Mr. Troutman was born Jan. 18, 1935 in Grosse Pointe, MI. He was an estimator for a manufacturing company. He served with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He loved the outdoors, fishing, boating, hunting and his cottage in the upper peninsula.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Troutman; daughter, Terry Marsh of Alabama; sons, James (Ann) Troutman of Huntsville, AL; step-son, Daniel L. Franklin II of Redford, MI; sister, June (Al) Siebert of California; grandson, David Troutman; and granddaughter, Leeann Stokfisz.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Memorial contributions can be given to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 3807 Monroe Street, Dearborn, MI 48124.

### CECIL D. PACKARD

Cecil D. Packard, a life-long Plymouth resident, died Nov. 1, 1997 at the age of 86.

Mr. Packard was born May 5, 1911 in Plymouth. He was a retired pharmaceutical machine salesman. He was a third generation Plymouth resident. He attended the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, the Masonic Lodge of Northville, and the Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. No. 1780 in Plymouth. At one time he was a world class athlete; he tried out for the 1936 Olympics in track. He loved gardening, playing cards and was a sports enthusiast.

He is survived by his sons, Garry Packard of Plymouth, Gregg (Carol) Packard of Plymouth; daughters, Tamera (Don) White of New Lothrop, MI, Beth (Jim) Hurdle of Ypsilanti; and 10 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wives, Elizabeth and Evelyn; and son, Richard Anderson.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. James Skimins officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or the Charity of choice.

### OSCAR E. McDONALD

Oscar E. McDonald, a Canton resident, died Nov. 5, 1997 at the age of 56.

Mr. McDonald was born Jan. 8, 1941 in Barnesboro, PA. He and his wife, Alice, were the owners of the Little Angel Shop that was located in Plymouth. He worked in Real Estate and was formerly an auto mechanic and truck driver. He was a member of the Newburg Baptist Church, and loved hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his son, Daniel (Georgia) McDonald of Canton; granddaughter, Gwendolyn; grandson, Daniel, Jr.; mother, Olive (Paul) Gascoyne of Livonia; and brothers, William (Janis) of Plymouth, Kenneth (Patricia) of Plymouth, Larry (Sharon) of Pinckney, MI, Robert of Livonia. He is preceded in death by his wife Alice; and father, Amos.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Kruchkow officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

### JACQUELINE LEA MacGREGOR

Jacqueline Lea MacGregor, a New Hudson, MI resident, died Nov. 4, 1997 at the age of 50.

Mrs. MacGregor was born Jan. 15, 1947 in Garden City, MI. She worked for Royal Macabee Insurance Company in Southfield, MI from 1983 to 1995. She was a member of the Salem Bible Church in Salem Township, and worked with the Awana Group there. She was a 1965 graduate of Northville High School.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel, of New Hudson; son, Matthew (Buffy) Medwid of West Bloomfield; daughter, Michelle (Robert) Nelson of South Lyon; step-sons, Adam (Kelly) MacGregor of Fowlerville, MI, Timothy MacGregor of New Hudson; step-daughter, Nicole MacGregor of Canton; grandchildren, Rachel Nelson, Clayton and Ciana; parents, Jack and Margaret D'Haene of Northville; and brothers, George (Sandy) D'Haene of Washington, David (Wendy) D'Haene of Northville, Dirk (Shelley) D'Haene of Pennsylvania. She is preceded in death by her brother, Michael D'Haene.

Services were held at the Salem Bible Church in Salem Township with Pastor Lance Rubringer officiating. Burial was at South Lyon Cemetery in South Lyon.

Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

### LEONARD S. BELLANGER

Leonard S. Bellanger, a Plymouth resident, died Nov. 6, 1997 at the age of 55.

Mr. Bellanger was born Dec. 26, 1941 in White Earth, MN. He was an auto/truck mechanic at Plymouth Iron and Metal for 33 years. He came to the Plymouth community more than 40 years ago. He was a member of the Garden City Mose Club, and loved fishing and playing pool.

He is survived by his wife, Carol E. of Plymouth; daughter, Anita (Kenneth) Haddock of Westland; grandchildren, John Artuso of Westland, Kenny Haddock of Westland, and Lisa Haddock of Westland; brothers, Earl (Chris) Bellanger of Plymouth, Peter (Pam) Bellanger of Detroit, Kenneth (Robbie) Bellanger of Westland; sisters, Gladys (Dennis) Sroufe of Ft. Wayne, IN, Doris (Marvin) Campbell of Ft. Wayne, IN, Gloria (Mike) Terrien of Westland, Florence (Gene) Parks of Owenton, KY; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by and services held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Memorial contributions can be given to the charity of choice.

### DONALD HEPPNER

Donald Heppner, a Westland resident, died Nov. 7, 1997 at the age of 81.

Mr. Heppner was born Jan 2, 1916 in Detroit. He was an inspector for an automotive manufacturer.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Eleanor M. (Sorensen) Heppner; daughter, Donna Ramsey-Black of Brooklyn, MI; son, Clarence Edward Heppner of South Lyon, MI; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by and services held at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Phil Rogers officiating. Memorial contributions can be given to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. Twelve Mile Road Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48076; or American Diabetes Association, Suite 2255, 30600 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.



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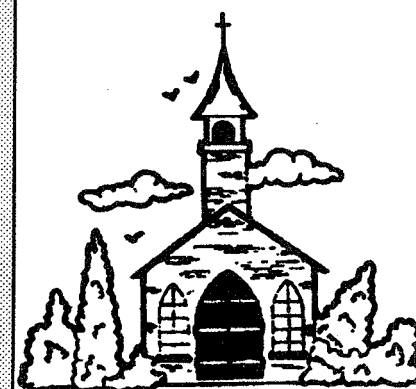
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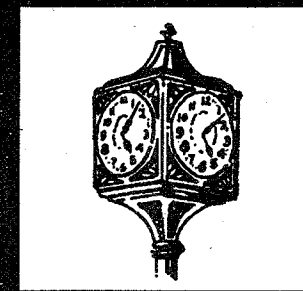
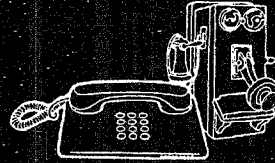




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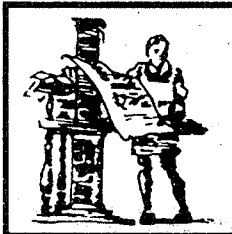
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For every goal scored, \$50 will be donated Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

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## Athens has its day in the sun

Salem's bid for undefeated season ends with 2-1 loss in state finals; Athens ties game on penalty kick

BY BRIAN CORBETT

It's disappointing to lose in the state finals.

It's devastating to lose your first game of the season in the state finals.

The young men on the Salem soccer team (20-1-3) wore faces of despondency in the moment's following Troy Athens' 2-1 upset victory in the Division I state finals Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

Some players consoled one another, while others squinted in the Indian summer day sun in order to glance across the field at the Athens players accepting their medals.

"This is a tough game to lose," said second-year coach Ed McCarthy.

Athens' Matt Hytinen broke a 1-1 tie when he scored off of a rebound with 14:48 remaining in the game.

It was just his fourth goal of the season.

Salem goalkeeper Jeremy Finlay made the first save on a header by Chris Blint, who was set up by a throw in from the right side line.

The ball bounced loose, and was batted around until Hytinen kicked it through.

The other Athens' goal, which erased a 1-0 Salem lead, was scored on a penalty kick with 21:47 remaining in the first half.



Salem soccer coach Ed McCarthy walks away with the Division I state runners up trophy following Saturday's 2-1 loss to Troy Athens. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)



Salem's Brett Konley (10) and Andy Power run up field during the Rocks' 2-1 loss to Troy Athens in the Division I state finals game Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. It was the first loss of the year for Salem, who finished 20-1-3. The Rocks won divisional, conference, district and regional titles this year. (Crier photo by W.H. Bill Dean)

Brent Mullin scored Salem's lone goal just 1:29 into the contest.

It is the second time the Red Hawks have beaten the Rocks in the state finals; Athens won, 1-0, in 1989.

The Red Hawks used their size to clog up the midfield and stop Salem's game plan, which was to keep the ball inside.

The condition, size and slope of the field, which doubles as Andover's football field — also aided the Red Hawks' efforts.

"We needed to move the ball and keep it in play. They clumped all of their big guys in the middle. All of the restarts worked to their advantage, too," said McCarthy.

It looked as though the Rocks would continue their roll to the state championship when Giuseppe Ianni set up Mullin with a cross pass before most spectators had found their seats.

Salem continued to dominate the game with effective offensive pressure for the game's first 10 minutes.

After that, it was an even contest,

except on the scoreboard.

Athens grabbed the momentum when Sanford scored on the penalty kick with a shot to the left, lower corner, beating goalkeeper Brian Wozniak, who played the first half for the Rocks.

The official's decision to award Athens a penalty kick was debatable.

"He called an aggressive game. It's not that he wasn't fair," McCarthy said of the official, "but geez. And I like him to swallow the whistle in the state finals, especially on a PK."

Salem had a golden chance to take a one-goal lead into halftime when Scott Duhl had a one-on-one shot against Athens goalkeeper Mike Robinson. From about 10 yards out at the left side of

the net, Duhl fired a low shot that Robinson stopped with his hands just below his knees.

Duhl was injured in the second half, and did not return.

There was no penalty called on the play. "I was thinking they might give us a break there, but that didn't happen," said McCarthy.

*'We needed to move the ball and keep it in play. They (Athens) clumped all of their big guys in the middle. All of the restarts worked to their advantage, too'*

Ed McCarthy  
Salem soccer coach

# DesRochers stings Plymouth; Sarnia escapes with tie

BY BRIAN CORBETT

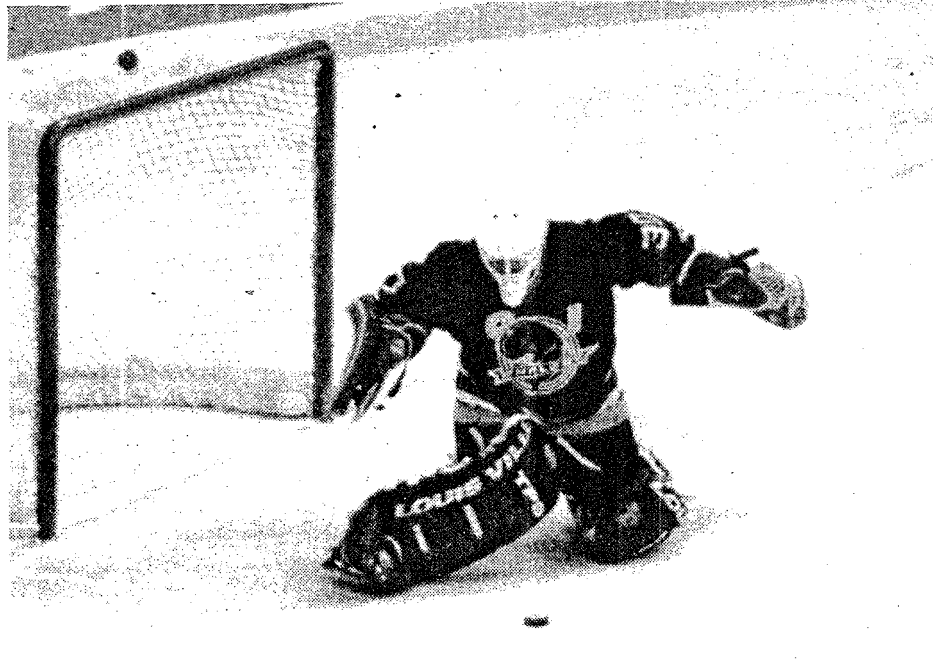
About the only thing Sarnia goalie Patrick DesRochers didn't stop on the ice Saturday night was the Zamboni.

The Sting netminder, who likely will be a high first round pick in this spring's NHL Entry Draft, made 46 saves to forge a 2-2 tie with the Whalers at Compuware Sports Arena.

"I was pretty happy with the game. I thought it was a good effort. When you hit a goaltender like that there's not much you can do but plug away and hope you get something by him. He was really on his game tonight. When you hit a guy like that, a lot of nights you're going to lose. So I was really happy with our effort. He basically stole them a point tonight," said Plymouth Head Coach/GM Peter DeBoer.

Andrew Proskurnicki scored both goals for Sarnia, his second came on the power play and tied the game at 16:35 in the third period. Rookie forwards Dave Legwand and Yuri Babenko scored for the Whalers, who extended their home game unbeaten streak to nine. Plymouth's last loss at home was more than one month ago (Sept. 27) against Ottawa.

Lost in DesRochers' effort was Stevie Lyle's performance. The Whaler rookie netminder started his fourth game, and made 24 saves, including 11 in the second period. A great positional goaltender who



Stevie Lyle made 24 saves Saturday at Compuware Sports Arena versus Sarnia. Plymouth and Sarnia tied, 2-2. (Crier photo by R. Alwood Jr.)

brims with confidence, Lyle also is a reliable stickhandler. "There was nothing he could do on either of the goals. He definitely played well enough to get the win (Saturday), maybe even get the shutout. He's definitely going to get the chance to

go again," said DeBoer.

Sarnia took a 1-0 lead 7:06 into the opening period when a two-line pass went uncalled by the referees allowing Proskurnicki, who was coming out of the penalty box after serving two minutes for

tripping, to skate in alone and score on Lyle. "That's a break they needed, and they capitalized on it," said DeBoer.

Legwand kept up his unbelievable scoring pace when he jammed the puck past DesRochers from right side of the net at 3:53 of the second period, to tie the game, 1-1. It was Legwand's 16th goal of the season Andrew Taylor and Pat Parthenais assisted.

Midway through the second period, Plymouth led Sarnia in shots on goal, 26-8. DesRochers was impressive, but his best work came in the final frame when he turned aside several high, heavy shots.


He was helpless on Babenko's goal. J.P. Luciuk set up the play with a pass to forward Jesse Boulerice, who fired a shot from the right circle.

DesRochers made the blocker save, and the puck deflected to left side of the net along the end line. Babenko was nearly parallel with the net when he shot the puck into the top shelf.

Proskurnicki tied the game when his skate redirected a shot by defenseman Dan Watson.

Plymouth had the best opportunity to win the game in overtime. A shot from the point by defenseman Shaun Fisher bounced over DesRochers and landed near forward Harold Druken. But DesRochers made a sprawling glove save.

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ERIE	12	7	0	5-4-1	23	<b>CATCH OF THE DAY</b>	
PLYMOUTH	10	6	1	5-3-2	22	While the Whalers have an outstanding home record (8-2-1) their special teams are much better on the road. The power play is 9 for 28 (32 percent, second in the OHL) in opponents' buildings, and 9 for 46 (20 percent, 14th in the OHL) at home. The trend is similar with the penalty killing unit, which is sixth in the OHL on the road, and 10th in the league at home.	
SARNIA	9	7	0	4-4-2	22	<b>UPCOMING GAMES:</b>	
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S.S.MARIE	3	14	2	1-7-2	8	• Sun (6:30 p.m.) vs. Sarnia.	
<b>EAST</b>							
KINGSTON	15	3	2	7-1-2	34		
OTTAWA	9	6	2	4-3-3	23		
PETERBOROUGH	6	7	3	4-4-2	18		
BELLEVILLE	7	9	1	6-4-0	17		
TORONTO	6	8	3	1-6-3	16		
OSHAWA	5	11	0	5-5-0	16		
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
GUELPH	12	4	1	7-2-1	28		
BARRIE	10	4	2	6-4-0	27		
KITCHENER	6	6	4	3-5-2	18		
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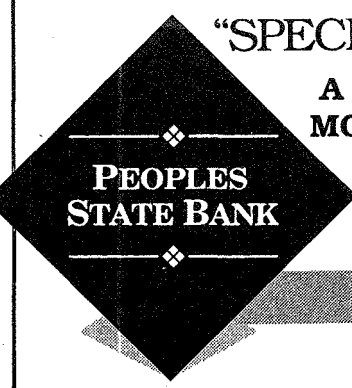
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# Canton pulls plug on Chargers, 64-23

*Chiefs jump to early lead, easily win WLAA playoff opener*

BY TIM DAVIS

The Canton girls basketball team slammed Livonia Churchill, 64-23, in the opening game of the Western Lakes Activities Association playoffs last Wednesday.

A 26-point scoring burst in the first quarter gave Canton a 20-point lead that it kept throughout the rest of the game.

"We pretty much won the game in the first quarter," said Blohm. "The girls came out really strong and after that there was no real danger."

The team continued to play well in the remaining three quarters.

Every player scored and Nkechi Okwumabua turned in 16 points and

eight rebounds.

"Churchill tried to press us a bit, but that didn't work. We got off to such a good start that the second quarter pressure didn't bother us. We were pretty solid after the first quarter," said Blohm.

Canton stuck to a strategy that has worked for them since the beginning of the year.

Each game Blohm emphasizes a good, simple defensive press, making sure that the opponent does not get a second shot.

Blohm's offensive strategy also is a simple one: shoot well.

This game plan was put to the test last night in the next round of the WLAA playoffs against North Farmington (past

The Crier news deadline).

"North Farmington will be really tough; they shoot the ball really well," said Blohm.

A win last night would advance Canton to the WLAA championship game Friday at 7:15 p.m. at Livonia Franklin.

Nov. 17 marks the end of the regular season and the beginning of the state tournament. District competition begins Nov. 17 and ends Nov. 22.

Regionals run from Nov. 24-26, and the state finals are the first week of December.

The Chiefs should have a successful playoff run if they continue to play with the same determination.

"They give 100 percent effort every game and every day. They all do a great job," said Blohm.

## On deck

### CANTON GIRLS BASKETBALL

WLAA Conference playoffs this week.

### SALEM/CANTON GIRLS SWIMMING

Regional Diving Competition Tuesday. State Finals Nov. 21-22.

### SALEM GIRLS BASKETBALL

WLAA Conference playoffs this week.

## Salem tankers 2nd in WLAA

*3 relay teams qualify for state finals*

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Salem girls swimming team placed second in the Western Lakes Activities Association Conference Finals last week.

Livonia Stevenson took first place with 653.5 points. Salem had 427 points. North Farmington placed third with 377 points.

The Rocks qualified for the state finals with three relay teams.

The 200 medley relay had a time of 1:54.31. The swimmers were Kari Foust, Katie Bonner, Lori McKay, and Carrie Dzialo.

The 200 freestyle relay swimmers were Kathy Kelly, Carrie Dzialo, Lindsay Hartz, and Katie Latva. Their time was 1:43.65.

The 400 freestyle relay finished with a time of 3:49.68. McKay, Hartz, Audrey Hala, and Sarah Rogers swam in this event.

Dzialo qualified in the 50 freestyle with a time of 0:25.55. She placed fifth.

Bonner also qualified in the 100 breast stroke. Her time was 1:11.71 and placed fifth.

In diving, Laura Anderson scored 297.85 points with her 11 dives. She placed 15th.

On the second to last dive, Michelle Wallon hit the board. She broke her hand and was unable to complete her dives.

"Everyone did awesome," said captains Audrey Hala and Carrie Dzialo. "We're proud that all three relays qualified for states."

Katie Bonner, captain, broke Salem's varsity record in the 100 breast stroke along with qualifying for states.

## Chief swimmers 8th in WLAA

BY KRISTEN VAN DUSEN

The Canton girls swimming team placed eighth in the conference finals last week.

The Chiefs finished with 199 points.

Farmington place ninth with 162 points. John Glenn took 10th place with 105 points. Franklin placed 11th with 72 points.

The Chief's 200 medley swimmers took seventh place with a time of 2:00.11.

The swimmers were Megan Dowd, Erin Rogala, Michelle Nielson, and Jaclyn Bernard.

Sue Fanning placed 12th in the 200 freestyle. Her time was 2:08.79. Kim Weaver had a time of 2:11.29 and took 16th place.

Fanning and Weaver also placed 15th and 16th in the 500 freestyle.

Their times were 5:46.92 and 5:53.61.

The 200 IM swimmers were Bernard, Kristin Kalymon, and Angie Frost, and Nielson.

They placed sixth, 13th, 15th, and 16th, respectively.

Dowd took 14th place in the 50 freestyle. Her time was 0:26.70.

She also placed 12th in the 100 back stroke with a time of 1:08.13.

Kalymon finished the 100 fly with a time of 1:06.07. She placed 11th. Neilson placed 15th with a time of 1:07.60.

Bernard was Canton's top swimmer in the 100 freestyle.

She placed eighth with a time of 0:58.56.

Erin Rogala finished 11th in the 100 Breast stroke. Her time was 1:17.21.

Dowd, Frost, Fanning, and Bernard finished fifth in the 200 relay. Their time was 1:47.44

Fanning, Weaver, Nielson, and Frost placed ninth in the 400 relay. Their time was 4:03.92.

"There were a lot of personal bests," said coach Sarah Eubanks. "The girls that swam did really well."

## Plymouth splits weekend road games

BY BRIAN CORBETT

The Whalers began the weekend Friday with a lackluster effort in Kitchener, losing 5-3.

Robert Esche started the game for the Whalers, who outshot the Rangers 45-29, but was pulled in favor of Lyle.

Defenseman Kevin Holdridge scored his first OHL goal. Dave Legwand and Harold Druken also scored for Plymouth.

**Plymouth 4, Sault Ste. Marie 1** — The Whalers ended a five-game road winless streak behind the scoring of Druken (two goals) and Legwand (one goal, one assist).

The victory was exactly one year to the date since Plymouth's last triumph at the Memorial Gardens.

The Whalers beat the Greyhounds, 4-3, on Nov. 9, 1996.

Esche made 32 saves for Plymouth. With assistant captains Randy Fitzgerald and Jesse Boulerice not in the lineup, captain Andrew Taylor opened the scoring at 7:48 of the first period. Joel Trottier and Legwand assisted.

Druken's power play goal from Yuri Babenko at 16:39 of the first period gave Plymouth a 2-0 lead. Eric Gooldy and rookie forward Andy Burnham set up Druken's next score 8:42 into the third period.

Richard Jackman ruined Esche's shutout bid at 10:28 of the third. Legwand's 17th goal of the season at 13:13 from Jason Lawmaster and Trottier completed the scoring.

### Whale Tales:

No one could've predicted this — DeBoer says the No. 1 goaltending spot is up for grabs. Esche, an OHL All-Star who had an outstanding preseason camp with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes, has been very average in 13 appearances this season. He has a 3.12 goals against average and an .885 save percentage. Esche is 8-3-1. Lyle, who was the top goaltender for the Cardiff (Wales) Devils last year, is 1-3-1 in five games this season. "I tell you what, he's going to get an opportunity to win the

No.1 job. We, as a coaching staff said it's going to be an open competition for all jobs from now on. We gave them (the players) a 15-day grace period where the guys who were here last year were given the opportunity to work through some slumps and poor starts. Now the hungrier players are going to play, and that includes in net. If Stevie Lyle earns the No. 1 position, then Robert Esche is going to be his backup," said DeBoer.

The skipper is serious. He sat veterans Julian Smith and Jason Lawmaster in Saturday night's game.

Whale sightings. Former Whaler goaltender Shawn Gallant is now playing with Belleville, his fourth OHL team. Chad Cavanagh, who also played for Plymouth last season, recently was traded by Sudbury to Sarnia. He reportedly requested the trade after his playing time dwindled in Sudbury. Chris Wimer, who never played in a regular season game for Plymouth after being obtained by the Whalers last month, was claimed by Owen Sound last week.

The Whalers and the Plymouth Community YMCA's food drive continues through Nov. 30. Bring three or more cans of non-perishable goods, and receive \$2 off a \$6 ticket. Donations should be delivered to the Whalers office in Compuware Sports Arena weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DeBoer needs 11 victories to surpass his predecessor, Paul Maurice, who is now coaching the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes, for most regular season wins. DeBoer is 76-62-12 in a little more than two seasons as head coach. Maurice was 86-38-8 from 1993-95. "If I don't get it this year, I'll never get it," DeBoer said, laughing.

DeBoer has a long way to go to break the Whaler coaching record for overall victories. Maurice, who won an OHL championship with the Whalers in 1995, is 113-49-8. DeBoer is 85-70-12.

Pete Krupsky contributed to this article.



# Community opinions

## Rocks still No. 1 in my book

*Loss against Troy doesn't diminish boys soccer wins*

Four days later, and the loss still stings. Saturday's soccer final was the last step in a play-off run that saw Plymouth Salem plow through the best teams in the state, and Troy Athens was to be the finishing touch. Finishing turned out to be the problem all afternoon, though. The Rocks created plenty of scoring chances, but who knew the Athens goalkeeper would play the game of his life?

Some personal observations: On a soccer field, every player can look over his shoulder and see a teammate behind him, ready to support if necessary. Every player, that is, but one - the goalkeeper. He is alone. When his team gives up a goal, too often he accepts the burden alone. It's the nature of the job, like it or not. Salem's keepers were up to the challenge all year, including Saturday.

Midfielder Andy Power was superb through the play-offs — thinking ahead, looking behind, always in position. Whether settling the midfield, hustling to the ball, or distributing to the strikers, Andy was solid. The only thing he couldn't do was take throw-ins, impossible with ten pounds of plaster on his left arm. Must have felt like carrying a bowling ball

up and down the field.

Before each game, the Salem trainer would wrap the cast with layers of foam for protection. When done, Andy looked qualified to train police dogs.

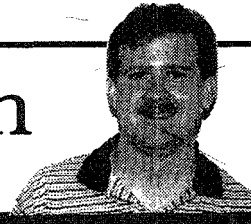
Brett Konley endured the curse brought by his phenomenal ability to score goals — he became a marked man. Defenders shadowed him everywhere - even walked him home from school every day. At least they could have carried his books. His answer to the constant shoving and tripping was simple - shove back, find space, score goals, and win games.

Finally, the coach. He'll give full credit for this incredible season to his seniors' dedication and commitment to winning. He's right, but there's a discipline instilled in these players that they'll carry long after their soccer days are done, and that comes from Ed McCarthy. We're lucky to have him.

Don't let one loss overshadow a great year. Let's call it an unhappy footnote to an otherwise terrific season, and salute the Rocks for what they are — the best team in the state. They strung together twenty-two games without a loss. Twenty-two! Walk tall with your heads high, boys.

### Pure Speculation

By W.H. "Bill" Dean



Coach Ed McCarthy consoles Goalkeeper Jeremy Finlay (Crier photo by W. H. "Bill" Dean).

## Part of the plan: Canton grows out and up

My job was the water boy when my family first moved into Canton in 1978.

It was my job to carry the hose around and liberally spray the sod as an army of family members laid it down and unrolled it like lush green carpet.

Ours was the first house in the subdivision, and the first to have a roof, much less a lawn, and it was with a perverse sense of pride and disappointment that I watched the remainder of the houses go up around us.

They were all the same in relative size and shape, an entire subdivision of cookie-cutter houses. All, save the house my parents bought. There was only one other house in the subdivision that looked exactly like it, compared to the five or six types of the other two styles.

This was always my biggest gripe with the neighborhood. Plus, not being a particularly bright kid, I was constantly going to the wrong house and could never find my friends.

Development in Canton has come a long way since those days. In most of the subdivisions under construction you can see similarities in the new houses, but not exact duplicates. There are subtleties and variations, whether in the color of bricks

or types of elevations.

There can be several reasons for this: a subdivision that's more pleasing to look at is more pleasing to live in, and thus easier to sell. So it's in the developer's best interest to build more pleasing homes.

And there's also Canton's planning staff. In the five years since Community Planner Jeff Goulet has been with the township, development requirements have changed to better suit the community and build on lessons learned in the past.

And the community as a whole benefits. Developers are now required to use higher quality building materials, and all homes must be at least 50 per cent brick, and attractive from the back as well as from the front.

But the biggest change is the increase in the buffering between properties. More natural landscaping between houses and the roads eliminates the need for privacy fences seen in areas like 'Fort Sheldon.'

All this means that in addition to growing out, Canton is growing up as well, and becoming a more pleasing place to call home.

Prior to all the upscale development, if

a Canton resident wanted to move into a bigger house, they pretty much had to move. Now Canton can attract a wider variety of residents, from the smaller homes in the east to the larger, upscale homes in the Planned Development Districts in the west.

Variety means stability, and that is good for Canton's future, too, ensuring us a diverse environment — cookie cutter houses or no — for years to come.

### Off the cuff

By Scott Spielman



Now, if we could just get the roads fixed...

## Pobur's thanks

EDITOR:

I want to thank all of the citizens of Plymouth who supported me in last week's election for City Commission. I am proud and honored that you thought enough of me and of my principles and goals to elect me to the Commission. I am really looking forward to serving you over the next four years, (at least!). I pledge to you that your trust will not be misplaced.

I will be, above all else, accountable to my constituents. If you ever believe that I am not acting in your best interest, call me on it. If you have input that can help me make a decision that affects the City, let me know. During the campaign, I promised to form a senior citizens' advisory panel to help guide the Commission in our policy-making efforts. Please let me know if you would like to serve on that panel.

I also want to thank the staff of The Crier for their endorsement during my race. It was important to me and I appreciate your confidence.

COLLEEN POBUR



# Community opinions

## Poole's Pub a sure hit

Walking into the place I didn't know what to expect. People were smiling, laughing and celebrating. The music was upbeat and the atmosphere was full of nervous energy.

The new Poole's Pub in downtown Northville seems destined to be a hit. The outgoing staff, most of which are family, make their guests feel welcome. Mix-matched ashtrays, high-tech restrooms, and original decor fit right in on Main Street.

Cruising back from the buffet table with my plate stacked high, I thought about other restaurant openings that I have been a part of.

Trying to memorize food items, drink lists and straightening your uniform is just the beginning. Opening-night jitters are overwhelming as the front doors are first unlocked for business.

I'll never forget the night that the Lower Town Grill opened their doors. We were scrambling to set everything up and make a good impression. Most of the staff had never met before, but by the end of the night we felt like a combat unit fresh from battle.

As my night at Poole's progressed, I saw business people from all over P-C-N who came to show their support. Handshakes and business cards were all around and it seemed as if the Poole's were off to a good start.

It's nice to know that in our local area that family businesses can pop up and make a splash. Opening night can be full of trial and error, but first impressions and friendships made that night can last for years to come.

### 15 minutes...

By Linda Kochanek



A crowd of supporters turned out for Poole's opening Crier photo by Linda Kochanek).

The Crier invites you

## Home for the Holidays

The Community Crier is The Paper with its Heart in The Plymouth-Canton-Northville Community — what better place to promote your group's or club's holiday happenings?

"Home for the Holidays" is The Crier's guide to seasonal and charitable events for P-C-N residents. It's a chance to get the who, what, where, when and why out to your friends and neighbors. Whether it's a chorus concert, a winter bazaar, a toy & clothing drive or holiday workshop, The Crier will include it in this annual PLUS section listing.

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