

LEXINGTON GROUP HOME staffer Myrtle LaBita helps a resident take his morning medicine and dress for the day. A story about Lexington House and group home

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Future of DeHoCo undecided by state; Twp. readies stand

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BY BRIAN LYSAGHT

While it's apparently unclear whether a state prison will be built on Detroit House of Corrections property in Plymouth Township, the township is outlining its position

Plymouth Township officials don't want another prison located on the 550-some acres of Detroit House of

But if the state builds a new prison on DeHoCo grounds, the township wants it done correctly, Supervisor

Breen said the state must follow statutory law if it plans to build a state regional prison on the DeHoCo property.

If the state wants to put a prison up, they have to follow siting procedures just like everyone else," Breen

Breen also said he opposed the state "throwing up some fences" and renovating the current DeHoCo buildings into a temporary state facility. Breen said the DeHoCo jail

In addition to DeHoCo, a City of Detroit prison located on Five Mile in western Plymouth Township, the Phoenix Correctional Facility, and the under-construction Scott state regional prison are located across the street in

Breen said he hasn't yet accepted as certainty construction of a new prison on the DeHoCo site "because I haven't seen anything acceptable yet."

The state is negotiating with the City of Detroit to buy DeHoCo and Breen says the state's exact plans for the property are unclear.

'I hear a lot and read a lot about the state wanting to buy DeHoCo," Breen said. "I haven't seen anything on paper."

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Post-strike blues:Were school staffers in the dumps?

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

School employes perceive their own building or department morale and communication to be better than the district's as a whole, according to a survey of more than 900 employes of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The results of the survey, taken last spring by the internal communications committee, were examined by school board members earlier this month during a board workshop on internal and external public relations.,

The board and school administration have been making efforts to improve employe morale and district communication in the aftermath of the fall 1983 employe strikes. The internal communications committee plans a second survey this spring to gauge the improvement or deterioration of communication and morale.

In general the post-strike survey found that workers felt their department or building was well-run, but had doubt about other departments or the district as a whole. For example, buildingdepartment morale is perceived to be good by 57 per cent of those responding, but only 30 per cent said district-wide morale is good.

"This year, in an attempt to combat. this, we have been encouraging more activities | between | buildings and departments," said Dick Egli, community relations director for the schools. "Employes seemed to feel that although things are going well at their school, they are not going well at other schools or at central office." Inservices and meetings between teachers in similar areas, but from different schools, can lead to communication that would change these misconceptions, Egli said.

Communication channels within buildings and departments are viewed as' open and functioning by the majority of employes (74 per cent), while communication channels within the district are viewed as functioning by only 20 per cent.

Respondents to the survey said most supervisors (76 per cent) communicate well with them. Employes feel they are important to their building department in greater numbers (87 per cent) than feel they are important to the district as a whole (55 per cent).

Most employes feel they do not know enough about their building (68 per cent) and do not know enough about central office organization (73 per cent).

Of those surveyed, 55 per cent said they need to know more about the board of education's activities, while 45 per cent said they are reasonably well informed about board decisions.

Over half the respondents to the survey were teachers. The employes were asked how long they had been with the district and most (523) answered five to 15 years.

When asked to name the biggest problem in their building, class size was named most often, with building and facilities second and student discipline third.

When asked to name the biggest problems facing the whole school district, 'outside politics that affect the schools" was first, with class size second and student discipline third.

City readies for police chief; interviews begin next week

about five candidates for the job of police chiel next week.

City Manager Henry Graper said members of a group appointed to oversee selection for the position, and Rod Bartell of the consulting firm Bartell and Bartell Ltd, will interview a handful of candidates selected by Bartell.

Bartell has been screening the candidates from among 60 applicants for the ind, He met last week with members of the golice department.

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT Current Acting Police Chief Ralph City officials are scheduled to interview White withdrew his application for the job last month citing "personal reasons." Graper said the city may need a "crisis chief," to deal with personnel problems which may stem from impending layoffs in the department.

"It takes a certain kind of person to take the department and get the optimum amount of work from personnel while leaving all the bad feelings behind," Graper said.

Graper has said the layoffs are required Cont. on pg. 5

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School employes get sick day tax refunds from Feds.

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Many employes of the Plymouth Canton Schools received a refund check in December for overpayment of federal FICA tax in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

Some employes of the local schools district, along with thousands of other . public school employes across the state, received refunds on FICA taxes paid on income from personal sick days.

The refunds amounted to anywhere from just a few dollars for some to up over \$1,000 for employes who had taken extended sick leaves during the period, said Norm Kee, assistant superintendent for personnel at Plymouth Canton Schools.

"The ruling was changed, for three years they were charging FICA tax on paid sick days and then they had to refund it," said Kee: "In early fall we had about 20 auditors in here verifying who, what and where for the refunds.

"The federal government paid the total amount of all the refunds to the state and the state issued refunds to each employe. Our district employes who had refunds coming received their checks around Christmas," Kee said.

'Hundreds of people got refunds, depending on how many days they were out sick," he said. Refund amounts were determined by the federal examination of sick leave records. Some employes did not

Canton P.D. study discussed

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

It may well be the year of the inguisition for the Canton Police Department.

The 32-officer force underwent further scrutiny last week when the Canton Township Board meet with Rod Bartell, a Pennsylvanian consultant hired to perform a study on the department. The special public meeting, held Jan. 16, was the first oral briefing Bartell gave the board on the study finds.



CHIEF JERRY COX

The study, a 100-page document released in mid-December, found the Canton Police Department to be suffering a lack of leadership, organization and morale. It was highly crifical of Chief Jerry Cox's leadership and found most officers respect neither Cox nor other superior officers on the force.

Despite grim discussion about these findings, Bartell said the attitude toward



LT. ALEX WILSON

change in the department was very healthy. "If there is no desire to change, no matter how much elected officials push there will be no change," Bartell said.

Bartell said leadership and lack of structure were the two most problematic areas in the department. He said the force was "relatively troubled but not critically or super critically so.

"This is, however, an organization with a problem which must be resolved," he continued. "the bottom line is there is a misalignment in the force and this is not just a personal conflict. This is true" organizational sickness," he said.

Bartell told board members and the few police officers and police personnel who attended the session such sickness usually affects the productivity of the department. 'But productivity has not been directly impacted within this force," Bartell said.

'Your response time is within the norm and reasonable - I don't know how you did that," he said. "Your services are in line. But internal things are impacted first, which causes confusion between the ranks, which eventually affects service."



Bartell discussed role osion the department and stress which exists Between officers and police personnel. "This usually leads to people looking for people to blame for the problems," he said. "The department is definately at a crisis area but not a severe crisis area yet."

Bartell suggested in his report a restructuring of manpower and the need for a better officer reward system. Under the present system, which moves officers up through the ranks largely when a Cont. on pg. 4

get a refund because they did not take any paid sick leave or because their total gross wages for a year exceeded the annual FICA wage base, Kee said.

The state agreed to give the schools a 25 per cent refund of the total amount refunded to the state because of that district's employes. Associate Superintendent for business Ray Hoedel said a figure on the total amount refunded would be available later this



Falling between the cracks?

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT City officials found a minor crack in the concrete ramp to the central lot parking deck which they will ask the deck's contractor to repair.

City engineer Ken West said the quarter-inch crack in the ramp to the upper deck was checked last week by the project's architect, engineer and contractor.

"I've looked at the crack," West said. "I'm not concerned. We asked the architect to come in and look at it and see what can be done about it."

City Manager Henry Graper said the crack is larger than city officials considered normal for settling

concrete and will be repaired free of charge in the spring by the contractor, Walter L. Couse and Company.

West said he asked the project's consulting engineer to submit a report on how to repair the crack which is between cast and pre-cast concrete slabs on the first rise of the deck's ramp. West said he'd have the report next week.

"My main consideration is to have it filled with the proper fill material. that wouldn't cause the erosion of electrical wiring underneath," West said.

Honeytree hit by thieves

Canton Police are searching suspects responsible for a rash of break-ins which have plagued the Honeytree Apartment Complex for the past two months.

Detective Eddie Tanner of the Canton force said five break-ins occurred in the complex Jan. 18 alone. Several others have occurred throughout the month of December and Tanner said they may be related.

Thousands of dollars in property has been lost in the thefts.

'The suspects are prying open apartment doors during the day with a screwdriver and walking off with televisions, microwave ovens, jewelry, checkbooks, calculators, dictaphones. We have suspects in the case, but no witnesses. We desperately need witnesses in these thefts."

Tanner said the thieves are going through each room in the apartments they break into and removing items of value. They have hit all areas of the complex and usually break into the apartments during the day.

We haven't gotten any calls on these thefts," Tanner said. "I don't know if

people just aren't aware of them or just don't know what they've seen. There are a lot of people who move in and out of . apartment complexes (so they may not think anything of someone removing (items.)"

Tanner said Honeytree was plagued with similar thefts in 1982, 1983 and 1984. In many of these cases; police felt the same suspect may have been involved.

Ridge rezoning request tabled by Twp. board

The Plymouth Township Planning Commission tabled a request to re-zone some 120 acres of property near Ridge Road.

The Planning Commission will discuss the matter at a work session Feb. 6.

The proposal to re-zone the land to allow the construction of a mobile home park, was tabled for 90 days. 🚬



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Variety is... A success!!

THE CEP 1985 Variety Is ... show, which took place Jan. 18 and 19 at Salem Auditorium played to full-house crowds and plenty of applause. The show featured a number of musical arts and skits performed by Salem at Canton high school students. Above, Dave Cleveland in a tuba solo, introduces the act The Centennial Brass. Below, The Klazz Akt does some fancy break dancing. Members include Daniel Burkholder. Wendy Kulzycki, Brian Macek, Dan Harwood, Mike Kohn, Craig Spaven, Clyde Binquit, Randy Ott and Kevin McKenna. (Crier photos by Chris Boyd)



Bartell discusses report Canton P.D. under study

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vacancy in a position occurs, a large number of police officers have little future for advancement, he said.

The system Bartell proposed would advance officers on the basis of their expertise and merit. The rank advance system could be maintained at the same time for a dual reward system, he added.

"You're looking at an environment interested in change," Bartell told board members. "There is an adequate resource base in this community and you're not undergoing any belt tightening... the young officers here have a very positive attitude... in are some communities they get so frustrated they leave.

"You do have the energy level to make changes."

Cox expressed some concern about what action would occur as a result of the study.

"I've been here for four years and tried to get things done and implemented (and haven't)," the chief told board members. "I'd like to know in the very near future the board is going to adopt this plan and move forward."

Trustee Robert Padge told the chief the board had adopted the study at their Jan. 8 meeting and had already established a police department committee. "The board has committed itself to the general route layed out by this committee."

Bartell went through a four phase, fiveyear plan for restructuring the department. He also recommended a committee of nine to 10 officers be selected by police department personnel to serve on a committee which would interact with board members and the police department.

The police department committee will oversee the implementation of any changes made in the department. Supervisor James Poole, Trustee Loren Bennett and Padget will serve on the. committee.

Lieutenant Alex Wilson asked that the board be very clear with officers about changes or not say anything to them at all.

Although board members told Wilson rumors will be inherent in the department due to the nature of the study and changes recommended, they also agreed it was vital to keep people up to date on the department's status.

"One rumor, untruth or unknown can undo 10 knowns," Poole said. "That's why we're asking for union representation and shift representation through a police committee to meet with us. You chose the people – then if you don't believe your authorities you can get different representatives."

Snow, blowers disappearing

With snow comes -- snowblower thefts.

According to the Canton Police Department, numerous snowblowers have been stolen out of garages over the past few weeks.

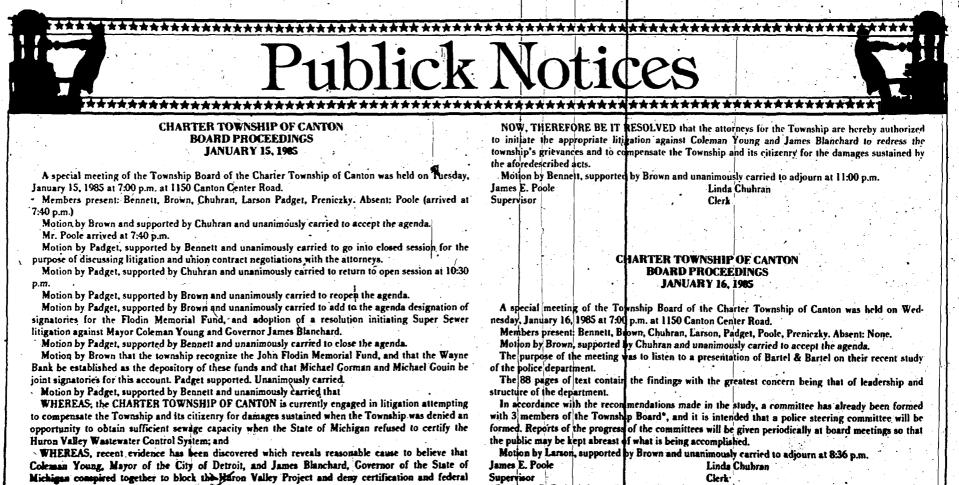
Detective Eddie Tanner said most of the thefts have occurred in the early evening between 5 and 6 p.m. "They occur when people get home and leave their garage doors open" Tanner said. "Snowblowers are highly visible and the thieves are just walking in and taking them."

*Chairman R. Padget, James Poole and John Prenicaky.

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Tanner said most people do not copy down the serial number of their machine and don't mark it with some sort of identification.

"If people would scratch their driver's license numbers into the machines we could return them when we recover them," Tanner said. "Last week we recoverd a blower and charged a guy with larceny. We didn't know where the machine was from and had to rely on him to tell us the truth about where he had stolen it."



funding for this project;

Road House hit by theft

Burglars broke into the Ann Arbor Road House Sunday and made off with \$2,700 worth of cash and food, police said.

Sometime between 3 and 11 a.m., burglars entered the restaurant through an air conditioning unit and broke into a cash register, cigarette machine and an office.

Some \$2,700 worth of cash, seafood and steaks was reported missing, police say. The restaurant also reported \$850 in damages stemming from the break-in.

Plymouth chief interviews start next week

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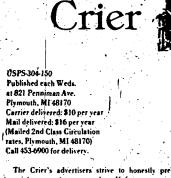
termination of the city's police services contract with Plymouth Township.

The township paid the city \$467,000 annually to provide police protection. The township voted to start its own department to be in place when the agreement expires July 1.

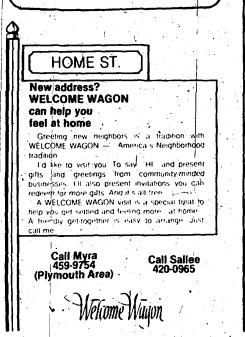
Bartell and Bartell Ltd. was hired by the city to submit a plan to downsize the police department. Graper said Monday he didn't know when the report would be ready.

Graper also said he would be "very suprised" if township officials decide to purchase any city police services for use by the township police department.

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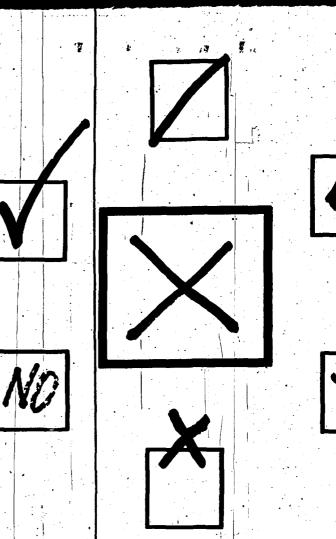
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An X' is the only way to mark the school spot

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Voters should be aware that the Feb. 5 special school millage election will be conducted on paper ballets and citizens should be careful to mark their ballots validly, school officials said.

In a special school election held in the fall, more than 70 ballots were disqualified by the election examiners as being incorrectly marked.

The Plymouth Canton School board is asking the voters to renew eight mills of operating levy for six years.

In a paper ballot election, voters are given the paper ballot before they enter the booth. Using a pencil in the booth, voters are asked to mark with an 'X' the yes or no box.

Many of the ballots disqualified in the fall election were invalid because voters can used a check mark instead of an X². The correct way to mark your ballot is with ¹'a cross, the intersection of which is within or on the line of the circle or square.²

Another way that voters accidently spoil their ballot is by adding more than an 'X'. "When it is clearly evident that a ballot has been marked or mutilated BY THE VOTER for the purpose of distinguishing, such ballqt is void," the election inspectors' guidelines say. Any writing or doodling on the ballot will disqualify it, said Bernice Nichols, election specialist at the schools.

If a voter believes that he may have incorrectly marked or voided his ballot, Nichols said the voters should exit the polling booth and ask election workers for a new ballot and give the spoiled ballot to the election worker.

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Nichols said requests for absentee ballots are running low, indicating a possible low turnout at the polls for the special millage vote, Precinct workers will vote by absentee at a meeting later this week, she said, bringing the total absent votes to less than 100.

The schools is asking for a renewal of eight mills which expired at the end of 1984 and must be renewed before the spring to be levied on summer tax bills, said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

The eight mills represents about \$8 million annually in the general fund, Hoedel said, or about 17 per cent of the budget. "This represents over 250 positions. This is vital money for programs and services," he said.

Each mill is \$1 of property tax on each \$1,000 of state equalized valuation. A house with a market value of \$100,000, with a \$50,000 SEV, will pay \$400 for an eight mill tax levy.

The schools have tentative plans to ask for a debt millage increase this spring to fund building improvements and capital outlays. A 1.74 mill tax increase was approved by the voters in 1984 on the second attempt.

Absentee ballots for seniors, handicapped, or those who will be out of town are available at the board office, 454 Harvey St., Plymouth, until Feb. 4 during regular business hours.

Polls will be open Feb. 5 between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Plymouth Musicale only needed audience openness

BY CHERYL SZYNISZEWSKI.

If we're doing word association and I say "classical music concert" will you respond with 'conservative', 'stuffy', 'proper', 'uptight', 'snobbish', 'boring' and other similar terms?

Have you ever attended a concert and felt uncomfortable because you were unable to relax or uncertain as to how you were supposed to act?

Well, with the musicale series, the Plymouth Symphony seems determined to change these feelings.

Sunday's performance at St. John's Seminary was consistent with the previous mini-concerts. The atmosphere was comfortable, friendly, and relaxed.

The element that is making the musicale series so unique is the performers' response to their work.

With the musicale series the Plymouth Symphony has been enlisting musicians who convey an enjoyment for music that goes beyond giving a good performance. At the recent concert the performers were John Mohler, clarinetist; Barbara Rondelli, soprano; and John Vander Merwe, pianist.

DeHoCo unclear

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A spokesman for Detroit Mayor Coleman Young said the negotiations on purchase of DeHoCo lands were continuing between the city and the state but declined to comment further.

The Plymouth Township and Northville Township boards of trustees were scheduled to consider a joint resolution on the prisons issue last night.

Breen said the two townships would work with local state lawmakers to draw up legislation outlining local concerns on the issue.

The joint resolution asks the state to set a cap of 1,375 on the number of prisoners in the various state facilities along Five Mile Road.

The resolution also asks that the state raze the current DeHoCo facility and build a new regional prison, if the state purchases the property, and asks that no additional facilities be built beyond that.

The resolution asks a cap of 500 prisoners be set on any new regional prison the state would build on DeHoCo. grounds.

The resolution asks that "all City of Detroit owned land not absolutely required" for prison construction be released for economic development.

The resolution also asks that the state Department of Corrections accept local input; and that first consideration be given township residents and businesses for employment and trade at the facilities.

"The combined area of the township of Northville and the Charter Township of Plymouth have accepted and coped with the burden of more than their fair share, of public institutions..." the resolution said.

Township Police Chief Carl Berry said a new facility, like the current DeHoCo prison, would use local services, especially court time.

Berry called the current DeHoCo facility "has deteriorated to a point where it represents a security risk."

Berry, Breen and state Rep. Gerry Law of Plymouth Township, toured the prison last week.



All of these performers are accomplished professional musicians. They all possessed that special element that allowed their personal warmth and the enjoyment of their work to be expressed even when fully concentrating on their performance.

On Sunday, the vocal program consisted of "Three German Songs" by Brahms, "Songs of Innocence" by Arnold Cooke, "The Shepherd on the Rock" by Shubert and other selections by Sphor and Meyerbeer.

Other selections for the afternoon included the sonatina for clarinet and piano by Szalowski, rhapsody for clarinet solo by Osborne and a short lecture on the clarinet by Bolcum.

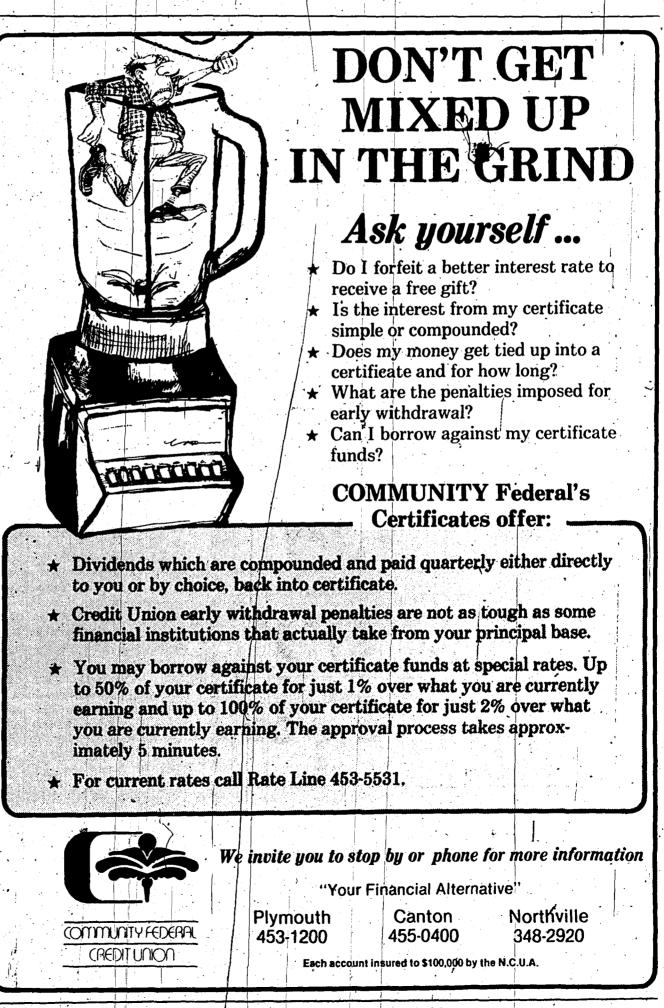
John Mohler spoke briefly about the pieces he was performing, addressing the differences in types of music: contemporary, mood music and theatre music.

With an educational discussion that is not overly technical the only demands placed on the audience is that they enjoy the time that they are at the concert without concerns for weather or pending activities.

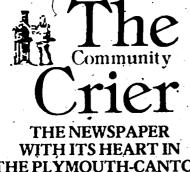
In this atmosphere the audience begins to feel and recognize their own personal response to the music without needing an indepth knowledge of classical music.

The Plymonth musicale series has had all the necessary elements.

When an eight-year-old boy whose major interests are in sports, cars and playing Star Wars, takes it upon himself to go up and thank a performer after the concert, it is evident that the performance was superb, and that the music required only an openness to feeling.



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Group homes better than institutions

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I wonder what all the fuss is about.

I visited a group home a couple times over the last few weeks, ate dinner and drank coffee there. I left wondering why so many people get upset about group homes.

The residents I met really aren't much different than you and me.

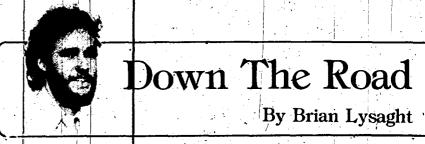
There was a public meeting held two weeks ago to discuss the proposed construction of a group home in Plymouth Township. Some people who showed up were neighbors with legitimate concerns, others had illegitimate concerns.

Some, like those who brought up the issue of safety of the group home residents, were just smokescreening I suspected. The residents' safety is not of paramount importance but keeping the group home out of their neighborhood is.

Politicians are put in a funny spot when a group home is proposed. The proposals generally creates a stir and if many residents of a community oppose group homes, as I'm told they do in Plymouth Township, the elected official is expected to put up some resistance.

* But actually, there is little he or she can do to keep group homes out. The state saw to that.

The state, in building a group home,



can bypass local zoning law, fire safety regulations, and other building codes. The state plays by its own rules.

A local building department can refuse to issue a building permit for a group home but the state can sue, usually does, and usually wins.

The state's ability to bypass local ordinances has caused more than it's share of bad feelings. Local officials -who thrive on control -- say they have no input on group home construction in their communities.

State employes say it's got to be that way because when the state was required to conform to local ordinance, local governments flexed their muscles and kept group homes out.

The issue is now tied up somewhere in the Michigan Supreme Court.

There's a slew of arguments against group homes including lack of local control, concern for safety of residents, and loss of property value.

. Plymouth Township leaders were argued the state's failure to approve fire safety regulations through proper channels. It's a technicality.

I think all the anti-group home arguments whittle down to this: We're not real happy about people who are different from us moving in next door, or down the street.

It's human nature to be wary of the unknown and group homes and group home residents are, for many people, the unknown.

People would be better off telling it straight rather than talking about property value decline when it comes to group homes.

For me, it makes sense to have developmentally disabled people living in the community rather than in some smelly, forgotten institution.

Don't call Twp. hall without Breen's OK

Attitude's childish

Nobody said that providing local governmental services was easy. But Plymouth Township makes it even more difficult for itself than necessary.

In the last two editions of The Community Crier, there appeared a full-page political advertisement opposing a proposed mobile home park rezoning. The ad suggested that other citizens call Plymouth Township Hall for more information on the proposal.

Apparently, a large number of calls were made.

And many of those calls were answered with:

"We didn't give permission for the township's phone number to be used in

the ad." Or, "We don't have any information on

that (rezoning); call The Crier."

With Malice Toward None

Since when did the taxpayer-paid, publicly-listed phone lines to township hall become the politicians' personal property, requiring their permission to use?

And since when did Plymouth Township government think it could get away with denying its citizens information on a proposed rezoning? After one refusal, a citizen made an official request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act and - lo and behold someone found the file and gave out the information.

Graper stretches cops too thin

EDITOR:

I noticed the large number of break-ins occurring in the downtown Plymouth area lately and was wondering if there is any connection between Henry Graper's decision to reduce the number of policemen and also to expect the Plymouth Police to patrol Plymouth Township.

It sounds to me as though the police department is stretched a bit beyond their ability to be where they're needed, when they're needed. I'm amazed this town functions at all under Graper's leadership.

DOUGLAS CAMERON PLYMOUTH The township's refusal is illegal as well as an arrogant attitude; the suggestion that its citizens call this newspaper is childish. (The Crier is happy to answer inquiries whenever it can.) Even the strike-bound Plymouth-

Canton School Board members handled it better when their HOME phones were listed in a political advertisement by the teachers' union.

The proposed rezoning is obviously too hot a potato for the township. Nonetheless, the people have the right to know information about it.

Supervisor Maurie Breen's "township government is closer to the people" diatribe has been shown again to be just so much bunk.

'Maybe what he really means is that township government is close to its people only when the government wants to be. Oh, and don't call township hall without Breen's permission.

Then, on top of all this - or maybe at the bottom of it -- it turns out that Breen's brother has an interest in the property to be recorded. Could that be why the township folks were so refluctant to discuss the matter with the citizenry? Was this the reason Township Hall'seems so overlysensitive on the matter?

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Compassion vital to group home decisions

It's a difficult social issue today. If proponents and opponents of group home placement agree on nothing else, they at least agree on this point.

Community placement for the developmentally disabled of our society has caused some community uproar since its inception. Michigan has been a leader among states in developing and implementing the concept of community placement. But it was not without the terrible exposure of atrocities which have occurred in its institutions and not without the passage of stringent state laws which have removed local input from community placement.

Those who oppose group homes, including residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community, wrap themselves securely in a bulwark made of sub-issues. Such things as licensing, safety and fire requirements, the definition of a family, whether or not the state is running a business in a neighborhood and concentration of the homes in a community have fueled many an angry public hearing.

Some of those concerns are legitimately acceptable. The proper licensing of any state facility is always a concern, as is the need to address adequate fire and safety protection for residents of a home.

Unfortunately these issues are raised most often in an effort to stall the group home construction rather than out of concern for group home residents.

Other questions, like the running of a business in a neighborhood and the number of homes in a community are more difficult to address on either side. Certainly the state's group home industry, which operates through the management of numerous non-profit organizations, is not a business in the normal sense of the word. No one gets rich on group homes -and any profit made is marginal.

The concentration issue is of the gravest concern. Even proponents of the group home concept fear the philosophy will eventually faulter and fail because too little regard has been given to the communities which accept the responsibility for group homes.

Stringent legislation which excluded local input into group home location may have been necessary when the concept was first introduced. It has actually been a safeguard for community officials who can claim no responsibility for group home location in their municipality.

But this antiquated theory that no local input is the best input, that no local control is the best control and that no local municipality would ever willingly support the concept of group home placement without being forced to is becoming rapidly unacceptable.

State officials are right in perceiving that some of the public's negative perceptions of group homes will take years to change. But often local officials and residents can and are willing to help ease these perceptions. They may even offer superior solutions for group home locations in their communities based on their own understanding and knowledge of its residents.

It's a sad testimony that for all the controversy group homes have raised, little time has been taken by most people to really examine the basis of their concerns.

As a people, as a community, as individuals we are seldom



exposed to people different from ourselves. It is understandable that most of us feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, even afraid of those individuals who suffer mental, emotional or physical disablities. That these indivduals could become neighbors, in view and to be dealt with on a regular basis, is too large a discomfort to face. Bigotry and fear hide well behind a silk-lined mask called public concern.

It would be too much to expect all people to lose their bigotry, to reach beyond their fear and to accept these individuals as the rightful, deserving members of our society which they are.

But attitudes truly must change or the very stuff human compassion thrives on will eventually be lost. Those of us blessed with the fortune of good minds and bodies too easily forget what a generous gift we've received. Our health wasn't granted on the basis of our worth as individuals, and neither was theirs denied.

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Local circuit judge is judge of other judge's decisions

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Besides the voting public, who judges Michigan's approximately 500 judges? Who polices their behavior and fitness to continue serving on the bench?

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Your neighbor, Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas J. Foley, is the new chairman of the official wing of our judicial system which does exactly that. This nine-member entity is known as the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission (MJTC), and it was just last week that the other eight chose Foley as their chairperson in his third year of service with the group.

Last fall, Tom was re-elected without opposition to his fourth six-year term as a circuit judge after a prior career as an assistant prosecuting attorney plus 10 years with a Detroit legal firm. The latest honor to come to the 62-year-old Navy veteran of World War II is prime evidence of the esteem in which he is held by his peers of the legal world.

The work of the MJTC is conducted completely out of the public eye," as Foley puts it, and only rarely does it break into print. One instance which will ring a bell in your memory because of the attendant publicity was the commission's inquiry into Judge Robert Borsos' handling of the criminal 'sexual



conduct case in Kalamazoo involving Upjohn Co. pharmaceutical heir Roger Gauntlett.

This is the 32nd year that the judge and family have lived in this community, all those years in the same house, and they have been 32 years of relatively low key obscurity. The judge is not a gadabout, a fact which perhaps makes him ideally suited for the role he now has added to his professional workload.

"The purpose of the commission," Foley explained to me a few days ago, "is to determine whether a specific judge about whom there has been a complaint has acted outside the scope of his or her authority to such a degree as to bring condemnation. We're trying to prevent reaction where people lose faith in their judiciary.

"We make a determination whether they were acting within their discretionary powers. If we conclude a judge has violated the concepts we're guided by, we make a recommendation

to the Supreme Court. The judge is entitled to a full hearing and to question witnesses. Any penalty is then up to the Supreme Court. It's not without a great deal of thought.

"I have read each day an average of five complaints. Most of those are frivilous. When you really get down to the nub of it, there are not that many valid complaints. It's an eye-opener and quite satisfying to me to see that all the judges are very conscientious.

"The state of Michigan is very for-tunate. We have substantial people on the bench. These two in Plymouth, for instance, are just tremendous and Dunbar Davis, of course, was the very epitome of a judge. With very few exceptions — and people always hear of those after we're through with them the judges in this state are excellent. People may disagree with their decisions, but not with their integrity

"However, we're all human. We absolutely can't discuss what's pending, or whether there is anything pending. Normally a judge has no idea he's being investigated, until we've got it all together.

"Perhaps the greatest, most frequent complaint is the inability of a judge to control his ego. This is one of the real problems with a lot of judges. They can't sit up there without allowing their ego to be brought into contention with some attorney; it becomes a war with the attorney and they forget about the litigants. As a result, the litigants suffer because their rights are trampled upon and they never have a complete hearing in a court of law.

"If a person displays prejudice to the degree where it can be shown on a consistent basis, then that person shouldn't be sitting in judgment. Oddly enough, the judges really don't know that much about us because of necessity our work is completely out of the public eye. As a result I think they have a greater fear of the commission than they would otherwise.

"We have an excellent staff of five lawyers working full time. We deal with about 500 judges and I think the state of Michigan is in excellent shape as far as the judicial system is concerned."

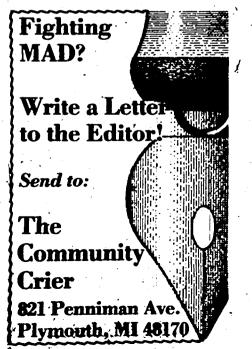
Clothing Bank: another year of giving to needy

EDITOR:

We have some good news from the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank. In the fall we were in need of volunteers to help sort, size and assist our customers. The Plymouth-Canton Observer and The Community Crier were most helpful in running articles concerning this need.

As a result we would like to introduce you to Virginia Kocik, Margaret Schroeder, Janet Pierangelino and Louise Stern, they are very caring and hard workers. Thank you ladies.

I would like to thank Helen Decker, she has been with us for six years and has taken charge of the Clothing Bank



during my absence and doing a great job. Helen's husband Dick is the treasurer for the Clothing Bank. They both are very caring people. Pat Zaidel and Lee Campbell have been with us three years and continue to help out when their schedules allow it.

As you know we have many fine people in our schools and in the community that donate funds, used clothing and some new items such as socks, underwear, hats and mittens. We would like to list some of those that have helped us out this

• Sue Vogel from the Olde Goose Barn donated funds collected from an arts and crafts show held at the West Middle School:

• Marilyn Lehmann from the Lehmann College of Beauty donated funds collected from hair cuts and manicures done by students;

• Womens Club of the Cherry Hill Methodist Church donated funds and clothing;

• Allen School — principal Tom Workman and his support staff donated funds; teacher Betty Gibson and her fourth grade students conducted a clothing drive throughout the school and collected new items for our children;

• Fiegel School - Diane Montagano and her kindergarten students donated new items along with Mrs. King; • Eriksson School — Linda Bright's kindergarten students, new items;

Jacqueline Saunders new items; • Field School - Mrs. Perry's kindergarten students: • Tanger School's Mrs. Jacobs and "

Lucy Morris' kindergarten students Hulsing School's Linda Stuart and

her students new items; Judy Zachary of Smith School her kindergarten students all fent new items of clothing to our children in need.

• As always under the leadership of Marian Walsh the employes of the Board of Education office provided food and Christmas for families in need again this

All of us at the Clothing Bank wish to thank all of you for caring for our children and their Moms and Dads, we urge you to notify anyone you know on general assistance to come to the Clothing Bank. We have many nice warm clothing for those in need. Call 451-6673 on Tuesday or Thursday 9:30 a.m. to noon. (You must reside in the Plymouth-Canton area.)

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Mac's owners say state

business tax is unfair

EDITOR:

I just received my 1984 Single Business Tax Return from my accountant. With all the hoopla recently in the newspapers about how fair the government of Michigan thinks this tax is, I just had to write to you and make sure you are aware of the "real facts."

Anytime a business must pay taxes, even if they actually lose money, by adding back such expenses as "labor costs" and "depreciation" costs, something is wrong with the system! I am thankful we at least didn't lose money in 1984.

However, would you believe my tax bill for this single tax was 16,41 per cent of our actual profits during 1984. When yon pay all the other taxes and insurances for workman's compensation.

MESC, property and personal property taxes, etc., it leaves very little, if any, to invest in new equipment upgrades and upgrading your building.

And why would you want to? The attitude I hear all the time is "Why make money"?

This tax is very unfair to the small . businesses in Michigan and at minimum, needs revamping so credits can be taken. Our business, for example, is so labor intensive, it just doesn't enhance an attractive atmosphere for business in Michigan.

Thank you for at least listening. SINCERELY, **BOB AND LINDA CARD** OWNER/OPERATORS McDONALD'S OF CANTON TWPJ VAN BUREN TWP.

Schools consider establishment of ed. foundation

BY RACHAEL DOLSON The Plymouth Canton School Board is considering creating a nonprofit, independent, foundation to raise funds and support some educational needs.

Monday night the school board heard a proposal from Educational Foundation Consultants about the benefits of having a foundation. EFC said they could help the district get including filing the proper state and federal forms, for a fee of less than \$5,000.

Superintendent John Hoben said such a foundation could be an umbrella agency to handle the growing number of scholarship funds and memorials that "are becoming a management problem."

Also, Hoben said it would be easier for citizens to give donations to the foundation with provisions attached. The school board is limited in what they can legally accept when there are "strings attached" to the gift. A foundation could accept gifts of property or money that are earmarked for program area.

All donations to the foundation would be assured of a tax deduction, the consultants said. Although most donations to band boosters, PTA, and the like are accepted as a charity tax deduction, the foundation would have a non profit number from the federal government which would insure the tax status.

The consultants said simply having a foundation in place tends to increase the amount of donations by corporations and through estate bequests. A study done by EFC found that the average school

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without a foundation raised \$7,000 a year in donations; compared to \$60,000 per year average by schools with a foundation.

The school board would probably lend to the foundation to get it started, with the proviso that the money be paid back over a period of time, said Board President Roland Thomas. The school board is prohibited by law from giving any tax dollars or public property to the foundation. However, the consultants said special scholarship funds and estate donations the schools have been managing could be given to the foundation.

Initially, the consultants said the school board would probably choose the first members of the foundation's board of trustees. Not more than 50 per cent could be board members or school employes. Once the board was formed, the consultants said the members would draft their bylaws and make provisos for appointment of new members by the foundation board itself. Possibly the board could be set up so that current fundraising groups (band, TAG, athletics) are represented.

The bylaws drawn up would state the purpose of the foundation - raise money for educational programs - and could have other clauses about the amount of the capital to be spont each year.

By law, the foundation would have to distribute at least five per cent of its assets year, said John Lore. Lore, a local resident, is affiliated with the Michigan College Foundation. He attended the board workshop to add his input at EFC is proposal. The foundation concept is a growing idea for school distrists, the consultants said. "It use to be that schools were content with federal and state aid and if they needed any more money they'd go to the taxpayers who was generally willing to approve tax increases.

"That's not so anymore. The search for alternative means of funding has lead many public schools to the foundation concept," the consultant said. EFC has. more than 30 clients in Michigan.

Hoben said Wayne-Westland Schools has a foundation with a very narrow scope



- for curriculum development and inservice - it is supported by a voluntary payroll deduction. "I wouldn't want something that narrow. We would want more of a brother scope for ours."

The foundation board would be autonomous from the board of education and would govern itself as long as it did not deviate from its purpose. If a foundation vers from its original goals it, by law is dissolved.

EFC will present the board with a specific proposal this spring.

THE NORTHWEST chapter of National Organization of Women held an evening candlelight vigil Monday at the Walnut Creek Medical Center in Livonia. Local women from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia commemorated the 12th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to allow elective abortions. Jessica Gwckman (left) was one of the dozen children who attended the vigil also. (Crier photo by David Pierini)



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Tarr does student teaching in art Canton student has one-man show at EMU

BY RACHAEL DOLSON

Don't generalize about John Tarr based on his artwork.

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Although the Eastern Michigan University senior's art is abstract as opposed to realistic his attitudes about his work and the role of art in society is firming planted in the real world.

A one-man exhibit of Tarr's work is on display at Eastern's McKenny Union Intermedia Gallery through Feb. 1. The Canton resident is currently doing his student teaching in art classes at Fiegel and Isbister elementary schools.

"I realize I'll have to do something to supplement by income. I've always enjoyed kids. If I don't do anything else, at least I'll be able to give some children an appreciation of art around them and maybe encourage a few talented students," Tarr said of his decision to pursue a bachelor of fine arts with a teaching certificate.

Art's place in society is to create more liveable conditions, he said, and teaching art is more than "going in and teaching kids how to fold paper into a football."

When school districts are looking to cut budgets, art and music are the first to go, he said. Some of his university professions have stressed the 'political' aspect of teaching art. "You have to stay on top of things. Everytime you hear of a meeting about art, or about budgets, you have be make sure to be there talking about what art means to society and trying to save your programs.

"We are one of the richest countries; there is no reason for us to have 30 and 40 students to a class. I feel it doesn't have to be this way."

" Tarr is doing his student teaching with Pam

Hoadley, who has 28 classes per week, at grade awhile he has into a kind of realism combined levels ranging from first to sixth. "Pam Hoadley with abstract -- American images and other seems to get by really well. But can you imagine symbols combined. Although he has done two the time it takes to create that many art lessons. portraits, one a self portrait and another of a The first graders have to have a different art close friend, Tarr said he is "really not into experience than the fifth and each class is in- realism very much." dividual - some third grade classes are immature, while a second grade class may act like fourth graders."

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- John Tarr

Tarr said he likes to do a lot of research on his art lesson plans and tie in other subject areas. Last week, for example, Tarr had second graddrs doing African and Indian masks./"By the time I got done telling them stories about the African tribes and some Iroquis legends they were all worked up to start the masks. They really ate the story-thing up."

Only mildly interested in art himself in high school, Tarr said he was into sports - football and track and field -- in high school. He is currently an assistant to CEP track and field coach Mike Spitz. Tarr also worte for the high school paper at Canton as a student.

More interesting in writing, Tarr started college at Michigan State and was terminally bitten by the art bug in a scuplting class taught by Tim Kelly.

By his second year he had transferred to Eastern. "It was cheaper, but as far as Im concerned the program is just as good if not better. I got into some classes where the professors let me work without much direction, which is what I needed. I didn't need someone telling me what to do like the instructors were at state.'

Tarr said he has gone through stages, like most artists do, and his work on display- at "Drawings and Other Stuff" shows his variety. "I doodle alot in class. I've done some pretty extensive doodles and I blew up six or seven pieces. I call this my doodle series, understandably."

Although his work is mostly abstract, for

JOHN TARR (left) is an EMU senior doing his student teaching at Fiegel and Isbister elementaries. Tarr's abstract work (right) is on display in a one-man show at EMU through Feb. 1. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Tarr said he uses really expressive bright colors, unusual since "I'm somewhat color blind but I seem to succeed in matching colors and tones."

The Intermedia Gallery is one of the only student run galleries in Michigan. Artists for the upcoming semester are chosen by a panel of students representing each medium who review 'slides of the prospective artists' works.

About 12 students submitted slides for the winter semester and six were chosen. Only one other student besides Tarr was given an individual show.

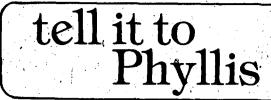
Now that his work has been matted and framed, Tarr said he hopes to have some of his printmaking art chosen for an all-student show from Alma that goes touring for a year.

Tarr is scheduled to graduate in the spring and has applied for graduate school in fine arts at Syracuse, the Institute of Art in Chicago, Illinois University and the University of Iowa

Tarr said he is one of the first in his family to graduate from college. "My dad wanted me to go to be financially set. But I think he's adjusting. He realizes I'm not going to be the \$100,000 a year man, the executive."

'Tarr graduated in 1980 from Canton High School. He is the son of Sue and Paul Tarr of Canton. His brother, Richard, attends Eastern also.





It's that time of year again, to start thinking about income tax returns. Trying to figure out those dumb forms is always a pain in the neck, even when you think you might have a chance of getting some money back.

After trying to do my tax returns myself, last year, I decided not to ever attempt it again. I know my strengths and filling out government forms, especially where money is concerned, isn't one of them.

I thought I was through trying to figure out stupid forms until the kid, who is planning to go to college next year, handed me the financial aid forms. Those things are as bad as income tax returns.

The thing I like best is that you have to have your income tax completed before you can do the financial aid form and the financial aid is supposed to be sent in in-January. Give me a break, most of us are lucky if we have our taxes finished by April 15.

How in the heck am I supposed to know what line 101a on my tax return is? That's what I plan to pay someone who knows what they're doing to figure out for me.

After attending a meeting for parents of graduating seniors, I knew I was doomed. For an hour and a half I listened to someone explain scholarships and the different kinds of financial aid. When it came to filling out the forms, I thought they were speaking a foreign language. Good grief, you'd have to have a degree in understanding government terms before you could figure out what they're asking for.

Maybe it's time our government that's supposed to be for the people learned to speak our language.

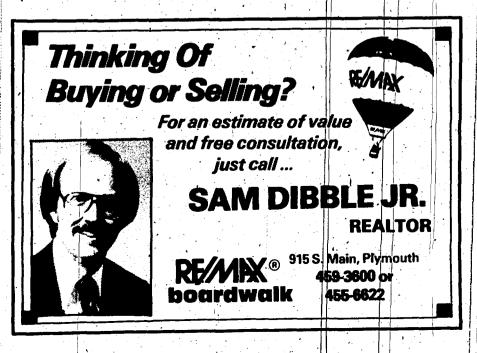
Okay kid, so I know dieting is making me grouchy, but if you want to go to college next year, one of us better figure out this dumb form or get some help soon.

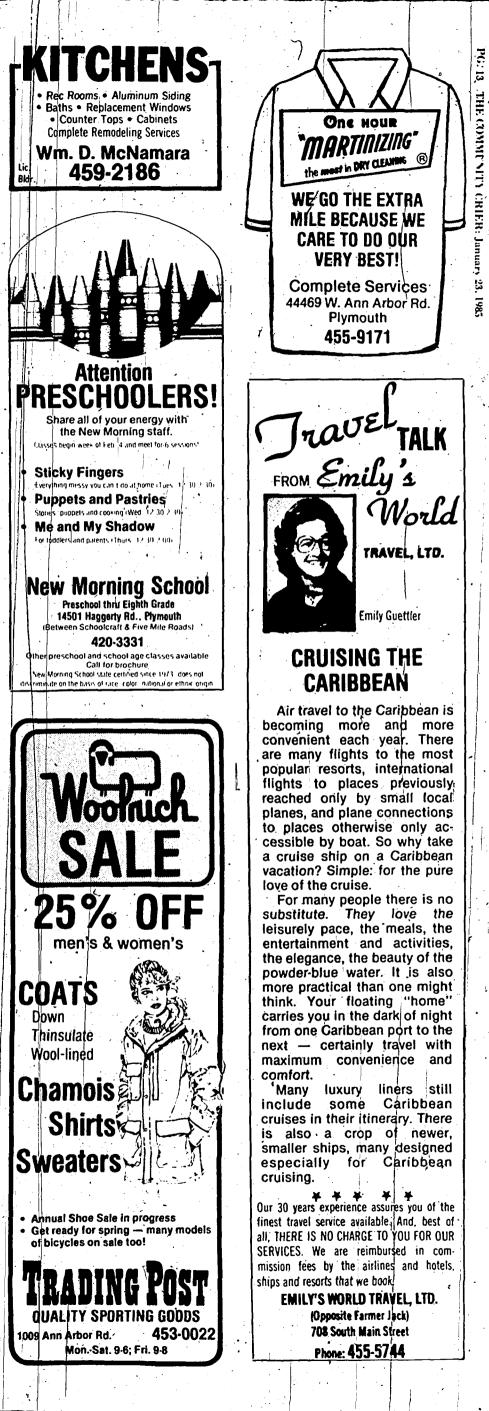
Susan Lehmann entered the United States Air Force on Dec. 13. She is the daughter of John and Mary Lehmann of Kingsbridge in Canton, and a 1980 graduate of Salem High School.

Kenneth Sullivan entered the United States Air Force on Dec. 13. A 1983 graduate of Salem High School, he is the Jeannette Sullivan of Suzan Court in Plymouth.

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Michigan State University recently announced the names of students receiving degrees following fall term. Students from Canton included on the list are: Donald Lesmeister of Lynn, MS in Electrical Engineering; and V.E. Wroblewski of Forrest, MA in Reading Instruction. Plymouth students on the list are: Anne Bologna of Appletree Drive, BA in Hotel and Restaurant Management; Jennifer Desautel of Lakeland Court. BS in Merchandising Management; Denise Gerst of Hartsough, BS in Dietetics; Randy Hennells of N. Territorial, BA in Advertising; Michael Landini of Basswood Court, BA in Financial Administration; Kathleen Lee of Stratmore, BA in Advertising; Karen Otto of Woodgate, BA in Elementary Education; and Randy Wilkin of Ross, BA in Accounting.





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EDITOR'S NOTE: Controversy over the issue of community placement for the developmentally disabled of our society has simmered beneath the fabric of many Michigan communities since the concept was introduced approximately 20 years ago. Frequently, public perception and its acceptance or rejection of group homes in neighborhoods has erupted in the form of volatile public meetings and even violent acts against the homes themselves.

As frequently, the concept of community placement and its true value as a mental health treatment has been debated by local and state officials. Are residents actually benefitting from this type of philosophy or have they been pawns in a political move? Answers, like the issue, evade a cut and dry response.

'In an effort to help you better understand the complexity of the group home issue in The Plymouth-Canton Community, Crier reporters Brian Lysaght and Cheryl Eberwein and Crier photographer Chris Boyd spent time discussing and filming group homes with state and local officials, with neighbors and home operators and the residents themselves. These findings, feelings and facts are presented here for your observation and conclusion.¹¹

A 20-year home history

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN

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The State of Michigan is building a house – and somebody doesn't want it built.

The house, a group home facility being constructed to accommodate six mentally retarded adults, is located on Dionne Streetan Ganton, Unknown vandals have broken windows, destroyed door trim and set the building on fire twice since November.

These acts have caused at least \$2,500 in damages. Despite such setbacks, the state has continued with construction and the home will be ready for occupancy March 1.

Suspects in the vandalism have not been located and state and local officials are not pointing fingers at anyone or any group. Those familiar with the volatility of the group home concept, however, cannot easily ignore the fact such acts of destruction seem oddly "coincidental" to some prevailing public sentiment that group homes neither belong nor are welcome in many neighborhoods.

There are 270,000 of them in the United States according to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and they're classified as developmentally disabled individuals. They represent three per cent of the population. Their disablities run a gamut from minor physical handicaps to severe emotional handicaps. One in every four families is affected by their disabilities.

These citizens, society's most needy residents according to DMH officials, represent all social classes, ages, and races. They come from every community' and most, officials note, would have been institutionalized under mental health programs in existence 10 years ago.

Today, they are the residents around which group home controversy swirls, festers and, in some cases, eventually abates.

"Developmental disabilities occur during a person's developmental years -between the ages of one to 18," Ken Stockton; director of public affairs for Wayne Community Living Services said. Wayne Community Living Services is a DMH agency.

"By virtue of their disability, these residents have a below normal capacity to learn new skills," he cortinued. "Examples of developmental disabilities include /mental. retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, neurological disorders. The common thread is these individuals all have a below normal capacity to learn."

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from an institutional setting to group homes - community placement as it is formally known - began nearly 20 years ago.

Stockton said a massive growth in the institutional system in 1969 resulted in state mental health population of 13,000. It was after this peak a number of things lead to a philosophical and opertional change in mental health policy.

"The first was a professional change in Cont. on pg. 16



Police look into home rape

The Plymouth Police Department is investigating a possible criminal sexual assault of a Plymouth group home resident which occurred last October.

Lt. Robert Commire said police received a complaint when employes of a group home on Beech Court discovered a resident was pregnant. The resident was moved out of the home by her mother after the pregnancy was discovered.

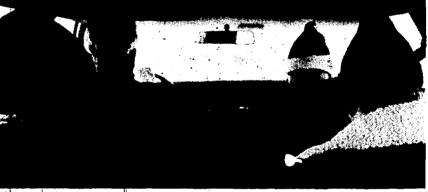
The woman, who is retarded, is not legally able to consent to sexual intercourse, Commire said.

Police took blood samples from male residents and male employes of the home,

he said.

"We're kind of in a holding pattern right now until the baby is born and we can get the blood samples we need to determine the father," Commire said.

Commire said criminal sexual assault charges could not be brought if blood tests indicated another group home resident impregnated the woman.



SCENES from Lexington House in Plymouth clockwise starting at top left: Bill prepares his lunch for the day; the home's operator Richard Snyder drives three residents to workshop; resident Jonathon Burns figures his monthly budget; Snyder, who runs the home which opened in July.

Townships sue over group home issue

Plymouth and Canton townships are both currently involved in group home lawsuits with the state of Michigan.

A lawsuit filed by Canton Township in 1981 is still making its way through the state court system. The suit, filed against the Department of Social Services (DSS), alleges that Canton has been forced to accept too many group homes. The community has 10 homes with one under construction at the present time.

The Canton suit also questions the legality of placing mentally ill individuals as opposed to mentally retarded individuals in group homes.

In 1982, the Wayne County Circuit Court ruled in favor of Canton and ruled it was unlawful to place mentally ill attorney, said additional litigation courd result over the community's newest result over the community's newest proposed group home on Schoolcraft homes in Canton. Both decision was overturned a short time later, however, in the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Canton attorney C. Gerald Hemming said the lawsuit is currently waiting a Supreme Court hearing. The case has been stayed until two other group home cases filed by Livonia and Southfield are resolved.

Plymouth Township, whose lawsuit is also pending the outcome of the Livonia case, has also questioned the types of people placed in group homes.

C. Brian James, Plymouth Township

attorney, said additional litigation count result over the community's newest proposed group home on Schoolcraft Road. Township officials were expected to vote on whether or not to grant a building permit for the home's construction at last night's township meeting. If the construction permit was denied, Wayne Community Living Services, a state agency in charge of constructing the home, was expected to file a lawsuit against the township.

Board members have cited concerns over fire and safety code requirements as a reason for delaying the permit. The township has one group home and one under construction.

City home is similar and different

BY BRIAN LYSACHT

It looks inside and out much like other houses on the street. Outside, it's a twostory colonial with a car or two in the snow-cleared driveway. Inside, there's modern conveniences like a microwave oven, television sets, and a piano.

And Plymouth's Lexington Home operates much like other houses. Mornings start early with breakfast, followed by school bus or car rides to work and school.

Lexington Home is a bit different though. It's home for six developmentally disabled men.

It's a place where watching television is enjoyed but regulated, and a place where dialing the set to the correct channel may be a challenge.

"We operate like a home here just like

everywhere else," said Lexington Home manager Richard Snyder.

The Lexington Home is nearing its sixmonth anniversary. The first residents moved in July 31.

The home's operator, employes, and city officials say there have been few complaints about the group home, one of two in the city.

"For me the community response has been good," said Snyder. "We haven't had any problems with the neighbors and & I'd like to think they haven't had any problems with us."

Neighbors stop by occasionally, sometimes bringing treats like candy, or good but unused furniture.

Snyder is licensed by the state Department of Social Services to operate the home. Wayne Community Living Services (WCLS), a branch of the state Department of Mental Health, provides funding and monitors the home and its residents.

Lexington Home's residents range in age from 20 to 42. All have reduced learning capabilities and require special supervision and teaching.

The ultimate goal of the mental health department is to get the residents of Lexington Home and other group homes, to develop living skills so they can live and work on their own.

At Lexington Home, welckdays start around 6 a.m. when Juke, a 20-year-old resident gets ready to catch the bus at 7 a.m. that takes him to Bryant school.

Jonathon Burns, gets up about 7 a.m. and prepares for his job while the four other residents -- Ken, Mike and Bill -are up and driven at 9 a.m. to a workshop run by the Wayne County Association for Retarded Citizens.

Each resident works a program drawn up by the "I Team" which includes Snyder, the home's case manager, and a psychologist.

"We are fairly regimented because in order to teach a retarded person you need to be," said Lexington House case manager Pat Jones of WCLS.

One recent morning, a house staffer was giving Burns instructions on how to make hot cereal for his breakfast.

"You show me how to make this (cereal) so I can do it myself," he told the staffer.

Burns, 27, is the only resident allowed to travel into town along, the earns \$1.60 -per hour working for a firm which does lawn maintenance and snow plowing for Detroit-area homes, many of which are group homes.

He's allowed to spend his carnings as he chooses, as long as he records his expenditures and stays within his budget.

Burns is also the resident comedian, often teasing his housemates and staffers. "I know ... you're thinking I look like Cont. on pg. 16



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TOP to bottom: Bill pauses for an early morning stretch; a resident and Lexington House staffer Susan Suomi dig in for lunch: Bill packs hangers at the workshop he attends weekdays in Westland.

Are they 'real' neighbors?

BY CHERYL EBERWEIN Outrage, indifference, support. Three very different reactions to one very controversial issue: group homes.

Since the advent of the state's community placement program in 1969, state officials, community leaders and privaté individuals have expressed varying degrees of all the above reactions. Some have been adamant about their position on group homes; others have strayed from their original feelings and have adopted a new stand.

Within The Plymouth-Canton Community, the issue of group homes and group home placement has generated no less controversy than in other communities. Emotions in this approximately 54 mile area have run from anger and fear to acceptance and encouragement of this mental health philosophy.

"People aren't angry because we'redoing something wrong...' people are angry because we're doing something right," said Ken Stockton, director of public affairs for Wayne Community Living Services. Wayne Community Living Services is a Department of Mental Health (DMH) agency which handles group homes in Wayne County.

"We're dealing with a community reaction of 100 years of stereotypes and fears generated by Alfred Hitchcock movies," Stockton continued, "It's foolish to say things will change in two or three years. Public attitude doesn't change that fast.

"Communities must take responsibility for their most needy citizens," he continued.

Just how much responsibility should communities -- specifically The Plymouth-Canton Community -- take for developmentally disabled individuals? Community leaders and residents have varying opinions on the question.

"The Plymouth Township Board supports the residents (on the matter of group homes)," Plymouth Township Cont. on pg. 16

Now-empty center was home for many in 60s-70s

Close-up: Group homes in The P-C Communi

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT

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Snow covered the nearly-deserted grounds of the Plymouth Center for Human Development last week.

A cold breeze gently rocked twisted swings near the empty buildings which once were filled and active residence halls.

The center, at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Northville Township, closed as a state institution for the developmentally disabled June 15, 1984.

A 1979 federal court decree led to the troubled institution's shutdown and to the placement of hundreds of iresidents into group homes.

The Plymouth center was built to fill the post-WWII shortage of beds in state institutions for the mentally retarded and was considered innovative when it opened in 1960. Residential population peaked at 1200 in 1970 and the payroll topped 1600 in 1978, according to a state Department of Mental Health (DMH) spokesman.

"It started with a lot of hope," said Jerry Provencal, director of DMH's Wayne Community Living Services. "Itran out of energy and imagination sometime in the 70s.'

City home is same, different

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Jerry Lewis aren't you," he said after greeting a visitor to the home.

The "I-Team" developed a program to teach Burns skills to allow him to live semi-independently in an apartment.

Six o'clock p.m. is dinner time around Lexington House. The staff along with some of the residents prepare the food which includes entrees like steak, lasagna or omelets.

Grace is said, plates passed as residents and employes share dinner each night.

Two residents are on diets, which attests perhaps to the quality of food. Asked if he liked the food at the home, one resident flashed a smile and patted his stomach.

·For four of the six residents, Lexington House is their first group home. Those four had been living with their families. Two other residents had lived in other group homes.

The residents, who were chosen by WCLS on the basis of their levels of development, get along well according to home staffers and case manager Jones.

We just kind of had to make the best guess," said Jones. "In this case it worked well.'

Two group home staffers are on duty at the home 24 hours a day. When the residents are at school, work, or asleep, staffers do everything from cleaning sheets to cleaning house to grocery shopping. When residents are home, much of the staffers' time is spent working with or supervising them.

The grocery bill, according to Snyder, runs about \$200 per week. That's to feed six residents and two staffers.

Myrtle La Bita, a Lexington Home staffer, said she fills two carts during biweekly grocery shopping trips.

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Provencal was one of the department's earliest group home advocates and oversaw community placement for the Plymouth center's residents between 1969-72.

Mental health officials from across the country visited the center through the early 70s, he said.

Plymouth center residents were segregated according to their disability in halls with names like Kennedy, Binet, Molloy, Provencal said.

But state officials said the philosophy on care for the developmentally disabled changed in the late 60s and early 70s. Community placement began to be accepted and signalled the end of the institutional care era.

During the mid-70s, the Plymouth center was troubled by charges of physical and mental abuse against residents.

A lawsuit filed against the DMH in U.S. District Court in 1978 by the Michigan Association for Retarded Citizens and others parents groups documented the abuse, as did a series of articles which appeared in the Detroit Free Press in February 1978.

The suit's consent decree, issued in 1979, set up a timetable for shutting down the Plymouth center and ordered improved monitoring for residents and higher staff-resident ratios while it remained open.

The court order also set into motion ordered improvements in living environments and education for the center's which DMH officials residents say

hastened the move toward group homes placement.

"We would've been working toward that (community placement) but the suit certainly expedited the process," said DMH spokesman Tom DeLoach.

Most of the center's residents were placed in group homes as were residents from three other state institutions shut down around the same time as the Plymouth center.

Employes were laid off, took other DMH jobs or were transferred to other state departments.

The future of the near-empty center is unclear. State Department of Natural Resources employes use a small portion of the center west of Sheldon Road.

DMH has plans will continue to use the administrative buildings east of Sheldon, a department spokesman said.

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Supervisor Maurice Breen said. "When the neighbors complain, the board supports the neighbors.

'Most of the group home applications that come through have been dropped,' Breen continued. "That points to... (the effectivenes of) some opposition and the fact that some homes just aren't suitable for a multiple-person residence. We don't feel they conform to fire and safety standards.'

Breen also said the township board is concerned DMH is running businesses in neighborhoods "which are single family residential areas.

"These are not normal single family residences. People have invested in single family residences and expect single family residents such as their own to move in. This is not an extended family - it goes beyond bloodlines."

James Poole, supervisor of Canton Township also expressed township concerns about DMH running businesses in residential neighborhoods.

'The board generally says it's not against or not in favor of group homes,' Poole said. "But the state is operating a business in neighborhoods which causes more problems then, say, a guy who is working on his cars.

"We're not against the concept, we're against placing them in neighborhoods. They shouldn't be in subdivisions where they're creating problems, but they shouldn't be in the middle of the woods either.'

Stockton said such issues are sham issues. "They've tried to deny permits on the basis of definition of a family, on fire safety issues, on the concentration issue...What they're doing is setting up a quota about the kinds of people they want in their communities - I think that's obnoxious and unconstitutional.

'We're not talking toxic waste dumps here - we're talking about human beings with friends, relatives associates of people in these communities and the county."

'People don't like to admit their own bigotry. But their behavior won't prevent Cont. on pg. 17

Home history reflects dept. change Cont. from pg. 14 beliefs about developmentally disabled people,' Stockton said. "In the past it was-

thought these people were static and couldn't learn. They needed nurturing and protection from society."

Stockton said experimental programs in Scandinavia proved these beliefs wrong. Disabled people placed in group homes were not static and, in fact, made progress and developed new skills, the programs discovered. The environment, it was learned, plays a dramatic role.

"Institutions foster dependency," Stockton said. "People lose.capabilities if . they don't play a role in life's activities."

Community placement also came about as a result of several state lawsuits, Stockton said, which eventually found it illegal to keep disabled individuals incarcerated in institutions without appropriate treatment. These individuals must be treated in the least restrictive setting possible, the law now reads.

Stockton said these two factors, along with the passage of several mental health laws which required mandatory special education for residents, which developed a mental retardation policy through the court system, and which changed local to enhance services available to laws

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DMH philosophy 20 years in making

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disabled residents, were an impetus to community placement.

Financial considerations were also a factor in the movement toward community placement. Tom DeLoach, public relations director for the Department of Public Health, said group home costs are lower than 24-hour institutional care.

On the average, it costs the state approximately \$60-\$70 to care for a resident in a group home setting while it costs nearly double that to care for them in an institution, he said.

"But," DeLoach added, "there certainly are cases where the care cost of a resident in a group home is comparable or more than care costs in an institution. It depends on the nature of the particular client and the services needed."

In spite of such factors, however, Stockton said communities discriminated against the placement of group homes in neighborhoods. As a result, the state passed a series of public acts in 1976. The acts, 394 through 398, removed local zoning control over the placement of group homes.

"Communities don't have the authority to do anything about group home placement," Stockton said. "and municipalities are more accepting now than five years ago. Meetings are smaller and less hostile, but local officials see this as a no-win situation."

DeLoach said a number of safeguards were written into the public acts which protect communities from any adverse effects group homes might create.

"There is a 1,500 foot limit in which one group can't be located next to another." DeLoach said. "There is also a complaint procedure written into the acts which allows residents and officials to complain about homes which are not being properly run.

"We also notify the community well in advance when we're going to locate a group home in a neighborhood," he continued. "We invite local officials and neighbors to particpate."

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retarded for 20 years, and is a long time

member of the Northwest Association for

Retarded Gitizens. He, like some other

members of the staff, has a retarded

Snyder, a Redford native, ran Cam-

bridge Club, a Garden City restaurant

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"You never give up you just start

Lexington Home is the first group

home he's operated. He may apply to the

state to operate more but says "You can't

get rich doing this. I'm not doing it for

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There are two group homes in Plymouth, one existing home and one home under construction in Plymouth Township and 10 existing homes and one home under construction in Canton.

Each of the homes houses six developmentally disabled adults. There are still 2,100 adults and juveniles in state institutions today, Stockton said. Stockton said the DMH directive is: to completely phase out institutions within the next 10 years and phase out juvenile institutionalization within the next year or two.

Canton and Plymouth townships are hoth currently involved in lawsuits concerning group homes.

"You get attached to (the residents)," he said. "They become just like your own

Snyder draws up and submits a budget

which has to be approved by WCLS.

Everything has to be accounted for, he

He has an open house planned for the

spring and wants to invite neighbors

friends and the residents' family

In a recent Christmas newsletter sent

out to family members and friends,

residents said they were happy living at.

Lexington Home. "Our neighborhood is.

very nice and peaceful...We love it here

and we want to-make everyone glad that

Neighbors or not? Do residents accept homes?

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us from going in (to communities)," Stockton continued. "We're not backing off - that would compromise the program and rights of the developmentally disabled."

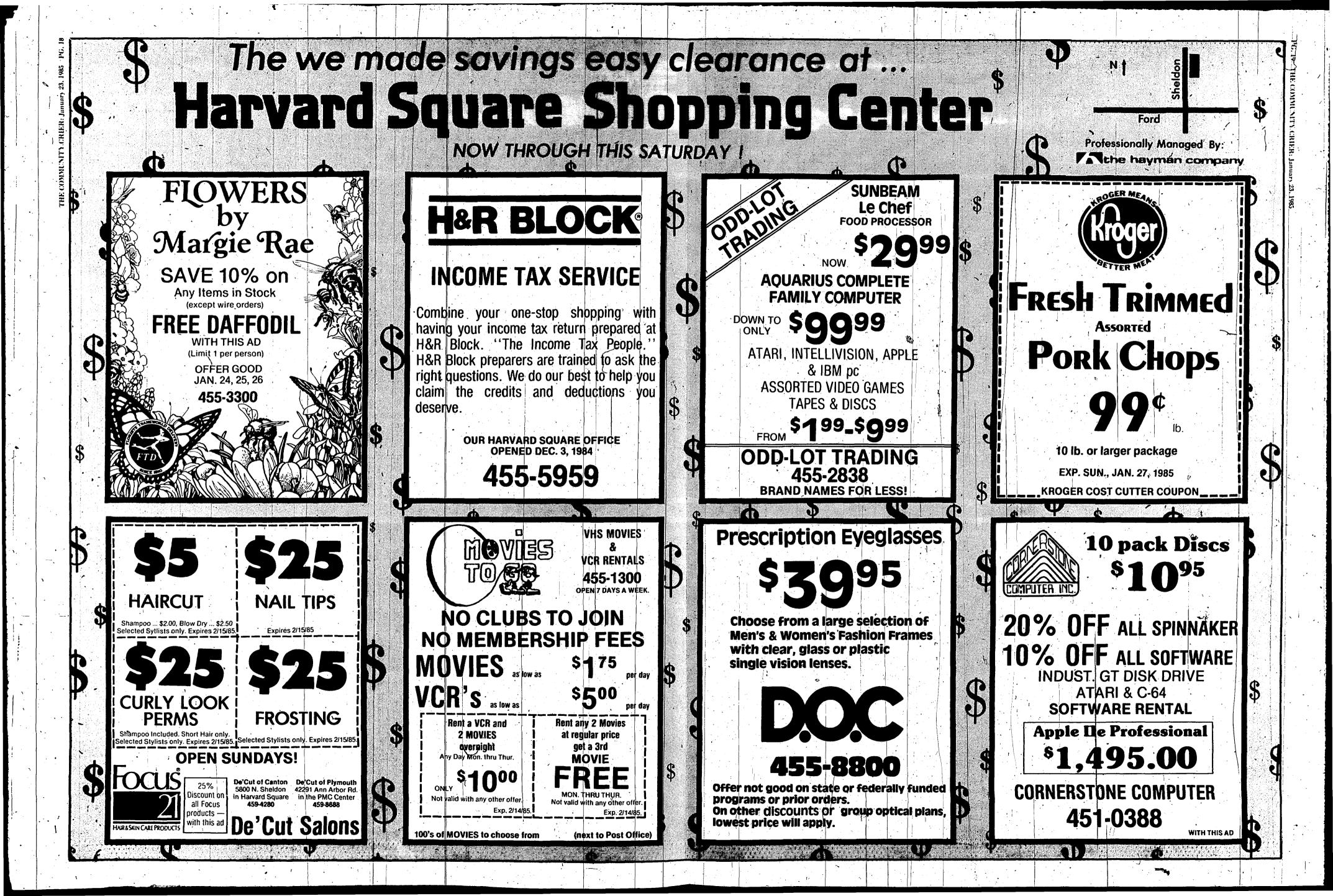
Denise Fedorko and her family were only one of several families living on Canton's Roundtable Drive East who received state notice four years ago that a group home was being placed in their neighborhood. For the Fedorkos the announcement had extra significance – the home would be located next to theirs.

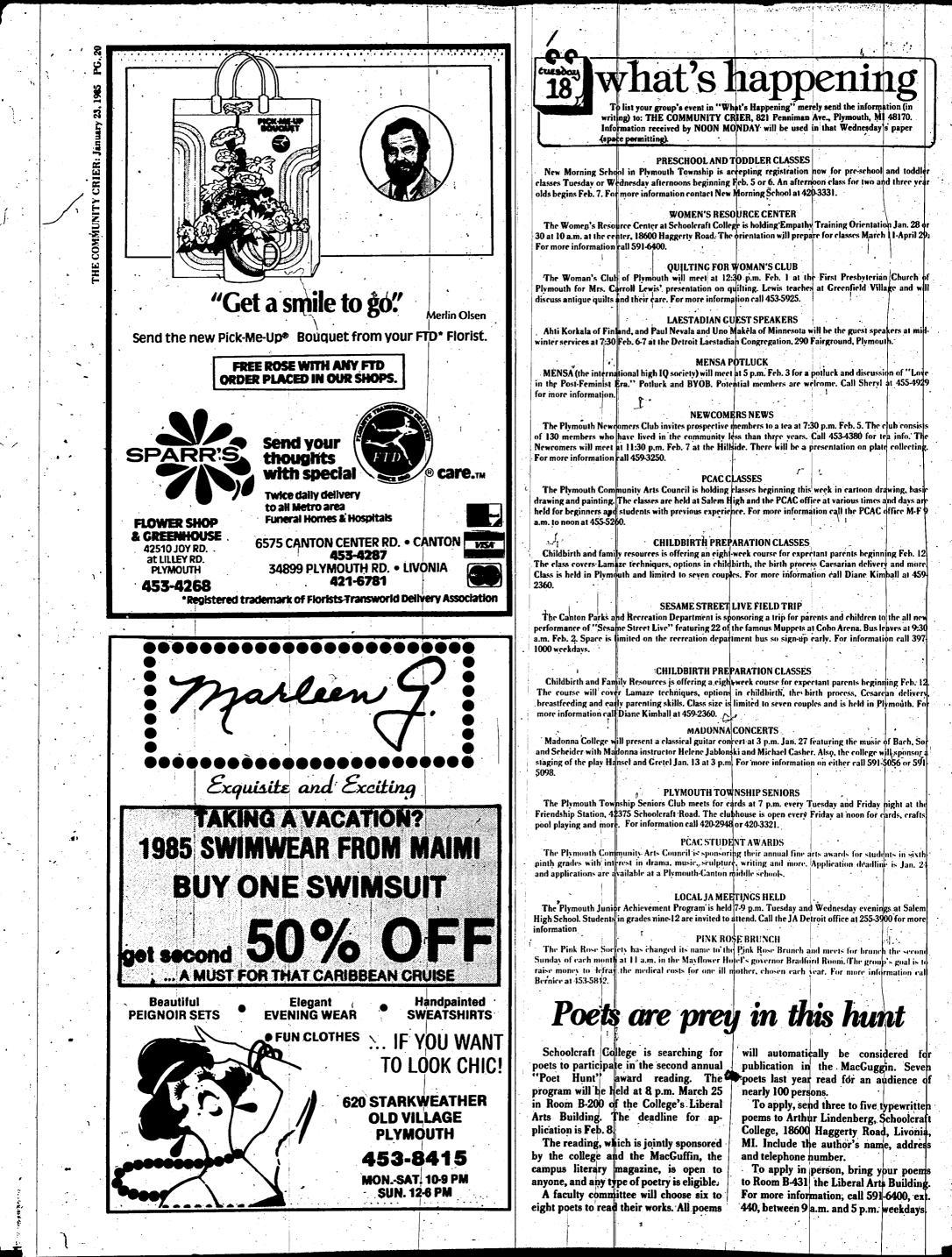
"We were pretty involved with the group home from the beginning," Fedorko recalled. "At first we were really shocked -- I'm a special education teacher but we were really surprised and unsure what type of people would move in."

Fedorko said much of her surprise did not center on the home itself, but on the hostility of her neighbors toward it. "Our attitude was 'they'll be neighbors." We had lived in other places where we didn't like the neighbors so we figured it couldn't be worse."

Fedorko said she and her husband spent a lot of time getting information about the group home and its operators. Their initial efforts in becoming Cont. on pg. 24







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NOW OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY SEELING BOOKS

The National Organization for Women, Northwest Wayne County Chapter is selling 1985 "Spree" books which have discount coupons for area resturants, entertainment and various services. The books are \$7.95. Call 459-4482 for more information.

UNEMPLOYED VETS JOB DEADLINE NEAR.

Unemployed Korean and Viet Nam vets have until Feb. 28 to apply for eligibility for federal Emergency Veterans' Joh Training Act. The act provides reimbursement to employers for vets trained in certain fields. Interested vets should call the Passage-Gayde Legion hotline at 453.9494 and leave their name, address and phone number.

CHORAL EXPRESSIONS FOR RENT

Choral Expression, a small ensemble of the Plymouth Community Chorus is available to sing where space would not hold the regular 130 member Chorus. For more information, call 455-4080 or write the Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 217, Plymouth, MI. 48170. Proceeds of their engagements go to a scholarship fund.

AARP WILL MEET FOR BUSINESS

The Plymouth-Northvil, chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet Jan. 23 at noon in the Plymouth Custural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. The Board of Directors will meet at 11 a.m. preceeding the business meeting. Coffee, sea and refreshments will be available. New officers will be installed and members are reminded to bring canned goods for the Salvation Army to this meeting.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration for Plyouth-Canton Community Education classes will continue through Jan. 28 at Canton High School. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Day and evening classes are available and include vocational and business programs. GED preparation, refreshers in basic skills, high school completion and more. Classes begin Jan. 28. Call 451-6660 or 451-6555 for more information.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Free blood pressure screening is held at Annapolis Hospital the third Wednesday of every month from 14 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the front lobby. Call 467-4570 for more information)

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE

Westside Singles will hold a January dance at Roma's of Livonia Jan. 25 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Call 562-3129 for more information.

GUITAR LESSONS FOR EVERY LEVEL

Guitar lessons for every level student will be held Mondays at Pioneer Middle School and Thursdays at Miller Elementary School from 7 to 7:45 p.m. The classes will be held by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department and are \$50 for sessions through May 9. Folk, electric and bass guitar lessons will be offered. Call 397-1000 for more information.

GET INTO SHAPE WITH AEROBICS

"Dynamic Aerobics" exercise classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the next seven weeks. The classes are offered by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department and are \$35. Classes are held in the lower level of Canton Township Hall. Call 397-1000 for details.

FAMILY TRIP TO SEE 'SESAME STREET',

A special family field trip to see Sesame Street Live at Cobo Arena Mini Theater has been planned for Feb. 2 at 9:30 a.m. Families will leave Canton Township Hall and take a bus to Detroit. The cost is \$7 per person, and space is limited. The trip is sponsored by the Canton Parks and Recreation Department. Call 397-1000 for registration.

CANTON CHAMBER BACKS GRACE COMMISSION

The Canipin Chamber of Commerce's executive board endorsed the recommendations of the Grace Commission for eliminating waste and inefficiency in the federal government. The Canton Chamber is joining the state chamber in circulating petitions protesting the federal government's waste of taxpayer money. The petition is available for signing in the Canton Chamber offices. Call 453-4040 for more information.

CHIEF BOOSTER CLUB TO MEET

The Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club will meet Feld 5 in room 128 at Canton High School. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. so all parents can attend the basketball game following the meeting. Anyone interested in videotaping next season's football games should contact Coach Barrior call 455-8197.

PLYMOUTH Y CAN HELP WITH SMOKING, DIETING

The Plymouth YMCA is offering smoking and dieting help via a two-hour hypnosis seminar Jan. 23 at Plymouth Township Hall. Hypnotist David Rowe will help you eliminate these destructive habits. The stop smoking seminar will begin at 6 p.m. and the weight control seminar will begin at 8:30 p.m. The fee for either is \$30. Register by calling 453-2904. Participants will receive reinforcement tapes.

CANTON SOCCER CLUB REGISTERS

The Canton Soccer Club will hold open registration for the spring from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 19 and 26 in the main meeting room of Canton Township Hall Registration is open to all hows and girls five years old or older by April 4. Adult leagues are also available for men and women over 30, all those registering for the first time must bring a copy of your birth certificate. A \$10 late charge will be assessed to those registering after Jan. 31.

CHILDREN'S VALENTINES PARTY

A Children's Valentines Party has been planned by the Canton Township Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. Children ages three through 12 are welcome to join in the fun. There is no charge for the party, which will be held at the Canton Recreation Center on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road, Call 397-1000 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to register.

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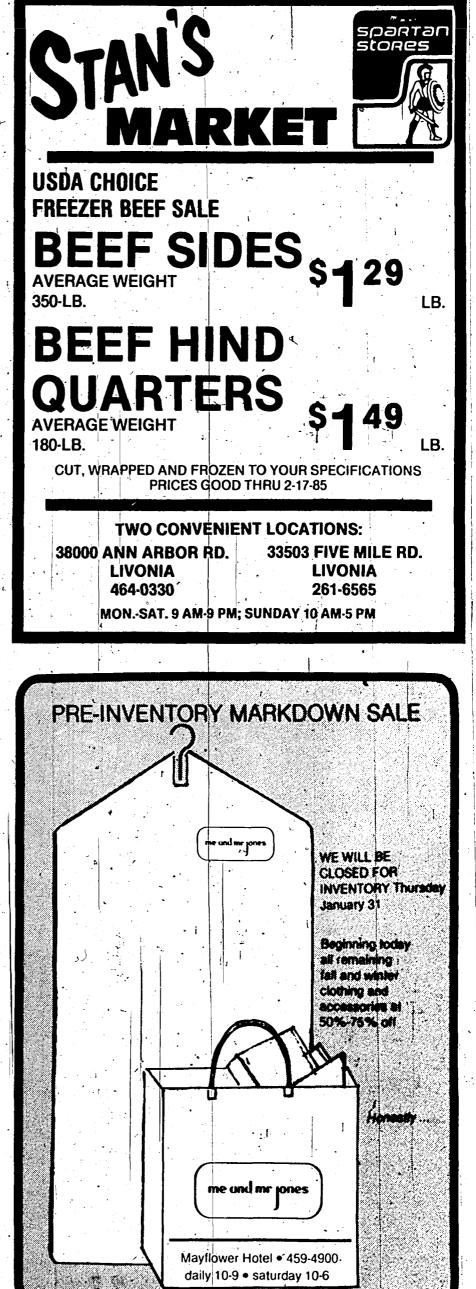
The January meeting of the American Association of University Women, Plymouth branch, will be a funcheon held at Bobby's Country House, 35780 Five Mile in Livonia. The luncheon will take place Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m. and Suzanne Skubick of Omnicom will be the guest speaker in "Opportunities for Women in Communications." Call Janet Zinn, 453-5176, for reservations.

FAMILY NIGHT AT SMITH

Smith Elementary School PFO is holding a Western Family Night with square dancing for all on Jan. 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. Dick Cranmer will call the dances and there will be soda and pretzels. All students should be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for this eveing but donations will be accepted.

TOUCHLOVE MEETS

Toughlove, a self-help group for parents who are troubled by their teenager's behavior, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren, near Canton Center Rpad.



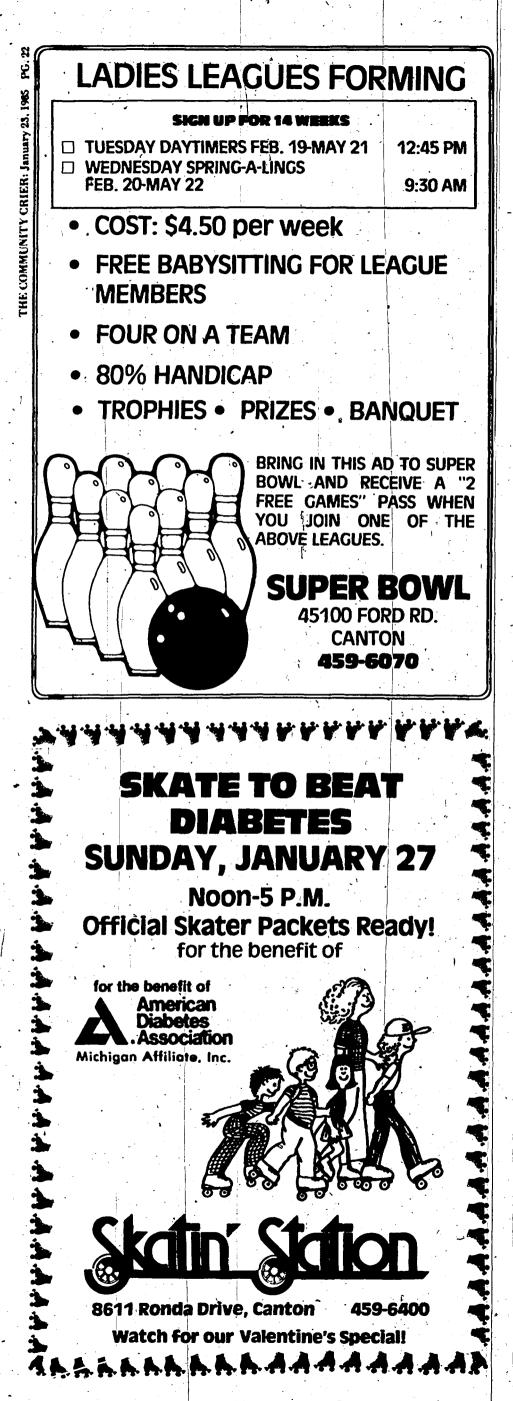
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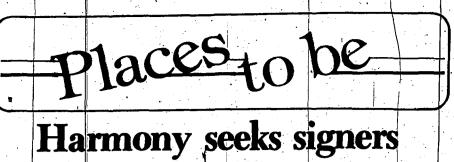
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Midwest Harmony chapter of Sweet Adelines Inc. is having a special guest night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30. Linda Lupo of Canton, president of the chapter, encourages interested women to "come and see what we are about."

The evening will consist of explanation about the chorus and the organization, along with demonstrations of the Adelines. special brand of singing. "Guests will

'3 Days' presented

The Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Rd., invites all members of the community to join them as guest speaker Jack Exum presents "Three Unusual Days" Jan. 25 to 27.

Éxum, of Georgia, has been a preacherteacher for the past 35 years. He began the "Three Unusual Days" ministry in 1975 and is scheduled for years in advance. He is the author of 25 books and numerous cassette tapes.

Sessions begin at 7 p.m. with "Pick Up Your Towel" and continue on Saturday with 'A New Look at Soul Winning" and "Crisis in the Home." Sunday's sessions will be "The Wisdom Box," "The Grace of Giving," and "How Do You Know You Are Accepted When You Fail and Don't Do Good?"

Call the church for more information.

have an opportunity to learn part of a song with us, and learn firsthand how much fun we have," Lupo said.

Refreshments will be served during the break period. Midwest Harmony is affiliated with Sweet Adelines Inc., a nonprofit international organization formed to promote the singing of barber shop harmony for women.

The chorus meets on Wednesday evenings at Kirk of Our Savior Church, Cherrry Hill between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland. The group of approximately 60 members is seeking to fill several openings with women of good will who enjoy associating with an active singing and competing chorus.

The ability to read music is not a requirement.

For additional information, or a ride to the guest night, call Pat Daubenmier, membership chairman, 981-4098.

Bands at mall

The Plymouth Community Band will participate in the Fifth Annual Festival of Community Bands at Twelve Oaks Mall on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Center Court.

Plymouth, under the director of Carl Battishill, will perform at noon and also with all the other bands in combined performances at 1 and 6 p.m.



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'See How They Run'

THE SMASH LONDON COMEDY will be performed at Central middle School on Jan. 25 and 26, and Feb. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. Galloping in and out of the doors of an English vicarage are an American actor stationed with the Air Force and actress, a cockney maid who has seen too many movies, and old maid, and four men in clergyman suits. Add to this an escaped prisoner disguised as a clergyman and a sedate bishop. Call 261-2875 for ticket information. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

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The talented and the untalented locked last night to Meet The Director Night, the official beginning of the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) 1985 Follies.

Casting and rehearsals will now commence leading up to that once-everytwo-years extravanga on Feb. 8 and 9. The Follies, one of the major fundraisers for the PCAC, is a program of singing, dancings and skits.

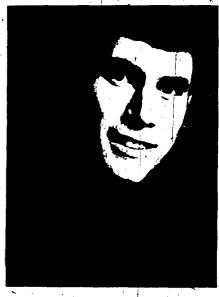
The PCAC contracts with Jerome Cargill Productions to provide a director, a show, and costumes. This year's director-choreographer is Bob Berkson.

Berkson has a bachelors degree in theatre education from Emerson College in Boston with a minor in speech and a dance specialization. He taught classes there as a faculty assistant while pursuing his studies.

He taught and choreographed for Lee Daniels Enterprises of Boston in 1972. He taught modern, tap, and musical dance classes at Harvard University.

Berkson was the choreographer for the original musical "Gingerbread" in 1976 at the Thirteenth Street Theatre in New York City. He has choreographed a number of musicals for summer and regional theatres including productions of the popular favorites "Oklahoma!,"""West Side Story," "Music Man," "Brigadoon," "Cabaret," and "Anything Goes." THE COMMUNITY OF

At Harvard University in 1973 and 1974 he directed "Dark of the Moon" and was choreographer. for "Applause," "Guys and Dolls," and "West Side Story."



BOB BERKSON



Residents, officials clash over views on home neighbors

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acquainted with the group were successful and now Fedorko said she and her family have good relationship with residents and operators of the home.

"This is not a bad situation - it has worked out fine," she said. "We borrow food back and forth like neighbors and helped them get the house going. My three little kids go and talk and play with the guys all the time.

"Our way of coping with this issue was to become involved with it," she continued. "When we had complaints, the state acted immediately to resolve them. The group home concept is really good for these people. When they came, many didn't know what a mailbox or outside faucet was. They were more afraid of us than we were of them. Now when I see them, I can't believe how friendly they are and how far they've come."

Not all residents, however, have taken the same approach to group homes as Fedorko and her family. Michael O'Malley, another Canton resident, has warned friends and his children to stay away from the group home located next to his home on Raintree Court.

"The biggest concern we've had is that this is a group for the mentally ill and not the retarded," O'Malley said. O'Malley said the concept of community placement, even for the mentally retarded, is wrong.

"I feel bad for the mentally retarded people but sometimes they accidentally hurt people without knowing it and this isn't called for. We're paying taxes to live in this neighborhood and this was shoved right down our throats. The state has been unresponsive to our complaints. O'Malley said he feels group homes were the result of the state's need to reduce mental health overhead costs. "The state is operating a business in a residential neighborhood and I believe that's contrary to everything the zoning ordinances call for."

O'Malley was concerned about the traffic the home generated on Raintree and about what he called irresponsible. operation.

"They (the home's operators) say 'pretty, pretty, pretty' all the time and said the house would be the most beautiful one on the block. It isn't; it's the worst.

"I call them inmates to show my disgust for the situation," O'Malley continued. "They have hurt themselves or other people and need more supervision. All the kids are told to stay away from the house and the red lines are on the sidewalk."

In Plymouth, City Manager Henry Graper said the first group home on Beech Court received "five or six complaints which were addressed. The second on Lexington hasn't received any complaints."

Graper said Plymouth has been a forerunner in accepting different housing situations in the community. "I'd like to think people in Plymouth are more educated and have experienced more psychology and sociology and are more tolerant of what's happening."

Graper said the city commission has stayed neutral on the issue of group homes. "There are many different opinions...but we don't have a choice and it's philosophically easier to be supportive. "Why should we fight these when we're going to lose? It's better to accept them and help residents accept them as much as possible."

A resident living next to the Beech Court home said "the home is working out all right

"Before the people came we were concerned about the people working there. We were concerned they were inexperienced. But the people seem responsible."

The resident, who asked that her name not be published, said the group home residents 'have not been disruptive. These people are extremely handicap and they stay in their back yards. They don't wander.

"The children have accepted them -they know they'e different but that's all. The most negative thing about the home is the traffic in the street. We rarely see the residents -- they're no problem."

But all three community leaders, and several residents, expressed concern over one aspect of the issue which was seen as a problem.

"I believe they targeted us," Breen said. "Why don't these homes ever end up in Grosse Point? There are always an overwhelming number of homes in communities where no resistance has been put up.

"Those communities which did their Christian duty were inundated with them. We decided not to make it easy for them," he added

Both Poole and Graper also commented on what they felt was aninequitable distribution of the homes in the communities. "They're dispersed totally unequally," Poole said. "We should have more local control but some township officials would take advantage of that (and keep group homes out of the community)."

Graper said the state often brings group homes into better city neighborhoods. "If they were located in low to moderate income level housing areas they could have a positive impact or the neighborhood because the home would be rehabilitated. But they have a tendency to go into very nice neighborhoods and properties around these homes lose value."

Some residents, like O'Malley and Steven Thompson, another group home neighbor on Roundtable, said their property values have dropped by thousands of dollars as a result of the home. Others, like Fedorko and the neighbor on Beech Court, said the group homes have had very little impact on their property values.

Stockton said the state spends a great deal of time on the location of homes.

"All municipalities are fair game," Stockton said. "Where we go varies with where we've gone in the past and how many homes are there. When we look for a home, our techniques are not much different than other people's for looking for a house."

Stockton said the concentration issue, was a sham. "The number of developmentally disabled people in any community is so minuscule it may be one one hundreth of a per cent of the community's population. The placement issue is just another way to stall."



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County committees realigned; Mack chairs public service

Canton's representative on the Wayne County Commission, Milton Mack, has been appointed chairman of the public services committee and a member of the public safety committee.

Mack's appointments were part of a new committee structure designed to hasten decisions and improve efficiency. Committee assignment are made every two years at the beginning of each new term by appointment of the commission chairman. This year the number of committees has been reduced from eight to six, and restructured to more closely

IRS has \$\$\$\$

The Internal Revenue Service is trying to locate Plymouth and Canton residents who have 1983 tax refunds coming but have moved from their former addresses.

Former Plymouth residents due refunds are Kenneth P. Carlson, Thomas G. and Jeanne L. Milligan, and Mark E. and Penelope F. Sheely.

Former Canton residents sought by the IRS are Naklen and Randa Ansara, Karen A. Janer, Robert S. Johns, Pamela Lukaszewski, Carole Bruce, Jack T. Holliday, Mark D. Elliot and Ralph R. and Penelope A. Luddecke.

If you are due a refund from your 1983 federal tax return but have not yet received it, contact the IRS. Taxpayers should call the IRS at 1-800-424-1040. reflect the functions of various county departments and agencies.

The new committees are administration and rules, audit, human services, public safety, public services and ways and means, compared to the previous committee of the whole, ways and means, human resources, general government, personnel, audit, public works, and public safety and judiciary.

In the past Mack has served on the audit committee, was vice-chairman of public works and chairman of the rules committee.

Mack said he was pleased with both the new structure and his particular new assignments. "The new arrangement should make it easier to assemble quorums, as well as cut down the number of referrals between committees, and this means speedier movement of business toward final action by the full commission," Mack said.

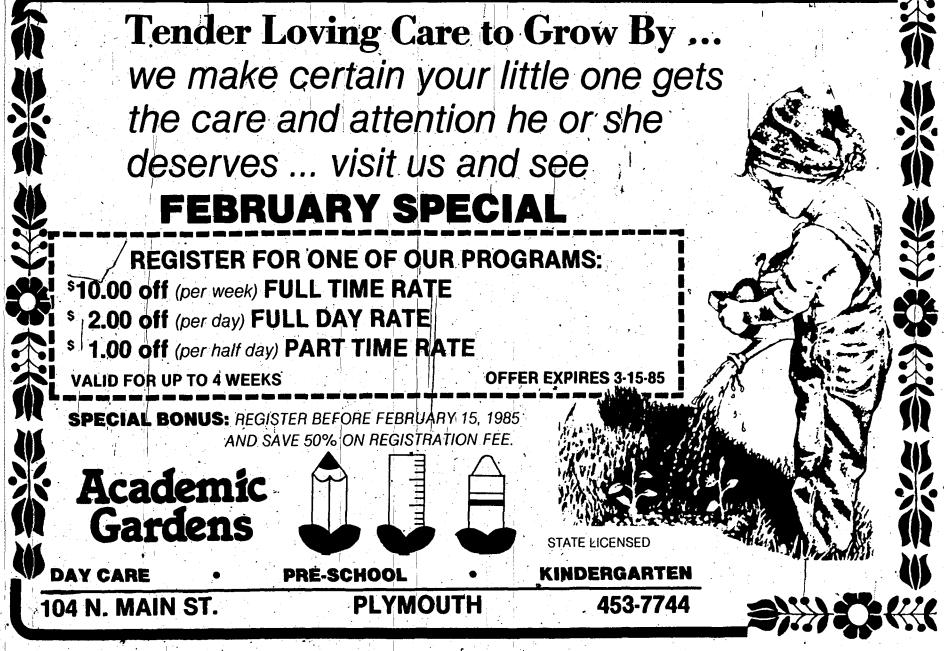
"The same improvements for handling regular business will also enable us to better respond to emergencies, providing advantages for both the legislative and executive branches," he said.

"At a personal level, I am happy with my committee appointments because I believe that many issues important to the 11th district I represent will involve the public services committee. I will not only continue helping oversee operations such as drains and ditches, but also all former activities of the old road commission," Mack said.



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Kish, Neumann member

Steve F. Kish, 75, of Newport Drive in Plymouth, died Jan. 20 in Plymouth. A memorial mass will be held Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with Father Edward Bladwin officiating.

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Mr. Kish was born in Hungary in 1909 and came to Plymputh three years ago trom Florida. He was a salesman in the auto industry and a member of St. John Neumann. He was also a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge, the senior Elks, and the Crediteers.

Survivors include his wife Mary of Plymouth; sons Thomas of Canton and Steven of North Brook, IL.; a daughter, Kathleen Provonzano of Canton; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Neumann Landscape Fund. Local arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home, Inc.

Smith, former Ann pres.

Clella R. Smith, 97, of Redford Township, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 17, in Royal Oak. Services were held Jan. 21 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Phillip Rodgers Magee and Mr. Sanford P. Burr officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was born in Livingston County in 1887. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. No. 115 in Plymouth and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth since 1921. She was also a member of the Plymouth Woman's Club and a member and past president of the Plymouth Rotary Anns. She was a past president of the Ann Nicol Circle at the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include a sister, Grace Stowe, of Detroit; and a nephew, Russell A. Stowe of Montague.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Plymouth Historical Society.



Garrett, avid traveller

Sally E. Garrett, 66, of Southampton in Canton Township, died Jan. 12 in Canton Township. Services were held Jan. 15 at the Schrader Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Garrett was born in Traverse City in 1918 and moved to Canton in 1980 from Novi. She and her husband Gordon were avid travellers. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Gordon; sons Robert of Canton, and George of Union Lake; grandson Kenneth of Union Lake; and brothers Dick, Bud and Claude Clees, all of Rose Lake.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Michgan Cancer Society.

Darolfi, born in Italy

Vittori Darolfi, 60, of Canton, died of eardiac arrest at Canton Oakwood Hospital Jan. 14. Services were held Jan. 17 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with entombment in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Darolfi was born in Italy in 1924 and moved to Canton in 1977 from Detroit. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church. He worked as a repairman for Massey Ferguson Tractor.

Survivors include his wife Elvira Fracassa Darolfi; a son, John of Canton; a daughter, Giuseppina Rottach of Detroit; mother Maria Darolfi of Italy; sisters Fiorina Demeis and Elvira Carbonelli, both of Italy; and brothers Cataldo, Pierino, Rinalto and Roberto, all of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; and one grandchild, Robert. Local arrangements by Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home, Westland.

Lech, Korean vet

Frank J. Lech, 54, of Plymouth, died Jan. 12 in Garden City. Services were held Jan. 16 at St. John Neumann Church with Father Tom Belczak officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mr. Lech was born in Michigan in 1930. He was a member of St. John Neumann and worked as a dry wall installer. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife Beverly; sisters Marlene Sienko of Warren and Diane Sudmeyer of Little Rock, AR.; brothers Robert Lech of Illinois and Gerald Lech of Sterling Heights.

Arrangements by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Trudeau, six-year resident

Pierre L. Trudeau, 37, of Plymouth, died Jan. 13 in Canton.

Mr. Trudeau was born in Montreal, Quebec, Ganada in 1947 and lived in Plymouth for six years. He worked for Detroit Edison for 10 years as an engineering technologist. Survivors include his wife Marcy; parents Maurice and Rollande Trudeau of Dearborn Heights, step sons Joseph R. Washko of Canton; Steven Washko of

Plymouth, and Karen Lynn Washko and Laura M. Washko, both of Plymouth. Services were held Jan. 16 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home with Father Timothy Hogan officiating.

Scheppe, ex-Twp. resident

Warren W. Scheppe, 73, formerly of Plymouth Township, died Jan. 3 at his home in Rogers City. Services were held Jan. 6 at St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Harold -H Molzan officiating.

Mr. Scheppe was the son of the late William, H and Minnie R. Scheppe of Plymouth Township.

Survivors include his wife Wilma; sons Warren K. and William K., both of Stockbridge; daughter Audrey of Rogers City; sisters Mildred Dempsey of Plymouth Township, and Wilma Kaiser of Stockbridge; seven grandchildren and several neices and nephews.

Burial was in Memorial Park, Rogers City.



Store opens with drawing, charity drive Computer Connection has Apples!

¹ Computer Connection, Plymouth's only authorized Apple dealer, had its grand opening in December. The store is at 44473 Ann Arbor Road, next to Great Scott.

Computer Connection is owned and operated by Larry and Cathy Rakozy of Plymouth. There are three other Computer Connection stores in Farmington Hills, Detroit and Lansing.

In conjunction with the grand opening, all four stores participated in the "Toys for Tots" program run by the U.S. Marine Reserve. The Plymouth store collected over 100 gifts in this drive for toys for needy children at Christmastime.

All those donating koys at Computer Connection were eligible for a drawing for an Apple IIc computer. Leasa Ray, a Plymouth student, was chosen the computer winner in a drawing by WNIC radio personalities Jim Harper and Steve Cannon.

"Computer Connection carries a complete line of high quality computers for business, education and the home including Apple computers and IBM compatible Panasonic and Zenith computers," said store manager Eleanor Lipscomb. Lipscomb is a Canton resident and former elementary teacher. She has been working in the computer industry for the past two years.

Printers sold at Computer Connection are Apple, Epson, Panasonic and Dynax. Software for Apple and IBM are also sold, as are computer supplies, books and magazines.

"The objective of our business here is to offer Plymouth and Canton residents a full service computer retail store," said Larry Rakozy, "able to meet their needs for the highest quality in product, training and service."

Assistant manager Earl Spuck and sales consultant Jim Reed are also Canton residents. Spuck teaches computer orientation classes at the Plymouth store, and has been involved in computer sales for about four years.

Brenda Schmalzried of Plymouth is a part-time employe at the tore and a fulltime student in computer science at Eastern Michigan University.

John McHale, another employe, is an Ann Arborite with business experience who also teaches in the business and accounting department at Washtenaw Community College.



STORE MANAGER Eleanor Lipscomb and sales consultant Jim Reed show off some of the Apple hardware and computer software available at-Computer Connection. (Crier photo by Rachael Dolson)

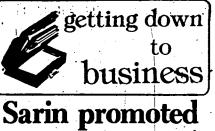
Home sales up in Plymouths

Year end statistics from the Metro MLS showed that the Plymouth-Plymouth Township area had significantly more sales in 1984 than the previous year. The Plymouth area was in Metro MLS top 10 communities with 'great improvement' with 58 more home sales than 1983's totals.

Overall home sales in the metro area were up 13 per cent, giving multiple listing service its best sales year since 1979 and a 65 per cent gain over the 1982 recession year.

Average sales prices in metro-Detroit during the 1984 year was \$58,081, just \$5 more than the average in 1983. The highest monthly average came in December at \$60,256 - a possible signal that home prices will show more substantial increases in 1985.

Conventional mortgages, including strong use of those with adjustable rates, were restored as the most popular method of financing.



Donald C. Sarin, former coordinator for E.F. Hutton's equipment leasing programs based in Plymouth, has been named a senior vice president of E.F. Hutton and Company and director of the product origination and review group of the firm's national tax shelter-direct investments department.

Sarin joined the firm in 1964 as branch manager in the Southfield office. Later, he was midwest regional director of Hutton's tax shelter investment programs.

Sarin received a bachelor's degree in English from U of M. He is a former president of Kern Hospital in Warren.

Library benefits

Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit donated \$247 to the Friends of the Canton Library as a result of a promotion for a new ManuWay machine.

The Bank donated one dollar to the Canton Public Library for each demonstration and transaction made during business hours between Nov. 26 and Dec. 7. The new ManuWay automated teller machine is located at the Bank's branch on Ford Road and Sheldon in Canton.

Cantonite joins business board

Canton resident Lili Marlene Donaldson has been appointed to a one year term on the board of directors for the International Association of Business Communicators.

Director of public information for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Donaldson has seven years experience in public relations. She earned her bachelors degree in journalism from U of M.

International Association of Business Communicators is the largest worldwide organization dedicated to the advancement of its members and the communication profession. For membership information, call Adele Carraher at 362-4444.

Frame Works opens Canton store on Ford Rd.

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Frame Works of Penniman Avenue in Plymouth has expanded!

Frame Works II in Canton is currently having a grand opening in its new framing shop at 44730 Ford Road in the K-Mart-New Town Plaza. Frame Works veterans Nina Pappas and Mary Ploughman will manage the new shop.

Pappas and Ploughman were responsible for the design and supervision of interior construction for the new store, and Frame Works II is now ready to tenderly treat new customers. "We try to provide for a wide range of tastes and budgets with the combination of custom framing, ready made frames, and doityourself facilities," Pappas said.

We do all the framing ourselves.

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needle art, museum mounting, drymounting, and designing unusual treatments for memorabilia," she said. "We've framed everything from tarantulas to butcher knives."

The new store has ample space for doit-yourselfers. Equipment and instruction is available to anyone wishing to learn how to frame. Pappas and Ploughman have taught do-it-yourself framing and are presently devising short workshops to be held at the new store.

"We look forward to serving the Canton community and hope that people will visit us with their framing projects or just stop in to browse the artwork," Ploughman said.

Store hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



THE INTERIOR of the Frame Works II store was designed for readymade and do-it-yourself framers.



CANTON DEFENDERS, including junior Dan Olszewski, used a sea of arms to put the heat on Churchill's Mike Hemanson during the prep battle Friday. The Chiefs lost the game 56-49. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Hot Charger leads teamates past cold-shooting Canton cagers 56-49

BY DAVID PIERINI

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There was a mosquito in the room, one that could not be swatted dead.

Churchill's Scott Hille was that pesky skeeter as he threw in 18 first half points to help his team past Canton 56-49 in a Friday night basketball contest.

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"Hille was really good in the first half, there was nothing we could really do about it," said Chief coach Dave Van-Wagoner.

Hille was hitting from everywhere with good touch and deadly accuracy. He shot 71 per cent in the first half and played role model to the Chiefs who couldn't organize a one basket picnic much less find the basket.

"We had trouble shooting the basketball from the outside," said VanWagoner, "and the teams in the league scout and they know that and I think we did a lot better at shooting today but we were still 22 for 67 from the field."

The Chargers 2-3 zone proved to be the big obstacle for Canton. The lane was well covered by Hille and 6'4'' center Mike Hermanson who teamed up for 22 rebounds on the night. The block up in the middle forced the perimeter shot, Canton's vulnerable spot.

VanWagoner was making substitutions throughout the night to find a hot hand. They found one in junior Dan Young who came off the bench in the second quarter and fired in 10 points. "We're going to play nine or ten people because for us to win, we're going to have to press and run, press and run, because of our lack of height," said VanWagoner. "That's just going to be something we'll have to do the rest of the year."

After going into the locker room at the half, trailing 35-27, the Chiefs came out fired up. Dave Knapp's efforts held Hille to two points and Jim Schlicker put some life back into Canton, contributing five points. Young added six of his 10 to close out the third quarter 45-41.

Young kept the game within shouting distance at the 4:24 mark of the final quarter with a basket to pull them within three.

That's when the music died.

Schlicker, Kevin Hawkins, and Brent Stack came to foul line on one and one opportunities, less than a minute a part and missed all three. That could've added up to six points. In all, the Chiefs were nine of 17 from the charity stripe.

"There's nothing we can do about that," said VanWagoner, "we practice our freethrows everyday. Sometimes they fall, sometimes they don't."

Churchill's Andy Oliver iced it with three points after the series of Canton gifts along with a pair of freethrows from Dave Andrus to give Churchill only their second win. The Charger's Hermanson scored 15 points while Oliver finished with 13.

"We're not discouraged," said VanWagoner. "Every team that I've had had gotten better as the sear progressed. I hope this one does or I'm going to lose more hair."

Rocks dump Farmington for 5th win

The Salem boys basketball team evened their record to 5-5 with a 65-53 win over the Farmington Falcons.

"For the first time, we came together as a team, everything flower nicely," said coach Bob Brodie. "Even though we've won some other games, we weren't happy with the way we were playing."

The Rocks were led by LeSean Haygood, Mike White, and Eric Sovine. Haygood led all scorers with 20 points and 12 rebounds while White hit for 15. Sovine pitched in with 10 points.

Salem squares off against Bentley Friday at home.

Salem girls learn a thing or two at Dearborn

BY DAVID PIERINI

The Ford van weezed and choked it's way to Dearborn in sub-freezing temperatures. Inside was a coach and her gymnastics team wondering if they're going to walk the last two miles to the school.

Inside was Kathi Kinsella wondering whether or not her Salem team would cut the mustard in the 16 team Dearborn Invitational.

Well, the van survived, and as for the Rocks, they survived too.

Salem earned a regional playoff bith last Saturday with a 118.8 seventh place finish in the Dearborn tournament. Freeland took it all with 139.9 points followed by Troy, 132.40 and Ann Arbor Pioncer who took third with 129.2 points.

The Rocks learned a few hard lessons enroute to their seventh place finish and Kinsella picked up on a few things too

"They (the Rocks) can pick up some new moves from some of the other girls," said Kinsella who feels that her team was a bit intimidated by the competition. "Some of them will get sparked and try harder and some of them will be intimidated and try less because they know they'll never be that good.

"This is kind of when you weed through them. Nobody's going to walk off the team and quit but after this, I'll be able to judge their attitude better,"

Things started slowly for the Rocks who opened up the competition on their weakest event, the beam.

Sharon Way and Jenny Breed had problems staying up on the beam falling twice each and only managing scores of 4.7 and 4.65. Sara Michlik, who had only fallen once in three meets, fell three times but still managed a 6.35.

Beth Rafail and Jackie Huff salavaged the event with fine performances. Rafail brought home a third place medal sticking an 8.0 on the beam. Huff, to the surprise of herself and the coach, earned a fifth place tie with a 7.45 score.

"I was kind of disappointed with beam," said Kinsella. "The people I counted on to do really well lost it a little and the people I didn't count on did really good.

['Jackie usually doesn't do beam very well, she psyches herself up too much. She just thinks too fast. She has one speed, fast. She figures 'If I do it fast it will be over with.'''

Things didn't progress as they only managed a 28.7 in the uneven paralel bars. Huff was top Rock with a 7.95 while Rafail notched a 7.45.

"Our bar scores were pretty much what I expected maybe a little more," said Kinsella. "The scores were low on bars even though they did better than last week because they judge tougher here." Cont. on pg. 30

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Lakeshore is first Chief boys 4th in Civitan

BY JEFF BENNETT

The mighty Chiefs fought hard Saturday but only placed fourth out of eight teams in the Plymouth Canton Civitan Tournament.

Stevensville Lakeshore took first with 1861/2 points; Belleville placed 'second with 1681/2 points, followed by Saginaw at 163 points; and Canton finished fourth' with 1251/2 points.

"I don't feel real bad about being fourth but I feel we should have been up there with Stevensville and Belleville," said bead coach Rick Menoch.

In the finals, Chief Dave Dunford won first place with a pin in the 119-lb. class. Chief Tim Birely placed fourth in his

weight class of 120. Chief Jim Parks, in the 145-lb. class, pinned a Saginaw opponent to take first place.

"I felt great about the victory, I weighed 133 but I wrestled up at 140," said Parks.

Chief Scott Tasker wrestling in the 147 pound weight class, took first with a nine to two victory.

"I didn't do the greatest but I'm satisfied with the victory," said Tasker. Other Canton finishers were Chief

Mike Graczyk with a 5 to 4 victory in overtime to take third in the 187-lb.

class. Chief Ernie Krumm, wrestling at the 200-lb. class, won 10 to 2 to finish third. "The best match for us was Jim Parks at 145 pounds," Menoch said. "He's never placed either first or second in a 'tournament and he won the tournament which is nice because he's a senior." "He's been working really hard and it's really good to see him do that. Plus he was seeded third so he beat the first seed and the second seed.

The crowd was very enthusiastic and cheered Canton on when they wrestled and won or wrestled and lost. "I was happy with the community's support," Menoch said. "We had a lot of people here for the tournament all day long and Civitan really does a nice job, so it was really nice."

Canton beat Walled Lake Central 51 to 16 Thursday night.

Chief Dave Dunford won with a pin in the 112-lb. class; Chief Tim Birely won the 119-lb. class 6-3; Chief Frank Drabeck won with a pin for the 126-lb. class; Chief Jay Pollard won with a pin for the 132-lb. class; Jim Parks won 14 to five in the 138-lb. class; Scott Tasker won four to zero for the 145-lb. class. Mike Graczyk pinned for a win in the 187-lb. class.

Two straight: Salem grapplers take blue ribbon in Monroe Invite

Salem grapplers kept the Rock rolling with their second straight tournament win at the Monroe Wrestling Invitational. The Rocks took 1521/2 points while runner-up Romulus, ranked sixth, in the state, notched 1481/2 points.

"It was a good tournament," said coach Ron Krueger. "The kids wrestled well. We didn't have our 112 pounder with us and there were a few kids that could've done a little better but on the whole, the kids came through."

Rock Dave Dameron brought home the only first place finish for Salem with a 16-10 victory at 126 lbs.

The key to the tournament win was their second and third place finishes. Dennis Dameron 98 lbs., Kevin Freeman 119 lbs., Andy Ward 145 lbs., James Woochuk 187 lbs., and heavy weighter Mark Cygan grabbed second place medals.

Bill Morley 138 lbs., Eric Retting 155 lbs, and Brian Johnson 198 lbs. placed third helping the Rocks to victory.

Salem will be put to the test this Saturday when they compete in the 16 team Mt. Clemens Invitational. SALEM'S DAVE DAMERON took the only first place for the Rocks at Monroe Saturday. Salem wrapped

Monroe Saturday. Salem wrapped up the tourney with second and third place finishes. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Canton takes 9 firsts Chief swimmers tame 'dogs

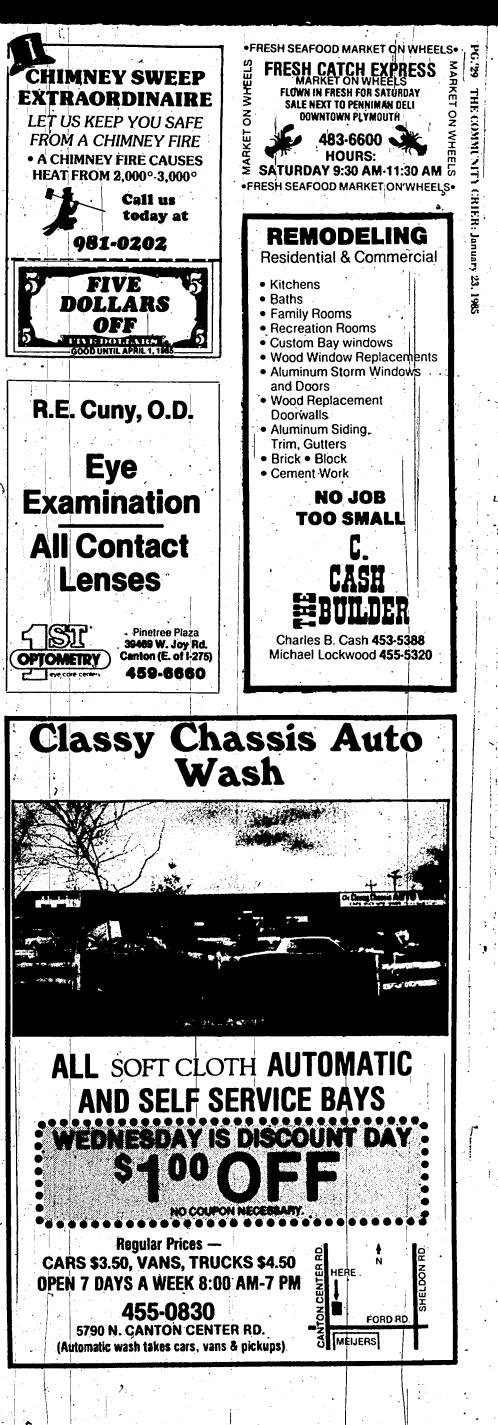
BY JEFF BENNETT

The Canton Chief swim team sent Bentley home velping and howling by beating the Bulldogs 112 to 56 Thursdaynight.

"I moved kjds around a lot," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "We didn't set up for our fastest times, we set up more to win the meet."

The Chiefs dominated the entire meet by placing first in nine out of 11 events and tying for first in the 50 yard freestyle. Chief Junior Andy Flower, put on an amazing show of will by diving with two broken fingers. He took first with 220.90 points.

"Andy divis over at Eastern Michigan University under a college diving coach three times a week and he did a reverse one-and-one-half somersault and he came too close to the board and broke his little finger and his ring finger," said Wellman. "He wants to be league champion and I think he is going to have a real good shot at it."



Chief girls lose to Farmington

/The Canton gymnastics team dropped a meet last Wednesday to Farmington Harrison 119.75 to 106.4.

Canton's Carol Horváth took a first on the balance beam with a 7.5; Mary Jo Charron finished fifth on the bars with a 6.7 and Megan McGow finished seventh with a 6.25.

Mcgow took second on uneven bars with a 7.5. Chief Kristi Kittleson finsihed sixth with a 6.45 and Shelly Ludwig took seventh.

On the vault, Ann Healy finished third with 7.5, followed by teamates McGow, who finished fourth with 7.45 and Apryl Mosakowski who finished seventh with 7.2.

Healy suffered a minor neck injury on the vault and Canton coach John Cunningham said he's not sure if she'll be ready for the team's meet today against Wayne.

Charron took sixth in the floor exercises with at 7.25 and McGow took seventh with 7.2.

Cunningham said Canton scores were lowered against Harrison because of Healy's injury and that of Cheryl Battaglia, who tore ligaments in a meet two weeks ago.

Cunningham said despit injuries, the Chiefs are still scoring overall the way he had expected, improving a bit each meet.

"We gave away two high scores (because of the injuries) and if you consider that our score wasn't that bad,", Cunningham said.



SALEM'S SARA MICHALIK is airborne while competing on the vault at the Dearborn Invitational Saturday. Salem took seventh in the 16 team meet. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

Salem gymnasts take seventh at Dearborn

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Things picked up for the Rocks with the vault event. The toursome of Huff, Michalik, Rafail, and Sue Lally scored consistently for 31.6.

Salem finished up well on the floor exercises. Once again Rafail and Huff took one and two for Salem with scores of 8.65 and 8.25. Michalik's 7.35 and Breed's 7.45 gave the Rocks a 31.7 score. "Jenny's not a tumbler, but she's a dancer and that helped," said Kinsella. Rafail took sixth place in the overall

competition with a 32:65 while Huff tied for ninth with 32:25 points. Their seventh place finish was a little

better than what Kinsella expected but it wasn't good enough.

"They just need to spend more time on the equipment. They need to spend more time doing full routines, full tumbles, full tricks in stead of say 'I'll do it during a meet."

"I have plans for these guys," Kinsella added, "whether they choose to comply, I don't know."



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CEP hosts v-ball tourney

The Rocks and the Chiefs will play host to a field of 24 teams in the Salem-Canton Volleyball Invitational this Saturday at Phase III and at the Salem gym.

Among the 24 teams will be Saline, the 1984 class B state champions. Others include Ladywood, Brighton, Harper Woods Regina, Edsel Ford, Redford Union, Warren Cousino, Fraiser, Royal Oak Shrine, John Glenn, Hazel Park, Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Gabriel Richard, Adrian, Livonia Franklin, Pinckney, Clarkston, South Haven,

The Salem tankers upped their record

to 5-1 last Thursday night with a 117-55

Walled Lake.

time of 1:50.5.

victory over Walled Lake Central in

The Rocks finished first in eight of the

11 events. "I think things are going

well," said coach Chuck Olson.

"Everyone is staying pretty healthy and I

hope this weather cooperates. We missed

practice today (Monday) because of it but

In the 200 medley relay, the team of

Don Harwood, Rick Cummings, Tony

Atwell and Jon Cain finished first with a

I hope the kids got some rest."

Redford St. Agatha, Romulus, Crestwood, and of course Salem and Canton.

The teams will be divided into two pools with the top four from each pool to meet in the playoffs.

Play begins at 8:00 a.m. with semi-final action starting at 2:30 p.m. and the finals at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents students, and children five and under are admitted free.

For more information, contact tournament director Betty Smith at 397-8312.

Greg Wolf's 1:55.3 was good for first in

the 200 freestyle, while Jim Dunn

grabbed the number one slot in the 100

· Mike Harwood took first place in the

200 IM checking in at 2:17.1. He then

teamed up with Cain, Wolf, and Jim,

Burns for a 3:31.9 first in the 400 freestyle

Other top finishes included Cain's :52.4

in the 100 free and Don Harwood's 1:01.1

good for the top finish in the 100

backstroke. Jay Schmidt won the diving event with a total of 196.25 points.

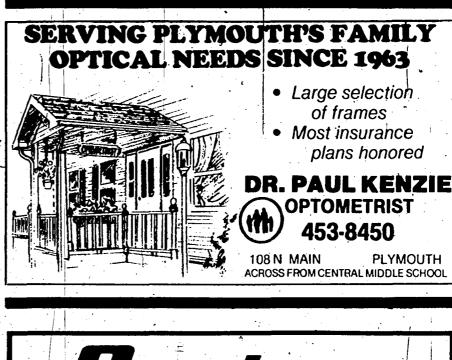
Stevenson tomorrow night at Salem.

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look ahead to Southfield battle

It's win number five as

Rock tankers roll past WLC

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Christian cagers top Lutheran 79-38,

BY JEFF BENNETT

Mark another win in the Plymouth Christian Eagles column, as the Eagles beat Lutheran Northwest Crusaders 79 to 38 Friday night.

"We got a victory and now we're ready to go against Southfield," said coach Jeff Cook. "We've won two in the conference and Southfield is undefeated along with Oakland. If we win Friday against Southfield, it will set us up for the last conference game against Oakland."

Eagle sophomore Pat McCarthy led the scoring as well as the stealing with 22 points and 14 steals. Seniors Lane Lambert and Rob Cannon both had 14 points. The first half was all dominated by the Eagles. Their man to man defense and continual scoring which put them way out front 40 to 25.

The Eagles added to their lead and held the Crusaders to only 13 points in the second half.

"We've been winning the battle of the boards, so we've got to stay with that and play good defense," Cook said. "We've got to do all that if we're going to beat a good team and Southfield is a good team."

The Eagles go against Southfield Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. at Pioneer School. The Eagles are 8-3.

Chief tankers over Bentley

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Wellman said some of his best performances came from Junior Darrin Busick, who placed third in the diving competition with 150.35 points.

Chief senior Frank Wisnewski placed second in the 200 yard freestyle with the time of 5:31.4, his best time of the season.

Chief captain John Ahrens took first in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:59.79 which was his best time of the season.

Canton sophomore Rob Tiplady had his best time in the breaststroke of 1:11.9. He took second.

"The big reason why Bentley did poorly is because they are closing down after this season and a lot of kids went to other places, so he has no seniors on the team," said Wellman.

Other Canton first place finishings were: Jim Casler in the 200 yrd. Individual Medley with a time of 2:18.8. Jim Walker took first in the 50 yd. Freestyle with a time of 24.9.

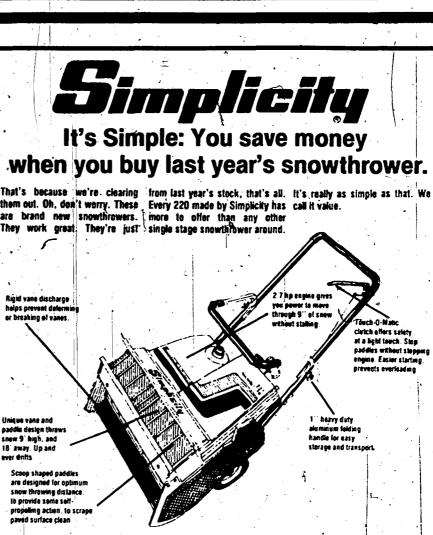
Jim Casler took first in the 100 yd. Butterfly with the time of 1:04.4.

John Ahrens, with a time of 35.9, took first in the 100 yd. Freestyle.

Steve Schwinn with a time of 5:31.0, took first in the 500 yd. Freestyle. Dean Roberts grabbed first in the 100

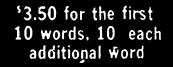
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and Wisnewski, with a time of 3:42.58, took first in the 400 yd. Freestyle. Canton is 2-4 in duel meets.



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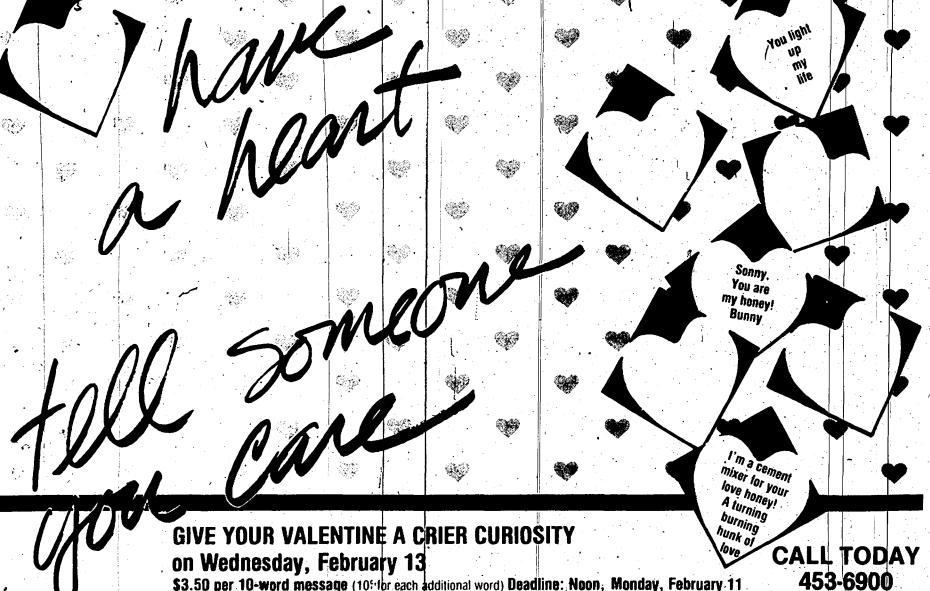
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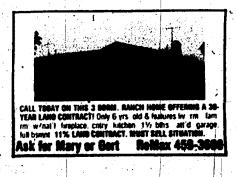
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Dear Chris, Please leave a camera in MY car.	
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J. Warner I thought you were bluffing about calling, so I bluffed about my name. Sorry!

But if you try sometime, you just might find, you get what you need.

Great Apartment Party, Joan! Joan, Chris and Mike — you're entertainment was an unexpected treat! Thank you! G.W. PATTY: YAMAN!! HAPPINESS TO ALL !!

- Kathy

Joan (JoAnn Blug): GREAT party! Great 'guac" too — K.P. AnneKnee -

Shall we run around the gym 37.7 times? Maybe next time we'll make it to the IM! — Tee

Kathy Plastic.

K-mart is so fun. I think I want to buy some of those spiked heeled imitation rubber and plastic boots! - Knee Maggie Swabon,

You are pretty funny! (When is the next time you are going to volunteer to clean the pig's condo?)

FLORIDA? I AM ALL FOR IT! LET'S GO! Wanna hear a great band?!! CHATEAU is still hopping at The Jolly Miller!!

KAT-TEE - so much for our Sunday night out - will the Super Bowl always win out? Gaylee

Vacations sure are great !! No late Monday night legals and classies to do. Thank you, Annel! (My eyes thank you too.) Gayle

No wax for five days!!

AnneKnee - are you still cranking David, George, Billy, Billy, Billy and Elton while I'm vacationing? Gaylee

S.Z. - Your sharing advice meant a great deal - you're really kind. Thank you. - G.W.

Editorial,

We love you!

The Garden Moles! Joyce Chandler: Now I know you read 'em. P.S. We have a neighbor working at The Crier.

ME See you tomorrow.

Hi to those on dirt roads in East Lansing. Did the Bear watch the Super Bowi? Gram,

Just letting you know we're all thinking of you.

Love, Joe, Janet, Mike and Kim "DOWN, BACK, UP, THIS"

Happy Birthday Grace Burley - 90 years young.

While working at my desk Monday AM I heard Michele going to Jayne's to help start her car; Cheryl helping Brian start his car; Sharon getting coffee and tea for herself, Phyllis and Ed, John Andersen offer to go to Northville to help start my husband's car (because he is away), and Janet going to get coffee for several others plus peanut butter cookles for Amle. Wouldn't you feel this is a wonderful place to work - I do! Wa're a great group I feel. Fran

Now that we have our red flags, perhaps we will not get left on the roadside.

Thanks to everyone who advised on my photo collage.

Krayon,

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Thank you for "lighting" up my life! You are a generous classy lady. Watch out world, Krayon's loose and raring to gol JB

Curiosities

Joanne has a hot new red car!

Larry V. - No wonder you'll never go down river again! Thanks for the great story.

GIni Hope you're home and feeling better

\$00**0**. Joe; Janet, Mike and Kim

Grandpa, Hope to see you soon. Mom inisses you a lot. Love, Kim

Russ -– stock up on Diet Pepsi and Diet Coke (with caffeine) - we'll need a lot to get the '85 Guide out by March 6! E. Hewett - Congratulations on your new grandson!

Steve.

Thanks for your understanding, and thoughtfuiness. Love, Kim

Eira Thank you for a wonderful 3 months. How could we have done it without you, You truly are one in a million. All our love, **Rick and Jayne**

Rick, to the best husband in all the world. Jayne

Joan, What a great party Friday night!) I had fun. CP

To . the Corcorans, Miners and Pasquantomos, Thanks to each of you for making Eira's stay with us such a good one. Rick and Jayne The CRIER/COMMA, CREW:

Mum had such a great time meeting you all. I sincerely thank you for the kindness you showed her. Jayne Gaylee,

David Bowie, George Michael Billy Idol, Billy Joel, Billy Ocean, and Elton John say

HOWDEE DO!

Knee

GEORGE L:

Did Joe Montana talk to you before the game. Did Ron C. pay up or try to count "moral" touchdowns?

"ONE OF THE MAIN reasons I work is to go to lunch with friends.' Janet Brass, 1985

Dave, The countdown must be in the single

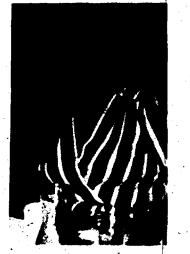
digits by now or almost any way. Hurry Home! Love, Mom What a warming! I didn't have to heat the

place for three whole days! Whew -what a party! Thank you all for coming!

Phyllis, Jean, Ed and Jessica -thank you for the gorgeous placemats and napkins! You're such SPECIAL people! JB

Cheryl,

The "pail and shovel" are neat o but the two "beach towels" made it for mel Yum, yum ... the cookies were tasty too! JB



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM WITH MANY MANY MORE TO COME! LOVE, RACHAEL

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C - You can be strong, and you are deserving of only the best! Your Pai Gaylee! It's great to know you'll be back to work. You have been missed!

You've got great cubes! Thanks for sharing them with us all.

Lorrie, where are you - I can't figure this stupid thing out.



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The Follies are coming cancel dinner for the next few weeks.

This is almost as good as being in prison - everyone keeps sticking carrots in my mouth and giving me water to drink.



JESSICA: HAPPY TOOTHLESS 7TH BIRTHDAY LOVE, DAD



What a talented young individual you.

are! You've captured the essence of my

How huggable he is --- just ask Elaine (at Mayflower) about her pictures. She's having a great time. Chris—Chris—Chris.



Timothy Gasco.

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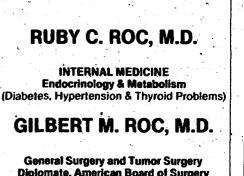
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