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## Survives fight at Khafji Local's heroics may earn him a Bronze Star

BY KEN VOYLES

The heroics of a Plymouth Township soldier during savage fighting in and around the Saudi Arabian city of Khafji may earn him a coveted Bronze Star medal.

U.S. Marine Corps Captain Douglas Robert Kleinsmith, 28, was among the first Americans in Kuwait City last week when it was liberated during the ground campaign against the Iraqi military.

But Kleinsmith is likely to forever take home with him from the desert a far more harrowing tale about a night north of Khafji.

Kleinsmith and a team of three other soldiers (Cpl. Steven Foss, Cpl. John Calhoun and Cpl. Ed Simmons) from the 1st Anglico, 1st Marine Division, were cut off at their border post when the Iraqis rolled into Khafji on the night of Jan. 29-30.

Calmly taking charge (he was the only officer on hand), Kleinsmith radioed in air support to Cobra helicopters and attack aircraft to cover his unit and other U.S. teams pulling back to Khafji.

"I tried to cover the retreat as best I could. I (and my team) directed the aircraft to our north and our east," he

wrote in a Feb. 7 letter to his wife Astrid. "I could still see the battle going on to our west. I felt pretty safe despite all this because the 4 Cobras kept circling around us."

"I heard the base camp group was evacuating Khafji to a place 40km south. Right at that time the Cobras told me they were running out of gas and had to leave."

Kleinsmith then led his own soldiers, a few Marine recon troops, and some Special Forces soldiers, to safety.

"Needless to say I had to do some

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Doug Kleinsmith (right) with a Saudi soldier.



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### State considers plan for prison

## Phoenix eyed as detention center

BY PHILIP TARDANI

A Michigan Corrections Department spokesperson said Monday that the Phoenix Correctional Facility could become a detention center for "technical rule violators" from state halfway houses.

However, "Nothing has been decided," said spokesperson Gail Light, about the potential use change at the Northville Township facility.

"I wouldn't put that possible use above anything else," Light said.

Inmates at a "detention center" — a new program — would be sent there from a halfway house for a technical rule violation, according to corrections field officer Denise Quarles. The detention center would be a step between a halfway house and prison.

"The idea is to get their attention, give them a chance to get adjusted to

life in the community," Quarles said. "If they adjust, they'd go back to a halfway house; if they don't they'd go to prison."

A technical violation would include disobeying a direct order from a corrections officer, she said, adding that those guilty of a criminal offense would not be eligible for the program.

Once at the detention center, the inmates would only be allowed outside

the site under supervision and escort, Quarles said, and would labor on public works projects.

Most halfway house inmates are property offenders, she said, and sex offenders are not allowed in the program.

"We would need corrections officers (at the detention center), but not as many as they have there now," she said.

Phoenix, formerly a part of Detroit's prison system (along with the old DeHoCo), is scheduled to close April 27.

State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, said it was his expectation that the 60-year-old facility would be razed.

"Northville Township would like to see it torn down and put on the private rolls," he said.

## Land swap between Ward, developer?

BY KEN VOYLES

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Is St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township at the center of a major land swap between Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia and a noted shopping center developer?

Although officials with Ward Presbyterian Church would not comment on the potential for such a swap, the Archdiocese of Detroit, which owns the St. John's site, has confirmed that the church is negotiating with a developer to purchase the site.

And other sources have said Ward is also talking with that individual.

The developer, who declined to confirm or deny the reports, is a major commercial center developer.

A new St. John's scenario might look like this:

The developer would purchase the St. John's land (some 125 acres including the golf course or just the 35 to 40 acres with buildings on it) from the archdiocese and then swap it with

Ward for the 140-acre site currently owned by Ward in Northville Township.

Ward, which has yet to begin its expansion on the site at Six Mile and

Haggerty roads (although the plans have been approved), has not confirmed whether or not it is negotiating for the St. John's location in Plymouth

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### Monday morning blaze

Firefighters from the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township responded to a fire on Farmer Street in Old Village Monday. The blaze, which was reported about 11 a.m. was under control about 12:15, according to Chief Alan Matthews. No one was injured during the blaze. An investigation into the fire is continuing, he said. (Crier photos by Philip Tardani and Ken Voyles)



Plymouth Police  
**CHIEF:** Chief Richard Myers  
is leaving the city. See pg. 2.

# Myers takes a new job in Illinois

BY PHILIP TARDANI

Almost six years to the day since he was hired, Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers is moving on.

The chief, 36, has been hired as the top cop in Lisle, IL, a suburb of Chicago with a population of 19,000. He'll start the new job on April 8.

"It was an extremely difficult decision to make but we felt it was in the family's best interest," Myers said Tuesday after the formal announcement. "We certainly do love Plymouth and will maintain our contacts here."

City Manager Gordon Jaeger, who is leaving himself in May, said Lisle was lucky to get Myers.

"I think he has been a very good chief for the community," Jaeger said. "He's very professional in his approach to his work and his men."

Mayor Dennis Bila called a Myers "highly professional and a genuinely nice person."

In Lisle, Myers faces a situation similar to Plymouth. The city does not have a high crime rate, according to a member of the media there, and the

police concentrate on traffic enforcement.

Lisle is governed by a village manager and six member board.

Myers, who was hired by then-City Manager Henry Graper in 1985, will likely be replaced at least temporarily by an officer from within the city ranks, according to Jaeger.

"I will accept applications for acting chief from within the department," Jaeger said. "There have been a number who have served as chief in his absence."

The chief's departure comes amidst

talk of shared police and fire services between the city and Plymouth Township.

Jaeger said his departure could facilitate an agreement.

"Perhaps with our chief now leaving we're in a better position to do that," he said, adding both he and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen would like to expedite an agreement. "If it's possible to put the department together in some fashion, it makes no sense to have two chiefs."

Myers will be moving with his wife Cindy and daughters Lauren, 6, and Lindsey, 4.

## Is Walters Plymouth's new manager?

BY PHILIP TARDANI

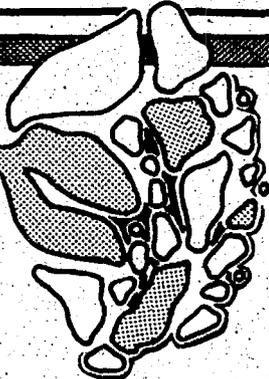
Steven Walters has been city manager in Northville for 17 years, and the Plymouth City Commission would like to see him work for them.

The commission unanimously voted Monday night to consider Walters as the only finalist for the city manager position that manager Gordon Jaeger will leave vacant May 1.

Walters said he is "seriously considering" whether or not to take the job if it is offered.

"Now that the option to rediscuss it has occurred, I'm willing to think about it again," he said, referring to his candidacy for the job last year. "I'm going to seriously consider it and discuss with them (the city commission) some employment terms and see where we are."

Negotiating with Walters as the only  
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# Residents oppose zoning

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"The homes will be serviced by county water and sewer, underground utilities, and they will be predominantly brick," Bloch said. "They will cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000. They will equal or exceed the present homes in the area."

He added that his homes will "help bring the township's upgrading plan to reality."

Canton officials have said they want to build large homes in the west of Canton is to give residents a place to go

## Manager

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candidate can save the city the time and expense of going through a lengthy search like the commission undertook last year, according to Commissioner James Jabara.

"I assume this is something that can be resolved within two or three weeks without taking two or three months," he said.

The commission will now negotiate terms and go through with a public interview, according to Mayor Dennis Bifa.

Bifa said Walters is familiar with the city and could move in from Northville with little problem.

"He knows exactly what's going on, he's not going to be surprised by anything," Bifa said. "He knows the department heads and city commissioners."

Walters, 47, has 20 years total city manager experience. His accomplishments there include a successful downtown development and construction of Allen Terrace, a senior citizens housing project.

The candidate was assistant city manager in the City of Plymouth from 1967-70. He has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan and is Northville's representative on the 35th District Court advisory board.

Walters said it may be "overstating it" to call him a candidate, since that implies he was actively seeking the job when in fact the city came to him.

without leaving the township when they want to "upgrade."

Canton's master land use plan, the blueprint for future development, reflects this idea. The newest plan was adopted in November. It designates much of the land west of Canton Center as R-2.

But the land is still currently zoned RR. The planning commission must rezone the land on a parcel-by-parcel basis as requests are made.

Pat Butzin, who lives off of Ridge Road, drew applause from many of the residents who jammed the meeting.

"We can develop Canton," she said to the commissioners. "We can develop that area. But let's at least make it one house per acre. Your image for Canton is to have house upon house. But I don't think anyone here wants to see Sunflower 500 next to us."

Robert Geracz, a Canton resident involved in real estate, said R-2 zoning was a good idea.

"You drop a house on an acre in Canton, it's going to cost about \$375,000" he said. "But going to half acre lots is something unique. They're

## Canton plan looks at goals and objectives

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Ten goals for the township are also specified.

One of Canton's main strengths is its location, according to the plan. Not only is it close to major highways and airports, but the New York Central and Chesapeake & Ohio rail lines cross through the township.

Close proximity to Ann Arbor and Detroit metropolitan areas affords many educational and training opportunities for the labor force, including the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Schoolcraft College, and Wayne State University, among others.

The report also notes that land is readily available in Canton, and the township uses tax abatements to attract industry.



More than 150 citizens, mostly residents of northwest Canton, crowd the Canton Planning Commission meeting Monday night. (Crier photo by Linda Wilson)

doing something good for you," he told the residents.

Paciocco, the developer, echoed some of Bloch's earlier comments when he said he did not just want to build a subdivision to make a profit, but that he wanted to add an attractive development to the community.

"I want to do a good job," he said.

Dorothy Lough, a Gydé resident, asked when planning commissioner Richard Palmer had sold land to Paciocco for his proposed development.

"I have no problem answering that," said Palmer. "I do have a problem seeing the relevance. My brother and I sold 80 acres, that is true.

I believe the deal was consummated on Aug. 6, 1990."

He added that this was the first time anyone had asked him such a question "to my face" in over 30 years of service to Canton.

"I offered to resign at the time, but everyone involved said I should stay," Palmer said. "I don't know what else I can do."

John Burdziak, planning commission chair, denied that any decisions on the master land use plan, which was on the drawing board for two years, had been made without warning the public.

"We didn't try to slide anything by," he said.

The report acknowledges an energy in the community. "Residents of Canton are young and have a willingness to help in the coordination of community resources for...improving the quality of life," it said.

Some of the needs cited included "more complete or balanced reporting" from the local media, a stronger

tax base with more of the burden placed on industry rather than residents, an identifiable city center, an exit from I-275 onto Warren Road, and a more streamlined process for site plan development.

Regarding the latter, the report said, "Costs and unreasonable time delays have been mentioned by developers as impediments to doing business in Canton."

The first of the 10 goals listed was to complete the strategic plan itself.

Others include: enhancing a positive image for Canton, making infrastructural improvements which would better prepare the township for industrial development, and creating a city center.

The last goal is to encourage "greater open communication, cooperation, and coordination" with surrounding communities.

"People can be confident that this study will not gather dust on a shelf," Yack said. "We are anxious to begin implementation."

The breakfast will be from 8-9 a.m. at Geneva Presbyterian Church.

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PHYLLIS: hope you're feeling better.

DOES BRENT McVEIGH read the Curiosities? Welcome aboard.

JANINE & RON: St. Pat's Parade?

BEAUREGARD likes thin mints.

Concord Dental has a good treasure chest. Thanks for the bracelet. -Jill

Good & the table.

The Roman Emperor Trajan founded a school for baking about 100 A.D. The Romans had learned of baking from their Greek slaves. -LM

When the Celsius scale was first devised, 10 degrees was the boiling point of water, 100 degrees was the freezing point of water. -LM

### Curiosities

What makes Ken shudder?

JANET BURKE got older!

BETTY STREMICH wallpaper waits for her birthday. Did she find the lost earring in the wallpaper paste?

KAY: OK, OK - get to THE point. Have you heard about the new rule ... we average the scores of both games in the season. -A Spertan.

IT MUST BE LOVE to organize someone else's sock drawer.

"ADVENTURES" are fun.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES are in! -Jessica

Nancy - We promise we won't let little Jimmy play with scissors anymore.

Welcome to The Crier Curios, Heather.

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### Curiosities

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I have one month to fit in my dress - time is running out. No more cheating!

...and how many edit guys do you think it takes to change a lightbulb?

GOLF FAX? Hmmm...

Hey, Cooney! Is it time for lunch?

Who do we know who hit the big 50 on March 22, 1991?

SARA - don't eat the sweater shavers. - Uncle Ed

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Now I know why Jim always makes fun when we ask for Heather's address.

DEB GUERIN: Friday night was fun! Hope you have a great week! Call if you're ever free for lunch!

KIT: It's only fitting that little Molly Megan be baptized on St. Patrick's Day. I can't wait!

Who will win the Calder Trophy? Sergio is the only logical choice. That guy in Chicago isn't half as exciting or cute!

SUE MARRON: Don't be upset, William isn't mad at you anymore. I hope we're still on for Canada Sunday! (Do you want to go to the St. Patrick's Parade (first?) Thanks for the sweatshirt and cookies.

Justin - free at last! Let's see how long it lasts. -Mom

Jill, two weekends in a row - scare of you lady!

Leon - are we having fun, yet? -D

We party down on March 15th.

Good breakfast. Right J?

Yes Peg, they will know that I lost and had to buy.

Carry, Carrie, Karl! How am I supposed to know which is the correct spelling?

Tinker Bell

I found the photo Becky - watch next week.

Jack and Peg are the champs.

Lynn has a better idea!

My condolences to Larry for having to put up with Peg & Debbie. What sacrifices us man have to put up with.

Did you hear Aunt Clara calling?

We have an unusual diet at COMMA,!!

Looks more like twins all the time.

Does anyone have Sunday's classifieds?

Who do you know that throws darts like they were tomahawks?

I don't think I can handle too many Monday mornings like this one!

## Curiosities

Mike Scharmen - way to go! What a diver - we're all so proud of your success. A Geneva admirer.

Chuck and Sandy - two of the most super, supportive parents in the area. Not perfect, but as close as you can get.

Without the struggle, there can be no progress.

Russ moves his lips when he reads cartoons.

Are they knickers?!

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Thank you God, St. Jude, Mother of Perpetual Help & Little Rose for answered prayer. J.S.

Congratulations to Salem gymnast KIM MILLER - conference champ on vault, beam, floor and all around.

Congratulations to the Salem Rocks - conference basketball champs.

Congratulations to the SALEM and CANTON gymnastic squads - one-two in the conference!

Going to Florida? See LIZ for a 65 cent SHRIMP MEAL.

Way to go, Nina! Congratulations on being admitted to the University of San Francisco.

The Gourmet group ate real gourmet food at Genliti's.

Deb and Gary you were supposed to win lots of money, not lose it. Don't try so hard next week.

Paul, what an excuse to get out of going to lunch.

Rita - I have an excuse this week - which one do you want?

Ron, good luck on the minl.

Marko, come and visit again sometime.

KIT: What are you going to do with your autographed Paul Ysebaert, Jimmy Carson and Bob Probert cards? I'm glad you woke me up - it was fun.

## Curiosities

Adam B. - maybe we'll have more snow yet. Then I'll watch for you and Kim to make a snowman with Tommy and Jackie.

So good to see you, Mom and Dad, I think there will be a surprise in store for you at Mullett Lake.

Mark - you did it! - 25.7 seconds - your best ever. A proud Mom and Dad.

Bill and Cindy - good job on the telethon. Thanks to everyone who donated to The Canton Foundation.

Attention - ALL FOLLIES PEOPLE. The diet starts now if you want Faye to be able to fit your costumes on you.

Sarah P. - good luck at the spilling bee.

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## Homeowners, developers to meet

BY JIM WHITE

A pair of Canton Planning Commission public hearings held Monday night to consider rezoning two parcels of land in northwest Canton drew a vocal group of township residents unhappy over development of the sites.

But it looks a compromise may have been reached in the end.

In response to residents' concerns about the nature of future development, a meeting is being planned between members of the newly formed Northwest Canton Homeowners Association, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Planner David Nicholson, the planning commission, and developers Joe Bloch and Robert Paciocco.

"I am going to facilitate, not dictate," said Canton attorney Bruce Patterson, who arranged the meeting. More than 150 township residents turned out for the public hearings on Monday.

Patterson said he hoped a compromise could be reached before the issue is brought up in a continuation of the public hearings at the next planning commission meeting March 25.

Residents of the area west of Canton Center and north of Ford are concerned that encroaching development will end their rural way of life. A resident who lives on Gyde Road said the wildlife and open space made that part of the township "a very special and unique place, one of the last in Canton."

"We don't want to see it disappear," he said.

Bloch and Paciocco are both interested in building subdivisions west of Beck between Warren and Gyde roads. They requested that the planning commission rezone their parcels from rural residential (RR) -- houses built on lots larger than one acre -- to R-2, in which up to two houses may be built per acre.

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From left: Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen field questions from "referee" Bruce Patterson at the Canton Economic Club luncheon Tuesday. (Crier photo by Karen Langer)

## Mettetal leaves bad taste

# Bila, Yack, Breen meet for lunch

BY JIM WHITE

Geneva Presbyterian Church was packed Tuesday afternoon with the largest crowd in Canton Economic Club history -- six more than came to see gubernatorial candidate John Engler.

Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen formed a guest panel, and various elected officials from the three governments, Wayne County officials, and other community leaders came to see just what might happen.

The three panelists answered questions put to them by Canton attorney Bruce Patterson -- dressed in a referee's shirt and whistle, just in case.

"We've lost our industrial base, and commercially, we are at capacity," said Bila in describing what he saw as the city's vision. "If we are going to continue to have quality service, we must move toward shared services, or we won't be able to afford the cost."

Canton is still in the growing stages. "As we move west, we are concentrating on large lot development,

residential development," Yack said. "There will be no commercial development at all. But we must make our retail section more vital."

Breen said that geography has left Plymouth Township in a unique position, anchored as it is by the city.

"Since the 1960s," he said, "our vision has been clear. We have been trying to create an area that is primarily residential."

"We are different from Canton, for instance," he said. "Canton is seeking an identity, but we've had it because the city is our anchor."

On the concept of shared services, all three agreed with Yack when he said, "I hate to see three communities paying for the exact same services."

But Breen was not sure that shared services could ever be a reality.

"It's nice to talk about, we all sincerely want it," he said, "but it's not an easy task to implement."

The subject of Mettetal Airport

finally came up near the end of the program.

"We are directing efforts to bring industrial development to the northeast corner of Canton, where it will benefit the Plymouth-Canton Schools," Yack said. "That's the smaller issue. The larger issue is a sovereignty one, which you fight wars over, I guess. Sometimes you even win."

"The quality of life, what you have and expect to get; you can't focus on one piece of property to make or break that," Breen said. "You cannot protect a township boundary, quite frankly. You do not have as much territorial integrity."

Breen said if Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and Canton were going to be considered one community, no lines could be drawn.

"I have spent more time on this, and there have been more important issues," Bila said. "The city is clearly the little guy between two heavyweights. Regardless of how this is resolved, we can't let it affect our relationship. If it does, it's going to be a real sore point."

# Canton to host victory parade

BY JIM WHITE

It may not be a repeat of Times Square in 1945, but organizers expect a big celebration along Ford Road in Canton on Saturday.

That's when the community will host a parade and rally to show support for the troops of Operation Desert Storm and to celebrate the cease fire in the Persian Gulf.

The parade will begin in front of Meijer Thrifty Acres at Ford and Canton Center roads and move east along Canton's main thoroughfare. A rally will then be held afterwards in the K-mart parking lot on the corner of Ford and Sheldon roads.

Sylvia Kneeshaw, whose son Scott Badgero is serving with the 82nd Airborne in Saudi Arabia, has been the main organizer behind the rally and parade.

"We already have replies from (state reps) Gerry Law and Jim Kosteva," she said Monday. "They'll be there."

Invitations were also sent to Coleman Young and Carl Levin, as well as all of the Desert Storm support groups in southeastern Michigan.

"I think it's going to be a lot bigger than people think," she said on Monday.

The parade will be led by color guards from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Vietnam Veterans, Kneeshaw said.

Dan Calabrese, assistant to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, added that attempts were being made to line up the Plymouth Fifé and Drum Corps as well.

Paraders will walk amidst a sea of American flags and yellow ribbons, thanks to the Canton Community

Foundation and the Canton is Family support group, Kneeshaw said.

At the rally, Kneeshaw's husband Larry and his newly-formed band Sand Aid will perform their song, "Desert Strength." Eric Webster is another Canton resident in the band.

"We're going to have a big time," said Larry Kneeshaw, a construction engineer who plays guitar as a hobby. "Desert Strength" is dedicated to all the troops, but particularly to Scott.

"With my son over there, I thought I'd sit down and write a song," he said. "We are so proud. Our military has really shown itself."

Kneeshaw said an agent in California has expressed interest in the song and tapes have been sent to CBS and Geffen record companies.

Kneeshaw agreed with his wife that the rally was going to be quite a show.

"We're planning on a very big shidoo," he said. "We hope to see 20,000 to 40,000 people. In Warren last week they expected about 4,000 and 30,000 showed up."

The Kneeshaws are hoping that members of the many support groups in the region also show up Saturday.

"If the weather is nice," said Sylvia, "we should get them from Ann Arbor, Belleville, Northville, Plymouth, Walled Lake -- anywhere that is within an hour of here."

Plans are also in the works, she said, to arrange a possible flyover of military planes from Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

"I don't think Canton has ever seen this," said her husband.

Ford Road between Canton Center and Sheldon will be closed to all traffic from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday.



# Public notices

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

City of Plymouth will submit a joint application with Smith Elementary School for a Michigan Recreation Bond for the renovation of the playground for the benefit of the citizens of Plymouth. Your participation at the public hearing to give input on the proposed site plan is wanted. The hearing will be at: Smith Elementary School, 1298 McKinley, Plymouth on March 13, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. You may write in your suggestions to: Smith Elementary PFO Playground Committee, 1298 McKinley, Plymouth, MI 48170.  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED CANTON COMMUNITY CENTER. FUNDING IS REQUESTED THROUGH THE RECREATION QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROGRAM.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Michigan P.A. 329 of 1988, the Recreation Bond Implementation Act, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 1991, 7:00 p.m., at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, to consider submission of the following proposal to the State of Michigan for possible funding through the Quality of Life Bond program.

Partial development of the proposed Canton Community Center, to be located southwest of the Canton Center and Proctor intersection, adjacent to the Administrative Complex.  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 19, 1991 from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of 11th District Wayne County Commissioner.

THE PRECINCTS AND LOCATIONS FOR VOTING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	ADDRESS
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2 & 20	Canton Recreation Center	44237 Michigan Avenue.
3 & 10	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Rd.
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Rd.
5 & 18	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Rd.
7	Plymouth Salem High School	46181 Joy Rd.
8 & 19	Plymouth Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
9	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Rd.
11 & 21	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saliz Rd.
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Elett St.
15 & 22	Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Ave.
16 & 17	Canton Administration Bldg.	1150 S. Canton Center

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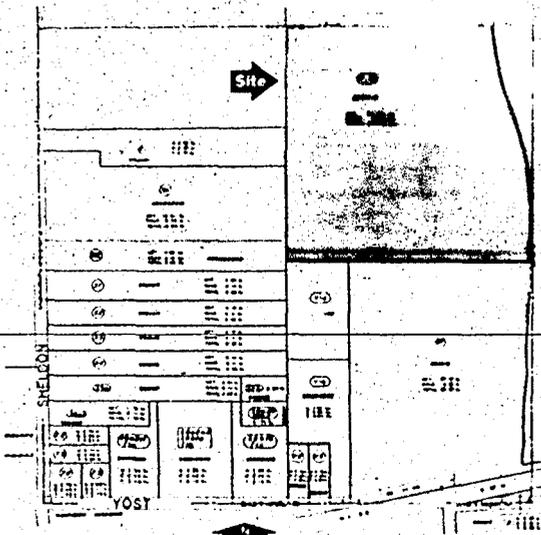
## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1991, AT 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL LAND USE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 27.03 C. OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

A FACILITY FOR THE COMPOSTING OF LAWN CLIPPINGS, TREE LEAVES, PROPERLY PROCESSED WOOD PRODUCTS AND OTHER ORGANIC RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE.

THE SPECIAL LAND USE IS PROPOSED TO BE LOCATED ON PART OF PARCEL NO. 136-99-0018-000 LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SHELDON ROAD BETWEEN MICHIGAN AVENUE AND YOST ROAD.

WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 7:00 P.M. AT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD.



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John Burdick  
Planning Commission Chairman

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Clerk's Office will conduct a public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used for the Primary Election. The test will take place on Thursday, March 14, 1991 at 3:00 P.M. in the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.  
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Township Clerk

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids up to 10:00 a.m., March 21, 1991 for the following:

ONE (1) 1991 TRACTOR/LOADER/BACKHOE

Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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Clerk

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Charter Township of Canton is requesting sealed bids for the production and delivery of 13,000, 18 gallon, plastic containers with hot stamps to be utilized for the curbside pick-up of recyclables. Bids should show a unit price as well as the total. Bins MUST be delivered by April 26, 1991. Specifications are available in the Financial Services Dept. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 by 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 1991. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES — REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1991

Supervisor Breen called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. and led in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Supervisor Breen asked that there be a moment of silence to reflect upon what is happening in the Persian Gulf and wishing great success to bring the war to a final conclusion as soon as possible.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the February 12, 1991 minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees as submitted. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all with Mr. Munfakh abstaining.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Chief Berry introduced two D.A.R.E. Officers Jamie Senkbeil of the Plymouth Township Police and Leonard Schemanske of the Canton Police.

Officer Senkbeil gave a status report of the D.A.R.E. program along with a video, then introduced essay winners "What the D.A.R.E. Program Means To Me" of Smith Elementary School. Those students, Patrick Belvitch, Lisa Perry, Becky Smith, Katie Luick, Stephanie Groth, and Kristen Gordon read their essays and were presented with a plaque by Supervisor Breen.

Supervisor Breen asked for a recess at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Supervisor Breen asked for comments from the public as to any item that was not on the adopted agenda. There were none.

Mr. Horton moved to approve the assessor's recommendation to make assessments on a subdivision by subdivision basis in order to create uniformity among parcels as recommended in his letter of February 26, 1991. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve Application No. 156, 186 and 187 to reserve Shelter No. 1 at Plymouth Township Park on June 9, July 14 and August 4, 1991 consistent with the activities proposed in the January 15, 1991 letter from Plymouth Church of Christ. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve Resolution No. 91-02-26-04 opposing any and all efforts, attempts and plans to locate a new Detroit Tiger Stadium within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

The entire resolution is incorporated into the official minutes on file in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Horton moved the approval to establish a Mettetal Airport Ad Hoc Committee membership to be determined by the supervisor to serve as a citizens advisory committee to report to the Board. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all with Mr. Stewart abstaining.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the appointment of Dr. David Campbell and Mr. Thomas Kennedy to the Mettetal Airport Board under the Joint Operating Agreement with the City of Plymouth. Supported by Mrs. Hulsing. Ayes all with Mr. Stewart abstaining.

Mr. Munfakh moved to grant the request from the Plymouth Oratorio Society for a \$300.00 contribution subject to the signing of the proper documents. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve the Utility Easement for DEMCO IV, located within the west 1/4 of section 20. Easement has been approved by the Township Engineer as to form and the Township Attorney as to form and content. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to approve Ordinance No. C-91-01 for Sump Pump Collection Systems for Plymouth Township as presented for the First Reading. Supported by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt the increase in the Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Refrigeration, Heating and Engineering fees as recommended by the Building Department and Dietrich, Bailey and Associates effective immediately. Supported by Mr. Horton. Ayes all.

The 1991 Schedule of Permit Fees for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Refrigeration, Heating and Engineering is available in the Building Department and the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the recommendation of the appointments of a Township negotiating team consisting of Niels Hansen, Township Attorney; Larry Groth, Fire Chief, and Cathy Broadbent, Human Resource Analyst and to authorize the team to negotiate and bring back their recommendations on the reopening of the new hire provision of the collective bargaining agreement with local 1496 to the Board. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the extension of the 1990 Utility Construction contract for N. Territorial Road as recommended by the Township Engineer. Supported by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Hulsing moved to accept and file the Communications, Resolution and Reports as listed. Supported by Mrs. Brooks. Ayes all.

It was moved by Mr. Munfakh and supported by Mr. Horton that the meeting adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Ayes all.  
Esther Hulsing, Township Clerk  
Susan Koch, Recording Secretary  
Plymouth Charter Township  
The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held on February 26, 1991. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for perusal. They will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting on March 12, 1991.  
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# No decision on Mettetal school

BY KEN VOYLES

Schoolcraft College is apparently no closer to a decision on whether or not it will support an aviation school at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

A spokesperson for the Livonia school — its district includes Plymouth-Canton-Northville — said Monday that neither the administration or governing board of trustees had taken an official position on support for an aviation curriculum.

"It has definitely not been discussed yet — it's not even been on an agenda for the board," said Sandra Florek, Schoolcraft's director of institutional advancement.

Dr. Richard McDowell, president of Schoolcraft, was unavailable for comment this week, but reportedly met with aviation school proponents last week.

Florek said the aviation school idea would not appear before the board of

trustees until after a recommendation by the college's curriculum instruction committee, which reviews all potential new programs at the school.

"It hasn't even been on that committee's agenda yet," said Florek, adding that a "needs" study was still underway by a sub-committee. "That means all of the research isn't done."

Once the needs assessment is completed a possible aviation curriculum will be reviewed by the instruction committee before a recommendation is made to the board of trustees, said Florek.

The committee may or may not recommend Schoolcraft support for the aviation school at Mettetal, she said.

Florek added that a major concern among college officials remains whether or not jobs will be available to those students who enter and complete some kind of aviation program.



## Charity telethon

The Canton Community Foundation, working with Omnicom Cablevision, sponsored the First Annual Telethon for Charity, Sunday March 3. Utilizing Channel 15, the Public Access Channel, the Foundation was able to produce four hours of information about the Canton community and the Foundation's effort within the community. Guest appearing on the telethon included Lisa Boland, Dean Swartzweiler, Gloria Banks, Carl Battistini, Pam VanderWeele, Joe De Lauro, David Artley, Yolanda Menacha, Scott Kappier, Lt. Jeffrey Beachum, Diane Neibeugen, Mike Andres, Jim Kostevs, Larry Kucshaw and Foundation Board members Tom Yack, Bruce Patterson, Phyllis Redfern, Ken Gruebel, Bill Myers, Bob Paciocco and Norm Cepela. Board member Mitch Howard donated the refreshments for the Green Room. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)

# Charter amendment date undecided

BY PHILIP TARDANI

No firm date has been set for a charter amendment vote in the City of Plymouth.

City of Plymouth attorney Ronald Lowe said Monday the special election should be held with the general election on Nov. 5. He rules out the August primary.

"It has to be held (according to state law) at a general election or a special election and that is not the same as a

primary," he said. "Absent a vote by the commission that there be a special election, it will be in November."

But according to attorney James Romzek, who represents the Plymouth Concerned Citizens, the amendment warrants a special election as soon as possible.

Concerned Citizens opposes the city's involvement in a joint operating agreement with Plymouth Township to own and operate Mettetal Airport. The

group seeks a charter amendment forbidding the city to do so, without prior approval of the voters.

Romzek said the vote should come before the November election and even before the August primary.

"I would urge the city commissioners to give serious consideration to holding a special election in accordance with section 12.4 of the city charter," Romzek said. "Hopefully, the commissioners will agree to give this matter the prompt

attention it deserves."

Bila said he was having Lowe examine the question of a special election, but the mayor said one might not be necessary as long as the city sets up an "escape clause," where the city can back out of the Mettetal agreement if a majority of voters deny it.

"I would be hopeful that if the citizens are assured we do have an escape clause they would relieve us the expense of a special election," Bila said.

## Of Mettetal lawsuit

### Judge considers rehearing

A citizens group opposing municipal ownership of Mettetal Airport may get another day in court.

That is if Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Richard Kaufman decides a rehearing of their lawsuit is appropriate. Kaufman is expected to consider that question today (March 6).

One month ago on Feb. 6, Kaufman

dismissed a lawsuit filed by Plymouth Concerned Citizens and Canton which challenged the legality of Plymouth city and township owning an airport outside the boundaries of either community.

The two Plymouth communities have since formed a joint board to run Mettetal, which is located in Canton on Joy Road.

## Says 'growth' an issue

### New trustee in Salem

BY KEN VOYLES

Growth and future development will be the major issues facing Salem Township residents in the 1990s, according to the newest member of the Salem Board of Trustees.

Republican Thomas L. Homrich, 58, won a special election last Tuesday to gain a seat on the board replacing William Taft who resigned last summer.

"I think this township is looking for some direction as it relates to problems of growth and our future," said Homrich after his election victory. "We can't fool ourselves, there is going to be growth."

"But many in this community would like to retain our rural character."

A member of the township's planning commission for seven years, Homrich chaired that body for the past six years.

The township board was expected to meet last night and discuss Homrich's dual role on the planning group and the board of trustees. He is expected to step down from the planning body.

Bob Hill is the current chairperson of the planning group in Salem.

Homrich won last week's election with 309 votes as opposed to Democrat

Ariene D. DeForest's 60 votes, according to the official results.

A write-in candidate, Don Riddering, picked up 208 votes, while another write-in candidate, Dave Post, collected six votes.

According to township officials, nearly 25 per cent of the township's 2,451 registered voters went to the polls last week.

"I have to give Don Riddering a lot of credit," said Homrich, who has lived in the township for 24 years. "He did a good job. He worked hard at it and put a lot of pressure on."

"We did just exactly what we determined we would do for the election," he continued. "We had a lot of encouragement."

Homrich added that the recent election results shows that Salem residents want a change on the board.

"I think what residents want is some kind of unity to come back to the board," he said.

The first time Salem trustee also said that the township planning commission is continuing to review an overall master plan for Salem dealing with issues such as farmland preservation, maintaining natural resources and future growth and development.

## To Mettetal board

### Twp. appointments

BY PHILIP TARDANI

One-half of the Mettetal Airport joint operating board has been appointed, but the City of Plymouth is delaying its appointments.

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees appointed pilot Thomas Kennedy and resident David Campbell at last Tuesday's meeting.

But City of Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila said Monday at a city commission meeting that he wants to delay the city's appointments until he is sure the

city has an "escape clause" out of the agreement if city voters decide against involvement in operating the Canton airport.

The group Plymouth Concerned Citizens has petitioned for a charter amendment forbidding the city from owning or operating an airport without prior approval from the voters.

The township board also appointed Wade Watterman, John Ruitenberg and Barbara Wilcox as a Mettetal ad hoc citizens committee.



# Community opinions

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## Leaders had a 'light' lunch

It should have been more than a lunch.

A day-long session could barely have contained the topical areas.

Although the time-clock ran out before the citizens had a chance to ask questions from the floor, yesterday's Canton Economic Club meeting was one of the best public forums on local government held in Western Wayne County in the past 20 years.

With Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bila and Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurie Breen on the platform together, the topic of local governmental services and cooperation got more public exposure than it had lately. It proves (first) the value of getting all three leaders together and (secondly) that the need for such forums is aptly filled by the Economic Club under the auspices of the Canton Foundation.

Interestingly, the audience included political, civic and business leaders from Lansing, Wayne County, schools and neighboring communities as well as from Canton.

Did the comments provide much new light or just more heat? Light.

At the end of the tunnel.

Inter-governmental bickering over Mettetal Airport has focused public attention on differences in opinion between the three major components in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District — not on similarities and cooperation. Yesterday's luncheon discussion cleared the air there.

## With malice toward none

W. Edward WENDOVER



Although the airport was expected to be an issue — it sold luncheon tickets to the leading opponents and to state aeronautic officials who came down from Lansing — it was overshadowed by the other topics of governmental cooperation and attitudes. That was as it should be since those issues are far more vital to the future.

Yack stressed the importance of the linkage supplied by the schools. Not surprising for a fellow who served on the school board for 11 years — four of them as president.

Breen brought up the Western Townships Utilities Authority which links the townships of Northville, Plymouth and Canton in a sewer program. He raised the "one community" issue.

Bila started comments by mentioning the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recent study forecasting more cooperation between local governments. He also admitted that the region's relationships are changed because the City of Plymouth is no longer "king of the hill."

But it was Breen, the veteran of the three leaders, who fingered the toughest challenge. "It's one thing to have the theory of shared services.

"But it's not that easy," he lamented. "Each community has its own philosophy of providing services. They don't want to lose their ability to have control."

Yack, who described the Mettetal Airport issue as one of "sovereignty," said that although each local unit saw itself as part of the whole, there was still a legitimate issue of local control and destiny.

Bila, watching the city's growth potential slow while its costs continue to rise, said the process of sharing, however, will break down those local control barriers. "The realization hits home that there aren't any alternatives," he said.

The airport issue of late has commanded headlines and space on the opinion pages, and, in fact, the moderator of yesterday's panel, Bruce Patterson, donned a referee's shirt and whistle to kick things off.

But the common thread of governments working together was the real victor of the match.

"Regardless of how it's (the Mettetal Airport issue) resolved," summed up Bila, "we can't let this affect our abilities to get along."

Light!  
And let there be more of it.

## For children, adults

# Mettetal means treasured memories

EDITOR:

One day last spring, two Plymouth fourth graders bounded into their classroom, rattling excitedly to their teacher about their weekend airplane ride at Mettetal. The teacher's eyebrows went up, and she asked a few questions about the exact nature of this ride. When they answered, the teacher was able to conclude, to the student's delight, that their pilot had been the teacher's son.

A small incident, to be sure. One treasured memory of a hundred thousand to be made at Mettetal this year; one of millions she has made in here 50 years of existence.

Now that the future of this community airpark has been assured, let's forget this nonsense about recalls and charter amendments, which would have no effect on Mettetal anyway.

Let's look to the future, and forge a community airpark that the rest of America can envy.

The building of an aviation school is now underway. This school will prepare students for aviation careers, yes; but the skills its students will learn will be useful in many fields. The same principles of hydraulics, pneumatics, mechanics and electronics which keep large and small airplanes flying also keep assembly lines assembling, stamping presses stamping, operating rooms operating. Need I go on? Well, yes...

Airplane exhibitions give children a chance to touch a dream: is there a kid in America who hasn't dreamed of flight? The first man on the moon was once a kid in Wapakoneta, OH gawking through the fence at rag-wing Cubs on a sod runway.

The public ownership of Mettetal will serve to make her a true com-

munity recreational feature. There is, of course, considerable recreational use of the facility, and, as Canton supervisor Tom Yack has pointed out, it is important "to insure that the Canton (and Plymouth) community always has recreational and open space."

Open space, observation decks, picnic tables; airplane exhibitions, charity fundraisers, community get-togethers. Sixty acres of harmony between community, business, recreation, and education. With no local tax money spent to get it. With no tax money required to maintain it.

What Canton didn't have the sense to preserve, Plymouth did. Good for you, Plymouth. Now get behind it. Drop in. Look around. Pack a picnic lunch, if you want, but please, come on in. And oh, yes...

...Bring your children.  
WILLIAM KERN



# Community opinions

## The truth hurts...even in Canton

So, the truth comes out. Canton is in need of "positive local public relations and media attention...there is a strong belief that more complete or balanced reporting is needed."

This is evidently the majority opinion of the more than 40 community leaders who have written the new Canton Strategic Plan for Economic Development. (Among those leaders was the general manager of this newspaper.)

"You've heard these similar complaints involving the media from a certain big city mayor around here. Though I hate to admit it, sometimes I can even see Coleman Young's point."

But this is Canton. Stories about Devil's Night fires or a death rate among black teens that makes going to



The White pages  
By Jim White

war seem safer just don't apply.

What does make news in Canton are stories about development of the community, and how that development affects people.

Are road systems going to be improved? Are more fast food restaurants going to be allowed? Are more subdivisions going to be built in the western part of the township, and if so, can the rural atmosphere somehow be retained?

How can an identifiable town center

be achieved? Has a small airport outlived its usefulness? Would more people be better served by industrial development on the site?

Canton has its growing pains, and these are the stories we cover.

Not to mention stories about community support for U.S. troops, the annual Challenge Fest, or Canton's myriad opportunities for recreation.

To say reporters are totally unbiased is obviously false — it isn't possible. But it is our responsibility to remain as objective as possible, to give "complete and balanced" reporting.

A "strong belief" that we don't do that? I doubt it.

But pretend there is.

Why did it seem so appropriate to

put this right near the top of the "Canton needs" list in a strategic development plan?

Personally, I do not take offense to the charges against the media. I find them ironic.

After all, with four papers covering Canton, none of them can find positive stories? Come on, we do it all the time.

We also write stories that are bound to upset somebody, but sometimes the truth hurts, and as long as what is written is the truth, then what do we have to apologize for?

Just get back to the business of improving Canton, folks, and we'll be more than happy to cover that.

And if you want to help your own PR, how about starting by putting up signs at the entrances to Canton: "Home of the national champion high school marching band?"

## Reservist wears uniform with pride

Being a U.S. Army Reservist has always brought me a sense of pride, and I've always felt a twinge when I put on the uniform.

Today I feel I have worn the uniform for the right reasons — to serve God and my country.

Now I'm not saying that the thought of a paycheck was not important, because as an 18-year-old at the time I joined, it was only natural to want to earn a living.

That aside, my feelings were very strong. I wanted to be a part of the army and I truly felt pride in joining. It was the right thing to do back then, and I still feel that I made the right choice.

I was not enticed by ads on television or in magazines. My enlistment just happened. I was at the right place at the right time. Sometimes when you aren't looking for anything specific to happen in your life, it does.

That brings me to today. We are now at war. Am I glad? That's a question I can't really answer except to say that a job has to be done, one that will bring the world closer to world peace.

People sometimes don't realize that armies are not for the offensive, they are defensive, designed to protect and preserve.

Without our military, where would we be? I know in my heart as a soldier that what we are doing is right, but in a different way I also feel that thousands of possible casualties is a nightmare that no one wants to actually happen.

But I guess in the back of all our minds we realized the risk when we swore to protect and defend. I don't know how a man feels, but when I received a call from someone I know in Saudia Arabia, he spoke of the same fears I also have felt.

I was not old enough to be a part of Vietnam, but I guess I thought it was too soon for us to be involved in another war. Maybe too because I am a female I just didn't feel it would actually happen. Yes I am as qualified to do the job as any man, and, like my compatriots, I am a soldier first and a specialist second.

This brings me to today. I have feelings of uncertainty concerning my own involvement in the Persian Gulf conflict. I've already had a couple of phone calls telling me to get ready to leave.

I was spared two weeks ago from leaving with another unit. It gave me more time to regroup. But that possible deployment also left me with the impression that even if you have a home, or a unit as the military calls it, you are not safe from being pulled from there and being utilized elsewhere.

Before I felt quasi safe knowing that if and when I was deployed I was guaranteed to be with people that I knew. That safety doesn't exist anymore. Not knowing who I will end up with or where for that matter is definitely a lot of food for thought.

I am grateful that I am still here. Two weeks ago I was not as prepared to go as I am now.

Of course, there really is no preparation for this kind of activation. It's not like I'll be just walking out the door and leaving behind a husband and child.

I am divorced with a seven year old child whose life will be turned upside down when I leave. She will go out east with her dad for however long it takes since none of us really knows when we will be returning.

I cannot comprehend being away from her for such a long time. She



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cannot comprehend it either, but how can a seven year old understand it all when her own mother cannot?

I am doing the best I can to prepare her for it, but again there isn't much you can do. It's hard to answer when a child says, "Mommy, I don't want you to get shot."

As much as I reassure here, she does not believe me. She thinks everyone in the army is going to get shot at. The scary thing is it could happen. But I'd rather not dwell on that here or with her.

The hurt is already apparent in what she says and does. I cannot change that, all I can do is encourage her to believe that I will be back.

It's hard to have such feelings of motherhood and patriotism at the same time. They go against each other almost every moment of every day. Like oil and water, they just don't mix.

I feel that all of us affected by this war are doing the best we can. Yes, my life has been turned upside down, but so have many others. We are all trying to prepare and accept that we can only take it one day at a time.

I don't enjoy shaking when thinking about "what if." Hopefully, I am beyond that. When it happens I will deal with it just like everyone else.

About a month ago (on Jan. 16) when I got my second call one of the first things I did was set an appointment to get new eye glasses — my unit supply officer had been bugging me to get it done. It was time to have scratchless lens; I couldn't very well have an old lens prescription in my gas mask.

Being in a training division I am luckier than some for now. When I am called I will be sent to Georgia, but what bothers me most about our mission is that we are responsible for training troops. I don't have to spell out what that means if and when we chagape in a ground war. It's a pretty earth leveling thought.

I feel that even though I am not a front line troop, I am an important part of the army's team. Why else would another unit try to activate me?

I am proud of what I do, and what I may have to do. It may not be easy on anyone, but it's my duty. I pray each day that the conflict ends soon because I do know people close to the front lines and I am concerned for them.

I'd also like to say thanks to everyone for the support going out to the troops. The patriotism in this area is truly amazing.

Also, everyone should keep on writing our troops over there. Their morale depends on it. Every letter I get from over there talks about mail, when they get it, when they don't.

Even while I wait for that call, I plan to continue to write those soldier over there I know and those I don't.

So should you.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Cheryl Pero, an army reservist, has been freelancing at The Crier for about one year. She writes under her maiden name. As of press time, there was a chance she might still be called into service.)



Eileen Fallon plays "Danny Boy" at the piano.

# Local lass will lead parade

BY JIM WHITE

A pretty colleen from Plymouth Township will be queen of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Detroit this Sunday.

Dark-haired, blue-eyed Eileen Fallon, 21, was chosen Maid of Erin by the United Irish Society Feb. 23.

"We were judged on speaking, presentation, appearance, personality, and performance," Fallon said last week. "Our performance had to have an Irish theme, we had to show knowledge of Irish culture."

Fallon played "Danny Boy" and "The Town I Love So Well" on the piano.

There were 13 in the competition, held at the Gaelic League in Detroit. In addition to her parade duties, Fallon got her name engraved on a trophy that she will keep until next year's pageant, and won a trip to Ireland.

Fallon was second runner up for Maid of Erin in 1987 and first runner up in 1988. Last year, she was named queen of the Court of St. Bridget, a separate pageant hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians that celebrates Irish dance, music, and language.

"I can say 'please' and 'thank you' in Irish, but that's about it," Fallon said.

The Maid of Erin title "has been a

while coming but she has worked for it," said her mother Judy.

Sure, it wasn't just the luck of the Irish! Judging by her background, it seems like the honor was inevitable.

Her father, John Fallon, was born in Dublin. Her great grandparents on her mother's side also came from Ireland. Her parents have been back to visit "several times," she said.

She herself has been to the "auld sod" twice.

"I went once when I was about one," she said. "I don't remember that. But then we went back in July of '88. We were there for a month during

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## Friends & Neighbors

### Family takes home a taste of P-C

BY JAMES TOTTEN

Two and a half years after coming to Plymouth Township to live and work, a Japanese family has returned home with memories of friendships kindled in this community and a stronger sense of American culture.

Fumio and Mikiko Shinoda and their two sons, Yuusuke and Kenta, were welcomed by many residents of the community despite a variety of cultural and communication barriers.

Fumio Shinoda, who works for Nissan Corp., returned to Japan in January three weeks before being joined by his wife and two sons.

Not long after arriving here the Shinodas introduced themselves to their neighbors in the township and presented one family with a gift because they wanted to be "good American neighbors."

Next door neighbors Pat and Don MacIsaac still remember how the Shinoda family went out of their way to introduce themselves and share a little bit of the Japanese culture with their new neighbors.

For the MacIsaac family it was the start of a blossoming friendship.

"We would be best friends if she were living in Japan or the U.S.," said Pat MacIsaac, who described her friendship with Mikiko as crossing many cultural boundaries. "Mikiko went out of her way to get involved while she was here."

As a sign of their appreciation towards the community for its special kindness, the family presented both Pioneer Middle School and Isbister Elementary School with traditional Japanese samurai dolls.

It was like leaving behind a little piece of their heart as well as their cultural heritage.

Mikiko also prepared a Japanese meal for the teachers at Isbister with the help of other local Japanese nationals from the area. During her stay she became a contact person for other Japanese residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community.



Mikiko Shinoda and her sons Yuusuke and Kenta. (Crier photo by Jim Totten)

According to the MacIsaacs, Mikiko made a conscious effort to gain an understanding of the American people and culture.

For most of the past two years Mikiko took English language courses at the Starkweather Center in Plymouth's Old Village, learning about English grammar and writing, American ceremonies, customs and holidays.

She also worked as vice-president of the parents association for a Japanese school where Yuusuke and Kenta attended every Saturday. The Japanese Society of Detroit honored her with a plaque for her time and commitment.

Mikiko said her dream was to organize a Japanese parents group in Plymouth-Canton. She arranged several such meetings during her stay in the township.

She also volunteered as a translator during the recent Plymouth Ice Spectacular and was responsible for translating the Plymouth-Canton schools' mission statement into Japanese.

Overcoming language barriers wasn't as bad as it might first seem. Mikiko said language was not always needed to communicate with others.

Using body language and "speaking with my heart," Mikiko said she was able to communicate with most people she met.

Comparing American lifestyles with the Japanese, Mikiko said she found that Americans seem to enjoy work and life more than the Japanese. She said the Japanese focus more on work and spent less time on leisure activities.

The idea of "family time" and a "family vacation" were new to the Shinodas, but ones Mikiko learned to appreciate.

"I want to take this part of the American lifestyle back with me to Japan," she said during a recent interview with Pat MacIsaac helping to interpret.

During their stay in Plymouth, both Yuusuke, 14, and Kenta, 10, kept busy taking English classes every morning before attending school at Pioneer and Isbister. After school they were tutored in math and English on a daily basis.

The boys, who said they enjoyed riding the bus to school since they were used to walking in Japan, also attended a Japanese school in Birmingham to maintain their native language skills.

American food was a hit with the family as well, including pizza and popcorn for the boys and muffins for Mikiko.

The MacIsaacs were also able to share several special moments with the Shinoda family during their stay in Plymouth-Canton.

But one moment in particular stands out.

During a gathering at the MacIsaac home a few days before their daughter's wedding, Mikiko, who enjoys singing opera, told the family that she would love to perform something for the family.

Dressed in full kimono Mikiko sang three songs that evening - a Japanese love song, a Hawaiian love song and "Silent Night," all of them in English.

"There was not a dry eye left in the house," said Don MacIsaac.

Dick Egli, community relations director with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said Mikiko was a positive person who gave information on how to best help Japanese people new to the community.

"She was very helpful in explaining her culture and helping others to better understand her culture," he said.

Egli remembers when he first met Mikiko. She was carrying a desk size dictionary around so that when she did not understand something, she looked up the word.

She later switched to a smaller dictionary.

"I am sorry to see them go back," he said.

### CEP guard takes 2nd

The Centennial Educational Park (CEP) Winter Guard captured second place in its class at the Montrose Winter Guard Invitational Saturday.

The Winter Guard is the newest addition to the CEP Bands program and like the CEP Marching Band Color Guard, the group uses flags and other props during performances to recorded music inside a gym instead of on a football field.

This Saturday (March 9) the CEP Winter Guard will compete in the Studio One Show at Jordan College in Flint. The group also competes Sunday (March 10) in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit Benefit Show at Linden High School in Linden.

The 20 girls who make up the CEP Winter Guard are: Melissa and Michelle Clingenpeel, Meredith Conte, Janie DeCourcy, Lauren Eichner, Renee Frederick, Cathy Gartner, Heather Gentry, Kate Hinote, Michelle Langley, Kristin McCabe, Heather Moore, Julie Moyer, Chrissy Ragan, Catherine Shasko, Kristina Strickland, Shelly Szmansky, Amy Warunek and Olivia Welch.

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## What's Happening

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

### WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

The Plymouth Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a dinner meeting on March 21 at Ernestos at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Martha Gray will speak on "Women's Health Issues." Open to the public. For reservations call 455-1457.

### SUSIE'S DANCE 1991

Our Lady of Providence Parents Club will host a fundraiser, "The Dream Goes On - Susie's Dance 1991," on April 13 at Lural Manor. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. For full details call 453-1300.

### VIETNAM VETERANS GROUP

The Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528 Vietnam Veterans of America will hold a general membership meeting March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the post home of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695. Open to Vietnam era veterans (from 8-5-64 to 5-7-75). For further information call Joe Agius at 453-8180.

### ACT PREP CLASS AT SC

Schoolcraft College will offer an ACT college entrance exam preparation course starting on March 11 and 13. The fee is \$45 and includes a textbook. For further information call 462-4448.

### CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

The next Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. March 8 in the Canton Administration Building along Canton Center Road. Discussion includes solid waste, intergovernmental relations, and the census. For further information call 525-8690.

### SINGLE PLACE MINISTRIES

Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church in Northville will offer a four-week Opportunity for Growth Workshop on Guides to Relationships for singles with Betty Bryd, beginning March 13 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$24 and includes refreshments, notebook and speaker. Call 349-0911 for further information.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host a meeting at 2 p.m. March 12 at the City of Plymouth Cultural Center. Program theme is St. Patrick's. Also, on Mondays, prior to group meetings, the United Home Health Organization hosts blood pressure clinics at the Cultural Center. For further information call 453-1234, ext. 256.

### PARADE, RALLY IN CANTON

A rally and parade supporting U.S. troops in Operation Desert Storm will be held Saturday (March 9) in Canton along Ford Road. The rally will be held in the K-mart parking lot on Ford Road. Before the rally a parade will begin at noon and march from Canton Center and Ford roads to the K-mart lot. For further information call 397-5472.

### SHOP CANTON BREAKFAST

Shop Canton, a program sponsored by the Canton Retail Association of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, kicks off with a special breakfast on Friday (March 8) at 8:30 a.m. at Palermo's Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton. For further information call 454-5427.

### SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

The 10th Annual Spring Fling Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held March 9 at the VFW Hall on Mill Street in Plymouth. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695 VFW. The cost is \$5 per person and includes lunch. Ticket deadline is March 8. Clothing modeled by post and auxiliary members. For information or tickets call 455-2620 or 728-7619.

### JUNIOR BASEBALL SIGN-UP

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Baseball Association will hold its annual registration on March 9 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Canton High cafeteria. Fees range from \$30 to \$40 per player. Open for boys and girls ages seven to 15, and seven to 18. Adult volunteers needed by the organization as well. For further information call Chris Mroczka at 459-6085.

### SPECIAL DESERT STORM CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Band will hold a special concert on March 22 dedicated to troops in Operation Desert Storm. The concert will feature American military and patriotic music. Begins at 8 p.m. in the Canton High Little Theatre. Residents are encouraged to send the names of family and friends serving in Desert Storm to the band for a special printed program, copies of which will be available to send to service personnel. Send names to: Plymouth Community Band, P.O. Box 745, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

### DAR CHAPTER MEETING

The Sarah Ann Cochrane DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) will meet March 18 at the home of Mrs. Norman Saunders for a luncheon. A video will be shown on American inventors. For more information about the DAR call 453-4425 or 348-2198.

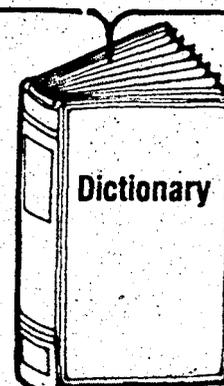
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## Places to be

### Kiwanians travel off beaten path

Did you know that California is the most populous of the 50 states, yet only Alaska has more uninhabited land?

Even if you have been there, there is still much to discover about the Golden State.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation presents "California: Off the Beaten Path," part of the group's regular travelogue series. It will be shown tonight (March 6) by Lynn and Julie Bramkamp.

Start in San Diego with its Spanish mission and move up the coast to Los Angeles, now the greatest melting pot in the U.S.

The Bramkamps' photography and narration will take you to Death Valley, the lively mining town of Nevada City, Lake Tahoe, jewel of the Sierra; and Monterey, immortalized in Steinbeck's "Cannery Row."

You may enjoy the serenity of the Japanese Tea Gardens in Golden Gate Park. You'll be awed at the towering redwoods.

The presentation begins at 8 p.m. at Salem High School. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door.

### Get ready for the Irish

Faith and begorrah! Sure, you're never too old for the wearin' o' the green in honor of St. Patrick himself.

Canton's Parks and Recreation Department will host its 9th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner for senior citizens at the Mayflower Hotel in the City of Plymouth.

The dinner will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on March 16, and will be accompanied by live entertainment.

Tickets are available at the Canton Recreation Center. The cost is \$8.50 for Canton residents, and \$12 for non-residents.

Come join in the fun on the day when everyone enjoys the luck of the Irish!

For more information call 397-5444.



LUIS MALDONADO

### PSO celebrates

Music, excitement, good food, and good company will make up two spectacular evenings as the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) celebrates its 45th anniversary.

The PSO will host its Solid Gold Benefit Pops Concert March 15-16 at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial Rd. in Plymouth Township.

A pre-pops dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner tickets cost \$15 each with purchase of concert tickets. Diners will receive advance concert seating at tables of eight.

There will be cash bars open during dinner.

Concert tickets cost \$25 apiece for adults and \$12.50 for students. Seating will begin at 7:30 p.m. at tables of eight. A cash bar will be open and coffee and dessert selections will be served at intermission.

Luis Maldonado will be guest artist. Musical selections will include "Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Miserables," by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "Emperor Waltzes," by Strauss, Bizet's "L'Arlesienne Suite no. 2," and "Stars and Stripes," by John Philip Sousa.

Linda Hart, Plymouth Symphony League president, and Fred Hill, leader of the Briefcase Brigade, will serve as guest conductors.

To make reservations, write checks payable to the Plymouth Symphony Society and send them to the society's office, P.O. Box 467, Plymouth, 48170.

Be sure to specify how many in your party, and which night you will attend.

Tickets are also available at Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Tr. in the City of Plymouth; Evola Music Center, 215 Ann Arbor Rd. in the City of Plymouth; Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main in the City of Northville; Bookstall on the Main, 116 E. Main in the City of Northville; and Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt in Livonia.

For further information about the concert or about making donations to the symphony, call the society office at 451-2112.

### Train show rolls in

The train is a comin' -- better get on board.

And it's due to arrive in Plymouth on Sunday (March 10) in the form of the annual Plymouth Train Show held at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The show will feature more than 100 tables of new, used and antique trains, refreshments, as well as a real Chessie

system locomotive and caboose on the CSX Main line in Old Village.

Table set-up is at 9 a.m. and the show runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person, under 12 \$1.

The CSX engine and caboose will be located at the now closed roundhouse off of Starkweather and Pearl.

For further information call 455-4455.

### Craft show

Arts and crafts are back.

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show March 15-17 (Friday through Sunday) at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street.

Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on the Sunday. More than 75 exhibitors will be on hand with a variety of crafts.

Admission and parking are both free. For more information contact the recreation department at 455-6620.

### Shop Canton!

Shop Canton!

The Canton Retail Association of the Canton Chamber of Commerce is ready to begin its promotion of Canton stores.

The organization will be holding a kick-off breakfast at Palermo's Restaurant on Friday (March 8) at 8:30 a.m.

The breakfast is sponsored by Manufacturers National Bank.

Palermo's is in the Canton Landing on Ford Road.

For more information call 454-5427.



Members of the Plymouth Park Players ready for their performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" during a dress rehearsal last week. This year is the 20th anniversary of the group's director Gloria Logan. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaskik)

### Park Players fiddle away

The Plymouth Park Players are presenting "Fiddler on the Roof."

The group, which is the combined theater programs of Canton and Salem High Schools, will perform "Fiddler" March 15, 16, 22, and 23, at 8 p.m. each evening in the Salem auditorium. Gloria Logan, the group's director,

is celebrating her 20th year with the park players. "Fiddler" has become a milestone performance for her. Logan produced the show in her first and 10th years as well as this year.

Tickets are \$5.50 for reserved, \$4.50 for general admission. For ticket information call 459-3518.



### DARE to skate

Miller School students take a break during a skate-a-thon at Canton's Skatin' Station Friday to support the local DARE program. More than 200 skaters raised about \$12,000 for the drug resistance program. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

## Canton strategic plan identifies strengths

BY JIM WHITE

Canton will unveil a strategic plan for economic development next Thursday (March 14) at a special breakfast meeting of the Canton Economic Club.

The plan was developed over a three-month period by more than 40 task force volunteers from the community in cooperation with Wayne State's Center for Urban Studies, according to

Dan Calabrese, assistant to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack.

"It's part of a series of steps we're taking to position Canton to compete with other communities in industrial development," Yack said Friday. "This was to collect ideas from outside of Canton to see what we need to do."

The report identifies 19 strengths Canton has as well as 19 weaknesses.

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## Community Deaths

### Powell, Burroughs worker

Curtis L. Powell, 70, of the City of Plymouth, died Feb. 28 in Livonia. Services were held March 4 at Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Kenneth F. Gruebel officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Powell came to Plymouth in 1949 from Detroit. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was an electrical technician for Burroughs Corp. for many years. Mr. Powell was a past president of the Plymouth Gun Club and was a cub scout and boy scout master for several years.

Survivors include: wife Violet Powell, of Plymouth; sons Curtis, III, and Virgil Norgrove, both of Plymouth; sisters Erin Clemmons, of Bonifay, FL, Mebel Price, of Marietta, GA, and Kathlyn Bell, of Tallahassee, FL; and grandson Jeremy Powell, of Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

### Shumate, army veteran

Emmett E. Shumate, 85, of Canton, died Feb. 23. Funeral services were held Feb. 27 at Pawlus Funeral Home in Canton with Dr. Weldon Spracklin of Cherry Hill Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Mr. Shumate worked at Great Lakes Steel for many years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include: son Danny Shumate, of Canton; step son Jack Johnson, of Arkansas; and sisters Ruby Fletcher, of Arkansas, and Freda Jones, of Tennessee.

### Ferman, a homemaker

Josephine I. Ferman, 86, of Livonia died March 2 in Livonia. Services were held Monday, March 4 at the Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with Rev. Michael L. Dunkelberger officiating.

Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ferman, a homemaker, was born in Mohawk, MI, but spent more than 70 years living in the metro Detroit area. She was member of the Northbrook Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and was married to the late Cyril Ferman, founder of Michigan Optical Company.

Survivors include: son Dr. William C. Ferman, of Plymouth; daughter Joyce C. Wells, of Troy; brother Leslie Struck, of Lexington, MI; sisters Helen Boucher and Lois Kane, both of Frankenmuth; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Camelot Nursing Center in Livonia.

### Stoakley, retired secretary

Ellen Stoakley, 71, of Westland, died Feb. 20 in Evansville, IN. Services were held Feb. 23 at Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home with the Rev. Samuel M. Backman of the First Baptist Church of Northville officiating.

Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stoakley was a secretary for Western Electric in Plymouth for 22 years. She retired in 1985.

Survivors include: son Dennis, of Evansville; and grandsons Melvin and Phillip Stoakley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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# Local assessment increase down

BY JIM WHITE

Due to an apparent levelling off in home sales, residents in The Plymouth-Canton Community will get a break on property assessments this year.

Assessments for 1991 increased, but not in double digits as in previous years.

The average assessment increase was from 4.6 to 6.1 per cent, according to officials in Canton, Plymouth Township, and Plymouth.

Glenn Shaw, whose firm Wayne County Appraisals handles assessments in Canton and Plymouth Township, said that Canton assessments increased an average of 4.6 per cent. That's down from the 1990 increase of 10.6 per cent, he said.

Shaw's firm breaks assessments down into individual subdivisions. He said residents of the Holiday Park subdivision will experience the highest increase in assessments.

Shaw added that increases for Holiday Park are a sign that people want to move into Canton.

"Even with a market slowdown, people want to move there," he said. "There are more sales among the lower cost homes. People may not be able to buy the \$125,000 homes, but they can buy the \$85,000 ones."

While prices are levelling off, sales are still strong, Shaw said. This is particularly true in Canton, where

residents may move to a bigger home without leaving the township.

"The step up system in Canton is quite intriguing," Shaw said. "It's quite a good thing for a community."

In Plymouth Township, the average increase was 6.2 per cent this year, compared with 9.5 per cent last year.

Shaw said 60 per cent of the homes in the township will be increasing by less than four per cent. But some homes are increasing by as much as 9.5 per cent, he said.

"This year, the good news is assessments are only going up four or five per cent," Shaw said. "The bad news is your house is only worth that much more." - City of Plymouth Treasurer Judy Zirblis said city Plymouth assessments will increase 5.2 per cent across the board, compared with a 12.6 per cent increase in 1990.

"We don't break it down any further because we are so small," she said.

According to George McEachran, Wayne County equalization director, the smaller increases this year indicate a "plateauing" in home sales in the area.

"The northwest area of the county -- Canton, Plymouth, Northville, that area -- experienced mild increases in 1987 but then they led the pack," said McEachran.

"Bigger homes took a drop in the recession (of the early 1980s)," he said. "But they were the first ones to recover."

Assessors study house sales trends for a two year period before setting assessments at 50 per cent of market value. So there is always a lag time.

McEachran said 1990 assessments were based on sales in the period from April 1, 1988 to March 31, 1990.

"We're using '88-'89 sales now," he said. "The plateauing started then. That's what we're reflecting."

McEachran said that the large increases beginning in 1987 reflected the end of the recession in the area in 1984-85. He said that the rest of the county lagged behind in recovering.

In 1987, he said, "Downriver hadn't started to move yet. They are essentially a year to a year and a half behind. They are the more moderately priced homes, and we are seeing them

catch up."

Gibraltar, for example, is experiencing a 15.5 increase this year, he said.

"But they should experience the same kind of plateau," he added.

Assessors throughout The Plymouth Canton Community said residents who feel they are overassessed should bring documentation regarding home sales in their neighborhood to their local board of review.

The Canton board will meet today

(March 6) and tomorrow from 9 a.m. till noon and from 1-5 p.m.; March 11 from 1-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.; March 12 from 9 a.m. till noon and 1-4 p.m.; and March 13 from 1-4 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

Dates for the Plymouth Township board are March 11 from 2-9 p.m. and March 12 from 9 a.m. till noon and 2-5 p.m.

The City of Plymouth board will meet today (March 6) from 3-9 p.m.

## Twp. rate cards a little late this year

Assessment rate cards for Plymouth Township residents should reach taxpayers by the end of the week, according to township Treasurer Mary Brooks.

The cards were delayed about a week when the board of trustees pushed back a vote on whether or not to accept this year's Wayne County equalization factor.

Supervisor Maurice Breen had hinted the township may assess at last year's levels, while the rest of the

levying bodies assess at a flat rate of 6.2 per cent.

After further study, however, Breen said it was more equitable for residents if the township accepts the county rate and levies on a subdivision by subdivision basis.

"About two-thirds of the properties in the township will be less than six per cent," Breen said.

There have been added times scheduled to the Board of Review to make up for the delay rate card notices, Brooks said.

## Fall Fest aps out

It's almost time again to think about this year's annual Fall Festival held in downtown City of Plymouth the first week in September.

The Fall Festival Board of Directors will be distributing the 1991 festival application forms for all service groups, non-profit organizations and past participants of the festival.

## DARE raffle drawings

Attention Peg Glass! You're the big winner -- \$200 -- in this month's Plymouth-Canton Jaycees raffle-calendar drawing. Proceeds of the monthly drawings go to the DARE program which sponsors anti-drug education to Plymouth-Canton youths.

Also winning in the drawing held yesterday were:

- \$120 -- Rozanah Kafila.
- \$50 -- Ray Stachura.

The applications will be available at tonight's (March 6) meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. in the City of Plymouth City Hall.

Groups should have a spokesperson or chairperson on hand to pick up the information.

For those who cannot attend, call Cameron Miller at 455-1230.

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## In Canton

# Recycling pilot program 'doing well'

BY JIM WHITE

Canton's pilot curbside recycling program is going "amazingly well," according to Tammie Denski, of Canton Recycling.

Last week the Canton Board of Trustees voted to purchase 13,900 bins in preparation for the implementation of recycling community-wide.

The pilot program is testing "commingled" versus "rotational" recycling in four subdivisions.

In the commingled system, presently used in Plymouth Township, residents place all their items, regardless of material, at the curb each week. In rotational recycling, residents put out only one material, such as glass or

paper, each week. They are on a schedule, so that each material is picked up every fourth week.

Rotation makes work much easier for the pickup crews, Denski said, as they don't have to do any sorting.

"It's about 15 times faster," she said. "We just fly through the subs."

The Canton solid waste committee will survey participants after the pilot program is complete, according to

Canton Clerk Loren Bennett, who is also a member of the committee.

"Rotation means you have to store some items before putting them at the curb," Bennett said at the start of the program in February, "but we think it could save the township up to 30 percent in pickup costs."

The committee hopes to implement community-wide recycling beginning in May.

## The battle was 'incredible'

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quick thinking," Kleinsmith wrote to his mother Carolyn Kleinsmith, of Plymouth Township, on Feb. 14.

In the letter to his wife, who is also in the Marine Corps, Kleinsmith wrote, "They asked me to lead them out."

"The normal escape route thru Khafji was blocked as was the one to the west. The only place left was straight south and west into a giant salt marsh. We grabbed what gear we could and we took off."

Later back in friendly lines the soldiers were greeted with surprise. "All they could say was, 'We thought you were dead,'" Kleinsmith wrote.

The 1981 Salem High School graduate added that his commanding officer was "very pleased" and had recommended him for a Bronze Star.

"I am very proud of my men," Kleinsmith wrote. "They did exceptionally well under fire even when the Special Forces and recon guys showed signs of panic. I am also happy because if I get this medal it will be the first ribbon I have gotten in almost six years service."

Kleinsmith and his team later rejoined the fighting around Khafji and then took part in the ground assault unleashed to liberate Kuwait.

"The battle was the most incredible thing I've ever seen," he wrote to his wife. "One thing about being in battle that I never really appreciated from reading history is how fast time flies. Four days of battle seemed all like one."

"Also surprising is how little rest you get but it doesn't affect you

because of all the excitement and rush of adrenaline."

At the end of the letter to his mother, Kleinsmith remembered his home town.

"As you can tell, God is looking after me and I am sure the prayers of the family and Plymouth are what make the difference."

Carolyn Kleinsmith is full of pride for her son.

"I'm proud of him and I'm glad he's safe. I just wish he didn't have to go through it," she said on Monday. "I just think he was very well trained and knew his job."

Kleinsmith is expected back in this country in about three weeks, according to his mother. He may make a return visit to Plymouth-Canton.

"We have been overwhelmed by the support from the community of Plymouth," said Carolyn Kleinsmith. "We want to thank everyone."

She added that official confirmation on her son's Bronze Star nomination would not come for several months.

"When I get official confirmation that will mean he has gotten it," she said.

Kleinsmith, a 1986 University of Michigan graduate, has been in Saudi Arabia since August of last year. He spent most of his time attached to a Saudi unit, but also spent time with members of the French Foreign Legion.

His brother Erik is a member of the U.S. Army, while his other brother, Jeffery, recently left the service. Jeffery's wife, Nancy, is in the reserves.

## Plymouth's Irish maid

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the millennium."

The city of Dublin celebrated its 1,000th anniversary in 1988.

"I liked being able to see my cousins, whom I had never met," Fallon said. She also enjoyed the stark beauty of the Connemara "moon-scape" in western Ireland.

"I liked going out to the west," she said. "Nothing here compares to it."

The Fallon home is filled with emblems of the family's heritage. There are photographs of the Irish landscape on the walls. There is also a plaque bearing the Claddagh ring design -- hands clasped around a heart.

Eileen's Irish dance trophies fill a shelf in the living room.

"I competed from when I was about 12 until I was 19," she said. "I still do it, but not for competition."

Fallon currently is studying political science at the University of Michigan. She expects to graduate in December. She said she'll probably take the trip she won in the summer of 1992.

The Maid of Erin, in her emerald dress, will ride with her court in a horse-drawn carriage at the head of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade will wind down Woodward on Sunday (March 10). But that's not all.

"On Friday, (March 8) we'll have the annual painting of the shamrock on Michigan Avenue in front of Reedy's Saloon," she said. "We'll be on J.P. McCarthy's morning show (760 am) on March 15."

Having been on the court before, Fallon said she is getting used to the attention.

"Yeah, I'm an old pro, I guess."

## For sump pumps

# Canton expands program

BY JIM WHITE

Canton is going to step up its campaign against storm water in the township's sanitary sewer system by expanding its sump pump program.

Last Tuesday the Canton Board of Trustees approved adding \$450,000 to the sump pump pilot program.

Since September, the township has been installing sump pumps in basements at no cost to homeowners in an effort to reduce flooding during storms.

According to Aaron Machnik, Canton municipal services director, there are 160 pumps presently installed in Mayfair, Windsor Park, Carriage Hills, Cherry Hill Pines, and Cherry Hill Orchards subdivisions. 100 more installations are already scheduled, he

said. Machnik said the township would like to install pumps in homes that do not currently flood, for storm water from their footing drains causes backups farther down the line. The pumps keep the storm water out of the sanitary sewer.

"We are trying to concentrate our efforts with a public information campaign," he said.

The additional money will cover the purchase and installation of 800-900 more pumps, Machnik said.

Under the Western Townships Utilities Authority plan, Canton must reduce its sanitary sewage flow by 40 percent, Machnik said.

The sump pump program is intended to exceed this reduction, he said.



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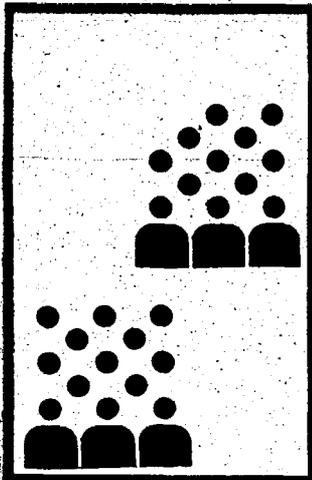
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# Tell it to Phyllis

By Phyllis Redfern



Heidi Anna Neuroth of Gyde Road in Canton received the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize for academic achievement at U of M. A 1990 graduate of Canton High School, she is in the College of Liberal Arts with a focus on Japanese and German.

Capt. Janette DeVenny graduated from the flight nurse course at the School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. The daughter of Dorothy DeVenny of Craftsbury Court in Canton, she is a 1982 graduate of Salem High School, and a 1986 graduate of Madonna College.

Army National Guard Private Gary Kafila completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, GA. A 1986 graduate of Salem High School, he is the son of Eugene Kafila of Devonshire in Canton, and Dorothy Harger of Maxwell in Plymouth.

Pvt. 1st Class Nathaniel Johnson III has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Storm. He is the son of Nathaniel and Zola Johnson of Maple in Plymouth.

Second Lt. Jefferson Brand graduated from the communications computer systems operations officer course at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. He is the son of Tammy and Loren Brand of N. Spring Drive in Canton.

Sherri Jacobsen of Canton was recently inducted into MSU's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest honor society. A 1987 graduate of Canton High School, she is student teaching at Eastern High School in Lansing. She is the daughter of Linda and William Jacobsen of Copeland Circle.

Kelly French of Plymouth, received the University of Evansville's \$10,000 United Methodist Scholarship, which will be awarded in \$2,500 increments over the next four years.

## St. John's deal in the works

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Township.

If Ward took over St. John's, it would build an additional sanctuary on the site, reports have said.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen confirmed that representatives of Ward had met with township officials about St. John's "to see whether we had any strong objections."

"We told them we were into preserving the (seminary) buildings. That would be preferable to having a cookie cutter shopping center," Breen said.

The Ward site in Northville Township is currently zoned a mix of office and residential, according to Georgina Goss, the township supervisor. It is located near other major regional shopping areas and is on the Haggerty Road Corridor identified by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments as a future major commercial corridor.

"That's not a very large site (for a shopping mall)," said Goss. "We have

major concerns along that corridor with traffic mainly.

"We have heard that Ward is interested in St. John's," she added, "but nothing about that (a land swap). We haven't had any direct contact with corporations looking to change the zoning (of the Ward site at Six and Haggerty)."

Goss said Ward's current site plan is a revised one after the original was rejected by the Northville Township Planning Commission because of the planned height of the building.

"The original showed a 127-foot church," said Goss. "We felt that was just out of character with the rest of the township." The current plans call for a building with a height of some 70 feet.

Several archdiocese officials have said an announcement about St. John's future may come as early as this month.

A Baltimore developer apparently had an agreement with the archdiocese to construct a senior citizens center on the St. John's site, but that plan did not materialize.



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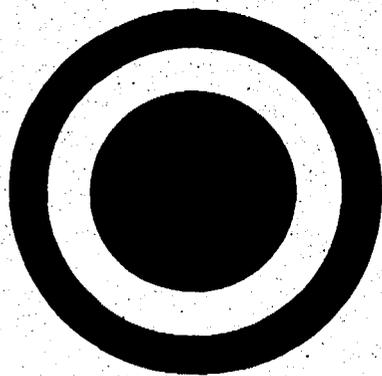
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### ANNUAL PLYMOUTH TRAIN SHOW

Plymouth's original-Train Show (the 16th show) is set for Sunday (March 10) at the Plymouth Cultural center in the City of Plymouth. Held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 tables of new, used and antique trains. The cost is \$2 per person; children under 12 get in for \$1. Refreshments and a CSX caboose and engine (along CSX line in Old Village). For more information call 455-4455.

### SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show on March 15-17 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Features more than 75 artisans. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. For further information call 455-6620.

### KIWANIS COMMUNITY MEETING

Michigan's Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld will be the featured speaker during the upcoming Community Meeting hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce on March 21. Lunch, which is \$8 per person, starts at noon in the Mayflower Meeting House. For reservations call 453-1540.

### PLYMOUTH KIWANIS TRAVELOGUE

The Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation Travelogue series continues tonight (March 6) at 8 p.m. in the Salem High auditorium. The travel adventure tonight is "California off the Beaten Path." It will be presented by Lynn and Julie Brankamp. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door.

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

The Plymouth Park Players present "Fiddler on the Roof," March 15-16, 22-23 at 8 p.m. each evening in the Salem High auditorium. Tickets are \$5.50 for reserved and \$4.50 general admission. For ticket information call 459-3518.

### RAPE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The University of Michigan M-CARE Health Center on Lilley Road in Plymouth is hosting a program on "Rape Prevention: What everyone should know," March 14 at 7 p.m. Enrollment is limited. Pre-registration required. The cost is \$2 at the door. For information or to register call 459-0820.

### 'FUN AND FROLIC' AT EAST

Teachers and students will take to the stage at East Middle School in a revival of the "Fun and Frolic," all-school talent show planned for March 27 at 7 p.m. in the East gym. Tickets will go on sale March 18. Adult tickets are \$2, while students get in for \$1. All tickets at the door will be \$2. Proceeds will be added to the spring charity projects for CATCH (Caring Athletes Team for Children's and Henry Ford Hospitals). For further details call East at 451-6565.

### SAUSAGE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Straight, Inc. will host a sausage and pancake breakfast to be held March 16 at 9 a.m. in the Straight facility on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Sponsored by the Parent Booster Club. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 13. Call 453-2610 for further information.

### CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township will host a blood drive on Saturday (March 9) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish center, located at 14591 Haggerty Rd., south of Five Mile Road. Walk ins are welcome.

### PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

New Morning School is accepting applications for the fall 1991 pre-school program. For further information call New Morning at 420-3331.

### PLYMOUTH ROCK CHARITY DINNER

The Plymouth Rock 47 will host a charity dinner for the Plymouth-Canton Clothing Bank on March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth Masonic Temple on Penniman Avenue. Tickets available through March 18. For information or reservations call 453-1242, 420-4468 or 453-4586. The cost is \$8.

### ISBISTER BOOK FAIR

There will be a Book Fair at Issbister Elementary School March 12 from 6-8 p.m. Reading and activity books for children will be available. The public is welcome. Call 453-5035 for information.

### MOM GROUP MEETING

MOM (Meet Other Mothers) will host a group meeting March 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, City of Plymouth. Call 459-7465 or 453-6134.

### SOLID GOLD POPS CONCERT

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) will host a 45th anniversary celebration, "Solid Gold Benefit Pops Concert," March 15-16 at the Golden Fox, Fox Hills Country Club. Pre-pops dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 with purchase of concert ticket. The concert starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$25. For further information call 451-2112.

# Schools unions get new contract

New contracts for two union groups in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have been approved by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education following recent ratification by local members.

Members of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 547, representing the district's transportation employees, and the Plymouth-Canton Association of Educational Office Personnel, representing secretaries, both ratified the new contracts in recent weeks.

The board of education put its stamp of approval on the two new agreements two weeks ago.

The transportation employees won a

three-year agreement with monetary adjustments of five, three and four per cent, a cost of living adjustment to a

maximum of two per cent and several contract language changes.

The secretaries' agreement also runs

for three years (until 1993) and includes salary increases of five, four and five per cent, with a cost of living adjustment to a maximum of two per cent and several contract language changes.

With the new contracts for transportation workers and secretaries, five of the six major school union groups now have contracts.

The only bargaining unit currently without a contract is the Plymouth-Canton Paraprofessional Association representing office and teacher aides.

There are approximately 115 members of the union local which has been without a new contract since last summer.

## Twp: no thanks Tigers

Make no mistake about it the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees opposes even the thought of a new stadium for the Detroit Tigers in the township.

The board, reacting to media speculation that Tiger officials were interested in building on the site of St. John's Seminary, unanimously moved to oppose "any and all efforts" to locate a new stadium in the township, according to a resolution passed last Tuesday.

The resolution noted that the township master plan does not allow for a baseball stadium and the "community in general" does not favor it.



## Getting down to business

### Supporting U.S. troops a priority

## Ford union group spearheads letter drive

BY CHERYL VATCHER

Even as the war in the Persian Gulf apparently winds down, support for U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia remain a top priority with local businesses and individuals.

Members of UAW Local 845 at the Ford Sheldon Road Plant in Plymouth Township have created a letter writing campaign targeting troops in Operation Desert Storm.

Don Jividen, president of the local, along with Ford workers Gloria Aldrige and Ruth Lucas have spearheaded the local effort.

A special card (more than 2,000 were printed) was created in the plant's learning center with the message, "Greetings from the UAW and Ford. We support the troops." The cards are decorated with the flag and the presidential seal.

Jividen said, "We are encouraging plant workers to sign them and put their own message in too." More than 500 cards had already been collected to send to the Middle East by Friday.

Some of the UAW members have relatives in the Persian Gulf, including one local member with a daughter, a son, a daughter in law and a son in law, all over in Saudi Arabia.



Ford plant chairperson Bill Yankowski (left) along with Ruth Lucas, Gloria Aldrige and Don Jividen are behind a drive to support U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia. (Crier photo by Ken Voyles)

Besides the cards the Ford workers have also created more than 400 buttons with the American flag, UAW logo and the words "God Bless America."

The workers have also decorated the main hallway in the plant with yellow ribbons, a variety of signs showing support of Operation Desert Storm

and a large American flag.

"We also have a list of 50 family members for those UAW individuals who would like to correspond," said Jividen. "I have written at least 10 on the list."

Aldrige and Lucas have also been making yellow ribbons for everyone who sends off a card.

Lucas, who has a civilian son flying equipment in and out of Saudi Arabia, said she is worried every time he goes over there.

Even though Jividen does not have an immediate family member in the operation, he has a nephew that may still be sent depending on the course of the war.

"My nephew, who's in the navy, told me in December that he expected to be sent there in March for troop rotation," said Jividen. "At this time we don't know of any troop rotation being planned."

More than anything, though, the workers at the Ford plant want the community to know they support the American troops.

"It's not an issue of whether we support the war or not. We want those in Saudi to know that they are on our minds all the time," Jividen said.

Jividen hopes the letter writing campaign forges some new friendships for the UAW members among the soldiers in the gulf.

"I've been fortunate that I've never been in a war, yet I've always been patriotic," he said.

It is a sentiment expressed by many at the plant, and in this country.

## P-C business people making news

Kurt R. Stalzer, of Plymouth, has been named vice president and investment officer for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit's trust investments department.

Karen Reeber, associate broker of ReMax-100, Inc., has been awarded her Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Residential

Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute.

To receive the CRS, Reeber, of Plymouth Township, had to complete the required residential sales courses offered by the council and had to demonstrate expertise in applied residential marketing. Less than two per cent of realtor associates have received the CRS honor.

Joyce Johnson has joined the staff of ReMax Crossroads, Inc., in Canton, as a realtor associate.

Johnson previously worked for Real Estate One in Plymouth where she won several awards for her outstanding productivity and customer service.

Johnson lives in Plymouth with her husband and two daughters.

Karl Zarbo, of Canton, has joined the property management staff at Ramco-Gershenson, Inc., Michigan's largest retail-property management firm.

As regional manager, he will be responsible for the operations of nine company-owned shopping centers in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

# Rock tankers take 3rd in conference

BY RITA DERBIN

They may not have won the conference, but several Salem swimmers put on strong performances and earned themselves a trip to the state meet at University of Michigan this Friday and Saturday.

With 437 points, the Salem squad finished third behind Livonia Stevenson (499 points) and Northville (442) at the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) conference meet

Friday night. Canton was fourth (387) and North Farmington (364) rounded out the top five.

"It was another outstanding (WLAA) meet -- there was great competition among the teams," said Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose team hosted the event. "In particular, our team made a good impression -- it was the first time we didn't finish first or second but it wasn't because we didn't swim well. There was tough com-

petition.

"As a coach I'm pleased but I think the guys may be a little disappointed at third," Olson added, saying the individual efforts of his team were tremendous. "The relays swam superbly and we had several individual state cuts."

The Rocks had one first place finish. The 200-yard medley relay of Curt Witthoff, Jon Stridiron, Matt Erickson and Albert Sneath won with a

varsity record time of 1:40.40, which also qualified them for the state meet.

Other state qualifiers include Witthoff's fourth place in the 200-yard individual medley (2:02.60), and fourth in the 100-yard backstroke (56.66); Sneath, who finished third in the 100-yard butterfly (55.39); the 400-yard freestyle relay of Joe Pawluszka, Gary Bergman, Witthoff and Sneath

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## Sports

With win over rival Chiefs

# Salem hoop squad takes league title

BY RITA DERBIN

The Rocks rolled to their third Western Lakes Activities Association basketball conference title in five years Saturday night by defeating cross campus rival Canton, 89-72.

The high scoring affair featured an aerial attack by both teams, including six three-point baskets in row at one point.

During a second quarter barrage, Salem's all conference forward Jake Baker hit three three-pointers in row, which was followed by threes from Derrick McDonald, Mike Stafford and Jon Paupore of Canton.

Baker led all scorers with 22 points. The senior also had 13 rebound and six three-point baskets. All conference selection K.C. Kirkpatrick added 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Rocks.

Also finishing in double figures for Salem were Lakes division honorable mention Chris Tebben with 15 points and eight assists and all Lakes division forward John Hoffmeyer with 13

points and eight rebounds.

"It was nip and tuck all the way," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "By no means did we knock them out -- we just maintained the lead throughout the game and spread it out in the fourth quarter."

For Canton, McDonald, an all Western division selection, led the Chiefs with 18 points, Stafford, a Western division honorable mention, added 17 points including five three-point baskets, Paupore had 13 points, Kevin Holmes, an all Western division selection, had 11 points and Brett Howell had 10 points and nine rebounds.

"For a while it was a real shootout," said Canton coach Dave VanWagoner. "Salem just had more guns than us with Jake and K.C."

"My guys hung in there -- we just relied too much on the outside shot," VanWagoner added. "We had 13 three-pointers (a Canton school record) but no inside shooting. To beat

a team as good as Salem you have to have balanced scoring."

The Rocks, on the other hand, were attacking from all sides. Salem made 25 of 36 shots and made easy inside

shots while Baker was hot from the outside shooting six of nine from three-point range.

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Canton's Mike Stafford looks for an open man during the league championship game against rival Salem. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)



Salem's K.C. Kirkpatrick puts up a shot Saturday during the league title contest against rival Canton. (Crier photo by Eric Lukaski)

## Rocks led by Miller

# Salem gymnasts 1st, Canton 2nd at leagues

BY RITA DERBIN

Led by defending state all around champion Kim Miller, the Rocks defended their conference gymnastics title Thursday with 144.40 points. Canton finished second with 138.50 points and North Farmington was third with 137.35 points.

"We did a real nice job to take the division and conference for the second year in a row," said Salem coach Kathi McBride. "We had two falls on bar and beam that counted but overall we look good gearing up for the regionals and state."

"The girls are looking good and are peaking just in time for regionals and state," she added.

Miller, a sophomore, won the all around competition with 37.55 points. Other Rock all arounders were Courtney Gonyea, third (36.40); Alysia

Sofios, fourth (36.30) and Sara Makins, 11th (33.90). Canton all arounders included Kim Rennolds, sixth (35.10) and Johanna Anderson, ninth (34.45).

Miller also won three individual events - vault (9.55), beam (9.55) and the floor exercise (9.45). Teammate Sofios took the other first in individual competition with a 9.35 on bars.

Gonyea tied Sofios for second place on vault (9.2), finished 10th on bars (8.35), second on beam (9.5), and second on floor (9.35). Sofios also finished fourth on floor (9.2). Makins was eighth on vault (9.0) and 12th on bars (8.2); and Autumn Bunch was 12th on beam for Salem.

For Canton, Rennolds was 12th on vault (8.7), tied for seventh with teammate Laura Anderson on bars (8.4), eighth on beam (8.95) and sixth on floor (9.05).

Also, Johanna Anderson was fifth on vault (9.15) and eighth on floor (8.85); Jenny Tedesco was fifth on bars (8.6); Heather Murphy was fifth on beam (9.2) and 12th on floor (8.65); and Dawn Clifford was sixth (9.15).

"We had two half meets," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "The first half went terribly - we had a lot of falls on floor and four of five vaults had falls."

The Chiefs, however, regrouped and finished strong.

"We were excellent on bars and beam," Cunningham added. "Beam is our best event and we did well - I was pleased when the meet was over that we regrouped in time to take the second place."

Phase III, where both schools compete, will be the site of regional action Saturday with events beginning at noon. Last year Canton won its regional and Salem finished second with both schools advancing to the state meet.

"I'm going to have the most girls I've had competing," said McBride who is taking 13 vaulters, nine on floor and bars, and eight on beam. "Everyone is going to want a lot of practice this week."

Cunningham will also be working at getting his girls ready for the regionals.

"Being at home will make life a lot simpler," he said. "We're not going to have another slow start like the conference meet - we'll be ready."

McBride, whose Rocks are ranked second behind Muskegon Mona Shores, a team that has beaten them both times they've faced each other this season, is looking for the regionals to warm the Rocks up for the state meet.

"We're a little worried about Mona Shores but we know all about them and what we have to do to beat them," said McBride, adding that Mona Shores has yet to see the Rocks at full strength. The first time the two teams met Sofios was out and the second time Miller and Bunch were both out.



Salem hoopsters celebrate their win Saturday over rival Canton in WLAA hoop finals. (Crier photo by Eriq Lukasik)

## Salem, Canton hoop clash

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And the victory was sweet for all the seniors who suffered a one-point loss to Stevenson last year in the conference finals.

"The players deserve the title, we got tripped up a couple times this year," Brodie said. "All along we felt we were the best team in the conference but we had to prove it by getting through the tournament."

Last Tuesday Canton defeated Livonia Stevenson 54-46 in a defensive struggle to reach the WLAA finals.

Stafford led the Chiefs with 18 points and Anthony Coshatt, a Western division honorable mention, added 10 points and 13 rebounds.

"They jumped out to a 15-5 lead and we just dug in and played good defense to win and get us to the finals," said VanWagoner. The Rocks defeated Farmington Harrison last Tuesday night, 77-64, to reach the finals for the fifth straight year.

Kirkpatrick led all scorers with 26 points. He was followed by Baker's 16 and Cliff Lee, a Lakes division honorable mention, scored 10. Mike

Mulder was also an Lakes division honorable mention selection for Salem.

"It was a three point game at the half," said Brodie. "But we started taking advantage of their foul trouble and took the ball to the basket."

"I'm very pleased with the way we've played the last six games," Brodie added, saying that his team has improved greatly throughout the season. "Our offense is uptempo and the kids are having more fun ... we want to accelerate to another level and make another good tournament run."

Tomorrow night the Rocks travel to Novi High School to take on Northville in district action. Earlier in the season Salem defeated the Mustangs, 77-58, but Brodie is quick to point out Northville is a different team now.

"They've had a lot of changeovers and are a better team now," he said. "And we know that there's no tomorrow if we lose."

Last night the Chiefs played Novi in district action. The winner of that game will face Livonia Stevenson tomorrow night at 8:30 p.m. District finals will be Saturday.

## In conference

# Chief swimmers 4th

BY RITA DERBIN

The Chiefs gave it their all and ended surprising themselves a little by doing better than they thought at they could at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference swim meet Friday night.

Canton placed fourth (387) behind Livonia Stevenson (499), Northville (442) and Salem (437), but the Chiefs did beat North Farmington, a team coach Hooker Wellman did not think the Canton squad could beat before the meet.

"It was a great meet," Wellman said. "The kids swam real well on Wednesday (in the qualifying heats) and most went even faster in the finals on Friday."

"I felt going into the meet North Farmington was better than our team

but we beat them," Wellman added. "We worked hard and it paid off."

The Chiefs qualified for the state in three events, setting two new varsity records in the process.

Qualifying for the state meet was the fourth place 200-yard medley relay of Doug Nevi, Ron Trosin, Mark Ealovega and Craig Steshetz who set a varsity record with the time of 1:41.07. Another varsity record was set by the fourth-place 200-yard freestyle relay of Ealovega, Jeff Clark, Mike Orris and Steshetz. The time of 1:32.05 was also a state qualifier.

Steshetz also qualified for the state meet in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.99;

Divers Nick Atwell finished sixth and Jon Stirling was ninth. Both made the regional cut. Mark Charmin was 17th in diving.

## Locals shine in states for C. Central

BY RITA DERBIN

Three Plymouth residents went to the state wrestling meet recently while competing for the Detroit Catholic Central Shamrocks and two of them placed in Class A action.

Junior Dan Kelly, who won his region last week, placed fourth at 171 lbs. He finished the season at 44-11.

"Dan had an excellent shot and let it slip away from him," said Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez. "He lost a close semis match...he'll be a lot better next year now that he knows what it's like."

Senior Rob Sylvester placed fifth at heavyweight and finished the season with a 37-9 record. Last week he qualified for the state meet by placing second at the regionals.

"Rob wrestled like a senior," Rodriguez said. "He wrestled hard to take fifth rather than a sixth place - he wrestled well throughout the tournament."

Sophomore Jason Krueger, who placed second in regional action to advance to the state meet, won one match at 160 lbs. before losing.

"I'm proud and impressed with him doing so well as a sophomore," Rodriguez said.

## Salem swim

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(4:20.43) who finished third; the fourth-place 200-yard freestyle relay of Pawluszka, Brett Petroskey, Matt Erickson and Bergman (1:31.55); and diver Pat McManaman, who finished fourth with 418.70 points - which is good enough for all American consideration.



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REAL ESTATE SALES — Position and training available for individual interested in dynamic career with unlimited income potential in lovely Plymouth location. Call Joanne Bryngelson, Coldwell Banker, Schweitzer, 453-6800.

### KIDS THRU SENIORS

The Crier is now looking for carriers on many routes! If you are interested in a money-making opportunity call 453-6900.

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UP TO \$455 WEEKLY Pleasant, respectable. Prepare mail for successful businesses. 1-900-990-6090 ext. 448 (\$1.95 per minute)

## Help Wanted

Now hiring someone who enjoys working with the public. Assistant manager position available. \$5 per hour. Call 981-0866 Twist'n Shake.

Car cleaning part-time, full-time positions. Willing to train. Plymouth: 420-2224.

Janitorial help needed in the Plymouth area. Evenings, Monday-Friday. \$5 per hour. Must have transportation to and from job. Call 968-4900.

## Help Wanted

Earn money at home stuffing envelopes. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: PMA Box 1323, Broken Arrow, OK 74013-1323.

NURSE AIDE - experienced, living near Plymouth, to care for quadriplegic man in private home, long term, Sun. 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., \$6.50 per hour start, non-smoker, references. Extra shifts available. Call Marial after 2:30 p.m. only, 453-3563.

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This is an opportunity to join our award-winning community-minded staff of advertising experts. Self-motivated? Then the compensation will excite you. On-the-job training and seminars will be part of your start-up.

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The Canton Community

# WEDNESDAY REPORT



COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

## Jack Demmer Golf Outing

Plans are underway for the JACK DEMMER-FORD Canton Community Foundation Annual Golf Outing and Celebrity Sports Auction for Charity. The event is scheduled for June 6th at Fellows Creek Golf Course. A shotgun start is planned for 10:00. \$100 is the price for golf, lunch, dinner, and the sports auction. If you only wish to attend the sports auction, which will include autographs of such celebrities as Gordie Howe, Ted Lindsey, Wayne Gretzky, jerseys and sports memorabilia, the cost is \$50 which includes dinner and the auction.

For more info call 454-5427.

## Retail News

Manufacturers National Bank, Ken Bennane, Manager, is sponsoring a Kick Off Breakfast for the Shop Canton Campaign. The Shop Canton program is an activity of the Canton Retail Association, a committee of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

The breakfast is an opportunity for retailers to inquire about membership in the Retail Association, pick up Shop Canton posters, and be provided with Canton bumper stickers provided by Bill Lokey of Classy Chassis Auto Wash.

If you do business in Canton and would like to attend this breakfast on March 8th at 8:30 a.m., at Palermo's you should call Cindy Burgess at 454-5428. The breakfast will be catered by Canton Catering.

## Dinner-Dance

Saturday, March 23rd has been reserved at Fellows Creek Golf Club for the Annual Celebration of Canton Dinner Dance. This Canton Family Dinner Dance is designed to showcase gourmet dining, fine entertainment and Canton Fellowship. The cost for the evening is \$30 per person, including culinary excellence and dancing. The Casually Elegant event will acknowledge Canton Achievers involved in many Community Foundation activities. It will be in every sense of the phrase, a chance to Celebrate Canton.

To make your reservations please call 454-5427.

## Scholarships

The Canton Community Foundation is pleased to announce that 36 Canton residents have applied for Foundation Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee will be screening the applications during the month of March. The nominees will be announced at the Scholarship Reception held during the Challenge Festival on May 28th," states Gloria Banks, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee.

\$5,000 has been earmarked for distribution by the Foundation, bringing the Scholarship total since last May to \$14,500.

## FOUNDATION TELETHON A SUCCESS Omnicom/Local Access



At left, l to r, Rev. William Myers, Norm Cepela, Bill Joyner, Rev. Ken Gruebel and Tom Yack. At right, Mark Bogacz and Carol Bolman. (Photos by Eriq Lukasik)



The Canton Community Foundation, working with Omnicom Cablevision, sponsored the First Annual Telethon for Charity, Sunday, March 3rd. Utilizing Channel 15, the Public Access Channel, the Foundation was able to produce four hours of information about the Canton Community and the Foundation's effort within the community.

Guests appearing on the telethon included Lisa Boland, Dean Swartzwelter, Gloria Banks, Carl Battishill, Pam VanderWeele, Joe DeLauro, David Artley, Yolanda Menacha, Scott Kappler, Lt. Jeffrey Beachum, Diane Neihengen, Mike Andres, Jim Kosteva, Larry Kneeshaw and Foundation Board members Tom Yack, Bruce Patterson, Phyllis Redfern, Ken Gruebel, Bill Myers, Bob Paciocco, and Norm Cepela. Board member Mitch Howard donated the refreshments for the Green Room.

The Telethon will be an annual event scheduled during the residential fund drive the last week of February and the first week of March each year.

"Omnicom does a tremendous job of covering local events and programs including providing workshops for public access users. Local organizations should learn to utilize the public access and local origination programming available. The Foundation has a great deal of success with our Wednesday Report: Live, seen each Wednesday at 5:30 and repeated Friday at 7:00," states Foundation Executive Director Cindy Burgess.

Omnicom has over 33,000 customers, with nearly 11,000 in Canton. Over 1,000 people have been trained in the use of the studio and remote equipment.

The Canton Foundation Annual Telethon for Charity...making use of community assets to spread the word.

## CLOSE UP GOES TO WASHINGTON



Photo: Heidi Nurnburger

The largest delegation of any Close Up program in the nation has visited and will continue to visit our nation's capital during the month of March. \$5,000 was donated by the Canton Foundation to the Close Up program last November.

Shown here visiting the capital are Jim Vassallo, Olivia Welch, Launa Woodbury, Tamara Filas and Catherine Shasko.

Canton Foundation Board Member Bruce Patterson, and Executive Directors Bill Joyner and Cindy Burgess joined Close Up teachers Mike McCauley and Bill Gretzinger for the first trip to Washington Feb. 16-23. Congressman William Ford hosted a luncheon for the Canton Plymouth students.

## RALLY AND MARCH TO SAY "THANK YOU"

Saturday  
March 9, 1991  
12 Noon

More than 150 people turned out to the Fellows Creek Clubhouse on February 10 to show support for Operation Desert Storm and the families of local troops serving in the war.

With the war now over, plans are underway for a second rally and march on Saturday, March 9th. A rally will be held at Sheldon and Ford Road in the K-Mart parking lot. The march will begin at Canton Center and Ford Road at 12 noon. All residents are encouraged to attend and let our neighbors know and feel our support.

Music will be provided by SAND AID, creators of Desert Strength.

COME AND SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN DESERT STORM. RALLY AND MARCH...SATURDAY, MARCH 9...12 NOON.

